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LUCKY QUEBEC.

The Quebec Harbor Commission owes the Dominion Government \$2,142,928 in interest charges for loans advanced for harbor improvements there. The Auditor-General's report, tabled in Ottawa yesterday, directs attention to the fact that during the last fiscal year he had before him an order from the Treasury Board for \$112,000, a further loan to the Quebec Harbor Commission, "to cover arrears of interest on previous Government advances."

The Auditor-General directed the attention of the board to the fact that more than \$2,000,000 of interest on previous loans was outstanding, but the board ordered the additional sum paid.

Quebec may not be getting the grain traffic it should have, but it certainly gets the money to provide harbor equipment, and there appears to be an understanding on the part of both Liberals and Conservatives at Ottawa that interest on the loans shall remain unpaid.

When the Saint John harbor commission bill was before the House a few years ago, several ministers and many speakers warned us solemnly, and gave the country to understand explicitly, that no loan to any harbor commission would be made thereafter, unless reasonable proof was forthcoming that the port earnings would be sufficient to pay the interest charges, which would be a first lien upon harbor revenue.

In Quebec's case unpaid interest appears to be accepted as a reason for making further advances.

A POLITICAL MERGER?

Miss Macphail declared during the debate preceding the vote on the first Meighen amendment that nothing would give her greater pleasure than to watch the Liberals and the Hamilton Spectator asking why she did not watch it by voting against it. The Toronto Star replied that she would have whacked it if she felt that she could do so without defeating it and setting up another government that would need whacking far worse than the present one, and, it says, the Conservatives who fancied the Progressives would help them to turn the Liberals out were as badly mistaken as the Duke of York when he went to Charles II. and warned him of an assassination plot. "A plot to assassinate me," he exclaimed. "Why, James, they'd never assassinate me to make you king."

There we have the views of two partisans, but the exchange throws a little light upon the Ottawa situation, out of which may grow—before an election or after one—something like a new political alignment in Canada. The Liberals may absorb most of the Progressive strength, and the Conservatives may acquire some of the Liberals who have a protectionist leaning, or an affection for protection sufficiently strong to mean that their natural place is under Mr. Meighen's banner rather than that of Mr. King. Whether we like protection or do not like it, it becomes clear that as a matter of tactics merely Mr. King might have done better had he played his Progressive cards earlier. He might have thrown some of his supporters to Mr. Meighen, but, in the end, if we are to have two parties instead of three, the tariff is the line of cleavage between them, and the tendency will be for each side to strengthen its tariff medicine.

Mr. John W. Dief, editor of the Manitoba Free Press, has been at Ottawa studying the political situation at the front, and he, a Liberal with Progressive leanings, pronounces the present situation impossible. He is credited in some quarters with having assisted in conducting negotiations between the Liberals and Progressives, with the idea of having Mr. Forke and side party, but in any such negotiations were carried on, and there is little doubt of it, they have fallen through. Mr. Dief, in the course of some editorial letters sent to the Free Press, says that if there is no coalition side party for the Government, its finish must be regarded as inevitable. Here is his breezy summary of the position as it was before Mr. Stevens lighted the fuse attached to his customs frauds bomb, which may or may not be dampened by a parliamentary committee of inquiry.

"The logic of the situation calls for coalition, with a government representing the various elements that combined make up a majority; but instead, a strictly party government, with a party following constituting only a minority of the members, is going to get along upon an understanding very general in its terms, that an out-and-out party, with its Government, will 'co-operate' with it, in carrying through legislation which meets with its approval. This experiment has already been tried in Manitoba, with results wholly disastrous to the Government which essayed the task, and in Great Britain, where both the interests of the Treasury

the Government and the 'co-operating' outside party were smashed by the electors at the first opportunity. It is now to be attempted at Ottawa in defiance of the reluctance of the Liberals and Progressives to enter into formal relations. They profess a willingness to be friendly with one another, provided that in their friendly interchanges they are allowed to carry razors. The result is likely to be, sooner or later, a little blood-letting and a dead Government."

As the Government is at the mercy of the Progressives, and as it desires to keep going, the logic of the situation, as presented by Mr. Dief, may appeal to a ministry which can do nothing without Progressive approval, and to those Progressives who object to another election, and who feel that only a handful of their party would be returned upon another appeal to the country.

