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## THE HIGHWAY ACT.

The Telegraph has been paying some attention of late to the condition of the roads between Westfield and St. John in the parishes of Lancaster and Westfield. If the editor of the dredging gratters' organ had thought for a moment he would have realized that he was casting reflections upon his own friends. Councillors Barnhill and Curran constitute the majority of the Highway Board for Lancaster and control and direct all the road expenditure in that parish, while Councillor Ballantine is a resident of that portion of Westfield in which the roads, of which the dredging gratters complain, are situated.

The Telegraph thinks the roads should be taken out of politics. So they have been by the Hazen Act, which has given the control to the County Councilors in every parish in the province irrespective of the party to which they belong. The responsibility for the maintenance of the roads today, and for the expenditure of public moneys upon them, except in a very few sparsely settled districts, rests upon the municipal councilors who are directly responsible to the electors of the parishes for their acts. The present act is a direct measure of "Home Rule," and the very opposite of the act so much lauded by the old government which centralized the control and expenditure in the office of the chief commissioner at Fredericton.

The Hazen Act has taken the management of the roads out of politics. All the road officials are appointed by the highway boards. They were formerly appointed by the government. The boundaries of different road districts are also fixed by the boards. Yet the Telegraph with canting hypocrisy that will deceive nobody, asks that the roads be taken out of politics. Were it not for the Telegraph's desire to make political capital against the Hazen government by any means fair or foul, not one word would be heard in antagonism to the act, and nothing but praise for the improved conditions of the highways.

Hon. J. P. Burchill's remark to the effect that he never heard any complaint about the Highway Act in Northumberland, would be equally true of the other counties were it not for the Telegraph's course in misrepresenting the law and its operations. The fact that after a year's practical experience of the act, not a single amendment was moved to it by the opposition at the last session, speaks so eloquently in its favor that columns of editorials in the mendacious Telegraph cannot counteract the effect.

## THE GREAT FIASCO.

After four weeks touring the West, during which he probably received more rude shocks to his self-complacency than in any period in his long political career, Sir Wilfrid is now recuperating at Banff. Speaking of the farmers of Western Canada, many of them of his own party, who charged him with failing to redeem his promises, the Premier at his closing meeting in Alberta airily described them as "a few croakers," adding with his fondness for scriptural allusions, "We read that even in Heaven there were bad angels. They fell, and I do not think these croakers will be any more successful than the bad angels." The "croakers," however, can point to one striking difference between their position and that of the bad angels. The former have discovered from practical experience that in trusting Sir Wilfrid they were living in a fool's paradise. Lucifer and his friends failed to realize when they were well off.

There can be no doubt the tour will have a profound effect upon the political fortunes of Sir Wilfrid and his party, and an effect he least expected. The farmers of Western Canada have had an opportunity to tell the Premier exactly what they think of his administration. He started out to tour the West to be educated as to its governmental necessities, and whatever he may have learned in that direction, there is no doubt the West has received a liberal education as to his true character.

Some very definite questions were asked Sir Wilfrid about the tariff—the people of the West strenuously object to a tariff which is obviously unfair to them, and among other matters he was asked to define his position on the Manitoba boundary question, terminal elevators, the chilled meat trade and the Hudson Bay Railway. To each and every one of these inquiries he replied in an evasive strain, "with the added impertinence," as the Winnipeg Telegram points out, "of attempted jocularity, which reached its climax in a wretched joke about the discrimination of Divine providence between Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the witticism of that 'blissful lieutenant' of his who suggested that the Hudson Bay Railway would be beneficial to the chilled meat trade, amid laughter from the Ottawa trough-fed hogs."

Summing up the situation the Winnipeg Tribune points out that during the fourteen years he has been in power Sir Wilfrid has abandoned the old Liberal planks of Free Trade, Reduced Taxation, Reciprocity, Purity of Administration, Condemning Corruption, Strictest Economy, Decreased Expenditure, Independence of Parliament, Responsible Government, The Land for the Settler, Senate Reform and Opposition to Railway Subsidizing.

"He was advised," continues the Tribune, "to take a 'Hooray Tour' through the West, face the music and carry the people with a new stunt of 'Blending the Races, Banners and Big Things Before I Die.' At nearly every point the Great Bluffer and Jollifier has been called. As the Grain Growers at Regina said:—'We do not wish to

ask from you an expression of sympathy with our wishes. What we seek from you is a definite assurance that your government will adopt measures to give us relief by affecting a reduction in the general tariff and especially in respect to agricultural implements."

"At last the farmers have 'jumped on' jolly tactics. They ask Sir Wilfrid to be a man and discuss public questions like a man. Everywhere throughout the West and in British Columbia the electors should speak to the Premier plainly and directly. If he evades the point call his attention to the fact that his evasion has been noted."

