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At Their Old Tricks.

Senator Landry, of Quebec, who is a rival with Sir Mackenzie Bowell for the Conservative leadership of the Senate, and is ever one of the most ardent of the opponents of the Laurier Government, is out with a challenge to Hon. Mr. Tarte to meet him on the platform at four or five pivotal points in Quebec Province. There this Conservative leader promises to show that in his action with regard to the school question, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has betrayed his Province, betrayed his race and betrayed his religion.

Mr. Tarte, being now out of public life, and contented to make a living by running a live newspaper in the city of Montreal, declines this challenge to a warfare of words, and incidentally makes the appropriate suggestion that if the fiery little senator has anything to say that he believes the public will listen to, he should lose no time in getting on the highest pinnacle available and say it.

The people in Ontario who are asked to believe that in adopting the school laws passed by the settlers in the Northwest Territories and providing for their maintenance when provinces are established, the Laurier Government is doing a great wrong to please Quebec, the attitude of Senator Landry must be amusing as well as instructive. But it is the old game that the Conservative leaders are attempting to play.

In Ontario, Messrs. Sproule, Maclean, Hughes & Co., lead an agitation strongly pro-Protestant, representing that the legislation now before Parliament is not what the language of the bill shows it to be.

Down in Quebec, Senator Landry, Mr. Bergeron, and other Conservative leaders are working overtime in the endeavor to make their friends and neighbors believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is sacrificing the interests of the minority in the Northwest—is yielding unadvisedly to the views entertained by the people of the Province of Ontario—and, indeed, is "a traitor to his race and religion."

It is a two-faced game which we believe moderate men in every part of Canada will be inclined to frown down, as inimical to the peace and future well-being of the country. They must be convinced that the policy of the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is neither pro-Protestant nor pro-Catholic. It is a policy which has already met with the approval of the vast majority of the people most vitally affected—the Northwest settlers. And no agitation that either politicians of the Sproule and Maclean stamp in Ontario, or of the Landry and Bergeron stamp in Quebec, can fan into temporary life will long prevail when the facts are fairly and honestly presented to the electors, as they were in Edmonton by the new Minister of the Interior.

Canada Does Her Duty.

Will the gentlemen grumblers who have been telling us recently that Canadians are doing nothing for imperial defense note that the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is about to ask Parliament for the first annual vote of two millions of dollars wherewith to pay for the maintenance of garrisons at Halifax, N. S., and Esquimaux, B. C.?

Hitherto both these points have been garrisoned by imperial troops, and no Government of Canada up till now has ever suggested that one penny of Canadian money should be devoted to the maintenance of these pivotal points in the imperial system of protection, is not that something? And is not the new national transcontinental railway, the construction of which will be begun this summer, of enormous value, apart from its commercial importance, as a link in the defense of the Empire?

Canadians are not unmindful of the Empire, but their first duty must be to the ever-expanding nation which they have founded and are building up in this great land of the vigorous north.

The Verdict of the Northwest and the Coming Vote.

All the members of Parliament for the Northwest have now been heard in the House of Commons on the bills for the establishing of two new provinces. It is noteworthy that of the ten M. P.s seven have unreservedly given their adhesion to the educational clauses in the measure, and the remaining three, while voting with the Conservative leader, agree that the educational system now in existence, and which the new measures simply continue, is such that they would not change it even if they had the power. This, also, is the attitude of Premier Haultain, of the Northwest Territories, and of every member of his Government. The only difference between parties, indeed, is that one set of public men would settle the question now, as the Government bill does by legislating to continue the system which the people have already indorsed, while the Opposition would leave the question open, to be a source of discord and of division, in all probability, in the new provinces in years to come.

Who shall say what is best if not the people affected, speaking through their parliamentary representatives, or—as was the case in Edmonton the other day—by direct mandate? There was no opposition to the re-election of Hon. Frank Oliver, the new Minister of the Interior. Not a voice was raised against the school clauses in the bills now before Parliament at any of the public meetings held by Mr. Oliver in furtherance of his candidature. These people who know what the school laws that are to be continued are, unan-

mously indorsed them. Was not that convincing proof?

But if further evidence of the satisfaction of the Northwest people with their school laws is required, let Premier Haultain adopt the advice tendered him by Mr. Adamson, one of the M. P.s for the Northwest. Mr. Adamson, in his speech on the autonomy bills, on Friday night, pointed out that there are at present seven vacancies in the Legislature of the Northwest, and he urged that it would be a consistent and proper course for Mr. Haultain to submit the questions to them. Mr. Adamson, with a local knowledge that we in Ontario cannot be expected to possess, asserted that the answer would be the indorsement of the measure now before Parliament. Then, if Mr. Haultain would call the Legislature together, and ask for the verdict of its members, he would find himself voted out of his job. In other words, the people of the Northwest are on this question with Hon. Frank Oliver and his associates, and not with Mr. Haultain, who has cast in his lot with the men who did not have the courage to test the question when the opportunity came to them.

As to the Dominion Parliament, while the supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from every province in the Dominion are practically united, there is mutiny in the ranks of the Opposition. There is no cohesion, and the leader has been compelled to leave the question an "open" one, so that a number of his associates may be able to vote against his amendment. The result will be a very large majority for the Government bill when the vote is taken on the second reading on Wednesday next.

