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THE ELECTION BILL.

Now that the long and monotonous session is over, Canada will be inclined to sit back and wonder what it has all about, and why the legislators, the majority of whom are, in private life, busy men, have been compelled to remain in Ottawa for two-thirds of the year with business which should not have occupied more than a quarter of that length of time. It is not at all difficult to find the answer to this natural inquiry. More than one-half of the session was wasted by the obstructive tactics of the Conservative opposition, and a large portion of the remainder in off-repeated criticisms of the Government policy on the part of a few of Mr. Borden's followers. The principal bone of contention, the measure upon which the obstruction was based, was the election bill, so called. In this bill, or amendment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier sought to secure for all parties fair play in the preparation of election lists and in balloting. This intention was stoutly opposed by Messrs. Borden, Foster and others. They did not desire fair play. They wanted the Manitoba lists, which were most directly affected by the amendment, to be in the hands of a few irresponsible partisans who in the past have displayed what can only be regarded as absolute dishonesty in their work. The original bill was slightly altered, but the principle remains unchanged and there will be no difference in the final result. In his desire for fair play Premier Laurier is backed by every right thinking man in Canada. The new lists in Manitoba are now in course of preparation. In a short time the electors will be able to see whether the warnings given those who are preparing the lists have been heeded. If there is any reason for complaint the Government will permit no further delay but will at once bring under the supervision of a board of judges this work, concerning which trouble has arisen in the past. Mr. Borden's obstruction has resulted in the politicians of Manitoba being given another chance. If they act honestly in making up the lists, the system will be continued, but if there is any cause for complaint the plan which has been provided for the unorganized districts of Ontario will be introduced and fair play ensured.

NEW ZEALAND AND THE FLEET.

Socialist leaders in New Zealand intimate that it is their intention to organize a demonstration of the unemployed as a protest against the expenditure of the very large amount of money which has been set apart by the government for the reception and entertainment of the United States fleet. The amount voted for this purpose is \$200,000. Australia has decided to spend not less than half a million, and that country will prepare the most elaborate programme of any of those ports to which the fleet has gone. San Francisco itself was not more lavish in its display than Sydney will be according to the present intimation. Unfavorable conditions in New Zealand are such, at the present time that the outlay involved in this country's reception must appear to many as a wholly unnecessary waste of money. There are a sufficiently large number of unemployed and destitute there to get up what would be truly a striking exhibition of the result of depression and if the Government can afford to spend almost a quarter of a million in the sense, there is some reason in the argument that it might at least endeavor to furnish employment for those of its own people who are now, and have been idle. Why the United States fleet was ever ordered to go to New Zealand and Australia is a mystery. The original intention was to sail up the Pacific to San Francisco, Seattle and other ports and then strike across, via Honolulu, to Japan. Instead of doing this, the ships will in a very few days be headed southward and make a detour of 10,000 miles not on the original programme, for the purpose of paying a visit to two portions of the British Empire. After such a long voyage it might reasonably be expected that a magnificent welcome would be provided, but it was not at all necessary to accept the invitation and indeed the visit of the fleet to the south, is imposing upon the people a burden, which is not being willingly accepted, even though they voluntarily undertook the outlay.

The speech from the throne expressed satisfaction over the prospects of magnificent crops this year. Mr. Borden would, no doubt, be pleased to hear of an early frost, so that he might shake his finger at Hon. Mr. Fielding and in union with Mr. Foster sing that familiar song, "I Told You So."

Now that the session is over Mr. Geo. E. Foster will, no doubt, go to his summer home for a rest. He needs it, but not half as much as the country does.

One week less than eight months was the record for the session which closed yesterday. Mr. Foster and Mr. Borden between them talked for almost seven months, Sundays and holidays excepted.

THE OATMEAL DODGE.

It reminds me of the oatmeal dodge, said the detective. He was speaking of an ingenious swindle that had been worked successfully on a shopkeeper. The oatmeal dodge, he continued, was worked on a grocer in the suburbs. A man entered the shop and engaged the grocer in conversation. While they talked a youth came in. "Do you sell oatmeal?" the newcomer asked. "Yes," said the grocer. "The very best. How much?" But the man interrupted. "I just wanted to know," he said. "Good day." And he walked out. The grocer, looking a little disappointed, resumed his conversation with the stranger. In a few minutes a second youth appeared. "Do you sell oatmeal?" he asked. "Yes," the grocer answered. "Thank you. Good day." And this young man also disappeared. "Well, what the dickens!" exclaimed the grocer. "But as we were saying," he resumed, and the interrupted conversation went briskly on. Soon a third youth entered the shop. He said: "Do you sell oatmeal?" "Yes," the grocer snapped. "Thank you. Good day." And this young man also disappeared.

