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WHERE A BIG AX IS NEEDED.



"THE COUNTRY" (to hired man Mulock): Yes, that's certainly quite a notch, but that's a bigger ax needed here, William, and it's certainly got to be applied to the roots.

LESSON FROM B.C.

British Columbia is on the eve of a revelation of political corruption of a disgraceful character. The one bright side to the situation is the evident anxiety of both government and opposition to bring out the truth and punish the culprits.

The attitude of the British Columbia Ministry in this crisis should shame the Ross government, if it is capable of shame.

When the charges of corruption were made the government of British Columbia did not turn savagely on the man who made them. It did not prompt its press to vilify the accuser and demand that judgment be suspended in the case of the accused.

The British Columbia government did not haggle over the methods that should be employed to unearth scandal.

A special committee of the House was proposed, and that tribunal was accepted without the slightest show of hostility. The special committee will enquire into the charges unhampered by legal technicalities that exclude important testimony and without assigning to the judiciary a duty which is purely political and which should be executed by a political power.

But the point which is brought forcibly to the attention of Ontario is not the superiority of a special committee of the House to a Royal Commission. It is the fact that the accused parties did not attempt to force upon the accuser the terms upon which they should be tried. The government press of Ontario is fond of saying that if the Ross government had proposed a special committee of the House the opposition would have demanded a Royal Commission. Evidently the Ross government was not anxious to give the opposition a chance to refuse a special committee. The proposal of a special committee commanded unanimous approval in British Columbia, and a special committee would have been appointed as readily in Ontario if the government had been as anxious as the opposition to get at the truth.

In British Columbia the government has acted on the principle that no form of investigation can make guilt of innocence. This display of fearlessness may be the act of a guilty ministry, but it is commendable nevertheless.

If the government fails it will go down fighting with approved weapons. If it is exonerated it will have the satisfaction of knowing that it survived the most rigid form of investigation that its enemies could propose.

The tone of the whole proceeding in British Columbia was measurably superior to the tone of the recent battle in the Ontario legislature. Both parties apparently were determined that the crisis should be faced with courage and dignity. The result was unanimous acquiescence in a scheme of enquiry that binds both the accuser and accused to complete concurrence in the verdict.

In many ways the Royal Commission investigating the Stratton charges has satisfied the people. It has shown itself far superior to the average Royal Commission. The respectable part of the Stratton investigation is that the Royal Commission was chosen by the accused in the face of the hostility of the accuser. There was not shown in its appointment that fine public spirit that led the government of British Columbia to choose a tribunal that the accusing party approved.

DANGER IN CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Globe has such a profound respect for its esteemed friend sub judice that it enunciated the sanctity of the Liberal campaign fund while the Royal Commission was considering the advisability of admitting evidence concerning the existence of such a fund. It was fearful that the probing depths might tap the party's campaign funds, and reveal embarrassing truths. Their Lordships have decided that it is not necessary to go into the details of the campaign monies to serve the purpose of enquiry. That decision is undoubtedly in accord with the rules of evidence by which the Commission is bound, but the public will be slow to believe that a possible source of corruption should not be the subject of scrutiny in examining the Gamsy charges.

The Globe speaks of the campaign fund as "the necessary and entirely legitimate expense of a campaign." If the campaign fund, which the prosecution proposed to examine, is as innocent as the Globe tries to make out, why should it not be investigated. No harm could be done to the party if the fund were found to be "necessary and entirely legitimate expense money." If, on the other hand, the fund should be found to exceed the requisites of necessary and legitimate expenses, the ground for suspicion is established.

The public would certainly refuse to accept the Globe's word that the

campaign fund was legitimate expense money. It would be as reasonable to accept the Globe's sweeping denial of wrongdoing when the charges were first formulated or to concur in the organ's suspicion that R. R. Gamsy is a vulgar scoundrel.

There is not the slightest doubt that there is a connection not absurdly remote between the character of the Liberal campaign fund and the Gamsy charges. The connection was not sufficiently direct to bring it within the limits of a legal enquiry, but that fact does not argue the uselessness of investigation in the public interest.

The defence claimed that it would be as fair to examine into the Conservative campaign fund. It would be certainly as fair if abuse of the Conservative campaign fund had been suggested. The Conservative party had not, however, corruption. When such charges are formulated and when reasonable suspicion is raised, the World will be as eager to demand investigation of the Conservative campaign fund as it is now to urge the necessity of enquiring into the campaign fund that was at the disposal of the Ross government. And even if the Conservative party was not made defendant in a charge of corruption, S. H. Blake, K.C., acted wisely in offering to expose the Conservative campaign fund to the same kind of scrutiny that he demanded in the case of the Liberal campaign fund.

