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MR. MITCHELL'S POSITION

Hon. C. R. Mitchell is a member of the government but he is not a member of the provincial legislature. That is not an unprecedented condition of affairs.

Premier Sifton was premier of the province for some weeks before he was elected as a member of the legislature. J. I. Tarte was defeated in 1896, but was a minister of the crown and was without a seat for some time.

Of course the public would not tolerate any continued occupation of a place in the cabinet without a seat in the legislature. But Mr. Mitchell has had no sufficient opportunity to secure a seat in the legislature.

CANADIAN EXPENDITURE

The people of Canada are paying more for the administration of their affairs than any other in the world. The average expenditure in Canada is \$26.00 per head.

But it must be remembered that this is merely the expenditure of the Dominion government. To this must be added the large expenditures of the different provinces and the counties and smaller municipal organizations.

To say that the people of Canada are spending more in administration than any other country is not necessarily to say that we are spending too much. If the money is wisely expended, little objection can be made even if the amount is high.

MARS IN CREASED TROUSERS

Dr. Karl Liebknecht is at present a European celebrity, but had the memory of the public not been so unparadoxically short he would have enjoyed European fame long ago.

trappings of pomp and show. It may be said that ever since Herr Liebknecht has been the champion enemy of the Prussian regime and all that it connotes—militarism, autocracy, and all the "isms" and "cracies" that are barriers to progress and odious to the world.

His recent revelations as to the machinations of the militarists and armament-mongers have opened the eyes of many who have been blinded heretofore by the familiar cant of the Imperialist. He not only deserves well of his country, but deserves well of the world; for it is he who has raised the curtain and revealed to his fellowmen that the god of war is now a plutocratic man of business—in a glossy silk hat and faultlessly creased trousers, with vested interests, as Israel Zangwill said some time ago.

A PARTIZAN SPEAKER

In Canada a speaker of the commons or any of the legislatures is a spoke in the party machinery. He does the will of the government in power quite as much as if he was a part of that government.

This fact has been shown very frequently at the present session of the commons. But that is not all. To all unprejudiced persons the rulings of the speaker have appeared to be very partial. But that was a matter of opinion.

In a recent issue The Orange Sentinel, that bulwark of Protestant Conservatism, published this notice:

The following letter has been received by the secretary of Diamond L.O.B.L., No. 1474, from Ottawa:

"Allow me, through this, to acknowledge receipt of the resolutions passed by Diamond L.O.B.L., No. 1474, on 10th March, 1913, endorsing Right Hon. R. L. Borden's Naval Policy, etc., and expressing sympathy with the Unionists of Ireland in their heroic struggle. On behalf of Right Hon. Mr. Borden and myself I thank your lodge sincerely for these expressions of their approval and words of encouragement.

"Yours fraternally, (Sgd.) T. S. SPROULE."

The T. S. Sproule, signing that letter, is the speaker of the house of commons.

CANADIAN NORTHERN FINANCE

There is every indication that the opposition in the Dominion house of commons will offer as strenuous objection to the passing of the suggested subsidy of many millions of Mackenzie and Mann, as it did to the Borden naval policy. If that is the case the opposition will save the country, for no government could afford to make use of the closure to put through a deal which is as bad as this promises to be.

No intimation has been made officially of the details of the assistance to the C.N.R. Word comes by way of The London Times, that the railway is to get \$25,000,000 in subsidies and loans. It is reported that \$15,000,000 will be an out and out cash subsidy.

The Winnipeg Free Press estimates that the Canadian Northern has received \$20,514,240 in land grants; \$10,150,278 in cash grants, and \$17,173,255 in guarantees by the provinces and the Dominion.

The Toronto Globe, in referring to the Canadian Northern finance, concludes as follows:

The government should insist on getting the equivalent in bonds or stock for the money to be advanced above the customary subsidies to all railways, and if Mr. Borden fails to do so the opposition should hold up proceedings until some such arrangement is made. Even if the people were to come into possession of a majority interest in the common stocks with but remote prospects of securing a dividend the stock could still be used to control the policy of the road and make competition a reality. An unconditional gift of loan of twenty-five or thirty millions to the C.N.R. will be regarded as a gross betrayal of the public interest.

Editorial Notes

The senate has an idea that the government in the Highways' bill is endeavoring to provide a paved way for Conservative candidates to walk into parliament without any effort or expense at all.

The Macleod Advertiser rather likes the idea of women representatives upon the school boards, but it comes to a sudden stop at the Calgary idea of enabling the fair sex to take possession of the municipal administration.

Three Calgary aldermen, properly grubstaked and otherwise accoutred are leaving the city this morning in automobiles prospecting for coal mines. They will not return until they come packing a good mine under the back seat of the auto.

The Edmonton Capital complains that Calgary with twice the mileage of the Edmonton line and 50 per cent more cars is paying but \$7,000 a month in interest on the street railway investment, while Edmonton is paying \$18,000 a month, and intimates that some of the difference is due to good management in Calgary but most of it to very bad management in Edmonton.

