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### CANADA'S IGNOBLE ISOLATION.

New Zealand's change of policy reinforces greatly the argument for the Laurier program. A great defence problem for all three Dominions lies in the Pacific. From the first this was realized by Australia and Canada, and by New Zealand, too. New Zealand's original plan was that a British squadron subsidized by her Government and open to her sailors, whose salaries were to be partly paid by New Zealand, should be stationed off her coasts. The New Zealand Dreadnought was to divide its time between New Zealand and Chinese waters. It was at the request of the Admiralty, then obsessed by the German scare, that she allowed the Dreadnought to remain in Europe.

This New Zealand has found to be unsatisfactory. The German scare has wholly passed, good-felling has set in, and in the daylight of normal facts New Zealand sees, as before, that the true problem lies in the Pacific, and that their British naval interests must be fortified against the coming menace of the Orient.

This is as true for Canada as for the South Pacific Dominions. Messrs. Borden and Foster know it as well as anybody. At the last election no one was more insistent than Sir Richard McBride and the British Columbia Conservatives on this point. They clamored for a fleet on the Pacific coast; it was their election cry. The present support of a contribution policy for a North Sea fleet, by Sir Richard McBride in particular, is one of the most insincere and glaringly inconsistent phases of the change in the Conservative party's whole attitude. Our local contemporary, shouting, "Janus," picked the very word for its party's policy, for Mr. Borden, Sir Richard McBride, and for its own right-about-turn from a national and imperial front three years ago to its present servility. We have got to guard the Pacific and we have got to do it ourselves. If the Germans sang "Die Wacht am Rhein" in 1870, it is ours to sing today, with Australia and New Zealand, the Watch on the Pacific. It is the way to keep Britannia's rule of the sea, particularly even of the North Sea.

To bring a British squadron to the British Columbia coast only takes away strength from the home waters, though the whole Borden policy is based upon supposed requirements in the North Sea. He would weaken the mother country at the very point where he says she needs strengthening. The Borden policy, which leaves the Pacific coast bare, or to British keeping, will not do. We have got to come to the Laurier policy if there is to be any naval expenditure at all. Everything conspires to vindicate and command that policy.

Canada now stands alone among the great British Dominions, in an ignoble isolation. Its premier denies that it can do what the other Dominions are doing. It is all very well to say that the contribution scheme is only temporary, but the Government refuses to say whether it will yet inaugurate a patriotic, national policy of defence. Mr. Borden has himself emphatically declared against such a policy. Can not we do, however, what little New Zealand is doing? The Borden policy is worthy only of Malaysians, who have no votes, and are under a satrapy. Let Australians, New Zealanders, Britons, fight for the Empire; we must skulk in the rear under Mr. Borden, and the Montreal Star would commit our defence even to the Americans. This is no splendid isolation, but pusillanimity.

But New Zealand cannot but shame our centralizers into something better. They have lost their battle. We cannot stand with Malaysia, we must stand with white men. Both in trade and in defence time is with the Laurier policy, and events will move too swiftly for Borden, Rogers & Co.

### THE UNANIMOUS PREMIERS.

The conference of provincial premiers has been held in Ottawa, and has completed its labors. Doubtless, it was a pleasant social reunion, but apart from that feature there does not appear to have been any satisfactory results. An important question of provincial rights was under discussion, arising out of the highways bill, but as the Conservative premiers had to sustain the Borden Government's position, it had to be dropped. The claim of the Maritime Provinces for

a revision of the terms of representation in the Dominion Parliament cropped up as usual. But the western provinces were opposed, and it fell by the wayside.

But on one subject there was decided unanimity. They all agreed on a demand for more money from the Dominion. It was proposed that the subsidy should be increased by an additional 10 per cent. of the receipts from customs and excise. This would have meant a grant of some \$13,000,000, based on the present revenue. The provincial subsidies would be more than doubled. Another little item out of the Dominion treasury was the request for an increase in the salaries of governors.

