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WOULD RATHER KILL HIMSELF THAN GO BACK TO MIMICO SAYS A BOY WHO WAS THERE

Cecil Rathwell of Brockville, Ontario, Who Spent Five Months in the Institution, Says He Was Beaten on the Naked Back With a Trace Strap, Which Curled About His Abdomen and Cut Him Severely.

BROCKVILLE, March 1.—(Special).—Committed to Mimico Industrial School by his parents on the understanding that he should be released whenever they chose to ask for his custody and because they believed that this would be a good way to break him of truancy and cigar smoking, Cecil Rathwell, who once more resides with his parents in James-street here, looks back with horror on a five months' stay in the school at Mimico in the summer of 1910. He told a terrible story of abuse to The World. He says that he was beaten by Supt. Ferrier and knocked down and kicked by attendants for trivial offences, and has also seen similar treatment meted out to other boys for like petty breaches of discipline.

He declared that he would rather commit suicide than return to Mimico. In his five months' stay, he said, he had suffered at least six severe whippings—"trimmings" he called them.

On one occasion he had been caught smoking a cigar, and he says that Superintendent Ferrier made him kneel with his arms resting on a chair and beat him upon the naked back with a piece of a tug strap. The strap raised great welts and weals upon his flesh, and one blow curled about his abdomen, cutting him severely. This was the only time that Ferrier beat him. On the other occasions he was beaten by other officers.

He told of a boy named Carter, committed from Ottawa, who was shamefully handled by the man in charge of the farm stock. He says that Carter let a cow get out of bounds and, for this, he saw him knocked down and kicked by the man in charge of the stock.

Struck by Keys.
This boy makes the first definite charge of cruelty against any of the women attached to the school. He says that he experienced his first taste of school discipline from the matron employed at "Cottage No. 5," to which he was taken. He says that the woman accused him of smoking when he was changing into the prison uniform and struck him on the head with a bunch of keys.

He tells of boys being "stood out" from meals. That is for some small offence or breach of discipline, the boys were taken from their meals or the time allowed them to eat the meals shortened. He was so deprived of four successive meals. He says that he did not suffer as he "stood in" with those in close touch with the provisions department.

Take Him Away.
He says that on one occasion when a boy's head was cut by a "foul tip" in a baseball game and he was knocked out, the other boys carried him to a guard to have his injury cared for. The guard said to them: "Take him away. I don't want him." They picked him up and carried him to the infirmary.

The boy has recovered his health and spirits and works with his father, who is a coremaker, in a foundry. He is industrious and well behaved. "No more Mimico for mine," he closed.

JAMES BICKNELL, K. C. TO ACT.
OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special).—E. A. Duvernet, K. C., Toronto, who was appointed one of the counsel in the freight rate enquiry before the railway commission, which has been ordered by the government, has found it impossible to act, and James Bicknell, K. C., Toronto, has been appointed in his place.
F. A. Morrison, Vegreville, who was appointed to associate with H. W. Whittle, Winnipeg, and Mr. Bicknell on the case, is in Ottawa consulting with the government and the railway commission on the matter.

Hold Your Coupons

Owing to the popularity of the World's Webster Dictionary offer, and the fact that the demand has exceeded all our expectations, we have exhausted the last shipment of books, and as a consequence must ask our friends to hold their coupons until next Wednesday, when a further supply will have arrived.

The Dictionary Department will be closed until Wednesday morning, March 6.

Emergency Meeting.

World asked Controller McCarthy last night if the board of management of the Mimico Industrial School would do anything before the close of the present investigation in the light of the evidence brought out at the first hearing. He said:
"I do not want to prejudice the case, but from the evidence already given and admitted to be substantially correct, it is clear that there should be an emergency meeting of the board. I am going to ask the chairman to-morrow to call such a meeting."
"No board of men should sleep a single night until steps are taken to introduce new methods at the school, and such management as is necessary to carry them out."

EAST END MEN WILL PROTEST

Residents of Danforth Ave. Do Not Like Offers Made by the City for Land There.

"As a protest against the offers advanced by the city for property, which will be eventually expropriated, about 200 indignant Danforth-avenue residents have called a meeting which will be held in Mission Hall, just east of Woodbine-avenue, on Monday evening.

