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## "NOT GUILTY."

While the course of good citizenship must always lie side by side with observance of the country's laws, there probably will be but little fault found with the decision yesterday in the case of an unfortunate woman charged with the murder of her baby son. The case against the accused rested entirely upon circumstantial evidence, and in the jury's consideration of it, the prisoner was, quite properly, given the benefit of any doubt that might have existed as to her guilt. That the verdict was a popular one was shown by the approval manifested by the spectators in the court room when it was announced she was "not guilty," and by the expressions of sympathy for the accused very generally heard on the streets.

Fortunately such crime is of rare occurrence in St. John and, in the present case, the ends of justice have probably been well served. Consideration of the case, however, leads to the opinion that cities and municipalities generally have been somewhat remiss in caring for unfortunate women whose steps have not always been taken in the straight and narrow path. There is, at least, one very excellent denominational institution in St. John designed to care for such cases, but it is hoped that as the city grows and prospers the civic responsibility in matters of this kind will be recognized sufficiently to lead to the establishment, under municipal or provincial control, of an institution where young women and girls, not altogether criminals, may be reclaimed and gradually guided back to become useful members of society. Such an establishment could do noble work and, possibly, prevent much wretchedness, misery, and eventual serious crime.

## CONCERNING LOYALTY.

A reference in The Standard, yesterday, concerning the address by Mr. R. L. Borden at Halifax, causes the peevish Times to uncork its yells of invective and to rush to the task of replying to an alleged questioning by this paper of the loyalty of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Times insists that Sir Wilfrid is loyal and, as proof positive of his contention, recalls that the Liberal leader declared that "when England is at war, Canada is at war." The Standard does not question Sir Wilfrid's loyalty half as much as it admires his versatility. It is well known that he made the remark that The Times blatantly credits him with, but there also lurks a lingering suspicion that on a certain occasion he intimated that not a man nor a gun would be sent to South Africa, where, most certainly, England was at war. The guns and men were sent and the world knows the story, but possibly Sir Wilfrid did not count the African incident when he made the statement quoted by The Times. It is not quite fair to judge Sir Wilfrid by any one utterance. He may have been merely indulging in a gentle jest in his reference to South Africa, and the term he used at St. Hyacinthe, on August 16th, when, according to The Daily Telegraph's report, he referred to the British government as, "the high-brows of Downing street," may have been but airy periphrasis. Come to think of it, Liberal ministers at times have been rather strong on utterances not intended to be taken seriously. But they should not be condemned because of that, nor should there be a disposition to attach too much weight to their statements. An instance of this is supplied by Mr. Pugsley, who once stated his intention of converting Fort Howe into a sort of modern replica of the hanging gardens of Babylon, but it is doubtful if any person who heard him believed that he meant his remarks to be construed as a binding promise. So it is with Sir Wilfrid, his references to the high-brows of Downing street must not be accorded any greater weight than his well-turned sentence dealing with Canadian participation in England's war. Possibly he did not mean either of them.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that Canada's present premier, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, does not possess the faculty of treating Canada's relations with Britain as a subject for amiable jest, and when he says, as he did in Halifax, that "the unity of the Empire cannot be maintained if its greatest dominion adopts a policy of scamping under the cover of neutrality in time of danger or trouble," the Canadian electors are quite correct in labelling his statement as representing the absolutely honest and unchanged belief of the premier of Canada, and through him, the Canadian government.

## IN CHATEAUGUAY.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, the rejected of Brome, was chosen by the Liberals of Chateaugay, in Quebec Province, yesterday, as their candidate in the by-election for the seat in the House of Commons vacated by the death of the sitting member, James P. Brown, which

occurred this year. Nomination day has been fixed for October 4th, with polling on October 11th. It was announced several days ago that Mr. Fisher had been after the nomination and the result of yesterday's convention shows that his hunt was successful. News despatches state that while about sixty delegates were at the convention, Mr. Fisher, on the first ballot, secured 37 votes. Later his selection was made unanimous.

Chateaugay Liberals have not found smooth sailing for the party bark. Although the constituency had always gone Liberal since 1867 there was a gradual reduction of the majorities, and the late Mr. Brown, who defeated his opponent by 305 votes, in 1908, had but 40 of a majority in 1911. And he was a candidate whose personal popularity was a very strong factor.

Turning to Brome, the constituency Mr. Fisher represented for years, we find that when he was first elected in 1882, he had a majority of 159 votes. This gradually increased until 1904, when it reached the high water mark of 890. In the election of 1908 he was returned by 441, but on that memorable 21st of September, 1911, he went down to defeat as a member of the Laurier Cabinet.

