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## UNMASKING DR. PUGLEY

"Here we have a second admission from Mr. Pugley, and as damning as the first, in which he stated that he had elbowed his fat."

The above is a quotation from a serial which might be entitled "The Great Unmasking," and which is appearing in the editorial columns of the St. John Standard. The villain from whom the mask is being torn in such a ruthless manner is the Hon. Dr. Pugley. He is no longer "the suave and accomplished minister of public works," but a truculent person who with clinched fist "precipitated a near riot in the house of commons."

He wished "to create a scene." He was "responsible for a disgraceful tumult." He "deliberately insulted the people of Canada by turning their debating chamber into a bullfighting arena."

Those of us who have been acquainted with Dr. Pugley for many years may find some difficulty in picturing him as a master, and it would also require some exercise of the imagination to discover a likeness between Mr. Robidoux of Kent and a bull. But the Standard evidently has no difficulty in doing so. It is to be hoped that the Standard's picture of Dr. Pugley is not a caricature, but a true picture of the man who has been so long in the saddle of the St. John harbor and for work on the Transcontinental Railway.

O'Leary! Where have we heard that name before? Was it an O'Leary who once was horrified by the inquiries of the Hon. Wm. Pugley when he was minister of public works? It is at all events an O'Leary who threw up a dressing counter, forfeiting a deposit of \$5,000, and who almost immediately afterward was awarded the contract at a much higher figure. This was not done when Dr. Pugley was minister of public works, but since Mr. Borden was placed in power to reform such inquiries as contracts for public works.

## MR. BORDEN'S HINDSIGHT

If foresight were as good as hindsight, Mr. Hon. R. L. Borden would today be a happier man. If the Conservatives had not made an alliance with the Nationalists, the chief purpose of whose existence was to stir up an agitation against any participation by Canada in imperial defence, the party might have to find some who would believe in their professions of imperialistic sentiment; but, having made the alliance with the Nationalists, Mr. Borden found it necessary to abandon a naval policy which less than two years before he had declared to be the true Canadian policy. He did not abandon it because of a new light that had come to him concerning the relations between Canada and the mother country. His Nationalist friends might be persuaded to vote for a naval contribution, but not for such a naval policy as that proposed by the Liberal party; therefore Mr. Borden hit upon the expedient of declaring an emergency where some excited and making a grand-stand play with \$35,000,000 of Canadian money. In thinking of his friends the Nationalists, however, he overlooked the sentiments of the great mass of the people of Canada, who have no desire to see so much money sent out of the country when there is no emergency, but who do desire to have shipsyard established in Canada, and to build there the vessels of a Canadian navy, to be manned and maintained by Canada, to protect Canadian coast and trade routes, and to be an integral part of the navy of the Empire. It is quite useless for Mr. Borden and his friends to talk about a future Canadian navy, since they have cancelled the Laurier programme and propose to spend \$35,000,000 without using any of the money to establish shipsyard in this country. Moreover, Mr. Borden is on record as having expressed the opinion that it would take Canada twenty-five or fifty years to build a navy. He has no faith in the genius of the Canadian people. Apparently in his view they are not as clever as the people of Australia or the people of the United States, or of several other countries which might be named. That is not a very good declaration of faith, or rather of unfaith, with which to go to the country. Mr. Borden realizes the fact, and will therefore refuse to dissolve the Empire if there is any possible means of avoiding such a course. He makes the very foolish charge that the Liberals are obstructing the public business of the country, when as a matter of fact they are quite ready to aid in forwarding public business, and only object to a measure which involves a very important principle upon which the verdict of the people has not been sought. The Borden government has been steadily losing ground ever since it came into power. It has not fulfilled the expectations of its friends; and those who were deceived into giving it their support in the federal elections have since had ample opportunity to realize how great their mistake was. The Nationalist alliance was not more injurious to the public interest than the campaign which the Conservatives carried out in Ontario and in some parts of other provinces. Mr.

Borden and his friends attained power, but neither Canada nor the Empire has profited by the change.

