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SIZING UP JOHN

The Ridgeway Dominion comments:—

Mr. John Lee, M. P. P., threatens great things if the Ontario Government does not recoup the farmers who had their orchards destroyed in the wild and foolish attempt to combat the San Jose scale. Mr. Lee's hysterics will deceive nobody. His bluster is only a good piece of acting. He will do anything but vote against the government whether it indemnifies the farmers or not.

WAR NEWS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

This far eastern war will have at least one good effect in the eyes of the military staff responsible for the conduct of the field operations, comments the Toronto World. It will accustom people everywhere to a substantial restriction of the copious telegrams and special letters with which in all recent campaigns they have been literally deluged. With the unprecedented means of inter-communication which now exist throughout the great round world there is no possibility now of confining information to any one country. Whatever becomes known to one is immediately flashed to the ends of the earth, possibly with disastrous results to the plans of the strategists, one of whose chief weapons is silence and secrecy. It is well known that Lord Kitchener and many other officers of the newer school are profoundly dissatisfied with the facilities and freedom hitherto accorded to war correspondents, particularly British and American. English-speaking citizens who must have their daily papers spiced every morning and afternoon with something which will flavor their jaded appetite for the sensational and the startling have been, partly at least, responsible for the extraordinary license with which special commissioners at the front have hitherto been accorded. The demand ensured the supply, and the supply in turn changed a moderate desire into a ravenous hunger for novelty and magnitude. Every skirmish became a desperate battle and every trifling reverse a disastrous defeat. And so the game went merrily on till the sense of proportion was lost, and with it all intelligent following of the progress of the campaign.

In default of any really authentic information regarding the Japanese plan of operations by land and sea, the waiting multitudes have been treated to about the most extraordinary farrago of bulletins that war ever elicited. Identical ships have been reported as damaged or destroyed in about every way possible to man or the elements, and have turned up at the end apparently as capable of doing damage to the enemy or to their friends as ever they were. Troops have been despatched hither and thither, hundreds of thousands of men have been reduced in a single night to thousands or hundreds, if not to a corporal and two privates. Frozen-up fleets have appeared next day, icebound harbors have been miraculously opened, fortresses have been abandoned, captured, become second Ladysmiths, been stocked with ample supplies and reduced to a month's rations all within twenty-four hours. Well, indeed, may the average citizen abandon the attempt to make head or tail of these conflicting rumors and resign himself to a patient waiting upon the lifting of the veil. After all, may not this enforced attitude of suspense, this knowledge that at any moment the darkness may be dispelled and the situation illumined by the flash of the guns of the little yellow men be as titivating as a dose of real or imaginary horrors every morning. Anyway it is a novel experience, and when the blow is struck which, unless all precedents and presages lie, is now in the shaping, the public may realize the wisdom which has prompted the conspiracy of silence and its necessity under the conditions of twentieth-century war.

ANOTHER LIBERAL KICK

The candor of some of the Liberal press has become quite refreshing and they are saying things that ought to be remembered when voting time comes again, for they are arguments of a kind that ought to influence every voter. The editor of the Mitchell Recorder is one of those who, like Mr. M. Y. McLean, M. P. P., and Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, have experienced party ingratitude, and he does not intend to be quiet about it. He had been mentioned in connection with the directorship of Farmers' Institutes, and his highly efficient services in connection with them, his skill as a

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speaker and his keen interest in and knowledge of subjects bearing on horticulture and agriculture warrant the belief that he would make an excellent director of that department. But, like other men of worth and merit, he has been passed over. Using the protest of a Liberal deputation in Toronto against Premier Ross' methods of administering patronage, the Mitchell Recorder goes on to "speak out in meetin'" in the most emphatic language, which bears out much of the Conservative criticism of the two Liberal Governments. It says:

"If the ultra loyal Liberals of Toronto are complaining on that score what may be expected from the outlying constituencies? All recent appointments have been made on the family circle or family compact system. If you are not one of the household, or of some wife's relations, it does not count. It would appear as if all those were to be looked after before the final act, and the man or long service may toil on for the reward that cometh at the cemetery gate. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, I have promised and deceived thee many times, but it is a long road that has no turn; only continue faithful; serve on and thy turn will come sure—at the cemetery gate.' That is about the language of the present Ross, Gibson, Dryden combination. That was the language recently addressed to the Editor of the Seaford Expositor. That was the language addressed still more recently to the editor of this paper. It was even more trite and chilling than that—'too old.' Long service, valuable experiences, executive qualifications, all acknowledged; but too old; too long in the service."

"We have come in contact with many Farmers' Institute workers within the past few weeks and not one of them can find a justification for the recent appointment to the superintendency of that work. The appointee has had no experience out in the field—in the outer circle of the work. He has had no knowledge of the office end of the work, and his executive qualities have yet to be discovered. Besides that he has not the genial qualities to bring him into close touch and sympathy with the farming community. Lastly, all his family traditions are on the other side of the political fence."