Recent utterances of Le Canada, the French Liberal organ in Montreal, indicate that in some quarters it was hoped the Liberal nominee in Chateaugay would be a French-Canadian, as the constituency is three-fifths French, but has always been represented by an English member. The action of the convention yesterday, however, shows that the appeal for a French-Canadian candidate, which was certainly a strenuous one, did not receive the attention those making it had hoped for.

## THE ULSTER PROBLEM.

With the statement of John Redmond all prospects of a settlement by consent of the home rule question have, for the time, vanished and the situation, therefore, becomes just that much more serious. Meanwhile, in the Province of Ulster, men are being openly drilled for the purpose of resisting authority. One hundred thousand men, it is said, have volunteered for military service on the side of the Ulster Protestants against Irish home rule. The so-called "Ulster army" is regularly drilled by British officers and has been publicly reviewed by an ex-member of the British cabinet. Even the leader of the Unionist party in Britain, and the prospective British premier has stated quite openly that any movement by the British Government against the force in Ulster would be sufficient warrant for him and his friends to take active sides with the Anti-Home Rule.

The situation is practically unprecedented in Britain and by reason of its very boldness and the publicity given to it, presents a serious problem. There are men of great ability in both of the British political parties and from this distance it looks as if all their collective abilities may be severely taxed if the Ulster question is to be settled without an open rupture, which, at any cost, is altogether to be avoided.

A French aviator has established the wonderful record of flying more than 124 miles in less than an hour, or at a speed exceeding two miles a minute. This record will probably be broken in time, and altogether it looks as if the fantastic predictions made years ago by a famous writer, that aerial express trains carrying hundreds of passengers would travel on schedule time from Great Britain to America, may yet be verified within the lifetime of the present generation.

Of course Liberal papers find fault with the new West Indian contract because a Conservative minister aided to put it through. If the Dominion Government were to make a free gift of a bank account of \$1,000 to every man, woman and child in St. John the Brit press would still howl because the Government did not also provide check books and fountain pens.

The stenographers at Liberal headquarters in the constituencies where by-elections are to be held next month, will now find use for the lesson impressed upon them when they were mastering the type-writer—"Now is the time for all good men to come to the help of the party."

The completion of the purchase of a King street business block by the Canadian Pacific Railway is another evidence of that company's faith in the future of St. John.

## Driving Them to Canada.

(News-Advertiser.) It is said that the failure of the corn crop will drive thousands of farmers to Canada from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and other corn states. The movement set in strong during August and continued in September.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### FIRST THINGS

#### CIRCUMNAVIGATORS.

The first voyage of an American vessel around the world was made by the ship Columbia, which sailed from Boston 156 years ago today. The route was around Cape Horn and thence to the northwest coast of America, where the Columbia took on a cargo of furs and sailed for China. From the latter country the ship returned by way of the Cape of Good Hope, reaching Boston in 1800. The globe was first circumnavigated by Magellan, a Portuguese in the service of Spain, who set out in 1519. The voyage was completed in three years and twenty-nine days. Grilvalva, a Spaniard, was the next to perform the feat. The first English circumnavigator was Sir Francis Drake, whose voyage began in 1577. Cavendish and Le Maire, a Dutchman, were the next to make the grand tour. The first French circumnavigator was Bougainville, who had been Montcalm's aide-de-camp in Canada.

#### THE PASSING DAY

##### AN INDIAN FESTIVAL.

In the Christian calendar today is dedicated to the worship of St. Jerome, the reviser of the Latin Bible and one of the most scholarly of early Christians. The whole Christian world honors the learned and eloquent hermit whose luminous writings exerted so profound an influence upon the faith, but it is among the rude and unlettered Indians of the Southwest and Mexico that the feast day of the saint is most generally celebrated. For some reason the aborigines of those sections long ago adopted San Geronimo as their patron saint. Even among the Apache, the ferocious Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, the veneration of St. Jerome has long been prevalent, and their murderous chief, Geronimo, bore the name of the scholarly saint.

For many years the feast of San Geronimo has been celebrated on each thirtieth of September by a great gathering in Tacs, New Mexico. Apaches, Navajos and Utes, together with thousands of Mexicans, make the annual pilgrimage to Tacs. Some of the travel hundreds of miles to take part in the sports, festivities and exercises of the day. While the festival bears the name of a Christian saint, the ceremonies are largely pagan. After brief religious devotions, an address by a black-robed Indian, the weird tribal dances begin, and continue through the day, alternating with races between fleet-footed warriors and other trials of strength and speed. The great feast of the harvest, and the greased pole contest, and the victor becomes the hero of the day.

