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WHY GLORIFY LAURIER?

The family compact of 1837 did contemptible work against William Lyon Mackenzie in Upper Canada.

The Quebec compact of 1905 did no less contemptible work against F. W. G. Haultain in Upper and Lower Saskatchewan.

If the University of Toronto feels that it is due to honor a public man let it choose its own graduate, Mr. Haultain.

There is nothing in the public career of F. W. G. Haultain which the University of Toronto need fear to honor.

Western Canada is in an advanced stage of political decomposition through the get-rich-quick ideals that rule her politics on both sides.

F. W. G. Haultain is a graduate of Toronto University. More than that, he is NOT a graduate of the get-rich-quick school of political expediency. He has kept his hands clean in a land where clean-handed public men are scarce. He has stood for fair play and political decency. Perhaps he has gone down in a temporary defeat of these principles. Is that a reason why the University of Toronto should be used for the partisan purpose of glorifying the methods by which a tyrant has tricked and beaten down the trust and bravest politician who ever went from the University of Toronto into the public life of Canada?—Toronto Telegram.

WHEN THEY REALLY FIGHT.

Hamilton Herald.

Winston Churchill's good opinion of Canadians is due to his observation of the way the Canadian boys fought in South Africa. How thankful we ought to be that Winston has had no opportunities of estimating Canadians by the way they sometimes fight at elections.

GREEK MEETING GREEK.

Ottawa Journal.

Lord Kitchener is to visit London in the spring. It is said that he will discuss with John Morley, the secretary of India, the question as to whether the military or civil authority shall be paramount in the Empire. If Lord Kitchener holds the view which he seemed to hold when he drove Lord Curzon from the viceroyalty, and if Mr. Morley has not changed his mind lately, an irresistible force will meet an immovable object. The result of such an impact remains purely speculative.

SPLENDID PROGRESS

Canadian Bank of Commerce Business Goes Ahead With Strides.

One of the most progressive, and at the same time one of the most solid, of Canada's financial institutions, is the Canadian Bank of Commerce. During 1905 the business of the bank went ahead with rapid strides. The figures show that after writing off a large sum for bank premises, providing for bad debts, and also providing for the usual dividend, the net fund was increased by \$1,000,000, bringing it up to the magnificent total of \$4,500,000.

The report shows further that during the year just closed the paid-up capital of the bank was increased by an issue of \$1,300,000 of new stock on which the premium was \$564,996. In this regard it might be pointed out, that as the amount of note currency a bank is allowed to issue bears a direct relation to its paid-up stock, it is apparent that by this enlargement of its share capital the Bank of Commerce was put in a much better condition to take advantage of the rapidly growing business of the whole Dominion. It is worthy of note that the paid-up capital of this splendid institution is now \$10,000,000.

During 1905 the increased demands of the west resulted in the bank opening up three new branches in British Columbia, six in Alberta, five in Saskatchewan, and two in Manitoba.

Whiskey His Fate.

Smith's Falls, Jan. 16.—Augustus Sabraw, a fisherman and trapper, met an awful death in a fire which destroyed his home Saturday night. He lived alone in a small shanty on the river bank, three miles from town. About 1.30 neighbors noticed a blaze and found the place enveloped in flames, and trying on the floor inside they could see Sabraw, but could not get near him. The house completely burned up. Both legs and both arms were burned away from the body, and the face and head were gone. Besides his charred remains there lay a large whiskey bottle empty.

Dead Treasurer Short \$4,000.
Brookville, Jan. 16.—A muddle in the accounts of the late treasurer of the Township of Augusta has been detected and the unravelling of the tangle shows a shortage of some \$4,000, which cannot be accounted for. Steps are being taken at once to collect the shortage from Scott's bondsmen.

Amazn who is "engaged" has a horror of hearing the subject discussed.

Of course, you know about

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

You know there is nothing so bad for health as a Disordered Stomach or Liver.

You know, too, there is nothing so good for Bad Stomach and Liver as ABBEY'S SALT.

It's a habit of health to take ABBEY'S SALT.

25c AND 50c A BOTTLE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

THE LETTER BOX

Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I noticed in last week's Planet, a news item headed "Had a Supper," and as it contained a gross misrepresentation of facts I cannot refrain from correcting the statements made therein, and so doing justice to the parties mentioned. The man who was fined is a much respected citizen of Chatham Township, and in order to express their sentiments in the matter, his neighbors, to the number of sixty-five, gathered together and presented him with a purse containing a sum of money to assist him in paying the fine, which amounted to some \$70. The oyster supper was a delightful fact. Mr. Editor, I was there and helped to dispose of it, but the money to pay for it did not come out of the purse presented to our much respected neighbor. I am thankful to say there are still a number of gentlemen in our community who would scorn to do such a mean action. No sir, we each paid our share of the entertainment out of our own individual pockets. If anyone who subscribed was not included in the invitations to the supper it was purely an oversight, but I have made inquiries and have failed to hear of any who were overlooked.

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THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At The Grand—

Queen of the Convicts—Jan. 18.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

WILL APPEAR ON STAGE IN BARE FEET.

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