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TWO OPINIONS.

Every day contributes its quota of evidence to support the Standard's contention that the Telegraph, in attacking Mr. Hazen for what it alleges he has failed to do for St. John, is actuated only by political motives. The Halifax Chronicle, the organ of the Grits in the sister city, is at a similar same, only it thinks it is good politics to declare that Mr. Hazen has done everything for St. John and nothing for Halifax. Editorially, discussing the Gutelius agreement yesterday morning, the Telegraph had this to say:

"If the citizens had hoped for some announcement by Mr. Borden or Mr. Hazen, assuring the country that this iniquitous agreement would not be renewed, they were greatly disappointed. Mr. Borden said he was convinced that the agreement did not discriminate against St. John. Mr. Hazen said nothing. Since Mr. Borden holds his view, and since Mr. Hazen does not consider the matter of sufficient importance for an expression of his views, it is not unreasonable to assume that the agreement will be renewed, and that business which should naturally be handled at St. John next winter will be carried to Halifax by the grace of the L. C. R. It is true that Mr. Hazen, discussing the question of the mail service, said that he proposed in future in the signing of any contract for the delivery of mail that St. John should be given consideration, and there would be a division of services between the two ports." Just what this may mean nobody can tell. St. John has asked for any arbitrary division of the mail service, but has asked that the steamship companies be left free to choose the route. The Intercolonial Railway should not be thrown into the balance by Mr. Borden against St. John.

To one unacquainted with the manner in which the Grit newspapers in St. John and Halifax play the political game it might appear that the Telegraph article, from which the foregoing quotation was taken, presented a strong indictment against Mr. Hazen but, in order to get at the true facts of the case, it is necessary to read yesterday's issue of the Grit Halifax Chronicle. That newspaper, in an editorial headed "Halifax Betrayed," deals with the attitude of the Government and particularly of Mr. Hazen's declaration of policy regarding St. John, as follows:

"What happened last year is likely to occur again. Mr. Hazen has announced in advance that there will be a division of the mail service; that the steamers subsidized by the people of Canada to carry the mail by the quickest and best route will be forced to go to the port of St. John, notwithstanding the fact that the adoption of Halifax as their terminus would mean a saving of from 13 to 20 hours in delivery of the mails. The steamship companies may select Halifax as their terminus, but the door will still be open for the Government to juggle with the service and to switch the steamers from this port whenever political exigencies demand it."

"Halifax got a raw deal" last year, and, unless prompt and vigorous action is taken by the Board of Trade in backing up Hon. A. K. Maclean, and demanding that the transatlantic mails shall be carried by the quickest and best route, there is grave danger that the rights of Halifax will be sacrificed, and the interests of the whole of Canada will suffer."

Mr. Borden's attitude on this question must be disappointing to even his own supporters. He has shown that he has no concern for the prestige of Halifax as the natural and logical mail port of the Dominion, and that he is willing that the mail service of Canada, for which the people are paying one million dollars a year, shall be juggled with for partisan purposes. Halifax has been betrayed again."

The articles quoted from the Telegraph and the Chronicle afford ample proof of the partisan motives of these publications. Both papers cannot be honest in their stand. The interesting question for the people of St. John and Halifax to ask themselves now is which is the greater liar, the Halifax Chronicle or the St. John Telegraph? Possibly opinion in Halifax may favor the Chronicle but St. John people would be safe in backing the Telegraph against all comers in a contest of that nature.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The Province of Ontario, on June 27th, will elect a new Legislature and at present there is every indication that the Government, so ably led by Sir James P. Whitney, will be returned by a majority practically as large as that they now enjoy.

After the last general election the Ontario legislature was composed of 33 Conservatives, 22 Liberals and one labor member. In bye-elections the Liberals lost two seats and, recently, the members of that party placed Gustave Eventuel, the member who admitted offering his vote and influence for the coal bin.

to the liquor dealers for a price, beyond the party pale. Thus, when the House dissolved a few days ago the representation was 55 Conservatives, 19 Liberals, one Labor man and the discarded Eventuel who, though read out of his party, kept his seat.

During the last session of the House there was a redistribution bill by which the representation of the province was increased from 106 to 111. It is expected that the Conservatives will carry five out of the six new seats but they are also likely to meet with some losses. Mr. Rowell, the opposition leader, has adopted the slogan, "abolish the bar," as his chief campaign cry and is vigorously fighting along this line. The Government forces, on the other hand, take the ground that a high license act properly enforced is better fitted to the needs of Ontario than the prohibition promise of the opposition which, it is claimed, in many centres, is not practical under existing conditions and is intended in the present instance merely as a vote catcher. Some Conservative newspapers in Ontario are openly charging that the opposition leader is fooling the prohibitionists and that he will not be able to implement his promises to them if returned to power. The prohibition vote in Ontario, however, is regarded as likely to favor Mr. Rowell in several constituencies and for this reason it would not be surprising if the Government party encountered some losses.

Another factor in the fight, which may affect some seats in Eastern Ontario, is the attitude of the Government party on the bilingual question. The Government holding that English should be the only language recognized by the province. Even allowing for all that the Liberals can possibly gain through their advocacy of prohibition it is unlikely if there will be much change in the relative standing of the two parties. The Whitney Government has been too competent and too clean to be easily turned out of office.

