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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 27.

A CHANGE IN ALBERTA.

Premier Rutherford of Alberta has yielded to the logic of circumstances, and has resigned. He has rightly not waited until his resignation was asked for, or until deposed by a vote of the Legislature.

The inquiry into the Great Waterways Railway contract has left no stain upon Mr. Rutherford's personal character, but it has shown that the public business has not been transacted in a vigilant or efficient manner. Premier Rutherford has been honest, but too easygoing, and too credulous. Shrewder and sharper men over-reached him. The credit of the province was extended to a scheme which had about it some of the features of wild-cat finance. The disappearance of witnesses and documents did not improve its appearance. The redeeming thing is the absence of any trace of graft or impropriety on the part of the Government or any of its ministers. The administration was careless, not corrupt.

Chief Justice Sifton, a brilliant member of a brilliant family, has been called upon to form a government. There are distinguished precedents for his course. Sir Oliver Mowat served eight years as vice-chancellor of Ontario, resigning in 1872 to re-enter politics as the premier of Ontario. Judge Doherty recently left the Quebec bench to become Mr. Borden's lieutenant in the House of Commons. Some will question the propriety of judges laying aside the ermine to enter the party arena, but there is nothing in the history of the practice in Canada to warrant the fear that the integrity of the bench or any interest has suffered or will suffer.

THE CORONATION OATH.

Dr. Sproule, M. P., grand master of the Orange Order, is opposed to any change in the Coronation Oath. Let the Jesuits first change their own oath, he says. The Jesuits are not great advertisers, and their oath is not paraded in the public prints. Probably Dr. Sproule has never seen an authentic copy of it. If it is as comminatory as the Coronation Oath it is certainly in need of amendment.

There are millions of Roman Catholics in the British Empire. Is it policy, to place the question on no higher ground, to put a denunciation of their creed into the mouth of the King, who claims their allegiance? Is it sound imperialism to compel the head of the Empire to stigmatize his Roman Catholic subjects as idolaters? Doubtless Dr. Sproule, who is a Methodist, would feel as the Catholics do over the Coronation Oath if his sovereign anathematized the teachings of Arminius and John Wesley.

There are people more Catholic than the Pope and more loyal than the King. Dr. Sproule is more Protestant than the Archbishop of Canterbury, who favors the amendment of the Oath. It is intolerant in its character, while Britishers pride themselves that toleration is the corner-stone of the Empire. It is a relic of another age and another spirit. In this it resembles Dr. Sproule.

THE NEAR EAST.

The report that the German ambassadors at London and St. Petersburg have entered a protest against Anglo-Russian monopolization of Persian opportunities may foreshadow a reopening of the whole Near Eastern question.

By the convention of Aug. 18, 1907, Great Britain and Russia divided Persia into two spheres of influence, the exploitation of the northern sphere being reserved to Russia, while Great Britain was to be supreme in the southern section. Some time ago a joint Anglo-Russian note was addressed to the Persian Government, inhibiting it from granting any railroad concessions of a strategic nature to any third power, and also, on the ground that the security for previous loans would be impaired, from creating any new foreign loans in which a third power should be concerned. It is this last note that has called forth the protest from Germany.

The Kaiser, who in external affairs may be said to be the German Government, regards the Near East, especially Turkey, as within the sphere of Germany's commercial influence, and is directing his policy to that end. The key to the situation from Germany's standpoint, is the projected Bagdad railway, traversing Turkey and Persia, in which German finance is heavily interested. Germany's exclusion from Persian affairs deprives her of a leverage in Turkey, and so keen an observer as Sir Wil-

Ham Ramsay, the traveller and scholar, who is now in Constantinople studying political conditions, declares that Germany's naval aggrandisement is directed, not against the shores of Great Britain, but toward strengthening Germany in the Near East. The people of Turkey, he says, can only be impressed by naval power. Sir William regards Germany's ambition as natural and reasonable, and thinks that Great Britain would be wise to recognize it. He believes the misunderstanding between the two nations can be cleared up if the British Government will accommodate itself to Germany's designs. These are economic in their character, and carry no menace to British interests. There is room for the commercial expansion of both countries in the Near East. Great Britain is co-operating with Russia for the same purpose, but it is impolitic, and eventually it will be impossible, to crowd Germany out of a sphere in which her title is as good as that of her neighbors.