The San Geronimo fiesta concludes with a great feast and with offerings to the gods of the harvest. This latter featured as well as the tribal dances, prove that the worship of San Geronimo is but an accident, and that the celebration is in reality but a continuation of the harvest festival and fair that was held annually in Mexico long before Cortes overthrew the great Aztec Empire.

Although the festa of San Geronimo and other Indian harvest festivals are of pagan origin, they are at least not tainted with greed and graft, as is so often the case with the fairs and festivals of the superior, enlightened, cultured and Christian paleface. At the Indian "feeds" all who care to may share in the bounty of the tribespeople. The Apache host may entertain a secret desire to "lift" his guest's scalp, but he would scorn to accept payment for his hospitality, unless he be utterly contaminated by association with a superior race. At the Indian festivals all may see what there is to see, and eat what there is to eat, without the expenditure of a cent.

## THE HUMAN PROCESSION

### LORD ROBERTS' BIRTHDAY.

Field Marshal Sir Frederick Sleigh Roberts, Baron Roberts, Viscount St. Pierre, first Earl of Kandahar, Pretoria and Waterford, P. C., K. P., G. C. S. I., G. C. P., V. C., D. C., L. D., will reach today the ripe old age of four score years and one. Kings, governments, parliaments, municipalities and universities have heaped titles, decorations, degrees and honors of all sorts upon Britain's greatest warrior yet the title of which he has been proudest is the affectionate nickname of "Bobs," conferred upon him by the Tommies of India, Egypt and South Africa. Rudyard Kipling and other poets have sung his praises, and historians have placed him on an equality with the greatest warriors of history, but Lord "Bobs," in his autobiography, ascribes his victories to the valor of Tommy Atkins.

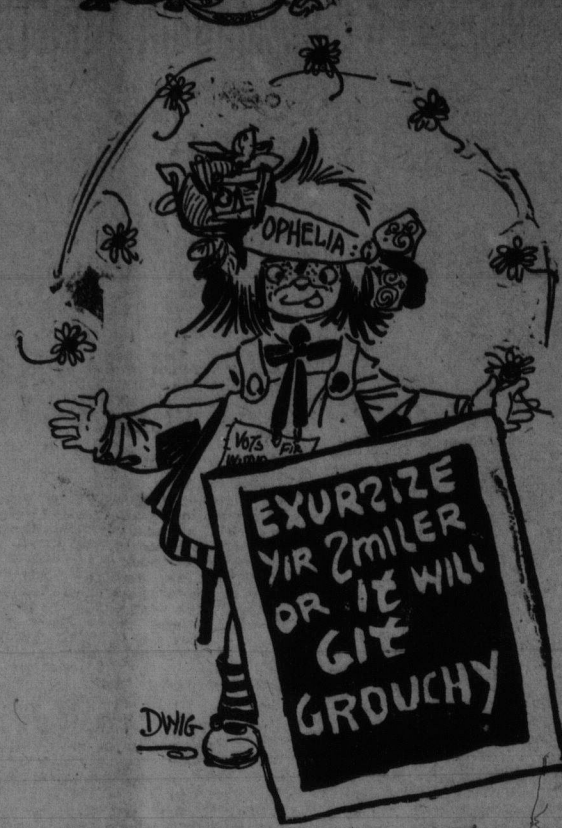
Lord Roberts was born in Cawnpore, India, eighty-one years ago today, the son of General Sir Abraham Roberts. He was educated at Eton, Sandhurst and Addiscombe, and entered the service in 1851 as second lieutenant of Bengal artillery. He served with distinction in the Indian mutiny, taking part in the siege and capture of Delhi, and was severely wounded. Since his first baptism of blood he has taken part in the Abyssinian war of 1888, the Afghan war of 1878, and the South African war, besides holding many important commands in time of peace.

Lord Roberts' only son lost his life while heroically endeavoring to save the British field batteries at Colenso under a hurricane of leaden hail. Parliament passed a special act permitting Lord Roberts to wear his son's Victoria Cross, so "Bobs" is the only man who may pin on two such decorations. Of the six children of Lord and Lady Roberts, only two survive—Lady Ellen, who is now forty-three and unmarried, and Lady Edwina, who became the bride last February of Major Henry Lewis. Should the latter have a son, he will inherit the title of his distinguished grandfather.