It is regrettable that this proposition did not appeal to the Commission. The question should not, however, be dropped with the decision which excludes evidence as to campaign funds from the scope of the Royal Commission. The anxiety to conceal the particulars of party campaign funds is not reassuring. To the public it looks very much as if these monies were not the contribution of party enthusiasts for the purely legitimate expenses of the campaign. The legislature should follow that suspicion and find whether it is warranted or not. Neither party should be spared. Campaign funds are exercising a sinister influence in Canada politics, and the labors of the Royal Commission should be supplemented with a further examination into this possible source of corruption.

LET THE KILTIES ORGANIZE.

Hamilton will have good cause for resentment if it refuses the right to organize a Highland regiment because the Militia Department objects to the examination into this possible source of corruption.

If Sir Frederick Borden is so widely opposed to "show" in the Canadian militia he would do well to begin the reformation in a more vital detail than the regimental clothes. The kilt is the Canadian militia's defence to time-honored traditions that a regiment must look well and drill well in order to establish its claim to efficiency. Pipe clay is exalted over brains and marksmanship is subordinated to the supreme necessity of giving the correct poise to the chin and the proper set to the shoulders.

The Minister of Militia has done a good deal to improve the militia, but he has yet to weed out vast quantities of form to bring Canada's fighting force to the full limits of its possibilities.

The Highland dress is adapted to the requirements of active service. As a matter of fact nearly every standard regimental uniform was discarded when the troops were called to South Africa. The Highland uniform was not as a matter of fact discarded by the Highland regiments that took the field, and it is not on record that the effectiveness of these corps was diminished.

A Highland regiment in Hamilton will attract scores of young men who could not be tempted into an ordinary regiment. Hamilton should therefore be allowed to test the enthusiasm of its young men for a kilted corps. What they wear is an unimportant detail compared with the efficiency they achieve in the use of the rifle.

Some day, no doubt, simplicity of army dress will be more popular than the kilt in that direction. There is no reason why the Highland regiment should be hastened in this respect. There is, as

MILITIA IN-ORDINARY.

The Master directed yesterday that Esther Wertheimer furnish security for costs in her claim against the Hyman estate to the amount of \$200; that Sarah, Abraham and Maurice Hyman and Estelle sue Robert Mont, and Esther Weinberg \$100. Bonds must be given before any more evidence is received, otherwise their claims shall be dismissed.

An order was made yesterday appointing E. R. Clark, liquidator of the Blanche River Pulp Co., a bond of \$10,000 to be furnished as security.

The liquidator of the Dominion Fence Co., which had an office at 37 Toronto-street, asked for an allowance of \$225, having collected \$6000 and, after paying all claims in full, having a balance to turn over to the company. An order was made discharging his bond.

In the winding up proceedings of Holgate's, a judgment for \$1300 against F. H. Holgate by consent. A motion against another shareholder for \$100 was reserved.

TRIAL COURT.

Mr. Justice Britton handed out yesterday judgments in two cases. Anderson & Co. of Barrie sued Robert Montgomery and his wife to have a mortgage given by one Labeanh to the wife made exigible for the satisfaction of an execution against the husband. The lawyers for the parties agreed to a settlement, which the defendant afterwards disavowed, but judgment was given for the plaintiff with costs, as per the terms of the agreement.

Another case was that of the Delhi Canning Co. against Poole and MacKenzie, tried at Simcoe on April 30. The dispute was over a shipment of tomatoes, the defendants counterclaiming for \$270. The learned judge allowed the counter claim, which, together with the sum paid into court, amounted exactly to the plaintiff's claim. Costs were allowed both parties on their claims.

Barnet Cohen, who has conducted a cigar business at 178 West King-street for a number of years, is applying to Judge Ferguson to-day for an order compelling the Police Commissioners of Toronto to renew his license for the present year. He states that they had refused him a license, and have acted beyond their power in so doing. It is argued that the board has only the right to regulate such resorts, and cannot refuse permission to anyone about to engage in business.

KILLED BY HIS SON.

Sharon, Pa., May 5.—Beriah Orr was struck on the head and killed to-day by a stone thrown by his son.

