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MR. BORDEN'S WEAKNESS.

No government could ask a greater opportunity to prove its ability to conduct the affairs of the country in such a manner as to make better the conditions of life for the average man than is now offered to Mr. Borden and his colleagues. They are confronted with conditions which are making it harder for the average man, because there is less employment and because the cost of living is greater and continues to increase. Here are two factors concerning which the whole country is talking, and the whole country is also wondering what Mr. Borden and his friends propose to do about it. From 1896 until 1911 Canada was prosperous, with a growing prosperity. If the cost of living increased, so did the ability of the people to pay the bills. The conditions have now completely changed, and if a government is good for anything at all, it should be able to take such steps as will alter the undesirable conditions for the benefit of the people. Obviously, to take the tax off food would give some relief, and this step is the more necessary because the lowering of the United States tariff has caused a drain upon the food animals and food products of this country, resulting in an increased price to be paid by the Canadian consumer. The Conservative press is disposed to boast about what the government is doing for agriculture, and what it would do for highways but for the action of the senate. In these and other matters the government is merely expending the enormous and quite unnecessary sums of money which it takes out of the people themselves in the form of taxation. There is no great merit in spending money, but there is in pursuing a policy which would not take any more money out of the pockets of the people than is necessary to carry on the great public services, and not pile up such an enormous surplus as has enabled this government to reward so many of its friends at the public expense. There is need not only of a better business administration at Ottawa, but of a government which would not be tied up to the great vested interests, but would be free and would have the courage to tell them that the welfare of the general public is the first concern of those who are called upon to administer the country's affairs. The debates at Ottawa thus far indicate that the Borden government has no intention, and there are few who believe it has the capacity, to grapple with the present situation in a broad and statesmanlike manner. The honors of the day are with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal leaders, who do not hesitate to propose remedies and declare their readiness to apply them. Canada under the conditions which exist today does not need Dreadnoughts, but it does need a government capable of dealing with these great questions of increasing unemployment and an increased cost of living.

THE SUBURBAN

To the great amusement of local patrons of the Intercolonial Railway, it is again announced that the suburban trains between St. John and Hampton, Fredericton and Marysville and Halifax and Windsor Junction are to be taken off for the months of February and March. St. John and Kings County people know that there is absolutely no justification for taking off the Hampton suburban. Families have made the Hampton, fully assured that there would always be a good suburban train service. The change will cause great inconvenience, and it is said will force some families to move into the city. There is no evidence that this suburban train does not in the course of a year return a profit to the railway. It was said three years ago that the service was a paying one, and the business has certainly increased in three years.

Are the local patrons of the Intercolonial Railway to be continually sacrificed for the benefit of the C. P. R.? It has been said that the suburban trains interfere to some extent with the movement of C. P. R. freight in and out of St. John under the Gentilis agreement, which was made for the benefit of the C. P. R. and the port of Halifax. Where is Mr. Hazen and where is Mr. George W. Fowler? What are they doing to protect the interests of their constituents?

THE PAVING LAW.

There is no danger that any citizen will not have an opportunity to study the proposed paving law. The subject will be fully discussed by the board of trade next week, and Mr. A. O. Skinner, in a letter to the Times, suggests that the meeting be held in the evening and be open to the public. The suggestion that the commissioners are seeking to force upon the citizens something which they do not want is ridiculous. It may be hoped that every citizen, who is not actuated by purely selfish motives, will see the importance of providing each year a certain amount of permanent paving, and it can hardly be argued with justice that the taxpayers who live on the back streets should be compelled to aid in paying all the cost of paving the

front streets, when the paving increases the value of the property of those who are fortunate enough to own property on the street that is paved. The desire to shove the burden of taxation over on some other fellow who does not get the full benefit of it is not one that should be encouraged. The city is greatly in need of better streets, and those who will derive the most benefit in an increase in the value of their property are those whose property abuts on streets that are paved. This is surely a simple statement of fact.

Mr. Borden and his followers dutifully stood up yesterday for their friends the milling corporations and voted down in parliament the Liberal amendment in favor of free wheat. The people of Canada now understand that it is useless for them to look to this government for any relief from tariff burdens.

There can be no doubt that Senator Daniel knows what is in the mind of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other Liberal leaders at Ottawa, and when he tells the Standard what they will do and what they will not do, the announcement must be received with a consciousness of the senator's unquestioned knowledge of the subject. It is to be regretted, however, that his knowledge of what the Borden government intends to do appears to be much more limited.