We presume there would be no objection to giving our provincial governors a little more pay. But to the proposal for a doubling of the provincial subsidies there ought to be decided opposition. We can readily understand that those who have the management of provincial affairs would be quite willing to have the provincial revenues increased. The body that spends seldom objects to having more money for spending purposes. But the people who pay may well object to paying more than is necessary.

The argument that may be used in favor of an addition to the provincial subsidy is a specious one. The Dominion's revenue from customs comes from the people; if the Dominion has any surplus from this source it should go back to the people in the way of grants to the provinces. But the underlying objection goes back to the origin of the revenue: the surplus money should not have been taken out of the people's pockets in the first place. Governments must have a revenue; that revenue must come from the people governed either by a direct or an indirect tax; but a government has no right to tax the people for more money than is needed for the purposes of government. As soon as the receipts show a continuous and increasing surplus the tax should be reduced. If the Dominion Government is able to collect so much surplus money that it could afford to distribute thirteen million among the provinces, the proper course would be to leave that amount in the pockets of the people themselves rather than give it to the provincial governments to spend.

It is safe to say that the provinces do not need this extra grant. The subsidies distributed among them now aggregate \$11,000,000. They each have sources of revenue apart from the subsidy. If they really need any more, there are many ways of taxation to which they can resort. They can expend more energy in developing their natural resources, and make money in that way. They can make speculators contribute by an increment tax. The accumulated and practically unusable wealth of individuals can be drawn on through succession duties. There is scarcely any limit to the taxable resources of the provinces.

It may be said that the people of the provinces would object to the local authorities drawing upon them for revenue, and would prefer that the money should come from the Dominion. The people, however, do not object to taxes that are necessary in the interests of good government; but they will object to be taxed for unnecessary expenditures. And it is quite right that they should. But herein lies the evil of indirect taxation. The people almost unconsciously pay indirect taxes to a greater extent than the Government really needs. Then, if the Government has more money than is absolutely necessary it becomes extravagant, and squanders it.

The tendency towards governmental extravagance has always existed, and it only increases when the revenue advances. The more revenue the more extravagance; and the more extravagance the greater demand for revenue. It is a vicious circle. And the average citizen pays for it in the increased cost of living, even though a tax-gatherer never calls at his door. Instead of disposing of its surplus by handing it over to the province to spend, the Dominion Government should leave the surplus money in the pockets of the men and women who find it hard enough to live in these days of high prices.

### AS TO DREADNOUGHTS.

"The London Advertiser says it advised the building of cruisers, destroyers and torpedo-boats in Canada, with Dreadnoughts later."

"Our contemporary has not the courage to advise the outlay of \$75,000,000 for a Dreadnought plant now. It leaves the date conveniently open. The present need is for Dreadnoughts, not tin-pots."—London Free Press.

Where did our contemporary get the notion that a Dreadnought plant would cost \$75,000,000? It knows, or ought to know, that this sum, which figures in Mr. Churchill's memorandum, includes plants for the making of guns and rolling of armor plate. A Canadian Dreadnought plant, where the materials would be assembled, not manufactured, would be a much less costly affair.

The great British firm of Cammell, Laird & Co. offered to build shipyards at St. John, N. B., and construct there four cruisers and six destroyers for the Canadian navy for \$11,000,000. The plant would have cost Canada nothing, and could have been expanded into a Dreadnought plant when the cruisers and destroyers were completed. Whether the guns and armors for Canadian Dreadnoughts would be made in Canada or imported from Great Britain

would be merely a matter of detail. In Canada they would, of course, be made at the existing steel plants.

It would not be advisable or perhaps possible to plunge at once into building Dreadnoughts in Canada, before building cruisers, destroyers and the lighter craft. The industry should grow, like any other. If it would lift the naval question out of the ruck of partyism into which the Borden Government has degraded it, the Liberal party would, we believe, assent to the immediate construction of two Dreadnoughts in British yards, on condition that the Government begin at once the construction of other ships in Canada and pledged its adherence to the Canadian navy policy. The Government, however, will not accept this compromise. It is fettered by its alliance with the Nationalists who won twenty seats in Quebec by fighting the Canadian navy idea.

Australia Can, New Zealand Can, but Canada Can't. How do good Conservatives like this definition of their leader's navy policy?

