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THE GIFT TO MR. FIELDING.

The Minister of Finance was yesterday presented with a gift of money, said to amount to $120,000, anonymously subscribed by admirers in all parts of the Dominion. There are numerous precedents for such a testimonial. Tennyson coined a proverb when he wrote of "the eternal want of pence that vexes public men." Sir John Macdonald was an illustration. He was twice lifted out of financial distress by the voluntary gifts of friends. It was only a few years ago that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, through a similar kindness, was enabled to buy a home.

Mr. Fielding has been chronically a poor man. He has been so absorbed in public affairs that he has paid no attention to his own. His position gave him many opportunities to amass riches. As the Minister of Finance and the maker of budgets for thirteen years, he must have been the depositary of a great deal of information which he could have turned into money without breaking the eighth commandment. But Mr. Fielding has been scrupulous to a degree that some politicians might call quixotic. He has even made it a point of honor never to touch the stock market, though few men in the country can be better posted. Although his mode of life is extremely simple, and he has no extravagances, it has been currently reported for some time that Mr. Fielding was harried by financial cares, through his lavish, though perhaps misplaced, generosity. His habit of giving money to anyone who presumes on old acquaintance or friendship is well known at Ottawa, but it is not a trait for which friends feel like rebuking him. It is understood, however, that the money subscribed for him will be so invested that secure provision will be made for his family.

Mr. Fielding is one of the country's greatest assets. Canada has had few more useful public servants, and none more upright, diligent and conscientious. He may have the satisfaction of knowing that the testimonial is a sincere one and that it has been well earned.

THE HOG AND BACON TRADE.

The falling off in Canada's trade in bacon with the mother country some years ago prompted the Dominion department of agriculture in 1907 to send a commission to Europe to investigate conditions in countries which have earned a reputation for the excellence of their bacon. The report of that commission, which comprised five experts, including two from Ontario, has now been published, and is certain to prove of interest to those engaged in the trade in this country.

The countries visited were England, Ireland, Denmark and Holland, and the conclusion is that Canadians can profit most by studying Irish and Danish methods. The bacon of both Denmark and Ireland sells in England at better prices than the Canadian article will bring. The success of these two countries is doubtless largely due to co-operation, which is extensively followed. The farmers of Rosecrea, Ireland, for instance, have an association with about four thousand members or patrons within a radius of eighteen miles. Although lack of sufficient capital prevented the full operation of their factory, with a capacity for handling six hundred hogs a week, the result has been satisfactory. In Denmark, with its high standard of education and agriculture, the work is carried on methodically. In the selection of animals for breeding the greatest care is exercised, Yorkshires and the native Landrace being the favorites, while feeding is studied and results noted, care being taken with every process. In addition to the approved system of curing by forcing brine into the meat under pressure, the Danes have a system by which the meat is put into air-tight receptacles from which the air is exhausted by pumps, and then the curing solution is applied under pressure, completely filling the veins and pores. The general result of the system, the report says, is that since the opening of the first co-operative factory in 1888 the number of pigs killed in a year increased from 23,000 in 1888 to 1,549,000 in 1908.

The report speaks in the highest terms of the intelligence shown by farmers of the old world, particularly in England, where an organized system, with consistency of purpose, application and keen business intelligence, is pursued. What greatly impressed the commissioners was the benefits of co-operation that are plainly evident, and they blame the failure of co-operation efforts in Canada on the selfishness of individuals in selling to outsiders rather than to their organization. They recommend packers to adopt an attitude of sympathetic co-operation with hog raisers, in order to encourage the increase in quantity and improvement in quality of the supply. Farmers are also urged to engage a salesman to dispose of their hogs and to adopt the plan of selling swine on the open market, as in the case of cattle and sheep.

"VARIEGATED."

The Toronto Mail and Empire pretends to know that the Canadian navy will cost the country $60,000,000 in ten years. "The country," says the Mail, "would not grudge a reasonable outlay for Empire aid, but it has reason to resent and to condemn a scheme that takes millions from the channels of trade and of industry and casts them into the sea."

