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## The Growing Time.

For weeks, the debate on the Dominion budget, which has just concluded, has been kept up, to the weariness of the public.

It has been time wasted, to a very great extent, in the manufacture of campaign literature. For of effective criticism of the model financial statement made by Hon. Mr. Fielding, Finance Minister, and of the policy of the Administration, there has been none.

This view is not a partisan one, made because we are in accord with the general policy of the Government now in power, but it is the view held by all who take a broad and statesmanlike view of the record of the last three years.

In what decade of the last 40 years has Canada made such progress, or established for herself so high a reputation in the world abroad as she has in the last four years?

We have been told by parliamentary speakers, and we see the sentiment expressed in Opposition newspapers, that the progress and prosperity of the country is not due to the Administration, but to the development of our resources. In a measure, we grant, this is true. But who can deny that the Government of Canada in the last four years has been ably administered, and that the prosperity of the country has been greatly aided by the removal of numerous clogs to progress, and by careful and economical, though not parsimonious management?

Let us suppose that after the present Administration had come into power in 1896, a period of hard times had set in such as prevailed in Canada, and the world over between 1876 and 1878, when the Mackenzie Government held power, who that remembers the tactics of the present leader of the Opposition at that time will doubt the policy that would now be pursued by the Opposition? We who went through the hard times of that period remember full well the persistency with which the Opposition held Hon. Mr. Mackenzie and his colleagues responsible for the effects of the world-wide depression in trade, and if we had a similar experience now, Sir Charles Tupper and his associates would be as earnestly condemning the Administration for the hard times as they are protesting that Canada's prosperity is not aided by the Government of the day. Supposing the present Opposition were now in power, with what lusty chorus would their orators in Parliament and out of it, and their newspaper organs, be sounding the praises of the Government! How the party of deficits of from \$500,000 to \$4,000,000 would praise the Finance Minister with his surplus of nearly double the latter amount, and with the financial ability to pay all the expenses of the contingents sent to the aid of the Mother Land out of the current revenue.

Surely, then, the Opposition ought to endeavor to be a little fairer towards their political opponents, and be contented, after 18 years of continuous office, to let the majority of these days show what they can do. That they are doing well cannot be gainsaid, honestly. One does not need to accept the opinion of a Canadian party man on this subject. We have the best of outside testimony in this regard. The London Times of the 17th of April last, for example, asserted that "it is thoroughly satisfactory to know that the Canadian Dominion is prospering, that the finances are managed on sound principles, and that the public credit stands higher than at any former period."

And the new order of things has but been set going. Each year will show a phenomenal improvement, unless, indeed, so great a misfortune should befall the country as the re-establishment of the policy of restricted trade and the building and harassment of the Mother Country. Of that, however, unless all portents are misleading, there does not appear to be any prospect.

## The Burnt District.

There will be no reproduction of the quaint old city of Hull, on the opposite shores of the Ottawa River to the Dominion capital. Westerners who have visited Ottawa and have gone sight-seeing in the old town across the river, with its winding streets, curious little houses and shops, and odd holes and corners, will no doubt regret that it is not probable that the Hull of the past will be reproduced on the site that was burned over by the terrible conflagration of last week. But it is in the public interest—it is especially in the interest of the people of the twin cities by the Chaudière—that fire limits should be established, and that the structures to be put up should be either of brick or stone. Where a population half the size of London has been burned out, we know the temptation is strong to put up flimsy wooden buildings, because that is the easiest way to meet the pressing present needs. But Ottawa and Hull are too important business centers to be contented with any mere makeshift that might lead to an early and mayhap worse outbreak in the near future. The outside public are very properly liberally aiding the stricken cities in the hour of their calamity; but there would be general disappointment if a reform in the past methods of building houses and of storing lumber within the respective city limits is not resolved on and strictly adhered to. There seems to be a disposition in both Hull and Ottawa to agree to precautionary measures of this description, and to encourage the enterprising capitalists to remain in the midst of them rather than to seek new spheres of operation.

## Now, Mr. Whitney!

Mr. W. T. R. Preston has been in Canada for some weeks back, but we have not seen that Mr. Whitney, the Opposition leader, has made any move towards accepting his challenge to meet him on the public platform and repeat the charges before his face that he made in the Legislature. Are we to understand that Mr. Whitney is only a fighter when his antagonist is on the other side of the Atlantic? Mr. Whitney cannot regain a reputation for fairness if he continues to make reckless accusations against absent men, and retires into his shell as soon as he is confronted by those whom he has accused. Such a "fanking" must make even Mr. Whitney's friends doubt the truthfulness of his allegations.