Now that the naval bill is before the Dominion senate, it will be up to some senator to recall from personal knowledge emergencies in the days of Drake and Nelson. Those were real emergencies as older members of the senate doubtless will recall.

The Albertan rather expected that Premier Borden would take advantage of this holiday season, to announce that after all that had been said, that he really intended to fulfill the promise which he made to the people of the west and hand over the provincial possessions to the provinces. But again we are mistaken.

Canada will not proceed with the parcel post this year. But it must come. No government can prevent it. In the meantime it is being extended and improved across the line. We shall learn by the experience of our neighbors.

Vest Pocket Essays

THE CIRCUS

The circus struggled along for several centuries in a mad form, but when T. Barnum took hold of it and plastered it over the billboards of the country, it became great.

There are two kinds of circuses, Oriental and occidental. The latter is the wildest wonder, and demagogically death-defying daredevilry gathered into one unprecedented and unimaginable galaxy under the greatest canvas in ancient or modern history.

The other kind of circus is chiefly awe-inspiring for the ease with which it lifts from the earth a circus carrying a thousand people and 500 carriages of fiesc and fragrant beasts will slip into a town at 6 a.m., and by breakfast time will have set up ten acres of tents and will have its calliope fired up.

Circuses consist of menageries, the big show and the side show. The menagerie is carried for the purpose of providing an excuse for parents to bring their children and thus come themselves. The side show is a method of working over the tailings, and getting such lines as the big show has overlooked.

In the big show men perform feats of agility which make a politician scrambling from party to party, look clumsy, and women ride galloping horses, balancing on one toe. Loop-the-loop men jump half way down the jaws of death and then back out, and elephants and seal orchestras play Wagner. No one has ever seen all that has happened in a circus except one man, and he died the next day from an overheated bearing in his neck.

Circuses travel from town to town and collect each day three hogheads full of dollars. There are a large number of circuses and each one is the greatest one on earth. What is a little thing like a dozen superlatives to a business which makes activity do one night stands, and which makes a fool of the attraction of gravitation a hundred times in one afternoon?

The Poet Philosopher

THE TRAMP.

He's idle, overcast, and everyone's ready to throw him a doornail or give him a buff; he's always in tatters, but little it matters; he's evermore happy, so what is the diff? He carries no sorrow, no care for tomorrow, his roof is the heaven, his couch is the soil; no sighing or weeping break on his sleeping, no bell in the morning shall call him to toil. As free as the breeze he goes where he pleases, no ride over-seer to boss him around, his boys do not wither, he goes yon and hither, till dead in a haystack or ditch he is found. The joys of such freedom—no sane man can need 'em! Far better to toil for the kids and the wife, till muscles are aching and collarbone breaking, than selfishly follow the vagabond life. One laborer toiling is worth the whole boiling of idlers and tramps of what-ever degree, and though we all know it we don't find a post embalming the fact as embalmed it should be. The poets will chortle about the blithe mortal who wanders the highways and sleeps in the hay, but who sings the toller, the sweet spangled muller, who sales ten kids on a dollar a day?

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Pugh

DRESS FORMS.

The dress form is an inanimate object which makes it easy for a woman to tell whether a new gown is going to fit in more than one place or not without jabbing a living model full of pin holes.

Before the dress form was discovered a woman never knew whether her dress fitted in the back or sagged in front until she got to a meeting of the Priscilla sewing circle, when she was informed of it immediately after the reading of the minutes. Women who preferred to make their own clothes rather than wait until Thanksgiving day for a spring suit had to borrow one of the neighbors for a half day, and then circle around her with a mouthful of pins and a critical squint.

There are two kinds of dress forms, wire and pneumatic. The wire form has no arms or legs, but is sound in all other respects. One nice thing about the wire dress form is that it is not liable to shift to the other foot and throw out both arms in an elastic yawn just as the fitter has staked out some buttonholes. It does not complain, either, if it is stabbed in the back with a safety pin, and it never lets down on the sofa in a fetching negligence and expresses an unbiased opinion as to the quality of the material used or the exactness of the skirt.

The pneumatic dress form is a better device which can be blown up to correspond with any waist measure and left in a distended condition while the owner decides where she will tack on a few pleats. It is dangerous, however, to use pneumatic dress forms, as if it is liable to explode on being punctured and scatter hooks and eyes all over the premises.

Dress forms are not employed by dressmakers who prefer to use the customer for a target. As a perfect fitting requires the customer to stand in an erect and immovable attitude for three hours without a gas, it is no wonder that the dress form is supplanting this form of cataplectic treatment.

HIGH RATE OF MORTALITY AMONG BABES OF WINNIPEG

On One Ward the Rate is Nearly 282.3 per 1,000, not Quite Worst in World

Winnipeg, May 28.—The relation of the church to public health was the subject of the discussion of the final meeting of the Ministerial Association, which was held in the clubroom of Grace church this morning, when Rev. J. S. Woodworth, superintendent of All People's Mission, and Chief Food Inspector T. B. Stung gave important addresses.