"If the Toronto Liberals have any stronger case than this to kick about we are not surprised at their outspoken resolution. To be within the family circle, or to have rendered services of the Jackson quality in South Oxford is the only qualification that counts for recognition in politics to-day."

Says the Hamilton Spectator: The Dresden, Ont., Beet Sugar factory is to be removed to Joneville, Wisconsin. Cannot Mr. Ross "guarantee" the concern and keep it in this growing province?

"This must be a day-after-to-morrow town," remarked Judge Bell yesterday morning at ten o'clock, when he called off the entire Division Court docket, and every case found either the plaintiff or defendant absent—or both.—Toronto Times.

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We would advise the News man to try and be funny at the expense of those living and not libel those who are dead.—Windsor Standard.

ROSS THE UNREADY.

Montreal Star.

Premier Ross is not quite ready with his prohibition-local option-high license Government saloon-temperance bill. His Double X, Larry Wilson, has not yet given his assent.

BRITISH OFFICERS STUDYING JAPANESE.

London Daily Mail.

A small industrious body of British officers are at Tokio, engaged in the "study of the Japanese language." Arrangements for their despatch and reception had been concluded before the war broke out. Obviously, with Japan for our ally, it was necessary that British officers should be cognizant of her language, since at any time they might be called upon to serve side by side with their new allies in the field. They are now taking advantage of their presence to watch and to gather ideas from the Japanese arrangements for mobilization and transportation of troops. The officers will remain two years.

SNUFFY SCOTSWOMAN'S WILL.

St. James' Gazette.

One of the strangest wills preserved is that of a Mrs. Margaret Thompson, who, "in the name of God, amen," directed that in her coffin should be buried all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to carry the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yard a large handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, while at the door of the testator's house were to be placed for gratuitous distribution to the household of the same quality of snuff. Several legacies depended upon the fulfilment of the conditions of the will, and all concerned were bidden to regard the powder as the grand cardinal of Nature.

DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

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It ought to be abolished except in cases of clearly established fraud.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. C. R. Atkinson and A. S. Holmes—That a bankrupt law is necessary in this province; that by such a law the honest but unfortunate debtor would be fully protected.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Knapp and Rufus Stephenson that Messrs. McLean, McCrae and Holmes and Knapp be a committee on behalf of this meeting to draw out a petition in favor of the present law of imprisonment for debt except in cases of fraud, a copy of which petition to be forwarded to the three branches of legislature as soon as possible.—Carried.

THE CHATHAM BRIDGE QUESTION

For two council nights in succession the councillors of Northwood ward, Dr. Cross taking the lead—have pressed for the passage of a resolution allowing the residents of North Chatham to purchase provisions, etc., at the market and convey the same to their homes without being obliged to pay toll on crossing the bridge, in fact placing those in North Chatham in a similar position to that enjoyed by parties living on the south side of the river. On the first evening it was brought up it was refused a reading. On the second night it was lost by a majority of two. However, notwithstanding all that has been said, we cannot see why the North Chathamites were first taxed to help erect a market; then compelled to buy their provisions at that market; and afterwards forced to pay ten cents more upon everything they buy than do the more lucky residents on the south side of the river. According to the present plan a resident of Chatham North is taxed when buying at the market while residents of other parts of the town get off scot free at the same time enjoying equal benefits from the market. If this hardship can be avoided in no other way, in time it would be money saved to North Chatham to build a bridge for itself. As it is even now the yearly amount of tolls paid must be large.

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GIVES BRIDE TO FATHER

Greater love than that of a son for his father there is not in this whole world, in the estimation of Louis Kosler, of 893 Houston avenue, South Chicago. Louis lives there with his father, and has just attained his majority. For two years he had loved pretty Lillian Lattack, a village belle in Galicia, Austria, and was under promise to send for her to lead her to the altar.

Lillian arrived at the Houston avenue home two weeks ago, and there was a joyful welcome accorded her. Louis planned for the prospective wedding, and expressed a desire to bring their long courtship to an end by an early ceremony. But he little knew the sacrifice his father was going to call upon him to make.

"Lillian is fair," said the father after a two weeks' scrutiny of the betrothed girl. "She is in need of the love of a man, not of a youth. I'm 45, my son, and it is I who should marry Lillian, not you."

It is recorded by South Chicago gossip that the son gulped and struggled hard against the love within him that prompted him to die with his sweetheart and thwart his father. But he acquiesced in the change of program. Lillian transferred her affections without much ado from the son to the father, and plans are now under way for a ceremony next Saturday which will give Louis, besides a broken heart, a step-mother instead of a wife.—Chicago Post.

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