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A Leader's Error.

Nearly all the Conservative newspapers of the Province are silent upon Mr. Whitney's declaration that he would wipe out the taxes on corporations. They realize that it is a most untoward blunder, especially on the eve of a campaign. It is a sample of the had judgment he has shown on other questions of policy, which led to the agitation for his removal from the leadership of the party.

It is absurd to contend that the taxes on corporations are diverted by the Government from the municipalities. Banks, telegraph, telephone, express, loan and insurance companies operate all over the Province, and should contribute to the Provincial revenue. Formerly the cities in which the head offices of such corporations happened to be located, taxed the profits, which were largely derived from investments and transactions in other municipalities. The present method equalizes the taxation among the municipalities, as the latter have the money returned to them impartially in the form of expenditures on education, hospitals, charitable institutions, administration of justice and so forth. Those who say this new source of revenue is direct taxation cannot show that the money collected by the Government has had the effect of raising insurance premiums, money rates, express charges or telegraph and telephone tolls. It comes out of the pockets of the corporations, not of the people.

Hon. Frank Latchford.

The Liberals of South Renfrew have unanimously renominated Hon. Frank Latchford, Minister of Public Works for Ontario. It rarely happens that a comparatively young man like Mr. Latchford begins public life at the top. When he was asked to enter the Ross Government, less than three years ago, he was known as a clever lawyer and a popular and representative Irish-Canadian. Mr. Ross is a good judge of men, and made no error in this case. Mr. Latchford showed from the first an aptitude for public affairs. He rapidly familiarized himself with the work of his department, so that when the Legislature met, a few months after his appointment, he was able to pilot his estimates through the shoals of Opposition criticism with the skill of an old parliamentary hand. Two of his chief qualities are an unremitting industry and a conscientious attention to details. He is progressive in his ideas, and has interested himself in industrial questions, being the responsible head of the Provincial Bureau of Labor, which he organized. His own election in South Renfrew is certain, and he will be a great strength to the Government, particularly in the East.

Spying Out the Land.

Closely allied with our great natural resources of mine and soil, is the work of exploration. The explorer is, in a sense, the real pioneer. The report of the Geological Survey Department, recently published, contains an interesting account of such work by the geologists and botanists who have been engaged in research during the past season.

During the summer months of 1901, thirty-one persons were engaged in the field work of the department; the average number for other years was fourteen. As a result of the augmented staff more has been accomplished than in a single year before. The government has been able to economize in carrying on field work, by employing college professors and other geologists during their long summer vacation.

To a person properly qualified, and who is endowed with a constitution capable of enduring the exposure incident to camp life, the field work of the geological survey department is extremely interesting. It is a good outing. Most of the traveling is done on foot and by means of canoes. Provided with an aluminum cooking outfit hammer and a few other utensils, the geologist goes forth to read the epic of the rocks.

Nor is his work confined to the newer and sparsely settled parts of the Dominion. Old Ontario still abounds in sources of interest. In the work of the department even the southwestern part of Ontario, apparently not of much importance to the geologist, has not been neglected. The report gives an account of the oil fields of Lambton County and the new local oil field near Bothwell. In the Bothwell field there were, near the end of last September, about 250 producing wells with a total output of about 6,000 barrels a month for the whole field. The oil pool recently opened up at Dutton, and the thirty-two wells there yielded nearly 1,200 barrels of oil a month. An account is also given of the boring of new wells at Tilsonburg. The natural gas regions of the province are to be found in Welland and Essex Counties. Though, from the view-point of the agriculturist, Western Ontario is fortunately free from rocks, yet its sur-

face deposits will repay the closest study and examination. The Pleistocene geology of Western Ontario, or that dealing with the most recent formations of the earth, is of unusual interest. In fact, taken as a whole, there is no better field in the Dominion for the study of geology, in its relation to glaciation.

Great Possibilities.

It is no exaggeration to say that Canada has a greater supply of pulpwood than any other country on the globe. For that reason Canada should, and some day may, lead all other countries in pulp and paper-making. Possession of the raw material is a natural advantage that should be turned to the fullest account. A prudent public policy, dictated by purely Canadian interests, will promote this development. In the Province of Ontario no pulpwood cut on crown lands can be exported—it must first be converted into pulp or paper. This cuts off Ontario as a source of pulpwood supply for foreign manufacturers, who would otherwise ravage our spruce forests. The Province thereby loses a direct revenue, but it preserves the spruce and encourages the establishment of pulp and paper plants to utilize the raw material and give employment to Canadian labor. In this respect Ontario has taken the lead over other Provinces. In Quebec, tracts of spruce are sold by auction, and the purchaser may export the logs in the rough by paying increased dues.

