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MR. BORDEN'S TWO CENT FARE.

It is noticed that Mr. W. F. McLean, Conservative member for South York, did not vote with his leader, Mr. Borden, on the latter's motion calling for an investigation and report by the railway commissioners into the possibility of establishing a two cent, per mile passenger rate on Canadian railroads. Mr. McLean evidently realized that the opposition leader's suggestion was merely a scheme which, if accepted, would result in the indefinite postponement of reduced passenger rates. The policy of the Liberal government as applied in the last dozen years has been to make conditions as favorable as possible for the railroads, in order that no objection may be made to the reasonable regulations enforced by the government. Parliament has now all the information necessary along this line and a readjustment of either freight or passenger rates is a matter of policy rather than of statistics. Mr. McLean contends, and with some truth, that wherever passenger rates have been cut down to two cents per mile by parliament or legislature there has been an increase in traffic sufficient to prevent any loss by the railroads. But along with this it must be remembered that these two-cent rates have been put into effect in very thickly populated districts. In England there are five hundred and sixty persons to the square mile, in the State of New York one hundred and twenty-six. In Ontario as it existed before the recent boundary extension there were about ten; in Quebec there were less than five; in New Brunswick twelve; in Nova Scotia twenty-two; in Prince Edward Island forty-seven; Manitoba four; British Columbia one person for every two square miles, and in the new provinces and unorganized territories one person for each ten square miles. Railroad traffic conditions in Canada would thus be very different from what are found in Britain and in the eastern United States. The increase in passenger traffic would probably not be sufficient to repay the railroads for the decrease in receipts created by reduced rates. There would of necessity be a higher schedule for freight. As freight traffic comprises three-quarters of the revenue of the railroads and affects far more people than the passenger rate, it is apparent that in order that the greatest good may be done the greatest number, the efforts of parliament should be towards the lowest possible freight rates. This is the idea of the Liberal government. It is not exactly in line with Mr. McLean's views, and is widely different from the opinion expressed by Mr. Borden. Moreover, the proposal to hold an investigation, at the present time, even if such an investigation would be considered necessary, is without reason. Everyone knows that during the last year owing to the general depression, railroad business has fallen off very considerably as regards both passenger and freight. If an investigation were held now it would be found that the railroad could put up very strong arguments against any reduction. Mr. Borden knows this and he knows that such an investigation would postpone indefinitely whatever action may be in contemplation of the Liberal government. His amendment was consequently rejected. Mr. McLean appreciated the result of Mr. Borden's mistaken suggestion, and promptly opposed the amendment. So far as can be seen the only result has been to increase the feeling of enmity between the leader of the Opposition and the member from South York.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

During the session of parliament which closed on Monday one of the more important matters dealt with in the Commons was the extension of the boundaries of the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. The desire for more land may be natural with the first named, but Ontario and Quebec have already had more territory than they knew exactly what to do with, and in these eastern localities it is somewhat difficult to comprehend just why they have been so anxious for more. The larger part of the old Province of Quebec was little better than a wilderness and practically no attempt was made at administration. In Ontario conditions were not quite so bad, but still there have been large sections of that Province very thinly settled and practically beyond the present lines of civilization. By the action of parliament, Manitoba, which originally comprised 23,000 square miles, has received 100,000 additional, or considerably more than twice what it already possessed. Ontario, which had 200,000 square miles, has been given 148,000 more; while Quebec, the largest of all, has had 465,000 square miles added to its original area of 210,000. Altogether, parliament has distributed among these three provinces no less than 734,000 square miles, or an area equal to more than six and a half times the total of England, Ireland and Scotland.

If some way could be discovered by

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The Quebec Tercentenary.



Army Medical Corps at Levis.

which the 49th parallel might be continued to the Atlantic as the boundary, and New Brunswick given what is now Northern Maine, Canada would make up for a serious mistake of the past.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

"SHE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO A HUSBAND."

