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THE NEW CABINET

The Standard's Ottawa correspondent gives the probable line-up of the new cabinet as follows:

Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs—Hon. Arthur Meighen.
Minister of Finance—Sir Henry Dwyer.
Minister of Justice—Hon. C. J. Doherty.
Minister of Naval Affairs—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne.
Minister of Railways—Hon. J. A. Stewart.
Minister of Trade and Commerce—Hon. H. H. Stevens.
Minister of Customs—Hon. J. B. M. Baker.
Minister of Defence—Hon. C. S. McBurn.
Minister of Public Works—Hon. F. B. McCurdy.
Minister of Immigration and Colonization—J. A. Wilson.
Minister of the Interior—Sir James Lougheed.
Postmaster General—French Canadian (undecided).
Secretary of State—French Canadian (undecided).
Minister of Agriculture—Hon. Dr. Tolmie.
Minister of Labor—Hon. Gideon Robertson.
Solicitor General—Hon. Hector McInnes.

Without portfolio—Sir Edward Kemp, Hon. E. K. Spivey, Joseph Rainville, R. C. Henderson and Dr. J. W. Edwards.

The Montreal Gazette's slate does not include Mr. Spivey of Nova Scotia, or Mr. Rainville of Ontario, and while it mentions Hon. Mr. Guthrie as a possibility it intimates that if Gen. Mewburn remains in the cabinet Mr. Guthrie will go to the Ontario high court bench. The Gazette also mentions Mr. E. L. Patenaude as the probable French member from Quebec.

According to these forecasts, Sir George Foster, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. Dr. Reid, Hon. R. W. Wignmore and Hon. Mr. Blondin will retire and the first three, the Standard says, will go to the senate. We are not told what place will be made available for the other three.

If this is the wonderful reorganization of the cabinet we were promised, it surely leaves much to be desired. Where are the great representatives of business interests, the ablest men of Canada, who were to be gathered about Premier Meighen? They are not found in the list published today. The new cabinet will be the old cabinet with a few changes, and these, so far as ability and experience are concerned, are unimportant. As usual, the government has not delivered the goods. The kind of men sought for were not eager to link up their political fortunes with a dying administration. The country will not be at all surprised. The reorganized cabinet is what might be expected under the circumstances.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

The August issue of the statistical bulletin of the International Institute of Agriculture indicates that from the returns received at the time it was issued the world's wheat crop this year will be very close to that of last year. We quote:

"The aggregate of these returns is 502 million tons, as compared with 513 million last year in the same Northern Hemisphere countries, showing a decrease of about 2 per cent. In Europe these countries include Belgium, Bulgaria, Spain, Finland, Alsace-Lorraine, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, and their aggregate yield in 1921 is estimated at 124 million metric tons, as compared with 107 million in 1920. General reports received from other European countries, apart from Russia, note good, and in some cases very good forecasts of the threshing results from the unusually early harvests. In America the estimates of the United States and Canadian wheat crops are for 284 million tons, as compared with 286 million in 1920. Throughout North America the spring sown grain suffered during July from drought and heat. The aggregate yields of wheat in India, Algeria, Morocco and Tunis are estimated at 94 million tons as compared with 120 million in 1920, the deficiency occurring entirely in India."

According to the same authority the yield of rye is 22 per cent greater than last year, that of barley two per cent greater, that of oats 12.3 per cent lower and corn 0.3 per cent lower. On the whole the showing is very satisfactory. Canada is in a good position, with her splendid crop of wheat, and should reap much advantage.

A deadlock has again been reached in the Irish negotiations. Meanwhile turbulent scenes in Belfast continue. Will De Valera withdraw his claim that Ireland is a foreign and independent state? If not the outlook is indeed dark.

Work for the workless, and not charity, is the declared policy in Toronto for the coming winter. Both federal and provincial governments will be asked to co-operate.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

The Montreal Gazette discusses at length the question of how best to deal with the problem of unemployment, and arrives at the conclusion there should be no dishing out of money except in the most extreme cases, but that work of some kind should be provided, and not at the union scale of wages, since such expenditure would be a tax on the country and such work only undertaken to meet an urgent necessity. The system of giving out doles was tried in England, and the Gazette sets forth the result as follows:

"The effect has been to render unemployment profitable and attractive. The incentive to work, or to seek work, vanished with the establishment of the 'dole' system, and the situation was aggravated rather than relieved. Even domestic servants who, in these days, need never be without a livelihood, availed themselves of the dole, and deliberately divided their periods of service with a view to preserving their eligibility for the bounty. More recently there has developed an organized system of raids upon the rates administered by the poor law guardians, and this has progressed to such an extent as to have become a scandal as well as a menace to municipal solvency, and ratepayers have been up in arms. The government has at last decided to discontinue the dole, but alternative relief measures are being sought, and there seems to be little real probability of a satisfactory solution being found."