The policy of contribution may be good enough for half-naked Malaysians who have no votes. It is not good enough for Canadians.

No wonder the squires hate Lloyd George. He has the impudence to propose that British soil shall support more peasants and fewer pheasants.

Our local contemporary four years ago was hot for building Dreadnoughts in Canada instead of England, but now anyone who suggests it is a traitor.

Who says Canadian public men cannot lay aside partisanship? Witness the touching unanimity of Grif and Tory provincial premiers in demanding more money from Ottawa.

There will be a miniature general election in Britain soon. Vacancies have arisen in Reading, Keighley, Lillingthorpe, Wick, Burgess, and South Lanarkshire and North Cork. All were won by Liberals in the general election except North Cork, which is always Nationalist. If the Liberals can hold their own, just after the Carson campaign in Ulster, the Government will have little to fear at the next election.

The electrificationists on the council propose that the city shall lease the London and Port Stanley Railway to itself for an average sum of \$37,500 for 99 years. The C. N. R. offered to pay this rental for a shorter term and rebuild the road. Why should the city spend \$700,000? What will it get that it could not have got from a lease to a steam road? It will get a debt of \$700,000—that's all.

**NEXT KANSAS KICK.**  
[The Motion Picture.]  
Kansas farmers are feeding their cattle with thistles. If that is the case the next Kansas holier will probably be that the cattle are dying off with the prickly heat.

**ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.**  
[Puck.]  
Little Clarence—Pa, is there really "doo" among thieves?  
Mr. Callipens—No, my son; thieves are just as bad as the general run of other people.

**DANGER NOT IMMINENT.**  
[Pittsburg Post.]  
"Better go home, Jimmy. Your mother is looking for you."  
"Has she got the hair brush with her?"  
"No."  
"Then I guess I'll play awhile longer."

**AND WHICH IS CONDENSED?**  
[Buffalo Express.]  
The city cousin, on a short visit to her country cousin, is watching the latter as she commences to do the evening milking.  
"Oh, I say, isn't it all so very interesting?"

In its revolutions Mexico has an even

ing? And from which of the cows, Lucy, do you take the certified milk?"

**NO RECORD.**  
[London Punch.]  
He—And—ah—when did you come out?  
Debutante—Oh, but I was never "in!"  
I'm not a militant, you know.

**COST OF A COAT.**  
[Boston Transcript.]  
First Loafer—Hallo, Bill! Got a new overcoat, I see. What did it cost yet?  
Second Ditto—Six months. I never wear cheap duds.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR BURBANK.**  
[Arizona Star.]  
No other name  
To Burbank's fame  
Could ever hold a candle,  
If that wise gent  
Would but invent  
A melon with a handle.

And, ah, his worth  
Would know no dearth,  
But stay forever vernal,  
If he could make  
A cob, and shake  
It free from every kernel.

His fame, I'm sure,  
Would be secure  
If he were only growing  
A rooster's snout  
That wouldn't start  
At 3 a.m. a-crowling.

He'd be the rage  
From age to age,  
Through decades without number,  
Don't you think so?  
If he could grow  
A painless green cucumber?

## A FEW LINES of MOST ANYTHING



There's all kinds o' wives, includin' th' one who allus 'wants' to 'move' to another town. It don't make any difference where a feller wears his heart if his liver is out o' order.

**NOISE.**  
There is a man in our town,  
Who's even worse than that;  
He's cooking tango dancing on  
The floor above our flat.  
—Montreal Herald.

There is a man in our town  
(We say it with a groan),  
He lives next door to our house,  
And plays a slide trombone.

**Col. Max Cody**, the well-known aviator, flew from London to Chicago Wednesday in Grand Trunk Zeppelin No. 3044.

Replying to this column, the St. Thomas Journal says: "Apparently there are no shoe shine parlors in London." Oh, yes, there are. And we have boys to sell papers on the streets, too.

