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**THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA.**

The country is now in a better position to judge of the inequities of the recent parliamentary blockade than when the smoke from the heat of the conflict obscured the issue. The expedition with which Government bills have been passed during the past few days is the best evidence to the people that the Government is not a party to the obstruction. It also shows that the Borden Government are carrying out the pledges made to those who sent them to power. But it is well to ask at this juncture one simple question: In what state would the affairs of the country now be if there had been no weeks of blockade? There is only one answer. Prorogation would have taken place at the end of April and all the Government bills now passed would have been in active operation. But greater than all that, there would have been presented to the world a spectacle of Canada standing in the forefront with a contribution to the Mother Country in her hour of need.

The Liberals have stated during the past few days that if there had been no Naval Aid Bill they would have allowed legislation to pass without any serious obstruction. They have stated, to back up their case, that they have allowed several important measures to pass lately. The argument is more plausible than sensible. There is every reason to believe that they would have seized upon any measure in order to endeavor to force the Conservative party to the country. If it had not been the Naval Aid Bill, they would probably have been the last to let the Indian Trade Agreement or the Bank Act pass. Everyone will watch with interest the attitude which the Opposition will now adopt towards the measure next week. The strongest argument which can be brought to bear upon the Opposition is that the country is tired of their ceaseless cascade of oratory upon the Naval Bill, and on a recurrence of it the people will gladly welcome the adoption of the Closure on that measure. It seems, according to the opinions which have been expressed by some of the Liberals, that they will force the Government to apply the Closure to the Naval Bill on the ground that they will thus make the country believe that they were sincere in their former attitude. Such a move would be poor and tactless. It would make bad worse. One of the best means by which the Opposition can retrieve its mistakes upon the naval question would be now to submit without Closure and allow the Bill to go through.

It is not likely that such advice will be taken by the Pugsley and Carvell element. That element showed its lack recently when both gentlemen sukked like Achilles, because Sir Wilfrid Laurier allowed the Closure measure to go through without further opposition. But Sir Wilfrid is still in control of his party and it is not likely that he will allow himself to be jockeyed by the tactful part of it. Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell will have to accept whatever dictation their Leader forces upon them, and the country has sufficient confidence in the Leader of the Opposition that at this stage in the development of Canada's relations with the Mother Country he will use the patriotic side and make up for the past by unanimity on the Naval Question. The application of the Closure on the naval debate will injure the Opposition more in the eyes of the world than the Government.

**A REPLY TO THE TELEGRAPH.**

A perusal of an article entitled "Dr. Pugsley and the Minister of Marine," which appeared in The Telegraph yesterday, leads to but one conclusion. Mr. Pugsley's organ has been making a search of the record of Hon. J. D. Hazen's public life and has failed ignominiously to find any transaction that can reflect upon his honor and integrity. The purpose of The Telegraph's article is plain. The Standard has found it necessary to call attention to certain shady transactions in the political career of Mr. Pugsley, and his organ has vainly attempted to retaliate. A brief review of these trumped up charges against Mr. Hazen may be instructive.

Going back to the time when, in 1891, Mr. Hazen represented the City and County of St. John in Parliament, The Telegraph cites the removal of the Harris Car Works to Amherst as a charge against Mr. Hazen, and insinuates that "it was currently reported on that occasion that some \$20,000 of the money involved went into the Conservative campaign fund in this constituency." These statements are deliberately untrue. Mr. Hazen had nothing to do with the removal of the car works. The company, as will be well remembered, wanted to sell out. The Government of the day required the land for the intercolonial, and when the Harris concern found a purchaser in Rhodes Curry & Co., the business was transferred to Amherst. The Telegraph's insinuations are based on an old political heresy. The Standard is in a position to state that not one dollar of the purchase money found its way into the Conservative campaign fund. If Mr. Pugsley's organ is so ready with its charges, why confine them to Mr. Hazen? Why not charge his colleague, the member for the city of St. John at that time and in whose constituency the Harris works were situated, Hon. Ezekiel McLeod, now a Judge of the Supreme Court? Hon. Mr. McLeod, as member for the city, was asked by representatives of the Harris estate to assist in making the sale of the land to the Government, but neither Hon. Mr. McLeod nor the present Minister of Marine and Fisheries had any personal interest in the transaction. It was a matter of business between the Government and the Harris estate.