The situation has another angle. If the Progressives have the power to shape important legislation, they should, they have not yet made up their minds whether or not a coalition could survive, and Mr. Forke no doubt has in mind the probability that if he were to throw in his fortunes with the Government, not all of his followers would be ready for the venture.

Meanwhile, as for a month past, the country is waiting—more and more impatiently—for action by Parliament on the outstanding issues of the day.

A writer in the New York Sun thus celebrates the decision of the United States to join the World Court, under certain conditions designed to limit its liability as compared with that assumed by other nations:

"Yankee Doodle came to court To aid the League of Nations; He stuck a feather in his hat— And fourteen reservations."

Odds and Ends

A Week in Epigram

(Boston Transcript.)
Let not Tradition become para-mourous; Aritia is fatal to a work of art.—Fyodor Ivanovich Shalyapin.

I feel New York cannot get along without me. It would not be the old town—Rev. John Roach Straton.

It is distressing to find ourselves saying in ten lines what the Romans said in five; but at least it may give rise to a conscious effort to tighten up the belt of our speech.—Stanley Baldwin.

Bernard Shaw is the Don Quixote of the present, true to the light as he sees it, but in whom the milk of romance has turned slightly sour.—Dr. S. Parker Cadman.

I am satisfied that we would be a healthier and happier people if we enjoyed at least one of the privileges of the Munchers—Mayor Walker of New York.

To puff oneself out with will power is, after a time, as impossible as to go on holding one's breath.—Robert Lynd.

Mr. H. G. Wells's elemental vitality is more than that of an individuality; it is racial. See, for instance, how parental it is.—Richard Church.

The fact is that Socialists will have life expressed not in terms of drab and inanimate personal property, but in terms of life and wealth of ideas.—J. R. Clynes, M. P.

If professing Christians don't stop petronizing Sunday trains on Sunday, they had better go to Babylon.—Noah Webster Cooper.

Most Americans allow their thought to become curiously monotonous in contrast to the vigorous onsets of their lives.—John Drinkwater.

We talk too much and sing too little.—Sir Hugh Allen.

Queen Alexandra's Two Little Brooches.

(Calgary Herald.)
Mlle. Helene Vacaresco, of Paris, with whom Queen Alexandra mainly, the Gaudiols some charming anecdotes of the late Queen's coronation. Beneath the coronation robes Her Majesty insisted on wearing throughout the whole magnificent rites two insignificant little brooches, which lay next her heart. One to her by her dead son, the Duke of Clarence; the other a little unknown brooch, which she had bought for herself the only article of jewelry the poor child possessed. The Queen remarked, "and I treasure the gift because it is the emblem of love all England has for me, and of my affection for her. That is why I shall carry these two brooches to Westminster under my coronation robes. The Crown and the rest of the jewels will go back into their cases, but these two poor little treasures will always lie next to my heart." Her Majesty, Mlle. Vacaresco states, charged her never to mention this incident during her lifetime, and she has kept her word.

(The Afghan Tariff)

The Afghan subjects of Amanullah Khan may be entering willy-nilly on a period of plain living and high thinking. The American religious books, rifles and cartridges—possibly with the ersatz for peace. Foreign cheese, milk, and butter pay a tax of 200 per cent, as does dress, as hats, collars and silk stockings are likewise frowned on in the interests of the Treasury.

Just Fun

A BATHING costume was formerly a concealment. A K. says it is now an embellishment.

IN PARS women are painting their cars red and their eyelids blue. Still, we believe that many of them are not as black as they are painted.

THE girl who knows how to do her own sewing doesn't sow many wild oats.

MARY'S CHARM
Mary was plain—
And Mary was plain—
But Mary had suitors
Again and again.

How does she do it?
The girls all asked,
And the wonderful secret
Leaked out at last.

The lamp in her parlor
Had no light bulbs at all,
And just two hours down
Was the clock in the hall.

THE way to have some of the best families ask you to call is to be a bill collector.

GROCERS are obstinate folks. They are like the United States government. They simply won't discuss with people the cancellation of debts.