In its revolutions Mexico has an even

## BRALEY'S POEM TODAY

**THE OLD DOPE.**  
She was a high-brow maiden,  
With culture and brains galore,  
Her mind with much learning laden,  
A spirit that loved to soar;  
There came to her door a lover  
Who wanted the maid to wed,  
But somehow could not discover  
The way to her heart—or head.

He wooed her with books of knowledge  
He wooed her with problem plays,  
With lore he had learned in college,  
With erudite talk and ways;  
But it didn't seem to win her  
And his hopes seemed gone for fair,  
And he kept on getting thinner  
And moping in deep despair.

Then he dropped the highbrow fashion  
And turned to the old-time style.  
He told of his love and passion,  
He raved of her lovely smile;  
He praised her face—she listened  
With a blush that was pink and coy,  
He praised her eyes—she glistened  
With interest, pride and joy.

He praised her "crowning glory,"  
Her feet and her hands and all,  
And she fell for the old, old story  
As women will always fall!

—BERTON BRALEY.



## Bargain Day CHAPMAN'S Bargain Day

### Bargains in the Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department

Great savings are represented in these items from our Ready-to-Wear Department. **Women's Suits at \$10.00—the biggest suit bargain offered anywhere this season. Special purchase of Winter Coats and Skirts.**

### Women's and Misses' SUITS

—52 only Women's and Misses' Suits, black and blue serge and cheviot; also a variety of tweed effects, sizes 16 and 18 years for misses; sizes 34 to 42 for women. Regular prices \$15 and \$16. On sale Friday and Saturday,

**\$10**

### Low Priced Skirts

Women's Vicuna Cloth Skirts, natural waistline, braid and button trimmed. Choice of navy or black. Lengths 38 to 42 inches. A good work skirt

**\$1.50**

Women's Black Cheviot Skirts, high waistline, panels trimmed with buttons. Lengths 38 to 42 inches. Serviceable everyday skirt.

**\$1.75**

Women's Vicuna Skirts, in black or navy, guaranteed not to spot, braid and button trimmed, natural waistline. A nice skirt for elderly ladies.

**\$2.50**

Also Women's Black Cheviot Skirts, high waistline, trimmed with braid and arrow heads. All lengths. Price

**\$2.50**

Women's Box Cloth Skirts, in black or navy, trimmed with braid and arrowheads, high waist effect. All lengths

**\$3.50**

### White Saxony Flannelette

Soft finished, plain White Saxony Flannelette, suitable for nightgowns and undersuits. 27 inches wide. Special, at 8 1/2c yard

**12 Yards \$1.00**

### Wool Sheeting

Gray Union Sheeting, made from best grade of wool, with a cotton warp. Thoroughly scoured, 72 inches wide. Per yard

**75c**

All-Wool Sheeting, pure, soft wool, thoroughly scoured and cleaned, home-knit finish. One of the nicest winter sheetings made, in white only; 72 inches wide. Per yard

**95c**

### Fine Dress Making Department

In this department we make a specialty of all kinds of street costumes, afternoon and evening gowns, also wedding trousseaus and mourning outfits. Miss Hargreaves, modiste, is in charge, and will be pleased to consult with customers in regard to materials and styles.

**J. H. Chapman & Co., 239, 241, 243 Dundas Street**

### Winter Coat Bargains

18 only Women's Long Tweed Coats, good style and warm. Sizes 34 to 42. One of our extra special bargains, at only

**\$4.95**

20 only Women's Long Tweed Coats, light colors, all pure wool, black velvet trimmed, cut-away fronts. Regular \$10. Special at

**\$6.50**

10 only Women's Black Caracul Coats, lined throughout with Venetian lining, handsome collar effect. Sizes 36 to 42. Comfortable and warm winter Coat. Special bargain at

**\$14.00**

### Men's Raincoats

24 only Men's Waterproof Coats, fine quality, good weight, stitched and taped seams. Will wear well and thoroughly waterproof. Regular \$10 Coat, on sale at

**\$7.50**

7 only Young Men's Waterproof Coats, cashmere top, and heavy weight. While they last, only

**\$5.95**

### Children's Coats

Bearcloth Coats, for children 3 to 5 years only, warmly lined and nicely made, in white and colors. At