Having circulated this untruth The Telegraph proceeds to remark that "since Mr. Hazen entered the Borden cabinet his Government have cancelled the North Shore dredging contract at a price which the old contractors regarded as remunerative, and have forced the work to Mr. Richard O'Leary and other friends of the Minister—at double the old price." Mr. Pugsley's organ is again caught in a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts of the case. The old contractors, Messrs. A. & R. Lorge, were not making money out of this transaction, and an investigation by engineers of the Department of Public Works confirmed this fact. They sold their plant to Mr. Richard O'Leary and his friends. Owing to the loose way in which Mr. Pugsley, the late Minister of Public Works, had drawn this contract the new owners by refitting \$5,500 were able to cancel it. New tenders were called for this dredging and Mr. O'Leary and those associated with him were the lowest tenderers at 25 cents cubic yard. This price was reduced by the engineers of the Department to 20 cents, at which figure the work was completed. The whole transaction was open and above board, and there is not the slightest ground for its being made the subject of "sharp comment" directed against "Mr. Hazen and his associates," as Mr. Pugsley's organ maliciously implies.

Next, the threadbare and unfounded charge that Mr. Hazen has deprived St. John of "naval shipbuilding works" is made the subject of the Telegraph's comment. As has been plainly stated by Mr. Hazen in Parliament, the Government returned the deposit of the Cammell Laird Company because the ships would have been obsolete before they could have been built. Admiral Kingsmill, who was Commander Roper, appointed by the late Government, both made written statements to this effect. The Telegraph unguardedly seeks to secure some credit for Mr. Pugsley by stating that his policy was "to build the ships here." Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy, by his own statement in Parliament, this session, was to build the ships in Montreal. To build the ships here, Mr. Pugsley nor his organs have attempted to make any reply.

In concluding its unwarrantable and scandalous attack upon Mr. Hazen the Telegraph insinuates that the Minister has the record of appointing "jailbirds to office." This, presumably, refers to the case of Capt. Landry of Deschamps, N. S., which has been fully discussed in Parliament. The Government were not aware that any charge had been made against this man and he was appointed wharfinger, an office worth from \$9 to \$22 a year. There were mitigating circumstances in connection with the case but as soon as the facts were known he was removed from this position. Mr. Hazen was leaving for England at the time and knew nothing of the letters written by his deputy. Again, Mr. Pugsley's organ finds that a true statement of the facts leaves no ground for its false and ridiculous charges against Mr. Hazen.

If the Telegraph desires to compare political records it should bear in mind that when Mr. Hazen left this Province to become a Cabinet Minister of the Dominion he did not owe one cent to the Province and had never overdrawn his salary. When Mr. Pugsley left to become a Minister he was a defaulter to the Province in several thousand dollars, illegally obtained. An explanation is still due from Mr. Pugsley where the money of the Consolidated Electric Company remained for many months. He could also throw considerable light on the disappearance of \$143,000 of the Central Railway. Hon. J. D. Hazen is not that kind of statesman.

Congratulations.  
Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, is to be congratulated upon the new faster mail service which is the more desirable now that Canada's correspondence with the Old Country is increasing so rapidly.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA**

**THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY.**  
The Hudson Bay Company, which for two centuries exercised authority throughout a large part of British North America, was granted a charter by Charles I. 243 years ago today. For an annual consideration of two elk and two black beavers—these only to be paid to the sovereign when he was within the territories granted—the company was given a monopoly of "the sole trade and commerce of all these seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes, creeks, and sounds, that lie within the entrance of the traits commonly called Hudson's Straits, together with all the lands and territories" within such confines, not previously granted to or in possession of any British subjects, or those of any other Christian prince.

The company was given the power to make and enforce laws. The officials of the company, which was a soldier of the Nova Scotia, and in fact, their territory was a wilderness, unfit for cultivation and colonization, and thus delayed the settlement and development of what is now becoming one of the richest sections of the Dominion. The grant given to Lord Selkirk for his Red River colony was an early wedge to a great store of agricultural wealth.

**SIR GEORGE HEAD.**

Sir George Head, author of several books of Canadian interest, died in London fifty-eight years ago today. He was a devoted and successful writer of a number of books describing his experiences, of which that entitled "Forest Scenes and Incidents in the Wilds of North America" is the best known.

