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MR. BORDEN'S DEFICIENCY.

It is charged against Mr. Borden, as a result of his speaking during his Ontario tour, and of his other speakings, that he lacks a sense of humor. Therefore, seemingly, his critics would have it that he is put out

speakings, that he lacks a sense of humor. Therefore, seemingly, his critics would have it that he is put out of consideration as a possible administrator of Canada's affairs. In their minds no one but the end man deserves the voter's welcome.

Perhaps there is in this contention more than at first will suggest itself. The people who for ten years, after having an opportunity to learn what it was and is, continued the Laurier Government in office, must be fond of a joke, even when it is upon themselves at their expense. Both in its make-up and its work the present ministry is a practical joke on all who have nothing personal to gain by its way of doing things.

There is, for instance, that fine old joke and joker Sir Richard Cartwright, in his own way the richest of the lot. People who judged him by his long opposition attitude had put him down as a vigorous and fierce tongued hater of jobs, jobbery and jobbers and of all that made for waste, extravagance, corruption, neport is, more protection in the tariff. In the flourish of praise that cheered the organization as it entered the political ring he was announced as the big Ontario politican who was to keep the hands of the crooks out of the treasury. The old joker showed his humor by watching the rascals with an eye that did not see, by winking when jobbers passed his way in the course of their business, by sleeping when the public outlay was being increased beyond reason, and by assuming the responsibility for rewarding with office besmirched political workers other ministers hesitated to countenance.

Henley Regatta which opened on the Thames yesterday has more than passing interest to Canadians this year, from the fact that Mr. James Cosgrove, of Toronto, was a competitor for the historic diamond sculls, and a Winnipeg four are making a strong bid for the Steward's Lup.

Many will recent

of them ashamed. It was the Department of the continuous for northwest timber lands, which worked out in practice so that no matter how much study a stranger gave to the conditions of his offer, somebody who seemed to know, generally got the plum, for just a little more than the highest outside bid.

And such waggery as ministers perpetrate individually is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits ally is naturally outdone when they combine their wits all years are not good to the eleven months from July 1st to May 31st, 1910, were upwards of eighty-six million dollars. The net profits during the same period amounted to more than thirty-one million dollars. It pays to be a booster. The C. P. R. has been one of the most persistent boosters Canada has ever had.

There had been a family row.

"Well," remarked the alleged head of the house, "a man learns a few things when he gets married. Yes, it is not provided the family of the sketch, "but the school of experience doesn't bar coefficiency and the same period amounted to more than thirty-one million dollars. It pays to be a booster. The C. P. R. has been one of the most period amounted to more than thirty-one million dollars. It pays to be a booster. The C. P. R. has been one of the most period amounted

tal Railway scheme. A great, first-class railway, they said, was to be built from Moncton to Winnipeg. The Tory-constructed Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific were to be thrown into the shade. The whole was to cost \$51,400,000. Mr. Fielding even had an actuarial calcula A Montreal judge has laid down the law that a newspaper in calling attention to a general evil threaten of a portion of his bookkeepers' surplus of 1903. The joke is that the road is not to be shorter or better than the Intercolonial, that it is not to make the Canadian Pacture.

cases illustrating the need for reform, even when some individual feels himself injured by the specific allusion. If the linercolonial, that it is not to make the Canadian Pacific look like a siding, and that the cost will be, not \$1,400,000, but, in all likelihood, two and a half or three times that sum.

Allied with the National Transcontinental was the Quebee Bridge joke. The Government agreed to back the bonds of the company formed to construct this work, the promoters of which showed their longheaded wisdom by refusing to venture in it even as much of their own money as would pay for the plans. An engineer in the Government employ who knew something about bridges and who was given the duty of reporting on the plans, disapproved of them; but he was ignored. The company went on with the bad construction, and the ministers went on giving security for its debt, till the thing tumbled into the river from inherent weakness. Then the ministers, who by use of the public credit had provided the money for the work, bought from the company at a big price the title to the ruins, which are yet, years after the disaster, encumbered with the bodies of some of the four score victims of a folly that amounted to crime.