## VISCOUNT WOLESELEY

The death of Viscount Woleseley terminates the career of one of England's most famous soldiers of the last half of the 19th century. Canada remembers Sir George Woleseley as the commander of the Red River expedition in 1870, but he had won great distinction as a soldier many years before. He entered the army in 1832 and won his first medal in the Burmese War during that and the following year. He was wounded in the Crimea, where he won other honors; saw service in India and China, and for his services in the Ashantee War in 1873 received the thanks of parliament and a grant of £25,000, the freedom of the city of London, and a sword of the value of 100 guineas. He was governor of Natal in 1879. He commanded the expeditionary force to Egypt in 1882, for which he again received the thanks of parliament, and a grant of £30,000, and was raised to the peerage. He led the Gordon Relief Expedition in 1884-85, was again thanked by parliament, and made a viscount. He was made a field marshal in 1894, and was commander-in-chief of the army from 1895 to 1900.

Viscount Woleseley was brave as well as a soldier, his works including The Soldier's Pocketbook for Field Service, The Life of the Duke of Marlborough, Decline and Fall of Napoleon and The Story of a Soldier's Life. He was a great soldier, who served the Empire in many parts of the world, and finally rose to the highest rank in the army.

The fruit growers of British Columbia were disappointed last year. They say that money was tight, the methods of picking and packing fruit were defective, there was a lack of storage facilities, and of means for distributing the fruit to the markets. They hope for better conditions this year.

Complaint is made that meat in the St. John market is not properly covered, and therefore is exposed to germs or other impurities which may be floating about. Where are the public health authorities? Such complaints have been made over and over again for years past, and the information to the effect that no action has yet been taken is certainly surprising.

One of the reasons why British capital is not seeking investment in Canada and elsewhere in larger quantities is the fact that the industries and trade of the United Kingdom are making new records, and large profits are being made in many branches of industry, which means that capital finding profitable investment at home does not go abroad. The prosperous condition of affairs in the mother country has also another important effect. It forces the food taxers into the background, and strengthens the position of the Aquith government.

Canadian Finance of Winnipeg estimates that well over a quarter of a million newcomers entered the prairie provinces last year, and that a moderate estimate of the assets they took with them would be \$150,000,000 in cash, bank deposits, household effects, stock, farm machinery and other goods. It is extremely fortunate for the west that it is receiving this influx of people, and of money and money value. Without them hard times would be experienced. One of the most important features in building up our own province would be an influx of settlers, each having some capital, to take up lands in the farming districts.

Why plant a tree? Because the birds That "france the listening air," May nest among its rippling leaves And sing your praises there.

Why plant a tree? Because the beasts, As seasons come and go, May shelter underneath its boughs And their mute thanks bestow.

Why plant a tree? Because you may, As aging years invade, Eat of its fruit, admire its form, Or rest beneath its shade.

Why plant a tree? Because your son, And his son's son again, May rise and bless your name.

Why plant a tree? 'Cause God Himself, A garden set of old, And if you follow in His way, You'll find, mayhap, His fold.

So then if God, and child and you, And beast and bird agree, Why man! get up and hunt that spade And go and plant a tree.

—Farm and Dairy.

## LETTING HIM HAVE IT

A man at a Liverpool hotel, in a loud tone of voice, called his friend back just as he was leaving the dining-room, and then whispered to him—"How far would you have got to if I hadn't called you back?" The other, straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear—"No, sir, I won't lend you ten pounds. I haven't got it on me, and if I had I wouldn't let you have it until you paid me what you borrowed two months ago." His friend will never call him back again in a public dining-room.

Great Britain has invested \$372,000,000 in Canadian land and mortgage, 93 per cent. of the sum being represented by some parts of other provinces. Mr.

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, MAR. TWENTY-SIX.

The Hon. Nathaniel Curry, builder of railway cars, ex-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and senator of the Dominion of Canada, observes his sixty-second birthday today. He established the business of Rhodes-Curry & Co., in Annapolis, N. S., in 1877, which has developed into one of the most important industries in Canada. He now resides in Montreal, where he has many interests.

The Hon. James Magee, justice of the High Court of Justice of Ontario since 1904, is sixty-seven today. He was born in England and came to Canada as a boy.

Gerald E. Hart, a noted Canadian numismatist, was born on March 26, 1849, in Montreal. He was for several years general manager of the Phoenix Fire Insurance, but he is better known as a collector of coins.