The Toronto News, from which many Conservatives prefer to take their party and political pabulum, would have the Government spend much more. Says the News:

"It may be that Quebec would not indorse the variegated naval policy that the Ottawa Opposition put forward. Neither would Ontario. But the News believes that an efficient Canadian naval unit, headed by two Dreadnoughts, would command universal approbation."

Two Dreadnoughts, or Dreadnought cruisers, would cost $25,000,000, or more than the proposed expenditure upon the Canadian navy in the next ten years, the Mail's estimate of $60,000,000 being purely imaginary. We could quote from other papers besides the Mail, denouncing the Government for spending so much money and in the same paragraph sneering at its "tinpot" proposals.

The Ottawa Opposition's naval policy is variegated, as the News aptly says. This variety is reflected in the comments of the Opposition press. The Mail and the News furnish an illustration.

UNEARNED INCREMENT IN GERMANY.

While the Conservative party in Great Britain is shouting "socialism," "confiscation" and "revolution," at the land taxes of the Lloyd George budget, the ultra-Conservative Federal Government of Germany has adopted a similar system on a larger scale.

Hitherto the tax on unearned increment in Germany has been a local impost confined to certain municipalities. A Government bill has just been introduced in the Reichstag providing that one-half the yield from this tax shall go to the empire, 10 per cent to the federal states, and 40 per cent to the local authorities. Strange to say the proposal originated with the agrarian party, while in Great Britain the opposition to the same form of taxation comes largely from the landed classes. In a country of comparatively small area, like England or Germany, where the rapid growth of cities and towns causes an extraordinary rise in the value of urban and suburban land, an increment duty is a peculiarly equitable tax, falling as it does upon values created by social causes and not by the energy or enterprise of the owners. The example of Germany is a rebuke to the British House of Lords which rejected the budget mainly because of the increment taxes and in the interests of a small class.

Mr. Fielding has handled nearly a billion dollars of public money, and was until yesterday a poor man.

The Ottawa romancer has invented a general election for the autumn, and a deadly feud in the cabinet. This is a pretty heavy day's work.

There are many sad reminders that a surgeon takes his own life in his hands in trying to save the life of another.

Carnegie hopes that Canada will become a republic. This is proof that Canada has moved up a bit in Andrew's estimation. A few years ago he could think of nothing in store for us but absorption by the United States.

It looks as though Governor Hughes, of New York, had left the post of duty. The vacancy in the supreme court could have been filled by an equally able lawyer, but where is New York to find another Hughes as governor?

A contemporary reports Rev. J. G. Inkster as saying:

"The political struggle in the old country was an attack on the very fundamentals that the King is the exponent of—heredity—and for that reason the struggle would never succeed."

Of course, Mr. Inkster said nothing so foolish. There is no analogy between an hereditary monarchy, responsible to and controlled by Parliament, and an hereditary upper chamber, responsible to nobody and seeking to control Parliament and legislation for the selfish interests of its members.

In view of Gen. French's approaching visit to Canada by invitation of the Government, the following from the Mail and Empire is not only malicious, but stupid:

"The Saturday Review asks why Lord Kitchener was not invited to Canada. Does our esteemed contemporary suppose that we are going to allow British generals to set foot on our sacred soil? Not if Sir Wilfrid Laurier knows what he is doing, and he does."

The paragraph is also characteristic. Anyone who believes the Mail believes that Canada is governed by grafters and traitors. But no Canadian believes any such thing, not even the editors of the Mail. Their chief aim is to furnish entertainment, and no one enjoys it more than Sir Wilfrid.

A JEWEL.

[Cleveland Leader.]

The Lady of the House—I hope you are habitually truthful, Bridget?

The New Maid—Yis, mum, I am on me own account. I only tells lies t' th' callers, f'r th' missus.

RURAL AMENITIES.

[Pele Mele.]

Fair Passenger—But, good gracious, why didn't the train stop here? It is supposed to.

Porter—Yes, miss, but the engine driver has quarrelled with the station master.

SUITABLE RAIMENT.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

"I wonder why that rich Mrs. Tupper wears imitation furs?"

"Probably because it isn't real cold."

SPEECHLESS.

