

The Hamilton Times

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INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT

Sir Mackenzie Bowell is greatly perturbed because the printing department in connection with this great family journal did some work for the Dominion Government. There is really nothing surprising in this Government sending its work to a good an office, and we understand that our printing department is prepared to do equally as satisfactory work for anyone who has the wherewithal to pay for it—Montreal Herald.

The quality of the work is not the basis of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's objection, which is, that the Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, is in large part owner and a principal director of the Herald newspaper. Therefore, Government printing given to that journal is a breach of the independence of Parliament Act. Mr. Fisher has no more legal right to share in Government printing contracts than he has to share in contracts for building, dredging, or lighthouse supplies.

For sharing in a job printing contract the late Hon. Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons, was expelled from Parliament. May Mr. Fisher do with impunity that for which Mr. Anglin was so severely punished?

Admit that a Minister of the Crown in the Laurier Cabinet may share in printing accounts to the extent of \$20,000 a year, making \$100,000 during his term of office so far, and where should the line be drawn?

Admit that this practice is to be recognized as proper for Ministers of the Crown and it is easy to account for the riches which have been suddenly piled up by some of those gentlemen.

This is the point, Mr. Herald, which cannot be glossed over with pleasantries about the quality of the work done at the Herald office.

This printing bill is interesting chiefly from the intense light that it throws upon Liberal principles and methods in power, so wholly distinct from the principles and methods which the Liberals professed while in opposition.

Being in power, Liberals cast their professed principles to the winds while revelling in the events of office.—London Free Press.

This is a very touching story, but why does the Free Press omit to mention that Hon. Sydney Fisher is neither a director nor a shareholder in the Montreal Herald Company? Mr. Fisher made the statement on the floor of the House three or four days ago that he had resigned his directorship and sold his stock when he became a Minister of the Crown.

Does our Tory contemporary lack the courage or the honesty to tell the truth about his noble opponent whom it has wronged?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A contemporary remarks that the Mantoulin idol of the Tory party has feet of clay. Yes, and his name will soon be mud.

If the various lawyers concerned in the litigation over Miser Todd's estate do not succeed in diminishing its plethora before it is finally disposed of, precedent is valueless.

When President Roosevelt sends that petition against the massacres of the Jews at Kishineff to the czar he should accompany it with files of recent United States papers containing full accounts of the lynchings in Delaware, Alabama, Indiana, and Texas.

As we said before, there's not one honest man on the left side of the Ontario Legislature—not one.—Spectator.

What a fortunate thing for Ontario that the Speaker and Gamzy and J. Piny Whitney are spared to us! But for the presence of this Tory trio the fate of Sodom might soon overtake the Province.

William Hegen, a ranchman from Texas, complained to the Chicago police the other day that he had been hounded into paying \$2 to a man to see the statue of General Logan turn a back somersault. A short time ago another mark paid \$2 "to see the Masonic Temple turn round." Gamey ought to go to Chicago; he might meet people there that he could hump.

When Mr. Gamey made his charges against Mr. Stratton it was the minister who was supposed to be on trial. The commissioner who tried them, Mr. Gamey, and so passed lightly over the evidence against Mr. Stratton—St. John Sun.

And here is the entire Tory press of Ontario contending that nobody was on trial—that it was not a trial at all—and for that reason it is at liberty to be about and blackguard the judges to its heart's content. Will the Sun please get into step.

Those people who are in a chronic state of alarm over the shortage in the baby crop will not be soothed by the report of the British Registrar General for the year ending April 1st. It shows the lowest rate ever recorded, 28.5 per 1,000. The death rate was 17.7 per 1,000, or \$2,540 of the entire population. The most active cause of death was consumption, which claimed 7,621, here were 3,410 deaths from violence, including 535 suicides and 2,797 accidents; of the last, 538 were infants suffocated in bed. The number of marriages was 40,817, or 17.8 per 1,000.

The United States Postal Department is having its time of trial, and not too soon, either, it would seem. If we may judge by the number of high officials who are mixed up in scandals, it seems to have been the usual thing to bleed contractors, and sometimes the rakes-off run into the five figures. And the end is not yet. It is even said that some men very near to the President have been mixed up in the mess, and if that be shown there will doubtless be some strenuous bouncing done. Roosevelt is not likely to tolerate that sort of thing.

If Stratton did not give Gamey the money, who gave it to him, and from what source did it come? This is the main question, and one the solution of which the public has a right to demand. Yet on this the report of the commission throws no light and the Government has not cleared it up. This is the weakness of the Government position to-day.—Toronto Sun.

There is nothing peculiar in a public man writing his own interview for the sake of accuracy. There is nothing peculiar in an interviewer asking the public man to sign the interview, but there is something peculiar in one public man writing an interview for a second public man, and getting a reporter to have the second public man sign that interview.—Spectator.