A QUESTION OF MOTIVES.

The London Free Press professes that it opposed the water scheme, which saved the city nearly a quarter of a million dollars, in a spirit of pure civic patriotism. It is not willing, however, to credit any one else with disinterested motives. It insinuates falsely and maliciously that this journal combatted the Niagara power project for discreditable reasons. It asks also whether The Advertiser's support of the well-water scheme had not some selfish object. "Was it because a shareholder of the London Advertiser was interested in the sale of land on which some of these wells have been placed?" it asks. We may inform our contemporary that no shareholder of The Advertiser has a cent of interest in any of the land, and that no shareholder of The Advertiser suggested or dictated the policy of this journal on the matter. We advocated the well-water scheme because it seemed to promise the cheapest solution of the problem, and a satisfactory one.

Our contemporary raises a question which has puzzled many of its readers. It says it "hesitated to go against the position of a political friend, who it had through many years supported." After licking Mr. Beck's boots for years, it turned on him as though he had been guilty of a criminal offence in sinking a well. Mere opposition to his scheme could not explain the venom and the gall it poured on its former idol, and on the prominent men associated with him in the enterprise. Had it anything to do with the fact that a leading light on the Free Press wished to be appointed a license commissioner and was turned down by the Minister of Power?

A dispatch says the comet is viewed with suspicion in Turkey. Certainly its conduct has been secretive, but it has now come into the open.

The American railways are going to France for money. There are no gold mines in France, but the industrious peasants dig riches out of the ground—and save them.

If the question of the water supply has been settled for a generation, the ratepayers of London today have done their duty. Let the next generation dig more wells if necessary.

George Tate Blackstock, K. C., tells a Toronto audience that he despairs of democracy. No wonder. He ran for Parliament twice and was defeated on both occasions.

The Queen-Mother has authorized a denial of the story that she accused Premier Asquith and John Burns of causing the King's death. But no intelligent reader believed it, and no careful newspaper published it.

The Catholic Register, Toronto, points out that under the present laws of England the King can never be a Methodist. "And this is one of the few things in connection with the oath, which reconciles many of us to its anti-Catholic declarations," adds the Register. The Register is not more tolerant than the Coronation Oath, which it finds so offensive.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

The Kaiser's actions toward the whole of his present visit to England have done more to promote an entente cordiale between the two great nations than the words or deeds of all the diplomats. The two nations are so closely intertwined by blood and commerce that it would be a crime to imagine a war between them.

WHAT THE COMET HAS DONE.

Many persons, some of whom cannot rouse themselves to any interest in local affairs, have been interested in the comet. This is one of the good things the comet has done. It has also lifted the thoughts of men to higher things than the cost of living. It has furnished some persons with a conversation theme other than the weather. It has caused some men to contemplate the immensity of celestial things and the littleness of those things they usually think about.

CANADA TRADE AND THE TARIFF

(Brooklyn Citizen.)

That there is a desire on both sides of the border for a tariff agreement, or even an abolition of all tariff duties, under which trade between the United States and Canada would flourish to the utmost, is not doubtful, though it is much stronger on this side than on the other. This is because, as many Republicans state, tariff dues now hamper trade by forcing up the price of our manufactures, and because the people on this side are suffering from the extortion made possible in everything by the duties that shut out competition from Canada and other foreign countries, a shameful illustration of which is shown just now by the swindling price of oranges. Oranges are not expected from Canada, though they are from Mexico, the West Indies and other climes; but apples and some other fruits, milk, meats and vegetables,

all of the best quality, like her wheat, Canada has for sale; and it is in these necessities of life that our people, are being systematically robbed through an unnecessary tariff.

THE FRONTIERSMEN.

(Richard Wright in Hampton's Magazine.)
The suns of summer seared his skin,
The cold his blood congealed;
The forest giants blocked his way;
The stubborn acres yield
He wrenched from them by dint of arm,
And grim old Solitude
Broke bread with him and shared his cot
Within the cabin rude.
The grey rocks gnarled his massive hands,
The north wind shook his frame;
The wolf of hunger bit him oft,
The world forgot his name,
But 'mid the lurch and crash of trees,
Within the clearing span,
Where now the bursting wheat-heads dip,
The Fates turned out a man.