With the view of getting the best results from our unrivaled natural resources, it is obvious that Ontario's plan is the more far-seeing one. The area of spruce forests in the United States is diminishing, while the demand for paper is rapidly increasing. This means that our neighbors will be forced to look abroad for pulpwood. Canada should prefer to send it to them in manufactured form.

A change of Government appears to be a daily recreation in British Columbia. It's certainly time for a change there.

In England the two tobacco companies are at war, and smokers are reveling in low prices. The American people would welcome a rival meat trust.

The Kingston Whig says that Mr. N. W. Rowell, outside of Mr. Ross, has made the blindest speech of the campaign. Both are London old boys.

Mr. Whitney is advising the Conservatives of every riding to organize a committee of bruisers. That was the plan adopted in the days of open voting to prevent Liberals reaching the polls, but it will scare nobody now.

Bradstreet reports that industrial activity in Canada was never so great. According to the weekly trade review, "factories and mills are busy getting out goods to fill orders; requiring immediate shipment. Labor is well employed, and wages generally better than in previous years. Yet the croakers in Parliament are complaining the present tariff spells ruination."

Hundreds of thousands of square miles of the richest part of Ontario have been disposed of by the Ross Government without competition and without consulting the people's representatives.—London Free Press.

With the Free Press it is not so much exaggeration as habit.

Speaking of the pulp syndicates at the St. Marys meeting last night, Mr. Roy said: "True, they were compelled to put up a mill, but that did not compel them to cut." Doesn't it? Take the largest syndicate, the Kewatin Power Company. They are obliged to spend \$1,500,000 and employ 500 men at the very least. Does any sane man think a company will go to that expense in building and equipping a pulp mill and then cut no pulpwood?

While The Advertiser asserts that the Toronto merchants have no advantage over London, it is careful to say that "London may have an advantage over surrounding towns and villages." Yes, it is all right for citizens of these surrounding towns and villages to trade in London, but it is very wrong for Londoners to trade in Toronto. How has London an "advantage"?—Parliamentary Review.

We stated that London had an advantage over its neighbors in this way, that its big drygoods merchants send their own buyers to Europe and purchase large stocks direct from European houses.

Canada's Contribution in Men.

[Ottawa Journal.]

Since the declaration of war in South Africa, the Canadian enlistment has been as follows, as detailed in yesterday's Journal:

Officers and men.	1,150
Royal Canadian Regiment.	388
First Canadian Mounted Rifles.	379
Royal Canadian Dragoons.	379
Royal Canadian Artillery.	539
Strathcona Horse.	537
South African Constabulary.	1,208
Halifax Garrison Regiment.	1,004
Second Canadian Mounted Rifles.	935
Field Hospital Corps.	62
Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Canadian Rifles, say—	2,000
Total	8,262

That is a pretty good showing for a peaceable people.

There is evidently a fighting strain in the blood.

DAILY PICTURE PUZZLE.



"COME HERE, LIGHTFOOT." WHERE IS THE DOG?

Solution for yesterday's puzzle: With the upper part of the picture as base, the sweetheart may be found to the left of the girl, formed in her scarf.

Didn't Like the Name.

[Punch.]

Artist (who has recommended model to a friend)—Have you been to sit for Mr. Jones yet?
Model—Well, I've been to see him; but directly I got into his studio: "Why," he said, "you've got a head like a Botticelli." I don't know what a Botticelli is, but I didn't go there to be called names, so I came away!

A Novice.

[Yonkers Statesman.]

She was new at housekeeping, and when she went to the market for the first time she asked for Persian lamb because she'd heard it was the most expensive kind.

Beef Has Rize.

[Hal Donley in Simcoe Reformer.] He used to order it well done. Each day in manner meek, But now he has his beefsteak "rare," As rare as once a week.

Janie's Query.

Little Janie—Mamma, my birthday comes on a Monday this year, doesn't it?
"Yes, dear."
"And last year it was on Sunday, wasn't it?"
"Yes," replied the mother.
"Did it come on Saturday the year before last?"
"Yes, dear."
"Mamma, how many days in the week was I born on?"

Exposing His Hand.

