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THE NAVAL QUESTION.

Prof. McCurdy, of Toronto University, writes an open letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier protesting against the Canadian navy project. "The most promising democracy the ages have evolved," he says, "will be diverted from pursuits of peace." Canada, he adds, does not need navies to protect her sea coasts or lake shores; the motive of the demand for a Canadian navy is not Canada's own needs, but the possibility of a foreign war, in which it is remotely possible England may be engaged. The fact that some of the wars waged by England within our own recollection have been of doubtful justification, makes it incumbent on us in every case to consider well the motives and grounds of England's wars before pledging ourselves to take part in them.

Many Canadians will sympathize with these arguments, but they are deficient in one respect: they rule out the contingency of war. Canada is a part of the British Empire, and the British Empire may some day be attacked. This is the situation Canadians have to meet.

Mr. Monk, the Conservative leader in Quebec, alleges another reason against the Canadian navy proposal. He says it owes its birth to the new movement for a centralizing federation of all British territory. He professes to think it is subversive of self-government. On the other hand, the advocates of a money contribution to Great Britain suggest that a Canadian navy will have a decentralizing tendency, dangerous to British connection. Some of them speak as though it were a calculated step in that direction. Neither of these contradictory arguments has any serious bearing upon the main question.

Every lover of humanity deprecates the mad competition in armaments which is crippling every great nation in Europe, but the part Canada as a member of the British Empire is being called upon to play may not be so financially and morally disastrous as some Canadians fear. There is no authority for the assertion that this country is pledged to an expenditure of \$22,000,000, a figure which is being waved before the faces of the farmers of Canada. Even if the Canadian naval service prescribed by the Imperial Defence Conference eventually costs this amount, the expenditure will be spread over a number of years. The action of the British daughter nations may help to convince Germany that it is useless to build a navy against the combined resources of the British Empire. If she nurses the ambition of rivaling British sea power. At all events, by the time the Canadian naval service is fully organized the prospects of a limitation of armaments by international agreement, or of an understanding between Great Britain and Germany, may be much brighter than today. If Canada, Australia and New Zealand will have helped to promote the improvement, their money will have been well spent.

There is no likelihood that this country is committing itself to an indefinite growth of expenditure for naval purposes. Such expenditure will be always regulated by the Canadian people themselves. The projected Canadian squadron will be small in comparison with the fleets of Brazil, Argentina, Chili and Holland, countries which are less wealthy than Canada. If the Dominion were not a part of the empire she would in all probability build a fleet of her own. Even if she regarded her shores as inviolate she would protect them to save herself from the reproach of relying upon a friendly interpretation of the Monroe doctrine at Washington.

WHAT MR. LLOYD-GEORGE PROPOSES TO DO.
People have been reading so much about the British budget controversy that some may have overlooked or forgotten the nature of the budget itself. Mr. Lloyd-George proposes to meet a deficiency of \$75,000,000 in the following manner:

First, he largely extends the system of graduation in the income tax. For the future the rate on earned incomes above \$10,000, and on all unearned income (money derived from investments), is to be raised from 5 to 6 cents on the dollar; while in the case of incomes above \$25,000 there will be a super-tax of 2½ cents on the dollar on such portion of the income as exceeds \$15,000.

Second, Mr. Lloyd-George establishes a scale of license duties which, for the first time, will make the liquor trade

pay in proportion to the real value of the monopoly granted to it by the state.

Third, he raises the death duties. In future an estate of over \$25,000, will pay 4 per cent; of over \$50,000, 5 per cent; of over \$100,000, 6 per cent, and so on, till estates of over \$5,000,000 pay 15 per cent.

Fourth, he imposes an extra 94 cents per gallon on spirits and an extra 16 cents per pound on unmanufactured tobacco.

Fifth, he increases the settlement, legacy and succession duties.

Sixth, he hopes to raise over \$3,000,000 by adding to the stamp duties on transfer or sale of property, on bonds to bearer and on transactions in shares.

Seventh, he taxes motor cars at rates varying from \$10 50 on a car under 6-horsepower to \$300 on cars above 60-horsepower, and imposes a duty of 6 cents a gallon on petrol. The proceeds of these two taxes, however, are to be devoted, under national authority, to repairing, extending and improving the road system of the country.