"Sir Wilfrid will never make another western tour. This is his last. He has bedevilled a great party; he has been the enemy of great principles. Even pity for old age should not prevent him hearing the whole truth. An unfaithful servant, particularly a public servant, is deserving of little pity."

## NEW EXPERIENCES IN LONDON.

The Canadian teachers, who are at present touring the Old Country, are learning, like many others who visit England for the first time, that their pre-conceived notions are strangely at variance with conditions as they find them. One of the first things the visitors did was to go for a three hours' drive round London. They thought the city very quiet—so quiet, indeed, that they found it difficult to believe they were in the London of their imagination.

"We are all astonished," said a lady teacher from Winnipeg to a newspaper representative, "to hear so little noise. We had imagined a noisy, nerve-racking place, but we find it quiet and restful. We know now that in Canada we make a great deal of unnecessary noise. The trains, the trams, and all the traffic there make ear-splitting sounds with whistles or bells continuously. Here the whistles of your trains seem to us like penny toys, and all the other sounds are on the same level."

"The only real noise we have heard is the whistle for a taxi. That is the one thing that upsets the surprising peacefulness of the streets. Your squares have an almost deathless stillness. There are no such places in Canadian or American towns. There it is impossible to escape from the noise of the streets, but here you seem to be able, at any moment, to get into the country. Hyde Park is amazing. In the very middle of your city you have a piece of country almost as quiet as one of our own prairies, and far more beautiful. It is so green, so wooded, and so natural."

"I like your chimneys. In Canada we usually have only one to each house, as we have no separate fires; but here you have whole battalions of grotesque shapes against the sky. What are those distorted little imp-like figures that curl about so funny? Many look just like human beings. Your steeples are fine. We have scarcely any because Canadian winds are too strong, and all we can have are solid towers. We have nothing to compare with your beautiful, delicate skyline. London is very clean. We were surprised to find how clean even the side streets were, and the people are so leisurely. We expected to find hurrying crowds, but we saw only a number of leisurely people, walking along as if there were no need to hurry. In Canadian towns every man looks as if he were just spending his last five minutes and as if no one else was of any interest or importance. Here in London, however, you seem to have time for everything. You crowd round a fallen horse, you stop and talk in the street, you go from one shop window to another."

"You are so very polite, too. We have been very agreeably surprised by the courtesy shown to us. Even your railway porters seem to have time to be polite. We gave them a good deal of trouble when we arrived, but they did their work cheerfully and courteously. The same cannot be said of Canadian porters."

The programme for the six weeks' visit of the teachers, who number about a hundred, includes calls at all the chief places of historical and picturesque interest in England, Scotland, and Ireland. The National Union of English Teachers, the Victoria League and the London Teachers' Association are combining to make the tour inexpensive but interesting.

## MUSIC IN THE HENNERY.

A news item from Springfield, Ohio, tells of the wonderful success of a woman near that city who has combined her henner and music conservatory. Through an accidental discovery, she was enabled to supply the tables of the rich and near-rich with strictly fresh eggs at prices as low as the "treated" variety from the embalming establishment and cold-storage houses.

When her hens struck, she was well launched in the egg business, and simply had to have eggs to supply her customers. Someone jokingly told her that hens were fond of music and she decided to experiment. With the house door open so her fowls could hear, she played the piano nearly all of one day. To her surprise, the next day she gathered six eggs more than had been her daily allotment. She then placed a phonograph, supplied with catchy and seductive airs, in the room adjoining the henner, and kept it wound up all day.

The hens, apparently touched by the effort to relieve them from ennui, fairly outdid themselves. There is a suspicion, not yet verified, that some of the pullets laid two eggs a day, not stopping to remember that this was against the law. The tunes which she has found most conducive to egg production are said to be "Work, For the Night Is Coming," "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and "December's as Pleasant as May."

## CURRENT COMMENT

(Ottawa Free Press.)

Who will say that the resources of civilization are exhausted? A woman appeared in court in Indianapolis for slapping a piece of well-used fly-paper over the mouth of an abusive mother-in-law. The effectiveness of the novel weapon of self-defence was in evidence, and should enhance the value of adhesive papers as something no afflicted family would willingly be without.

(Ridgetown Dominion.)

Sir Wilfrid is a democrat to the hilt, but wears a title; he is a free trader, but practises protection; he is a British subject, but his heart is French; he is a promoter of peace, but reached office through a religious school war; he is an honest man, who "respects and loves" Pugsley.

(Lethbridge Herald.)

Pernie reports that a man married a woman the second time after being separated for a great many years. Guess he found out in the meantime that they are all alike and that he might as well stay with the one he started with.

(Wall Street Journal.)

Sales of sewing machines are reported to be showing large increases. This is a healthier development than the boom in the automobile trade.

(Vancouver World.)

It is strange but true that many of the sign posts on the road to success were put up by men who were failures.