Justice to Accused Persons.

As a result of the miscarriage of justice in the Beck case, the British Government is promoting a measure in the present session of Parliament, under the direct care of the Lord Chancellor, having in view the carrying out of the recommendations made by the commission of inquiry into that scandal. It provides that when a judge refuses to reserve any question of law, an appeal may be made to the king's bench, whose decision shall be final. The king's bench may order the retrial of the case, and may also, if it is of opinion that the question of a point of law has not resulted in a miscarriage of justice, declare that the judgment shall stand. In the event of a retrial of a quarter sessions case being ordered, the court may direct the case to be tried again at the next assizes. A good many years since, a similar measure was introduced into the Imperial Parliament, but the legislation was crowded out. It was noted in Canada, however, and being regarded as a good thing, the Canadian Parliament enacted it in our criminal code (section 742-74). If the old world legislatures had been less crowded for time, and had followed the example of Canada, they would have passed the measure long before now, and the scandalous miscarriage of justice which took place in the Beck case might have been avoided.

The convention of teachers at Toronto discussed the question of pensions. Better give the teachers fair pay and let them make their own provisions for a rainy day.

This is how the first act in the London license manipulations is looked upon by outsiders. It is from the Brockville Recorder:

"Hon. Adam Beck, one of Mr. Whitney's new ministers without portfolio, does not believe in having anyone that looks like a Grit in the Government employ. He demanded the dismissal of the license inspector in London against the strong protests of temperance people. In fact, so good a man was he that the new board passed a resolution recognizing his past services and regretting his dismissal. That's the new non-partisan policy."

Mr. George Taylor, M. P. for the Conservative whip admits that the school clauses are all right if they mean what they mean—Toronto Star.

They do mean what they mean; but if they did not what do we pay our representatives for both sides of politics for, if not to at once have all ambiguities removed, the measures passed, the Parliament adjourned, and the great work of building up the country continued? There has been too much vain repetition!

Bank clerks ought to be better paid than they generally are. If they have to sleep on bank premises, in order to protect the property of their employers, and are compelled to submit to the risks, so happily taken by the Merchants' Bank teller in that murderous encounter at Lancaster. With the dividends they make under the prosperous condition of affairs that now seems to be established in Canada, these banking corporations can afford to be just to their employees—aye, generous.

At the dawn of summer, might we suggest the propriety of a movement throughout Western Ontario to put the country graveyards in order? In how many townships is "God's acre" utterly neglected? A little care on the part of every family having the remains of near and dear ones laid away in these rural cemeteries would wonder in rendering them beautiful. Just now, in many places, the most utterly neglected, weed-covered, unattractive spot is the burying ground. Who will organize to set the needed good example?

Isn't there just a little bit of bad form in the persistent inquiries made in Parliament as to whether Hon. James Sutherland has resigned his portfolio? Mr. Sutherland has been a hard-working public man for many years; he is very ill; he has been absent for half a session; but there should be no indecent haste in suggesting his retirement, —Toronto World.

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HENSALL.

Hensall, April 28.—A friendly game of football was advertised to be played here with Bayfield on Good Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, but as it had rained the night before and that morning, the game was considered off. About 3 o'clock word came that the team were on their way and would be able to play at 5 o'clock. The public turned out very well. The grounds were in bad condition, pools of water being scattered around generously, but the players went at it and the visitors scored the only goal.

On Good Friday, Albert Whitesides represented the football team at Berlin and entered the intermediate league. Bayfield and Hensall are to play two more games on their way and the first will be in Bayfield on Saturday, the last here on May 24.

A lacrosse team has been organized here, so that the young men will have a good time this season.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. Dr. Medd preached educational sermons at Kippure. On Sunday evening there was a song service in the Methodist Church, and the church was crowded.

Our druggist and stationer, S. T. Hopper, has issued souvenir postcards, showing King street looking east, the Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church and manse. They are very much admired.

On Friday evening a supper was given at the Queen's Hotel to Mr. R. McMorris, who will move to London in a few days. About 50 persons were present and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The village was full of visitors during the holidays. Those who did not have any, as a rule, made use of the opportunity to visit their friends.

Mr. T. Berry, who makes a business of importing horses, had two sent him about a month ago and shortly after their arrival they took sick and were for days given up, but are better now. One must have lost 200 pounds.

DELHI. April 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Calton spent Sunday in Tilsonburg. Miss Louise Cryster attended the wedding of Miss Edith Howitt at Victoria on Wednesday.

Mrs. Queen, of Washington Center, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Calton. A few persons from here attended the dance given in Simcoe on Monday evening.

Miss Nellie Morgan and Miss Mabel Cryster held a Monday evening. So much interest seems to prevail among the lovers of sport in our town that this may prove a regular season for the baseball boys. Arrangements are being made to secure suits, balls, bats, and all other requisites. The buying of grounds was also discussed, three different places being mentioned. Messrs. S. Brown and J. Irwin were appointed to see the grounds and get prices. Monday evening Monday evening.

Mr. N. Longstreet, of Woodstock, spent Easter with his parents. Detroit, is the guest of his brother, J. W. Griffin.

Miss Addie House spent Easter at her home in Chesapeake.

Messrs. W. and A. Lees, of Norwich, are the guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Delah.

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