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## WHY THE DELAY?

The announcement that the Hon. William Wilson, ex-judge of the York and Sunbury County Courts has been appointed revising barrister in connection with the registration of voters in that constituency, has attracted attention to a situation that is peculiar, to say the least, and one which might perhaps be enquired into with advantage.

Judge Wilson—to give him the style by which he is best known—reached the age of retirement some weeks ago, and early in March had received a notification by wire from Ottawa that he had been retired on full pension. Rumors that he had been retired had reached the Judge's ears, but he had had no intimation of any kind from Ottawa on the subject, and as he was desirous to perform his duties, he deemed it wise to ascertain his position in the interests of the validity of the proceedings then taking place before him. The telegram was in reply to his enquiry.

About a month earlier—it is said on the 10th of February—Mr. A. R. Slipp, K. C., of Fredericton received a wire from Ottawa asking if he would consent to his name going before the Cabinet for the York County Court Judgeship. Judge Wilson not having at that time any notification of his retirement, Mr. Slipp forthwith wired his consent to his name being put forward.

A few days prior to this, a convention of the Conservative party in York-Sunbury had been called for the 12th February to select a candidate for that constituency to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. H. F. McLeod, and the name of Mr. J. H. Hanson, K. C., who happens to be Mr. Slipp's law partner, was freely mentioned in connection with the candidacy. A certain section of the party, however, had by some process of reasoning best known to themselves, come to the conclusion that the interests of York-Sunbury had not been properly looked after for some time, and that in order that they should be, it was desirable that a business man should be sent to Ottawa as the constituency's representative. A prospective candidate of that particular persuasion was fortunately to hand in Mr. J. D. Palmer, the President of the Hart Boot and Shoe Co., and a prominent member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who was known to have entertained political aspirations of sorts for some time. He readily consented to become a candidate and his selection by the convention was looked upon as a foregone conclusion, the wing of the party supporting him pronouncing him to be "the only logical successor" to Col. McLeod.

Everything was looking lovely for the convention from a business man's standpoint, but as the results showed, it turned out to be one of those instances where a well laid scheme went awry. The idea that a business man representative was so much a necessity for the welfare of the constituency did not appear to be as generally held as some seemed to think it was, for Mr. Palmer was beaten two to one on the balloting that took place, by Mr. Hanson. The result came as a great surprise to the "business man" section of the party, in fact to use a colloquialism, they got quite a jar.

And just here is where the peculiar part of the situation begins. The agency which seemed to be apparent in connection with the offer to and acceptance by Mr. Slipp of a nomination for the judgeship appeared to die away with the visit to Ottawa of some leading members of the defeated section of the party immediately following the convention, and speculation is now rife as to what is holding the appointment up. County Court business is at a standstill in York-Sunbury and Queens, as a consequence of there being no Judge to attend to it, and great inconvenience is being caused to litigants who have suits pending. Why was Mr. Slipp so urgently called by wire in the middle of February, and Judge Wilson so summarily retired on March 5th, for what now looks like no apparent reason? If there really was no urgency, it was a peculiar course for the Department of Justice to take; if there was urgency, what "case" the situation?

The whole business seems to contain all the elements of a scandal. That something is holding the appointment up is quite evident; and if this something is due to political influences, it is highly likely that all those concerned, both at Fredericton and at Ottawa. The position is vacant and badly needs filling, as witness the temporary appointment of Judge Wilson to perform some of the duties pertaining to it; and politics in York County must have come down to a pretty low plane if trafficking in judgeships has become an element in the game.

## HON. MR. CRERAR'S VIEWS

Like his confrere, the Hon. Mackenzie King, the Hon. T. A. Crerar is an adept at the art of suiting his public utterances to his audiences. In the House of Commons on Monday night he described the claims of the Eastern Provinces to a proprietary interest in the natural resources of the three prairie provinces as "absurd and unfair," adding that if such a position was correct, then the prairie provinces are nothing but Crown colonies to the rest of Canada. Mr. Crerar is announced to speak in York County this week, and it will be interesting to notice how he deals with the question there, and whether he will tell Maritime Province people to their faces that they are "absurd and unfair." If he does it will not help the cause that he is coming to aid very much. It is perhaps not very likely that he will refer to the matter at all, unless he is questioned with regard to it; he is wise enough not to deliberately look for trouble. But it should be put up to him nevertheless.