## Strikes Elsewhere.

When one reads of strikes, in one issue of a daily newspaper, at Buffalo, Philadelphia, Toronto, Hamilton, Halifax, Minneapolis, Detroit, New York, Chicago and elsewhere, he begins to reflect that on the whole, and taking in a series of years, London has been remarkably free from strikes. Our one long strike has been made the most of by jealous outside cities, but even that, if properly laid to heart, may render strikes less frequent in the future. Our good friends in Toronto have ten strikes to London's one. When obligatory arbitration becomes the general law, there will be practically no strikes anywhere. Meantime, we can confidently challenge contradiction of our assertion that, leaving London's one long strike out of consideration, this city has been more free from strikes during the last ten years than any other place on the continent with equal industrial population.

## Mr. Beattie's Bad Vote.

The Budget debate closed yesterday. It ought to have closed at a much earlier date. The amendment of the Opposition, against the Government's policy of preferential trade with Great Britain, was defeated 88 to 49. Among those who voted against the Government's policy, we regret to see the name of Mr. Beattie, M. P., for the time being representing London in Parliament. We would venture to suggest that Mr. Beattie represents but a very small minority in this city on either side of politics in his opposition to the policy of preferential tariff friendliness to the Mother Country, that has increased transatlantic trade, unburdened the consumer, and drawn closer the bonds which connect Canada with the world-wide Empire of Greater Britain, of which the Dominion is the most important component portion apart from the sea-girt isles themselves.

## The Senate's Work.

It is announced that the population of Dawson City is now 5,400. It would have been treble that number if the Dominion Senate at the instance of Yankee speculators, bent on crippling Canadian enterprise, had not buried the scheme to provide for an all-Canadian route from the seaboard, and for the speedy development of the mineral resources of the region.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review is to be published by a new company, Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., remaining importantly connected with the journal, which owes so much to his ability; and Mr. John F. Mackay, late of the Montreal Herald, coming in as managing director, in charge of the business side of the enterprise, and with a considerable financial interest. This will give Mr. Pattullo more leisure as a public man. Mr. Mackay is a capable and upright man, to whom The Advertiser wishes every success.

In connection with the session of the Ontario Legislature just closed, The Advertiser congratulates the latest member of the journalistic craft who entered the House, on the credit he has reflected on his profession. We refer to Mr. T. H. Preston, editor and proprietor of the Brantford Express. To his laurels as an energetic publisher and bright editor, he has begun exceedingly well in his first session as a capable legislator. Indeed, The Advertiser is rather proud of the more than half dozen newspaper men in the House, most of whom are supporters of Ontario's progressive Premier.

## STEALING

Story of Pretty Frances Wilson, With Anna Heid.

Philadelphia, May 4.—Frances Wilson, the leading chorus girl of Anna Heid's "Papa's Wife" company, and one of the prettiest girls in the show, was given a hearing in the central station police court today, and was held in \$500 bail for trial, charged with stealing \$352 in cash and jewelry worth \$1,000 from Mrs. Charles Bigelow, a member of the company and wife of the comedian of that name.

Miss Wilson was arrested after the performance, and spent the night in a cell at the city hall. Detectives say she made a full confession, and said she stole because she has a child that she wants to educate. It is thought the prosecution will be dropped in view of the defendant's youth and the fact that she gave up nearly all of the plunder.

## SIX MONTHS FOR A BIKE.

Kingsford, May 3.—The police magistrate today sent Wm. Smith, a boiler-maker, from Los Angeles, aged about 30, to the Central Prison for six months for stealing A.M. McCartney's bicycle.

LAXA-CARA Cathartic Tablets make the blood rich, red and healthy. An excellent spring remedy. Druggists, 25 cents.

## THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE CO.

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## Trade Winning Offerings For Saturday and Monday.

We are going to make Liberal Concessions to those who visit this store. Goods you require now for house and personal use at away less than regular values. To make sure of your choice get here in the morning.

## Ginghams, 9c Yard.

230 yards Fine Scotch Gingham, 30 inches wide, assorted colors, good variety of patterns in pinks, blues, heliotropes, suitable for blouses and wraps. Regular 20c.