THE HINDU VISITORS

The Hindus trying to enter British Columbia appear to have given up the fight. There was some talk of their entering upon a hunger strike, which would have been absurd. There is no lack of food on board the Komatsa Maru, which, on the contrary, is provisioned for several months to come. There will probably be a dispute between Gurdit Singh and the owners of the Japanese vessel, as passage was to be paid only when the Hindus were landed. Somebody will have to bear the cost of their futile voyage eastward, and of their return voyage westward. What the rejected Hindus will do when they get back to India remains to be seen, says the Hamilton Spectator. Perhaps they will try to stir up sedition. In this they will be unsuccessful. The bulk of the Hindus are content with British rule. As a rule, unrest is confined to the educated class, who are in a small minority. They may be influential because educated, but their agitation will fall on listless ears.

Some western papers have made much of Mr. Pugsley's challenge to Premier Borden to go to the country on the Canadian Northern aid question. It is to be feared that they do not know their Pugsley if they take his remarks seriously. Nothing would grieve Mr. Pugsley more than a general election on the C. N. R., or any other policy, for it would bring about his removal from Dominion politics. He had a very narrow escape three years ago when he had all the patronage of his portfolio to aid him in his campaign.

Young Mr. Hoe, son of the printing press king, has recently defended an action for damages brought by a young woman to whom it was claimed, he was more attentive than discretion would advise. The fair plaintiff was not accorded damages by the court, but she is in a fair way to reap indirect profit, for New York newspapers state she has been engaged in vaudeville to present a sketch entitled "The Girl with the Hoe."

Commissioner Russell's decision to provide the young men of the city with facilities for bathing is a move in the right direction. Some day perhaps in the dim future St. John will be provided with one or more public swimming baths. This is already done in cities no larger than our own.

Moncton police officers seized boxes said to contain paint and found in them a sizeable shipment of liquor. With n-o-s-e prefixed to the paint label the description of contents would not have been misleading after all.

Although we write it June, it must be admitted that the temperature of the past few days has been responsible for many disquieting thoughts about the coal bin.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

William Black, who was one of the fathers of Methodism in Canada, preached the first Methodist sermon ever heard in Nova Scotia at Halifax 122 years ago today, June 11, 1792. Black was afterward known as the Methodist "bishop" of Nova Scotia, and he was one of the most eloquent and powerful of the clergymen of the British America of that period. The first Methodist meeting was held in a private residence, and it was attended largely by seekers for excitement, but within a few days those who came to scoff remained to pray, and Methodism was firmly established in Halifax. A few years later a wealthy Halifax man, Philip Marchington, built a church for the Halifax Methodists, but he retained the title and when he was disciplined for irregular conduct he locked up his church and told the Methodists to meet elsewhere. In 1792 the Halifax Methodists built a church of their own, in Argle street, later called "Old Town" chapel, and nearly half a century it was the only Methodist edifice in the city, and the cradle of British American Methodism. At the period this church was built William Black wrote that Halifax had "one large English church; one small Dutch church; one Presbyterian meeting house; one Roman Catholic chapel besides a small society of Quakers; one of Sandemanians; and one of the followers of Swedenborg." Together with a few of Lady Huntingdon Society, and a great swarm of infidels. The Lady Huntingdon society referred to by Black was the society of George Whitefield, who had aided the Wesleyans in establishing Methodism, but had parted company because they rejected the doctrine of election. Whitefield had been chaplain to the Countess of Huntingdon, and had her Calvinistic support in the founding of the society. Hence the name long applied to Whitefield's following. Sandemanians were the followers of James Sandeman and John Glas, of Scotland, and were also called Glasites.

THE PASSING DAY

CORPUS CHRISTI TODAY
Corpus Christi, one of the most splendid of Roman Catholic festivals, will be celebrated today by all Christians who look to Rome as the source of spiritual authority. Especially in the Latin countries of Europe and America, this feast is generally observed, and it is distinguished by magnificent processions. In France it is known as the Fete Dieu, and in Germany as the Fronleichnamstag. In Mexico and other Spanish-American nations the festival is one of the most spectacular of the many fetes of the religious calendar. In Rome and throughout Italy Corpus Christi is a general holiday for those who retain their allegiance to the church. Perhaps the most interesting observance of the day is that at Torre del Greco, near Naples, where the Fete del Quattro Altari, or Feast of the Four Altars, a patriotic "fete," is coupled with the religious celebration. The Four Altars festival commemorates the abolition of feudal domination in 1700, and like so many other Italian holidays, it is characterized by many features which originated in the pagan feasts of ancient Rome. In many ways the feast is reminiscent of the Florentine festival in honor of Flora, the goddess of flowers. Four altars are erected in the principal squares of the town, and decorated with flowers. A floral procession is held, and the feast is blessed by priests. The Corpus Christi eucharistic procession, in addition to its religious significance, serves as a charmingly dramatic demonstration to commemorate the city's freedom.