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The official oath in Spain and the accession oath in Britain are being modified almost at the same time.

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(Toronto World.)

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A barn belonging to Frank Coburn was struck by lighting on Monday morning and but for timely arrived in Harbor Logic

There are things in the state of this Denmark that all for treatment more stern than is expected from hose whose intellectual and moral hunger is assuaged by the wit of the wearer of the cap and bells. The people may see and say this some day, perhaps to come before long, and will put grave men forward to discharge a duty of gravest character. Then Mr. Borden will be where he is needed.—Montreal Gazette.

THE LATEST THING IN LEAGUES.

In Cincinnati they have just organized the World's. Health Organization, or "Anti-Kissing League." The members are to wear badges and they are to take the

"In order to encourage good health and lessen the spread of consumption, I desire to join the World's Health Organization and hereby piedge myself to dis

is in my power."

The leaders have mapped out a six months' camaign. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden will be warned that the danger in a bouquet lies not in the presentation, but in the manner of the acceptance thereof. Caruso will see himself menaced by the new black hand of a cruel fate. In August vigorous action will be taken to prevent fathers and mothers from kissng their babies. By a singular oversight nothing is aid about preventing babies, who are often the aggress ng their babies. ors, kissing their fathers or mothers.

ors, kissing their fathers or mothers.

In October the work is to be concentrated upon street cleaners and laundresses. One of the reformers is quoted as saying: "It would be an awful thing if a street cleaner were to marry a laundress." Why October should be regarded as a month particularly favorable to the conjunction of street cleaners and laundresses is not explained. The White Wings' laundry bill in June, layer agrees and sentences are the consider.

increased beyond reason, and by assuming the responsibility for rewarding with office besmirched political workers other ministers hesitated to countenance.

Another humorous fellow is Mr. Paterson, minister of customs, who, being interested in a bakery, injected into the tariff a joke on the free traders by strengthening the duty on biscuits. Mr. Graham, now Minister of Railways and Canals, is also counted among the humorists. Not only hath he many a joke with which to relieve the wearing tedium of debate, but he comes from Brockville, that home of political humor, where there have been perpetrated such merry quips as stuffing a ballot box with Pritchett papers, and thereby sending a conservative candidate to grass instead of into Parliament.

Mr. Borden has certainly shown no such humor as these gay blades of Ontario Liberalism. It is doubtfut if he could rival Mr. Fielding in getting off those annual surplus jokes and persuading some of the people that they are growing rich by what he saves of their taxes while all the time he is adding to their debt by what he borrows to keep the political machine running and please the men who like big appropriations for the day, no matter what may be the final result, or whas to foot the bill.

And surely Mr. Borden can never expect to meet on an equal footing Mr. Pugsley, who is by popular acclaim, regarded as a party to the famed Richibucto joke that got a political friend \$5,000 of public money for a \$700 slab and sawdust wharf; nor could he expect to equal the sardonic western humor of Mr. Oliver, as shown in those regulations concerning the admission of Englishmen and other immigrants, which have made

pect to equal the sardonic western humor of Mr. Oliver, as shown in those regulations concerning the admission of Englishmen and other immigrants, which have made one-half of the Canadian people angry and three-quarters of them ashamed. It was the Department of the Incomplete of our brethern across the seas that they

(Woodsock Sentinel Review.)

A Montreal judge has laid down the law that a

I hung a light in the window,
Made ready the bread and wine;
Then idle and still I waited Love
will
To enter this house of mine.

Nor cared if he came her way.

THE PRAYER OF SOCRATES.

Beloved Pan, and all ye gods w haunt this place, give me beauty is the inward soul, and may the outwar the inward soul, and may the outward and inward man be at one. May I reckon the wise to be the wealthy, and may I have such a quantity of gold as none but the temperate can carry. Anything more? That prayer, I think, is enough for me.

—PLATO.

Good Stories

Here is an incident that a Ranute man tells as having occurred in a certain Kansas town. He was in the ticket office and watched the pro-ceedings.

Then it Happened



e leaped.
Thus it was that while running to
ee the circus parade he did not see
he coal hole in the sidewalk.
(The End.)

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