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PLAY THE MAN, MR. FORGET.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not the only man who is on trial in connection with the organization of provincial government in Saskatchewan. Lieutenant-Governor Forget is also on trial. If Premier Haultain is side-tracked in favor of Walter Scott, M.P., it will have been due to the ineptness of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and not less so to the co-operation of Lieutenant-Governor Forget. Sir Wilfrid Laurier feels that he must crush Mr. Haultain no matter what the cost may be. That is politics for Sir Wilfrid. The Lieutenant-Governor is not a politician. He is supposed to be above politics, and above the political interests of party leaders. Cold, brutal and unscrupulous as is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cut and dried plan to call a party leader into the place which Premier Haultain has held with distinction for eight years, it is infinitely more justifiable than Lieutenant-Governor Forget's alleged willingness to carry out the scheme. It is bad enough for Sir Wilfrid to lay his trap, it will be worse for the Lieutenant-Governor to spring it. If Saskatchewan is to have a Lieutenant-Governor who is simply a cog in the machine of partisan politics then Saskatchewan would be much better off without a Lieutenant-Governor.

Lieutenant-Governor Forget must take one position or the other. He must show himself a party tool or the impartial possessor of a high prerogative. It has been taken for granted that Lieutenant-Governor Forget will lend himself to the outrageous plot which has been hatched at Ottawa for the destruction of Premier Haultain. We sincerely trust that this estimate of his honor is a false one. Honor in public life has surely not entirely departed from Canadian public life and it would be a gloving optimism who could form any other conclusion if Lieutenant-Governor Forget allows the prerogative of his office to be made a football by the federal government.

THE DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN.

Now that the peace agreement is being seen in truer perspective those observers who were at first inclined to hail it as a "great Russian diplomatic victory" will be inclined to regret their hasty and shallow judgment. Although disappointment has been evident both in Japan and in Russia, there wants in the one that note of bitterness and humiliation which is characteristic of the other. If some Japanese mourn that their government has not exacted the uttermost price of victory, more Russians realize in varying degrees of clearness that in diplomacy, as in war, their representatives have been outflanked and outgeneraled.

When the true story of the long long-machy comes to be told, it will not improbably be found that the Japanese envoys entered the arena with a much more exact knowledge of the conditions and a better appreciation of the position than did their adversaries. One of the Russian plenipotentiaries is reported to have said that the Japanese never made a greater mistake in consulting to discuss the propositions they submitted. His reason for this opinion was that Russia, by agreeing so promptly to accept those numbers which embodied the actual situation at the close of the military and naval campaigns, had virtually forced Japan upon the horns of an awkward dilemma—either to accept the responsibility of continuing hostilities or sacrificing their claims for an indemnity and for the cession of Sakhalin.

But what if the Japanese were only using these items of their demands as a lever for securing the points which were really essential to them. When the course of the negotiations took its carefully scrutinized, it is seen that the order of the original presentation of the articles was an extremely artful one and tended to create and strengthen the impression that an indemnity and Sakhalin were vital to peace. Yet, as these were in turn rejected and rejected on behalf of Russia, they were quietly relegated to the bottom of the list until the items Japan has now accepted were discussed and adjusted. Then came the apparent crux with Japan strenuously insisting till the last grain of concession had been extracted from the car. Satisfied in that behalf, the Japanese promptly nailed Russia to the bargain.

It would be contrary to the whole tenor of the Japanese character, as it has disclosed itself in the arts of war and peace, to suppose that the mikado and his counselors entered upon the peace conference without having weighed and considered every possible contingency. That Baron Komura may personally have been disappointed at the outcome does not disprove the inference gathered from what actually occurred. The dramatic close, so unexpected and complete, it may be safely declared, was not a hasty and unforeseen act, but the final scene in a carefully constructed drama. Russian official circles obviously have an uneasy feeling that in some way or other they have been jockeyed into an agreement involving the acknowledgment of defeat. As that, we believe, it will ultimately find its place in history. Many reasons, doubtless conspired to induce Japan to adopt the resolution, but but these were no late discovery, but were dominant throughout the conference from its Alpha to its Omega.

A COWARDLY RESOLUTION.

The West Lambton Reform Association put itself on record in the following resolution:
"We desire further to express our entire confidence in the present government under the able leadership of our illustrious premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. At the same time we cannot even under these circumstances permit this opportunity to pass without expressing the great disappointment we feel at the action of both political parties, irrespective of class, creed or nationality, in passing the late indemnity bill, and especially the late resolution on pensions to ex-ministers of the crown."

