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THE INSULTERS OF THE QUEEN

The insulting disrespect recently shown to Her Majesty by some dozen members of the Canadian House of Commons, who appear to be admirers of this man Bourassa, still forms the leading topic of discussion among the eastern papers. We regret very much that the name of the representative for West Kent should be found in this list, and feel sure that Mr. Campbell's foolish act-to put it mildlydoes not meet with the approval of the electorate in this county, Conserv ative or Reform.

Although Mr. Campbell pronounces the charge made against him an in famous lie, most of the press correspondents in the gallery seem to pick him out as guilty of the most offensive conduct of the lot, alleging that he not only remained seated during the National Anthem, but aggravated the act by keeping his hat on.

The Globe, St. Thomas Journal and other Liberal papers do not deny that these members acted as charged, but they claim that the singing of God Sive the Queen was irregular at that particular time and an interruption to Mr. Charlton, who had the floor. This looks like a trumped up excuse, concocted afterwards, for Mr. Charlton and the great majority of the other Liberals joined heartily in the singing, and it was then, when it was over, that Mr. Charlton followed with one of the most loyal addresses ever delivered in parliament. The Montreal Star's correspondent thus describes the incident and the description appears, from other accounts, to be absolutely accurate:

All the Conservative members and most of the Liberal members sprang their feet and cheered the Queen The following remained sitting: Sr Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Fisher. Sir Wilfrid had partly risen but Mr. Fielding spoke to him and he sat down again. Then the House sang sat down again. Then the House san "God Sive the Queen." During a this time Mr. Fielding was talking During ail some of the Liberal members who had

when the members resumed their seats and silence had been practically restored, Mr. Charlton rose and at once drew forth a plaudit of applause, by saying that when the youngest member for Labelle had felt the weight of a few more years and had acquired in a very different light to what he did to-day.

The Star, we may add, is also on of those papers which charges Mr. Campbell with sticking to his seat and hat as close as to his friend Bourassa. The Globe, however, finding itself in a tight corner in the matter, tries to turn the incident into ridicule, but it will find Canada will not take i the Bourassa crowd "The dirty elev en," and, while we deprecate the use of the Citizen's strong language, we reproduce what it says to show how high the feeling is running against the member for Kent and his friends

elsewhere. The Citizen says:" The disgraceful conduct of the eleve members of the Liberal party, who kept their seats in the national assem last week while the National Anthem was being sung by the other rep resentatives of the people, has arous ed a storm throughout this portion of the Queen's dominions which will not down. On all sides loyal and tr men are heard giving expression

men are heard giving expression to their contempt and disgust for the authors of this crowning indignity to our beloved Sovereign.

Many unfortunate and regrettable scenes have been witnessed in the Can-adian parliament, in times past, but never before has a personal affront been offered to the Queen's Majesty.

That this has been done in so mark-

That this has been done in so mark-ed a manner, is due primarily (and we are sorry that we should be forced to record the fact) to the want of action of the individual who, for the momen and only for the moment, fills the responsible position of first advised of the Crown in Canada. Had he rised on the occasion, all, possibly, with the exception of Mr. Bourassa, would have followed his example. But by keep-ing his seat, he offered an inducement to his more steadfast supporters to

do as he did. There are some who say that Sir There are some who say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier even went so far as to make a personal appeal to his colleagues to keep him company in his discreditable position, but we are loth to believe that one, who in addition to his other high duties, is specially called upon to preserve inviolate the honor and dignity of his sovereign, could or would descend to an act of this infame.

this infamy.

To the honor of Canadian public life. let it be said, but two other members of the Government, and they of the inferior sort, had sufficient hardihood to brave public opinion, with their leader, in this unfortunate business, In order that the electors may mark these gentry well, we reproduce this morning the names of the dirty elev-

BOURASSA. TAURIER. FIELDING. FISHER. FITZPATRICK. BELCOURT. BRODEUR.

ERB. CARROLL.

CAMPBELL. The Citizen also pays special attention to Mr. Campbell in this wise:

"It appears from the Parliamentary Companion, that Archibald Campbell, the chump who sat with his hat on while God Save the Queen was being sung in the Commons last week, is only of Scotch descent by way of New York, a fact which will afford some little consolation to every true man from thel and of the heather." The question now arises, how is

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West Kent going to clean its skirts? It elected Mr. Campbell, and it is responsible for his conduct. We have only to add, as we have said before, that we do not think Mr. Campbell's course was prompted by any feeling of disloyalty. It was due probably more to our political system which often makes representatives mere machines to do simply as their leaders' wish. Mr. Bourassa, as whip of the Liberal party, was a sort of petty boss over Mr. Campbell, who belonged to the rank and file. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was his leader. Mr. Campbell probably dimly looked on this matter as a case of party loyalty, and when that idea gets uppermost in the mind of a present day politician we can easily understand how the Queen ould be made to come second in importance even to Mr. Bourassa and

the prime minister. When men go to parliament and imply act as animated machines how t reminds one of the parable in the Rible about the talents that were bestowed, the use that was made of hem, and the rewards that followed. One wonders why politicians are given thinkers to think with, because after all most of them merely do what they are fold by their leaders.

