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BECK AND THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC

There seems to be no end to the efforts to hamper and heckle Hon. Adam Beck in connection with Hydro-Electric.

Here is a man who at enormous personal sacrifice has fought down all obstacles against this great scheme for the benefit of the people, and, in fact, so earnest and so arduous has been his devotion to the scheme that his health has finally broken down.

Still the gnats seek to continue to torment.

The latest incident comes from Toronto.

Some young men in the Hydro-Electric office got fresh, and were very properly fired.

Now the members of the Board of Control of that city have decided not to renew the appointment of Mr. P. W. Ellis on the local commission until Mr. Beck has reported on the aforesaid trouble.

The Toronto Star (Liberal) warmly urges Hon. Mr. Beck not to pay any attention to such a cheeky demand.

It points out that Mr. Beck has a wide province to look after. The relations of the province with the city, and of one municipality with another, and of all with the Ontario Hydro—these interests are numerous and difficult, and they all have demands on him. But the domestic, the indoor, the kitchen disputes of the Toronto City Hall are, it thinks, good little troubles for the Minister of Power to keep aloof from and remain superior to.

The Star is right. Hon. Adam Beck has risen to the demands of a big job in excellent fashion, and it is for him to keep his hand on the tiller without the distraction of below-hold trivialities.

THE SENATE AND DIVORCE

The members of the Senate at Ottawa recently turned down an application for divorce by a vote of 24 to 20.

What the evidence showed this paper does not know, but it is very much open to question as to whether such cases should get to the Upper Chamber at all.

In the first place, fifteen of the members who voted against this particular application were Roman Catholics. One of the tenets of that Church is strong opposition to the dissolution of the marriage tie. That view is nobody's business outside of the adherents of that Church, but it is and should be everybody's business to see a jury does not include men who will only cast their voice one way, no matter what the testimony.

In the next place, the cost of going to Ottawa with witnesses and lawyers, and so on is very great. In fact, such things in Canada, under existing circumstances, are only for the rich.

No one of common-sense wishes to see the marriage tie lightly regarded, or too easily capable of severance, but there are, unfortunately instances in which a separation is not only warranted but desirable.

In this regard there ought, as in the Old Country, to be recognized divorce courts, before which applicants could readily appear and secure a hearing, even to the extent of forma pauperis, or, in other words, without cost, because of lack of means.

Under any circumstances, the Senate is most emphatically not the place for the airing of marital difficulties.

SALARY FOR THE OPPOSITION LEADER

When Premier Borden, as leader of the Opposition, accepted a salary of \$7,000 a year, the Toronto Globe used to continually jibe at him for so doing.

Since ex-Premier Laurier has found it very convenient to accept a like emolument, the leading Grit organ, in characteristic fashion, has had nothing to say.

The Courier has always contended that such leaders have a right to be paid, and still thinks so. No Minister, outside of the Premier, does such hard work as the head of an alert Opposition. Moreover, he has not the advantage of Cabinet consultation, or of the services of the Deputies, and the rest who help to make the life of the head of a department

more easy. In addition, for secretarial and other help he has to pay out of his own pocket.

Mr. Borden did not sacrifice one iota of his dignity when he accepted the stipend, neither is Sir Wilfrid Laurier in so doing.

SOME GRIT BALDERDASH

The following is from an editorial in the Peterboro Examiner, Hon. Mr. Stratton's paper: Premier Borden is to follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier's example and visit Toronto, to make a speech, next Monday. Even with Tory Toronto's population—three to one Grit—it is doubtful if Mr. Borden will be received more enthusiastically or attract a greater audience than did the great Liberal Chieftain. And the truth is that he will not make so great a speech, for he comes in an apologetic spirit. He must defend an un-Canadian and un-British naval policy. He must defend, in Tory Toronto, "Oranges" Toronto, a naval policy dictated by the French-Canadian National element, the only openly disloyal element in Canada.

When Grit papers have to feed their readers with the above brand of buncombe they must be hard put to it indeed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. So wrote the poet, but this particular spring his thoughts are largely centred with regret that he put his fur cap in hock.

Speaking of Senators dealing with divorce cases brings to mind the fact that they are quite likely to divorce themselves from their lifelong job if they continue to monkey with important Government measures.

Bourassa is writing his political reminiscences, and what he has to say of Laurier's truckling with the Nationalists will not make good reading for he of the sunny smile. For instance, he announces that it was with great reluctance that Laurier supported the plan of Canadian soldiers going to help the Mother Land in the Boer War.

Just ask any intelligent Liberal you know, to state wherein the Laurier navy program is practicable, or even a patch on the Borden plan, and then watch him switch about the weather.