In order to widen and straighten Danforth-avenue the city has attempted to buy up property at a price in the neighborhood of 19 cents a foot. At different sections about 20 feet frontage are required to put the avenue in proper condition. Residents claim that the land is worth \$1.50 a foot, and this is said to be a moderate figure. At the indignation meeting it is expected that a couple of Ward One aldermen will attend, and they will be hotly rebuffed. The residents intend to fight vigorously in the matter.

EX-PUPLIS.

Louisa-street School Ex-Pupils' Association held their tenth annual reunion in St. George's Hall last evening. Fully 300 guests were present, and the at-home was a decided success.

EDWARD BLAKE

Edward Blake was greater son of a great father. In sheer strength of intellect he was first of any Canadian of his time. So far as a man is the product of his university he was first of the sons of the University of Toronto. And whatever he owed to her he paid back seven-fold in devoted service. In many respects he made it what it is.

He was a lawyer of uncommon acumen and masterful in the presentation of argument. He could analyze the most complex case with surprising skill and dexterity.

As a public man he had great qualities; but it was in politics that the weaknesses he possessed came out. He was a giant in debate, and yet there was always someone who could answer him and who could often carry the vote against him. He was strong in what is of little value in statesmanship, the discussion of constitutional questions. He once said he preferred these issues of law to questions of economics. He thought more of analyzing the contract with the syndicate that built the Canadian Pacific Railway than in getting a great transcontinental highway. He was the chiefest of the antagonists of Sir John A. Macdonald; but what he proceeded to shatter in the way of policy the Conservative chief could still carry into accomplishment. He said the Canadian Pacific must be a failure and that the National Policy was a mistake, and he hurled at these proposals arguments, invective, scorn, and what for the time seemed absolute destructive criticism—but it ended there.

His incursion into British politics as a Home Ruler was as chivalrous as it was ill-timed. It made him an absentee for twenty years from this city that he loved as his home. He was always overweighted with a sense of duty. He was so sensitive that it was said he lacked courage. His political career had much of that tragic fatalism that ever followed King Edipus of the Greek dramatist. Politically he had an untoward destiny. And yet he sacrificed himself as few others did for what he thought the betterment of his country and his race. Of how few of our public men can one be so outspoken in regard to their strength and their weakness and yet leave him intact one of the very greatest of Canadians.

As a speaker he had a well trained voice, a most unusual command of language, and could pile up phrase after phrase and argument after argument until it became torrential and yet never lose the line of his argument. He was at his best as chancellor of the university. He could, off the reel, pay a compliment to fifty prize winners and phrase everyone differently. He was often sarcastic, witty at times, and could be genial when he cared to. He preferred to be serious in public. He was too serious. But so were others whose names are the glory of their nation.

LEADER REDMOND H. HINDMARSH GIVES WARNING IS PRESIDENT

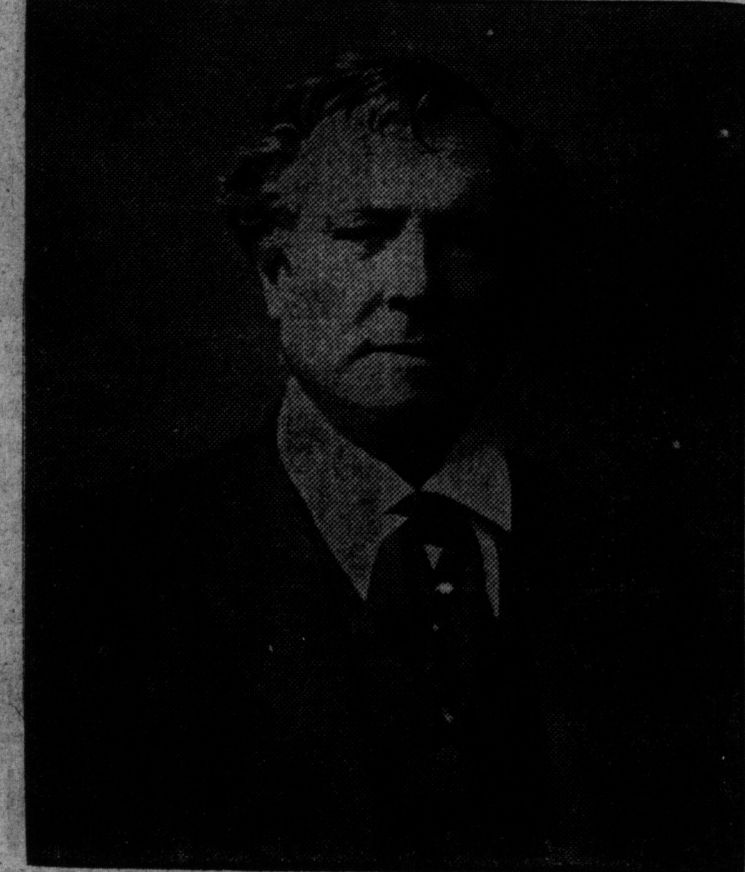
If Home Rule is Blocked, There Will Be "Welter of Coercion and Confusion," He Says.

