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An Idle Boast.

"I have just had handed to me a statement purporting to be made by Mr. Laird. He repeats the statement that if the charge of graft is proved against him, he will resign, and that if he does not prove the charge, he will resign. Well, I make this statement, that if Mr. Laird will take me to the place in court where I shall have the opportunity to prove it, and if I cannot prove it, I will certainly resign."

The above words, according to the Leader were uttered by HONOURABLE Walter Scott at a public meeting in the city hall on the evening of August 7th last. On that evening there were two public meetings one called by the local committee of the Provincial Rights party and held in the Auditorium rink which was addressed by Hon. F. W. G. Haultain and Mr. Laird, and the other called by the Liberals and held in the city hall at which Premier Scott and others spoke. The Liberals had trailers out and when they heard Mr. Laird state at the meeting in the rink that he would resign his seat if elected and the charges which Mr. Scott had made against him were proven, they made haste to convey the news to Mr. Scott at the city hall. This brought forth the above boast.

Well, Mr. Laird brought Mr. Scott into court after much difficulty, for notwithstanding the boast of the premier he tried every legal quibble and advantageous technicality of the law to keep out of court. Though at the time he professed great willingness to come for trial yet he used every means to prevent what he lead the people to believe he was only too anxious to obtain. When Mr. Laird got him into the court and got him to produce what information he had against Mr. Laird, we find nothing in his charges but that John Dobson gave \$500 of his own money to Mr. Laird's campaign fund. The jury disagreed as men with political differences will do, as to whether there was anything improper in this.

Would any jury disagree as to the course Mr. Scott should pursue now in the face of his statement and his failure to make good his charge? Yet eight days have passed and there is no word of his resignation yet. The statement made in the city hall previous to the election was evidently but an idle boast.

The Libel Case.

We did not purpose making comment on the libel case had it not been for the article which appeared in an issue of the Leader following the trial which is so full of erroneous statements as to warrant us in doing so. In the first place that paper says that ten of the twelve in the jury acquitted Mr. Scott. The facts of the case do not prove that. According to the statement made by the foreman of the jury to the court Mr. Laird was entirely innocent of every charge made against him by Mr. Scott with the exception of the one in which John Dobson's name was mentioned and on this one the jury disagreed. John Dobson gave \$500 towards the Regina city Provincial Rights election fund in 1905. As to whether or not this was graft on Mr. Laird's part the jury could not agree. The Leader says ten out of the twelve condemned Laird. We have heard that the last ballot taken stood seven for entirely exonerating Laird. We have heard again that seven were in favor of finding a ver-

dict of not guilty for Mr. Scott. At any rate the results show Mr. Scott has not fulfilled his boast that he would find Mr. Laird guilty. He therefore is in honor bound to resign his seat in the legislative assembly at once.

After the jury had disagreed Mr. Scott's counsel came to Mr. Laird's counsel and made proposals for a settlement. This in itself was sufficient admission that Mr. Scott could not prove his charges and was willing that they should be dropped. He had an opportunity to prove his charges against Mr. Laird, but failed utterly in every charge except one on which the jury hopelessly disagreed, and if the jury had given the benefit of the doubt as they were instructed by the judge to do, the verdict against Mr. Scott would undoubtedly have been guilty.

Editorial Notes

Walter Scott left last Saturday for the east. Perhaps he will consult with Laurier before announcing his resignation.

The Scott government spent about \$300,000 of the people's money to secure their election. Apparently without any feeling of shame the premier acknowledged that fact at the recent session of the Assembly.

Premier Scott did not prove a single charge, let alone charges against Mr. Laird, and yet he has not the honor to be a man of his word and do as he boasted he would do. So far we don't think Mr. Speaker has received his resignation.

During the Dominion election campaign the Liberals laid great stress on the Hudson's Bay Railway and farmers of the west were led to believe the construction of the road would be commenced almost immediately. Strange to say the estimates brought down so far this session only shows \$65,000 to be voted for surveys for this project.