In this city of seventy-five thousand there are about four thousand seven hundred and twenty-one of her. She did not know how to use him when he courted her. If she had not been so much in love she would have used him better, but being very deeply in love with herself and not the least bit in love with any one else she used him badly. There was not a day until she was married that she would not have thrown him over for any one else who had more money and brighter prospects. He could have laid up some money out of his salary if courting her had not been so expensive. She was afraid of losing her—afterwards he wished he had—she spent more of his salary than he could afford on her and had hard work to save enough money for the marriage and the bridal trip. He could have saved more, if the engagement ring had not been so expensive. He had bought her two rings to choose from, one within, the other away outside his salary. Of course, she had chosen the most expensive one—and that was the beginning of sorrow. His salary had increased each year and he expected to become partner in the large manufacturing firm, but his expenses had increased in exact ratio with his salary. He had yielded to her fearful exactions to board, not to keep house and to board in a more expensive place than he could afford.

After the honeymoon had waned she was sorry she had married and foolishly told him so, and then he was sorry he had married her—and he never got over his sorrow. After that he kept control of his money, and she was left with the bill of the field, "she told not, neither did she spin," nor sew on buttons. She never helped him earn a dollar or save one. She never cheered him as he worked. She never smiled and laughed, or greeted him with cheery talk, but she whined and found fault and after a few years began to nag and nag until at last the drip, drip of the dripping drops of water wore out his nerves and he was only way he could get any peace and keep from nagging back was to make his beautiful home simply a sleeping place. He lived mostly at his club when not in his place of business. He almost satisfied her demands for a extravagant living. He gave her diamonds and pearls and automobiles, and when he gave her his love she had known how to use a husband. But shrewd and cunning in most things she was very silly in her treatment of her husband. She could have won him over again and he would have fallen in love with her, but as she knew nothing of any other love than selfish self-love she never tried and so she lost him.

They had never had any children to his sorrow and her joy.

He had often pictured his home coming as childrenless men who are fond of children do—and if he could have heard the laughter of children in his home and seen a child running to the gate to meet him he would have gone home with a light step and a happy heart, but now as he neared his home his feet would get more leaden and his heart would sink at the thought of no greeting unless it was a fault finding one.

That woman is a type of many women in our cities, towns, villages and out in the country who do not know how to use a husband. The number of men who do not know how to "use a wife" are much larger, for women, as a rule, are better than most men, but a man cannot make as large a purgatory as a woman can. He is out of the house the most of the time and the woman is in it the most of the time.

The wife who does not dress for her husband, who thinks any old wrapper is good enough for him does not know how to use a husband.

The wife who brings all the petty trials of the home and spreads them out before him as he comes from his business, troubles which are as "sunlight to her moonlight" ones does not know how to use a husband.

The wife who finds fault with her husband, even in his best ways, and fore others does not know how to use a husband.

The wife who tells, even to her own family, her husband's faults, ought never to have had a husband, for she does not know how to use one.

Phaddus

WOMAN AND LOVER ON TRIAL FOR TREASON

Accused of Trying to Secure for France Secret of Germany's Smokeless Powder.

KIEL, July 24.—Frau Peteresen and her lover, a German non-commissioned officer, were examined today before a court-martial here on a charge of treason. The utmost secrecy is preserved, as in all such cases, but it is believed that the authorities suspect Peteresen of having attempted to obtain for the French government a knowledge of the constituents of German smokeless powder. Fr. Peteresen was born in Hamburg, where her parents kept a small inn, but has the appearance of a Parisian. She is 44 years of age, but looks much younger. She was employed as a governess, when suspicion was aroused by the liberal supplies of money which she received. Fr. Peteresen declares her innocence and denies that she went regularly to France to receive \$125 a month for espionage. It is known, however, that she had meetings with French agents.

