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The Minister Was Slandered.

A warning to those who are too ready with the tongue to impute motives to their fellows is afforded in the result of an action for slander tried at the Whitley Assizes before Mr. Justice Ferguson. The action was brought by Hon. John Dryden, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, against Wm. Smith, ex-M.P. for South Ontario. It was reported in the public press that at a meeting of electors, held with the object of influencing them to vote against the Liberal candidate, Mr. Smith asserted that Mr. Dryden had sold the office of Registrar of Deeds for Ontario County. Mr. Dryden at once wrote Mr. Smith asking him if the report of his address was correct, and informing him that if it was he had been guilty of slander. Mr. Smith, in reply, neither admitted nor denied the report, and failed to apologize, whereupon Mr. Dryden brought the case into court, which was his bounden duty. He did not seek damages or costs, but he did desire to compel his assailant to face the accusation. This was effected, Mr. Smith confessed that he had no foundation for his statement by unconditionally withdrawing it, and by expressing his regret that he had ever made it. He was ill advised not to have frankly owned up to his mistake in the first instance. There must be few errors in the administration of the affairs of Ontario by the present Government when a practiced politician finds himself driven to such statements as Mr. Smith used in the instance adduced in court.

While the system of administering patronage with the aid of the member is continued, there will always be criticism of the manner in which he performs his task. No more difficult duty can a man undertake than to serve the public interest in the first instance while attempting to make an appointment that shall be generally acceptable to his supporters. But to allow anyone to assail a man, and to charge that he is corrupt in motive and in act without a little of evidence to support the statement, would be intolerable. Hon. Mr. Dryden's prompt action in this regard affords a salutary lesson.

Merge the Civic Holiday Into Labor Day.

The suggestion which The Advertiser made some weeks ago—that the Civic Holiday should be merged into Labor Day—is likely to be carried out. Labor Day is a Dominion Institution. It was established by Act of Parliament, at the unanimous request of the workers. It is fixed for the first Monday of September, so that the observance may be uniform all over the North American continent, without regard to political lines. On the other hand, the Civic Holiday, which comes but three weeks before Labor Day, is not a statutory holiday. It is not observed with unanimity by business men. One section of the community observes it. Another finds it profitable to ignore it. Those who observe the day find that to do so is injurious to their business. And so it has come about that there is a general demand for the merging of the holidays. The reform should be easy of accomplishment. It is simply that London should lead the way, for this city was the first to establish a Civic Holiday. It did so before Confederation, when there was no Dominion Day, no public holiday between the Queen's Birthday and Thanksgiving, when both factory hands and salesmen in stores worked much longer hours than they do now. All this has been changed by altered conditions.

The Necessity for a Civic Holiday

has gone. It is not required. The City Council, at its next meeting, should pass a resolution resolving that in future the Civic Holiday should be merged into Labor Day. The union would make Labor Day an even greater success than it has yet been. That should be a recommendation for the change.

Kissing in Court.

In the Toronto Division Court yesterday, Mrs. H. Hardy was handed the court Bible, and asked to kiss it. She refused to do so, and calmly produced her own copy of the Scriptures, taking the oath upon it. In these days of full knowledge of the dangers of promiscuous kissing, this woman's action is worthy of commendation. Think of kissing a greasy-covered book that hundreds of persons have previously handled and kissed—many of them suffering from diseases the microbes of which are easily communicated by osculation of any kind.

It may not be always convenient for a court witness to carry a personal copy of the Scriptures to the witness box, but it is easy to fulfill the law by following the Scottish fashion of simply taking the oath with raised hand.

London's Public Schools.

London's school population continues to increase at a greater ratio than accommodation can be provided for them. One cause is the kindergarten. Before that popular initiative agency was organized, many children were kept at home till they had reached the age of between six and seven years. Now there is scarcely a child of five years who is not in attendance at one or other of the kindergartens, and at times we have found the parents of little ones under that age endeavoring to have the responsibility for caring for their offspring for a portion of the day shifted on the kindergartens. From the mother's point of view, the early kindergarten is an admirable institution. The large proportion of parents and educationists, indeed, regard it as a rational beginning to the effective education of the young. But it stands to reason that the system could not be grafted on the old methods of teaching without increasing the number of pupils requiring care and adding to the expense of running the schools.

With a steady growth in the population of the city, we must look for an annual addition to the school buildings and teaching staff. The duty of the trustees is to see that it is provided in an intelligent manner, and with as little addition to the burdens of the taxpayer as efficiency will permit.

Selling "Stockers."

Nearly 30 loads of stocker cattle were shipped from Toronto for Buffalo the other day. The United States duty, high though it is, apparently does not shut out Canadian lean cattle from the neighboring country. It would be no great injury, and probably a positive gain, if the duty on this class of cattle were prohibitive. With cheap corn as feed, Canadians ought to be able to fatten all their cattle for the British market, instead of giving their United States competitors there the opportunity to make the added profit resulting from feeding our cattle. If the United States farmers can buy our cattle, pay the duty at the border, feed the animals, and sell the profit, surely our farmers can raise, feed, ship and sell directly to the old country to much better advantage.

