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THE ISSUES JOINED

According to time-honored custom, the first tilt in the House of Commons has taken place between the Premier and the leader of the Opposition.

Sir Wilfrid led off. He ignored the Reciprocity hoodoo by which he wrecked his party, and instead sneered at the naval "emergency" as having disappeared, and raised the cry of hard times, making the assertion with regard to tariff reform that the Conservative plan was to "let bad enough alone."

Mr. Borden had no difficult task to face in making reply. With regard to the naval appropriation, he pointed out that it had been made after consultation with the British Admiralty, and upon their advice that it would at present be the best possible form of assistance.

As to the financial pinch, that had been world-wide, and Sir Wilfrid himself in the Speech from the Throne in 1908 had inserted the words that there was financial stringency threatened. Regarding the increased cost of living, he showed by the figures of Prof. Sheldon, an acknowledged expert, that the rise in prices had been rapid and continuous since 1896.

Continuing, he remarked: "The situation of this country with regard to its Upper Chamber is somewhat peculiar. Canada has less control over a majority in the Senate which puts itself in opposition to the popular will than any other Dominion of the Empire I know of."

That's the talk. A Senate more amenable to the people is what is needed, and not the present moribund and blindly partisan chamber, ready to wield the axe at the nod of Laurier or any other disgruntled politician.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS AND TWO MYSTERIES

The Guelph Mercury having announced that in future it will not insert any letters without also publishing the full name of the writer, the Hamilton Times says:

"But we see little objection to the anonymous letter so long as it does not attack the motives, character or reputation of another person. There are many persons who have more or less valuable ideas to give or suggest, to make which they would never seek to publish if they had to sign their name to the communications. We believe that 'Veritas,' 'Pro Bono Publico,' and his colleagues should have a chance to grumble, or to enlighten the world under the conditions which we have just prescribed."

against, must be given for publicity. This rule exercises a salutary influence both ways. We are inclined to agree with the Hamilton Times that anonymity should be no bar with regard to suggestions or comments of a non-controversial nature. Their use, or otherwise, of course, depends upon the judgment of the man in charge.

Speaking of anonymous communications brings to mind the remarkable political series which appeared in a London newspaper, "The Public Advertiser," during the last year of the administration of the Duke of Graton, and the first two years of that of Lord North. There were forty-four of them in number, and the first was published in 1769, when George III was King. They were manifestly penned by a man of great learning and one possessed of intimate inside knowledge, and were so drastic in tone that the life of the author depended upon him remaining unknown. Many efforts were made to discover the writer, but without result, for the secret was never disclosed. It is now believed that he was none other than Sir Philip Francis, an eminent British statesman and author, born in Ireland. He was once a clerk in the British War Office, and then became a member of the Supreme Council of Bengal, where he fought a duel with Warren Hastings, then President of that body. Afterwards he was chosen a member of the British House and took a leading part in the prosecution of his old enemy, Hastings, who as Governor-General of India was charged with great excesses. His trial lasted for seven years before acquittal.

Altogether the mystery of the author of the letters of Janius is still as much obscured as the identity of "The Man of the Iron Mask"—an individual evidently of high birth and noble presence, who was confined in the Bastille and other prisons during the reign of Louis XIV of France. Voltaire thought him to be a twin brother of Louis, who was thus handed in order to avoid possible state complications. Another writer claimed him to be an elder illegitimate brother of the King, and a third, most probably the correct explanation, that he was a distinguished man who had plotted to overthrow Louis. He was treated throughout by the prison authorities with great distinction, but the mask—in reality of black velvet reaching to the chin—was never removed even after death. He passed away, still a prisoner, twelve years before Louis.

OUR NEW PUBLIC BUILDING

It is a novel experience to look into a blue book containing the report of the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and to find Brantford figuring in the same. During the fifteen years of a Liberal regime, from 1896 to 1911, the just needs of this city were deliberately and outrageously ignored. The warranted claims of the place with regard to a new public building were admitted, but the riding was regarded as so solidly Grät that any kind of a place, no matter how unimportant, could get recognition in Quebec or other provinces, while we were told to go hang.

With a change of government in 1911 there was something speedily doing, and in the report just issued for the year ending March 31st, 1913, there is this item, as a preliminary: "Brantford new public building, \$44,846."

This, of course, refers to the purchase of the site and incidentals only. In addition the new structure now well under way, will cost some \$250,000 more. The official account of it as contained in the blue book, is as follows:—

"On March 6, 1913, a contract was entered into for the construction of this building, facing Dalhousie street, having Queen street on the right and a lane on the left. The building measures 125 feet frontage by 108 feet depth, and has a courtyard in the middle of rear, 46 feet by 26 feet in depth on ground and first floors, but 73 feet depth on first and second floors. There is a cement stone-faced basement, brick on ground, first and second stories; the street elevations and the ground floor of the remainder, except in the courtyard, is faced throughout with cut stone; the remaining brick walls having stone dressing. On the right anterior angle there is six stories and basement tower. The internal construction of floors and partitions is mainly steel and concrete. The floor of the public lobby, ground floor, is laid in marble slabs with panels of marble mosaic, and the walls of the lobby has a marble dado. The floors of all toilet rooms, upstairs hall and corridors are laid in terrazzo.