THE HUMAN PROCESS ON

MRS. HUMPHREY WARD SIXTY-THREE TODAY
Some years ago Dr. Thomas Humphrey Ward, the famous English art critic, editor and author, attended a banquet, during the course of which the lady who sat next to him remarked, "Some ancient peoples declared that it was possible for men to render themselves invisible."

"That is still quite possible," declared Dr. Ward.
"How can a man make himself invisible?" asked the mystified lady.
"By marrying a famous wife," was the cryptic explanation.
Certain it is that, although the name of Humphrey Ward is not without prominence, it is best known with the "Mrs." prefix. Dr. Humphrey Ward, famed throughout the world as the author of "Robert Elsmere" and many other novels, was born in Hobart, Tasmania, sixty-three years ago today, June 11, 1851. Dr. Thomas Arnold, his father, was distinguished as an author and educator, and was the son of the famous Dr. Thomas Arnold of Rugby, and the brother of Matthew Arnold, the poet, critic, and "Apostle of Culture."

Mary Augusta Arnold became Mrs. Humphrey Ward in 1872, and it was not until eight years later that she wrote her first book, a story for children. Her first novel, "Miss Bretherton," of which Miss Mary Anderson, the actress, was the prototype of the heroine, was published thirty years ago, and "Robert Elsmere," one of the most talked of novels of the century, followed four years later.

Mrs. Ward, for all her advanced views in some directions, is a pronounced "anti" in regard to woman suffrage, although she has been one of the prime movers in a scheme for a "women's parliament," an unofficial advisory body of ten women who would "consider and press forward needed legislation on behalf of women and children."

Half Truths
"Gentlemen, I can't lie about the horse; he is blind in one eye," said the auctioneer.
The horse was soon knocked down to a citizen who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty, and after paying for the horse he said: "You were honest enough to tell me that the animal was blind in one eye. Is there any or not defect?"
"Yes, sir, there is; he is also blind in the other eye," was the prompt reply.

Kind Gentlemen—Here's a penny. You should save your money, my boy. You should save your money, my boy. Boy—Then why save up, mister? The longer I save the less I can buy.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The fellow was setting awn our frunt steps last nite and Puda Simkins sed, I bet nobody heers got the nerve to clime up awn the lettir box and put the lile out. Meaning the lampost lile, the lettir box being attached to the lampost.
Id do it, only I cant reetch the lile aftir I get up thare, sed Bert Watson.
I got the nerve to do it, only I dont feel lile it, sed Reddy Merly.
Id do it, only wats the use, sed Sid Hunt.
Id do it only my farthir is libel to kum out eny minit and ketch me, I sed.
And jest then who calm out of the house but pop, saying, Gangway gangway. Meaning for the fellos to get out of the way so he could get down the steps. With they did and pop went down the street and turned around the kornir, and Puda Simkins sed, Now do it if you got the nerve, yure far thir cant ketch you now.

I got the nerve awl rite, I sed.
Then do it, do it. I dare you, awl the fellos sed, And I got up and clime up awn the lettir box, being a pritty hard thing to clime up awn akkount of havng so many sharp edges, and jest wen I was going to tern the lile out by pushing down the littel thing, sumbody sed, Hay, wats going awn heer. And I looked down and who was it but Platfoot standing rite undirneath me, Platfoot being the pieceman.
Well, wats are you going to do up thare, sed Platfoot.

Sir, I sed.
You herd me, sed Platfoot.
Sumthing seemed to be the mattir with the lile, I sed.
It seems to be burning awl rite, sed Platfoot.
Yes, sir, it seems awl rite now, I sed. And I clime down agen, pritty fast, Platfoot saying, And heeraftir, stay down, do you undirstand.
Yes sir, I sed. And Platfoot wawked away and I went back to the steps wate the fellos still was, and the lile kepp burning awl nite.

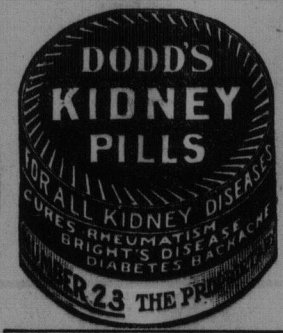
The Woman and the Rib
Adam gave his rib
To make a woman's shape.
(Thus the story's writ,
There is no escape.)

Many an Arctic whale,
Witless of the blame,
Also gives his rib
For to make the same.
I sorrow not for man,
He gets his ribbet back,
But for the poor old whale,
Alack, my friends, alack!

An Expensive Call
An old lady who was using the telephone for the first time in her life, said she wanted two 2c seats at a theatre where you can book at that price. When the girl at the exchange said, "Put the money in, please," the old lady slipped in two florins!

Ground Down
"Walter, this coffee is nothing but thick liquid mud!"
"Yes, sir; certainly, sir. It was ground this morning!"

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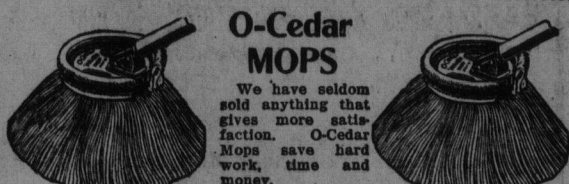


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