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The Reception to Mr. Hyman

The large number of people that streamed through the rooms of the Liberal Club last evening to greet the Hon. C. S. Hyman gave our member a pleasant relief from the cares and burdens of office. It showed him that his friends are not decreasing. Here were the old soldiers of the party, who have been fighting its battles for years; and the young men, who cast their first vote last October; all equally enthusiastic in greeting their leader. It seemed almost like a nomination meeting of the party, going into a campaign with an assurance of victory.

Evidently the Liberals of London still hold their old banner-bearer in all the love and esteem in which they have held him in the years that are past. There was no lack of enthusiasm; evidently no lack of confidence. Whenever he needs the help of his friends in London, it is safe to predict, he will have it in full measure. Whether it be soon or late, if we are to judge from last night's gathering, the Liberals of London are ready to answer to the call. And while it was gratifying to Mr. Hyman personally, it must have been no less gratifying to him as a cabinet minister. With all the outcry that has been raised by the Conservatives, with all their appeals to sectarian prejudices; despite their prophecy that "never again shall a French-Canadian Catholic be placed at the head of the Government," there was evidence in the enthusiastic gathering of London Liberals that there is no lack of confidence in the Administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Liberals of London have evidently not been influenced by Conservative tactics. It is too late for the party that tried to coerce Manitoba by the remedial bill to pose as the champions of provincial rights and the guardians of the liberties of the people of the Northwest. Appeals to religious prejudices may carry the unthinking; they will sometimes influence intelligent people who have a strong sectarian bias; but common sense prevails in the end.

We join heartily with the Liberals who last night greeted Mr. Hyman in the cordial welcome they extended to him in his brief Easter holiday. And as he returns to the labor he has so zealously undertaken during the unfortunate illness of his colleague, Mr. Sutherland, he takes with him to Ottawa the best wishes for his health and happiness of all his old friends, and of many new friends as well.

The Voters' Lists.

The King's printer in the Government Printing Bureau at Ottawa complains that in consequence of the crowded condition of his office he was compelled to give out 48 of the 200 odd Dominion voters' lists to be printed in offices in various parts of the country. As only a reasonable trade profit was paid to the owners of the printing offices for doing this work, we do not see that either the public or the King's printer have any right to complain. Indeed, it is worthy of consideration whether it would not be better to have the printing of the voters' lists done in the locality to which they apply, provided there are printing offices with equipment to do the work efficiently and expeditiously. The experience is that lists of names can be more correctly printed in the district where their owners reside than in a printing office far removed. There may be such a thing as unnecessary concentration.

Oil Excitement in the Northwest.

Much interest has been developed recently consequent upon the determined effort now being made to get at the petroleum deposits believed to extensively exist over a wide region north and west of Edmonton, in the Territory of Alberta, Canadian Northwest. It is believed that now, once for all, a test will be made such as will prove the undoubted richness of the Canadian Northwest in oil production.

For some ten years, there have been tests, in a small way, along the Athabasca River, from Athabasca Landing, some 125 miles down. These tests have been under the control of officers of the geological survey of Canada, who have also operated at Victoria, on the Saskatchewan, some distance from Edmonton. The object was to reach and penetrate the basal sandstone of the crustaceous formation. It was expected that the dip of the tar sands, which were found to outcrop some 100 miles further up the river, might be reached at a depth of from 1,200 to 1,500 feet, but after boring some 1,770 feet at Athabasca Landing these tar sands were not found, the bore was abandoned, and another trial was made 30 miles down the Athabasca, at the mouth of the Pelican River. The tar sands were met with there at a depth of 750 feet. Maltha, or heavy tar petroleum, was found saturating the sands and shales in a manner similar to that found in the same lower crustaceous formation, where they outcrop

naturally further down the Athabasca. At 820 feet, an exceedingly heavy flow of natural gas, under great pressure, was struck. The flow of gas was so strong that it sent portions of the boring apparatus skyhigh. "Why, sir, a cannon ball could not have been dropped down that pipe," said the engineer in charge, "and so great was the roar of the gas then, and even now, after several years have elapsed, it could be heard for miles around." Many thousands of nodules of iron pyrites, about the size of a walnut, were blown out of the hole with incredible velocity, and both the survey officers and their assistants were afraid to go near the highly dangerous "blow."