This is an extraordinary expression of opinion. The premises are in direct conflict with the conclusion and the whole resolution is an example of cowardice which is altogether too common in party conventions, and which encourages governments and oppositions into all kinds of political wrongdoing.
What respect can Sir Wilfrid Laurier have for public opinion which expresses itself in feeble words of qualified rebuke. If the West Lambton Reform Association has, as it says, confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it has no right to declare that it is opposed to the salary grab. A government deserving of confidence would not make itself responsible for a salary grab such as was perpetrated at the last session of parliament, and this must have been obvious to the statesmen who tried to embellish a resolution with contradictory statements of fact.

It would have been much more creditable to the West Lambton Liberals to say nothing than to say that which can in no wise impress their leaders or remedy the conditions which have been obvious to the statesmen who tried to embellish a resolution with contradictory statements of fact. A strong straight expression of opinion on the salary grab coupled with a rebuke to both party organizations at Ottawa and the nomination of an independent candidate pledged to work for the repeal of the salary grab legislation would have had a good effect on both the government and the opposition, and it would have ended the West Lambton Reform Association's public rebuke. The resolution which has passed means nothing except that it has convictions which it is afraid of its life to express.

OUT OF PLACE AS CITY SOLICITOR.

It would be interesting to know what City Solicitor McIntyre of Kingston is doing at the Ontario municipal convention. Clearly it is no place for a man who is so profoundly impressed with the rights of capital. Mr. McIntyre endeavored to rob of point and effect the resolution calling for a repeal of the Commes Act, and which has since been used to excuse it. He has since been used to excuse it. He has since been used to excuse it.

The arguments which were used to justify the Commes Act, and which have since been used to excuse it. He has since been used to excuse it. He has since been used to excuse it.

Mr. McIntyre is the paid representative of the municipality of Kingston. It is the interests of that municipality which he is supposed to guard. Why he should show such deep concern in interests which are antagonistic to the rights of his clients is not easy to understand. If his sympathies for capital are so ungenerous Kingston would do well to look for a new city solicitor.

THE MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD HELP.

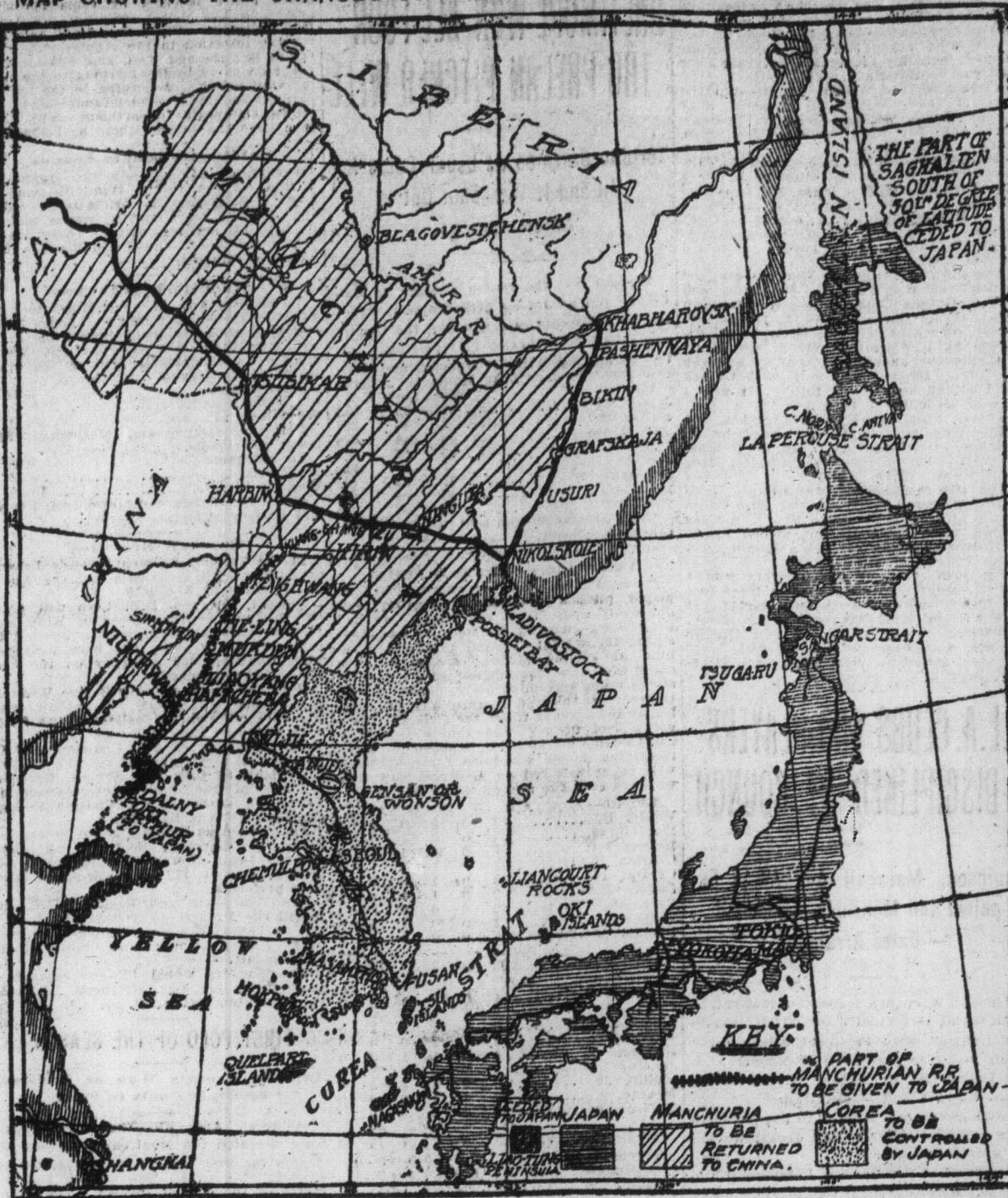
No fault is to be found with the views of Mayor Tupper on the Niagara Power Company as expressed before the Ontario municipal convention. They are sound and effective up to a certain point, but it is to be regretted that his worship did not go a little further and bring the question into closer relation with united municipal effort.

