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## MR. CRERAR'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. Crerar ought to have had sufficient experience of parliamentary procedure by this time to know that no more than one amendment can be submitted in a debate on the Budget; but he appears to think that because there are now three parties in the House, this particular practice should be changed to meet the conditions created by the presence of the third party, which is not in sympathy with either of the other two. It is readily understandable of course how the practice of limiting amendments to the Budget to one arose; a limit is necessary otherwise the debate might drag on to an interminable length, particularly in view of the fact that in a debate on the Budget there is no question to which speakers can be kept down to.

The Speaker, it appears, is to give his ruling as to whether a second amendment is permissible under the existing circumstances, today. In view of the fact that the policy of the Progressive party is along different lines from those of both the other parties, it is conceivable that an amendment which might be proposed to any question by either of the latter might not meet the views of the Progressives, and it may seem like denying the latter party fair play to prohibit them putting forward an amendment of their own. For this reason, there may be those who feel that Mr. Crerar's amendment should be allowed to come before the House.

Mr. Crerar's chief objection to the Budget proposals appears to be that they are too protectionist in character to his mind. While we are prepared to agree with him that trade in the Maritime Provinces is not in as flourishing a condition as most of us would like to see it, at the same time we cannot admit that the cause of the present decline is due to a protective tariff. Free trade would not help these provinces very much, if any; in fact it would more likely than not do incalculable harm in that it would probably result in the closing down of what industries we have, with the consequence that a considerable section of the inhabitants would be thrown out of work and would probably be compelled to leave the province to find work elsewhere. Mr. Crerar must find some other panacea for the present slackness than free trade.

## THE MUSQUASH PLANT.

The Globe issues a timely note of warning as to what may be liable to happen at any time to the Musquash hydro plant, and of the consequences which would ensue to all those who depend upon that plant as the source of their light and power. In view of the fact that ill-conditioned minds cannot possibly throw it in the teeth of the Globe that it is "merely the mouth-piece of the N. B. Power Company," perhaps these civic hydro enthusiasts will pay some attention to what it says.

Mr. Herbert Phillips and those associated with him in the enterprise naturally make light of the collapse, and attempt to show that it is of little consequence and readily repaired. Nevertheless the fact remains that for the time being that portion of the plant is out of commission, and will be for some weeks until proper repairs can be made. It may be said that the intake on the West side is all right, but may not an accident happen to that part as readily as to any other part of the plant?

Engineer Ross gave it as his deliberate opinion that a steam stand-by would be necessary to make the Musquash development a sufficiently reliable source of light and power for the citizens of St. John to depend upon and his opinion seems to be well founded. If the city is going to depend upon the Musquash development alone, without any steam stand-by, then it is taking a considerable risk of being left in the lurch some day when it is least expected.

## THE FOSTER GOVERNMENT.

It is being claimed by the friends of the Foster administration that it should be supported for the reason that it has been successful, progressive and business-like. To some extent this claim is true. It has been successful in breaking about every pre-election pledge its members made. It is progressive in that under it the public expenditure and the public debt have progressed by leaps and bounds, till they have now reached to heights utterly undreamed of ten years ago. It is business-like in that it takes good care that its revenues are distributed in its various channels.

al return may be expected, it does not embark on unprofitable ventures which will bring it no support.

It has a wholesome objection to anything that savors in any way of doubtful morality. When one of its supporters, and a member of the Legislature at that, was accused of defrauding the province out of its proper amount of stumpage, and a commissioner who was appointed to investigate found the charge sustained, so shocked was the Government at the idea of having the matter brought up in the House that in the interests of public morality, the offending member was allowed to absent himself for two sessions, and thus the publication of the whole sordid story was avoided. Incidentally it transpired that the member had defrauded the province out of \$4000, but rather than shock the public conscience, the Government let this trifling payment pass unnoted and uncollected. Electors who approve of this sort of thing will naturally support the Government.

## WHERE AMERICA FITS.

The Reparations Commission having approved of the reply of Germany to the ultimatum presented to her, and with the commission's concession to Germany of a year's moratorium, the question of an international loan to that country becomes important. It means American participation on a large scale, if it is to be a financial success. Germany needs a billion dollars in gold and America must lend the larger part of it because there is more capital for investment in that country than anywhere else. Mr. Morgan is sitting with the international bankers in Paris because of that fact. And the fact that he is there signifies that American money willingness that American money should be loaned to Germany on a great scale, with adequate guarantees, if private investors can be persuaded to buy the German bonds.

In the simplest terms, Americans are now to be asked to furnish Germany with money which in part is to be paid to France. Germany will pay the interest on the sum that the Americans may furnish. That is not the whole of the scheme, but one of the main essentials of it. If Germany should show real progress toward stability in her finances, and peace in Europe should become more firmly established, confidence in German Government securities would probably increase.