[Washington Star.]

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Turkins, "I am glad to know that you are not disposed to bow down and worship royalty."
"I didn't know I had expressed any opinion on the subject."
"You were talking in your sleep last night. You said you knew all along that things were no good."

The River.

[Ella Wheeler Wilcox in New York Journal.] I am a river, flowing from God's sea. Through devious ways. He maps my course for me. I cannot change it; mine alone the toll To keep the waters free from grime and soil. The winding river ends where it began. And when my life has compassed its brief span I must return to that mysterious Source So let me gather daily on my course The perfume from the blossoms as I pass. Balm from the pines and healing from the grass. And carry down my current as I go Not common stones, but precious gems to show. And tears (the holy water from sad eyes) Back to God's sea, from which all rivers rise. Let me convey—not blood from wounded hearts—Nor poison which the upas tree imparts. When over flowery vales I leap with joy. Let me not devastate them nor destroy. But rather leave them fairer to the sight. Mine be the lot to comfort and delight. And if down awful chasms I must leap Let me not murmur at my lot, but sweep. On bravely to the end without one fear. Knowing that he who planned my way Love sent me forth, to Love I go again. For love is all and over all.—Amen.

In Bulgaria.

[Puck.]

First Brigand—I see by the paper that the foreign ministers in China have collected some of that indemnity.

Second Brigand—That doesn't interest me.

First Brigand—Well, it ought to. It's right in our line of business.

A Book's Soliloquy.

[Robert Bridges.]

My lady's room is full of books. And easy chairs and curtained nooks. And dainty tea-things on a table. And poetry, and tale, and fable. And the hearth a crackling fire. That welcome gives, and when you tire Of pleasant talk you still may find A tempting pasture where the mind May browse awhile, and read the pages Which poets wrote, or fools, or sages.

And here I come to ask a place Among the written riches, face to face. To be allowed, on some low shelf. To rest and dream, and pride myself On such company.

To watch fair women drinking tea; And if, perchance, some lonely day The gentle mistress looks my way And softly says: "Now, I shall see What's going on in Arady!" Then I'll rejoice that I'm a book At which my lady deigns to look.

Cautious.

[Washington Star.]

"Is your wife one of those women who look at their husbands and say, 'I made a man of him?'" asked the impatient friend.
"No," answered Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta is very unassuming. She merely says she has done her best."

Paderewski's Tears and Treasure.

[New York World.]

Ignace Jan Paderewski sailed away from New York in tears yesterday. He took \$125,000 with him. Possibly he wept because he left so much behind. But in any event he does not despair of the rest. "I shall return again, ah, yes!" said Mr. Paderewski. "I love this country."

Anything to Get In.

[Goderich Signal.]

Harry Elber supports Whitney and anti-prohibition in South Huron. James Mitchell supports Whitney and prohibition in West Huron; and Heaven only knows what Anson Spotton is supporting in South Huron.

Little, But O, My!

[Chicago Tribune.]

Little drops of water,
Little grains of dirt,
They never do a thing
To the trailing skirt!

A Cheery Pair.

[Washington Star.]

"Do you remember," said Mrs. Grumps, "when you asked me to marry you?"
"Yes," said Mr. Grumps.
"And I said 'Yes?'"
"I remember it. We both always did talk a bunch."

THE GENESIS OF FAMOUS SONGS

Interesting Facts About the Origin of Old Favorites.

Writers of Popular Airs Almost Invariably Received Poor Rewards for Their Labors.

"Woodworth wrote funny verses as advertisements for a keeper of a fancy store in New York for a long time. Joe Bonfanti, who made a fortune from his poetry. When the California fever broke out in 1849 Woodworth went to the Pacific shore and was engaged as a reporter on the Alta. He died there and his remains lie in the Home Mountain Cemetery.

"KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN" was sold by Crouch, the author, for \$25 to the publishers. Crouch was hopelessly improvident and in his later days became a tramp. When Miss Tittens was in this country a number of years ago she sang "Kathleen Mavourneen" in New York. A dirty tramp introduced himself as Crouch, was recognized, and thanked her for singing the song so well.

"Life on the Ocean Wave," written by Epes Sargent, was pronounced a failure by his friends. Russell, of a Boston firm of music publishers, took the words from Sargent and the latter tells this story of the melody:

"We passed through the music store, Russell scented himself at a piano, read over the lines attentively, hummed an air or two himself and ran his hands over the keys, then stopped as if non-plussed.

