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THE DUNCAN COMMISSION.

The divergent points of view adopted by Sir Andrew Duncan and Colonel Phinney respectively on the subject of the effect of the altered weight of Nova Scotia's influence in Dominion politics, arising out of the expansion and consequent increased representation of the West, is illustrative of the difference between parliamentary conditions in Canada and in Great Britain. In this country there must inevitably be a certain sectionalism.

Conditions are so kaleidoscopically variant as the eye passes from Halifax to Vancouver that outside a certain surface similarity imposed by party labels, there is really about the same difference between a Toronto Liberal and a Toronto Conservative as there is between either of these and his namesake in Saskatchewan or Saint John. This it is difficult, for one from the Old Country to grasp. Appreciation of this underlies the original constitution of Canada which fixed the inter-provincial and all-Canada functions of the Ottawa Houses, functions which have, we assert, been extended to the detriment of provincial autonomy and provincial interests.

Colonel Phinney, thinking as a Canadian, sees Nova Scotia's voice drowned by the clamor of the new born babies in the nursery of Confederation; Sir Andrew, as a Scot and of the race which has dominated British politics for centuries, visualizes only an addition to either tenors or basses in an adult choir all singing the song of Canada's welfare, but the one or the other gaining predominance for a spell only to unite in the concerted movements.

The two viewpoints are illuminating and might be borne in mind by those entrusted with the presentation of the case or cases of the Maritime Provinces.

COOL CAL'S PREDICAMENT.

Consider the sad case of President Coolidge. The Republic in several states have refused to give him the guides for nomination; Congress has turned down a bill of which he approved. He failed as a mediator between Chili and Peru. There are newspapers daring enough to raise the question whether he can get another nomination for the Presidency.

And now comes the crowning indignity. It is revealed in large headlines in the New York Times: "Mosquitoes keep Coolidge indoors." The President had gone to White Pine Camp in the Adirondacks to escape the worries of Washington. Fifty marines were detailed as a guard to see that his idyllic life, close to nature's heart, was not disturbed. He was to be free to fish, to ramble among the whispering pines, to wear overalls if he chose, to pluck wild-flowers for the table, to eat wild berries, and watch the chattering squirrels, and in short be his own man for the period of his seclusion.

It was not to be. One day it rained, but at eventide the weather cleared. Mr. Coolidge went forth. The guard loosened its pistols, and sent roving dances among the pines in search of possible kidnappers of the President. Suddenly he wheeled, and utterly lost his phlegmatic pose as he felt the air and rushed frantically back to the camp. The guard were helpless. Not one of them could shoot a mosquito in the wing. Indeed they were themselves thrown on the defensive, and one who had been overseas asserted that "footies" were a blessing compared with White Pine Camp mosquitoes.

The President's life is not hopeless, yet him follow the example of ex-President Taft, and come to Canada when he wants a real holiday. Thereby, also, he can save the salary of the guard; and by a thrifty New Englander this consideration should not be despised.

ELLIS ISLAND REVELATIONS.

Although it is intimated at Washington that the United States will remove the regulation calling for the far too personal search of women who travel first class on trans-Atlantic liners and are bound for Canada through American ports, that change alone will not make the patronage of the American ports any more palatable for Canadians who are sincerely desirous of the up-building of their country.

It is needless to recall the many and recurring outrages that are perpetrated by officious officials on immigrants to the United States at Ellis Island and other American points of entry. The regulation against which the women who were its victims complained the other day smacks more than it does of a modern, civilized, Christian state. It is just one of the many incidents that have home the conviction that the American route is unworthy of patronage by passengers bound for Canada. Reports of the reply by the Canadian officials whom the outraged women interviewed at Ottawa suggest that these men failed in one important respect. They should not have been content, merely, as they apparently were, with disclaiming all responsibility for the American conduct of the examination of these third class passengers of the

gentler sex; they should have seized the occasion strongly to recommend travel to Canada by the Canadian route. The occasion presented a golden opportunity that one deplores was not acted upon, the opportunity of publicly recommending the patronage of Canadian ports of entry by steamship passengers.

Canadian officials could more efficiently serve their country by learning to seize every occasion of impressing action that would redound to the benefit of this Dominion, that would assist in its upbuilding, and especially in the vastly important factor, the development of Canadian seaports, shipping, and general traffic.