Saturday and Monday, 9c Yard.

## Good Hosiery at 1/3 and 1/2 Off.

42 dozen Ladies' Maco Thread Black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, spliced heels and feet, sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2. Regular 35c.

Saturday and Monday, 20c Pair.

## 18c Hose at 2 Pairs for 25c.

25 dozen only, Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, double heels and feet, Hermsdorf dye, our 18c Hose.

Saturday and Monday, 2 Pairs for 25c.

## American Peregales, 5 1/2c Yard.

1276 yards 36-inch Peregales, regatta patterns, in stripes and sprays, warranted fast colors and regular 12 1/2c goods.

Saturday and Monday, 5 1-2c Yard.

## Children's Hose, 15c, 20c, 25c

For 12 1/2c Pair. Children's Plain Cotton Hose, very fine make, double heel and foot, Hermsdorf dye, sizes 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, our price 15c to 25c pair.

Saturday and Monday, 2 Pairs for 25c.

## Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose

10c Pair. Heavy Ribbed Black Cotton Hose, sizes 5 1/2 to 9 1/2, good for boys' wear.

Saturday and Monday, 10c Pair.

## \$1.25 Kid Gloves for 75c Pair.

Pewney's Four-Button Minerva, a glove never sold less than \$1.25, shades of tan and brown, sizes 6, 6 1/4, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7, 7 1/4, and 7 1/2.

Saturday and Monday at 75c Per Pair.

## A Great Purchase of Fine White Lace Curtains

A manufacturer's agent must have the money. We took from him 258 pairs Lace Curtains. We offer them on Saturday and Monday at 1-3 and 1-2 off regular prices.

No. 927—27 pairs Fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, \$4.50 Curtains for \$2.90 Pair.

No. 903—15 pairs Fine Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, very fine lace, newest patterns, regular \$3 curtain, Regular \$3 Curtain for \$2 Pair.

No. 906—12 pairs Fine Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 58 inches wide, very heavy net, \$4 Curtains for \$2.75 Pair.

No. 898—43 pairs Fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, very superior designs, \$2.50 Curtains for \$1.50 Pair.

No. 893—24 pairs only, Fine White Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, taped edges, double and single border,

\$1.38 and \$1.50 Curtains for 88c Pair.

No. 1090—30 pairs Fine White Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, extra heavy, double thread,

\$2 Curtains for \$1.25 Pair.

No. 1092—11 pairs only, Superfine White Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, very superior designs,

\$3 Curtains for \$1.90 Pair.

## The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

208, 210, 210 1/2, 212 Dundas Street, London.

## HELP FOR THE HOMELESS ONES

## Cape Town Sends Aid to the Ottawa-Hull Fire Victims.

Relief From Many Quarters—Much Distress Prevails—The Death List Completed.

Cape Town, May 4.—Within an hour after the opening of the Ottawa relief fund here there were five subscriptions of \$500 recorded. The members of Strathcona's Horse contributed liberally.

Ottawa, May 4.—The Rideau Rink presented an animated scene as the active distribution of articles of apparel took place there. Outside the rink the crush was great, as hundreds of sufferers stood around awaiting their turn for admission. Only clothing was being distributed yesterday. It is estimated that there is in the Rideau Rink \$80,000 worth of goods.

## THE DEATH LIST.

There has been no change in the death list from the fire for the past few days, and it is generally believed that there will be none. All the bodies have been discovered, and no one is now reported missing. The list of dead stands: Miss Bessie Cook, Wellington street; James Pumble, 636 Somerset street; James Dunn, Hull, foreman for E. B. Eddy; J. Scharfe, teamster for Eddy; Wm. Feely, Bridge street, Chaudière; Wm. Attwood, 578 Albert street; infant son of R. Lachance, infant hand, Hull.

## RELIEF WORK.

Lady Minto is taking a hand in relieving the distressed. The employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway decided to contribute generously to the relief fund. As the systematizing of the relief work proceeds, the enormity of the wretchedness and destitution becomes more apparent each hour. There were hundreds left with absolutely no source of help other than through the committee, and a problem of gigantic proportions faces the men charged with the responsibility of looking after these people. There should be no staying of the liberal hand. Half a million

dollars looks big, but it is meager compared with the needs of the hour. Gault Bros., Montreal, have forwarded \$1,000, including \$500 of its own, and \$500 from two English firms.