Eighth, he reduces by \$15,000,000 a year the fixed sum set apart for meeting the interest on the national debt.

Ninth, he claps a tax of 20 per cent on the increase in the site value of land, to be paid whenever the land is sold or let on lease for more than fourteen years, and whenever it changes hands by death. Land used for agriculture is exempted; also small houses and land, which the public may use gratis for pleasure purposes. This is the famous unearned increment tax, which has incurred the special wrath of the dukes.

Tenth, there is a duty of a fifth of a cent on the dollar on the value of undeveloped land—i. e., land which is not put to its most profitable use. It will fall chiefly on vacant lots and on sporting preserves.

Eleventh, there is a reversion duty akin to increment duty, of 10 per cent on the increased value of land according to an owner on the expiration of a lease.

Twelfth, a tax on minerals is to be levied at the rate of a shilling on the pound on the "rental value" of rights to work minerals. In Great Britain mines are generally owned by one man and worked by another, who pays for his privilege according to the value of the output. The tax will fall on the owner who contributes nothing to the output of the mine.

The alternative the Opposition has to propose is "tariff reform." It is a plan which would place the heaviest burdens not on the strongest, but on the weakest shoulders; that would tax not the luxuries, but the necessities of life; that would mulct the people in a far larger sum than would ever reach the treasury, and that would single out for taxation bread, meat, butter, instead of land.

LOBO LEFT OUT.

The Township of Lobo is in West Middlesex for the Local Legislature, and in North Middlesex for the Commons.

Consequently the Township of Lobo did not have a vote Wednesday in the election for the Commons, and will not have a vote in the election for North Middlesex for the Local Legislature in December.

This is one effect of the Ontario germynder of 1908. Do the electors of North Middlesex consider it a square deal?

Two Bourassa candidates were badly defeated in Quebec yesterday. The province has the best Government it ever had, and knows it.

The Governor-General dispensed with the usual outriders and Sir Wilfrid wore a frock at the opening of Parliament. The British constitution is a tough old fabric, and will survive the shock.

There is no indication that the President of the United States will bring down the big tariff stick on Canada's head. Although we don't fear it, it may be good manners not to tell him so too often and too loudly.

Mr. Winston Churchill is being snubbed by London clubland for his speeches on the budget. This snubbery is shortsighted. The blue-bloods ought to be proud of him at a time when the old aristocracy is contributing so little brains to public life.

In Great Britain the amount upon which income tax is levied—i. e., all incomes over \$800 a year—has increased in ten years from 762 million pounds to 980 million pounds. The country is growing amazingly in wealth, yet the canker of poverty is preying on its vitals. This is a problem that British statesmen are facing at last.

A Plainfield, N. J., citizen was ordered by the police to haul down a flag he had raised in honor of King Edward's birthday. Both the police and the Britisher were wrong. The flaunting of a foreign flag in any country, is to say the least, not good manners. Our neighbors to the south are rather addicted to the habit. Canadians should tolerate it, but not imitate it.

WHAT THE WOMEN LEARNED.

[Toronto Globe.]
The women who were threatened with a search on a steamer between Sandusky and Windsor and made to pay duty on their purchases, have gained a world of wisdom on the problem: "Who pays the duty?" In future they will be more alert to learn in advance who collects the duty.

A GROWING FIGURE.

[Springfield Republican.]
Mr. Lloyd-George, judged by his record in the Boer war, is not a mere demagogue, for no public man in Great Britain equalled him in bravado or popularity by criticising the policy of conquest of South Africa. He faced hostile mobs, had his

meetings broken up, and dared to be called by his opponents "the traitor of Crewe" of that character cannot be disposed of as a popularity hunter and scribe opportunist. Whether his convictions are based on pure reason or on sympathies and emotions, they are still convictions, and Mr. Lloyd-George is one who would follow them regardless of the temporary gusts or even the baffling whirlwinds of popular passion.

SURE OF HIMSELF.

[Catholic Standard and Times.]
"I'll give you a position as clerk to start with," said the merchant, "and pay you what you are worth. Is that satisfactory?"
"Oh, perfectly!" replied the college graduate. "But—do you think the firm can stand it?"

