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## PLEDGE AND PERFORMANCE

After the Borden government has been nearly two years and a half in power, pledged to put down bribery and iniquity in election campaigns, two concrete wharves are offered on its behalf by a supporter in parliament as a sop to the electors of Fredericton, in a provincial by-election in which both of the candidates are Conservatives.

What do those who believed the Tories would keep their pledges think of them now? Are they proving themselves to be better than the Liberals in relation to electoral reform? They are in power, and are in a position to do that which they desire. The federal bribe offered to the electors of Fredericton, in an election for a seat in the provincial legislature, is an answer to all the boasts of Tory leaders that when opportunity offered they would put an end to everything that savored of corrupt practices in politics. It must surely be humiliating to those who really believed that Mr. Borden would carry out his pledges, to note now that he has no word of condemnation for his York county supporters, who, in the name of the government, has attempted to influence the electors of the city of Fredericton by declaring that two concrete wharves will be erected on the water front, the implication being that therefore the citizens should support the candidate whom he favors in the provincial by-election.

## THE POLICY OF SILENCE

The attitude of the St. John Standard in relation to the York county by-election must be a source of some surprise to Mr. H. F. McLeod, M. P. The Standard has omitted entirely the small detail of printing something about the campaign in this morning's issue. It devotes some editorial space to the sad state of the Liberal party at Ottawa, and its "fearsome, timorous weakness," but there is not a word about the concrete wharves and Mr. McLeod's great campaign in the county of York. The campaign was, however, referred to in several pulpits in Fredericton yesterday, and the people of York county appear to be very much interested in the struggle. They will naturally wonder that Mr. Hazen's organ is silent. Mr. Hazen himself has adopted the policy of silence with regard to the Gutelius agreement, and the complaint of the St. John suburbanites, and it may be that his example has influenced his organ with regard to the revolt in York county against the methods of the machine.

## THE VICTIMS OF WAR.

The tales of suffering on the part of those who were the hapless victims of the Balkan war should be a very strong argument in support of an international peace policy, promoted by the more powerful nations of Europe. We are told by ambassadors and missionaries that people who were driven out of Macedonia have been returning to their old homes to find villages destroyed and the region almost a desert. They suffer from cold and hunger, and the most of those who suffer are women and children. Urgent appeals have been sent to the world at large for relief. Both food and clothing are needed, and these people must begin over again the task of making homes for themselves. To make matters worse bread winners have been slain in the war and the burden falls upon the women. One correspondent writes:—"At Malgara, in Thrace, 888 families have lost the bread winners. Between 400 and 500 widows and orphans are utterly helpless. Fifty-six families are in the streets or huddled in corners of ruined houses." This is but one illustration out of very many such cases where the women and children are bearing the burden of a wretched life, while mourning the loss of those they loved. "Books could be filled," writes another correspondent, "and the half not then be told." This misery appeals to the world, and relief will be sent; but how long must it be before the more powerful nations insist that territorial greed and religious fanaticism shall no longer lay waste these lands and plunge their people into the awful horrors of war?

## SOME STRIKING FACTS.

To give the present population of the United States the same meat supply in proportion to population as they had in 1910 would call for 18,289,000 more cattle, sheep and swine than the estimates show to be in the country at the present time. To put the case in another way, there has been a decrease in meat animals of 7,000,000 since 1910, while the population of the country has increased nearly 7,000,000. Moreover so great has been the increase in price of meat animals that, although there are 7,000,000 less than in 1910, the value has increased nearly \$400,000,000.

It is claimed, however, that the increase in value does not mean greater profit for the farmers, because the cost of production has probably increased more rapidly than the selling price of the stock.

The falling off in production is attributed to many causes, among which are the following: Encroachment of farms upon range territory; poor man-

agement of the ranges; shortage in corn and forage crop in several states in 1913, causing farmers to sell their stock; increased value of land and cost of labor; poor marketing facilities in the east and south; temptation to sell live stock at prevailing high prices; and enormous losses from hog cholera.

The decline in the export of cattle from the United States in the last five years has been 75 per cent, while the increase in the importation of cattle in six years has been 3,000 per cent.

In connection with this very serious state of affairs in relation to live stock, it is interesting to note that the condition of agriculture generally in the United States is far from satisfactory. Addressing the Twentieth Century Club in Bangor this week, Dean William D. Hurd, director of the Extension Service of the Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst, Mass., pointed out that the United States now consumes 91 per cent of its wheat and 98 per cent of its corn, while the condition with regard to live stock is shown as above stated. He also pointed out that the average yield of wheat per acre in the United States is fourteen bushels, contrasted with thirty-two bushels in western Europe. In view of these facts Dean Hurd said that the nation was facing the question of what the people were going to eat when the population reaches 200,000,000, as it will by the year 1968. Mr. James J. Hill had repeatedly called attention to the fact that the products of the sea, the forest and the mine are fast being exhausted, and that the soil is the one permanent resource. Despite all the work of the agricultural press and the departments of agriculture, the yield per acre of the great staple crops of the country has not materially increased in forty years. Dean Hurd says that the greatest problem in American agriculture today is the instruction of the farmer who is now living on the land, and it must be done by a positive, direct and speedy process, the information being carried to him by persons especially fitted for the task, and accompanied by the best methods of demonstration. The colleges of agriculture must send out extension instructors, and must work through granges, boards of trade, men's and women's clubs, state boards of agriculture, education and health, and other state-wide agencies, to build up agriculture and the rural life of the country.

