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BORDEN POLICY CONDEMNED The comments of the English press are an unparagoned condemnation, not only of the action of Mr. Winston Churchill, but of the Borden naval programme. The London Daily News declares that "the..."

It is quite evident that the public accounts committee at Fredericton has great faith. There has been no probe in evidence at this session of the legislature.

Halifax is the only part of Nova Scotia which is not nominally prohibition territory. An attempt is now to be made to swing the city into line.

The defeat and resignation of the French cabinet, at a time when relations with Germany are more than usually strained, is a serious matter.

Tariff reform is now in the hands of the Democrats in the United States, and Canada may fairly hope for some benefit from the revision at the session of Congress which will open early in April.

The announcement that the Intercolonial Railway has a surplus of a million dollars on the year's operations is an indication that there is no urgent need of leasing or selling the road.

The announcement of the opening up of new sub-divisions in various sections of the outskirts of the city indicates that activity in real estate will become much more pronounced with the coming of spring.

The suggestion that militant suffragettes should be deported might offer a solution of the problem, but it would first be necessary to find a country willing to take them in. Perhaps they might be sent to Africa to found an Amazon republic.

The Montreal Transcript says: "Our contemporary quotes The Montreal Herald as a Liberal newspaper. The Herald used to be a Liberal newspaper, but our contemporary knows it is under the control of Conservative financiers and no longer gives the Liberal an independent unprejudiced support."

Hon. Wm. Pugsley had a very enjoyable time in the house yesterday, when matters relating to St. John patriots were under discussion. There have been times when persons on the other side of the house showed an eager anxiety to enquire about dredging inspectors and measurements and that sort of thing, and in connection therewith Hon. Mr. Pugsley invariably came in for a certain amount of attention. Yesterday it was Dr. Pugsley's pleasing duty to see the shoe carefully placed on the other foot, and the Hon. Mr. Haas invited to give the necessary explanations. Needless to remark, the standard, which at one time had much to say on this subject, which it apparently deemed of vital importance to the Empire, does not feature the interesting little discussion of yesterday.

It is stated that there was more drunkenness in Ontario last year than the year before, although the area of so-called dry territory is increased every year. There were 786 more commitments for drunkenness in the province in 1912 than in 1911. This will not be taken, however, as an evidence that the cause of total abstinence is not making gains. Everybody knows that there are economic forces at work which must steadily reduce the number of persons of drinking habits. The increasing demand for sober men in all classes of work must have an important effect, apart altogether from the agitation that has been kept up by the churches and temperance organizations. Progress is necessarily slow, but the conditions are gradually improving. Here and there a community may lapse, and a wave of drunkenness sweep over it, and the reformers make a bad showing, but public sentiment against excessive drinking is steadily growing stronger.

It is peculiarly sad that in the hour of Greek triumph, when that country had gained such decisive victories over her traditional foe, that the king whose policy had contributed so much to this success should die at the hands of an assassin who was not of an alien race, but a Greek. There is no way of guarding the life of a sovereign from such a fate as that which has overtaken King George of Greece. The assassin was a degenerate or demented wretch who could have no personal cause for hatred of the king, and whom none would suspect of such a murderous design. All British subjects will deeply sympathize with Queen Alexandra, whose favorite brother the king was, and upon whom in recent years the burden of the crown has been heavily pressed. So far as the affairs of Greece are concerned, the reports indicate that the new king is a man of much ability, in full sympathy with the policy pursued by his father, and that therefore this policy will be continued.

The Montreal Herald says: "The Board of Charities of New York State is asking state aid for deserving widows and dependent children. The idea is that, if the state gives some aid making it possible, a woman can make better citizens of her children in her own home than can any public institution, no matter how richly endowed or how 'scientifically' run. The day is not far distant when the same idea will dawn on Canada."

Of the apples imported by the United Kingdom last year Canada furnished 1,477,887 hundred weight, Australia 439,530 the Channel Islands 13,827, and other British territory 627, a total of 1,918,221 hundred weight from the British possessions, as against 152,370 from the United States and 245,577 from other foreign territory; 50 per cent in favor of British territory.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH NINETEEN. The Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec since 1905, reaches his fifty-first birthday today. He studied law under Sir John Abbott and became a barrister in 1884, taking up the practice of law in Montreal. He entered the legislature in 1897 and from 1900 to 1904 was commissioner of public works in the Parent administration. His knighthood was conferred on him at the time of the Quebec Tercentenary.

Aubrey White, Ontario's deputy minister of lands and forests, was born in Tyrone, Ireland, on March 19, 1845, and came to Canada in 1882, where he entered the lumber business in the Muskoka district. He became crown lands agent at Bracebridge, and from that worked his way up to his present position which he has held for twenty-six years. He is a Mason of high degree.

Lieut.-Col. Burland, one of Montreal's prominent citizens, observes his fifty-second birthday today. He is a native of Montreal and a graduate of McGill University. His principal interest is in the British American Bank Note Company, of which he is president, but he is also a director of many other companies. He is noted for his warm interest in philanthropic and charitable work and was the founder of the Royal Edward Tuberculosis Institute in Montreal.

LIGHTER VEIN Trump (to bystander, in business thoroughfare)—"Ah, what's the matter with you?" Staring Bystander—"Nothing, why?" Trump—"You gave me a nasty look."

VERY ORIGINAL "He has written a new play." "Original!" "Yes, the heroine is a married woman."

OUTCOURT "I always reason things out with my boys. When I don't want them to do a thing I sit down and explain to them why."

JUST DRY-CLEANED A revival was being held at a small colored Baptist church in Southern Georgia. At one of the services the evangelist, after an earnest but fruitless exhortation, requested all the congregation who wanted a good deal of money to stand up.

"Don't you want your soul washed with snow, Brudder Jones?" "Mah soul-done been washed with snow, pahson."

"Over yonder to de' Method' chu'ch an' see de' preacher." "Brudder Jones, yo' soul wa'n't washed—h't were dry-cleaned."—Cleveland Leader.

A Jarvey who was driving through the streets of Dublin met with an obstruction in the shape of a man riding a donkey. He briefly is the soul of wit. The remark he made was: "I wish I could see that donkey in the shape of a high standard. It was, 'Now, then, you two.'"

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FALLS INTO SEWER, IS SWEEPED TO DEATH. Fearful Fate of Newark Man Trying to Open Clogged Drain. Newark, N. J., March 18.—Death in a sewer was the awful fate of Frederick Martin, a widower, sixty-seven years old, of this city. Sewer gas was responsible. Martin was an employe of A. Fink & Sons, wholesale butchers. A drain led from their stable to a trunk sewer six feet in diameter had become clogged. Martin and John Ulrich tried to open it. After digging a trench and trying in vain to push a heavy wire through the drain to the sewer, Martin concluded to enter the sewer and try to push the wire from that end. Procuring a lantern, Martin walked to a manhole a hundred feet away, near Seventh avenue. Two boys accompanied him with a ladder. The ladder was lowered through the main hole to the bottom of the sewer, through which water was rushing to the depth of eighteen inches. Martin started down the ladder, but had not reached the bottom when the boys saw the light suddenly go out. Martin fell into the rushing stream. In an instant he was swept out of sight. The boys ran screaming for help, and the police reserves responded, throwing open all manholes, so as to give light and air. The sewer department was notified and a gang of men was hurried to the sewer. They relieved men who had already travelled nearly a mile through the sewer and searched it without finding any trace of the missing man. Men were then stationed along the trench and kept a lookout until dark, but without finding the body.

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