By and by, someone set the well on fire, and terrified the natives for many miles around by the huge glare that towered heavenward, day and night. The Indians came from far and near to gaze on the strange spectacle of a fire suspended apparently between earth and heaven, but they kept a good distance, freely expressing apprehension that some great and evil spirit was producing this unusual and fearful phenomena. The heat from the burning gas is so great that in winter, for many yards around, the snow is melted.

"There is gas enough being wasted at this point on the Athabasca River," said Dr. Bell, head of the geological survey, the other day, "to light and heat a great city, if it were under control. And no doubt there is much more gas at many points in the Northwest not yet discovered." Indeed, natural gas, in paying quantities, appears to exist over a wide area of that section. It is now extensively used at Medicine Hat, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, about 250 miles to the south of Edmonton, and almost 400 miles from the great gas well here described. The gas has a distinct petroleum odor, but unlike the gas found in the east, it is free from sulphur, and does not inflame the eyes.

But it is not natural gas that the average explorer and borer is after. It is the petroleum deposits that are so often found where these gas outbursts, tar sands, and limestone permeated with tar, prevail. And though both on the Athabasca and at Victoria, on the Saskatchewan, a low quality of petroleum was found in large quantities, none of the liquid quality was discovered. Still it is believed that at a considerably greater depth the real thing will be got at.

This is the view entertained by an expert who recently arrived on the scene from the Pacific Coast. He is known to be an enterprising American, and he has had experience in drilling for oil in Southern California, in Mexico, and latterly in the Sandwich Islands. The new oil field is at Big Egg Lake, about 30 miles to the northwest of Edmonton, N. W. T., and in the vicinity of the western stretch of the Grand Trunk Transcontinental Railway, the building of which will be proceeded with during the ensuing summer. This prospective oil field was first discovered by a pioneer farmer while plowing. Tarry or pitchy matter was found to be oozing out of the soil at various points, and on several small excavations being made, veins or layers of hardened, pitchy sand were found. The sand at a lower depth was saturated with tar. About three-quarters of a mile distant from the field in which these discoveries were made was found a rather remarkable spring and mire hole. The outflow is not copious, but is accompanied by the emission of sulphuretted hydrogen. Another spring of the same kind, and slightly saline, occurs about half-way between this spring and the place where the tarry development appears.

Because of these most favorable symptoms, a strong local company has been formed to "get at the bottom" of these supposed oil riches at Egg Lake, and during the ensuing summer the most modern boring appliances will be set to work to reach the liquid oil deposits, if they exist, as is generally believed.

What has been demonstrated, so far, is the regularity and the great extent of the probable oil-bearing beds—occurring as they do over a territory hundreds of miles in extent—and the occurrence of natural gas in great volume over a large portion of the Canadian Northwest.

If Mr. Gurney manages to get his party friends to blot out the resolution of the Ontario Legislature regarding his career, that will not exonerate him. He will have to obliterate in some way the facts of his flight to Buffalo, his extraordinary manipulations of the bank slips, the tell-tale torn leaves of the ledger, and a dozen and one other damning points which came out in the sworn testimony, and that militate against his creditability, if he wishes to get the record made favorable to him. But they will still, like the blood stains on Lady Macbeth's hands, remain in evidence against him.

In Ottawa they are putting in force a bylaw to prevent dogs running at large unless accompanied by their owners. Hereabouts a much more necessary regulation would be the effective putting to sleep of dogs during the night. If a human being were to get on a back fence and howl at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, he would very soon be arrested and severely punished, but the average dog can disturb the slumbers of an entire neighborhood with impunity.

The biographer of Lord Dufferin, in a book just published, claims that he was Canada's greatest Governor. Lord Dufferin is certainly entitled to first place as the most noted orator among all our Governors-General, but Lord Elgin was the greatest governor. He stood by Canada and the common people when a weak governor would have deserted their cause. He made the rough places smooth for his successors, and rendered

it impossible to withhold the right of responsible government. His services to Canada cannot be overestimated.

Discovered.