WISDOM IN TWO CITIES.

(Winnipeg Free Press.)
With the experience of the United States cities before their eyes, the sensible citizens of Toronto have adhered to their system of keeping their municipal contests as free as possible from politics. And they have succeeded in doing so, as the citizens of Winnipeg have also succeeded in preventing politics from entering into municipal affairs.

POOR LOSERS.

(Toronto Star.)
The astronomers are bad sports. Just because the comet's tail beat them, they say it's crooked.

BUSY PEOPLE.

(Berlin Telegraph.)
It seems to me there are some people so busy they would be unable to attend their own funeral.

BRANTFORD'S BOAST.

(Brantford Expositor.)
The Hydro-Electric Commission has fixed a rate of \$1 per horsepower for electric railways in the London zone which use its power. In the zone are Ingersoll and Woodstock, and the price quoted is interesting as showing what the price for hydro-electric power to very large consumers is likely to be. Manifestly, Brantford lost nothing by conserving its capital and relying on its present sources of electrical supply.

THE TIRED MAN'S SLEEP.

(A Poem by Walt Mason.)
Now the long, long day is fading,
And the hush of dusk is here,
And the stars begin to gleam,
Parading each one in his distant sphere;
And the city's strident voices dwindle to a gentle hum,
And the heart of man rejoices that the hour of rest has come.
Tired man's sleep is labor's fether,
When the day has reached its close;
Nothing in the world is better than a weary man's repose.
Nothing in the world is sweeter than the sleep of a tired man,
While the ravening mosquitoes fester at the window blinds.
Nothing 'neath the moon can wake him short of cannon cracker's roar;
If you'd rouse him you must shake him till you dump him into the floor.
Idle people seek their couches, seek their beds to toss and weep,
For a demon on them crouches, driving from their eyes the sleep.
And the weary hours tick their number,
And the cry in tones distraught: "For a little while of slumber I would give a house and lot!"
When the long, long day is dying,
And you watch the twinkling stars, knowing that you'll soon be lying sleeping like a train of cars; be then, thankful without measure, be as thankful as you can;
You have nailed as great a treasure as the gods have given man.

ONE OR THE OTHER.

(Megendorfer Blatter.)
Judge—Why did you burn your barn down just after getting it insured?
Farmer—Your honor, a poor man like me can't afford to have a barn and insurance, too.

AN EXPERT.

(Exchange.)
Hyker—Old man Bunk is a pretty smooth article, isn't he?
Pyker—He sure is. Why, he once sold a thousand shares of mining stock to a miner.

FOLLY OF OPPRESSION.

(Detroit News.)
Religious liberty means that the other fellow doesn't care what opinion you hold on such matters. Presently, with the oppression removed, the one-time victim begins to lose interest in himself. Thus do some matters thrive under tyranny. The czar might paste this in his crown.

GLIB IGNORANCE.

(Buffalo News.)
The less one knows of the state of India the more confidently he may discuss the thick rule of that country, especially if hostile to it. See some of the newspapers.

"WHEN I CONSIDER THY HEAVENS."

(New York Mail.)
Reading all about the comet is a good thing for folks. It makes one realize that the earth, of which one is a negligible fraction, is a pretty small proposition in the universal system. Astronomy is the greatest incentive to modesty; never have we known or heard of a conceited astronomer.

NOTICED IT?

(New York Telegram.)
Hast thou not noticed frequently of late how many a man who talked a lot about his garden thirty days or more ago, now keepeth mute?

NEEDLESS EMBARRASSMENT.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)
She slowly walked along the aisle,
Arrayed in richest, rarest splendor;
Fair maidens dressed in gorgeous style
Were there to dazzle and attend her;
Her father, trudging by her side,
Longed to break loose and run and hide,
The groom stood at the chancel rail;
It seemed as if the church were turning.
At first he felt his cheeks go pale,
And then he felt them fiercely burning;
If he could have been dropped from sight
He would have dropped with keen delight.