Press Comment

(Mail and Empire)

It is significant that everything under the management of the Laurier government is now the subject of discussion. The senate is said to be badly officered, and to be in need of reform. The government departments are reported to be in a wretched condition, and Judge Cassels says they should be examined. The intercolonial railway is in such an awful shape that many people are proposing that it be given away. The public outlays are terrific, the deficits are huge, and the debt overwhelming. Laurier is finishing his work.

(Saskatoon Capital)

Once more the government has surrendered to the opposition demand. The minister of marine announces that steps are taken to cancel the exclusive fishing concessions given for Great Slave Lake (10,917 square miles) and Nelson river and part of Hudson Bay, all for \$10 a year. Also

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the exclusive rights in Lake Athabasca and Lesser Slave Lake (3,492 square miles) at \$10 a year. Also the twenty-one year right to fish around James Bay and its tributaries at \$10 a year. The concessions given away to government supporters, were exposed last session, and caused so much indignation throughout the country that the government has had to cut them out.

(Montreal Star)

Three suicides in three months in the British Columbia penitentiary may not give this institution a good name as a pleasure resort; but it is just as well that prison should not be too attractive to the classes which it is intended to appal. Then prisoners are very likely to be a downhearted lot. If they are not, there is something wrong with the system of punishment. A penitentiary in which everybody was happy the five-long day, and from which the "boarders" could only be expelled by force, would fail in its chief duty in life. We want to make men afraid to go to prison, and then perhaps they will be afraid to commit the crimes which will take them there.

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

The women of Finland from what causes it is difficult to say, seem to have played the part of an advanced guard in this invasion of what has hitherto been male territory by women. They have got not only the ballot, but seats in the Finnish parliament. Now they are extending the movement beyond the political field and demanding release from the moral and social shackles of their sex. They call for an increase in the number of causes for divorce, and the recognition of illegal children. In plain words they demand liberation from the bond and duty of matrimony. Does it strike them that if they had their way there would not be much difference between the position of a wife and that of a mistress? In England we see resistance to sexual revolution has been aroused.

(Mail and Empire)

Premier Scott, of Saskatchewan, who during the provincial election charged Mr. Laird of Regina, with grafting, has been unable to substantiate his accusation. What makes his situation more deplorable is the fact that the allegation was made during the trial that a witness had been approached with a view to getting him to swear to the truth of the Scott charge. This assertion unfortunately was not investigated in court. It ought to be looked into later on. Meanwhile Premier Scott, in view of the inability of the jury to accept his word, ought to resign. No man resting under the imputation which the action of the jury casts upon Mr. Scott should hold a position of trust. Perhaps Governor Forget will see to it that his council is relieved of the presence of Mr. Scott.

(Heward Chronicle)

Is a town a success without a hotel? Heward's public house has been closed now nearly two months and the experiences during that time should be sufficient to cause our citizens to realize what would be the result should a local option vote ever be carried here, or the desire of the majority of the nearest householders be opposed to granting a license under the present licensing system. There is no doubt that drinking has been less during the past month than ever before—but at no time in the history of the town was it excessive. But then the matter has got to be looked at from a business and practical point of view. There are a number of instances where the town has missed much by having the hotels closed. Travelling people avoid the town on account of lack of accommo-

and says that this law should be compulsory." This moves the British Medical Journal (London, Jan. 2) to much mirth. In a note headed "Cows and Tooth-brushes," after unfavorable comment on the general character of medical news in the daily press, it quotes the paragraph given above and then says: "It is well that this important pronouncement should receive prominent notice and not be lost in the world. The doctor who is evidently learned above his fellow practitioners might have gone a step further and given some directions as to the method of carrying out this bovine dental toilet. Of a well known character in Chaucer, it is recorded, 'He scrubbed his mouth with soap and sile with sand.' But both soap and sand might possibly be objected to by my learned doctor on the ground that they might travel by the same route as the malevolent germ, and find their way to the milk. We would suggest in the place of either of them the employment of the tooth brush. As in the case of the Scott with the ample nose regarding the use of snuff the cows with their dental development would afford great accommodation for the implement proposed. Again as the germ is not likely to be restricted to the regions of the mouth and pharynx, we would further suggest that each cow be supplied with an antiseptic gargle."

