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## DESPICABLE AND UNFAIR.

The Evening Times has again given proof of its desire and intention to misrepresent and distort the facts in connection with the evidence before the Dugal Commission. Last evening that dishonest newspaper published what purported to be a copy of an affidavit made by one John E. Gibson, of St. Stephen, to the effect that he had attempted to serve a subpoena on Mr. W. H. Berry at the latter's residence. The Times says "Mr. Fowler objected to the introduction of the affidavit, but it was admitted." The Times lies. The affidavit was not admitted in evidence and forms no part of the official documents in the case, as Mr. Fowler's objection was sustained. The affidavit was properly inadmissible, as it was wholly irrelevant.

More important, however, than the proof that the Times lies is the question that can fairly be raised by the fact that the affidavit was published in that newspaper at all. As it was not admitted in evidence it could not have been obtained by the Times from any of the commissioners or from their secretary. The question then comes up from which of the three persons interested in the case did the Times secure it? Was it from Mr. Dugal, who has been the simple instrument through which the charges have been made? We hardly think so. Was it from Mr. E. S. Carter, whose activities in this matter have been largely in the direction of attempting to make capital for the opposition newspapers, or was it from Mr. F. B. Carvell, of "dark lantern brigade" fame, whose course throughout the whole affair to date has been merely that of a seeker for unfair political advantage? Is it part of the little game that documents shall be furnished to the opposition newspapers before they are submitted to the court, and published as evidence, even after the commission has decided they are inadmissible? In the interest of decency, fair play and respect for the tribunal charged with an important duty, to what further lengths will the disgraceful Times be permitted to go?

## MR. CARVELL'S GAME.

If evidence was needed to show that the aim and object of Frank B. Carvell in prosecuting the Dugal charges was to get publicity for opinions, insinuations and irrelevant statements paraded under the guise of facts, rather than to have a real finding by the Royal Commission trying the charges such evidence was furnished by Mr. Carvell's own words yesterday morning. He was attempting to get from W. B. Snowball a statement as to the payment of \$7,200 to Mr. Berry which payment was made after the lands had been classified and the order in council passed. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Teed objected and Mr. Carvell replied to the effect that if he could not get the information before the court he could get it into the newspapers and thus before the public.

Mr. Carvell's boastful declaration that the public would get statements which might not be admitted as evidence, coupled with the publication in the Times of last evening, a document which the court refused to admit make a fairly good illustration of the real motive behind the Dugal charges.

## THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

In the election in the province of Ontario the last of this month, the leader of the opposition is seeking to rally his forces with but one plank in his platform. He does not appeal on the ground of party records and in this is probably wise, as the memory of the elections is good and if the Ontario Liberals at all resemble their brothers in the other provinces of Canada the pre-election pledge is not always implemented by the post-election performance. Also there have been Liberal governments in Ontario and their records do not furnish ground for a popular appeal to the electorate.

So it is that we find the Ontario Liberals seeking to turn the eyes of the people from the past and present into the future. It is not "what we have done" but "what we will do" that is being used as a war cry. To make this cry effective Mr. Rowell must convince the people of Ontario that the Liberal promises are more trustworthy now than they were when the party was last in power. Mr. Rowell has the advantage of never having been in office or a member of the legislature supporting a party in power. Also, he has managed to attract by his cry "abolish the bar," a good many clergymen, temperance workers and young men, not concerned with the unhappy record of the last Liberal government in power in that province.

But, as an exchange points out, "Sir James Whitney has also something to say to the temperance people. In his nine years of office the number of bars in Ontario has been reduced to one-half. He has enforced the local

option prohibition where it has been adopted. A long list of measures restricting the liquor traffic stands to the credit of the administration. Sir James Whitney has dealt frankly with the reformers. He put an end to the government practice of promising everything and doing nothing. He has met demands with a blunt refusal, which obtained from his predecessors promises that were never fulfilled. But in response to these requests he has made some undertakings and these have been strictly fulfilled. The time-honored policy of "jolly" the temperance people came to an end when Sir James Whitney became Premier. We shall know before the month is out whether Sir James has gone fast and far enough in the direction of prohibition to satisfy the electorate. If Mr. Rowell be called to office, or shall greatly reduce the government majority, it will not be because the people of Ontario prefer his party to that of the present Premier. He will win by Conservative temperance votes or not at all."

The statement of Mr. Allan Ritchie, one of the North Shore lumbermen, made yesterday afternoon, while under oath in the Dugal enquiry, to the effect that he had made contributions to Liberal campaign funds and had paid as far back as twenty-five years ago, is worthy of more than passing notice from those organs of purity the Telegraph and Times. The disposition of those newspapers has been to indicate that there was nothing of that sort in previous years. Surely it is in the interests of the public that the facts indicated by Mr. Ritchie should be brought out in full detail.

The Government of Greece has been annexing islands claimed by Turkey as necessary for the defence of her coasts. The Greeks are evidently ready for trouble again; and they may get it. At the end of the late war the "Sick Man" did not appear to be any sicker than some of the allied countries which assailed him, and he has bigger territory on which to draw for restoring suzerainty.