**THE PASSING DAY.**

**CENTENARY OF LUTZEN.**

One hundred years ago today was fought the battle of Lutzen, the first conflict of Napoleon's Leipsic campaign. It was a desperate and bloody engagement, and while the Prussian and Russian allies were defeated, they were able to retreat in order. Only a short time before Napoleon had returned from his disastrous invasion of Russia. He saw his empire crumbling before the assaults of a multitude of enemies. Germany was aflame with patriotism, and Russians were eager to avenge the wrongs they had suffered at the hands of the invader, who had caused the destruction of their sacred city of Moscow.

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Two eminent military officers, one German and one French, were killed in the battle at Lutzen a hundred years ago. General Gerdhard Johann David von Scharnhorst was killed when the Prussian Hussars, on the night following the battle, attempted to pierce the French centre, but were repulsed by Napoleon's artillery fire. Scharnhorst was a Hanoverian by birth, and entered the Prussian service in 1801, soon becoming the leader in the reconstruction of its forces. He was the author of the "Kruppsystem," or short-service system, by which the Prussian nation was prepared for the war of liberation. He was killed by a bullet in the head, and his death was a great loss to the Prussian army.

**THE HUMAN PROCESSION**

**LITERARY CELEBRITIES.**

Many literary celebrities on both sides of the Atlantic will be the recipients of birthday congratulations today. Heading the list—since age takes precedence over beauty—is Jerome Klapka Jerome, the English novelist, who today passes his fifty-fourth milestone. The author of "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," and numerous subsequent successful works, he is a clergyman, and in his time has been schoolmaster, reporter, actor, editor, essayist, novelist and dramatist.

Mr. Jerome was thirty when he attained prominence in the literary world by the authorship of "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," and "Three Men in a Boat." Both were immediately successful, and since Mr. Jerome's name has appeared on the title page of no less than twenty-five volumes, his "Fanning of the Third Floor Back," written in 1907, was one of the big hits of the London season when presented in dramatic form. His latest play, "Esther Castaways," has an American setting, and Marie Tempest, in the title role, scored a great success. Mr. Jerome was not among those present at the first night performance, and afterward explained that he was at another playhouse "enjoying myself."

Mrs. Post Wheeler, the brilliant novelist who writes under her maiden name, is the son of a clergyman, was born in Christian county, Kentucky, thirty-five years ago today. She is a cousin of Amelle Rivers, now the Princess of Wales, and also a famous writer. Mrs. Wheeler's latest novel, "The Vallants of Virginia," has proved one of the most successful of her long list of successes. Her childhood was spent in Virginia, and her early novels reflect that environment.

Not romance, nor art, nor the drama, but statistics is the subject of the literary work of Frederick L. Hoffmann, who was born in Germany forty-two years ago today. His books deal with the statistics of such subjects as lynching, tuberculosis, sanitation, insurance, and the negro question, and they have cast light on many dark places.

**OPHELIA'S SLATE**



**IN LIGHTER VEIN**

**FIRST OF THE EARLY CROPS.**

"I'm going to make a garden soon," said Aristides Blings. "I'm going to rise at daybreak to raise the radishes and things. I'm going to rise at daybreak, when the sky is mild and blue, and and say 'warble 'Trais-la' and sometimes 'Too-riloo.' I'll buy myself some overalls, likewise a spade and hoe, and all the rest of what you need to make a garden grow. I'll read the books that tell the use of bone dust and of lime, or at least look at the pictures when I have a little time."

He dug around for quite awhile, did Aristides Blings, and then he cried, "What luck a little honest effort brings! This soil is most productive, I observe were'er I look. As fine a lot of fishing worms as ever I caught, and there's a sapling that will make a first-rate fishing pole! And here's a cord for measuring, a stout and goodly roll. I didn't hope for such results. My joy I can't express. This garden is undoubtedly a swift and huge success!"

**Good Magnet.**

Helper—"We're going to have a big crowd here, and I'll be some job to keep 'em moving." Manager—"That'll be easy. Take down that rear exit sign, post up the word 'Free,' and they'll all bolt for it—Judge."