LONDON, March 1.—(C.A.P.)—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, presiding at a dinner of the Eighty Club, in honor of John Redmond, referring to Ireland's long struggle for home rule, said: "Mr. Redmond and the Liberal party, after this long pilgrimage, have reached the threshold of success. It is today of high importance that all Irishmen who have fought for the home rule cause should stand together."
Mr. Redmond said Ireland was probably the most poverty-stricken nation in Europe. Let the home rule bill be rejected and they would see if Irish people were apathetic. They would speedily see Ireland thrown back into a welter of coercion and confusion.

Harry Hindmarsh, a Toronto newspaper man, was elected president of the University Literary and Scientific Society by acclamation last night. Mr. Hindmarsh represents the Old Law Society, and the rival organization, the Unionists, failed to stir up any opposition to him in the shape of a candidate. But they managed to stir up considerable excitement by an attempt to disqualify Mr. Hindmarsh, claiming that his election would be a violation of the constitution. However, J. J. Gibson, the retiring president, ruled against the Unionists, and that settled the matter. Mr. Hindmarsh graduated from Varsity in 1906.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE IS DEAD AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS

HON. EDWARD BLAKE



Second Premier of Ontario, Former Leader of Federal Liberal Party, Member of British House of Commons, Distinguished Scholar, Lawyer and Statesman, Who Died Last Evening.

Altho His Health Had Been Poor for Many Months, His Death was Tragic and Entirely Unexpected—He Was a Man of Great Capacity Both in His Professions and Public Life and Was a Canadian Who Brought Nothing but Credit and Honor Upon His Country.

Hon. Edward Blake, distinguished scholar, lawyer and statesman, died at his residence 49 Jarvis-street, shortly before 7 o'clock last night. Altho he had been in falling health for a long period, his death, despite his old age, was entirely unexpected and tragic. A few moments before he expired he was carried from his bedroom by attendants and placed in a chair in his library, where he had spent many hours each day during his illness. While in a sitting position he collapsed and had succumbed before aid of any kind could be administered.

In the study at the time of death were his widow, Mrs. Hume Blake, and his daughter, Mrs. George M. Wrong. Hon. S. H. Blake, his brother, was immediately notified.

Five years ago Hon. Edward Blake became an invalid, and since that time had to be wheeled about in a chair. While in England he was seized by a paralytic stroke and had never recovered from it. It was two weeks ago he became seriously ill, necessitating his removal from the library to the bedroom. However, the indisposition seemed to last only a few days, for on Sunday he had rallied sufficiently to be taken back to the library, where he longed to gaze upon the street, with his wheel chair standing near the window. Several nurses were in attendance during the past two weeks.

Great Figure Remembered.
"The death of Edward Blake means the removal of a great figure from Canadian life," said Chancellor Sir John A. Boyd. "In earlier years he was easily the leader in the profession of law, and afterwards he took an equally commanding position in political life, first in Canada and then in the imperial parliament.

"In legal life I was much associated with him, and learned how sound was his judgment, how keen his intellect, and how he raised the practice of his profession to its highest ethical level. He spared himself no trouble in going to the very pith of a controversy, and then was able to carry conviction with his incisive presentation of its merits or demerits.