[Chicago Chronicle.]
 I try to warm my chilly fingers
 As I tune my lyre to sing
 But old Winter fondly lingers
 In the lap of gentle Spring.

When I begin my joyful singing
 I can warble but a woe, woe,
 And my notes that should be ringing
 Leave my lips and then they freeze.

The song I sing is but a shiver,
 And my fingers, cold and numb,
 Will not make music to the quiver
 And the instrument is dumb.

I try to roll a ballad tender,
 But I do the task but ill,
 For my fingers, long and slender,
 Stiffen to the frigid chill.

I try to warm my chilly fingers
 As I tune my lyre to sing
 But old Winter fondly lingers
 In the lap of gentle Spring.

An Explanation in Order.

[Hamilton Herald, Ind.]
 It is to be hoped that Mr. Whitney will be forced to offer explanation of the dismissals which have been made by his Government. Until he justifies them on the principle which he has himself laid down, he cannot reasonably complain if people refuse to honor his public claims to fairness and righteousness in behalf of himself and his colleagues.

One of Woman's Ways.

[Cincinnati, Kansas, Globe.]
 When the women see the heroine in the hero's arms on the stage; when they read in the last chapter of a book that the heroine arms herself with a dagger, how they applaud! But when they see the man next door kiss his wife good-bye before starting for work how they laugh and wonder, "How long will it last?"

How to Roll an Umbrella.

[Clothing and Furnisher.]
 How many men know how to roll an umbrella so that it will look as neat and compact as when it is closed in the store? Not many of those who meet here the secret.

Nearly everyone who rolls an umbrella takes hold of it by the handle, and keeps twisting the stick with one hand and the ribs with the other. The proper way is to take hold of the umbrella just above the points of the cover ribs; these points naturally are even around the stick.

Keep hold of these, pressing them closely against the stick and then roll up the cover. Holding the ribs prevents them from getting either twisted or out of place or bent out of shape. Then the stick will roll evenly and roll smooth and as close as the first time folded.

The World's Tryst.

[Puck.]
 We faint would walk abroad with spring,
 Impatient to begin it,
 Like other fair ones sweet, she calls,
 "I'm ready in a minute!"

We fret and fuss, and watch the clock,
 The minutes larger looming;
 Spring dons a robe of rain and green,
 A dash of lusty perfuming.

But when at last she comes to us,
 So fair do we behold her;
 So radiant and beautiful,
 We have no heart to scold her.

Throat Like Raw Beef

"Last spring I caught a severe cold," writes George V. Smart, of Gibson P. O. "Every cold I caught, and every one that became perfectly raw. When almost in desperation I was advised to try Nervine. I rubbed it on and used it as a gargle. It immediately relieved me. For breaking up colds it is the great remedy of today." Used more largely now than ever, and fifty years in use, Surely Nervine must be good.

According to calculation every man of the German expeditionary force in Southwest Africa costs the government 28 marks per day, which equals about \$2,500 per annum. A German statistician says that the entire cost of the Boer war for England worked out 14 shillings per man per day.

Yellow People—Bilious

Did you ever see a "yellow" person who enjoyed being "yellow"? If their liver and kidneys were doing their duty, the skin would not be pale and sallow. If they took Hutch Tablets, their kidneys and liver would do their duty, and the complexion is "off" full color. Hutch's "Yellow" is out of order. It may be the stomach. A great share of women are annoyed by indigestion, and assist themselves in the most disagreeable manner, at ways at the most inopportune time. Men are often troubled with kidney diseases. Bilious living will disorder kidneys quicker than anything else. Nothing but a powerful reconstitutor like Hutch's "Yellow" can get the lax tissues. Doctors especially value the kidneys persistently. The stomach is the cause of kidney trouble. It is the combination of the stomach and the kidneys generated, attacks the kidneys and heart. Keep your stomach sweet and clean, and kidney trouble would be an unheard-of thing.

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THE BRITISH BYE-ELECTIONS

Ministerial Majority Converted to a Liberal Majority of Nine.

London, April 24.—The British ministerial organs do not hesitate to admit the seriousness of the showing made against the Conservative ministry by the election of a Liberal to succeed a Unionist at Brighton. But in fact that election derives its chief significance from the fact that it comes at the end of a long series of similar events, of which the lesson is uniform.