If there is anything absurd about the matter, it is his manner of dealing with it. He asks for a "return to the Western Provinces of their natural resources, and for an accounting for the lands alienated from them by the Dominion Government." These provinces cannot have "returned" to them something that they never owned, nor can anything they never possessed have been "alienated" from them. The natural resources of the Maritime Provinces belong to them because they always owned them, even before Confederation. As part of Confederated Canada, these provinces on Confederation became entitled to an interest in such natural resources as the Dominion Government. When the new Western Provinces were established, they were given such rights and interests as the Dominion Government thought fit, and their natural resources were not included. How therefore can these now be "returned" to them?

## NEW LABOR ALIGNMENT.

It is idle to speculate as yet upon the new alignment of labor forces in Great Britain, which the failure of the Triple Alliance to secure joint action in the case of the coal strike renders necessary. The situation is more complicated since the order issued yesterday instructing railway men not to handle coal from colliery sidings or from overseas.

It is very evident that the reaction to the strike call from the rank and file of the railwaymen and transport workers held out no prospect of a unanimous strike, and no strike which was not, could be successful. The leaders, therefore, preferred no strike at all to one which was foredoomed to failure.

The question does not touch upon the justice or injustice of the miners' cause. The other workers shrank from the social consequences bound to follow from an attempt by them to vindicate that cause.

This experience marks a definite swing away from the idea of a general strike to enforce a labor demand on the economic field. This idea has kept on growing until it gradually permeated the labor movement as a whole, and controlled its mechanism. But the development did not carry the consent of the workers, to the degree necessary to have it successfully applied in practice.

cannot afford to leave the industry in the condition in which the Sankey Commission found it to be. And while they may not be disposed to adopt the remedy proposed by that commission, they must in some way curb the degenerative forces in the industry which brought it about, or face extinction as the greatest of manufacturing and maritime nations.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

**An Upper Cut.**  
 It is no argument against the embargo on Canadian live stock to point out that Lord Beaverbrook was imported on the hoof.—Punch.

**A Man With a Load.**  
 Those of us who feel like complaining of the troubles and perplexities crowding upon us should consider the case of Lloyd George and be thankful.—Hamilton Herald.

**Not Helping Much.**  
 Politics may be a "rotten game," as Hon. Mr. Biegs suggests, while rubbing his hands, but it cannot be said that he has helped materially to cleanse the rotten spots by handing out a juicy contract to a "friend" without going through the formality of inviting competition.—Toronto Telegram.

**Evil Furnishings.**  
 Chinamen in New Brunswick are protesting against a legislature enactment to make screens and stalls in restaurants illegal. These furnishings have long been recognized by the police as promoters of vice, and their use should not be permitted either in the Maritime Provinces or any other part of Canada.—Hamilton Spectator.

**Mr. Carvell.**  
 F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Railway Commission, seems to take satisfaction out of Canada's distressed railway situation. His table is spread and his cup overflows, not in the presence of his enemies, but in the presence of his fellow countrymen, and from a position of security, he gives at their troubles.

He is Eliphaz the Temanite, and Balaam the Shalabee, and Zophar, the Naamathite, the three "comforters" of Job, rolled into one. Let him go to Holy writ for the irony to describe him, for the modern pencil fails, and learn the use of a larger wisdom than "lengthy counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools."

Such men as Maybabe, Killam, Blair and Drayton, who preceded him, were not specially suited. They did not need to be. They exercised the duties of a judicial office in a judicial way, and won the confidence and respect of the public. Mr. Carvell, on the contrary, has made himself the object of ridicule, anger and contempt. The reason is clearly revealed in his character and ability as revealed in his predecessors.—Winnipeg Tribune.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**RUDDY GREEN.**  
 Tourist:  
 "Yes Patrick your country is looking delightful.  
 The crops are quite fine and the hay is in the banks and the cattle are thriving I'm told.  
 Wherever I go I see plenty of gold."

**Paddy:**  
 "Shure, shure 'tis the truth that you're tellin' me dear.  
 The country is bloomin', potatoes is near.  
 The top of the market—and word has gone round  
 To kill a policeman wherever he's found."

The factories is hummin', there's plenty of cash,  
 In the banks belongin' to Sassenach thrash.  
 'Twill soon all be over, Be Gosh! separation.  
 Will do something more than make us a nation.

Yes, the country's all right, the pig's in the banks and the squealers  
 Are putting on fat—but Gosh! think of the "peelers!"  
 A myn! their prayer and howlin' and  
 Be cripes we won't leave a one of them livin'! —F. O. H.

## THE LAUGH LINE

**Risky Experiment, Though.**  
 If there were any way to get it away from them afterwards, our newly idle producers could make short work of collecting the German indemnity.

**Told No Lie.**  
 Mrs. Eze. (returning from call):  
 "How could you be so extravagant in your praise of that girl's wretched dauber? You told her 'Rembrandt could do no better.'"

