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AN ABUSE OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE—\$8000 ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN FILCHED FROM THE TREASURY.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The government's abuse of the franking privilege was made the theme for what turned out to be a peppy discussion in the house yesterday, and it all arose out of the habit of the ministers and transgressions generally by quoting the precedent of alleged similar wrong-doings in time of Tory rule.

Mr. Taylor, as one of the questions by members, asked whether the order-in-council of 1892 relating to the franking privileges was in force still, and if so, by what legal authority Sir Richard Cartwright's Massey hall several hundred thousand copies of the mails were sent free through the mails with that minister's frank.

Mr. Mulock evaded the question by saying the government didn't know what was in the sealed envelopes and went on to tell about thousands of tons of pamphlets having been sent out, franked by members, containing also a patent medicine advertisement.

Sir Charles Tupper indignantly protested against this abuse of the rules of the house, which forbade the introduction of controversial matter in answer to questions. It was a practice calculated to lower the dignity of the house, and he hoped the prime minister would put a stop to it.

The matter was further debated on a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Foster pointed out that he had just as much right to public postage as Sir Richard Cartwright, but suppose he had gone to the Postmaster-General and asked him if he would not allow him to send out free five hundred thousand copies of his speech in reply to Sir Richard Cartwright.

The Postmaster-General would have undoubtedly told him to put stamps on his pamphlets as demanded by law.

—the postage on hundreds of thousands of pamphlets.

"The hon. gentleman must not put words in my mouth which I never said," interrupted Sir Richard, "I never said hundreds of thousands. I said I did not know how many were sent out."

"But I heard him," Sir Charles Tupper persisted. "I call upon the Postmaster-General to prosecute the criminal, and if he wants testimony to present on the stand, I am at his service."

"Will you submit to cross-examination?" asked Sir Louis Davies.

"Certainly," replied the leader of the Opposition. "And here is the testimony. I quote from Sir Richard Cartwright's reply in Hansard: 'I believe some hundreds of thousands were sent out.' (Cheers and laughter.) 'Now,' continued Sir Charles, 'I place the number at 250,000, which, at 4 cents, amounts to \$8,000 out of the treasury.'"

HE HAS DERAUDED the revenues, and I call upon the Postmaster-General to compel him to refund it. After all, it is only a year's salary, and I am happy to know the hon. gentleman is very well able to discharge the treasury's liability."

Then the Opposition leader produced a copy of the speech in question, entitled "Pointer No. 1," and holding it up, and pointing to the portrait of Sir Richard on the cover of it, said: "Now, I want the hon. gentleman, as a personal favor, to tell me who is the artist who made this portrait of him—his flattering picture No. 1 of Sir Richard Hyde, one of the honest, pleasing expression of Sir Richard Jeckyll, for surely it cannot be the picture of Sir Richard Hyde, the filching of \$8,000 out of the treasury of the country. (Laughter.) Yes, I would like to know the artist, for there is a blank page at the back of this pamphlet on which he could execute the portrait of the real criminal. Why, in this one on the front page I see even a fine growth of hair covering the astute head of the hon. gentleman. (Roars of laughter.) Sir Charles, remarking that he had no fault to find with the speech, went on to tell how, after Sir Richard had posed for years as the great financial authority of the House, but had been discredited by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in forming his cabinet, had relegated the hon. gentleman to a back seat. Nay, during the general elections even.

HE WAS CALLED, while the party went round the country, promising that if they got into power Sir Richard Cartwright would not be finance minister, otherwise they would never have got there.

And, continued Sir Charles, "I saw him going to Massey Hall, going to defend the men who had humiliated and insulted him. I said 'What magnanimity! But, sir, when I read the weak, insane platitudes which constituted his speech, I said to myself, 'Well, he has got his revenge at last. This Samson, after they had blinded and shorn him of his locks, when he was put to grind in the mill, managed to grasp the pillars and toppled the whole fabric about their heads. After that,' Sir Charles added, 'doubtless the hon. gentleman could doubt the malevolence of the man.'"

The subsequent debate developed an interesting passage-at-arms between Mr. Fraser, the two members for the Government's position, and Mr. Davin. The latter observed that he was not surprised the Government should be supported by a gentleman who carried in his pocket the promise of a Yukon judgeship.

Thereupon Mr. Fraser, not content with a simple denial, repeated, advancing his bulk to the table, that if Mr. Davin dare repeat the insinuation outside of the House he'd make him apologize for it.

Sir Charles Tupper protested against this violation of the decencies of parliamentary debate, but Mr. Davin remarked cheerfully, "No, oh, no fear; there'll be no duels."

The member for Guysboro was really beligerently inclined, he would take no undue advantage of him. He would, in fact, consent to have the size of his own back marked out on the person of Mr. Fraser, all shots of his found outside that mark not to count.

This upset the seriousness of the House, and he called upon the Postmaster-General to indict the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and collect this \$8,000 from him, which he had robbed the revenues of the country of.

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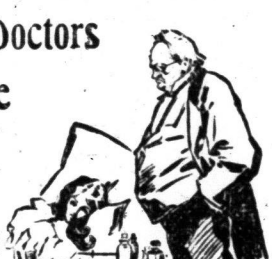
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Church Notes.

Rev. T. Hingle, rector of Trinity Church, Blenheim, will preach on both occasions in Christ Church to-morrow.