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Ready Mixed Paints

We have secured by special purchase a shipment of Ready Mixed Paints from the American Ivoroid Paint Co., Chicago. The manufacturers guarantee that this Paint is made from pure materials and is most durable. Our price for these paints is 20 per cent. less than it would be if we bought them under ordinary conditions. On sale Thursday morning at eight:

720 Quarts (Wine Measure) Ivoroid Paints; pearl, stone, grey outside and inside white, terra cotta, light olive, turquoise blue, pea green and olive grey colors; per quart Thursday... **35c**

96 only Half-Gallon (Wine Measure) same as above; per half gallon; Thursday... **70c**

The Proper Hat

Why pay more when you are assured every satisfaction and the top notch of style in our Two Dollar Hats. See them on Thursday. Description.

Men's Fine English and American Fur Hats; in the latest blocks for present wear; calf leather; silk trimmings; colors black, brown, slate, gunmetal and pearl... **2.00**

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Specials

Bargain plums for 8 o'clock shoppers Thursday:

Wall Papers

1800 rolls American Glimmer Wall Paper, with match ceilings; prettily floral and Dresden effects; blue, pink and fawn colors; suitable for bedrooms and sitting-rooms; per single roll, half price, Thursday... **5**

Towels 9-Pair

Half Bleached English Cotton Honeycomb Towels; red borders and fringed ends; size 20 x 36; 65 dozen Full Bleached Honeycomb Towels; fringed ends and colored borders; size 20 x 44 inches; Thursday morning... **9**

(No phone or mail orders filled.)

Pillow Cases

450 pairs Pillow Cases; made of full bleached soft finished cotton; two inch plain hem; sizes 42 and 45 x 38 inches; special price... **19**

Gold Brooches

100 Brooches at an extremely low price of 38c each; these goods are nearly all 20-year gold-filled or solid gold, in up-to-date designs; the balance are silver chatelaine brooches in grey finish; your choice of style includes almost as many different shapes as there are brooches; Thursday... **38**

Mantel Clocks

28 people only can share the great advantage of buying a clock at a fraction price Thursday; an Eight-day Mantel Clock, richly enameled in black marbled trimmings and bronze and gilt-finished mountings; about 17 inches wide by 11 inches high; to clear Thursday... **2.87**

Barbers' Shears

50 pairs of Barbers' Shears; full nickel plated and finest steel blades; odd sizes as clear; Thursday per pair... **30**

Piano Box Top Buggy

Piano Box Top Buggy; body steel bound corners; round corner seat and solid panel back; Bailey loop or spring bar, as per cut; wheels Savan patent; second growth hickory, 38 in. by 42 in.; tires your choice of 1/2 inch or 3/4 inch by 15 1/2 inch; axles 15 1/2 inch; painting, dark; trimmings, leather or whipcord; spring in cushion and back; nickel-plated dash rail; forged seat handle; nickel dustproof caps; top, rubber cloth lined, complete with genuine rubber apron, side curtains, hood and boot... **65.00**

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HOUSE ROUTINE.

Dash Fires in Addition Called to Government's Attention.

On the motion to go into supply in the House yesterday Mr. Reid (Addington) called the attention of the House to the losses by bush fires of some of his constituents. One village was completely wiped out, and the residents lost everything they possessed. He thought that the government should make inquiries and see whether the proper precautions were taken to prevent the disaster.

The Premier said he had no doubt that the House would be glad to know that steps would be taken to relieve the distress.

The House then went into committee on Mr. Harcourt's bill respecting the Education Department with Mr. Chalmers in the chair. The only amendment to the bill had reference to the wording.

In Committee of the Whole House Mr. Harcourt's bill respecting the Education Department and his bill to amend the Public Libraries Act were amended.

The bill respecting the taxation of lands in New Ontario passed its second reading.

Bills Read a First Time.

Mr. Dickenson: To amend the law respecting gas and waterworks, to amend the law respecting dowry.

Mr. Powell: Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Mr. Caldwell: Respecting the Town of Bracebridge, and to confirm by-laws 152 and 153; respecting the Town of Port Arthur.

Mr. McCart: Respecting the Stomach Electric Light and Power Co.

Inquiries of the Minister.

Dr. Nesbitt has given notice of an inquiry respecting the appointment of John McMaster as overseer of a road in Nipissing. He will move for a return of the correspondence in reference to the matter.

Mr. Matheson on Thursday will call for a return of awards by the arbitrators between the Dominion and the provinces since the date of the last return, and also a statement of the account between Ontario and the Dominion from Dec. 31, 1892, to Dec. 31, 1902.

Attorney-General Gibson will introduce a bill on Thursday to amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

Education Estimates Passed.