And this young man departed on a run. For the grocer, thoroughly enraged at last, had rushed upon him. He had, however, a clever palf of heels. The grocer was unable to overtake him. So, after a chase of a hundred yards or so, he returned breathless. He found the first man gone. "The shop was empty. So was the till. Once more the oatmeal dodge had succeeded."

Printer: "We've run out of ink, sir." Foreman: "Then squeeze the office towel."

He (five years after)—"All this gush about love is extremely foolish. Whenever did this stupid book come from? I must say the person who selected it showed a very insipid taste." She (quietly)—"It's the book you gave me during our honeymoon, John; we read it eleven times the first week we had it."

One day, while the traffic was held up at a certain busy crossing in London, a bus-driver closed in a cabman rather awkwardly. The Jehu, however, resented this, and directed those abuse and profanity at the bus-driver, who, with a good-natured smile, listened to all then turned to the man sitting beside him and said, "That's not I call 'aving a hornamental address presented to you."

"Thunder and guns!" exclaimed the old gentleman, as he was given the bill for his only daughter's last gown, "but you cost a pile of money." "Well, papa," she replied, demurely, "you wouldn't sit in the dining-room with the door open when I am entertaining Mr. Blinkley in the drawing-room, nor stand a better chance of getting rid of the expense."

The old housekeeper met the master at the door on his arrival home. "If you please, sir," she said, "the cat has had chickens." "Nonsense, Mary," laughed he; "you mean kittens. Cats don't have chickens."

"Was them chickens or kittens as you brought home last night?" asked the old woman. "Why, they were chickens, of course."

"Just so, sir," replied Mary, with a twinkle. "Well, the cat's had 'em!"

He had been courting the girl for a long time. It happened on Sunday night that he was sitting on the sofa, and she looked with ineffable tenderness into his noble blue eyes. "Tom," she murmured, with a tremor in her voice, "didn't you tell me once you would be willing to do any act of heroism for my sake?"

"Yes, Mary, and I gladly retract that statement now," he replied, in confident tones. "No nobler Roman ever died than I am dying now."

"Well, Tom, I want you to do something really heroic for me."

"Speak, darling! What is it?"

"Ask me to be your wife. We've been cooling long enough."

"DEAD," SHE TALKS TO MOTHER IN HEAVEN

Woman Loses Consciousness for Hours— Says She Visited Spirit World.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., July 20.—During a period of suspended animation lasting several hours, Saturday afternoon, while she lay pulseless and without breathing to all appearances dead—Mrs. William McNulty says she talked with her dead mother and another relative who died thirty years ago.

Mrs. McNulty is convinced that she visited the hereafter, and Dr. Thomas Mulligan, who attended and revived her, says that so far as his medical skill could determine she was dead. Mrs. McNulty has a perfectly correct recollection of all that happened while she ceased to live. She had great difficulty, however, in finding earthly things and terms by which to express her sensations. She is still in too weak a condition to be questioned at great length, but even the story she was able to tell is perhaps as remarkable as any of its sort ever related. This is what she said:

"Everything was black at first. I did not seem to have any consciousness. Then gradually I began to move or rather glide through space. "After a while a region of brightness and light appeared in front of me. It was dim at first, then brighter and brighter as I seemed to come nearer to it. "When the light was at its brightest I found myself in the midst of an endless crowd of people. Suddenly I saw my mother, and beside her a distant relative who died thirty years ago. I was talking to them when the light seemed to go out again and everything was in darkness, and I lost consciousness. When I opened my eyes I saw Dr. Mulligan bending over me."

OLD AGE PENSION BILL WILL BECOME LAW

The House of Lords Passed Second Reading.

Rosebery Says It Is Most Important Bill in Forty Years—Lord Cromer Wants Britain to Conserve Resources for Probable European War.

LONDON, July 20.—The House of Lords tonight passed the second reading of the old age pension bill, thus insuring its becoming a law. In the course of the debate on this bill, Lord Rosebery and Lord Cromer, both vigorously attacked the measure on the ground of its Socialistic tendency, both predicting that it would eventually involve the country in a policy of protection. Lord Rosebery described the measure as the most important bill submitted to parliament in forty years, and instanced the pension system in the United States as an example of what such a measure might lead the country to.

Lord Cromer started the house by declaring that it was the first duty of the government to prepare for the European conflict which probably would be forced upon Great Britain before many years. He thought that the bill, by entailing a protective policy would tend to widen the breach between Great Britain and foreign nations and thus increase the danger of war.

