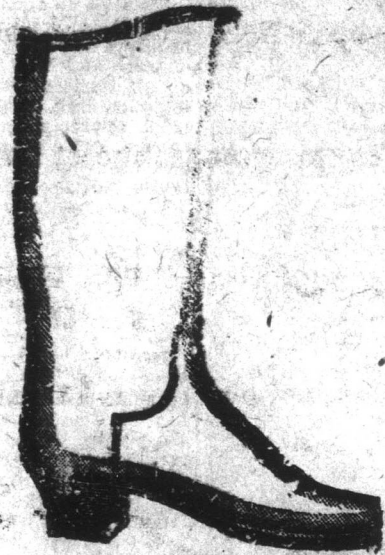


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Startling Bribery Revelations

The crime of bribery is as ugly as treason. It is on the increase here and the law is not adequate to cope with it. While hundreds of convictions have been obtained many of the worst offenders go unpunished.

It is high time that Parliament took some practical steps to strengthen the law with regard to bribery. For some time after the Prevention of Corruption Act came into operation there was a great improvement in what may be called "business morality" throughout the country. But the Act is cumbersome and people who give bribes believe they can do it in safety because the fiat of the Attorney-General is necessary to start a prosecution.

The records of the Courts are full of cases which show that bribery is rampant. In one year there were fifteen cases of bribes given to obtain employment, and fourteen cases where bribes were given to try to find out from employees trade secrets of the firm for which they worked.

Other cases included bribes to hotel employees to get orders, to buyers of drapery firms to pass inferior goods and short measure; bribes to Government officials to get aliens suffering from objectionable diseases into this country.

Everybody can see how bad this sort of thing is for commercial morality and honourable trading. It is often very hard to trace the bribe. In one case the bribe took the form of a present of a dress length to a Government Inspector's wife, and in another case a war office official accepted a suit of clothes from a tailor.

A stockbroker got eighteen months' hard labour for giving over four thousand pounds to a bank manager to induce him to speculate with his employer's money. He did so, and both briber and bribed were sent to jail. An estate agent who was a Justice of the Peace, and ought to have known better, was sent to prison for three months for offering to divide secret profits from the sale of house property with an employee of the seller.

Hundreds of these cases could be quoted here, some of them offences committed by aliens, and many of them attempts to bribe Government officials and the police. For instance, a butcher was jailed for offering a bribe to a policeman to keep away while horse-flesh was substituted for beef to be sold to the public.

It is regrettable that public opinion does not deal more severely with offences in the way of taking and giving bribes. Men who have been denounced by judges for bribery still go about holding their heads high, accepted in their clubs, and are regarded as people who have sold the pass in the battle of civil life.

In America, where the contagion has also grown rapidly in recent years, drastic steps are being taken to purify public life of corruption and of dubious dealings. So far we have not had in this country any cases of men in high political power being publicly convicted of betraying their trust. But from the experience of other countries it is clearly desirable to keep public opinion alert and healthy here.

It would be a tragic misfortune if we were to see here men occupying the highest positions in the Civil Service of the Crown and the State denounced for corrupt conduct after official investigation.

This is what has happened in Newfoundland, where the people are bowing their heads in grief and shame because of the revelations of a Royal Commission which have led to an allegation of infamy against Sir Richard Squires during the time that he was Prime Minister of England's oldest Colony.

The charge against Sir Richard Squires is that he took money from a man called John Meaney, the Liquor Controller; that the money came from the funds of the Liquor Department; and Mr. T. H. Walker, K.C., Recorder of Derby, who was sent out from this country by the Colonial Office at the request of the Dominion Government to conduct the investigation, states in his report that Sir Richard Squires accepted the use and benefit of over twenty thousand dollars with the knowledge of their tainted history, and made himself an accomplice in Mr. Meaney's wrong.

The people of Newfoundland are horrified to find that Sir Richard Squires, in whom they had placed so much faith, the man who is the King's Counsel, who represented his country at the Cenotaph ceremony in London, and who was sent here to sit in conference amongst the Colonial Premiers, should now have such allegations of grave misdeeds made against him.

We can only hope that Sir Richard Squires, who denies all the charges, may be able to make good his defence. But the important thing is that public opinion here, as elsewhere, should be awakened to the grave danger that confronts a country if it allows the standard of conduct to be lowered in public and business affairs.

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a healthy public opinion here without which the law is of comparatively little use.

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TRAIN CONNECTIONS.—The express to leave the city on Saturday next will connect with the S.S. Portia at Port aux Basques. The Portia is replacing the Kyle on the Straits route, whilst the latter boat will leave Port aux Basques on Sunday for this port to go on dry dock.

Bobbed-Hair Banditry

PAYS BETTER IN PRISON THAN OUT, CELIA FINDS.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Bobbed hair-banditry pays—after you're in a cell, anyhow. Celia Cooney, pioneer of the profession, found recently.

After her oatmeal and milk, in a Brooklyn cell, where she awaits sentence for her crimes, Mrs. Cooney received an offer of \$100 from photographers anxious to get her picture. She refused.

Then she was offered \$1,000 for the story of her life. She agreed to write this. Her profits from robbery in more than a month did not exceed \$900.

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Fashions and Fads.

A heavy "belting" type of ribbon is used in trimming a cloche of white bangkok.

Pastel shades of Georgette are used for headed afternoon and evening frocks.

The coat dress or suit of knitted wool or fibre is still excellent for sports wear.

Printed jerseys and crepe silks make attractive scarves for drab sports frocks.

The French seem particularly fond

of dress ornaments in gay and ed effects.

Woolen braid in green and blue is used in rows on a coat dress of blue serge.

Stitched bands of kid are used on the sleeves and flare tails of a dress of serge.

Tie a narrow silver ribbon in a little way down the back of a silk frock.

A wide scarf of heavy crepe de chine is worn with sports dress.

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