HE OUGHT TO DO.

[Bobcaygeon Independent.]
It is reported that the Earl of Crewe is likely to be next governor-general of Canada. He is said to be a good sport, and is married to the youngest daughter of the Earl of Rosebery. Qualifications look all right.

BETWEEN FRIENDS.

[Illustrated Bits.]
Miss Homeleigh—Perhaps you won't believe it, but a strange man tried to kiss me once.
Miss Cutting—Really? Well, he'd been a strange man if he'd tried to kiss you twice.

DUBIOUS POLITENESS.

[Exchange.]
Figs—Allow me the pleasure of returning the favor I borrowed of you last month.
Fogs—Thanks; the pleasure is mine.

HONORED IN THE BREACH.

[London Opinion.]
Lady (who has been shown over one of the ships, to sailor who has been her guide)—What a pity gratuities are forbidden on your ship.
Sailor—So was apples, mum, in the Garden of Eden.

"JUST LIKE A MAN."

[Puck.]
She—I don't see why you should hesitate to marry on \$3,000 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that.
He—But, my dear, we must have something to eat.
She (petulantly)—Isn't that just like a man! Always thinking of his stomach.

THE BUSINESS SPIRIT.

[Hesper's Magazine.]
"The business spirit enters into almost every product of human ingenuity in our middle west," says a Chicago man. "Perhaps the oddest example of this I've ever encountered is a monument in a Springfield cemetery, erected by a stonemason in memory of his wife. Inscribed on this handsome product of the mason's art are these words: 'Martha Hume, wife of Henry Hume, stonemason. This monument was erected by her husband as a mark of respect, and also as a specimen of his workmanship. Monuments in the same style, \$100.'"

FOUND AT LAST.

[Philadelphia Inquirer.]
"Why did you never marry, Tom?" inquired the young benedict of the old bachelor.
"Well, you see," replied the single one, "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found an ideal woman. I waited and waited, but after many years I found her."
"Lucky beggar! And then—?"
"She was looking for the ideal man," replied the bachelor, sadly.

ONE FOR THE PUPIL.

[Boston Transcript.]
Teacher (to dull pupil in mathematics)—You should be ashamed of yourself. Why, at your age George Washington was a surveyor.
Pupil—Yes, sir, and at your age he was President of the United States.

AMBITION.

[Walt Mason.]
When I hear a noble singer reeling off entrancing notes, then I bend in admiration, and his music never ceases. And I find a high and noble ambition in him, and I put my voice in training, and I prance around and yell. Oh, I dish up trills and warbles, and I think, through-out the day, that I'll be famous. I have a month has rolled away. Then the neighbors come and see me, and they give me stern rebuffs, saying I am worse than forty yellow cats upon the roof. When I see a splendid painting it appeals to brain and heart, and I blow myself for brushes and decide to follow Art. With a can of yellow ochre and a jug of turpentine, I produce some masterpieces that would make old Rubens piny, and I talk about perspectives and the whiteness of the whence, till a neighbor comes and asks me what I'll take to paint his fence. When I hear a noble singer reeling off entrancing notes, then I bend in admiration, and his music never ceases. And I find a high and noble ambition in him, and I put my voice in training, and I prance around and yell. Oh, I dish up trills and warbles, and I think, through-out the day, that I'll be famous. I have a month has rolled away. Then the neighbors come and see me, and they give me stern rebuffs, saying I am worse than forty yellow cats upon the roof. When I see a splendid painting it appeals to brain and heart, and I blow myself for brushes and decide to follow Art. With a can of yellow ochre and a jug of turpentine, I produce some masterpieces that would make old Rubens piny, and I talk about perspectives and the whiteness of the whence, till a neighbor comes and asks me what I'll take to paint his fence. When I hear a noble singer reeling off entrancing notes, then I bend in admiration, and his music never ceases. And I find a high and noble ambition in him, and I put my voice in training, and I prance around and yell. Oh, I dish up trills and warbles, and I think, through-out the day, that I'll be famous. I have a month has rolled away. Then the neighbors come and see me, and they give me stern rebuffs, saying I am worse than forty yellow cats upon the roof. When I see a splendid painting it appeals to brain and heart, and I blow myself for brushes and decide to follow Art. With a can of yellow ochre and a jug of turpentine, I produce some masterpieces that would make old Rubens piny, and I talk about perspectives and the whiteness of the whence, till a neighbor comes and asks me what I'll take to paint his fence.