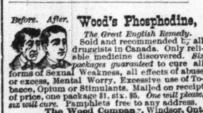
The Methodist Conference of Manioba and the Northwest has adopted a motion condemning the leading Provincial newspapers; for the bitter tone of their party political discussion. and detailed accounts they give of prize fights and other lower forms of athletic sports." There are other papers than those in Manitoba that might be condemned.

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S. D. Scott, the Ottawa correspondent of the Halifax Herald, relates the following story apropos of Dr. Borden's civilian colonelcy bill:

The parade of the civilian colonels ecalls a story of the American hunorist, who was at Windsor, Nova Scotia, thirty years ago, when the Prince of Wales passed through the country. The man of fun meekly approached an officer at a gateway: "Let me pass, mister soldier," said

"I'm no soldier; I'm an officer." said the indignant aide,

"Then let me pass, mister officer and no soldier," pleaded the visitor.

Many rifle clubs-made up of men not connected with the militia—are being formed in Canada, and Sir Charles Tupper has very properly asked the rusper has very properly asked the government to surply ammunition free to these clubs. We have no doubt the government will see that it will be the proper thing to grant Sir Charles Tupper's request; but the ammunition should be given on condition that it be used in rifles of the regulation militia partern the Learegulation militia pattern—the Lee-Enfield. The object of the formation of rifle clubs should be to familiarize the members with the use of the mili-itary rifle, and to this end the use of that rifle should be encouraged. Hamilton Spectator.

That is right, and the Spectator will probably find that if the government gives out Lee-Enfield ammunition it will probably be used in rifles of that pattern. In fact, we don't know what else the recipients could do with it unless they threw it away.

Mr. Tarte's paper, the Patrie; is very indignant at the attacks that are be ing made on the Minister of Public Works for his strong French speeches at Paris, and in a leading article it takes his critics to task." "If Mr Tarte." says the Patrie, "has told the French people that France should know us better; that she should make greater efforts to develop her commerce with Canada: that the French immigrants should direct their steps to the St. Lawrence rather than elsewhere, because we are here two millions of French people, that the French language is an official language, and our laws are French, where is the harm in such speeches? Must the word French no longer be used because it shocks Clarke Wallace and the big-

HERE IS THE EXPLANATION, OR EXCUSE, OR WHATEVER YOU

St. Thomas Journal. The fact is that Dr. Montague was guilty of a gross breach of rules of the House, and of disrespect to Mr. Charlton by interrupting him in his speech to call for cheers for the Queen and this was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. These members remained in their seats as a pro test against a violation of parliamentary procedure. There is a proper time to cheer for and to sing "God Sive the Queen," and the fact that a proclamation was once sent out, purporting to be signed by the Queen, asking the Indians of Haldimand to vote for Dr. Montague, as well as this incident, shows that there are men who are ready to make the basest uses of a professed loyalty in order to further their political ends. Whatever discredit there was in the incident reflects not upon Sir Wilfrid and the other members of the Government and his supporters, but upon Dr. Montague and his Conservative colleagues, who upheid him in his attempt to prostitute respect for the Queen to the furtherance of their partisan political trickery.

GEMS

The tongue is more easily controlled than the features of the face; and though the heart may be secret, face is transparent.—Helen Hunt: That poets have not always practiced

how hard it is for a man to act up to his best ideals.- Epes Sargent. .The devil tempts us not; 'tis tempt him, beckoning his skill with opportunity.-George Eliot.

what they have preached only shows

There is no heroic poem in the world but is at bottom a biographythe life of a man.-Carlyle. When a thief has no opportunity for stealing he considers himself an hon-

est man.-Talmud. Politics, as a trade, finds most and leaves nearly all dishonest.-Abraham

The manner of your speaking is full as important as the matter.—Chester-field. He prayeth best who loveth best all

things, both great and small.-Cole-Ignorance is less remote from the truth than prejudice.-Diderot. The purse of the patient often protracts his case.-Zimmerman.

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that much desires .- Daniel.

WITH GREAT PEOPLE HERE AND THERE

RILEY AND KIPLING.