What fools men are—what fills they bear!
What needless fears they often treasure!
While busy borrowing despair
They might be tasting sweetest pleasure!

Of her old dad all unaware,
Few noticed that the groom was there.

CRITICISM.

(William Watson.)
There were three critics: Slip and Slop
And Slapdash were their names;
And all three said: "You're a mission, sir?
Your message and your aims?"

"Kind gentlemen, to tell the truth,
Nor color fact with fable,
My chief concern is just to write
As well as I am able.

"More honest work my mission is,
My message, and my aims;
"A man of words," said Slip and Slop,
And Slapdash said the same.

THE WORST OF IT.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)
"Overwork," says a hygienist, "creates fatigue, stunts growth, invites disease, causes individual and social degeneracy. Moreover, it interferes with going to the ball game."

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Dress Goods Sale Saturday

The Dress Goods Section Has Something to Say in Saturday's Attractive List

450 yards miscellaneous Wool Dress Goods, comprising in part Serges, Panamas, Suiting Cloths, Cashmeres, Venetians, Black and White Checks, Empress Cords, etc. In all the wanted shades, also black. Besides 200 yards colored Lustres and several pieces of Cream Serge for summer Suits. The values in this lot to be on sale Saturday range to 65c yard. They are broken assortments, and are priced for immediate clearance at this price.

35c Yard

Ladies' Ready-To-Wear Garments

Voile Skirts \$3.95

Handsome Dress Skirts, of good quality black French voile, trimmed with four bands of satin ribbon, perfectly tailored and fit admirably. Sizes 38, 40 and 42. Not many in the lot, that's why the price is reduced Saturday to \$3.95

Petticoats

3 dozen Ladies' Petticoats, with lustre top and moreen flounce, all black, summer weight and a good serviceable petticoat. Sizes 40 and 42. Regular price \$4.00, Saturday..... \$2.75

One-Hour Sale of Petticoats
79c Each

More Petticoats for a one-hour sale Saturday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock. Newly made and fresh from the makers. These splendid Petticoats are made of bright-finished English sateen; deep flounce effect. Worth up to \$1.25. Hour sale..... \$79¢

Wash Skirts

6 dozen Ladies' Wash Dress Skirts of good quality percale, in black with white spot and navy with white. Splendid washing patterns, nicely made, Saturday at..... 98¢

Silk-Striped Voiles For Summer Gowns

The Dress Goods Section is showing a semi-sheer Voile for summer gowns. It comes in delicate colorings of mauve, sky, fawn, pearl grey, pink and cream. A charming fabric with a silk-stripe; 42 inches wide. At a yard..... 75¢

Wash Suits \$4.85

These Suits are making a stir at this price. Just think of paying less than \$5 for a pretty Wash Suit complete. They are wonderful Suits, and it is worth any woman's while to come Saturday for one of them. Plain blue, mauve and a few tan, also even stripes of blue and white, tan and white and grey and white. Coats are finished with braid or white strapings. Skirts are pleated and gored. These Suits may be seen in the window row at..... \$4.85

Tailored Suits \$6.50

Odds and ends left from large lots, which originally sold for \$12.50 up to \$16.50. Worsteds, Venetian Cloths and Diagonal Cloths. Colors and a few blacks in the lot; not two alike, but sizes are 34, 36 and 38. \$6.50 is Saturday's sale price for quick clearing.

Ladies' Raincoats

Handy Coats for summer showers, motoring and driving, rainproof English material, olive shade with blue pin stripes. Worth \$12.50, for..... \$6.85

We Expected This Month-End Carpet Sale to Make a Stir

We expected the bargain offered would stir interest, and the activity in the Carpet Department proved that we were not mistaken.

Sale will be continued until the end of May—four days longer.

