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A courteous and kindly citizen, whose name unhappily is not signed to his communication, by postcard, pays the following tribute of esteem to the editor of the Times:

"When you state that the Ottawa Citizen is a Conservative paper and the foremost Conservative paper in Ottawa, you are a witless liar."

There are three daily papers in Ottawa: The Citizen, Conservative; the Journal, Independent Conservative; and the Free Press, Liberal. The St. John Globe on Saturday evening published an editorial which began thus:

"The Ottawa Citizen, an organ of the Conservative party, published lately an appreciation of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, which we are glad to see."

The correspondent whose righteous but exceedingly timid soul was grieved by the thought that the editor of the Times had told a lie, will thus perceive that he is something of a liar himself. May the knowledge make him duly humble and repentant.

HARD ON MR. HAZEN

The Fredericton Mail having quoted a rumor that "Premier Hazen while in England will offer the Tory nomination in Northumberland to Mr. W. M. Aitken, M. P.," the Chatham World hastens to reply:—"The World does not take any stock in that report, nor should it wait to hear from Mr. Hazen. The Conservatives of Northumberland have no use for Mr. Hazen, personally or politically, and have not authorized him to secure a candidature for them. Mr. Aitken would, we are sure, be accepted as a candidate if he wished to exchange the Imperial for the Canadian parliament, but Mr. Hazen's interference would only raise up opposition to him."

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

In last week's issue of the Canadian Courier, Professor Skelton of Queens University contributes an most interesting article on the Imperial Conference. It is the view of Professor Skelton that co-operation rather than centralization will be the keynote of the conference. There are, he says, two reasons for this belief. The first is found in the changed personnel of the conference itself. Instead of Mr. Alfred Dikie, Australia is represented by Mr. Andrew Fisher, who is a strong Australian-First man. Instead of Dr. Jameson, South Africa sends Botha. A majority of the premiers from the dominions, Mr. Skelton believes, are in favor of co-operation. Referring to the representatives of the home government he says:

"In Great Britain itself the same party is in power as in 1907, firm in its traditional policy of unity through freedom, and confirmed in that faith by the splendid results of the self-governments granted South Africa in the face of the passionate opposition of the professional Empire-builders."

The second reason given by Professor Skelton is that since the last conference the different Dominions have set out upon the co-operative path. For example, Canada and Australia have chosen the local navy solution, and even in the case of New Zealand the cruiser to be contributed to the navy must be stationed not in the North Sea but in the China seas. Both Canada and Australia have under-secretaries of external affairs, Canada has been negotiating treaties with foreign states, and South Africa has negotiated with Portugal. The London Times says of co-operation:

"It requires a progressive agreement on matters of common interest between all the cabinets, which cannot be attained by the establishment of a central council at any one point, in London or Ottawa or Cape Town. It requires the creation of special machinery for co-operation at each of these centres, and if possible within the charmed circles of the cabinets themselves."

This plan, says Professor Skelton, is already well advanced; and he anticipates that the Imperial conference will tend to accelerate rather than to check the movement. So far as can be gathered from the reports of meetings of the conference thus far held, Professor Skelton's forecast appears to be fairly accurate. It is interesting to note that touching the question of preferential trade he does not expect it to bulk large in this Conference, for the reason that—"its most vigorous champions have disappeared, and a free-trade government rules in England thenceforward."

The Times has secured the letters of the Marquis de Fontenoy for publication from day to day in this paper. They will prove of great interest to our readers, throwing light upon many topics and personages alluded to in the news of the day.

In Goderich, Ontario, last week, a boy twelve years old, who had broken into stores and rifled tills, was sent to the industrial school for nine years. By the end of that time he will have learned to make himself useful instead of being a prey upon society.

At the coronation review of the fleet at Spithead there will be in line 170 British warships and about 60 ocean liners and yachts. With the other vessels anchored outside the lines of the review ground there will be what a London cable describes as "an imposing display of British shipping."