The Fewer Canadian cattle sold in a lean condition, either to Great Britain or to the United States, the better for the farmers of the Dominion.

Hamilton's Jeremiah.

The Hamilton Spectator invites Premier Laurier to settle the business of the country. Our contemporary is a veritable Rip Van Winkle, or it would know that the business of the country is settled, that Canada is going ahead in every part—except, possibly, Hamilton, if the Spectator is to be regarded as an authority—and that competent business men, like Edward Gurney, assert that in the last three years of the century, beginning now, we will have progress under the settled conditions of business which exist, despite the Opposition lamentations to the contrary, such as Canada has never before experienced.

REBUKE THE TRICKSTERS.

Let our importers see to it that they rebuke the Dingy Tricksters by having all their goods sent via Canadian lines. And let our exporters take the same hint.

AT NIAGARA.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

She—How the falls roar.

He—If you had to listen to as much talk from newly-married couples as Niagara does you would want to make a roar yourself.

NO TERRORS FOR HIM.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

Had it not been for Murray's "sweet box" which the newspapers have been so fiercely denouncing young Trevelyan would likely have been in jail now on the charge of murder without a chance of being freed, although innocent, until the assizes. To the innocent man an examination by a detective in search of information has no terrors.

CANDID CRITICISM IN THE STATES.

[New York Journal of Commerce.]

We are willing to make reciprocal trade concessions with all other American countries, but not with Canada, and yet in spite of trade obstructions Canada is as good a customer as all the rest of the American continent. We are willing to enter into reciprocal trade relations with the countries of continental Europe, but not with England, by far our best customer, or with Canada, our best customer on this continent. We are trying to injure the nations that buy hundreds of millions of us, and are soliciting trade favors from the people who buy hundreds of thousands from us. We have undertaken to proscriber our own commerce box, but it is easy to fulfill the law by following the Scottish fashion of simply taking the oath with raised hand.

struck a heavy blow at the shipping trade of a country whose purchases of our foodstuffs and cotton are absolutely necessary to give our farmers even a reasonable degree of prosperity. With the perfectly obvious fact that the cost of transportation is the only protection the English farmer has, and that the lower it is the less there is deducted from the American farmer's receipts, we have undertaken to make the transport of freight across the Atlantic cost more than it does now. We have struck at the trade of every country, we have turned our back upon the clock of our own industrial progress, our politicians are groping around in attics and cellars for weapons of commercial warfare that were discarded a century ago, and we are doing this at a time when our manufacturing plants far exceed the requirements of the home market, when exports of manufactures are expanding in the most gratifying manner, and when our country, having an exceptional year like the present, has more to fear from foreign competition than ever before.

Suddenly Cut Off.

The Daily List of Fatal Accidents.

Supplemented by a Parrot and a Murder—Three Persons Killed at Railway Crossings.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Dunlop, wife of the captain of the steamer Algonquin, dropped dead at Kingston yesterday from heart failure. She was speaking to friends a few moments before. Deceased was 60 years of age. Three sons and two daughters survive.

PELL FROM HIS CART.

Quebec, Sept. 8.—Avillo Lomay, aged 79 years, a farmer of St. Emile, Louisaire, fell from his cart on Friday last, the wheels of the cart passing over his body, crushing out his life.

KILLED AT A CROSSING.

Rome, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Jas. Graham, of Utica, and Herbert Roosevelt, of Fish Creek, were struck by a train and killed yesterday while driving across the Ontario and Western crossing at North Bay. A third member of the party, Henry Williams, of Fish Creek, was injured internally, and is not expected to live. For some reason the men did not see the approaching train, and were struck before they could get off the track. Their horse was killed and the wagon demolished.

SUFFOCATED.

Kingston, Sept. 8.—Saturday night Wm. Dawson, aged 70, father-in-law of Henry Pannell, caretaker of the Y. M. C. A. building, was asphyxiated by illuminating gas from a retreating gas turned off the gas, but the cock, being turned, turned partly around again, allowing the gas to escape. He was found at 8 o'clock in the morning unconscious, and lingered until 3 o'clock on Monday morning.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Novar, Ont., Sept. 8.—and accident occurred yesterday morning on the G. T. R., about a mile north of here. Mrs. Curtis, wife of a G.T.R. section man, was coming down the railway from her home to the village, when an engine and one car, which had broken loose from the rest of the train, came along. She stepped aside to allow this to pass, and not realizing that the front part of the train was immediately behind, went upon the track again, and was struck and instantly killed. The second and third cars of the train passing completely over her.