The treasurer of the Eastern Ontario high court of the I. O. F., on behalf of the order, has sent a check for \$200. The North British Fire and Mercantile Insurance Company has subscribed

## Students' Nerves

Are invigorated and their brain kept bright by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Hundreds of students throughout the country are at present studying with all the energy and diligence they possess for the coming exams. Many of these find the



strain on their nervous system more than they can stand. They are restless, easily excited, can't sleep well, lose their appetite and become pale, thin and run-down. Those who are in such a condition as this can have strong nerves, sound sleep, good appetite and robust health by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

They make the brain bright and clear and keep students in splendid shape mentally and physically.

Mr. E. F. Cleary, York St., Lunenburg, N.S., gives his experience with this remedy as follows: "I am a student, and while studying hard got so nervous and run down in health that I had to lay my books aside for a time.

\$2,500. This company lost over \$300,000 by the fire. The Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England, has cabled \$1,500 for the sufferers.

Detroit, May 4.—At the May Day exercises given at the Masonic Temple, Mayor Maybury addressed the hundreds of children present, on behalf of the distressed people who were suffering from the results of the recent fire at Ottawa and Hull. He asked each boy or girl present to contribute a penny, and passed his hat among them. In a short time he secured 700 pennies, which he will send in special box to the fire sufferers. The local relief fund now amounts to nearly \$1,000.

## ANOTHER FIRE.

Ottawa, May 4.—Yesterday morning a house in Hull belonging to P. Cadieux caught fire. A high wind was blowing at the time, and the whole population turned out and tore the house down piecemeal to prevent the further spread of the flames.

## CASUALTIES

## Fishing Party Killed by a Train—Little Girl Fatally Kicked by a Horse.

Baltimore, May 4.—A fishing party, composed of Alexander Slaysman, aged 48; Henry Kline, aged 36; Emma Bohannon, 11 years; Ida Slaysman, 11 years, and Alex. Slaysman, aged 8, were returning home in a wagon, near Baltimore, Md., when they were struck by a fast Philadelphia express. The only one to escape death was Alex. Slaysman. Emma Bohannon was caught on the cowcatcher and carried fully a quarter of a mile.

KILLED BY A HORSE. Barrie, Ont., May 4.—Wednesday noon, Mr. Charles Minnicken, a farmer living on con. 11, Innisfil, a few miles from here, went to feed his horses. His little daughter, not three years old, started out with him, but stopped on the way to play with the dog in the orchard. She was found in a few minutes in a dying condition, having been fatally kicked by the horse.

## SUICIDE.

Fergus, May 4.—Duncan McNea, a farmer in Lower Nichol, committed suicide by hanging in his barn Wednesday night. Mr. McNea was 58 years of age and unmarried, and was in good financial circumstances. He had suffered for a year from grip.

## HAD HER WISH.

New York, May 4.—Margaret Brown,

aged 65, saw the body of her brother Charles carried out of the house on Wednesday for burial. Then she burst into tears. "My loved ones are dead," she said, "and I wish that I were dead, too. I have nothing to live for." She had barely finished speaking when she pitched forward and fell on her face, dead.

## SHOT HER RIVAL.

Chicago, May 4.—Miss Emma Stelz was shot and killed yesterday by Mrs. Albert Holst at the latter's home. Mrs. Holst sent for Miss Stelz and after accusing her of having broken up the Holst home, fired two shots, both taking effect. Mrs. Holst was arrested.

## A ROSSLAND TRAGEDY.

Roseland, B. C., May 4.—As the result of a shooting affray at the Columbia Hotel, on First avenue, Henry McArthur lies in the "Sisters" Hospital, probably fatally hurt. Refel, alias Wm. Albi, is in jail charged with shooting him with intent to murder. M. A. Albi is also in jail, charged with doing McArthur great bodily harm.

## Chest Feels Tight.

You seem all choked up and stuffed up with the cold—find it hard to breathe. Cough that rasps and tears you—but little phlegm got up. Now's the time to take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup before things get too serious. There is no remedy equal to it for making the breathing easy, loosening the phlegm and removing all the alarming symptoms of a severe cold.

"I caught a severe cold which settled on my chest, making it feel raw and tight. Seeing Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup advertised I procured a bottle, which greatly relieved me. It loosened the phlegm, healed the lungs, and soon had me perfectly well."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