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GIRL SEES GHOST OF AGED SLAIN SUITOR

DOVER, Del., July 24.—Elizabeth Walls, the 12-year-old girl whose aged suitor, William Williams, was found dead, hanging to a tree last week, declares she has seen Williams' ghost several times since the funeral last Thursday. Samuel Walls, the girl's father, also told of Williams' spirit walking around the Walls farm in West Dover hundred, which belonged to Williams. He said if his old landlord continues to haunt the place he will move. While the Maryland authorities have accepted the suicide theory and there would be further work on Williams' mysterious death, Dr. J. R. Smith, of Templeville, and members of the Williams family, insist he was murdered and still hope to find a clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

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PARIS, July 24.—So far as the Paris theatres are concerned the "Merry Widow" hat of huge dimensions is doomed. From today it may no longer be worn in the stalls or dress circle of any Paris theatre, nor any other hat that shuts out a view of the stage from those in the rows behind. The Theatre Commission, under the presidency of M. Leprieux, prefect of police, met, and in consequence of numerous scenes in various Paris theatres during the past season, owing to women wearing large hats and refusing to remove them, decided that the wearing of hats of excessive dimensions should be prohibited in theatres under penalty of a fine. The presiding judge in the Humbert-Math case, which attracted a large number of fashionably dressed women to court, attempted to solve the hat difficulty the other day by dividing the court into two parts—one on one side men, the other women. The masculine portion of the audience made no objection, but the protests from women, because only those in the first row could see anything were so energetic that the judge had to abandon the insane idea. Two men, who went to one of the boulevard theatres recently and were prevented by the mammoth hats of two women in front from seeing the play, adopted a novel form of protest. They went out, and returned accompanied by a couple of men with the enormous broad-brimmed sombrero hats worn by market porters. The newcomers took the two seats, keeping their hats on. A tremendous uproar ensued, and peace was only restored by the arrival of the police commissary.

JUST GOT IT OUT.
"Why in the name of goodness," exclaimed a man to his acquaintance, "do you keep taking out your watch? Go to catch a train!"
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KELLY.—On July 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Kelly, Somerset street, a daughter.
LINGLEY.—At the home of W. A. Cunningham, Central street, Sumner, on July 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Lingley, of St. John West, a son.
CROSS.—In this city, July 24th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cross, a daughter.

DEATHS

FITZGERALD.—In this city, W. E. on the 23rd inst., Richard Thomas Fitzgerald, son of James and the late Mary A. Fitzgerald, aged 14 years and 7 months.
Funeral from 47 Duke street Saturday morning at 8.30 a. m., to the Church of the Assumption. Requiem mass please copy.

MORRISON.—In this city on the 23rd inst., Margaret, widow of Patrick Morrison, aged 72 years.
Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. from the residence of her son-in-law, James Barry, 121 Waterloo street.
STOCKES.—At her residence, 29 St. Patrick St., on 22nd inst., Sarah Jane, widow of Wm. Stockes, aged 67 years.
Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p. m. Trinity church. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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BERLIN, July 24.—The special correspondent of the Berliner Tagblatt at Teheran telegraphs under yesterday's date: "The Russian colonel of Cossacks, Liakhoff, whom the Shah appointed as military governor when he placed Persia in a state of siege, has issued a proclamation prohibiting the use of firearms under a penalty of severe punishment. It is rumored that the Cossack brigade will shortly be strengthened to 25,000 men."

"Taxes and sugar taxes are intended to provide the necessary revenue, and for their levy Russia has given her assent. In conjunction with England, Russia entered an energetic protest against similar taxes when they were recently proposed by Parliament for general financial objects."

"The Shah has now removed his chief antagonist, Prince Zill-es-Sultan, from the governorship of the province of Shiraz, and named Asaf-es-Saltaneh as his successor. The new Cabinet is not yet named. As the parliamentary elections will not take place for three months, it is believed that the Shah will employ the time in effecting new treaties with Russia."

"During the prevailing crisis unlimited money flows into the Shah's hands. The chief of telegraphs has given him about \$300,000, while the Shah, without applying to the minister of finance, appropriated about \$15,000 from the custom house."

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