The province of New Brunswick might learn something from the state of South Dakota. A Sioux Falls dispatch says:—"Representatives of commercial and industrial organizations throughout South Dakota are gathering here for a conference at which plans will be discussed for a systematic campaign to attract desirable settlers to this state."

A Toronto dispatch states that both Ontario and the maritime provinces are likely to lose some of their representation in parliament and that the west will have about twenty-five new seats as a result of the distribution following the new census. This of course is not official but the forecast is very interesting to the people of the east.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, as will be seen by reference to the Times' London cable, has given the Conservative English critics a Canadian policy a little frank advice. He points out to them that Canada in the reciprocity agreement is neither establishing a precedent nor doing any injury to British interests. A little plain talk may do good in that quarter at the present time. The Conservatives of the mother country, like those in Canada, are disposed to play the game of politics without due consideration of the possible effect of their extreme statements.

Before sailing for England to discuss with the Imperial authorities the six tenders received for the construction of two cruisers and three destroyers in Canada, Commander Howe stated that political considerations would not in his opinion have anything to do with the choice of a site for the shipbuilding yards. It is, he said, a commercial matter, and will be settled on a commercial basis. While he appears to think that Montreal, Quebec or Sydney is likely to be chosen, he does not give any reason such as would exclude the port of St. John from consideration.

With Her Sweet Help

(Chicago Record-Herald.)

Miss Deringforth felt a delightful little fluttering in the vicinity of her heart. Addition Wetmore seemed to be nervous and eager. It was clear that he had something on his mind. He picked up one of the six best sellers and glanced for a moment at one of the illustrations, then threw the book aside and drew a deep sigh, gazing earnestly at his pretty companion.

"What has come over you this evening?" she asked. "You seem to be awfully nervous."

He crossed to the baby grand, and leaning upon it, gazed down into the beautiful girl's deep, dark eyes. There was in his look, an earnestness that she had never seen there before, and suddenly she realized that this was perhaps the most thrilling moment of her life.

"We have known each other a long time, haven't we, Shirley?" he replied in tones that were tense with emotion.

"Yes," she admitted, permitting her pretty slim fingers to fall upon the ivory keys and modestly avoiding his eager gaze. "It is nearly three years."

"You have had a chance in that time to get to know me pretty well, haven't you? I have always tried to be a perfect gentleman when I was with you, haven't I?"

"Yes, I have never seen you do anything to be ashamed of."

"Has your father ever objected to our friendship?"

"No, father has always liked you very much. He has often said he didn't think you were one of those young men who thought their lives would be wasted unless they squandered their money on women who smoked cigarettes and drank wine in public places."

"I'm glad to hear he has such a good opinion of me. There's something I want to ask you."

"Is there?"

"Yes, it's something very important."

"The folks have all gone out. We are alone here."

He took her of her soft hands in his, and she looked up at him with sweet, girlish innocence.

"It is something I have been thinking of for several days."

"What is it, Addison?"

"I hardly know how to say it."

"But I can't say it for you, can I?"

"No, of course not. You are sure your father likes me?"

"Yes, he couldn't think more of you if you were his son."

"Well, I want to borrow \$50. Do you think he would let me have it?"

"I don't know," she replied, drawing her hand from his. "If you wish me to do so I shall ask him at breakfast tomorrow morning. If you don't hear from me you will know that he has refused. Dear me! How late it is. I will be glad to lend you a nickel if you need care to get home."



INDIGNANT.

"I'll work no more for that man Smith."

"And why?"

"On account of a remark he made."

"What was it?"

"He said, 'Bill, you're discharged!'"



NOT ALTOGETHER.

"Is Bilson trustworthy?"

"Well, I'd trust him with my life—that is, if it wasn't insured in his favor."

La MARQUISE
de FONTENOY

The O'Connor Don of Ireland—
St. Dunstan's Lodge and Historic Associations—Baronet to Auction His Lands

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King George has appointed the O'Connor Don to be the Standard of Ireland at the coronation. The O'Connor Don, who is the king's lieutenant, and customs controller for the County of Roscommon, and who makes his home at Clonsilla, in County Roscommon, is a direct-lineal descendant of King Roderick (Slynnor), who exercised supreme sovereignty in Ireland, until, when in 1172 he surrendered his sceptre to Henry II. of England.