## Safe.

"My husband is hunting in the Adirondacks." "Mercy, aren't you afraid he'll shoot?" "Oh, no. You see, he's disguised as a deer."

## OPHELIA'S SLATE



## IN LIGHTER VEIN

Impossible. There was a stupid play presented early in the season, an "adaptation." It was called by the author. Even the east-natural critics went away in disgust. One newspaper representative turned to another and said: "If that jumble had been presented on the other side of the water it would have been hissed. As there were a lot of foreign visitors present I wonder that it wasn't."

What Willie Learns at School. Willie's gone away to school, bless his little heart! I could not keep back my tears when I saw him start: There is dismal silence now where his laughter rang: Willie's gone to school and he's busy learning slang.

Conspiring. "Why, the size of your bill," cried the angry patient to the doctor, "makes me boil all over!" "Ah!" said the eminent practitioner calmly: "that will be ten dollars more for sterilizing your system."

Following the Law of Heredity. "Why does that hen of yours always roost on the mail box?" "Well, you see, she was hatched from a parcel-post egg."

Ignorance Was Bliss. "John! John there's a horrid hen gobbling a huge worm—and we've been eating her eggs all the week!"—London Opinion.

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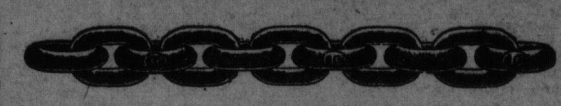
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W. J. Hood, of British Columbia, Purchases Fruit in Victoria Co. — Centville Exhibition Success

(From a Special Correspondent) Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 29. Two days' annual exhibition at Centville, which closed Thursday was one of the most successful by the Wicklow Wiltont and Agricultural Society whose officers are C. A. Simonds of Royalton, president, A. H. Margison of East Coast, secretary, and H. J. Clark, of Centville, treasurer. There were entries which exceeded by a number last year. There was a large attendance throughout. Band from Mars Hill, Me., was sent on Thursday and furnished lightful music.

In cattle there was a good show of Ayrshires and Holsteins; in the Clydes and Percherons prize while in pigs the white Chester Yorkshires were numerous. There was a great improvement in the departments, particularly in the sheep and horses.

W. H. Moore, of Scotch Lake County, who was the judge for and vegetables, says the exhibit was very satisfactory. "The object of the exhibition," he said, "is to produce exhibit roots and vegetables for seed, which object was lost sight of by many of the exhibitors." He pleased with the exhibit of oats, wheat and there was a particularly nice showing of carrots. He thought there should have been more of the latter.

The school exhibit in charge of Fern Page was the contribution of eight schools and was highly appreciated by the judges, Rev. J. W. H. and Dr. H. W. Poppers. The following were the judges of the different departments: Fruit, F. Gordon, of Fredericton; market articles, J. Hood, of Glasgow; woolen and fancy work, Mrs. Gorham, Fredericton, and Miss W. Everleigh, of Sussex; horticulture, W. J. T. Prescott, of sex.

Immediately after the exhibit closed J. B. Daggett, secretary, agriculture, and Seth Jones, expert, and Amos Downey, of Centville, who had been appointed to Mr. Jones, for the next month, will establish a poultry training station at Centville of the Centville and in charge. The exhibit also been opened. Harland Robert Kilday in charge. One will be established by Messrs. and Downey, of Centville, and Moncton and Rogersville.

Buildings will be rented in places and fitted up with facilities, of weekly demonstrations will be given in each place showing best methods of fattening, and packing poultry for the market.

An interesting visitor at the biton on Thursday was W. I. of British Columbia, a Scotchman, who secreted his interest in the ards' correspondent, said: months ago I saw some literature prepared by the secretary of agriculture, J. B. Daggett, which impressed me with the desirability of settling New Brunswick that I wrote Daggett on the subject. On receiving his reply I sold my property in the west, where I had been years, and with my wife and came to New Brunswick. I met Daggett and have purchased Dickinson farm at Victoria, in ton County, for \$4,200. I am so glad to hear that anybody would leave the west and provinces to settle here.

"I have furnished Mr. Daggett the names of a dozen disaffected farmers in my former neighborhood who will sell out, follow ample and settle in New Brunswick when they understand the government, who now have their land in hand, as I have done, advantages possessed by your province. I am sure that the best of the west have been lost and I did as well as any of the old farmers and my only regret is I did not know of your beautiful province before I settled in the west."

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