Mrs. Eze: "Well, he couldn't. Rembrandt is dead."—Boston Transcript.

**A Place For Everybody.**  
 The manager of the department store sought out the proprietor. "I can't do a thing with Jones, the new salesman. I have tried him at a half-dozen places, and every time I find him asleep," he complained.  
 "Put him at the pajama counter," said the boss. "Our night clothes are of such superior quality that even the clerk who sells them cannot keep awake."

**New to Him, Too.**  
 "I want to be prostrated at the next corner," said the negro passenger to the street car conductor in a southern city.  
 "You want to be what?" demanded the conductor.  
 "Don't lose yo' tempah, please suh. I had to look in de dictionary myself before I found out dat 'prostrated' means 'to go off.'"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

**One or Two Reasons.**  
 "Why do you call this delicious strawberry preparation a shortcake?"  
 "Because it doesn't last long," said the other.  
 He might have added that sometimes it is because it is so short on strawberries.

### Benny's Note Book

BY BENNY PAKE

Good Luck and Bad Luck.

It is good luck to never have bad luck, while on the other hand it is bad luck to never have good luck. Most people have good luck and part bad luck, on account of things don't all ways happen like you want them to instead of like you wish they would.

Some of the luckiest people are the ones that are always finding something. Some fellows could walk along all their life looking down without finding anything, while others just half to walk about a block thinking of something else and they find something. It is always lucky to find money, especially a lot.

If you knock the salt seller over and some of the salt goes on the table it is supposed to be bad luck unless you quick pick the salt seller up and throw some of the salt over your left shoulder, and even then if the top comes off and the salt goes all over the floor you're liable to get a licking, being some of the worst luck there is.

It is bad luck to walk under a ladder, especially if it is a painters ladder and a lot of paint is dripping down.

It is good luck to pick up a pin unless some fellow gives you a kick or a automobile bumps you while you are stooping over unperceived.

It is 7 years bad luck to brake a mirror, so all you have to do to spell your hole life is brake one every 7 years.

## Archdeacon Fails To Get New Hearing

**Pleas Mistaken Identity as Reason for Appeal to Privy Council in Immorality Case**

London, April 26.—Archdeacon Wakeford, noted Anglican preacher, who has several times visited Canada, has failed in his appeal to the Privy Council from a decision of the Consistory court of the Lincoln diocese adjudging him guilty of adultery. The appeal lasted seven days and created immense interest in England.

Archdeacon Wakeford was accused of saying with a woman, not his wife, at the Bull Hotel, Peterborough, He claimed the charges against him were based on mistaken identity.

**MEMBERS SEE MEMORIALS.**  
 Ottawa, April 26.—Members of the House and Senate are having the advantage of first inspection of the drawings submitted in the Canadian War Memorials competition, which closed last week. The eight designs which were chosen by the committee of judges as most suitable of the one hundred and sixty submitted, have been placed in the railway committee room of the House of Commons, where they are being viewed by the parliamentarians.

"Mr. Blawhew is very pompous and conceited, isn't he?"  
 "Oh, yes! When he arrives at a conclusion he feels that there ought to be a delegation of prominent citizens and a coronet band waiting to receive him."

**Ma is Stumped.**  
 "Mother," asked her daughter, "where does the wind go when you turn the electric fan on?"  
 "It goes where the light goes when the electric light is turned off," was the mother's reply.

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Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble, say medical authorities, are due nine times out of ten to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Chronic "acid stomach" is exceedingly dangerous and sufferers should do either one of two things.

Either they can go on a limited and often disagreeable diet, avoiding foods that disagree with them, that irritate the stomach and lead to excess acid secretion or they can eat as they please in reason and make it a practice to counteract the effect of the harmful acid and prevent the formation of gas, sourness or premature fermentation by the use of a Little Bismarcked Magnesia at their meals.

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Get a few ounces of Bismarcked Magnesia from any reliable druggist. Ask for either powder or tablets. It never comes as a liquid, milk or citrate, in the blistered form is not a laxative. Try this plan and eat what you want at your next meal and see if this isn't the best advice you ever had on "what to eat."

For the nineteenth time since the beginning of the year an authority in fashions has decided that the short skirt is doomed—positively doomed. The abbreviated draperies are becoming a rival to all the celebrated prima donnas in the matter of announced farewell tours and about as much credence may be placed in the truth of the publicity.

The first woman licensed local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China is Miss Ding So Sing, who was licensed to preach by Bishop Kenney at the recent celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Methodist work on Hailary Island in Fukien.

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