A GROUP of tourists were looking over the inferno of Vesuvius in full operation. "Ain't this just like hell?" ejaculated a Yank. "Ah, see Americans," exclaimed a Frenchman, "where have you not been?"

A CAMPING vacation is often just another cooking job for mother.

Timely Views On World Topics

THE foundations of a United States of Europe have in part been laid, but before the edifice can be completed many deep-rooted prejudices must be overcome.

opined Lord Thomson, former Alt Minister of Great Britain, in a recent article. "The exclusion of the Russian Republic, whether intentional or not, is an obvious defect. Without the co-operation of Russia, peace in the Near East cannot be assured, without the market represented by 130,000,000 Russian peasants the economic life of Europe cannot be restored."

"There are many aspects to the United States of Europe, and of these the commercial is the most imposing. When it is remembered that nearly three hundred million Europeans are living far below American standards, that they do without what in America are considered necessities of life, and that their needs have been unsatisfied over a period of ten years, the conclusion is irresistible that in Central and Eastern Europe there is a natural market for the goods and machinery and appliances required to deliver them."

"If these populations were enabled to enjoy the material blessings that are their right; if they could contribute their proper quota of food and raw materials, in return for manufactured goods and the machinery and appliances required to deliver them, the spaces from inaccessibility and resulting waste, there would be ample scope for all the industrial energy and enterprise of the Old World and the New."

"Some Northern Americans view with misgiving the prospect of a closer union between the European States. They assume that this combination will be competitive with their United States. So far from this being the case, it is probably more correct to say that the unification of Europe is an essential preliminary to closer intercourse and understanding between the two continents."

"America has developed a continental spirit; but her population comprises many elements, and in the past, while Europe was divided into hostile camps and regulated her affairs on the basis of a balance of power, the reluctance of Americans to be involved in the intrigues of warlike States was highly natural. Europe at peace becomes at once a simpler problem and a fruitful market."

THE true method of self-education, John Stuart Mill decided, is "To question all things; never to turn away from any difficulty."

To accept no doctrine either from ourselves or from other people without a rigid scrutiny by negative criticism.

"Above all, to insist upon having the meaning of a word clearly understood before using it, and the meaning of a proposition before asserting it."

"These are the lessons we learn." No one has ever defined better the solemn object of a wise education.

And most dependable output. There has been English character, as well as English materials, in the goods which English ships have conveyed to foreign shores. And that character, if maintained, must tell, despite the difficulties of the moment.

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Other Views

SIR AUSTEN'S CAREER.

(London Correspondent.)
Students of politics are confronted, in the instance of Sir Austen Chamberlain, with a remarkable fact. Respected and liked though Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's distinguished son is, few would say that, either as an intellect or as a vital personality, he is the equal of his illustrious father. Compared with Sir Austen, "Joe" was a giant, as he was, moreover, in comparison with other prominent statesmen of this epoch. How, then, is the fact to be explained that greater though the popular fame won by the father, the son has achieved far greater official rank and an encouraging one, especially in days when even the Prime Minister of England pleads the need for honesty in politics. Sir Austen's great asset is character—a proved reputation for perfect loyalty and absolute integrity. Everybody, whether at home or abroad, trusts him as they might not trust a more subtle mind. Fidelity is what, Austen's star to his Garter ribbon.

STILL ON TOP.

(London Evening Standard.)
been "surprised to find that the rails which were supplied by mills in England had withstood incessant and hard usage extending over a period of 40 years, and they still reveal no trace of wear and tear and no actual defect."

On the other hand, American rails are rated as "poor, with a durability of only 10 years."

A people whose name is thus associated with honest quality has an asset which, should, with reasonable luck and prudence, outlast any temporary embarrassments. The world will always want, in matters of supreme importance, especially in matters where life and death may be in question, the best quality, and England has so far had the moral as well as the physical qualifications which make for the very finest

The Battle of Waterloo



Public sentiment will probably fight the destruction of Waterloo Bridge, London, which has been condemned as unsafe. It was said to be the noblest bridge in Europe. —From the Daily Express, London.

Poems That Live

THE SCHOLAR.

