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## MR. BORDEN'S FEARS

Hon. William Pugsley, who has returned to the city after a strenuous session at Ottawa, during which he achieved new distinction in an interview published this morning reviewed the more important work of the session and emphasizes the strength and logic of the Liberal position and the action of the Senate in demanding that Mr. Borden's "ship money" policy be referred to the electors. Dr. Pugsley asks why, if Mr. Borden really believes there is an emergency, he does not appeal to the country instead of seeking refuge in the various pretexts for delay for the obvious purpose of political tactics. If Mr. Borden feels that the Empire is in danger because his \$35,000,000 "contribution" is not forthcoming, and if he believes the people are with him, he could avoid all further delay, and come to the rescue of Great Britain at once, by bringing on the elections. But, as a matter of fact, Mr. Borden is willing to submit his government to any humiliation rather than face the people. He avoids the battle which he professes to believe would give him the very mandate he affects to desire above every thing.

After Mr. Borden joined forces with the Nationalists prior to the general election of 1911, Conservatives and Nationalists together in the province of Quebec succeeded in defeating the Laurier administration on the ground that the Liberal plan for a Canadian navy would commit Canada to participation in Britain's wars. Then, when Mr. Borden came into power he was confronted by a grave difficulty, seeking, as he did, to hold the Nationalists without losing the Imperialist element of his party. Dr. Pugsley puts this situation in striking form, as follows:—

"Mr. Borden then conceived the idea of discovering an emergency under the pretext of which he could satisfy the jingo element in his party by giving aid to the Imperial navy by a contribution of battleships, and at the same time satisfy the Nationalists by enabling them to tell the people of Quebec, who had been induced to give support to the government on a Nationalist platform, that contribution in reality had meant nothing more than one contribution, that as their newspapers are now saying the money would be paid largely by Ontario and the West, and their young men of Quebec would not be ordered away to fight English battles."

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He nounce the government for carrying their promises concerning Home Rule into effect, and the cable brings from London continual complaints of the Unionist minority concerning the conduct of the Liberal majority. A government very often displeases its opponents.

Sir Edward Carson and Lord Charles Beresford are declaring that they will lead a revolution in Ulster if the Asquith government persists in carrying Home Rule into effect. It is a sound British rule that the majority will have its way in constitutional countries, but Sir Edward Carson and Lord Charles Beresford desire to put this matter to the test by drawing their swords in Ulster, they are both more than twenty-one years of age and there is no reason why they should not make the experiment. No doubt there are in Ulster some thousands of hot-headed men who will be ready to follow them, and it is reported that organizations in the neighborhood of Belfast are now drilling in preparation for the civil war which the Unionist leaders predict.

This is a question over which men lose their tempers with great regularity. Canadians believe in Home Rule for themselves, and have long enjoyed it, and they also believed in majority rule; but the Irish question in which Canada has, at most, a sympathetic interest, is a matter to be settled by the people of the United Kingdom. They will settle it, and no doubt they will settle it according to the decision of a majority of the electors, whether fighting results of the election, or not.

Men like Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Morley and Mr. Lloyd George are both level headed and courageous. They say they are going to give Ireland Home Rule. If their government lives long enough, they will see the great majority of the people of the British Empire—which has entrusted self-government—will approve their action.

This closely resembles the first day of summer in St. John.

The Freshyrians show a big majority for church union. The time has come to find common ground and ignore excessive denominationalism.

The street railway company directors do not want money. If they did they would extend the car line to Rockwood Park. It would pay well.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Major H. R. V. DeBury, professor of military tactics at McGill University, formerly of St. John, N. B., was born on June 11 at Constance, Germany. He has seen active service in the British Army and was for a time a member of the staff of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He succeeded his father as Count DeBury in 1907.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, distinguished novelist and leader of the anti-suffragists in England, is sixty-four years of age today. She is a granddaughter of the late Dr. Arnold of Rugby and was born in Tasmania. She has written many novels of merit.

## LIGHTER VEIN

ONLY THINKS HE THINKS  
"I heard something the other day that greatly surprised me and I have been worried about it ever since."

"What was it?"  
"I don't know whether I ought to mention it to you or not, but I was told that your daughter's husband was a free thinker. She's such a lovely girl. I hope it isn't true."

"Of course it isn't. Or if it is it won't make any difference. Laura takes after me, and my husband was a free thinker too, when I married him. Now he never thinks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE CRANK  
"Is Jinks a confirmed pessimist?"  
"Yes; he will never try to talk over a telephone because he says that the one of the 9,000,000 in the country which would be of service to him is sure to be in use."

PLEASANT  
"When I was young we sang 'Swanee River' and 'Comin' Thro' the Ring'."

JUST WHY  
"Isn't Alice going to marry Jack, after all?"  
"Afraid not. She says she hates to give up the \$1.50 she has for the 10-cent moving pictures."

PRINCE DID NOT GO TO THE GARDEN PARTY  
Quebec, June 11—A garden party was held at Spencerwood, the Lieutenant governor's residence yesterday afternoon and was attended by the most prominent people in Quebec, as well as Captain Smith and the cadets of H. M. S. Cumberland. His Royal Highness Prince Albert was indisposed and unable to attend.

The Cumberland is to leave here on Thursday.

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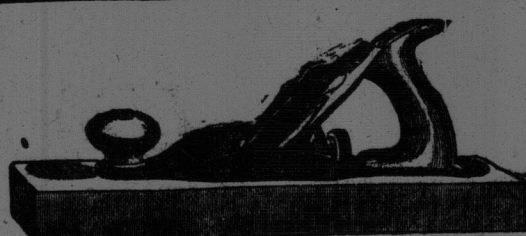
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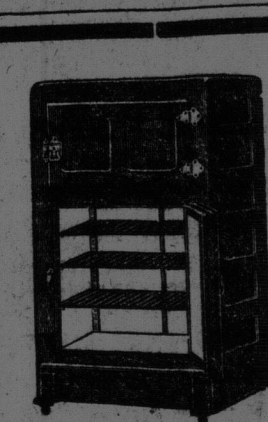


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