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A CRIME AGAINST LIBERTY

Hon. Mr. Oliver, discussing the closure in Parliament, April 14:

I ask you, are we likely to inspire appreciation of aid reverence for the ideals of British liberty, British justice and British fair play by preventing the representatives of our people from giving free expression to their views in a free parliament? I say this resolution is a crime against liberty, and an offence against Canada and against the empire; and all the greater because it is committed under the pretence of British precedent. The conditions here and in Britain are not parallel; none of the reasons which require closure there, exist here. The attempt to smother the establishment of basic rule in Canada, according to the American practice in its lowest form, behind the need of expediting work in the parliament of the empire—which transacts the business of forty-five millions of people directly, and indirectly the business of one-half the world—and doing so in the name of loyalty to the empire, is outrageous beyond expression, and I say, Mr. Speaker, that political expediency never went further in chicanery and treachery under any circumstances or in any country.

PARTIZAN OFFICIALS

If the opposition is serious in the charges of irregularities in the recent election, let the charges proceed with them in the regular way. The charges of wrong-doing have been greatly exaggerated, and most certainly are not confined to one party. The Calgary election was a moneyless affair as far as the Liberals were concerned.

But the Liberals have one complaint which should be investigated. Every person knows that the federal office holders took an active part in the recent elections. They can furnish evidence that prominent federal office holders of this city, attested by threats of vengeance, warnings of cancelled homesteads and that sort of thing, to force voters to cast their ballots for opposition candidates. They saw government office holders using as trustees and agents for the election, candidates right in this city. That is a very dangerous thing. That is the beginning of the tampering of western Canada, which has been brought to such a state of perfection in election depravity in Manitoba.

The actions of some of the office holders should be brought to the attention of the public in parliament. Unfortunately that is not likely to have any further results than the exposure.

If the opposition desires, a general investigation into the election just held, the Liberals doubtless will welcome it.

MR. BORDEN BEHIND TIME.

It is now 674 days since E. L. Borden in a speech in this city insisted that if elected to office at the approaching election he would place the natural resources of the three Western provinces where they belonged, which was under the control of the provinces. He had made such declarations before that time. Prior to the election in 1905 he had declared in favor of provincial control of the natural resources. Before the provinces had received autonomy at all, he favored the provincial control of the resources.

It is now 563 days since Premier Borden assumed office, and during that time he has been in a position to carry into effect the promise he made in this city in June, 1911. At that time he said that not 24 hours would pass before he took some action to carry to completion the promise he made. But he has made no move yet. He has not answered the letter sent by Premier Sifton asking about the change which had been promised by the preceding government. That letter was sent more than a year ago. To reduce it down to hours, we find that 12,512 hours have passed since Premier Borden had the power to carry out his promise. In other words, to come down to details, the Premier is 12,488 hours behind scheduled time.

But worse than that, he has made no signal and given no indication that he intends to carry that promise into effect at any future time.

His colleagues in the Saskatchewan election insisted that the promise was good only with Conservatives in office in that province. His leading supporters in Alberta say that he should have no dealings with any but the faithful. So there we are. The people of Alberta never heard a more definite election promise made. They have never seen an election promise more flagrantly and corruptly violated. Surely they will always resent this crude attempt to bribe them to defeat

AT THE THEATRES

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

Sherman Grand.
First three nights, with special Wednesday matinee, "Little Miss Brown," a farce comedy by Philip Bartholomae with the original New York cast. Last three nights, with special Wednesday matinee, vaudeville, offering as a special feature the celebrated Irish singer, Andrew Mack in a musical sketch, "The Ship's Concert."

ANDREW MACK FEATURE OF NEXT WEEK'S ORPHEUM BILL

Seven weeks of standard vaudeville and the latest moving pictures make up next week's bill at the Orpheum. The headline of the regular bill is Andrew Mack, a name that has been familiar on the tones of music lovers for a long time. Just mention "Mollo-O" and at once the name of sweet-voiced Andrew Mack comes to mind. His present offering was conceived by chance. Only a short time ago Mr. Mack was returning from a visit to his old home in Ireland and he was asked to participate in the usual ship's concert, which he did in an impromptu manner, his offering so well received that it set Mr. Mack thinking and from that resulted the present sketch, which he calls "The Concert," and which affords the talented tenor opportunity to sing several of the songs of his native land. This offering is more than made good in Calgary and another beautiful offering is promised by Manager Baker for next week. Just what it is he is not saying, but the talking pictures are at last a reality, but he carries a pleased smile and simply says, "Just wait. I will show our patrons something."

LOCAL STAGE GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

The patronage extended to "The Prince of Pilsen" at the Sherman Grand this week was rather disappointing, particularly in view of the fact that it was the first of the Henry W. Savage attractions to visit Calgary. It cannot be due to ignorance as to the merits of the show as it has been on the road for over ten years and has always enjoyed great popularity in the east. The local performances were well advertised and the attraction had the endorsement of the Green Room club, but for some unaccountable reason the attendance fell short of expectations. However, we still have an opportunity to square ourselves with Mr. Savage, as another of his attractions will be here the week after next in "The Merry Widow," and we will have the privilege of watching several of the principals who were in the original cast when the opera was given its American premiere at the New Amsterdam theater, New York. Additional interest is attached to the Canadian tour of the company by the fact that the leading tenor, Mr. Charles Meakin, is a Canadian boy, a native of Hamilton, Ont., and for many years a resident of that city. He is known to

De Coe, who exhibits a lack of the definition of the word "fear," that is simply astonishing. What is most to be regretted is staged in a splendid manner. He can apparently balance on the little end of a tight-rope and then sit there and smoke. "The Hungarian Gypsy Queen," as Irene Bercseny is called, is a virtuoso on the cimbal, an instrument very little known on this side of the water, but one of the most popular in her native Hungary. In appearance it is very much like the xylophone, but the tone is entirely different. She is accompanied by the violin soloist Yoka.

Joe F. Willard and John Cain were only a short time ago the star members of the "Rose Maid" company and have now turned their talents to the vaudeville field. They appear in their first little sketch, entitled "Detectivism," which is a travesty on modern police methods and at the same time is one of the funniest negro character acts in vaudeville. For a long time "The Girl From Chicago" was one of the finest vocalists in the "Winds City" and was finally prevailed upon to appear upon the stage at the Majestic theater there. This was under her real name, but parental objection, the family being an old, established one, made her travel under an incognito. If her name is not known, there is one thing certain and that is that she is one of the finest singers on the big time circuit.

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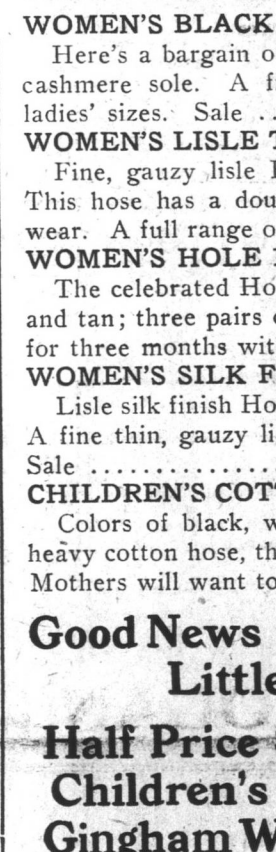
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