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THE LATE SENATOR COFFEY.

DEATH has robbed London of another public man and esteemed citizen. The late Senator Coffey ranked with those prominent in the building up of this community, and boy and man, was known to everyone as a genial and kindly citizen. There is a sense of loss among his old associates on The Advertiser. It was in this office that he began his career as a printer, and before he left the composing room, he had risen to the highest position in that department, being for many years superintendent of the mechanical department. He secured the Catholic Record, and built the business to its present importance. His paper has had a wide influence in this district, and, in fact, throughout the Dominion, and, in a large measure, his personality was responsible.

When a vacancy occurred in the Senate, to which it was known a Roman Catholic would be appointed, he was chosen as the most representative man of that faith in Western Ontario. His personal popularity and his sound common sense have always been his striking characteristics, and when he became active on the Senate committees, and in the upper chamber itself, he impressed his personality and ability upon his fellow members. His city, his church, his host of close friends, and his family, are losers through his death. He ranked among the builders of this city, and was a force in the community. Those who know how much his type of citizenship contributes to the strength of a community, and who realize how many men of high integrity have passed in recent years, may well pray for others of their force of character.

As a Liberal, Senator Coffey stood in the front rank. He was a man who fought with his party in adversity and prosperity, and who never swerved from his democratic ideals.

G. HOWARD FERGUSON.

IT can occasion little surprise, even to the casual observer, to learn that the report of G. Howard Ferguson, M. P., P., royal commissioner on the Trent Canal work, was unjust, partisan and untrue. It has been condemned as unjust and untrue even by Conservative members at Ottawa.

Mr. Ferguson's recent career in the Legislature has been such as to stamp him as a bitter partisan, who would go to any lengths to save his colleagues. He was the man who squelched the Proudfoot charges against W. J. Hanna. He was the man who tried, in the dying hours of the Legislature, to besmirch the good name of Newton W. Rowell. He was the man who served the Borden Government as a royal commissioner while still a member of the Provincial Parliament, thereby violating the statutes. His colleagues at Toronto forced special legislation through Parliament to clear his name, after one of the memorable fights of the Opposition on behalf of principle.

In this job, which he undertook illegally on behalf of the Borden Government, it now appears he followed the same tactics which he used in connection with the Proudfoot charges. He refused to hear any evidence except what he was looking for in the interests of a Liberal scandal. He instructed his stenographer to eliminate what would not contribute to his ends. Worse still, he is accused of padding his report with evidence from persons who gave no evidence. When his report was prepared he caused a garbled and partisan synopsis to be given to the press.

It is bad enough for the Conservative party to keep such a man as this in its ranks. At Ottawa he was called a "disgrace to the public life of Canada." But it is worse still that the Conservative party should stoop to such miserable tactics. The policy followed by G. Howard Ferguson was the same as that followed in the Lynch-Staunton investigation of the National Transcontinental Railway. Both have now been exposed.

Both investigations were conducted by "royal commissions." The Conservative party has brought discredit to the royal commission. No man in the future can have faith in such a commission under similar auspices.

Hugh Guthrie, the lion-hearted, exposed the plot of G. Howard Ferguson and his Tory colleagues. He brings a nasty situation to the doorstep of Mr. Borden, and he has done a service to the country at large.

THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY.

IN THE discussion on the proposition to assist the Canadian Northern Railway, Government supporters are continually repeating that this enterprise is a legacy from the former Liberal administration, which fostered it, and aided it to reach its present condition. The responsibilities of the Liberal Government, however, are slight compared with those of

A CONSERVATIVE PAPER'S PREDICTION

"And he (Mr. Rowell) has this reflection to give him confidence, that if the Ontario voters respond to his appeal as they did to the Ross plebiscite of fourteen years ago, he will be returned to the Legislature at the head of a working majority."—Toronto World (Conservative).

the present administration. The railway in question had a number of scattered lines throughout the western provinces, and the Laurier Government assisted it to join those disconnected links in its chain, and thus gave the western people independent and competitive connection with the eastern seaboard and the eastern manufacturer. That was in the interests of the settler fully as much as in the interests of the corporation.