The basement contains the boiler room, storage rooms, transformer room, carriers' room and toilet room (a portion is unexcavated); the ground floor, the post office, examining warehouse, weights and measures, gas inspector, mail lobby, elevator, brick vault, stairs and vestibules, the first floor, the Customs long room, Customs records room, Indian superintendent's room, Indian waiting room, eight offices, three toilet rooms, two brick vaults, corridors, three stairways and one elevator; the sec-

ond floor, the Inland Revenue long room, laboratory, two toilet rooms, three stairways, five living rooms, corridors and a bath room. Heating is by hot water and lighting by electricity."

The above is one of the results of having an up-to-date administration at the Capital, and a live member like Mr. W. F. Cockshutt.

BANK OF COMMERCE

President Walker of the Bank of Commerce has rightly won for himself a very high place indeed among the financiers of this continent. Cautious and far-seeing at all times, he also knows—none better—when to take occasion by the hand, and as the outcome the Bank, under his guidance, has become one of the strongest and most influential in the Dominion.

His annual address is always anticipated as an authoritative announcement and review, and this year his deliverance has proved no exception to the previous high standard of his utterances. He analyzes the situation in all parts of the country in very great detail. His comments, of course, deal with Canada's experience in connection with a world-wide depression. In this regard he says: "The stringent money conditions which have prevailed in Canada, as well as in other countries, effectively checked the speculation in real estate, and it is hoped that it will be a long time before we are again troubled with a condition in which outside properties are sold at inflated values. The collapse in real estate speculation has served to confirm the views we expressed a year ago. Residential property of a good class is unaffected, and central business properties in the larger cities have been shown to be strongly held by bona fide investors, and no marked shrinkage in values is apparent."

Mr. Walker still advises caution, but thinks that the outlook is most reassuring. In Brantford, as in other centres, the Bank of Commerce deservedly possesses a strong hold.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Lloyd George and Churchill are still at each others throats. They ought to be turned over to Mrs. Pankhurst and Sylvia.

The suffragette who threw flour on the Secretary for Scotland had much better have been at home kneading said flour in the back kitchen.

They are digging out snowbound trains in France, while in this section of Canada there is hardly enough of the beautiful to hold the sleighing.

It is announced that the British Admiralty will scrap the "Class A" submarines and by the same token that will be the only scrap in which they have been engaged.

The New York Tribune announces that suffragettes are refusing to buy a new encyclopaedia because under the subject "Eve" it merely says "See Adam."

Brantford, among its other claims seems to be a good training ground for bankers. Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, son of Archdeacon Mackenzie, and now General Manager of the British Bank, secured his first experience here, and now Mr. J. P. Bell, who made his most striking success in this city, has become General Manager of the Bank of Hamilton. Inventors, Bell and Automatic, Authors—the Duncarr boys, Authorresses—Mrs. Coates and the late E. Pauline Johnson. Members of Cabinets—Wood,

Hardy, Paterson, G. M.—Mackenzie and Bell; this good burg can turn them out without even so much as a blink. The late Sir Richard Cartwright used to be the "Blue Rain" croaker. Now his mantle has fallen on the shoulders of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has added a deep border of crepe in order to increase the gloom.

Laurier having complained that Hon. George Foster was not in the House, Borden allayed his sorrow by stating that he was now on the ocean and would take his seat probably on Monday next. Then Sir Wilfrid's sunny smile took on that wan and faded look.

The deep desire of Sir James when he lay at death's door in New York was to be brought back to Canada. He said on one occasion that much as he admired the United States he wished to be back among friends where the British flag floated. He is home now—God rest him.

The Expositor says: "Miss Brantford appeared on Saturday night in her 'Hydro' millinery, and certainly cut quite a dash." The organ adds that the result was "pleasing." And this he remembered is the system which said Expositor worked tooth and nail to keep out of the city. It preferred, and worked hard for, the continuance of a private monopoly instead at the expense of the citizens.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Am I the same good natured jay who beamed so much on Christmas day, who said with fervor in my cry, "The Christmas spirit should not die?" Am I the same old jay who smiled on every grown-up, every child, and radiated peace on earth, good will to men and sterling worth? I have to wonder when I note that I'm as surly as a goat. I come home from the beastly grind with business cares upon my mind; have a dark and brooding brow and wear my grudge out on the frau, growl and snort and fuss around because my slippers can't be found; I cuss because the dinner's late; because the clinkers choke the grate; because the kids with Christmas toys, are kicking up a beastly noise. And when I'm done with snorts and sneers I have the whole blamed bunch in tears. And when to root I go at last, and study o'er the recent past, I wonder if I am the same old scout who played the Christmas game, with beaming smile and beck and nod, with softened heart and loosened wad. The fairies must have come along when I wound up my Christmas song, and then, to their and my disgrace, put some cheap fakir in my place.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

To The Editor The following has been sent to the Editor of The Expositor: "Sir—I cannot quite reconcile your vaunted claim "first" in courtesy and veracity with your treatment of myself in the Taylor case. Some two weeks ago your reporter with great consideration called me twice from my meals in my own house and asked me if I had the appointment of the executioner. I told him positively that it was not

in the case, that I was not filling the position of Deputy Sheriff and would not do so. In spite of this information you were kind enough to publish in that night's issue that I had the appointment of the executioner and sent the information broad cast through the Associated Press despatch.