That the provincial government should undertake the transmission of power from Niagara Falls the public is now thoroughly convinced. And it may have to do more, it may have to go into the business of generating electricity. It depends altogether on the rates at which the established private companies will sell to the government for transmission purposes. But when it is simply transmission or both transmission and development it would be unsafe for the municipalities to invest themselves of responsibility in the present acute stage of the question.

We all know the public sentiment which the late government made in response to the pressure of the power company interests. We know that this pressure will be renewed on the present government, and the municipalities should uphold the government in resisting it. The municipalities can make it very difficult for the Whitney government to yield to the influence of the power monopoly even if there should be any disposition to yield. The government should be urged by a resolution or otherwise to hasten the investigation into conditions at Niagara Falls, and pending the report of the provincial power commission to secure options on power from one of the existing companies. It may be that the government-to-day could make a very good bargain with one of the three private companies established at Niagara Falls for the purchase of power for distributing purposes. It may be that a few weeks hence will find the community of interest of the three power companies much closer than it is now, and in fact prohibitive of any bargain that would enable the government to distribute power at low prices.

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MAP SHOWING THE CHANGES OF TERRITORY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE WAR.



Besides owning Siberia and Sakhalin Island, Russia was dominant in Manchuria, controlling the railroad, Port Arthur and the Liaoting peninsula, and she was rapidly extending her influence over Korea. By the eighteen months' war, and by the peace of Portsmouth, Russia is driven from Manchuria and surrenders to Japan one-half

of Sakhalin Island, the railroad south of Harbin, her lease over Port Arthur and the Liaoting peninsula, and all her knowledge of Japanese protectorate over Korea.

ELECTRICIAN BADLY BURNED
OTHER ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY

John Mitchell Short Circuits Wires at Exhibition—Drunken Longshoreman Causes Accident.

Perched on the top of a tall pole on the exhibition grounds in front of the administration building yesterday, John Mitchell, a young electrician, short circuited a wire, burning his arm very badly and causing him to lose consciousness. Melvin Sanders, who was working with him, heard his cry, crawled over beside him and kicked his foot loose from the pole. In addition to the injury to his arm, Sanders was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where the tips of two fingers were amputated. He lives at 141 West Richmond-street.

Handling his misfortune on a drunk and assistant, Percy Sanders is at the same hospital with a badly bruised head and a crushed leg. He was helped down the York-street bridge. He was perched on top of some boxes, when suddenly he fell forward between the two men. They were frightened and ran away, dragging him behind them, underneath the wagon. At the end of the line they stopped. Cory escaped with an injured foot. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where his foot was dressed. He lives at 139 Farley-avenue.

While slating the roof of the House of Industry yesterday, Charles Pullman slipped and fell about 40 feet. He received a very bad shaking up, and was removed to the Emergency Hospital.

\$5.50 Ottawa and Return.
Round trip tickets to be issued by Canadian Pacific, Toronto to Ottawa, at rate of \$7.55, good going Sept. 8 to 16, and at rate of \$5.00 on Sept. 14 and 15. All tickets good to return up to and including Sept. 18. For tickets and full information apply City Ticket Office, 1 King-street east. Phone Main 148 and 149.