Those who did not contribute to the mission fund and the widows' and orphans' fund in Christ Church last Sunday will have an opportunity of doing so to-morrow.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church will be occupied to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ Church meet every Monday at 7:45. They will hold a Patriotic meeting to-morrow night in the S. S. hall.

Divine service is held in Christ Church every Wednesday evening at half past seven.

There will be an early celebration of the holy communion in Christ Church to-morrow morning at 8:30.

Dr. Batistay will preach in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning on "The Seventh and Last Saying of Christ on the Cross," and in the evening on "True Patriotism, as Sanctioned and Approved by Scripture." All week meetings as usual.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied on both occasions to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hannon.

Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed in the morning. The evening service will be memorial to our fallen soldiers.

The pastor, Rev. J. J. Ross, will preach both morning and evening, and conduct the service for Bible study in the afternoon.

The ladies of Christ Church Guild will meet at the residence of Mrs. Falls, Wellington St., Wednesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Elder Geo. Green will preach in the Saints' Hall, Seane's Block, Sunday night at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

The Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church will meet after the evening service to-morrow.

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS.

Regular monthly meeting of "Home for Friendless" was held yesterday afternoon. Ladies present: Mesdames Stevens, Garner, Fleming, Tinsman, W. Potter, 83, J. H. Beger, 83, E. C. Gammon, 84, 18, W. F. Cornish, 84, 40, J. L. Simpson, 86, 55, Johnson, 88, Reddick, 81, 75, C. Bradgley, 87, 25, R. Snider, 83, W. Gray & Sons, 82, 50, G. Stephens, 87, 50, D. Gorrie, 84, 75, L. P. Wilson, 84, 54, H. R. Bennett, 84, 65, P. Gorman, 83, Baxter (printing), 75c, Massey & Knight, 82, 38, Thomas Stone & Son, 85, 39, Kent Mills, 81, 75, J. L. Scott, 87, 75, Mrs. Dyer, 75c, matron, 82, burials, Collett, 81, Jabone, 83, 50.

THE PROBABILITY

Toronto, Feb. 24.—10 a. m.—Heavy west and north gales, weather turning very cold to-night. Sunday, strong northwest winds, fair and very cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

"Edith Norton." The Planet's new story, will begin next week.

Trunks and Valises at old prices for next 30 days at F. Jacques & Son's, Miss MacIntyre, of London, is visiting her aunt, Miss Metcalfe, Raleigh street.

Lost!—Keys, on Thursday. A reward will be given by leaving them at this office.

A child of Richard Garey, Witherby, St. Sever, severely scalded itself this morning.

Next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) divine service will be held in Christ Church at half past seven.

Mrs. Henry Allen, Windsor, is the guest of Mrs. Hugh Malcolmson, Victoria Avenue.

Collector of Customs Henry Allen, Windsor, will spend Sunday with Hugh Malcolmson.

Mrs. Frank Rankin, of Dover, is spending a week with Mrs. J. B. Hannon, Lorne avenue.

In all probability we will have another furniture establishment in our town about the first of March.

As a result of the Masonic Temple fire in London C. J. Whitney, of Detroit, will build a fine new theatre there.

There is some talk of a brick block being built where the frame structure now stands on Fifth St., next to Sheldon's liquor store, in the early spring.

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Benj. Dunlop, Mitchell's Bay, found a live turkey in a hunter's sack, on the bank between the 15th and 16th Cons. Dover and Chatham townships. The owner is requested to call.

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Edward Griffith, the popular clerk in the L. E. & D. R. R. offices here, is relieving the agent at Dresden.

The Misses Turner, Richmond St., entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening last. A pleasant time was spent, the party breaking up in the wee, small hours.

Hugh Malcolmson was called out of the opera house last evening owing to the sudden illness of his daughter. Today Miss Malcolmson is somewhat better and it is to be hoped will soon have completely recovered.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Members of Court McGregor, Independent Order of Foresters, wish to inform the public that the ball which is to be held in the Northwood Hall on Tuesday Feb. 27 is not under the management of Court McGregor, No. 6.

Lost!—Thursday, between G. F. Turill's Shoe Store and Gray's Carriage Works, a lady's new Tan Boot, with Cloth Top. The finder is requested to leave it at Turill's store, or call there for mate.

A very pleasant event took place last Monday evening, when a large number of the friends of Andrew Brown, of Dover Centre, gathered together and tendered him a surprise party at his new residence. The evening was passed in a very enjoyable manner, with singing and games. George Van Baricrom, of Honor, Mich., who is visiting his uncle, is employed in the North Eastern Railway, running through that town. He says that the chief business in that section of the gate arises from the salt works and the hardwood lumber trade. There is lots of work but men are scarce just now. Wages are good; teamsters get from \$4.25 to \$4.50 per day. Sawyers and choppers in the lumber trade get from \$32 to \$35 per month and board, while those who have the top loading of the cars get \$40 per month and board.

DRESDEN.

Feb. 24.—Miss Daisy Colville, who is suffering from an attack of inflammation of the lungs, is somewhat better.

Mrs. McGregor, of St. Clair, Mich., returned home to-day after attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. E. McDonald. Miss Jessie McDonald accompanied her.

The spirit of the times is well shown by the patriotic display of the Union Jack with which Wilson's drug store is pretty decorated.

Samuel Ellis, an old resident of the River Road east of Dawn Mills, died yesterday.

Flags have been flying here for the past two days in remembrance of the Canadian volunteers dead in South Africa.

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