But the O'Connor Don is able to trace his ancestry much farther back than this. For he is a descendant of Eochaidh Morg-muadhm, who ruled as king over Ireland until his death, A. D. 366, and also of the latter's grandson, Diak Galach, the first Christian King of Connaught.

Connaught, popularly known as Connor, who died as King of Connaught in 973, represented the ninth generation from the foundation of the dynasty, and it is from that time forth that the name of O'Connor, No. more striking evidence of the antiquity of lineage of the O'Connors, can be furnished than the fact that his estates in County Roscommon have been in the possession of his family for more than 700 years.

Prefix "The"

The O'Connor Don is unmarried. His mother was held in high regard by the late Queen Victoria, who used always, whenever she dined, either at Windsor or at Osborne, to cause her name to be put on the list of the guests.

The O'Connor Don's Irish chiefs who have the prefix "The" to their names, invariably have their wives addressed as "Madam," which in this case is an official title, recognized as such by the Court of St. James.

The word "the" prefixed to the name, signifies that the bearer thereof is the principal representative of one of the great houses that once exercised sovereign sway over the Emerald Isle. There are many people in Ireland who claim the right to this prefix, and who cooly adopt it, without a shadow of warrant. But among those whose title is unquestioned, and recognized alike by the British crown and by the people of Ireland, are the O'Donnells. The Madonnins, whose ancient title of prince Todrin is kept up to the extent that he is always spoken of in his own country as "the prince." The Magillaghers of the Reeks, the O'Briens

who in England is known as Lord Inchiquin, and the O'Connors, which is the real name of the O'Connor Don.

The "don" appended to his patronymic is not a surname, but a title, concerning which there is some dispute. In the Irish language, however, "don" signifies "noble," much the same as don does in Spain.

The O'Connor Don, like his father, who was a member of Queen Victoria's privy council, is a Liberal, but holds aloof from politics, favoring as he does a more moderate form of Home Rule than that demanded by the present Irish party. In this he resembles his father, who was defeated some twenty years ago at the polls by John Redmond, the present Nationalist leader.

St. Dunstan's Lodge

St. Dunstan's Lodge, where Lord and Lady Londonderry entertained the German Emperor and Empress and their daughter at a garden party, which was indeed one of the chief features of the Kaiser's London visit, and the only occasion on which he came into actual contact with English society, figures in so many of the novels dealing with the early Victorian era, notably those of Thackeray, Lord Beaconsfield, etc., that it possesses a certain amount of interest for people on this side of the Atlantic.

It was built at the beginning of the last century by the Marquis of Hertford, who was Thackeray's "Lord Steyne," and Diarrell's "Lord Monmouth," in that metropolitan Regent's Park, which was laid out about the same time, and designed by George IV., Prince Regent.

The mansion is surrounded by about fifteen acres of garden, lawn, grand old trees and ponds, in the centre of the park, just beyond the Royal Botanical Gardens; and although in the very centre of London, conveys the impression of being a country seat out in Surrey remote from any big town. It used to be known as Hertford Lodge, but when in 1850 St. Dunstan's church in Fleet street was pulled down, Lord Hertford purchased the clock tower and the wonderful old clock, with its two giants striking the hour with clubs on two bells, and set them up at his villa in Regent's Park, which he thereupon renamed St. Dunstan's Lodge. Later on, the statues of King Lud and of Queen Elizabeth, which formerly stood at that entrance of the city known as Ludgate, were added by Lord Hertford to the clock tower.

It is of interest to recall that the same giants that still strike the hours today, were won to fulfil a similar duty when the earliest Shakespeare folios were being printed, hundreds of years ago. Edward VII. attended his first dance at St. Dunstan's Lodge, at a children's ball given there when he was a small boy. After the death of the fourth Marquis of Hertford, who died in Paris forty-

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