Friends' Endeavor Union.
Richmond, Ind., Aug. 31.—The annual statistical report of the Friends' Endeavor Union, made public today, shows 43 societies with 9,745 members. Large contributions were made to missionary work.

**FROM ARM TO MOUTH
BOY GETS A NEW LIP**
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 31.—With an entire new lower lip to replace one bitten off by a horse, and grafted from his arm to his face, Frank Cronin, aged fifteen years, is today outdoors after a successful operation in the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Cronin had had one arm bound to his face for three weeks and has been under treatment for months. A large flap was dissected from the right upper arm. This flap was about twelve centimetres in length. Its under surface and the surface of the arm from resolution or otherwise to hasten the investigation into conditions at Niagara Falls, and pending the report of the provincial power commission to secure options on power from one of the existing companies. It may be that the government-to-day could make a very good bargain with one of the three private companies established at Niagara Falls for the purchase of power for distributing purposes. It may be that a few weeks hence will find the community of interest of the three power companies much closer than it is now, and in fact prohibitive of any bargain that would enable the government to distribute power at low prices.

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MUNICIPALITIES UNION
ASK REPEAL OF COMMEE ACT

No Change Will Be Asked in Act Governing County Councils—Officers and Executive Elected.

"Let good enough alone" was the keynote of a afternoon meeting of the Ontario Municipal Association, as voiced in a resolution passed, by which the legislature will be asked to make no change in the County Council Act as it stands at present.

In the discussion along this line it was proposed that the twelve candidates to the county councils within the province be placed before the township electorates as a body, instead of each section of the county electing certain members of the council from the district in which the township or subdivision is located. In this it was pointed out that all portions of the county would elect the councillors equally and that it would to a certain extent do away with the party favoritism that are at present in vogue.

Prior to their adjournment the association passed a resolution lamenting the death of the late City Solicitor T. P. Caswell. When the resolution was being read before the association its president, Controller Hubbard, made a very laudatory speech on the good qualities, the great assistance and energy that Mr. Caswell had shown in furthering the work of the association during his lifetime.

At the morning session the association dealt with the Commes Act, and to a member were opposed to it. The following resolution was passed: "That the Commes Act be repealed, and that the municipalities be given the power to purchase or expropriate on equitable terms any light or water plant."

Mayor Urquhart and Ald. Jones were heard and gave voice to their views on the subject. City Solicitor McIntyre of Kingston wished to supplement words in the resolution by which protection would be given to private capital in event of the act being repealed. To this Controller Hubbard strongly objected, and Mr. McIntyre's proposal was lost.

A resolution of thanks was tendered the Ontario government for the interest taken in the question of water power for the development and transmission of electric energy. The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

**DOG SAVES A GIRL
ON RAILROAD TRACK**
Ladoga, Ind., Aug. 31.—Lying on a railroad track in an unconscious condition with no one near her but a faithful dog that was making an effort to call assistance, Miss Maud Heltzer, living near here, was picked up just a few moments before a heavy freight train dashed over the spot where the girl had been found by her uncle.

Miss Heltzer, who is 15 years old, accompanied by her shepherd dog, was walking on the railroad track when she discovered what appeared to be a metal tube. She began pounding it with a rock, there was an explosion and the girl was thrown heavily to the track. The tube contained a torpedo.

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Central Bureau To Be Formed by Chief Constables.

One of the features to be submitted to the Chief Constables' Association, which will convene in the city hall on Tuesday, will be the formation of a central bureau for the identification of criminals. It is something which Chief Constable of Montreal, Colonel Sherwood of the Dominion police and Chief Constable of Toronto, Colonel Sherwood have had in their minds for some years, and it seems as if it would reach a satisfactory conclusion next week. The three chiefs mentioned will meet on Monday to prepare a program. There will be an all day session. Lunch will be served at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club at noon, and the chiefs will return early and resume their work. Among the other subjects for discussion will be the use of the telephone as a police agent instead of telegraph, which is used at present.

When the meeting first opens badges will be given out entitling the wearers to admittance to the Industrial Exhibition, Shea's Theatre, the Star Theatre and transportation on the Toronto Ferry Company and the Toronto Street Railway, through the kind permission of those institutions.

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Rev. Dr. Chambers Returns.
Rev. Dr. Chambers, pastor of Parkland-street Methodist Church, has returned from his vacation, spent at his summer cottage on the Georgian Bay near Port Severn. Both he and his family had an enjoyable time. Dr. Chambers will occupy his pulpit on Sunday morning.