Again last night you stated that as Acting Sheriff I am to be present at the execution. This statement is absolutely without foundation. When the Sheriff last summer came to me and stated that on account of his continued ill health he thought he would have to resign his position as Sheriff I offered, if he would put a clerk in his office to do the work, to allow such clerk to come to me for advice in any matters that he might not understand.

When the Sheriff found this winter that he was unable to come to his office through ill-health I was asked to assume the position of Deputy Sheriff. I point blank refused on account of the Taylor case, but offered to advise any person placed in charge for the Sheriff. This I have done. In all questions referring to Taylor the matter has been dealt with either by the Department or the sheriff and everything has been conducted as far as possible so as not to cater to the taste of readers who desire to peruse what is known as "yellow press articles," but apparently some editors delight in satisfying this class. I regret in writing this letter I will without doubt meet the wishes of the class of readers above referred to.

A. E. WATTS.

hit Miss Foster in the leg. Reaching the gate the three men dropped their burden, after unhooking the last bar to freedom and sprang into a buggy. Lashing the horse, the convicts sped down the road. The dash for liberty was short, however. Guards on horses quickly came within shooting distance and a running fight began. The convicts made a desperate fight as the buggy lurched along; but it was soon over. Bullets after bullets from the guns of the guards found its mark, and when the horse at last fell from a shot and the guards came up, the three convicts lay dead in the buggy. Within the prison, guards worked heroically, driving the convicts to their cells and holding at bay those who threatened to overpower them. Order was soon restored and none of the other prisoners went beyond the walls.

SEVEN KILLED.

(Continued from Page 1) her as a shield, the three huddled behind her as they rushed from the building. Godfrey, one of the guards, attempted to halt them. Promptly he was shot to death. A bullet that went wild, passed through the office door of Drover and killed that official.

Out of the building, Reed, Koontz and Lane made their way on a trot to the gate. None of the guards dared to shoot because of the human shield, the telephone girl, carried by the desperate men. A shot finally was fired and it

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CANADIAN BIRTHDAYS TUESDAY, JANUARY TWENTIETH. John Hendry, the millionaire British Columbia lumberman and former president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who observes his seventy-first birthday to-day, has had a most adventurous career. He carried his pack into the western province in the seventies and worked there for some time as a lumber jack. But he had foresight and early got his hand on extensive timber limits. It is said that he squatted on the site of the Hastings Mill in Vancouver, property which is worth over a million dollars at the present time, and actually got this valuable land for nothing, the deeds having only recently been handed over to him by the Dominion Government. He is to-day one of the biggest men on the Pacific Coast.

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CITY DATES BEING ARRANGED. Dates are being arranged for the following: No Skating. Owing to weather conditions will not be skating at rink on Wednesday postponed. License Taken Out. A plumbers license taken out by Drake-Avery Co. The firm has bus in this city. Building Permit. J. W. Schuyler, 1641, has taken out a permit for a frame barn, the same to cost \$350. Meeting To-morrow. Grand Valley bond in Toronto to-morrow in connection with the discussed, also the off P. Kellett. Applies for Garage R. Mr. Angus Wilson, street, has made application for a garage. He has been approved by the board of aldermen to provide a good K. of P. Notes. The annual installation of the Calantie Lodge, No. 1, will take place in their hall on Wednesday night. The confer the rank of E. will be served after the Presentation. On the eve of his Wisconsin, Mr. Jack many years a member. Ogilvie, Lochard & Co. last evening just printing time, with a club plays.

Meeting Held. At a meeting of the Brant County Measurment, called to consider case, there were present, W. H. Second, S. Fissette. On motion of seconded by Dr. Bie was passed asking for a cut until the accused named by experts as to Hydro Was Off. Owing to experimen progress, the hydro orn were not burning last will be on to-night. It noticed that a few of the not steady. This was de rent not having been p. lated. The proper ad being made. Relay sw control of the street h have arrived and insta progress.

Relief Work Plans. A joint meeting of the which have undertaken dispensing charity until an Associated Charity met yesterday afternoon ed plans for the carry work. The Y. W. C. given the use of a basin supplies. Donations m the association. The late have already come of investigating. All t now is funds and these coming as soon as the thoroughly well known, office of the committee street.

Felt. At Child's Felt Women's Felt Men's Felt Misses' Felt Neill