"Suddenly a bright idea seemed to dawn on him. A melody all at once came into his brain and he began to hum it and to sway himself to its movement. Then striking the keys he at last confidently launched into the tune since known as 'Life on the Ocean Wave.'

"The melody proved a success. The copyright became very valuable, though the author never got anything from it but fame. It was popular in England as well as in this country.

"The Arkansas Traveler." The famous traveler known as the "Arkansas Traveler" is no myth, but breathes and has his being in that state. The traveler lives in Little Rock and may be seen every day on the streets of the town indulging his taste for music and story-telling.

"He is known as Col. Sandy Falkner. He was born in Kentucky in 1804. In 1832 he went to Arkansas and became acquainted with Walter Wright, the original squatter in the song. "My Maryland" was written by Jas. R. Randall. Randall was described as one of the most deluged men to meet. I met Randall some time ago in Annapolis, Ala. He was an editor of the Hot Blast in that city. He said that he only received \$25 in Confederate money for his song."

"SUWANEE RIVER," "Masses" in a cold, cold ground, 'Camp Town Races,' 'Old Folks at Home,' 'Ellen Bayne,' 'Willie, We Have Missed You' and 'My Old Kentucky Home,' were written by Stephen C. Foster. He was a musician almost from his cradle and at the age of 7 he had mastered the fiddle without a teacher. It is said that one publishing house alone paid \$20,000 for his compositions.

"Foster was very improvident and

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words to the tune there rang out for the first time the song of 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

"Getting a short furlough Ferd and Charley Durang sang it on the stage of the Holiday Street Theater. The music was first published by George Willig, Jun., of Baltimore.

"Ferd Durang died in New York in 1930. I well remember Tom Blakely, an actor, saying to his wife, 'Poor Ferd Durang is dying.' Durang was born in Harrisburg, Pa. His father was a Frenchman and a fair musician. Durang died in extreme poverty and but for his co-laborers on the stage he would have found a pauper's grave.

"The 'Hunters of Kentucky' was very popular in my early days. It was written by Samuel Woodworth, a type-setter. The 'Hunters' was written just after the battle of New Orleans in 1815. The tune is from an old English ditty, 'Unfortunate Miss Bailey.'

"It was sung for many years by an actor, Noah M. Ludlow, who died in 1885 or 1886 in St. Louis at the age of 89. Ludlow came near having his brains knocked out on the stage while singing the song in New Orleans. An Englishman threw a large piece of gas pipe at his head, but fortunately missed his mark.

"WATER CURE" FIEND TO BE TRIED.

Washington, May 3.—Following the precedent set in the case of Gen. Smith the president has himself, through Secretary Root, ordered the trial by court-martial of Major Edwin F. Glenn, 5th Infantry, as a participant in the administration of the "water cure" to Philippine prisoners.

DAM ON ST. LAWRENCE.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—The bill giving the consent of the United States to the erection by the Canadian Government of a dam on the St. Lawrence River from Adams Island, Canada to Les Galops Island, United States, with a view of improving navigation, was favorably reported from the house committee on foreign affairs.

"Boys, I've hit it," and fitting the

THE DEATH RECORD

Demise of Congressman Amos J. Cummings at Baltimore.

Baltimore, May 2.—Congressman Amos J. Cummings, of New York, died at 10:15 o'clock tonight at the Church home and infirmary, in this city. The cause of death was pneumonia, incident to an operation for kidney trouble. Amos J. Cummings was born in Conkling, N. Y., May 15, 1841. He received a common school education, and when twelve years old entered a printing office as an apprentice. He followed the work of printer for several years and had set type in nearly every state in the union. He was a boy with Walker in the last invasion of Nicaragua. He was sergeant-major in the 26th New Jersey Regiment, attached to the army of the Potomac and received the congressional medal of honor for gallantry on the battle field. He held editorial positions on the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley, on the New York Sun, New York Express and was editor of the Evening Sun when elected to the fiftieth congress. He declined a renomination, preferring to give his whole time to editorial work, was elected to the fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth and fifty-sixth congresses, and re-elected to the fifty-seventh congress.

Supreme Court I. O. F.
Los Angeles, Cal., May 3.—The Supreme Court, Independent Foresters held a session last night and adjourned to San Francisco for Tuesday. The financial reports were all presented, discussed and adopted. The amendments to the constitution recommended by the executive were adopted.