But the connecting of these lines was not the cause of the present financial stringency in the affairs of the Northern. It was the addition of the expensive Rocky Mountain section. With what has been already spent for this purpose, and the estimate of what is necessary to finish it, the total cost of this section will be about \$53,000,000. And we have been informed on the authority of the Government that the company now only needs \$45,000,000 to complete its transcontinental road. In other words, if it had not been for the Rocky Mountain section, the Canadian Northern would not have needed a further aid of \$45,000,000 from the country.

But this very expensive section came into being under legislation passed by the Borden Government in 1912. And when the Government came to the aid of the company in this expensive venture we are not aware that it took any special pains to safeguard the interests of the country. The Liberals helped the railway with its prairie section in the interests of the settlers. The Conservatives have helped it in its expensive section largely for the benefit of the company itself, and only incidentally in the interests of British Columbia. The latter enterprise called for more careful financing and legislation than the former. But it certainly did not get it.

Now we say nothing here as to the advisability of completing the Canadian Northern as a transcontinental line. Nor are we discussing the advisability of giving further help now rather than permit the road to go into the hands of a receiver. The point we want to emphasize is the absurdity of the present Government trying to excuse its conduct by throwing the blame for the necessity of it on the previous administration. The cause of the present financial embarrassment of the company is the construction of the Rocky Mountain section; and the responsibility for that section rests on the present Government. If it is now in the interests of the country that we should preserve the Canadian Northern from bankruptcy, the responsibility for the existing condition rests with the Borden Government. The railroad may be a legacy from the Laurier administration; but the present financial condition of the company is a legacy that Mr. Borden will hand down to his successor, and which the country must pay.

THE SENATE'S RESOLUTION.

THE masterly commentary upon the C.N.R. proposals is contained in the resolution of the Senate, passed last week. The objections to the measure are summed up in small compass and the sound sense of the Liberal attitude places it squarely before the people. The resolution in full was as follows:

"That this house, before assenting to the second reading of this bill, desires to express its opinion that the said bill is adverse to, and does not properly safeguard the true interests of the country, in amongst other respects the following:

"That aid in the form provided for in the said bill, implying as it does partnership on the part of Canada with Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, may involve the country morally and otherwise in very large additional expenditure, and will in effect bring about the payment by the Government of the outstanding securities of the C. N. R. system.

"The nature of the said partnership is aggravated by the fact that the majority of the stock may be made use of, or disposed of, to parties hostile in the best interests of the country.

"The sanction by parliament of an issue of \$125,000,000 of watered stock is immoral in its nature, and is aggravated by the fact that the Government is taking two-fifths thereof, and that the people of this country will ultimately be made to provide interest on the whole capitalization and the carrying charges will be increased accordingly.

"It does not appear by the said bill that the additional aid of \$45,000,000 will insure the completion and operation of the Canadian Northern system, which is already charged with securities amounting to more than \$176,000,000, apart from public aid granted by way of subsidies, land grants, bonds and guaranteed securities, exceeding \$220,000,000, or, in all, \$396,000,000.

"The mortgages and charges to be given to the Government in virtue of said bill do not constitute a sufficient or reasonable assurance that the Government shall not be called upon to pay the 'guaranteed securities' at maturity.

"The Canadian Northern system has remained to this date a personal undertaking on Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, and no provision is made in said bill for their personally guaranteeing the 'guaranteed securities.'

"The said bill contains no provision preventing the proceeds of the 'guaranteed securities' being applied to the payment of indebtedness of the Canadian Northern system to Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, or to the Mackenzie-Mann Company, Limited, of which they are reputed to be the principal, if not the only members.

"Under the said bill the 'guaranteed securities' are not to be taken into account in making up

the maximum of the mortgage securities, which may be issued under the 'trust deed' referred to in sub-section 2, of section 4, and in section 11 of said bill.

"The said bill contains no provision whereby the 'guaranteed securities' may through subrogation get the benefit of securities held by creditors who may be paid, or out of the proceeds of such 'guaranteed securities.'