A strong campaign, moreover, with this object in view, should be initiated and pushed resolutely to conclusion in Britain for the impressing of intending settlers and visitors with the desirability of patronising the Canadian route and of entering this country through its own ports, and not through Ellis Island where they are constantly liable to be the victims of degrading indignities such as the women bound for Canada experienced the other day.

Well done Province of Quebec! Charitable revenue a few years ago was \$75,000; now it is over \$1,000,000, and Premier Taschereau says it is not to stop at that.

This is revolutionary—unprecedented. The Social Service Council suggests that we all practice what we preach.

Odds and Ends

The Philosophy of a Would-be Poet

(Mary A. Brewster in Dalhousie Review.)

You ask for Rhyme and Reason? Oh, my dear, And Rhyme, the mystic—charming Fancy married, Nor have these lovers since that time been found Where Reason tarried.

For Rhyme and Reason quarrelled in their youth, And Rhyme, the mystic—charming Fancy married, Nor have these lovers since that time been found Where Reason tarried.

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Just Fun

THE guest knocks when he arrives, but most of the knocking is done by men who haven't arrived.

SONG: "I'm Breaking Rocks Because I Broke Your Neck."

"JENNY KISSED ME"

Jenny kissed me when we met, Jumping from the chair she sat in; Time, you thief, you love to get Sweets into your list, put that in! Say I'm weary, say I'm sad, Say that health and wealth have missed me, Say I'm growing old, but add, Jenny kissed me.

On Seeing An Old Flame in after years (With apologies to Leigh Hunt) Jenny used to be my pet— Cozy was the swing we'd kiss in! Time, old top, who love to get Jokes into your list, put that in! Say I'm thankful! Say I'm glad! (Was it really she that kissed me?) Say I'm married now, and add— Jenny missed me!

WOMAN'S greatest tragedy is that when she is twenty she tries to be faithful to her husband and cannot, that when she is fifty she tries to be faithful to her husband and cannot.

TOO MANY persons are trying to get more out of life than they are putting into it.

IN A WALKING race non-smokers beat the smokers. Presumably the former did less puffing.

THE real reason so many young married people don't pull together and fly back in the matrimonial harness is because there is a waggon' between them.

COURTSHIP used to be more elaborate. The old-fashioned girls had more time to listen.

"SIR, your daughter has promised to become my wife."

"Well, don't come near me for sympathy. I knew something like that would happen to you hanging around the house five nights a week."

WE HOPE THAT WASN'T ALL (New York Tribune.)

Both bride and groom were smiles during the ceremony.

HONK! HONK! (Correspondence Crothersville, Ind., Herald.)

LAWRENCE BEINCKE has purchased a Ford. Look out girls.

HE TURNED around, gazed at his wife in the back seat and said: "Aw, shut up! I know what I am doing 'an' doncher forget it!" One minute afterwards St. Peter handed him a fute with six holes and told him to move over in the alto section.

Florida Times-Union.

Other Views

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. (St. Catharines Standard.)

There is some sort of organization by disposition to reform almost every institution, established custom or public usage, we know, save public holidays, says the Standard. Why should there not be an investigation into the disarrangement of holidays? There is no uniformity now about public holidays—except the time-and-a-half for union workers. If the world would not be better for a consistent settlement of statutory holidays, nations would.

MASONS STRONGLY REPRESENTED. (New York World.)

There are sixty-four Masons in the United States Senate, being 68.24 per cent of its membership. Of the members of the House of Representatives, 804 are Masons, or 20 per cent of the total. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, one of New York's senators, is a member; twenty-five of New York's representatives are also Masons. Only four states in the union send no Masons to Congress; thirteen states send all Masons to both Houses while from six states all delegates to both Houses are Masons. The Supreme Court has two members, William Howard Taft and Willis Van Devanter. President Coolidge's cabinet contains five Masons: Kellogg, Davis, Work, Jardine and New. President Coolidge is not a Mason.