**\$1.50 and \$2.00**

### Long Kimonos

Women's Flannelette Kimonos, full length, trimmed with satin. In navy, light blue and fawn, pretty designs. Price

**\$1.50**

### Petticoats

Black Sateen Petticoats with deep flounce, all lengths. Special at

**65c**

10 dozen Black Sateen Petticoats, three rows of ruffles on flounce. All lengths. Regular \$1.00. Special at

**85c**

Striped Domet Cloth Petticoats, heavy make. On sale at

**50c**

Fine quality Gray Jersey Knit Petticoats, at each

**75c and \$1.25**

### Waists

Black Sateen Waists, tailored style, long sleeves and open fronts, sizes 34 to 44. At

**85c**

### Corset Bargains

Ten dozen Long Hip Corsets, made of fine white coutil, popular style, perfect fitting; draw string at top, four hose supporters attached. Sale price Friday and Saturday, pair

**69c**

Women's Flannelette Night Gowns, made of heavy English striped flannelette, full size. Price, 79c

Children's Night Gowns, made of flannelette, pink or white. Ages 5 to 10 years. Special price

**45c**

greater pestilence than the flea, its favorite house-pet.

Kill a spider any day you feel like it. It's going to rain anyway.

A bet on the short side as to how many translucent skirts are being worn in Manitoba at this writing could be regarded as fairly safe.

The cigarette and the cigarette are no relation, excepting that both are now barred at the border.

Save on the front covers of the magazines, cubist art seems to have flown.

If Thurston, the magician, comes back

in four or five years, we intend to ask him to show us an electrification surplus.

My heart leaps up when I behold Her cooking pumpkin pie. But when she says its made for me, I quickly call the dog to see If it will make him die.

There's one street car conductor in London who rushes collections before green ticket time expires and lags when brown ticket time comes. We've already picked him as next superintendent.

Though it's a doubtful demand of etiquette, most men remove their hats when they get squashed into an elevator full of women. In the interests of their eyesight they should don iron masks instead.

Spite soon scours a man when nurtured in his bosom.

**SELFISH.**  
[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
"If you had, say, \$500,000,000, would you build libraries or start colleges?"  
"Neither. I'd have meat three times a day."

### An Operation for Appendicitis

WAS ORDERED BY HIS DOCTOR, BUT COMPLETE CURE WAS EFFECTED BY DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

Almost anyone who has suffered from appendicitis will assure you that this trouble developed only after months or years of derangements of the liver and bowels.

Appendicitis can almost invariably be prevented, and very frequently cured by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. In the case described in this letter, the doctors had ordered an operation, but a thorough cure was brought about by this great medicine.

Mrs. J. A. Ballantyne, Sturgeon Falls, Ont., writes: "My husband was treated for appendicitis, and the doctors ordered an operation. But he would not consent to an operation and began the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Since doing so he has had no need of an operation, or even of a doctor, as the trouble has completely left him. I cannot find words to speak our gratitude for his cure."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

### Grave Fears For Party of Hunters

[Canadian Press.]  
Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 30.—Grave fears are entertained for a party of hunters, W. Gray, of Collingwood, Charles Woodward, of the Moisons Bank, and W. Taylor, who left a week ago last Saturday, and were due to arrive back last Friday. No explanation can be given for their extra long stay near Black Bay. A tug will be sent to look for them.

### WILL AID STRIKERS

[Canadian Press.]  
St. Clairsville, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Fifteen thousand members of the United Mine Workers of America in the Eastern Ohio sub-district have voted to continue the assessment of \$1 per month, per member, to aid the striking miners of Colorado.

The referendum vote on the propo-

### IF MEALS HIT BACK AND STOMACH SOURS

"Pape's Diapepsin" Ends Stomach Misery, Indigestion in Five Minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent boxes of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must go, and why they relieve sour, out-of-order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless; tastes like candy, though each dose will digest, and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides, it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation, too if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach misery.

Get some now, this minute, and try yourself of stomach trouble and indigestion in five minutes.

Attention was submitted to the men officers of the union last Thursday, and announcement of the result made today.