"No proper evidence has been given that Sir William Mackenzie or Sir Donald Mann are not directly or indirectly enriching themselves through the building and financing of the Canadian Northern system, or by means of subsidies, land grants or town-sites, which should have inured to the exclusive benefit of the said system.

"Valuable lands, which may be used for town sites or other purposes, and which have been given to and acquired by the Canadian Northern system, and important enterprises connected with the said system are not included in the 'guaranteed securities.'

"And this house desires to ascertain whether the Government would not be disposed to facilitate the aid being given on conditions which would not be open to the above mentioned objections."

TAKE WINGS.

THE dream of a barless country has floated in the minds of our people for two generations now. Prohibition or abolition has been laughed at by cynics and sensualists as an illusion, or a "cure" worse than the disease. But the dream of our idealists is like other dreams with life in them. It has persisted, and persists, and will not be denied. It is bound to win.

Abolition of slavery was denounced in coarser terms even than abolition of the bar. But it came at last in the United States. A flying machine was the butt of satire 25 years ago, as the most ludicrously impossible fancy. Abolition will make Ontario fly on wings of cleanliness, prosperity and wealth. All its advantages can be secured on the 29th of this month, if the citizens of Ontario merely wish it. As in the fairy tales, one has only to wish and the thing is done. The sign of the cross in the right place will cross out the bar.

Nine thousand young Conservatives have petitioned their leaders for advanced temperance legislation. What was the use? Mr. Hanna had laughed at the abolition of the bar, so long urged by the churches, as a joke. Sir James' last idea on the question is to abolish treating. The only way to make such politicians take temperance reform as anything but a joke is to sign something more formidable than a petition. Mark not a name, but your cross on the ballot, and show that temperance reform is real and earnest.

People have been signing pledges for generations. Not to follow up the pledge with a properly-marked ballot is like subscribing money to the church and then forgetting to pay.

With the accused bar in our midst we are like Christian in the City of Destruction. Up and away; pass the Slough of Despond and throw off the miserable load from the back. The hour has struck for which temperance men have prayed. They have been fobbed off and deluded by politicians, until Mr. Rowell comes to them, places a great party organization at their disposal, and most important of all, offers himself as leader against the central citadel of the foe. Will not the host of believers in temperance follow their leader on June 29th? The opportunity may be slow to recur.

ET TU, FERGUSON!

"The rout of Rowell" seems to have turned into "the humiliation of Hanna."

This is Cupid's busy month, and we trust that he hasn't found his clothes yet.

The temperance people of the province never had such an opportunity as they have today.

If Whitney is returned to power watch the "Seven Sleepers" roll over for another long sleep.

Men must be up and doing to hold public confidence these days. Whitneyism belongs to a past age.

In this campaign the ministers of the province are lined up against the ministers of the Government.

G. Howard Ferguson is the man who flew to Mr. Hanna's defence on the occasion of the Proudfoot charges.

For unadulterated villainess, there has been nothing in public life to equal the prostitution of G. Howard Ferguson.

Under Whitney the rural population of Ontario has decreased about as rapidly as the expenditure has grown.

Sir James is a poor father to his anti-treating infant. That child will be landing up at the prison farm with no better care.

Many Conservative candidates are losing their conventions. Surely this is proof that their own party is far from satisfied with them.