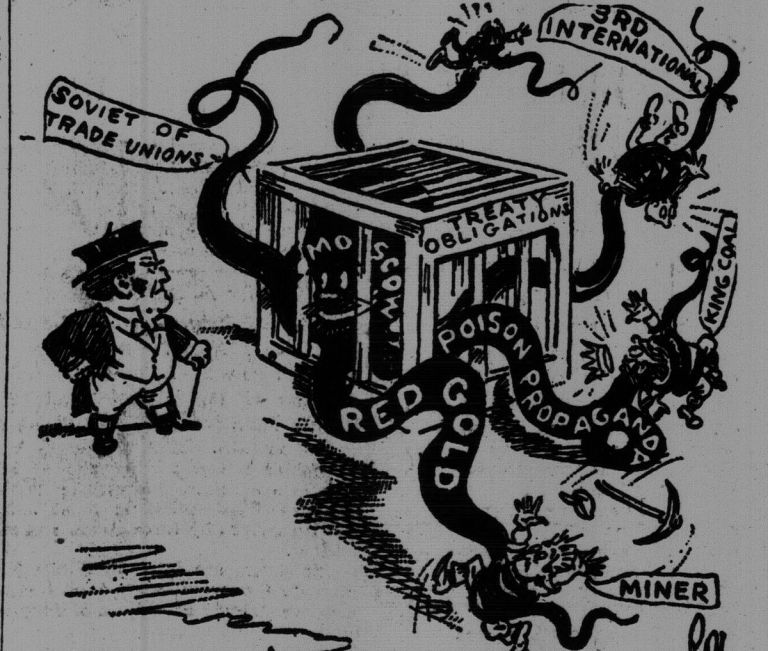
A GREAT SAVER. (The Outlook.)

The story is going the rounds to the effect that a certain automobile owner installed a new-fangled carburetor that was guaranteed to save 20 per cent in gas. He then bought special park plugs that were guaranteed to save another 20 per cent of the same precious fluid, and an intake superheater that was guaranteed to save another 20 per cent. He next put in a patented rear axle with a warranty of a 20 per cent saving, and retired with a new brand of tires that promised a 20 per cent saving in gas consumption. Finally, he drained his crank case and refilled it with a new oil guaranteed to increase his mileage 20 per cent. Now with a fuel economy of one hundred and twenty per cent, the owner has to stop every hundred miles and bail out the gas tank to keep it from running over.

ATTACK ON BYNG. (Toronto Globe.)

It is unthinkable and absurd that the man who engraved his name on the hearts and in homes of Canadians by his leadership of their sons in war; the man who, as His Majesty's representative in this Dominion for the last five years, won the admiration and affection of the people in a very real sense; the man who in a dignified, democratic manner, has gone to meet and come close to the citizens in all provinces, encouraging them with his spirit of confidence in their country, counseling them along patriotic paths of unity and common purpose, preaching at all times and in all places the greatest and the glory of Canada—that this man, on the eve of his departure at the end of a term characterized by everything that endears the British crown to the Canadian people, should be actuated by any other consideration than what he deemed to be right and in the best interests of the Dominion.

The Octopus and Its Tentacles



Octopus: "Don't blame me, I'm in a cage and cannot be held responsible for what goes on outside."

—From the Evening News, London.

Queer Quirks of Nature

LOCUST SLEEPS SEVENTEEN YEARS. By AUSTIN CLARK.

ONE of the most characteristic sounds in the still warm days of the summer months is the loud shrill note of the locusts, sometimes called harvest-fies or locusts, coming usually from the tree tops.

There are many kinds of locusts, of many sizes and grades of musical ability. Some of the tropical ones rival a steam whistle in power and can be heard for three or four miles.

We are quite content to have these loud-voiced insects perform for us high up in the trees, but in China and Japan the song of the cicada is very highly esteemed, and these insects, as well as crickets, are kept in small cages, like song birds.

CAGED AND SOLD. In Yokohama, in the summer, these caged cicadas are sold in booths in the streets. The ancient Greeks thought so much of the song of the cicada that these insects were the favorites of every poet from Homer and Hesiod to Anacreon and Theocritus. To be said to excel a cicada was the highest praise a singer could receive.

The music of Plato's eloquence was said to be only comparable to the song of a cicada. Cicadas meant quite as much to the Greeks as scarabs did to the ancient Egyptians. Golden cicadas were worn by the Greek women in their hair.

In spite of the veneration the Greeks had for the cicadas, they used them for food, preferring them just as they emerged from the ground to transform into the winged stage.

The young of one brood live in the ground for seventeen years before they emerge to transform into adults, at least in the north. In the south there is also a thirteen-year brood.

Fortunately for us, this cicada has a rather low weak song, for when it appears it is usually incredibly numerous.

In the old days the Indians used to eat these insects, catching them as they came from the ground and boiling them. The early white settlers did not adopt this habit, but contented themselves with boiling them into soup.

Only the male cicada sings, and he does this by means of a curious and very efficient mechanism on the under side of the hinder part of his body.

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