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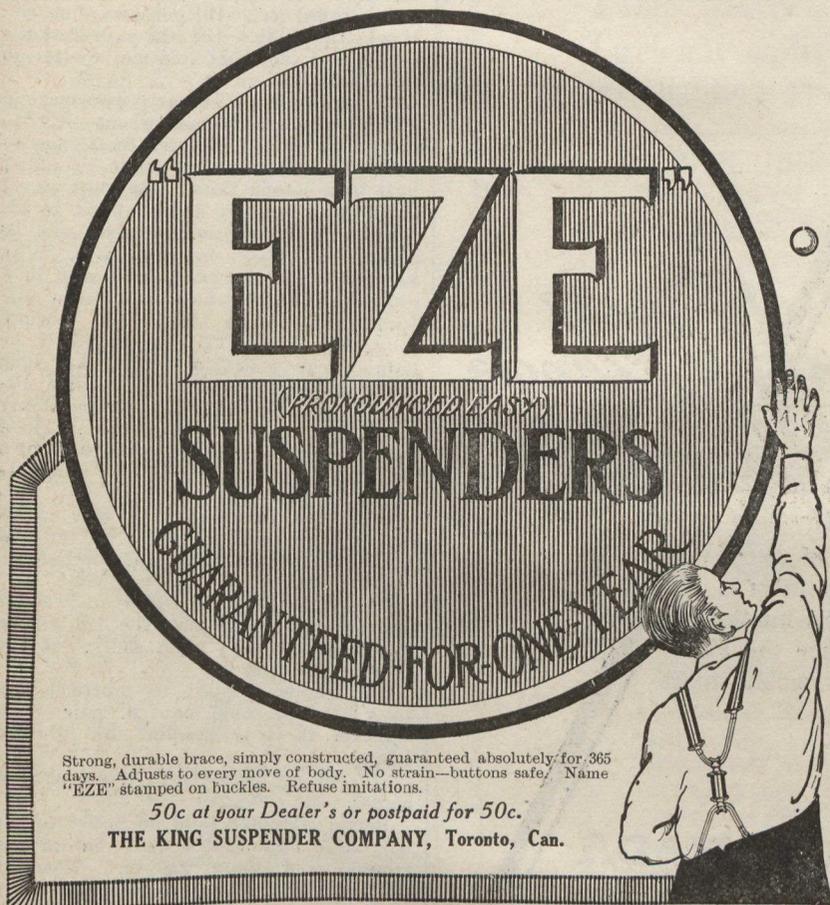
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Public Opinion

Not Very "Pathetic."

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir: I have read the article headed "A Pathetic Story" in your issue of November 9th, relating to the dismissal of Lemuel Bent of this town as Collector of Customs. Mr. Bent is described as a man with one arm and one leg; and the inference is that he is incapable of supporting himself.

Mr. E. N. Rhodes, M.P., has already replied to this. He states that he made careful enquiry before accepting the local committee's recommendation of dismissal. He received the following statement from a prominent citizen of Oxford:

"He (Bent) has been in Oxford over twenty years as a dry goods and grocery merchant; was fairly well off when he came, and has been doing a good business ever since. The eldest son, Dr. F. D. Bent, is practising in Oxford, is worth over \$5,000; Ernest, 24 years of age, assists in the store; his wife is living and also clerks in the store. Mr. Bent is about 60 years of age, and his real estate is worth \$4,000, his stock in store about \$5,000. I have it on good authority that he is drawing interest on \$8,000 invested and in the bank. He has lost one leg and his right arm, and customers often have to make out the customs papers, as he is very awkward with his left hand. (I have done this.)"

I think all Conservatives and most Liberals will endorse Mr. Rhodes' statements. A national weekly like The Canadian Courier should have given both sides of the case. You should have better arguments than you can find in the Bent case to bolster up your campaign for "outside civil service reform."

Yours sincerely,

ONE ON THE SPOT.

Oxford, Nov. 12th.

Arbroth Again.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir: Re Arbroth. In an old geography published in 1770, I find: Aberbrothock, commonly pronounced Arbroth, a royal burgh in the shire of Forfar or Angus, in Scotland. The name of this town is derived from ab, which in the old Scots signifies a bank or place, er upon, and brothock, the name of the water which runs near it. Has a harbour commodiously situated on the German ocean for carrying on trade, and lying near the promontory called Red-Head, which may be seen at a great distance, etc.

I cannot find in the several geographical dictionaries I possess any mention of Red Lichtie.

Has Red Head nothing to do with Red Lichtie?

Yours truly,

JULES BOURBONNIERE.

Montreal, Nov. 8th, 1912.

Men From Ontario.

Editor Canadian Courier:

Sir: In your appreciative note "From Toronto to Halifax," referring to the Rev. John Plummer Derwent Llwyd, you say: "Seldom does Ontario contribute educationists or religious leaders to the Maritime Provinces, Dr. Llwyd is the exception."

The facts are quite otherwise. Nearly all the pulpits of Halifax are filled with men from Ontario. There is not a pulpit in the south end, the centre of social life, and of intellectual activity, with the sole exception of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is filled by a native of the Maritime Provinces.

The contribution of Ontario to the ministerial life of Halifax is noteworthy. In the Church of England there is Dean E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, later of Hamilton; Archdeacon Armitage, rector of historic St. Paul's, who is well known in Toronto; Rev. T. H. Perry, of St. Matthias', who came recently from Hamilton. Canon Hind of the Cathedral staff is also a native of Ontario. In the Presbyterian Church there is Rev. Dr. J. W. MacMillan, of Lindsay, at historic St. Matthew's; Rev. R. W. Ross, of Guelph, at Fort Massey, the intellectual centre of Presbyterianism. But, perhaps, a more notable instance still is the name of Bishop Worrell, who came to us from Kingston, Ont. Newfoundlanders fill several of the more important churches.

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