(Ottawa Citizen)

The world is beginning to realize that the Turks are a really great people. Abdul Hamid, with his cringing and corruption, his palace favorites and his demoralizing fear of assassination, has given the wrong impression of Turkey. The nation itself is made of good and sturdy material. If the nation now is able to regenerate itself, establish a good government, promote prosperity for the people and put Turkey among the great powers of Europe such an achievement will, after all, be no more wonderful than what Japan has done.

Freeman, the historian, declares that Osmanli Turks have produced more great leaders of men than any other race in the world. The Turks have behind them a history of conquest and triumph not second to that of the Spaniard and French. The nations, the peasants, the bulk of the population, retain their character, their simplicity of life, their loyalty to a cause. As soldiers they are as good as any in Europe. What they have failed, it has been invariably shown that such was due to poor generalship or jealousies between the leaders. Plevna was the result of the leadership of such a man as Osman Pasha.

Even if the sultan is only cunning the Turks have virtue. The Sultan, however is not a Turk so much by race as he is an Armenian. Child of harem as he is, he exhibits Armenian qualities of mind and of temperament that are foreign to the Turkish character. When Mr. Gladstone spoke of the "unspeakable Turk" he had in mind the great assassin of Stamboul, not the sturdy, simple, loyal, strong, and patient common Turk who bears the burdens of Abdul's misdeeds and weakness in every department of his work. But the common Turk has now established himself in the seat of government and the crescent is no more likely to disappear from the minarets of Constantinople than the black eagle from the towers of Berlin.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

A recommendation that the teeth of dairy cows be cleaned twice daily appears in a paragraph on "The Dangers of Milk" printed in the daily Telegraph. (London, Dec. 25.) This is based on advice given by Dr. Tanner, of Los Angeles, Cal., who we are told is now conducting a health campaign in that city. Says the paper just named: "Dr. Tanner is convinced that bovine teeth harbor many germs hitherto unsuspected, and that these frequently contaminate children's milk, producing all kinds of complaints which his fellow practitioners have talked wisely about, but do not in the least understand. He recommends that the teeth of all dairy cows should be cleaned twice daily,

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Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it, you want it badly.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The minister of railways, Lieut.-Gen. Schauffhausen, went to the Sarskoe-Selo today to present his resignation to the emperor and M. Nemechaieff, director of the southwestern railway system, has been summoned to St. Petersburg to confer with Premier Stolypin with regard to accepting the portfolio. M. Nemechaieff, like V. I. Timiraieff, who recently was re-appointed to the post of minister of commerce, was a member of Premier Witte's cabinet. He is a non-bureaucrat and eschews politics, though he has Liberal leanings. He is a practical railroad man. The railroad administration in recent years has been going from bad to worse and the deficit of the government railroads has increased yearly, despite the growing traffic and a general raising of passenger and freight rates. The commerce and industry of the country has been injuriously affected by the unsatisfactory service rendered by the railroads, and it is hoped that M. Nemechaieff, if he accepts the position, will succeed in putting the lines on a paying basis. The radical newspapers recently have been exploiting charges of irregularities in the purchase of coal against the administration of Lieut.-General Schauffhausen, but it is uncertain whether these attacks are in any way attributed to his retirement.

The novel sight of a town being moved bodily to a new site will be witnessed when the C. P. R. begins putting into effect its rear-end scheme on the Crow line next spring, making important changes between Frank and Macleod. Cowley will in the spring be moved two miles south of its present location. The C.P.R. has promised to pay all expenses of moving the town.

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