[Chicago News.]

Anyway, the man is silenced
Who was wont to wag his tongue
Telling of the awful winters
That they had when he was young.

WIDELY READ.

[Lippincott's.]

"Are your poems widely read?"

"Well, the last one I wrote was read by over fifty editors."

TO AN OLD DOLLAR BILL.

[S. E. Kiser.]

O ragged, faded thing!
Thine odor is not reminiscent of the rose.
How limp thou art! Unto thy edges cling
Ten billion deadly microbes, I suppose—
And yet there's independence in thee, too,
And courage—yea, and strength!
There's that in thee
Which makes me long to do
The best that lies in me—
There's that in thee which makes me dare
To pass a thousand dangers every day—
There's joy in thee! Where thou art, there
Hope builds her nest and frightens Doubt away!

Ah, thou art clammy to the touch—
But, yesterday, mayhap, thou didst release
From some white throat a demon's angry clutch—
With thee, perchance, went Peace
To some dark haunt, where Hate or Sorrow sat—who knows
What aches have fled because of thee,
What little children thou has caused to laugh; how many a rose
Has bloomed because of thee! Ah, me!
Here on thy smeared and faded face
I read the history of man. Thou art the boon
For which he goes through danger and disgrace—
And I, alack! must part with thee so soon!

SMOKE TOWN.

[Life.]

Florist—Something new and very rare—a black rose.

Pittsburger—Pshaw! We have had them in my town for years.

WENDELL PHILLIPS' RETORT.

[Catholic Columbian.]

Wendell Phillips, according to the recent biography by Dr. Lorenzo Sears, was, on one occasion, lecturing in Ohio, and while on a railroad journey, going to keep one of his appointments, he met in the car a crowd of clergy, returning from some sort of convention. One of the ministers felt called upon to approach Mr. Phillips, and asked him:

"Are you Mr. Phillips?"

"I am, sir."

"Are you trying to free the niggers?"

"Yes, sir; I am an abolitionist."

"Well, why do you preach your doctrines up here? Why don't you go over into Kentucky?"

"Excuse me, are you a preacher?"

"I am, sir."

"Are you trying to save souls from hell?"

"Yes, sir; that's my business."

"Well, why don't you go there?"

The assailant hurried into the smoker amid a roar of unsanctified laughter.

WASTING THE TEA.

[Detroit Free Press.]

"Why don't you ask that young man up to tea some evening, dear?"

"I don't believe it would do any good, mother. He's a confirmed bachelor."

A RISING MARKET.

[Life.]

"I saw you kiss sister last night."

"Did you, Bobby? Here's a quarter for you."

"Thanks. And then I saw you kiss the maid in the hall."

"Great Scott! Here's five dollars!"

THE WORST PART.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"Have Mr. and Mrs. Squinchly compromised their matrimonial troubles yet?"

"Not quite. They agreed readily enough as to which one was to have the custody of the children, but they don't seem to be able to decide which is to have the choice of the automobiles."

WHAT THEY DID TO THE POLE.

[Dartmouth Jack-o'-Lantern.]

Professor—Jones, will you differentiate between the words "discover" and "invent"?

Jones—Well—er—Peary discovered the Pole, and Cook invented it.

MIGHT WAIT FOR A RISE.

[Toronto Saturday Night.]

Bore—That impertinent fellow Brown offered me a hundred pounds to resign my membership of the club. What would you advise me to do?

Jollyboy—Hang on a bit—you'll get more.

A LITTLE SHAVER.

[Bruce Times.]

What is probably the biggest baby to be born in this section of the country arrived at the home of Mr. Walter Booth, the barber, on Friday last, when his wife presented him with a thirteen-pound son. This is only five pounds behind the world's record, an eighteen-pound child having, it is said, been born 75 years ago, when the Halley comet last visited the earth. The stork has certainly been generous in this neighborhood of late, having left triplets in Cargill and a record infant in Walkerton.

KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM.

[New York World.]