"He was a man to be admired and esteemed, and his memory will long live in Canadian history. If I may indicate one aspect of his career, which has left its mark in the development of Canada, it would be the profession of his argument on the constitutional questions which grew out of the British North America Act. The methods of interpretation which he presented to the court and the judges of the privy council were those which those tribunals approved of, and of greatest weight and of soundest exposition, so that in their decisions he still speaks to the attentive student and historian.

"A great man has passed, but his memory and influence will not die."
A Distinct Shock.

Sir James Whitney said: "Altho he is understood to have been in falling health for some time his death comes as a distinct shock to the Canadian people. A man of great capacity, both in his profession and in all matters connected with public life, he was of high principle, and earnestly devoted to the interest and welfare of the people. Altho he has been out of public life for some years, yet his death will be lamented as a Canadian who has reflected nothing but credit and honor upon his country."
The funeral will be private. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

Speaker Spruille's Tribute.
OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special).—Hon. T. S. Spruille, the Speaker of the house of commons, who is one of the few remaining members of the house who sat in parliament with Hon. Edward Blake, expressed sincere regret at the news of the death of the eminent statesman. He said to your correspondent to-night: "I had the privilege of sitting in the house with Mr. Blake for many years, and altho we differed strongly in our views of political questions, I am delighted to say that we were the best of personal friends."
"Hon. Mr. Blake was undoubtedly one of the greatest men which Canada ever produced. He was not a statesman born to political leadership. He was a great lawyer, one of the most able I ever knew, and he brought to the consideration of all public questions the trained mind of a great jurist. He was a man of personal probity, of unswerving honor, and I have always felt that Canada lost a great opportunity when he was allowed to go over to the mother of parliaments at Westminster."

Hon. Edward Blake entered upon his political life in the first year of the century.
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LONG RANGE FISHING



SIR JAMES: He won't let me in the boat, but he's lent me a long fishing pole.

SUFFRAGETTES LAUNCH FORTH ON WINDOW SMASHING CRUSADE POLICEMEN CAUGHT NAPPING

Miners Having Forced Hand of Government by Threatening Business, Mrs. Pankhurst's Legions Are Determined On Like Measures—Hundreds of Valuable Plate-Glass Windows in Big Shops Shattered.

LONDON, March 1.—(Can. Press).—Because the coal miners had been able to gain government recognition of their grievances by threatening the business of the country, the suffragettes late to-day also entered on a policy of menace to trade. And they carried it out suddenly and with an ardor that resulted in heavy financial losses, brought consternation to the merchants of the most prosperous shopping district of the city and paralyzed business at the busiest hour of the day. The police were taken completely unawares by the onslaught of the women and, before they were able to muster, the streets were covered with shattered plate glass that once had been the show-windows of stores.

It was a window breaking expedition solely, and a thoroughly organized one. Hundreds of windows in many of the most famous shops of the world and in several of the government offices and clubs were wrecked by the suffragettes. The damage done will aggregate many thousands of pounds. The losses, however, will not all fall upon the shopkeepers, as many of the show windows, especially the costly ones, were covered by insurance against breakage.

More Than 100 Arrests.
One hundred and fifteen women were dragged to the police stations by police or excited and indignant merchants. Many others, however, escaped. All

Locomotive Explosion Kills Four.
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 1.—Four persons were killed when a Reading locomotive drawing a fast freight train blew up in front of the station at Muncy, about 10 o'clock to-night. All tracks were blocked and the station badly wrecked.

The Stage's Most Beautiful Woman.
According to the leading dramatic critic, Miss Kitty Gordon, who is this season appearing in "The Enchantress," is the most beautiful woman on the stage to-day. It might also be said that Miss Gordon wears the famous \$100,000 Beresford necklace during her performances. That helps some.

70,500
The circulation of The Sunday World this week will be 70,500. This is the number of papers printed, and the steady increase in the demand justifies the statement that they will all go into the hands of readers.

Big Hat Day.
The first Saturday in March is surely the big call for your new spring hat. The Dineen Company have on sale everything that is new and proper in men's hats—in London and New York, and some blocks you cannot buy beyond Dineen doors in Canada, such as those by Dunlop of New York and Henry Heath of London. Store open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

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