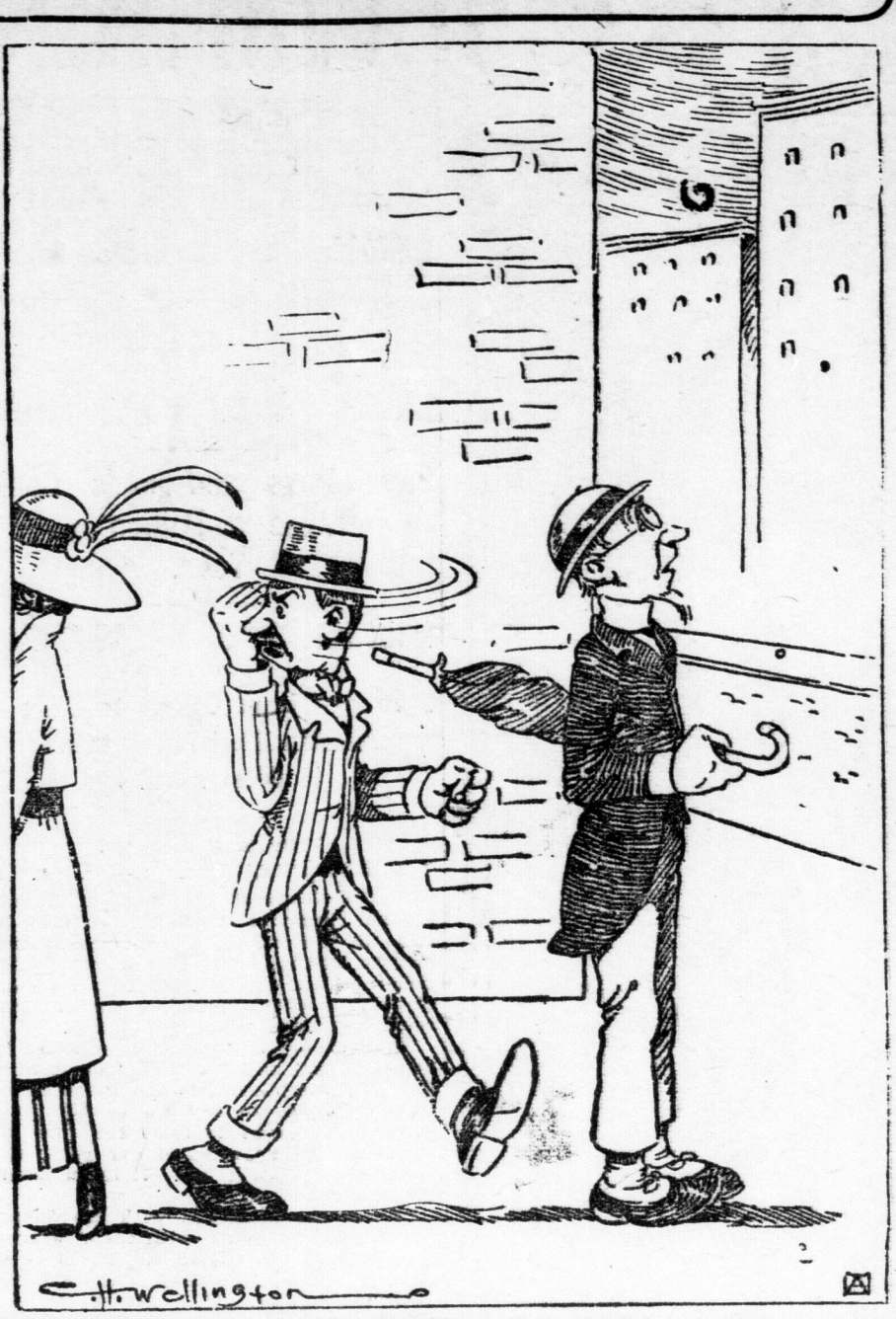
Abolish the bar and the money that now goes to prison farms and the like will soon be turned into such channels as libraries, hospitals and schools.

Some of the Conservatives are as sick as anybody of Bordenite investigation commissions. Their reports are about as dependable as a western real estate dealer's circular.

If his majesty, the gentle reader, has found one reason why the Government should have brought on an election in this red hot month, we shall gladly accord him the prize for a great discovery.

When Ontario had C. C. James as deputy minister of agriculture, there was a chance for an advanced movement. But he was succeeded by a man with no agricultural training. Anything that is good in the depart-

...and the Worst Is Yet to Come



PREDICTS ROWELL'S VICTORY IN REMARKABLE STATEMENT

Toronto World (Conservative) Compliments Liberal Leader on Massey Hall Demonstration and Declares That If Ross Precedent Is Followed He Will Be Returned.