The willingness of the United States Government to have American capital invested in German Government bonds is significant because Government protection for that investment will tacitly be assumed by all concerned. The United States Government now protects American capital invested abroad, whether in Mexico or China. It must also protect American capital invested in Germany. Hence the political significance of the loan. The more money the American people invest in German securities the more of a stake they will have in that country. There is said to be opposition to America concerning herself in European affairs, especially European politics, yet diplomacy follows the cash of its nationals to the ends of the earth.

## "WHAT MR. PHILIPS SAID."

"After it had been opened for some little time some person, up to yesterday afternoon unknown, had entered the gate house and evidently under the impression they were closing the gate opened it to full width."

How does Mr. Phillips know what happened? He wasn't there; he didn't know who entered the gate house or what they did there; how does he discover that they were "evidently under the impression they were closing the gate"? The "evil disposed person" may have deliberately opened it full width. This, like most of Mr. Phillips' other statements regarding the Musquash development is merely conjecture. "One man's guess is as good as another's" is his motto.

As a consequence of accepting a news statement contained in The Daily Telegraph as correct, we yesterday did the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King an injustice. The Telegraph on Saturday morning announced that the Canadian Premier had been appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and we regarded this as a breach of the present understanding that Canadians are not supposed to accept titles of honor. It now turns out that the Telegraph was in error and that Mr. Mackenzie King was not offered a knighthood, and therefore could not accept one, and our apologies are due to him for crediting him with not having faith with the understanding that order of the matter.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

## Chatterers Against Britain

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
The chief speaker at the Progressive party dinner Saturday night was Mr. J. T. Shaw, member of Parliament for Calgary West. The only notable thing about Mr. Shaw's remarks was his evident antagonism toward our association with the Empire in things that create liabilities. Western radicals who came to Ontario with notions against British connection usually find cold and unresponsive audiences. Anti-Empire ideas may be listened to and accepted by Western audiences that contain many American settlers, people of Continental origin, and Reds. But there are not many Canadian audiences who will listen to chatterers against Britain.

## Vacations

(London Advertiser.)  
A man was heard to boast that he had been on the same job for 15 years without any vacation. There is something wrong with a man like that.

Why should anyone take pride in attaining a record for stupidity. If a man has no other interest in life, aside from his job, then he is so narrow gauge that he isn't much value on the job.

When a man treats his job as an endurance test and is proud of a long, no-vacation period, the chances are that it is the only thing he can be proud of.

Moreover, he may be trying to hide the fact that he is afraid to take a vacation lest his employer should find out how little he is needed. As a rule, the man who has an inflated idea of his own indispensability is the one who can be most easily spared.

## A Woman Under Thirty

(Lethbridge Herald.)  
An 30-year-old Senator thinks girls under 30 are not mature enough to vote. Still well wagger the Senator thought a girl under 30 was quite fit to be his wife and the director of his household. A woman capable of handling home affairs should be well qualified to vote, no matter her age.

## Water and the Gardens

(Exchange.)  
"Never sprinkle the flower beds or garden plot," says a wise horticulturist, "unless you can make the watering thorough enough to soak the ground to a depth of several inches." A light sprinkling is worse than none. It brings to the surface the little feeding roots, and after the sun has dried up the surface moisture the rootlets are worse off than before.

## Courage and Caution

(Toronto Star.)  
Britain has been making prodigious efforts to set the world on its feet. Canada and the United States have been between the courses adopted by these two great nations at this time there seems to be no room for choice. One great nation faces a huge, difficult and disagreeable task; the other leans clear of it, because it is huge, difficult and disagreeable.

## Not The End of It

(Vancouver Province.)  
The small squadron which Britain gave us is not of great value for Canadian or Imperial defense. It could serve a purpose in training young men for the service. But the question remains unsettled whether and how far Canada shall assist in the defense of the coasts and the commerce of the Empire to which she belongs. This disposition of the Canadian naval squadron can not be the end of it.

## A Patriotic Duty

(Toronto Globe.)  
The King Government has promised to give public ownership a fair and full trial. Mr. Kennedy is doing his best to implement that promise. It is to be hoped that the opponents of public ownership will accept the decision with good grace instead of trying to flag the National at every curve and scare the train crew with tales of disaster ahead. The railways of Canada may yet become the greatest asset of the Canadian people. The patriotic part is to strive to bring about that greatly to be desired end.