My days among the dead are past;
Around me I behold,
Where'er these casual eyes are cast,
The mighty minds of old:
My never-falling friends are they,
With whom I converse day by day.
With them I take delight in woe;
And seek relief in woe;
And while I understand, and feel
How much to them I owe,
My cheeks have often been bedew'd
With tears of thoughtful gratitude.
There is no doubt that I have
Lived in long past years,
Their virtues love, their faults condemn,
Partake their hopes and fears,
And from their lessons seek and find
Instruction with a humble mind.

My hopes are with the dead; anon
My place with them will be,
And I with them shall travel on
Through all futurity;
Yet leaving here a name, I trust,
That will not perish in the dust.

—Robert Southey.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE TRUE METHOD OF SELF-EDUCATION.

"EVERY person," says Gibson, "has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one more important, which he gives himself."

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Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

THE estimated cost of the Loch Lomond waterworks extension was announced as \$400,000. This estimate did not include the amounts asked by the contractors as damages.

LADIES' rinks from the Thistle and St. Andrew's clubs left for a bonspiel at Montreal.

HOPE for the recovery of Alderman Christie was abandoned today. He was reported as being very low.

Dinner Stories

THEY were trying an Irishman, charged with a petty offense, in an Oklahoma town, when the judge asked: "Have you any one in court who will vouch for your good character?"

"Yes, your honor," quickly replied the Celt, "there's the sheriff there."

Whereupon the sheriff evinced signs of great amusement. "Why, your honor," declared he, "I don't even know the man."

"Observe, your honor," said the Irishman triumphantly, "observe that I've lived in the county for over 12 years and the sheriff doesn't know me yet! Ain't that a character for ye?"

IN the mathematics class the professor had been laboring most of the hour trying to explain a simple example to a particularly dumb boy. He took the problem from every possible angle and elucidated at great length on each important point in it. Finally in desperation he resorted to a primitive method of instructing a primitive mind.

He held up his hand and demanded of the particularly dumb one how many fingers he saw.

"Four and a half, sir," was the response.

The prof. had one finger off at the second joint.

VISITOR: "Why did they build the subway?"

New Yorker: "So the people from Brooklyn can go to and from work without being seen."

SHE: "How dare you kiss me?"

He: "Oh, I'm not afraid. When I was a kid I ate a whole box of paint and it didn't make me sick."



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THE DICTATORS.

(London Daily News.)
General Pangalos, the "Greek fire-eater," has now added his name to the roll of Continental dictators. There is no need to fear, however, that dictators in Europe will soon become as common as O. B. E's. In this age they are an ugly anachronism. They are an expression not of health, but of disease in the body politics. The idea that one man, if only he is sufficiently ferocious, can save a States from the consequences of its own folly or weakness, represents a merely transient phase in European politics. When the

economic equilibrium has been re-established, and the League of Nations has created a new sense of order and security, the "fire-eaters" of the brand new world will either discreetly retire from business or be consumed in their own smoke. As for General Pangalos, we should imagine that he would get very unattractive terms from any English company engaged in the world of responsible life assurance.

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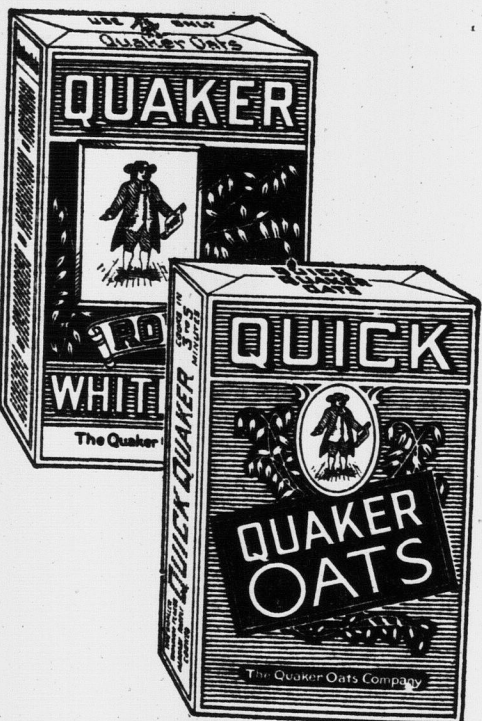
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