A HUNDRED YEARS OF PRESBYTERIANISM

Anniversary Being Observed in P. E. Island

Dr. Kier Established the Church at Princeton in 1808—Other Churches Join in the Celebration.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., July 20.—On Sunday last commenced at Malpeque, the observance of the opening of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian congregation of Princeton. In 1808, Rev. Dr. John Kier, the second Presbyterian minister to settle on the island, arrived from Scotland, and took charge of the congregation of Princeton and Bequele. His oration before the anniversary service, which was held in the Presbyterian church, was a most interesting and timely one. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Kier, who, at the time of Dr. Kier's settlement, the whole of Prince County, and a part of Queen's, had been under his pastoral care. He has since been succeeded by his son, Dr. Kier, who is now pastor of the church.

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SUSPECTED MURDERER HAS BEEN CAPTURED

Bears Strong Resemblance to August Eberhard.

Picture of Murderer Furnished by Brother—Family Learn of Crime From Newspaper Men—Search of Woods Reveals a Tramp.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Believing they were about to capture August Eberhard, the grocer's clerk, who is sought by the police in connection with the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard, the police and a posse of citizens searched a two-acre thicket at Oakdale, N. Y., this evening, finally capturing the suspect, only to learn that he was a tramp. The police do not think that the murderer will be captured near the scene of the crime. They say that anyone who could display such cold-blooded cunning as was shown in the murder plot, would plan to get safely away before the crime was discovered.

A brother of "Gus" Eberhard was found at Woodside, N. J., today, and he has furnished the police with an excellent photograph of the missing man. The brother was deeply affected when he learned that the police were searching for "Gus." He said that he did not know that Mrs. Eberhard and her daughter had intended to come to this country and so was thunder-struck to hear his aunt had been murdered. He thinks it possible that his brother was also murdered and that his body was concealed.

Early today, Miss Ottilie Eberhard was taken to the scene of the tragedy. The girl showed a remarkable memory and accurately guided the detectives to the spot where he aunt was slain and where she herself was wounded. The cause of the tragedy, which she showed great courage and told the story of the shooting.

After telling her story to the detectives, Miss Eberhard was taken back to Hackensack, where she is stopping for the night. She was so overwrought by excitement that it was necessary to summon a doctor, and she was too ill to attend the funeral of her mother, which took place in the afternoon.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 20.—The officers from New York, who were home this evening, believing that Eberhard would not be likely to visit his parents' home at Moore's Mills, he caused the police of Poughkeepsie to search the matter. Charles Eberhard, the young man's father first learned of the murder of Mrs. Eberhard from newspaper men who went to his farm this afternoon.

EDDIE PERRY, July 20.—A man believed to be August Eberhard, was in connection with the murder of Mrs. Ottilie Eberhard, his aunt, was arrested at Uniontown late tonight by the police of Hastings, N. Y. His resemblance to the missing grocer's clerk caused the police to take him into custody.

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He was born in 1695, and when three years old became blind. He began to learn the harp when he was twelve, under Bridget O'Connell, for at that time women as well as men taught the instrument. In his young days he travelled through both Ireland and Scotland, and was wont to relate anecdotes of his adventures.

HIGHLAND SPIRIT. There was a certain Sir James Campbell, of Auchinbreck, who having been too prodigal, was at length reduced to live on a small weekly allowance. Hemphill hearing of this and not liking to trouble a gentleman under such circumstances, passed his house without calling. The spirit of the old Highlander was roused at this indignity, and he despatched a servant after the harper to bring him back.

This being done, Sir John asked Hemphill why he had not called, adding, "Sir, there never was a harper but yourself that passed the door of my father's house. To which Hemphill replied, "that he had heard in the neighborhood that his honor was not often at home," with which delicate evasion the baronet was satisfied.

Happening to be in Edinburgh in 1745, Hemphill was introduced at the Court of Holyrood, by Colonel Kelly, of Roscommon, and Sir Thomas Sheridan. He was called into the great hall to play, at first alone, but four riders joined him afterwards. The tune called for was "The King Shall Enjoy His Own Again."

I hope to see the day When the Whigs shall run away. And the King shall enjoy his own again.

In 1805, when he was one hundred and ten years old, a clergyman named Sampson visited him at his cabin, where he lived with his married daughter.

Hemphill was in bed, and his harp with him under the bedclothes. When he heard the clergyman's name he started up, and asked to see his child, and after feeling them over and over, blessed God that he had seen four generations of the name, and gave them his blessing. He then tuned his harp.

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