The Borden government is preparing a way for another carnival of expenditure of the sort against which Mr. Borden solemnly protested when he was leader of the opposition. The main estimates call for a total vote of \$190,785,176, which is \$11,882,998 greater than the main estimates of last year. Assuming that the supplementary estimates will be as large or nearly as large as those of last year, the total expenditure, instead of showing, as many had anticipated, a reduction in expenditure, will show a substantial increase.

The Standard charges the Times with having made a bad blunder, and of showing "a surprising lack of knowledge of civic affairs," when it suggested yesterday that if the city council expected action on the part of the government in police matters, it should have asked for immediate power to appoint the chief of police instead of asking for the dismissal of the present chief. The Standard says that the government cannot give the city council power to appoint the chief of police, and appears to think the Times and Commissioner McLellan were ignorant of the fact. The government, it is true, could not give the city immediate power to appoint the chief of police, but it could ask the legislature, which meets in a few weeks, to confer that power. The Times did not say that the council should ask the government to give the power.

RECENT DEATHS

The death took place yesterday, at South Boston (Mass.), of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, aged seventy-two. Mrs. Brown was formerly Mrs. Hay, of St. John, widow of the late John Hay. She leaves four sons—George T. Hay, of 203 Carman street, this city, and John, William and Frederick, all of South Boston; also two daughters—Mrs. J. Thompson and Miss Lottie Brown, both of South Boston.

The funeral will take place upon arrival of the Boston train on Monday.

Rev. A. Green, dominion inspector of Indian schools, is dead in Vancouver, death resulting from heart failure.

The death of Mrs. George S. Allen took place at her home in Gagetown on Tuesday morning, aged seventy-three years. Her husband, one sister, three brothers survive. The sister is Mrs. William McMullin of this city.

At the age of eighty years, Rev. Dr. Frederick Woods died at his home in Melrose, Mass., on Wednesday. He was a prominent minister in the Methodist church and was a native of New Brunswick, being also a graduate of Mount Allison University.

The late Andrew Drummond, of Drummond's Bank, left \$284,000, and the Earl of Pembroke \$243,000.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

W. T. MacClement, professor of botany, Queen's University, Kingston, fifty-three years of age today comes of a good Scotch ancestry and is a native of Frontenac County. After graduating from Queen's he took up high school work and was successively science master of the collegiate institutes of Ingersoll and London. His ability was recognized by the Chicago Institute and he was invited to become its associate professor of chemical engineering, while eight years ago he was recalled by his alma mater to take the chair of botany.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

The Very Rev. Daniel Miller Gordon, Principal of Queen's University is sixty-nine years of age today. Before succeeding the late Principal Grant as head of Queen's, twelve years ago, he had been a professor in the Halifax Presbyterian College and of better streets, and those who will derive the most benefit in an increase in the value of their property are those whose property abuts on streets that are paved. This is surely a simple statement of fact.

LIGHTER VEIN

Circumstantial Evidence.

"I thought your daughter received me rather stiffly."

"Ah! Then she did go to that tango lesson yesterday."

Whom She'd Marry.

I would not marry Adam Ant.
For he's too hard and cold.
Tim Idity I would not wed,
I like a man that's bold.

I do not fancy Nick O'Time,
He smokes too much for me.
Jim Nast might suit me if he tried,
But not Sol Emmitly.

I'm rather fond of Jack Mino,
He brings me loads of flowers.
And Percy Vere has pleaded for me,
My hand for hours and hours.

I like dear, clever Hugh Morist,
He's genuinely funny.
As for my folks, they think that I'm
Cut out for Matt Kimony.

Phil Anderer I'd never accept,
Tom Foolery is silly.
Dick Tator I could never stand,
I won't wed Willy Nilly.

I'd never say "yes" to Dan Defied,
I do not like a foe.
But I'd marry Corn Uopia
If Corn would only pop.

G. H. W.

Stinging.

"Er—ah, beg pardon, miss, but haven't you lost something?" bean the would-be flit.

"No, I haven't. But there goes a lady with a dog chain. It's probably her you're looking for."

Dodging.

"Will you give me your name, please?"

"Pardon me, miss, but this isn't leap year."

Worn Out.

"Those are rather tough looking patent leather shoes you are wearing," suggested the critical friend.

"Oh, they were all right originally," replied the wearer, "but the patent has expired on them."

Payment

"I sold that opera singer an overcoat and all he did was to sing high 'C'."