In Committee of Supply the House yesterday passed \$2,241,000 for education. Mr. Harcourt explained the increases in the various departments, and the only discussion of any moment was on the item of \$18,110.48 to provide for the estimated deficit of the University of Toronto. Mr. Whitney observed that the time should come when the deficit would be wiped out.

Mr. Harcourt asked the province what it would do to meet the demands of the institution, and he told of the president of Columbia University appealing for \$10,000,000 for that institution.

"To whom," asked Col. Matheson, and the reply was, "To its constituency."

The Minister of Education was about to enlarge on the necessity of providing for the wants of the university when Mr. Whitney called out, "We're all agreed," and the appropriation was voted. Six o'clock having arrived the House adjourned.

Committee in Session.

The Committee on Standing Bills and Orders had under consideration yesterday morning the bill providing for the increase of powers of the Hamilton Amalgamated Electric Light and Power Company. The bill was in charge of Mr. Carstairs, who explained that the resolutions asking for certain amendments, and it was very important that the bill should be passed. The bill was passed by the House on Thursday.

The committee on the bill providing for the issue of debentures to the Victoria Hospital. Another clause to authorize the issue of \$25,000 debentures for fire halls and new curators was laid over.

The City Solicitor was instructed to re-draft the preamble of the bill.

At a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, George P. Graham was elected chairman.

The Railway Committee and the Private Bills Committee also considered a number of bills.

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that tho in the eye of the church a divorced person may have a husband or wife still living, in the eye of the State the bond is absolutely annulled, and the relation has totally ceased to exist.

Goldwin Smith on Divorce.

Strong Array of Facts Bearing Upon the Mooted Question.

Weekly Sun: There are now 51,323 divorced persons in the United States, not including those who have remarried. There is no doubt a multitude of children with the hereditary predisposition to insanity. The divorce courts go like mills. The spread of this pest threatens the foundations of society as well as of individual character and happiness. But when Sir Wilfrid Laurier is asked to institute a proper divorce court here and this to prevent our people from resorting to the United States courts, and being drawn into the vortex of license, he gives the following answer: "There are very few applications for divorce in Canada; as if people were likely to apply for a divorce in this country, the expense of the process is prohibitive."

Sir Wilfrid's real reason is, of course, his fear of offending the Roman Catholic Church, which, regarding marriage as a sacrament, abhors divorce altogether. The when Napoleon commanded that way was found of divorcing him from Josephine. The Roman Catholic Church has a perfect right to impose whatever rules she thinks fit on her own members, and to enforce them with ecclesiastical penalties. But she has no right to impose her rules upon the State, and the Minister who allows her to do this, and to disgrace the country by so gross an anachronism as the use of a legislative assembly as a divorce court, falls in his manifest duty to the Commonwealth.

The churches have their own views of matrimony as a religious ordinance, and their corresponding rules. The State looks to nothing but social expediency and justice. Social expediency requires that the divorce law should be strict, and that its administration should be such as duly to impress the parties concerned and the community at large with the serious character of the step. But it does not seem that these conditions being fulfilled, social expediency or justice forbids remarriage, especially in the case of the aggrieved party. Remarriage may be desirable for the children, whose interest is not to be left out of account. There has been a burst of ecclesiastical wrath in England at the Vanderbilt-remarriage. Nothing is more probable than conduct repugnant to morality on the part of a member of the Church of England on this subject is not so uniform as it once was. The Anglican bishops seem to suppose. The church divorced Henry VIII from Anne of Cleves and remarried him to Catherine Howard. It divorced Lady Essex from her first husband and remarried her to Somerset, the favorite of James I. The marriage of George IV to Mrs. Fitzherbert was void in law under the Royal Marriage Act; but in a moral or religious point of view no marriage could be more valid. Yet the Church of England, while Mrs. Fitzherbert was still living, remarried George IV to Caroline of Brunswick. Those who take an ecclesiastical view of the question should bear in mind

Fire Record.

Kingston, May 5.—Forest fires in Frontenac have caused a loss of \$100,000.

St. Catharines, May 5.—Riddell & Sons' spacious two-story brick workshop was completely gutted by fire about 4 o'clock this morning. A large amount of valuable machinery and plumbers' tools, pipe and other material, including two tons of Canada plate, was destroyed. Approved estimated loss \$5000. There is scanty insurance, as the building was supposed to be fireproof.

Odesa, May 5.—The house and drive house of E. M. Clark of Brantford was burned this morning. Loss about \$2000; insurance \$700; cause unknown.

Schwab Agent President, New York, May 5.—Charles M. Schwab was re-elected president of the U. S. Steel Corporation to-day.

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