Remnants of Tapersty Carpet 58c Yard

Lengths from 15 to 75 yards of English Tapestry Carpet, high-grade qualities, sold regularly at 75c to \$1.00 a yard, marked for speedy clearance at yard.... 58¢

Brussels Carpet Without Borders 98c Yard

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Wilton Carpet Made and Laid \$1.50 Yard—Fifteen Full Rolls of Alexandria Tapestry Carpets 85c for 75c Yard

Union Squares, room sizes; some are soiled, at... \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00

Save Most Here Saturday

Saturday Our Great Sale of Men's Suits

WILL BE CONTINUED, and we repeat the description of the bargains, because we are anxious to have every one of our customers know of such an important event. Through a special deal with a large English mill, we got the worsteds from which these Suits were made at almost half the regular price, and then had the Suits made to our special order. They are Suits that have no superior at \$15.00 to \$22.00, and the sale prices are \$10.75 and \$14.95. Style, fit, cleverness of cut, perfection of tailoring—all the details that go to make up a first-class tailored Suit are to be found in these. The fabrics are high-grade English worsteds in the choicest spring patterns. A point to keep in mind is that EVERY SUIT HAS THE PERFECT SHOULDER AND CLOSE-FITTING COLLAR.

\$15 and \$16.50 Suits for

\$10.75

\$18 to \$22 Suits for

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A FINE MIRAGE OF HANLAN'S POINT

St. Catharines, Ont., May 27.—Passengers on a street car coming here from Niagara Falls last night had the privilege of witnessing a fine mirage in the sky off to the southwest. It was a very distinct picture of a large island and part of another island just beside it could be seen. Upon the island could be discerned houses and trees very distinctly. The figure of a tall, fair-haired lady and two little boys, one of them in a go-cart, and accompanied by a large hound, was also noticed. Apparently the mirage was a reflection of Lake Shore avenue, on Hanlan's Island, Toronto. Mirages have been seen here before. Several times reflections of Toronto harbor have been seen in the sky just off Port Dalhousie, and for that reason last night's spectrum is believed to have reflected Hanlan's Point.

THORNDALE MASON'S

Opening of Mount Olivet's New Lodge-Room.

The Masons of Mount Olivet Lodge in Thorndale opened their new hall by giving a grand concert on the evening of the 24th of May. The Manchester Quartette rendered an excellent programme of music, and Mr. Meldrum gave several comic and character

songs in good style. Rev. H. W. Snell gave two well-selected recitations and Rev. J. W. Hilbert made an instructive and witty speech. Dr. F. W. Hughes, of London, performed the duties of chairman in his usual felicitous way. Miss Tolton accompanied the singers perfectly.

The Masons of Thorndale and vicinity can well be proud of their fine hall. It is built of red pressed brick. Besides the basement, in which is the banquet hall, there is a large auditorium, which will accommodate about 300 people. Above the auditorium is the large, capacious lodge room, in which can be exemplified all the work of the order in the most elaborate form. Altogether the building is complete in every respect, and is indeed a credit to the Masonic craft, and a splendid addition to the public buildings of Thorndale.

CONVOCATION TONIGHT

Western University Will Award Degrees—Chancellor Meredith Will Preside.

The Western University convocation will be held tonight in the university at 8 o'clock. Chancellor Meredith will preside. This is the first convocation since his election to the chancellorship. Rev. Dr. Ross will deliver the Baccalaureate address. The degree of B. A. will be conferred on eight candidates, the largest number in the his-

tory of the university: Mr. Elliott, Ballantyne, Mr. Clarence Elliott, Miss Myrtle Reynolds, Miss Myrtle Lewis, Mr. V. D. Rowell, Miss Jean Thompson, Mr. N. L. Ward, Miss L. Woolverton.

THOMPSON INQUEST AGAIN ADJOURNED

Engineer Close To Testify in Sarnia Switching Fatality.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, May 27.—The adjourned inquest on the death of George Thompson, the G. T. R. fireman who was

so badly scalded in a collision between two engines in the tunnel yard last Friday night that he died in the hospital here on Saturday morning, was resumed before Coroner Dr. Logie and a jury in the police court room here last night. Evidence was given by William Elliott, engineer on engine 977, fireman Wm. McElliott, Frank McKee, yardmaster; Dan McIntyre, switchman, and Dr. A. Hayes. An adjournment was made until Friday, June 10, at 2 p.m., when it is expected, Engineer J. Close will be able to appear and give evidence. Mr. Close, who was on the same engine as Thompson, is still confined in the hospital here, and is progressing favorably.

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