"What on earth did he mean by that?"

"Well, you see, I had offered to take his note for it."

Easy to Fall Off

"How do you account for the falling off in enthusiasm in your district?"

"It's to be expected," replied Senator Sorghum. "People will fall off a band wagon, the same as a water wagon."

Washington Star.

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R. W. GRIMMER AND P. A. GUTHRIE CHOSEN

At the government convention in St. Stephen yesterday to nominate a candidate for the provincial house, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, two names were put up. Robert Watson Grimmer received 88 votes against Dr. W. H. Laughton of Milltown, who received 82, and as no opposition candidate was nominated, he will be elected by acclamation.

In Fredericton yesterday P. A. Guthrie was chosen as the Conservative candidate for the vacancy caused through the retirement of Hon. H. P. McLeod to the upper house, defeating C. H. Thomas by a large majority. Mr. McLeod, who took a week off from the sessions in Ottawa, assisted Mr. Guthrie considerably and was a speaker at the convention yesterday. Mr. Guthrie will not be opposed.

ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY

Several accidents occurred yesterday about the city and vicinity.

William Long, teamster for Kennedy & Wetmore, was injured in Lancaster when he slipped under his cart, and one of the wheels passed over him, fracturing two ribs and causing a puncture of the lung. Dr. F. H. Neve attended him.

While coasting in Duke street, West End, last evening, Fred Lord, aged fifteen years, residing on Navy Island, had his leg broken. Dr. M. L. McFarland attended him. Another accident occurred yesterday afternoon in the same street, when the seven year old son of J. A. Mulethy was struck by a "double-runner" and painfully cut about the head and face. Dr. Neve put several stitches in his wounds.

Richard Rafferty, of Quispamsis, slipped on some ice near his home yesterday and in falling broke his arm. Dr. Fairweather of Rothesay attended him.

Charles Crawford was badly shaken yesterday on being thrown from his rig and his horse was killed, when his fine bay pedigree gelding "Kilo" bolted and ran from the head of Mill street nearly to the Union station, where he collided with a telegraph pole, breaking his shoulder. Mr. Crawford was in great danger as was a boy driving with him. The animal lay for some time in Mill street before it was put out of agony. A policeman, who arrived on the scene, found that his revolver was not capable

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of firing a fatal shot. The dead animal was a valuable horse and had a splendid track record. Mr. Crawford's pecuniary loss is about \$850.

A MORAL HOUSE-CLEANING IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Pateron, N. J., Jan. 30.—A campaign for moral house-cleaning is under way here. Letters have been sent by the New Jersey anti-saloon league and the Pateron ministerial association to Mayor Robert Fordyce complaining of excise violations, gambling and disorderly houses.

Seventy ministers will make the matter the theme of their next Sunday's sermons.

LORD STRATHCONA'S ESTATE

Toronto financiers who have been in close touch with Lord Strathcona, estimate that the late commissioner leaves an estate of \$25,000,000. Among the most prominent of his investments are the Hudson's Bay Company, Ltd., whose stock he practically controlled. His next best Canadian financial investment is the C. P. R. block of stock which he held. Then there are the Bank of Montreal, Royal Trust Company and the controlling stock in the Great Northern Railway.

Hon. W. S. Fielding Resigns.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, who has been president of the Telegraph-Witness Publishing Company, and editor of the pa-

per, and who was expected to assume the same office in the amalgamation of the Herald and the Telegraph, has declined and has severed his connection with the papers. He announces that he takes this course because he has learned that Sir Hugh Graham is in full control of the amalgamated newspapers.

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Provincial Legislature intitled "An Act respecting the Fisheries in the Harbour of Saint John," the object of which is to enable the City of Saint John to sell the Fisheries below high and low water mark along the east and west sides of the Bay, River and Harbour of Saint John either on the FIRST TUESDAY in January in each year or on such other day as the Common Council may, from time to time, direct, with power to postpone such sale from day to day.

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Assessors' Notice

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Saint John hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1914 forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their property, real estate, personal estate and income, which is assessable under the "Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909," and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished can be obtained at the office of the Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in the office of the Assessors, within thirty days from the date of this notice. Dated this Fifth day of January, A. D. 1914.

Arthur W. Sharp } Assessors
Uriah Drake }
Timothy T. Lantaulum }
John Ross }

Extracts from "The Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909."

"Sec. 92. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal property, and the income of any person, who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 48. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement under oath within the time required; nor shall the Common Council, in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided. 5840-2-6

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