Now that the British polo players have won their match over the pride of the United States, it merely remains for Sir Tea Lipion to take back that other piece of silverware and wipe out memories of many sad days.

It is refreshing to hear Mr. Carvell declare that he desires the dear public should get the facts. If reports are correct there have been occasions in Mr. Carvell's career when his solicitude took a different turn.

Another Calgary oil company has announced that its stock is over-subscribed. Did anyone mention money tightness?

"Outragettes" is the latest term to be applied to the militants of England. It is not inappropriate.

## Fairy Tales.

(Ottawa Free Press.)

The editor of a medical journal takes issue with a recent article on the pernicious effects of fairy tales upon children. More power to him! Some utilitarians, if they had their way, would sacrifice all the beautiful things of this life. To these fiends nothing is of value that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. To them money is the end of all things. And what a holy show some make of themselves when they achieve that end!

## Electric Progress.

(London Free Press.)

The idea that we have about reached the limit in electrical development is not borne out by the predictions made at the National Electric Light convention at Philadelphia. Experts who are world-famous told the delegates that within ten years the \$500 electric automobile, with an upkeep of \$10 a month, would be here, and that vegetable growth could be increased seventy-five per cent. by the use of electricity as a stimulant.

## KIDNAPPED HIS SON.

Niagara on the Lake, Ont., June 17.—Henry Walsh, of Niagara Falls, this afternoon attempted to kidnap his son, who is living here with his mother. The father entered the school yard, pursued the boy into the school, and despite the protests of the teacher, drove him away in a rig. The mother secured a constable, who pursued the kidnapper in an automobile. Walsh was arrested, and stated he had hired the boy out for the summer, and had taken this method of obtaining possession of him. He was allowed to go with a warning not to repeat the offence.

## BIG CATTLE PURCHASE.

Toronto, June 17.—One of the biggest deals in the history of stockbreeding in this country was put through when J. M. Cardhouse of Rosedale Stock Farm, Weston, purchased the entire herd of short-horns owned by H. Carvell & Son, Carvell, Ont. The Carvell herd is of national fame and was founded in 1885 by the late Henry Carvell, M. P. P.

## Diary of Events

### HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

The victory of the French Nationalists in the Quebec elections twenty-four years ago today marked the final political triumph of that remarkable statesman, Honoré Mercier, who had called into existence Le Parti National to overthrow "the enemies of French-Canadians and of the Roman Catholic church," to drive from the political arena Chapleau, Langevin, and Caron as "traitors to their country," and to avenge the "martyr Riel." Mercier triumphed over all the opposing elements of Quebec Conservatism and became Prime Minister in 1897. His arrangement for the settlement of the Jesuits Estates question, in which he appealed to the Pope as a sort of arbitrator, aroused Protestant Canada to wrath. But various organizations were formed to oppose the Church of Rome as a political factor in Canadian affairs. As a result of his advocacy of the claims of the church Mercier was given an almost triumphal reception by the Pope when he visited Rome, and had been decorated and given the title of Count. During his period of power he was hailed as the hero and savior of French Canada, but it was not long after his success at the polls in 1897 that the tide turned against him. Charges of political corruption, at first whispered, were soon being shouted from the house-tops. His admirers were slow to believe these allegations, and at first dismissed them as the empty and baseless slanders of Mercier's Protestant foes. Then came the Bale des Chateaux Railway scandal, and a majority report of a royal commission of inquiry declared the idol of the French-Canadians to be guilty of corruption in this and other matters. He was dismissed from office by the Conservative Governor. In 1902 Mercier was indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Province but although he was acquitted he was unable to retain the leadership of his party. After Mercier's retirement De Boucherville became Premier and in the subsequent elections the Conservatives were returned to power in the Province.

### THE HUMAN PROCESSION

TURNED FAILURE TO SUCCESS  
Two of the greatest publishing successes in the history of journalism have been achieved by sons of the Pine Tree State, Cyrus Hermann Kottschmar Curtis, owner of the Saturday Evening Post, the Ladies' Home Journal, the Country Gentleman and the Philadelphia Ledger, and Andrew Munsey, whose magazines and newspapers have made him a millionaire made time over. It is a curious coincidence that both of these men were born in Maine, both began their publishing careers with juvenile journals, both failed in their early years, and both eventually turned their failure into glorious success.

Mr. Curtis, who has lately followed the example of Mr. Munsey by turning his attention to the "dime" journalism, arrived in the world at Portland, Me., sixty-four years ago, and is a little over four years from the jubilee of his birth. Mr. Curtis made his publishing debut as the editor, proprietor and staff contributor of a little paper called Young America. He had no first-class capital, but he had a first-class idea. His first effort was a Boston publication, The Independent. The Hub did not take kindly to his publication, and when it failed Mr. Curtis, aged twenty-four and just married to Miss Knapp of Boston, found himself penniless and saddled with debt. Incidentally, every one of those obligations have been paid, with interest, and on one occasion Mr. Curtis made a long trip to the west to hunt up a creditor of those early days.