The people of Canada may learn much that will profit them from the experience of the United States. Agriculture is the great basis of the country's prosperity. To awaken a wider interest in this subject, and to increase, not only the number of men on the farms but the productivity of the farms, is the most pressing problem of our time.

The large number of robberies which have been reported in St. John this winter does not indicate that moral and social conditions in the city are improving, but that something more than mere police supervision is needed.

Another interesting development of the one-sided condition of trade between Canada and the United States was the recent purchase by a Philadelphia buyer of between four thousand and five thousand boxes of cheese from Montreal. There is still a duty amounting to twenty per cent, ad valorem on Canadian cheese, but even at that it can be exported to the American market. This will help to keep up the price of cheese in Canada, and the Canadian consumer gets no compensating advantage in any direction.

The death of Mr. Joseph H. Moore, retired locomotive engineer of the Intercolonial, will recall to old patrons of the road many stories of one of the most popular and at the same time one of the most fearless engineers in the early history of the government railway. When "Joe" Moore drove the Sussex train many years ago it was not unusual for him, after delays had been incurred, to strike a gait of sixty miles an hour on a good piece of road in order to regain lost time. Every man along the line knew him, and in memory the older folk who lived along the Kennebecas valley can still hear the echoes of his morning and evening signals thrown back from the hills.

The Halifax Chronicle has an alleged despatch from St. John, stating that it was impossible for the Teutonic to put to sea because of the vapor in the harbor. The truth is of course that the weather conditions outside were such that the captain of the Teutonic decided not to put to sea until there was some change. It may be added that there was no ice in the harbor, and that a steamer arrived at St. John on Saturday which came past Halifax in a terrific storm, preferring to come on to the Bay of Fundy and safe water rather than attempt to make the port of Halifax, where the coast was shrouded in dense clouds of vapor.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
Colonel W. D. Gordon, one of Canada's foremost military men, is sixty-two years of age today. He was born in Peterborough and began his military career at the age of sixteen, acting as bugler for the local volunteer regiment. He liked soldiering so well that he joined the permanent force and rose through various ranks to be in command of the Quebec district. His most notable service was given in the South African War when he distinguished himself. He holds many first-class certificates and has the science of military tactics down to a fine point. He is now living retired in Kingston.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Very Sensitive.  
"She's getting rather plump."  
"Yes, but don't you dare tell her so. She nearly sued her husband for a divorce on account of her plumpness."  
"Why, he isn't to blame."  
"No, but she heard that he was complaining that he had an elephant upon his hands, and she thought he meant her and he only meant a house he was trying to rent."—Houston Post.

## Sweet Innocent.

Mrs. Young (to a butcher)—I want two pounds of breakfast, and have it rare, please.

## Exactly.

Doctor—You are all run down. You ought to quit business entirely.  
Patient—In other words, doctor, because I am run down, I ought to wind up, eh?

## Making a Distinction.

"What is your idea of graft?"  
"Graft," replied the boss, "is any kind of grafting, such as grafting a tree, grafting a limb on a man, or grafting a man on a tree."—Washington Star.

## Pa Did It.

The train of cars that Santa brought is out of kilter now. While Pa was showing how they went about it, he was showing a track, at least they did when he would let me take 'em in my hands and wind 'em with a key. I couldn't had some fun with 'em, if I could. I never had a chance, for Pa enjoyed 'em so.

The orkermobile that I got that ran around the floor. Was lots of fun while it was new, but it won't go no more. Pa wound it up for Uncle Jim to show him. He said, "What's that?"  
"An' when these two got through with it, the running gear was bent."  
"An' now it doesn't go at all. I mustn't grumble though. Cos while it was in shape to run my Pa enjoyed it."

I've got my blocks as good as new, my milts are perfect yet. Although the snow is on the ground I haven't got 'em wet. I've taken care of everything that Santa brought to me. Except the toys that run about when wound up with a key. But next year you can bet I won't make any such mistake. I'm going to ask for toys an' things that my Pa cannot break.  
—Edgar A. Guest in Detroit Free Press.

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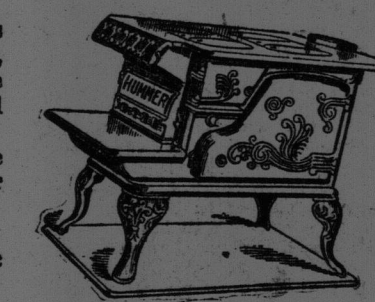
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JAMES KING KELLEY,  
County Secretary.

The Immortals.

The Mrs. Partingtons and Mrs. Malaprop are still with us in the flesh. Recently a woman at the opera in Chicago complained that her seat was too far back. She said she could hear the music all right, but the performers on the stage "looked like mignonettes."

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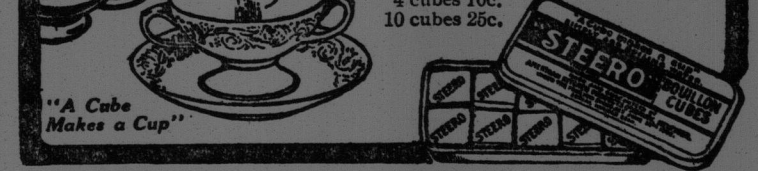
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HERBERT E. WARDROPER,  
1986-47, Common Clerk

An effort to organize a national amateur baseball championship series will be made in Chicago on February 20 and 21 at a meeting of delegates from Eastern and Middle Western cities. The project was launched by the Chicago Association of Amateur Baseball Clubs.