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A CHALLENGE

The Courier has still to name one single proposal for public ownership in which it took the initiative, or to name one public service franchise now existing in the city under private control to which it took any exception when the deal was put through.

Well, here is a portion of the Courier list:

- 1. Fought for and helped to secure municipal ownership of the Brantford waterworks.
2. Fought for and helped to secure telephone competition.
3. Fought for and helped to secure Hydro-Electric, to the breaking up of a private monopoly.

4. Is fighting for, and hopes to help secure, municipal ownership of the Brantford Street Railway.

We are perfectly frank about our list.

Now, then, where's yours? You will either give it, or else by silence admit that the Expositor's course has been on behalf of private corporations as against the people.

AS TO PROUDFOOT

Mr. W. Proudfoot, M. P. P., member for Centre Huron, who preferred the exploded charges against Sir James Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna, announces that he intends to keep his seat.

It might be thought by some that he should at least go back to his constituents for endorsement, if any, but he evidently does not regard matters in that light, and will continue to remain in the obliquity which will naturally be more or less of his lot during the remainder of the Whitney Government term.

That he acted off his own bat in this matter is not, at all likely. Without much doubt, Rowell and other leading Liberals were back of this scheme to besmirch the name and the fame of two so honorable statesmen as ever lived, and the next thing, of course, was to find the man who would hurl the poisoned and the venomous darts.

Proudfoot either offered to do so or else was coaxed into it; in either event he has put himself in a very pitiable position.

To attempt to blacken the honor of two provedly upright men on the basis of the spleen of an office-holder dismissed for stealing letters, and the epistle of the silly idea into his head that he had hold of something which would ruin the Government on his say-so, was a task which the average man possessing any sense of proportion and fair-play would have absolutely refused.

There was not one tittle of sworn evidence to show that Hanna, with Whitney's knowledge and connivance, had done anything wrong. Even Proudfoot himself refused to take the oath, although repeatedly urged to do so.

Perhaps the main emphasis

which will be placed on the whole thing is that after years of office the first and only charge to be placed against any member of the Whitney Cabinet has been the acceptance of \$500 for a party fund, not one cent of which was secured under duress, or spent improperly.

When the last awful years of Rossism are recalled, with proved scandal following proved scandal in sickening regularity, the vast change in this Province in the interests of honesty and clean methods is assuredly something to be proud of and thankful for.

DIDN'T SCORE MUCH

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Toronto meeting was supposed to be the forerunner of a series of such gatherings throughout the Dominion in order to emphasize an alleged great national uprising against Borden's Naval Bill.

It is doubtful now whether such will be the program; if so, the party managers will show just about as bad judgment as when they sought to cram reciprocity down the throats of this free and enlightened people.

There is no general protest against the Borden Bill, and none can be manufactured. Fair-minded Canadians of all shades of politics feel that Johnny Canuck should do something on behalf of the enormous navy burden for the benefit of the whole Empire, borne for generations by John Bull alone.

The only question is How? Borden says \$35,000,000 right off for three dreadnoughts to be built in the well-equipped British yards—the finest in the world.

Laurier says "Me, too," for the \$35,000,000, but let us build in Canada, where we haven't any yards and it will cost right off \$75,000,000 to establish the same, and years to train mechanics able to cope with the output of such leviathans, with their arsenal equipment.

What man with a grain of impartiality can question which is the better plan, and which plan he would follow if it was a case of his own personal business?

WHY THERE WAS NO BANKING REFORM UNDER LAURIER

H. C. McLeod, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has advocated bank reforms for years, paid Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, a high compliment when on the stand before the Banking and Commerce Committee, for the progressive measure which he had drafted.

He frankly stated that he had given up agitating any reforms owing to the indifference and even hostility of the Laurier government. He was told that there would be no changes made, and the act which was drafted by the Hon. W. S. Fielding and which Mr. White found when he came into office showed that the former minister had made practically no changes in the Act as it stood.