SHOT HIS FATHER.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 8.—Edward S. Bishop, 19, shot and fatally wounded his father, Edward A. Bishop, at their home, 2022 Boyd street, yesterday. The family is an eminently respectable one. The parents of the youthful pariah had lived apart for some weeks past, and the elder Bishop came to the house and attempting to force an entrance from the rear. He was shot by his son as he broke through the kitchen door. Before losing consciousness, the wounded man exclaimed: "It was my fault; the boy is not to blame."

FATALLY BEATEN.

Lindsay, Ont., Sept. 8.—A brutal fight is reported as having occurred at Maple Lake, in the township of Stanhope, North Victoria, resulting in the death of a young man named W. H. Sawyer, a trapper. It appears that for some time past a hard feeling has existed between a family named Thompson and the Sawyer family, arising out of informations laid in regard to the game laws. On Wednesday last, Thompson and Mr. Thompson, sons of Mr. Thompson, a well known farmer and councillor, met young Sawyer on the road where the latter was taking place between them, resulting, it is alleged, in young Sawyer being beaten and kicked into a state of insensibility, and death followed on Saturday. It is further alleged that the father of young Sawyer, in attempting to save his son, was also unmercifully beaten by the Thompsons. Information has been laid against the Thompsons and one of the brothers is now under arrest in Minden jail. The other is said to have escaped into the woods.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 8.—At an early hour this morning Thomas Kennedy, about 60 years of age, fell from the second story window of his residence, while walking in his sleep. His neck was broken by the fall.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Mr. Jas. A. Bell, city engineer of St. Thomas, estimates that it will cost \$70,578 to build six and a half miles of electric railway in that city.

Charles H. Gerbig, of Toronto, has filed suit against Thomas Cole, of Strathroy, and Knox Morgan Company, of Hamilton, for \$20,000 damages for the alleged wrongful conversion of goods.

The stock of the Canadian Rubber Company, of Montreal, was auctioned off yesterday at Toronto. Retail merchants from all over Ontario were present, and out of 252 lots 203 were disposed of for nearly \$50,000.

Mr. Andrew Joyce, ticket agent for the Grand Trunk Railway City Office, Montreal, died yesterday morning after a brief illness, at Hudson, Que., where he had been for some time. He had been for thirty years in the service of the company.

Secretary Wills, of the Toronto Board of Trade, has issued a notice calling together the board appointed by the Dominion Government for the fixing of grain standards. The board will meet at Toronto, and on Sept. 28 will fix the standards for grain east of Fort Arthur.

W. T. Coogan, doing business as the Slater Asbestos Company, Mon-

treil, has assigned, with liabilities amounting to \$10,000. Among the creditors are the Bank of Montreal, \$20,000; Molsons Bank, \$8,000; Merchants' Bank, \$10,000; J. C. Cosigan & Co., \$18,000; Sherry, \$17,000.

A special report just issued by the Quebec provincial board of health states that there is not the slightest danger of an epidemic of smallpox. The civil authorities are confident that the last case in Montreal has been discovered, although from time to time an odd case crops up.

Lumber dealers at Bay City, Mich., say that the movement of lumber is better at present than at any previous time this year. Last week 2,000,000 feet of lumber was taken out of the river. Lumbermen do not believe Canada will put a retaliatory duty on logs and expect no decrease of sawing operations next year.

The town of Lachine, near Montreal, is excited over the disappearance of one of its best known citizens, Mr. Alexander Robert. He has been a resident of that town for many years, and succeeded in getting together a small fortune. Most of his money was in real estate, but he dabbled in various speculations, until it was all lost.

True happiness does not begin for a woman until she becomes a mother. The fear of death stands between thousands of women and this supreme joy. If a woman will but take the right course, she may trample this fear out of her body, and all cause for it out of her body.

There is practically no danger, and but little pain, in maternity, for a woman who is thoroughly healthy and strong in a womanly way. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes the delicate organs that bear the burdens of maternity strong, healthy, virile and elastic. It banishes the distress of the period of impending maternity, and insures the newborn child's health and an ample supply of nourishment. An honest druggist will not try to get you to take some substitute for his profit's sake. Prospective mothers who write to Dr. R. V. Pierce will receive the best advice of an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the great Invalids' Hospital and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y.

"A neighbor of mine who was expecting the arrival of a baby before very long, was in very poor health," writes a Remondier, Postmistress, at Majella, Bourbon Co., Kansas. "I induced her to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She used four bottles, and has just been delivered of a fine daughter as I ever saw. She was only a short time in labor and is now doing well."

Pierce's For sick headache, biliousness and constipation, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the most rational cure known. They are mild but thorough and effective. They regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Never gripe. No other pill is like them.

SAVE TIME MONEY and WORRY by having your skirts bound with either the "Tube" or the "Lip" Bias Dress Bindings. They wear well and look well. World's latest French Skirt Pattern is given FREE with every purchase.

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