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SOME GRIT RUBBISH

The Toronto Globe is still lashing itself into a puerile fury over what it is pleased to term "an insult to Laurier."

It further alleges that Conservatives are now busy trying to explain away what was done.

In reality they're not doing anything of the kind, and don't need to.

That which happened and properly happened, Laurier brought upon his own head.

He was neatly out manoeuvred in a perfectly legitimate way under a rule which Sir Wilfrid himself introduced one year ago.

In other words he got the medicine which he had prepared to use on Conservatives, if occasion arose, and when he realized the situation he commenced to fume and rave.

Just listen to this talk of his:

"Let me repeat to my Right Hon. friend the Prime Minister: as you are fair, so shall you meet with fairness; as you are unjust, so shall you meet with injustice; as you sow, so shall you reap. The poison that you offer us to-day will come to your own lips at some future day. We are in the minority; we can be gagged; we can be prevented from expressing our opinions; you can trample upon our bodies. But, sir, the day of reckoning will come, and it will come as soon as we have a dissolution of the present Parliament."

What do you think of that for the language of an ex-Premier?

In reality the unfair tactics in this whole business have been on the part of Laurier and his disgruntled henchmen, such as Editor Macdonald of the Toronto Globe, Sydney Fisher, Emmerson and others of that ilk.

Premier Borden, with great courtesy and forbearance allowed the wind jammers more than enough time for their blocking game, and in the end he very properly demonstrated who was boss.

All thinking men, not utterly blinded by extreme partisanship, will heartily approve of what was done as in the best interests of the country.

There will have to be a closure rule, such as a Liberal Premier introduced in the Old Land. Not to be arbitrarily used here any more than it is there, but as a requisite precaution against extreme and unwarranted blocking of public business.

THE VIEWS OF A LIBERAL PAPER.

The Montreal Witness is a staunch Liberal paper and its editor is a close personal friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In an article referring to the closure it says:

"The question before the country to-day is whether a minority should be able to force an appeal to the people, or whether, as Mr. Borden holds, the dissolution of parliament is the prerogative of the King, that is of the government. This is the British parliamentary theory. Royal prerogatives have died slowly, but die they do. Mr. Borden does not, however, take his stand on royal prerogative, but on parliamentary principle. Here again he has the cry and practice on his side. Ours is government by representatives elected by the people for a term of years. A majority in the House of Commons can do with the country as it thinks best. It may be elected on one set of issues and may legislate on issues which the people have not pronounced upon at all. Its only check is that it will some day have to face the people. It is, therefore, supposed to be influenced by every indication of the people's will. This, however, it sometimes defies. The Balfour government came into power on a wave of war enthusiasm. Its party was a party of class and of privilege, present and prospective. It acted in a variety of ways in the service of class and of interests in matters in which it had no sort of mandate, and in defiance of a long succession of electoral indications that the country was not with it.

Still parliamentary government is a thing to be preserved. It stands to reason that a selection of the wisemen of the nation, giving their best powers to the study of questions, and forced to see them on all sides, will act with more capacity than the public, who know little or nothing of most of the matters that come before parliament, and when they do

have them forced on their attention, read, for the most part only one side of the argument, Parliament is, in theory, government by the wisest, and the study of nations should be to realize this ideal. Is it in the interest of parliamentary government that a minority should have a constitutional method of securing an appeal to the people? The only method known is obstruction of public business. It is a crude and unfortunate method. It verges on an appeal to brute force. To meet obstruction the closure had to be devised in the British parliament. It was devised to meet the case of a group who had no hope of carrying their measure in the country, but who organized themselves to render parliamentary government impossible, until the country should surrender to them. The closure has since, however, been used against obstruction by the parliamentary minorities who really hoped, or professed to hope, for success at the polls. An Opposition that makes parliamentary business impossible should be very sure that the country is with it, and will not grudge the enormous waste and friction. On the other hand, a government that exercises closure should feel very sure that its course is a popular one, as its opponents have the plea that it was a refusal of an appeal to the people, and, therefore, an attempt to override the people.

Mr. Borden has not ventured on absolute closure, but has imposed a rule, which, we believe, is a constant one in the United States House of representatives. Each member is there assigned twenty minutes in which to speak, and so exact is this rule that he may before speaking hand out his time in sections to other members who have something to say. In committee the time there allowed each speaker is five minutes. But this, with other limitations proposed by Mr. Borden, strikes those hit by them as a dangerous limitation of free speech. The London Daily News thinks it is very unfortunate that such tactics should be introduced for the first time over the matter of a free will offering to the Empire. It regards it as portending friction rather than Imperial unity. In dealing with this proposal the Opposition were able to cite the obstructive tactics, by which they had been forced to the country in 1911, and how no closure rule was invoked by the then government. But the supporters of the closure were able to reply by quoting a whole chorus of expressions of the Liberal press and Liberal statesmen, some of them quite picturesque, as to how a change in the rules was absolutely needed if parliament was to be carried on at all. Parliament has now sat five months and done nothing; was it to sit ten months and still do nothing? We count it unfortunate for the party administering this discipline that it proceeded forthwith to violate the cause of free speech. After the Speaker had recognized Sir Wilfrid Laurier as having the floor, that party, by a simple party vote, put Mr. Hazen in his place. This was an action that will tell against them in the country.

With regard to the last statement it is well to remember that it was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who introduced the proviso that if two members rose at once it was left to the House to decide which should be the first to be heard.

It was his dodge to continue the debate for an interminable length and he was very properly blocked; that was all.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The "square deal" campaign of the "supreme in everything" Courier, is getting more popular each day.