When one follows the Banking and Commerce Committee he is not so surprised at the stand of the old government. It is a striking thing that practically all of the stand-patters and reactionaries on the committee are Liberals and they have steadfastly opposed any progressive changes.

As a result of the taking of evidence from all over Canada and from all classes, Hon. Mr. White is preparing to still further strengthen the Bank Act, and particularly

the clauses referring to bank audit. As for bank inspection the evidence all went to show that an inspection to be thorough at all would have to include an inspection of every branch in the Dominion, a costly, cumbersome and unsatisfactory system. What is known as the shareholders' audit, the Scottish system, will be followed.

The plan which will likely be adopted will be for the general managers of the various banks to name a list of possible auditors, reputable firms. This list will be passed on by the Finance Minister and from this list the shareholders will pick the bank's auditor for the year. In addition when a further inquiry is desired into a bank's affairs, the ming, outsider.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Why doesn't the Expositor, if it can, name one instance in which it took the initiative on behalf of the people? That organ is not usually so coy. P.S.—There's a reason.

Young man, which would you rather marry—a raving, wind-swallowing, bomb-planting, militant suffragette, or a nice, vivacious, cuddlesome, coyly-rooting fanette?

Whitney and Hanna have come out of that attempted besmirching still more firmly entrenched in the confidence of the people than before, if such a thing could be possible.

Hon. Mr. White has promised to give full consideration to a request by the shareholders and depositors of the Farmers Bank for aid from the Government. It was by the gross carelessness of Fielding and the Laurier Government that the institution was started, in the first place, and hence the request.

Sir Charles Tupper, who is on the last lap of the century mark, has just arrived in the Old Country, and on landing gave a vigorous interview, in which he said that "the verily believed that Canada's wonderful growth in the past would prove as nothing to the glory of the future." And by the same token, much of what we have is due to that grand old man, "He" it was, and "he" who made Confederation possible by the bringing in of Nova Scotia, and it was he more than any other one man who never let up regarding the construction of the C.P.R. even in the darkest hours, and there were some pretty black ones.

This is a shriek from the Toronto Globe:

Toryism has lifted its sharpened axe. To-night the chief executioner, the Prime Minister of Canada, gave notice that its blow would fall automatically at the conclusion of the next sitting of the House at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning. The naval bill will then be "jammed through" the committee stage en bloc.

There follows a lot more rant about "brute force" methods for the first time in Canada, loss of Canadian nationality, stifling of "free debate," and all the rest of the kind of guff for which the leading Liberal organ is so noted. And this same Globe, be it noted, heartily applauded Gladstone when he put through closure to stop wanton obstruction in the British House, and even yet views with complacency the use of the same safeguard by the Asquith Government.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

If The Senate Rejects Straitsford Herald: If the Senate rejects the Navy Bill it will not drive the Government to the country. Nothing could be gained by appealing to the people on that account. Even if the Borden government were returned by double its present majority, and passed the bill again, the Senate could throw it out. The only advantage would be that when the government did go to the country (at a time of its own choosing) it would have in its platform a popular plank for the regeneration of the Upper Chamber. A Senate which flouts the will of the people cannot expect to retain the people's good will.

Significant! Toronto News: Three events of the past week may be grouped together. (1) The Peking Government asked all the churches throughout Christendom to pray for the speedy emergence of China from its present difficulties. (2) Mr. John R. Mott, the talented young American, whose life is devoted to mission work, has been offered the post of United States Ambassador to China. (3) Count Okuma, of Japan has said that only the influence of Christendom can prevent war between his country and the United States over California's anti-Japanese land legislation. It would seem that the religion of the Western world is gaining the respect of the Eastern world whence it originally came.

A Safe Man Galt Reporter: Somehow or other the people of Canada have settled down to the opinion that the Hon. Frank Cochrane can be trusted to handle any piece of public property to the advantage of the country.

BABY'S BATTLES.