## Rotten Spirit

Baseball is a noble game, but the crowds that watch it average about as low in sportsmanship as any mass of human beings that can be found anywhere. Impulses are safer than they used to be, but the wrath once visited on them is now largely directed toward the home team if it happens to have an off day. And the greater the hero, the more prompt and vicious is the jeering when he falls into the slump that even the greatest heroes must have now and then. A pitcher wavered on the verge of collapse, but still able to pull himself together if he can get his mind to it, is apt to be pushed over the edge by premature demands of "Take him out." A manager who wins the championship in a hard fight after barely missing it in two or three previous hard fights, is the target of constant attack from critics who could hardly be more vicious if the team had finished in the second division.

## THE LAUGH LINE

The House Handy  
"Does your wife suffer from headaches?"  
"Only at times when we are invited to places we ought to go, but don't want to go."

## Diplomacy

Friend—Was Miss Filmar angry when she found you had forgotten to turn the handle of the machine?  
Cousin—Man—Not after I said that I become so engrossed in her saying that I forgot what I ought to have been doing—Answering, London.

## Taking No Chances

They were uttering the tenderest words that manhood has ever known.  
"And," said the girl bravely, "if you ever come you will lose a beautiful girl, because," she added, "I'm taking no chances."

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

I was sitting on Mary Watkins' front steps talking to her, and so was Pude Simkins, and we started to talk about getting married and the kind of people we would marry and the kind we wouldn't, and Pude both hinting we would marry Mary Watkins without actually saying so, and Mary Watkins said, Well I never expect to get married, but in case I ever do I know exactly what kind of a man it will be, and that's the only kind it will be.

Wy, who do you mean, what kind? I said. Thinking, G, I wonder if she's thinking of me.

Well, in the first place I don't care how rich he is as long as he's handsome, said Mary Watkins.

Me thinking, G, she jest looked at me, I bet that's who she means. And I started to feel grate, and Mary Watkins said, And in the 2nd place he has to be brave and noble and wonderful and strong so everybody else will be jells of me and wish they'd thought of marrying him first.

And I started to feel greater and greater, and Mary Watkins said, And in the 3rd place he has to be a perfect dancer and a bewittill singer and have a lovely disposition.

Me thinking, I bet I could dance and sing all rite if I tried. Which I bet I could, and jest then Pude sed, Well would it make any differents if he was fat?

O I wouldn't care, so long as he wasent too fat, Mary Watkins sed. And I looked at Pude and he had the stuck uppest expression I ever saw, me thinking, G, wats the matter with that poor guy, I bet he thinks she means him.

Proving the conceit of some people.

## CATARRH OF THE STOMACH FOR EIGHT YEARS

more sight of your face would scare the wolf away.  
And there's another engagement ring wasted.

His Idea of It  
A mountaineer from the South was visiting the city, and one day he got talking to a city man, who asked him: "It is quite a mountainous country you live in brother, is it not?"

"Why, no," said the mountaineer, "it ain't exactly mountainous, but it's rath'er a hilly mountainous country, that's a fact."

The Polite Negative  
Newly Rich and family were invited out to dinner.  
The daughter gave her mother a lecture before they set out, and told her what to say when asked by her hostess if she required any more.

"You must say, 'I have had to my entire satisfaction, and if I had any more it would be superfluous,'" instructed the daughter.

When the time for the second helping came along at the dinner and the hostess put the polite question, Mrs. Newly Rich replied:

"No, thank you, I have had to my entire satisfaction, and were I to have any more it would be superfluous."

The City Perilous  
A correspondent writes that as he was hurrying towards the railroad station a police officer noticed that he had a suspicious bulge in his hip pocket and held him up for carrying a gun. "But officer," he said, "I'm on my way to New York."

"Oh! just an officer," that's different. Take mine, too."

## Scandinavian Landed Good Lot Of Farmers

Docked at Quebec Yesterday—Settlers Had Many British in Party.

Quebec, June 4.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Scandinavian, from Antwerp and Southampton, which arrived at Quebec at 9.30 o'clock with 338 passengers, among whom were included 137 third class, landed the latter this morning for immigration inspection. They were at ten o'clock, forwarded to their Western destinations. The new arrivals comprised ninety British, and the balance foreigners, included in the 161 cabin passengers were fifty returned Canadians, residents of Montreal, Toronto, London and Winnipeg, and other points in the West.

Capt. J. Hall, Commander of the boat, had nothing special to report except that the weather was good and they had a fine passage. Returned Canadians report according to their observation and opinion business in the British Isles is under improvement and commercial industry was gradually creeping towards normal.

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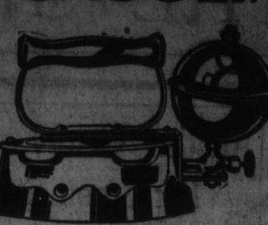
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