**Heard Out of Town.**

Naylor—"I say, Subbubs, did I bring back that lawn mower you lent me last fall?" Subbubs—"No, you didn't." Naylor—"That's too bad! I just came over to borrow it again."

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**TESTING ANNUAL COME TO CLOSURE**  
Women's Auxiliary had Successful Session  
Workers in Foreign Fields—Officers  
The tenth annual convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the M. S. C. C. of the Church of England in Canada, was brought to a close yesterday afternoon after the most satisfactory and progressive meeting since the inception of the organization. Not only in some mission work has the Auxiliary made vast strides, both in membership and in assistance to the diocese, but in the assistance rendered the foreign field, advancement was made of which the delegates felt justly proud.

This year several prominent speakers, including Canon Gould, whose missionary experience in Palestine gave an added interest to his lecture, addressed the Auxiliary on all branches of its work, and it is assured the hints thus given will be acted upon. The yearly business was carried out in a prompt and business like manner, the designation of the different sums being arranged so as to render assistance where it most needed. A remarkable increase was also noted in the sum raised by the provincial branches, both senior and junior, additional interest being shown in the work by all departments.

**Afternoon Session.**  
The first business to come before the meeting yesterday afternoon was the reports of the out of town branches. These reports were of an optimistic tone, and told of the general prosperity of the organization. The majority of the branches have made vast gains during the year and in several cases the Dorcas Society, besides the usual junior and young girls' societies have been instituted and carried on in a satisfactory manner.

Besides the contributions to the home missions these branches have all been active in foreign mission work, sending bales of goods to China, India and Japan. The new Diocese of Mid-Japan received special attention and letters of appreciation were received from the Bishop there.

The reports of the out of town girls' branches were also satisfactory and showed a remarkable amount of work done.

Some of the chief centres which reported were: St. Stephen, St. George, Moncton, Fredericton, Robbsey, Chatham, New castle and Dalhousie.

The report of the city branches told of the good work being done. A feature of the session was the report from St. Mary's church. This was founded this year, and already have made excellent progress, contributing to the general funds besides fulfilling their pledges.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring announced that a summer school for teachers would be held at Robbsey during the coming season. In view of the scarcity of teachers he requested that as many as possible attend.

**Mrs. Kuhring's Lecture.**  
Mrs. G. A. Kuhring then read a paper on "The Missionary Call to Women." She said in part:  
Looking at the missionary call to women from the standpoint of the Auxiliary, it presents many duties and responsibilities, to fulfill which was the object of the organization, and which they were striving to carry out. Beginning in a small way the Auxiliary had advanced until now it occupied a prominent position and took a wider share of this important branch of church work.

Continuing Mrs. Kuhring pointed out the necessity of teaching Christianity to the heathen. The eagerness with which the eastern nations received the learning and habits of the west, made the duty imperative. Volunteers are needed, and the W. A. must send them.

The general board of the Women's Auxiliary calls upon every member of the society, in answer to the appeal for workers from the four corners of the world, to assist in every manner the work of the church. An urgent call had come from the Canadian Northwest for women assistants. This should be attended to.

The Church of England in Canada in Japan has taken over a whole diocese, and a call has come from women teachers. Only one has answered. Calls had also come from China, India and Africa but an insufficient number had answered. A special opportunity presented itself in China, where the call was extremely urgent. The Chinese people are seeking education and a new religion. The men are asking the missionaries to teach them women, Africa needed many nurses but only a few had responded. "Cannot," said Mrs. Kuhring, "a few be spared from Canada to carry out the work in these countries?"

The opportunity for missionary work at home was also pointed out. Many of the young people of today do not believe in missions. They should be shown the difference. This state of affairs was largely due to the lack of Sunday school teachers, to take an intelligent interest in the work. Mission hands should be formed in every church, as they are a great help in teaching the young people the value of missions.

In closing, Mrs. Kuhring urged the Women's Auxiliary to greater efforts in missionary work, a great field for the service of God presented itself; it was already the duty of the W. A. to do the work.

**Election of Officers.**  
The result of the election of the Diocesan officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Richardson; president, Mrs. L. Walker; 1st vice-president, Mrs. G. F. C. Smith; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. L. Harrison; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. C. D. Schofield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. D. Foster; recording secretary, Mrs. W. B. Howard; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Armstrong; treasurer of