Two Good Stories of These Famous Writers.

J. Whitcomb Riley did his first literary work in the early 70's for the Indianapolis Journal, under an assumed name. The first pay he ever received for a poem was a suit of clothes from the late George Harding of the Indianapolis Herald. About 1876 Riley went East and was welcomed by Holmes, Whittier and Longfellow. The New England newspapers made much of his visit and when he returned he was a hero.

hero.

"I can remember," said an old Journal man the other day, "when Riley, with his smooth, boyish face, slender figure, ciad in sacerdotal garb, used to come around the office and sit on my desk and dash off nonsense verses in the same copper-plate, microscopic handwriting that he uses to-day. Ellipah Halford, now a paymaster, with the rank of major, in the United States Army, President Harrison's private secretary, was the editor, and it used to be Riley's chief delight to submit some of his most meaningless jingles to Halford for the editorial page. The major, of his most meaningless jingles to Halford for the editorial page. The major, who never had the slightest sense of humor, spent many a weary hour trying to comprehend them.

"You'd better draw a diagram to go with this,' he would say. Then a shout of laughter from the boys would show him that there was a joke loose somewhere, and he would retire into his office to avoid it."

DEWEY UNDER FIRE.

The following vivid scene is from Rossiter Johnson's "Hero of Manila." Rossiter Johnson's "Hero of Manila."
It relates to the hot fight off Fort Jackson in 1862, when Dewey was serving as a lieutenant on the "spinning wheel"—as the sailors nicknamed the old side-wheeler Mississippi. While this desperate action was in progress Dewey's appearance is thus described by one who watched him closely:

"He stood on the high bridge, his figure alternately hidden by smoke and illuminated by the fiashes of artillery. Every time the dark came back I felt sure that we never should see Dewey again. His cap was blown off and his eyes were afiame. But he gave his

eyes were afiame. But he gave his with the air of a man in thorough command of himself."

It is the same Dewey at all times and in all places. But how narrowly we missed losing him!

A QUICK VISIT TO KIPLING A QUICK VISIT TO KIPLING.
Rudyard Kipling tells a story of himseif. One day, he says, I was sitting in my study, in London, when suddenly a gentleman appeared at the door
unannounced, followed by two schoolboys. "Is this Rudyard Kipling?" inquired the gentleman.
"Yes," I answered.
He turned around.

He turned around.
"Boys, this is Rudyard Kipling."
"And this is where you write?" he

"Yes," I replied.
"Boys, this is where he writes."
And before I had time to ask them to take a seat they were sone, boys and all. I suppose they had all liter-ary London to do in that way.

When Men Double Up.

"There's one place above all other where a man exhibits his meanness, said the traveler, "and that is aboard he ocean liner and toward the man who is obliged to occupy the stateroom with him. You are mad to begin with that you have to bunk in with somebody. If he gets the lower berth, he's done you a mortal injury. If he's seasick, you have a contempt for him; if he is not, vou are a bit envious. I've crossed the Atlantic nine times and always shared a stateroom, and I was never more than on speaking terms with my roommate. You can be all right toward everybody else aboard, but he's your enemy. The case is worse when it's a pair of old travelers. as each is posted as to his rights and privileges and is zealous in enforcing them. When I crossed to London last year, I had a Chicago man for a chum. No doubt he was an all-around good fellow, but it was his sixth or seventh trip, and he'd got posted as to when and how to exhibit his meanness. found him in the stateroom when came. We recognized each other as veterans, but a few words must be uttered for decency's sake.

"'Name's Jones,' says I, as I chucked away my steamer trunk. "'Name's Brown,' said he, as he

banged on his hat. "We didn't speak again for four days. Then we got a heavy gale and a big sea, and as I was lying on my bunk he came in for some cigars and growl-

"'Got it?'
"'No; have you?'

" 'No; hoped you had!' " 'Ditto!'

"An hour before we landed I handed him a paper on which I had written down my feelings concerning him. I called him a crank, a curmudgeon, a bear, a heathen and lots of other things and expressed the hope that it might never occur that the same hotel would give us both shelter in Europe. As I handed out my paper he extended one. He had written down his feelings toward me, and I pleage my word, if the two papers weren't alike to the word. I met him in Paris six weeks later, and we rushed to greet each other like oldfriends and for two weeks we walked about like two brothers and were grieved when the parting came. That was on land, you know, and we weren't bunkmates. I'm going over again next nonth, but I'm making no promises of better behavior, whether my roommate is a minister from Boston or a cattle raiser from Arizona, I shall probably do all I can to make his position uncomfortable, and I am sure, he will do as much for me,"

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