The brief and almost surreptitious visit to New York by one of the greatest soldiers of modern times has served by reason of its very contrast to leave an impression which no civic honors or public parades could have deepened. In this quiet man in tweed suit who would not even sanction a salute by a battalion of West Point cadets, the city has been privileged to see the most conspicuous example of military modesty since Grant, and the fact is one on which it is agreeable to dwell. There has been no hint in anything he has said that this was the hero of Khartoum; not a word about my regiment, my plan of campaign, my policy in India; no allusion to any event in the remarkable career of the plain soldier, whose eminent services raised him to the peerage and won for him the rank of field marshal. He has said not a word that could cause concern at any foreign office. The example of unostentation and of an incognito strictly preserved is one useful for comparison. New York will regret the departure of its distinguished guest, but with due appreciation of the fact that it has been long enough to point a moral of modest merit.

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Enjoyable Programme Rendered by Young People of Richmond Street Mission.

Last night the Epworth League of the Richmond Street Mission gave a most enjoyable entertainment to the inmates of the Aged People's Home, which was heartily received by them. The meeting opened by singing a familiar hymn, followed by prayer by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Anderson.

The programme was as follows: Chairman's address; instrumental, Miss Nellie Steele; quartette, Messrs. (Rev.) Anderson, Cockrill, Shaw and Rouse; recitation, Miss Olive Poole; instrumental duet, Miss Ethel Jones and Miss Pearl White; duet, Miss Anna and Mr. Richard Cockrill; recitation, Miss Maude Chamberlain; speech, Mr. Albert Corbett, retiring president; cornet solo, Mr Albert Francis; recitation, Miss Olive Poole; solo, Miss Anna Cockrill; instrumental duet, Miss Pearl White and Miss Ethel Jones; solo, Master Harry Milligan; recitation, Miss Maude Chamberlain; violin solo, Master Grant Milligan; quartette, Messrs. (Rev.) Anderson, Cockrill, Shave and Rouse; God Save the King.

The real feature of the evening was the selections given by the quartette, which received hearty and prolonged applause as each number was rendered. The league hope to have the opportunity of giving another entertainment at some future time, when doubtless the quartette will have another opportunity of showing their ability. Well done, Richmond Street.

THE HAMERSLY WILL

Fresh Legal Battle Over Property Valued at $15,000,000.

New York, N. Y., April 27. — The Times today says:

The sensational controversy over the peculiar will of Louis C. Hamersly, which aroused interest in this country and Europe more than 25 years ago on account of the prominence of the persons involved, and the fight over the Hamersly-Mason fortune of $7,000,000, which has now been increased to approximately $15,000,000, will presently occupy once more the centre of the legal stage in this city.

In answer to the suit brought last fall by the executors of the late Duchess of Marlborough, on behalf of her only son, William de la Poe Beresford, the 14-year-old child of the duchess' marriage to Col. Sir William de la Poe Beresford, for an accounting of certain large sums, the house of Hamersly, together with nearly a hundred members of the house of Mason, will oppose the action by appearing as defendant in a suit which will test the validity of the Hamersly will on entirely new grounds.

The answer of the defendants sets forth the grounds upon which the claim of the Mason family and others is made, and is now ready for presentation to the court.

The claimants represent most of the best-known social families in this city.

ODDFELLOW ANNIVERSARY

Eureka Lodge Celebrated Ninty-First Year of Establishment of Order.

There was a large gathering of Oddfellows at the regular meeting of Eureka Lodge last night, when the 91st anniversary of the founding of the order was celebrated. Fraternal addresses of a most interesting reminiscent nature were given by Past Grand Sire Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, and by Pasts Grands R. K. Cowan J. M. Parsons and J. K. Darch.

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But Little Digesters "Have Done Wonders for Me"

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TO CONSERVE GAS.

Windsor, April 27.—Windsor and Chatham city councils have passed resolutions regarding the conservation of natural gas in Essex and Kent Counties, and have forwarded them to the minister of mines. The resolutions state that the councils view with much concern any legislation that would have the effect of making the production of natural gas secondary to the production of oil, or that would permit of any waste of gas under the cover of necessity or convenience in the production of oil. The minister of mines is asked to use his good offices in the direction of the conservation of natural gas as the most useful mineral in this part of Ontario.

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