A SCREAMING FARCE.

[Windsor Record.]
Two-thirds of the total acreage of the Kingdom is in the hands of 10,911 persons. Investigation further finds out that out of the 4,000,000 acres in other parts of the Kingdom no less than 15,300,000, or almost a third, is held by 525 persons. Adding 5,000,000 acres for non-cultivated areas the possessions of these 525 noblemen reach the enormous total of 20,000,000 acres—an average of 38,000 acres each. But the amount widely differs, and, strangely enough, in strict accordance with the various gradations in the peerage. Thus dukes average 142,000 acres each, marquesses 47,500 each, earls 30,000 each, viscounts 15,000 each, and barons 11,000 each.

Bearing in mind these figures, what a screaming farce it is that these five or six hundred titled landowners should have a power of veto over legislation, and should even claim a right to sit in judgment on the death duties and land taxation!

THE GENEROUS SOUL.

[Catholic Times.]
"Sir," began the caller, "I come to you in the interest of the city's poor children. I thought you might like to contribute to our fresh-air fund for them, sir, say, a few pounds."

"Of course," said Mr. X, the wealthy suburbanite, "you may take as much as you like from my place, but how in the world are you going to carry it?"

A PARTY SHIP RUDDERLESS.

[Hamilton Spectator, Con.]
With Monk, of Quebec, talking like a leader and contrary to the announced policy of the acknowledged leader of the Conservative party, and men more or less prominent in other parts of the country making a noise like opposition to recognized authority in the party ranks, it is more and more plainly evident that there is need for a national party convention, to let the rank and file express itself, and set the leaders, real and would-be, right on several important points of policy.

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THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOORE

POEM IS ACCURATE.

Professor Thomas, of Chicago University, has been disputing the accuracy of the version of Sir John Moore's death and burial given in Wolfe's famous poem. A writer, supposed to be Professor Moulton, thus replies in the Chicago Record-Herald:

The somewhat pedantic criticism made by Professor Thomas, of the University of Chicago, on "The Burial of Sir John Moore," is a masterpiece of the kind of criticism which is not only uninteresting but also unkind. The poem is a masterpiece of the kind of criticism which is not only uninteresting but also unkind. The poem is a masterpiece of the kind of criticism which is not only uninteresting but also unkind.



QUALIFICATION FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. David Porter is in the City—Will Address Boys of Collegiate.

Mr. David Porter, a graduate of Bowdoin College, and a Rhodes scholar, is at present in the city, partly on Y. M. C. A. work, and partly in the interests of the Rhodes scholarship trust. During the past few months Mr. Porter has spoken to over 200,000 Collegiate boys on the qualifications that are necessary for the Rhodes scholarship, and the conditions that govern it. It was Mr. Porter's intention to speak to the boys of the Collegiate. Strange to say, though Mr. McCutcheon was quite willing, the school board definitely refused to let Mr. Porter speak. As they did not give any reason, it is rather difficult to understand their attitude in a matter which is so distinctly educational, and which might be of such great importance to the pupils.

London Life

POLICIES

Seriously if you should die to-day, how long could your family live on what you have provided for their future? An Endowment Policy at life rate issued by the London Life would protect them now, and make provision for your mature years.



"THE CASH GIRL."

"The Cash Girl," was the attraction at the Grand last evening, and attracted a fair-sized audience, some of whom enjoyed the show. It is a vaudeville show, with a bunch of girls attached. Some of it was good, much of it was passable, and some of it was very good. The costumes and scenery were very good.

Some musical numbers of a high order were introduced, including "Love Only Dreams," "Tale of an Old Rag Doll," and others.

A quartette was introduced who sang fairly well, and danced real cleverly.

Miss May Ward was announced as the Dresden doll comedienne, but somebody must be cheating with the monicker. She was not funny for a

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