Rev. J. S. Woodworth referred to the high rate of infant mortality in Winnipeg, ranging from 282.3 per 1,000 births in ward 5 to 111.8 per 1,000 in ward 6. Ward 5 (the north end) thus comes next in point of health badness to Chill, which is the worst in the world, whilst ward 1 was nearly as good as New Zealand, which was the

best in the world. Mr. Woodworth said that he did not believe they had any right to say in the burial service over some of these children "Inasmuch as the Lord in His wise providence hath removed the soul of the departed," when in many cases the death was preventable. He held that these deaths were due to the ignorance of mothers, in the matter of proper feeding, etc., to the difficulties of getting good milk in some parts of the city, especially in ward 5, where the speaker said he himself lived. Another cause was the bad housing conditions.

Rev. C. C. Owen in Serious Condition

Vancouver, May 28.—Rev. C. C. Owen, pastor of Christ church, formerly of London, Ont., who sustained a serious fracture of the skull when he fell from a rig while returning from a funeral on Saturday is still in a semi-conscious condition. There has been no change since he was brought to the hospital on Saturday.

Foot Is Amputated

Arnold Landre, the ten-year-old boy who was the victim of an explosion of a giant firecracker Saturday afternoon, had his foot amputated at the general hospital yesterday.

"She Is Prematurely Grey" Is This Said About You?

IT IS UNNECESSARY TO BECOME GREY.

Anyone who is grey before the age of fifty is prematurely so. HAY'S HAIR HEALTH will restore the grey hairs to their natural color and do it so quickly so naturally that no one will know that you are using HAY'S HAIR HEALTH. When you see a man or woman with faded hair, unstruck by grey or faded hair, you may be sure it is in good condition—kept so by HAY'S HAIR HEALTH. Grey and faded hair makes you look at least 10 years older. Get rid of it right away. Don't waste time on other worthless

restorers and revivers. Get the only genuine and really satisfactory one. HAY'S HAIR HEALTH, long and favorably known as the very best preparation of its kind; use NOW, it prevents grey hair; use when you HAVE grey hair, puts back the old-time vigor and color. FREE: Sign this advertisement and take to any of the following druggists and get a 5c size bottle of HAY'S HAIR HEALTH and one cake of HAREFINA SOAP FREE, for 50c; or \$1.00 size bottle of HAY'S HAIR HEALTH and two cakes of HAREFINA SOAP FREE, for \$1.00; or James Findlay Drug Co.; McCutcheon & McGill; McDermid Drug Co. Ltd.; McFarlane & White.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Lace Insertions in Bargain Flurry 10c to 20c Values at 5c

We won't go into lengthy details regarding the whys and wherefores of the big reductions in the face of the great demand there is bound to be for them. We have a good legitimate reason behind it all, for this lot is composed principally of broken lines. And we don't mind telling you though that this is the lowest price dainty lace insertions have sold for in six months.

Generous buying will show wisdom on the part of all those who attend, and early today.

Hundreds of yards of dainty lace insertions, consisting of broken sets, French Valenciennes, German Valenciennes, real Maltese, Torchon, etc., from 1-2 to 4 inches wide and in an almost endless variety of patterns and designs; 5c regular 10c to 20c yard. Today

Hair Brushes: A little quantity of odd lines priced for quick clearance. Hair Brushes of ebony and rosewood and with good bristles; regular \$1.35 and \$1.50. Today 95c

Hair Nets: Now to lay in a supply to match your particular shade of hair. Our popular "Hairlyke" Nets, the regular kinds that sell at 10c each. Today, 4 for 25c

At 95c, House Dresses to Fly in a Bargain Breeze

REGULAR \$1.50 AND \$1.75 VALUES

If generous value, splendid quality and careful workmanship count for anything with Calgary housewives, these pretty house dresses won't go a-begging—not at today's little price. This is unquestionably one of the best bargains this section of "The Bay" has offered in months. A little lot picked up at a price by our buyer while in the East. We'll share the benefit with 120 thrifty buyers this morning.

LADIES' PRETTY HOUSE DRESSES—Nicely made of fine percale, in neat stripe effects in pale blue, navy and grey piped with plain colors of red, navy and blue. Made with low neck and short sleeves, and in sizes from 34 to 44. Regular \$1.50 to \$1.75. Today 95c

A Bargain Duet In Summer Underwear

Careful selection in buying and a careful study of the values of the best houses in both Canadian and American markets brings here the finest quality and most carefully made undergarments and the best values obtainable. And Calgary ladies are finding these facts out every day. Here are two extra specials for today's selling: LADIES' VESTS—An even hundred on the sales tables at this price. Summer weight vests with fancy tops; no sleeves; neatly made and well finished. Sizes 34 to 42. Today 25c COMBINATIONS—Ladies' Combinations in nice summer weight and delicately trimmed with fancy tops and drawers neatly trimmed with lace. Sizes 34 to 42. Today 60c