Baby's battles for health are many. The precious little life is in constant danger from the many ills that afflict little ones such as constipation, colic, diarrhoea, etc., and unless her mother guards her little ones against these troubles serious results may follow. Gay's Own Tablets is the best medicine to fight baby's battles. They are a mild laxative that will regulate the stomach and bowels and will thus ward off sickness and will keep baby happy, healthy and strong. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

GRAND TRUNK NEWS ITEM. An investigation into conditions along the Grand Trunk Pacific construction camps into the Rook Mountains has recently been held by Kate Waller Garrett President of the National Council of Women of the United States, who says in her report: "I have made two trips along the line of construction of the Grand Trunk Railroad west of Edmonton and spent my nights and took my meals in the contractors' or engineers' camps. It was my first experience of 'roughing it' and, naturally, everything was very strange to me and very interesting. I am something of a world-wide traveller but I never dreamed of what it meant to construct a railroad under such difficulties as the Grand Trunk Pacific is being constructed."

I have made official investigation into a number of cases both for the United States Government and for my own State, as well as for organizations of women to which I belong. I have no interest whatsoever in anything pertaining to the construction of the G. T. P., except of a purely social character, but I do not hesitate to say that from a most careful and thorough investigation extending over a period of seven or eight months, that I do not know any more considerable, better wages, more wholesome surroundings, or has

a better opportunity for laying a foundation for future economic independence than along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. There is no temptation for a man to spend his wages. At the end of a year's service with ease he can save sufficient to household, opportunities of which can be found nowhere in the world equal to those at the present time in northwest Canada. I would earnestly advise any man of stamina who is to-day eking out a miserable existence in the cities of the east, every day seeing him grow older and becoming less independent from an economic standpoint to cast his lot in this new country.

I ate in a number of camps, reaching there usually a few minutes before the usual meal-time, and without anyone knowing I was coming, I was amazed at the cleanliness and comfort of the camps, particularly with the variety of food served and its wholesome character. In spite of the fact that most of the men employed as workmen were foreigners, and unaccustomed to even the meagre social requirements of camp life, because of the excellent and thorough supervision that was given them, they were required to take care of themselves even when they did not have the sense to do so. Accustomed as I am to conditions surrounding men working under similar circumstances in the south and east, conditions in Canada were so far superior along this line to any that I had seen elsewhere that I was greatly surprised to say the least.

The hospital was clean and well conducted with a corps of physicians equal to that of any city hospital. I not only saw the patients when they were in the hospital but I frequently met them in my afternoon walks when they were convalescing, and I had an excellent opportunity to learn from them without their knowledge that they were being regarded not only how they felt in regard to their treatment in the hospital but also in the general conditions surrounding the men employed in building the railroads. Of course, naturally there were some complaints but I never heard one complaint that I thought was justified or reflected on the management or on the conditions under which the men were employed by the company.

Announcement!

Dr. C. H. Sauder has taken over the practice of Dr. John R. Witham, who will leave shortly for Regina, Sask.

Dr. Sauder is a graduate of American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo., under Dr. A. T. Still, founder of the science, and is a licentiate of Missouri, Tennessee, Montana and Louisiana.

Costs a Penny to Kiss Good-bye

Slot Machines Provide Tickets for London Station Farewells.

LONDON, May 9.—Bidding adieu to friends in future at a London railway terminus will cost two cents. This innovation went into effect yesterday at Waterloo station, where sweethearts, relatives and friends who came to kiss and handshake and shout "Don't forget to write!" through the windows of trains, found the barriers up and had their attention drawn to automatic boxes, without purchasing good-bye tickets from which they were not allowed on the platforms.

Psyche Knot Saved This Woman's Life

Hair Impeded Bullet "Fired" by Husband Because Door Was Closed.

BOSTON, May 9.—William Mahoney shot his wife twice yesterday in their home at No 24 Spring St., Cambridge, and then ended his own life.

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