## TACT.

Hail, graceful Tact! That to no fool denies  
A charm to tame the wild and cheat  
the weak,  
And, without lying, reaps the gain of lies.

That, courteous ever, kills without a blow,  
And with a Yes, contrives to act a No,  
And can compress a volume into  
"Oh!"

That wins by losing, and by serving reigns,  
By silence argues; and by giving gains;  
That throws its stones, yet saves its window panes.

That looks like porcelain, when 'tis made of delft;  
And, pilfering by its very storm of blows,  
Tricks all the world; yes, even tricks—  
—itself.

M. E. V.

## LACKING A SOVEREIGN POWER, MEN ARE AT WAR.

During the time men live without a common power to keep them all in awe, they are in that condition which is called war; and such a war, as is of every man against every man. For war consisteth not in battle only, or the act of fighting, but in a tract of time, wherein the will to contend by battle is sufficiently known; and there for the notion of time, is to be considered in the nature of war, as it is in the nature of weather. For as the nature of foul weather lieth not in a shower or two of rain, but in an inclination thereto of many days together; so the nature of war, consisteth not in actual fighting, but in the known disposition thereto, during all the time there is no assurance to the contrary. All other time is Peace.

HOBBS.

## GOOD STORIES

An Irishman dying in a remote village in Ireland, his relatives were anxious to have his name and date of his birth and death engraved upon a coffin plate. The village tinker was sent for.

"How old was he?" asked the tinker.

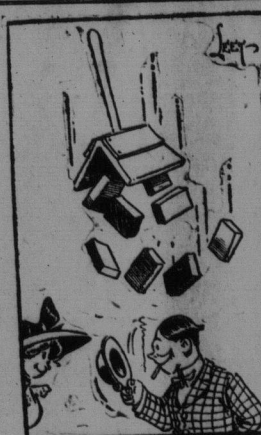
"Twenty-eight," was the reply.

"Well," said the tinker, "I'm afraid I can't do the job, for I can't make an 8; there's too many circles in it. But I could make you four 7's, if that will do ye. Four 7's is twenty-eight."

The compromise was accepted and the coffin plate finished and nailed to the coffin. At the funeral the officiating clergyman said:

"Brethren and sisters, we are gathered together to pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother who passed away at the early age of—here he paused and readjusted his spectacles—"at the early age of 7777 years! Great Scott, brethren, he was born before the flood!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Then it Happened



Antonio Caesere was a good section hand, but a mighty poor hod carrier. Thus it happened that when he had climbed a ladder three stories with his load of brick he suddenly lost heart and his balance at the same time.

Passing leisurely along the sidewalk with his eyes firmly fixed on Hasty Helen, the Hash Hustler, was Flirtatious Freddy. He carelessly wended his way beneath the ladder on which was Antonio.

"Ah there, Helen," quoth he.

But just then Antonio let the hod slip.

(The End.)

## JOH WISE SAYS:

"To the pessimist the wheel of fortune alius suffers from a punctured tire."

Mrs. Caudle:—Henry, did you miss me the night I was away?  
Mr. Caudle:—No, I went to a lecture.

He:—At the concert I noticed you were sitting between Jack and his fiancée.  
She:—Yes, 'twas a hot night and there's quite a coolness between them.

The bride:—Did you tell the clergyman that I'd prefer not to be kissed by him after the ceremony?

The groom:—Yes, dear, it's all right. He said in that case he'd charge only half the usual fee.

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Old Lady (who has lost her bearings):—"But, dear me! I'm certain that the last time I was here I went that way to Harlem."

Diplomatic Policeman—"It's right in the opposite direction, now, mum. Ye'd be surprised at the changes that's been made."

"Every time the baby looks into my face he smiles," said Mr. Meekins.  
"Well," answered his wife, "it may not be exactly polite, but it shows he has a sense of humor."

## CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 15.—Wheat prices declined today and then recovered, closing from a shade to 2½ up, after having dropped from ½ to 1½ from the previous close. Corn duplicated the fluctuations of wheat while oats kept within narrower limits, finishing weaker than the other grains. Provisions generally made gains pork being the weakest closing from 5 up to 10 off.

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Name. .... Address. ....

## PRODUCTION OF FLOUR HEAVY

in the corresponding week last year, and 165,000 two years ago. Buys of flour are reported to have city light stocks on hand, and it is expected that before navigation closes on the great lakes there will be liberal buying and a big business.

**COTTON MARKET.**  
New York, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 15 points higher; middling uplands 15.70; middling gulf 15.95; sales 1239 bales.

Galveston—Quiet, 14 15-16.  
New Orleans—Quiet 14 15-16.  
Savannah—Quiet 15 1/2.  
Charleston—Nominal.

Memphis—Quiet 14 1/2.  
Consolidated—Net receipts for four days 22,969; exports to Great Britain 14,129; exports to the continent, 15,705; stock, 228,250.