A remarkable statement, practically amounting to a prediction of victory for Mr. Rowell in the present campaign, appears in the Toronto World, one of the foremost Conservative papers in Canada today. The World compliments Mr. Rowell upon the fine demonstration given him at Massey Hall, and says that "if the Ontario voters respond to his appeal as they did to the Ross plebiscite of fourteen years ago he will be returned to the Legislature at the head of a working majority." The article in full is as follows:

"Mr. Rowell has a right to be proud of the fine demonstration he evoked in Massey Hall, and he has this reflection to give him confidence, that if the Ontario voters respond to his appeal as they did to the Ross plebiscite of fourteen years ago he will be returned to the Legislature at the head of a working majority. The situation is a more critical one for the Government than their supporters generally conceive. The growth of independent electoral opinion has brought about the feeling that governments

exist for the advantage of the governed, and that when benefits are required, social reforms urgently needed, and measures adopted in other enlightened communities are ripe for application in Ontario, it does not matter which party gives relief so long as relief is given.

"No gratitude can be expected by governments. Mr. Johnson explained gratitude as 'a lively sense of favors to come.' Premiers should have that epigrammatic definition framed and hung up in their private offices. No government is sustained on the strength of what it has done; it can only rely on the strength of what it is going to do. This it is which gives the Opposition an equal chance in every election. An Opposition, if it can convince the people, may do as great things as any government. Sir James Whitney has promised to continue his present policies. Mr. Rowell promises to abolish the bar and institute tax reform. The positive factor of Mr. Rowell's platform will, with many people, outweigh the premier's honorable and progressive past."

POEMS WORTH READING

THE REWARD OF PAIN.
Till I lay ill, I did not know how high
The white-armed ayemore stood up to
raise
Its crest of leaves, but when long, empty
days
Were mine, I watched its play against
the sky.
Till I lay ill, I knew not there could lie
Such mauve about the sunset, nor such
mase
Of soft, dull blues, the kind the artist
lays
In quaint Japan, when his brown
fingers try
Fair Fuji's lines. I never knew how
shone
The star of tenderness till joy's eclipse,
When murmuring your message there
alone
I laid in stealth your roses on my lips.
Pain touched my eyes—I saw new sky
and tree;
Pain touched my soul—love brought
new life to me!
—J. P. Ewing.



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The following specials are for Wednesday morning. We close at 1 o'clock.

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CHILDREN'S PARASOLS, worth 25c to \$1.50, on sale at 19c to 98c. Just three dozen. Great bargains.

Long Silk Gloves

Wednesday morning only, Women's Long Silk Gloves, 12-button length, open wrist and double-tipped fingers; black in sizes 6 to 7½; white in large sizes only. This bargain is worth coming down in the morning for. Pair .. 69c

Pleatings Collars

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AN AID TO MEMORY.
[Yonkers Statesman.]
"And when you were abroad on your honeymoon trip did you visit the Palace of Peace at The Hague?" asked the girl friend of the bride just home from abroad.
"Oh, yes," was the reply. "We had our first quarrel there."

ONE GUESS.
[Washington Herald.]
Our guess is that the Baltimore man who rolled three miles without getting up will never do anything else that will attract the attention of the newspapers.

"You're Another."
[St. John Telegraph.]
To every criticism, the members of the Borden government, individually and collectively, have the one stereotyped reply, that the critics themselves are no better than they should be—"You did not do otherwise." Even if this were true, the public cannot allow itself to be silenced by the tu quoque of the male-

FOOLING THE COOK.
[Kansas City Journal.]
"Why do you quarrel with your husband so these days? Have you ceased to love him?"
"No; but the cook enjoys it. She lingers with us hoping to see a fight."

WASTING HIS TIME.
[Guelph Mercury.]
A newspaper man was held up in Chatham by a trio of thugs. He took to his heels. This was quite unnecessary. He should have let the robbers look over his pipe, empty wallet, pawn shop tickets and dollar watch. The incident would have closed with abject apologies and sympathy for the scribe.