It was in 1876, the year of the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, that Mr. Curtis shook the dust of the American Athens from his feet and left the vale of failure for the goal of his future success. This Philadelphia was the city of the Tribune and the Farmer, and became its publisher. Among his innovations was a department devoted to the interests of the fair sex. This was an immediate success, and it gave Mr. Curtis the idea of founding a publication for women called Young America. He had no capital, nothing but debts—but with the assistance of his wife as editor he managed to launch his Ladies' Home Journal. Always a firm believer in the virtues of printers' ink, for himself as well as others, Mr. Curtis secured credit for his new publication by offering to publish a financial success. Later he secured the Saturday Evening Post, the direct descendant of a periodical founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1728, and made it one of the most prosperous and popular publications of its kind in the world.

Mr. Curtis attributes most of his success to his willingness to learn. He has made a close study of all the publications in his field, and has sought to make his own journals representative of the best features of all. When he purchased that venerable Philadelphia daily paper, the Public Ledger, he followed the same plan. Lately he visited London to study newspaper conditions in that city, and also sent to England a number of editorial and mechanical experts to investigate English methods, and to adapt such as were suitable to the Public Ledger.

Edward W. Bok, who has edited the Ladies' Home Journal for a quarter of a century, married a daughter of the publisher. Mr. Curtis is himself an able editor, a keen judge of news and literary values, but he devotes his time principally to the business end of his great enterprise. Having found the right men to edit his publications, he leaves them strictly alone, and this policy has been abundantly justified by results.

### FIRST THINGS

GAME LAWS.  
The first "game law" for the protection of wild animals and birds was enacted on this date in 1668 by William the Conqueror. This decree of King William was called a forest law, but its principal purpose was the preservation of game. Persecution of the Conqueror, the quality of killing or disabling any kind of wild beast, while the slayer of a stag, buck or deer, if convicted, had his eyes put out. The quality of game, applied only to the masses, since the royalty and nobility were permitted to kill as much as they pleased. In fact, the

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Last night I thaw I dreamed the telephone bell was ringing and I woke up and hear it really was ringing and I layed there a while listening to it and after a while I herd pop going down to the setting room in his bare feet to answer it, hearing him say, Hello, hello, what, who, Binkinatelr, no, if there is any such person you got the wrong number, good by.

And he came up stairs agen, saying Darn fool, at this time of nite, minkinatelr.

After a little while I thaw I dreamed the telephone was ringing agen, only it really was ringing agen, and after it had rang for about five minits as if it was never going to stop if nobody answered it, pop went down agen, me hearing him say, Hello, hello, what, who, Binkinatelr, no, if there is any such person you got the wrong number, good by.

And he slammed down the receiver so hard I herd it awl the way up stairs, and he hadn't hardly came up agen wen wat did the telephone do but start to ring agen, and just as I was wondering if it wood keep awn ringing without stopping till we went down for breakfast, I herd pop going down to answer it agen, saying to himself, Blast the ignerint tomfool, ill put a stop to this.

And when he got to the telephone he sed, Hello, hello, who is this, are you a darn fool or wat are you wat, you jest want to tell me you've found out Binkinatelr rite minkinatelr, say, you no ware you can go, dont you, hay, wate a minit till I tell you sum-things.

Wich I gesa he didnt wate, because pop banged the receiver agen and came up stairs, and wen he was going past my room I sed, Who was it, pop, who is Binkinatelr.

Go to sleep, sed pop.

principal purpose of the pioneer "game law" was to provide sport for the few. The clergy protested vigorously against the amelioration of these severe laws by Henry II.—the clergy being among those exempted from the provisions of the severe statute. The first Parliamentary game law in England was passed in 1466. Game laws in America have become increasingly strict of late years, but they were adopted too late to save many species, notably the buffalo, from almost complete extinction.

## NO EASIER.

London, June 18.—That the lessened stream of emigrants to Canada will not render easier to the Dominion any easier this year was the statement of O. Smith, chief commissioner of immigration. He insisted the fact that the Grampian, which arrived at Glasgow early in the week, brought back six passengers who had been refused admission to Canada, four because they were unable to comply with the landing regulations, and two who were physically unfit.

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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Frank Hoselous and wife, C. S. Emerson and wife, Milford, N.H.; D. S. Emerson, D. E. Richards, Campbellton; A. Wilfred Coombs, St. Marys Ferry; A. Staples, Fion; J. L. Hodges, G. A. Wright, J. M. Lowe, Montreal; W. H. Millman, Toronto; A. E. Hammond, J. W. Hammond, Van Buren, N.Y.; J. D. T. Hill, Fion; S. Amato, Montreal; M. H. Barker, Boston; Jas. Holland, Fion; Dr. R. L. Bober, Windsor, N.S.; G. Cameron, New York; H. H. Wood, Boston; J. Havill, do; R. P. Allen, Toronto; L. Col B. R. Aucion, Halifax; J. Vince, New York; G. J. Clarke, St. Stephen; Geo. W. Fowler, Sussex; Jack P. Levese and wife, H. V. Ball and wife, Montreal; E. H. Sinclair, Allan Ritchie, Newcastle;

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