The local Grit organ is against the introduction of closure at Ottawa. Yet the same sheet applauded Gladstone when he adopted a like measure in the British House of Commons.

The members of the Senate need not make any mistake about the fact that if they monkey with the naval bill, a change will be made to have members of that chamber elected by the people. Then about nine tenths of them will be left at home.

The militant suffragettes and the Ottawa obstructionists constitute a mutual admiration society these days.

Hamilton Herald (independent): "It would be unfortunate for the Liberal party if their chosen leaders were to earn the reputation of being 'poor sports.'"

"It was the purpose of the opposition to obstruct; it had prepared for that course. The government desired that the business of the country should be proceeded with, and took the only way to checkmate the strategy of the opposition. The government won out, and it won fairly and legitimately by intelligent use of the rules of debate."

"The denunciation of Mr. Borden as a 'knavish trickster,' a 'weak tool,' a 'corrupted partner,' who has degraded his high office and is unfit to be trusted—albeit because he did not choose to let his opponents stack the cards against him—would be amusing were it not that it makes one ashamed of the poor sportsmanship manifested in Canadian public life."

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ENGLAND HAS A BLIZZARD

Winter Comes Back Again To Terry April—Snow Fell.

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, April 12.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: Winter has returned to terrify England and yesterday a large part of England was swept by a blizzard, which in some districts lasted over ten hours and brought down several inches of snow. In London during the afternoon, snow fell for some time but fortunately, it melted as soon as it touched the ground. Almost the whole day was rainy.

Elsewhere conditions were far worse. In the Derbyshire Peak district a snow storm raged over ten hours, growing heavier hour by hour. Several inches fell in dales and on hills. The fall was very heavy around Doncaster and in West Riding. Snow fell all day in Scotland, and especially along the western seaboard the fall was very severe. Starting at 7 o'clock in the morning snow fell without intermission all day and was still falling late last night. The storm was disastrous to young lambs on hill farms, and heavy losses are expected.

The outlook for the immediate future is equally depressing. Rain and snow are predicted for to-day in almost all districts.

THE TEA POT INN

"Tea as You Like It." 134 Dalhousie St. Opposite the Market.

PASTOR TELLS HIS REASON

"Business Cards" For Marriage Used to Advertise His Church.

BRIDGEBURG, April 12.—Rev. Robert McIntyre, the "marrying parson" who has "business cards," rector of Knox Presbyterian church, made a statement yesterday in explanation of his conduct, which was made the subject of discussion in the Legislature a couple of days ago.

Rev. Mr. McIntyre has formerly been stationed at London, Tempo and St. Thomas, and is well known in Western Ontario. In discussing the advertising of "marriage made easy," Mr. McIntyre said: "These cards were printed to advertise my church, as to the references to the license on the cards, I believe it better for the girls to wait at my home rather than endure the stares of the people as a couple enter the stores where the licenses are issued."

"You may say that I am for the amendment with all my heart," continued the minister. "I have been opposed to the law now in force ever since I came to Bridgeburg, five years ago. I have written to Sir James Whitney and Dr. Shearer, telling them of the evil of the present law. No doubt they have the letters in their possession now. Not only have I written these gentlemen, but I have publicly condemned the law. Of course, it has been quite a help financially, as my salary here is not large. New York state is far ahead of us as regards marriage laws."

POPE GIVES AN AUDIENCE

He Looks Worn but Hopes to be Spared For Some Time Yet.

[Canadian Press Despatch] ROME, April 12.—The Pope is now considered as being fully convalescent. He slept so tranquilly all night that his valet found no need of calling in secretaries Bressan and Pessini, who, alternately, have been in attendance in an ante chamber of his bedroom.

Early to-day the pope received Archbishop Koppes of Luxembourg in private audience. The archbishop was obliged to leave Rome to-day and as he had urgent matters to discuss with the pontiff, an audience was arranged, notwithstanding the vigorous protests of Prof. Marchiava, the papal physician, against exposing the patient to any fatigue. The audience lasted for 34 minutes. Although the pope was very weak, he showed a remarkable clearness and keenness of mind.

A sister and niece of the pope visited him to-day and remained longer than usual. They said that the improvement in his condition was very marked and that he seems to have a greater disposition to take nourishment.

Archbishop Jean Joseph Koppes of Luxembourg, after his reception by the pope this morning, said he found the pontiff looking worn and showing the suffering he had gone through but that he displayed a strong spirit and was full of confidence in his recovery. The pope expressed the belief that God would give him sufficient strength to accomplish the task he had begun: "To restore everything in Christ."

Archbishop Koppes added that the pope's voice was robust, his eyes vivacious and his expression as benevolent as usual, also that he was still energetic.



Mrs. June Eaton Keyes, daughter of Mrs. J. G. Eaton, who is held on a charge of murdering her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton, at Portsmouth, Mass. Since her mother's arrest, Mrs. Keyes has conferred with the authorities, and stories that another woman will be brought into the case have been circulating.

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Whether it was the fine, honest, straightforward face that inspired confidence or the simple language, which rang true as a silver bell, that made so many people think over this letter, is not for me to say. But the fact remains that one hundred and eighty-seven persons have written Mr. Joubert to enquire more fully about "Fruit-a-tives". And this delightful old gentleman who is now 74 years old—happy in his release from pain—grateful for his cure—took the time to answer every inquiry. Take his advice and try "Fruit-a-tives". soc. a box, 6 for \$2.50—trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

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