## LIGHTER VEIN

MEAN THING.

"I don't like to invite Mrs. Pavens to my bridge party, and yet she's a sure loser and good pay."

"I don't think you are going to get her money without her company," said her sarcastic husband. "What do you expect her to do, frame your invitation and mail you a check?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## SOMETIMES.

"Do you think a woman believes you when you tell her she is the first girl you ever loved?"

"Yes, if you're the first liar she has ever met."—Baltimore American.

## JUST IT.

"Yes, and, thank goodness! the other fellow's always looks worse to us than our own."—Detroit Free Press.

## HELL NEED THAT MUCH

Hipson—I've nearly fourteen thousand dollars saved.

Nipper—What are you saving for?

Hipson—I'm going to build a ten-thousand-dollar house—Judge.

## REVISION.

"Did you ever tell that young man that late hours were bad for one?" asked the father at the breakfast table.

"Well, father," replied the wife daughter, "late hours may be bad for one, but they're all right for two."—Yonkers Statesman.

## WOMBAT SAVED A LOT OF TIPS

"Wombas and myself saved a lot of time by doing Europe together."

"How so?"

"He inspected the outside of the historical buildings, while I went through the interiors."—Pittsburg Post.

## UNCLE JOSH SAYS.

"I've noticed that lots of fellows that go round thinking they're 'savin' fer' old money, don't think of saving for it when the votes is counted, by jinks!"

## A GUESS.

"What do you think of a man who says he expects to sleep nine hours a day?"

"I should say offhand," replied Miss Cayenne, "that none of the members of his household are infirm in arms addicted to piano practice."—Washington Star.

## ANOTHER QUESTION.

"Do you ever see the president," asked Willie of his uncle, who lived in Washington.

"Yes; nearly every day," was the reply. "And does he ever see you?" queried the little fellow.—Chicago News.

## ALL DEPENDENT.

Mr. Baggy—"If a cullid man was to call you a liah, sah, what would you do?"

Mr. Slack—"What size cullid man, sah?"—Judge.

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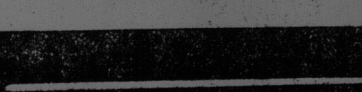
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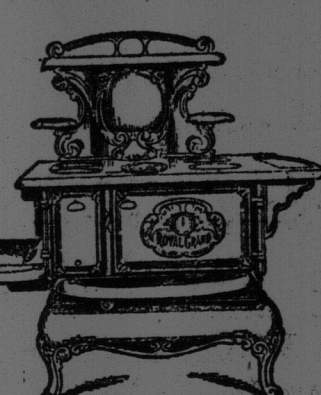
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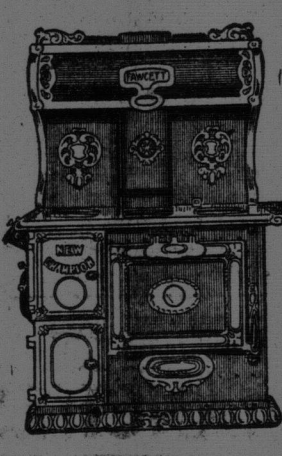
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"Some idea of the limitations to production can be gained by estimating the amount of gasoline that could have been obtained from the Pennsylvania crude produced in February. The amount of the crude product for that month was 1,757,519 barrels. It yields a greater percentage of gasoline than that from any other field, and the refiners estimate that by running to the limit they can get 14 per cent. from it. The February production would therefore have yielded 246,122 barrels, or 10,212,384 gallons, if all of it had been used for that purpose. This would have about supplied the foreign export alone, and left the users of it in this country to take that made from other oils, and using lead gas. The estimate is a rough one, but it makes a good illustration of the

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A flag which awakened a large amount of interest was displayed from a hotel in Burlington, Vt., on St. Patrick's Day. It is the property of T. H. Murphy, was carried by the Fenians in the raid into Canada and has been in the Murphy family since that time. On one side is a sunburst and on the other a harp against a field of green.

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Miss Ritso, of Bath, Eng., who is 101 years of age, says that she was christened in the robe worn by George III. at his christening. That monarch and Miss Ritso's grandfather were playmates. Queen Charlotte gave the robe to the Miss Lomis.