In the last analysis the alleged peculiarity consists in the writing of the interview of one public man by another. And the evidence in the Gamey case establishes the fact that Gamey asked Mr. Stratton to have it prepared and gave him notes from which to have that done, revised it, and made some emendations. The event shows that the reporter was wise in having it signed; otherwise Gamey might have repudiated the entire transaction after he was "seen" by the Tory operators.

Gustavus B. Swift, the Chicago packer who left a fortune of \$12,000,000, is said to have guided his life by the following maxims:

1. No man, however rich, has enough money to waste in putting on.

2. The richer a man gets the more careful he should be to keep his head level.

3. Business, religion and pleasure of the right kind should be the only things in life for any man.

4. A big head and a big bank account were never found together to the credit of any one, and never will be.

5. No young man is rich enough to smoke twenty-five cent cigars.

6. Every time a man loses his temper he loses his head, and when he loses his head he loses several chances.

7. Next to knowing your own business, it's a mighty good thing to know as much about your neighbors as possible, especially if he's in the same line.

8. The best a man ever did should be his standard for the rest of his life.

was not a man of refinement, remarked from his seat.

Why He Was Rejected. Philadelphia Press. McJigger—Poor fellow! He's terribly out up because Miss Oldenrich rejected him.

Hens and Ankles. Roller Monthly. "Willie, why is a man unlike a hen?" "Give it up."

White Under-skirts. 5 dozen very dainty White Lawn Under-skirts, with cluster of tucks and deep openwork, good value at \$1.75, for \$1.00.

Dress Coats Specials. 56-inch Hop Sack Tweed, black, navy and brown, regular \$1.30, for \$1.00.

Outing Umbrellas. Ladies' or Gents', steel rod, fine glorioa covered, fancy mounted handles, value \$1.25 and \$1.50, for \$1.00.

Sunshades. Ladies' and Children's Fancy Cotton, Steen and Silk Parasols, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, for 75c; \$1.50 and \$2.00, for 90c; \$2.50 and \$3.00, for 1.50.

Table Cloths. 75 Heavy Double Damask Table Cloths, 2x2 1/2, value \$3.00, for \$1.95.

Outing Headwear for Women and Children. Ladies' New York Ready-to-Done Outing Hats, value up to \$3, for \$1.39.

FOR THE EARLY MORNING SHOPPER—TILL 9. 75 dozen Ladies' Fine Open Work Hose 15c, for \$11.25.

Children Cry for CASTORIA. Handsome isn't unless handsome does.

To-morrow We Hold a Great Sale of Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear Garments. Such things that are needed to make DOMINION DAY a day of pleasure and comfort to young and old.

Thousands of Shirt Waists at Half Price. \$1.00 Waists for 50c. \$2.00 Waists for \$1.00. \$3.00 Waists for \$1.50. \$4.50 Waists for \$2.25.

FOR THE EARLY MORNING SHOPPER—TILL 9. 75 dozen Ladies' Fine Open Work Hose 15c, for \$11.25. 35 only, Boys' Duck Shirt Waists 50c, for \$17.50. 5 dozen Ladies' Handsome Shirt Waists \$1.00, for \$5.00.

WESLEY'S LIFE AND WORK. Was the Topic in Many Methodist Churches Yesterday.

SPECIAL SERMON AT WESLEY. The bi-centennial of the birth of John Wesley was celebrated in the Methodist churches generally yesterday.

THE LAST SAD TRIBUTE. Funeral of C. W. Taylor, Business Manager of the Globe.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. Masons Celebrate the Day by Attending Church.

SERMON BY REV. DR. WILSON. In celebration of the festival of St. John the Baptist, the Masons of Hamilton held a service in First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon.

A word about Pants. The Oak Hall Pants combine all the features of best styles, best workmanship, best fit and lowest prices.

OAK HALL. 10 and 12 James St. North. F. R. SMITH, Manager.

Our Exchanges

Keal Cause. Host—My wife is worrying about these being thirteenth at the table tonight.

Earning a Military Title. N. Y. Herald. "How did he get his title of colonel?" "Did he ever live in Kentucky?" "No, he once had a half interest in a race horse."

Still Higher Ambition. Chicago Tribune. Proud Father—"Rik, my boy, if you live up to your oration, you'll be an honor to the family."

In the Art Gallery. Chicago Tribune. "Doesn't that sunset scene strike you as being decidedly mediocre?" asked the amateur.

This is Hard. Memphis News. The wife of a Wichita man makes him wear tucks in the sleeves of his rightgown, trimmed with pink ribbon, so that the baby won't know the difference when he walks the streets with it at night. Ain't it a shame?

A Lady's Pocket. London Spare Moments. Apropos of the difficulty even their fair owners experience in locating ladies' pockets, a good story is told of a lady who arrayed in a new frock, took a fawn on the other day, and, on alighting, hunted vainly for the entrance to the pocket where she had confidingly placed her purse.