It seems that since the general elections of 1900 there have been 57 bye-elections in Great Britain. Of the 57 seats contested, only 11 were held by the Liberals as the result of the general elections, the other 46 being held by ministerialists. A majority of 25 Conservatives in the elections held during the session of the present parliament, 23 of these seats are occupied by the Opposition, and only 24 by the Conservatives. In other words, a ministerial majority of 25 has been converted into a Liberal majority of 9.

These figures cannot be at all agreeable to Mr. Balfour. They must show him that the Liberal opinion is by no means favorably impressed by his coquetry with the "fiscal reform" of Mr. Chamberlain. To Mr. Chamberlain himself they must be less agreeable, and more admonitory. The member for West Birmingham is by no means alone in the belief that the British taxpayer would find proposals which promised to relieve him of some of his burden of direct taxation. But the British taxpayer has evidently concluded that the price demanded is too high to pay for the advantage promised. We may expect to witness a gradual but perceptible cooling of Mr. Chamberlain's zeal for his "imperial" ideas.

THE GREYS AT TORONTO

His Excellency Optimistic as to the Future of the Dominion.

Toronto, April 24.—Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess Grey, with their staff, arrived here tonight to make their first official visit to Toronto.

The vice-regal party were met at the station by Lieut.-Gov. Clark, Premier Whitney and several members of the Ontario Government, officers of the garrison and a guard of honor, provided by the Queen's Own Rifles.

After a short delay Lord Grey drove to the Toronto Club, where he was the guest at a banquet, and the ladies of the party went to the King Edward Hotel, where the royal suite had been reserved for the vice-regal visit.

At the banquet Lord Grey spoke briefly in reply to the toast to himself, he referred to the celebration of the Dominion, and the superiority of the variety of its products, and prophesied that Canada would wrest the prize from its neighbors to the south.

His excellency, after referring to the variety and superiority of the products of the Dominion, drew attention to the potentiality of the markets across the Pacific, and Canada, community, and asked Canadians to reflect that the door to these markets and the ways of the world were kept open by the mother country and its fleet. "Yet Canada does not contribute a single ship of dollar to this imperial service." He pointed out that it was not the policy of a governor to interfere, but there were some subjects on which he would insist, and he would refer to the crash of war and creed conflict would never be heard in Canada.

FOLK AND THE BARS

May Use the Militia to Keep Them Closed On the Sabbath.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—The opening violation of the Sunday closing law in St. Louis county, outside of the city, was so flagrant yesterday that Governor Folk is expected to send the militia into the county next Sunday to enforce the statute, especially if the county officials plead inability to do so.

The lid remained on tight in the city of St. Louis Sunday, but St. Louis county officials made no pretense of putting it on. Nearly every saloon from the western city limits to Clay-wood was open all day, and did a tremendous business, great crowds, three and four men deep, standing in front of long bars all day.

In East St. Louis similar conditions prevailed, 40,000 persons crossing the Adams bridge today to quench their thirst.

THE SCOUT EXPLOSION

Coroner's Jury Unable to Tell Cause of the Disaster.

Kingston, Ont., April 25.—The coroner's inquest into the cause of the gas buoy explosion here, which caused four deaths, was concluded last night. A verdict rendered that the evidence does not definitely show the cause of the explosion. The verdict says: "The buoy strongly of the opinion that the buoy should be thoroughly tested each year, and subjected to a sufficient amount of gas, and should be filled at some place where the safety of the general public would be least imperiled."

There was considerable expert evidence submitted, one company setting its claims against another as to the safest modes of filling buoys with gas. The experts were: Dr. W. L. Goodwin, Kingston; J. R. Arnold, Toronto; Thomas Wilson, Ottawa.

Arnold held that the frost in the metal of the buoy added to the catastrophe. The crew who testified and nothing new to declare.

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Specially conducted excursions are being arranged via the Grand Trunk Railway system, in charge of experienced tour agents. All expenses included. To leave Toronto early in July and August. Rate is not expected to be over \$25.00 per person. Do not join any other party before consulting E. M. Bowler, 201 Beverley street, Toronto.

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