Meaford has had the fool habit of carrying overdraft after overdraft until the figures have reached such an enormous total that it is proposed to impose a tax rate of fifty mills for two years. Pay-as-you-go is an excellent method with municipalities, as well as individuals.

There is some talk of sending the British militant suffragettes to St. Helena. All right. Hand each of these dearies a large-sized hammer and don't let a mere man show his nose on the island from year's end to year's end.

Somebody has started the rumor that Teddy Roosevelt may have a chance to become King of Albania. That would be rather a drop from his effort to become Czar of the United States.

The Toronto Globe contended that Hon. Mr. White's splendid budget was made possible by the wise tariff measures of Hon. Mr. Fielding, and then it yelled because duties were not further reduced. This is the same paper, it will be remembered, which in the awful days of Rossism called for the removal of the barnacles with an "iron hand," and then, when nary a barnacle was touched, it swallowed the whole bunch of them and kept on imploring the people to keep such an excellent Government in office.

DO IT NOW

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SEALERS FOR DREDGING. Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Dredging, Ontario," will be received until 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 4, 1913, for dredging required at the following places in the Province of Ontario: Cloud Bay, Whitby, Bruce Mines, Hilton, Killarney, Little Detroit, Walker River. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.

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A separate cheque for each place for which a tender is submitted must accompany the tender. This cheque must be equal to 10 per cent. (10 per cent.) of the amount of the tender, based on the approximate quantities set opposite the name of place, but in no case must the cheque be for a less sum than \$100. The cheque must be accepted, on a chartered bank, and payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, May 15, 1913.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—4019.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

Protecting the Immigrants.

Ottawa Journal: Hon. T. W. Crothers, acting Minister of the Interior, is to be congratulated upon the new regulations he has drafted to protect immigrants from unscrupulous employment agents. These regulations make it incumbent upon employment agents who are to be licensed, to deal with immigrants in a manner that ensures either satisfaction or redress. The effect of dishonesty in dealing with immigrants is very great in the countries from which they come and has much influence in keeping the better class of workers from coming to Canada. The influx of a large number of men who do not understand the language of the country of this country offers a golden opportunity for profitable misdealing on the part of employment agents. Much misleading has gone on in the past and Canada has suffered from it. Immigrants have been induced by promise of employment to hand over money and the promise has not been redeemed. The new regulations, if successfully carried out, should give Canada a new prestige, as a land of promise for foreign workers.

Will Get Fooled.

Guelph Herald: The Liberal that relies upon an election this year is going to be greatly disappointed. There is no reason why there should be one, and it might as well be understood that Liberalism is not in control of the affairs of Canada.

A Striking Example.

Galt Reporter: As a boy the late Chris. Kloeffer went from a Waterloo county hamlet to Guelph with perhaps enough money in his pocket to pay his first week's board. In a few years he was heard of as the Royal City's leading manufacturer and financier. When he died a few months ago he was at the head of half-a-dozen industries. His estate is valued in returns to the Surrogate Court at \$361,000. Such opportunities as faced the young German lad from this county are open to others brought up amid rural surroundings, who have the stuff in them that makes a strong man out of the ambitious boy.

British Closure.

Ottawa Journal: "Much has been made of the fact that closure rules are in existence in the British parliament and in other public bodies. But the British parliament did not make its closure rules in the middle of a debate on an important subject and it did not force, as the rules on the House by a government majority. Hamilton Times (Lib.)

The foregoing is not true. The British parliament made its first closure rules in the middle of a debate on the suspension of the Habeas Corpus in Ireland, and only forced the rules through the House of Commons after the ejection of the whole of the Irish Home Rulers.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING

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MT. VERNON.

(From our own correspondent.) It being Mother's Day on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Todd preached a very helpful and interesting sermon, the text being taken from II. Timothy 1:5: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother, Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee rendered their good work." Mrs. Lillian Mott entitled, "Tell Mother I'll Be There."

Mrs. Ben Haviland and daughter of Mount Pleasant and Mrs. Stickle of Waterloo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver.

Mrs. A. Perrin and sister spent Sunday with their cousin, Mr. Perrin Daniel, at Richmond.

Mr. Neil Young went to Brantford last week to meet his mother, sisters and brother who have just arrived from Old Scotland.

Miss Johnson has been visiting relatives at Brantford.

Mr. Will MacDonald of Brantford spent a few days last week with his mother here.

Mrs. Thomas Douglas and little granddaughter, Veida, spent the first part of the week with Mrs. Harry Code at Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barker and family of Paris were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker.

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