We want no such experience as this in Canada, and the Gazette very properly says:

"The disposition to live upon the industry of others, which has been so clearly shown to exist in Great Britain, ought not to be encouraged in this country, and government authorities, whether federal, provincial or municipal, will do well to avoid such measures as will involve the direct distribution of public money. Such methods, if adopted, will inevitably open the door to abuse, and will tend to the encouragement of idleness. In very extreme cases immediate financial relief may be found necessary, but cases of this character should be regarded as exceptional, and treated as such; any general plan should be based upon a return in service of some kind for the aid received."

On the question of remuneration for work provided through governmental agency, whether federal, provincial or municipal, the Gazette says:

"A correspondent suggests that men so employed ought not to receive the same scale of wages as that paid to men engaged in productive labor. This is not an unreasonable view, yet it is by no means unlikely that any proposal to pay a lower rate of wages in relief work will be met with a protest from 'labor' and that there may even be a demand for a union scale. An instructive example of that sort of thing was supplied not long ago in Toronto when the plant of the Dominion Shipbuilding Company was reopened for the purpose of giving employment to men out of work. The scale offered did not suit the Toronto unions, and an attempt was made to compel the operating company, through the government, to pay a union wartime wage. There are thus two things to be avoided. First of all, there should be no system of doles. Secondly, the government, whether federal or provincial, should keep its relief measures in its own hands and permit no interference from professional labor bosses."

It is hardly likely that the experience of the Toronto company referred to would be duplicated by governmental authorities providing work. They would not, in the first place, offer less than a living wage and there will be so many persons eager to secure work at any wage rather than see their families suffer that no interference by 'bosses' would be likely to have any effect. The thing to do is to lay plans for work that must be provided, so that when seasonal occupations end and the winter brings hardship, the remedy may be at once available under well organized direction.

Prices at wholesale in the United States increased 2.75 per cent in August, and the advance in food prices was no less than 13.5 per cent. The turn has been reached and business should soon show improvement.

Many St. John people will no doubt take advantage of the opportunity to visit the Fredericton exhibition. The capital city is particularly attractive at this season, and the fair and races will make it doubly so.

Already a man has been shot in mistake for a moose. How many more lives will be sacrificed before the season ends? Every year brings its tragedies of this nature. Why will men with guns discharge them without making sure that the target is not another man?

There appears to be no doubt that Hon. J. B. M. Baxter will resign the cabinet in place of Hon. R. W. Wignmore. This will mean the choice of a new leader of the opposition at Fredericton. Some interesting political changes are pending hereabouts.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Never Touched.
"Now, sir," said the lawyer, cross-examining a witness, "your answers are not satisfactory. I am afraid you are slightly ambiguous."
Witness (with great indignation), "I am nothing of the kind, sir. I'm a strict teetotaler."

Acquired Wisdom.
William: "Well, old man, I have not seen you for an age. And how do you find matrimony suits you?"
John (sighing): "It's an expensive joy. If I had only known what I had to pay in milliners' bills!"
William: "You would have remained single, eh?"
John: "No, I would have married the milliner."—Spare Moments.

Matter of Salary.
Employer: "Mr. Slack, would you like to have an increase in salary?"
Employee: "Would I? I should say I would!"
Employer: "Well, let me tell you then that unless you get here earlier and work a great deal harder you'll never get it in this world."

He Meant It.
Doctor: "Why don't you settle my account? You said when I was attending you that you could never repay me for all I was doing?"
Patient: "And I meant it."

ENCOURAGING NEWS.

(Montreal Gazette.)
The statement is available from the Rev. George Henderson, B. D., of Grief, Scotland, who is passing through Montreal on his way to Pittsburgh as a representative of the Free Church of Scotland, at the General Presbyterian Alliance there, that the British industrial outlook is growing more optimistic. "The coal miners are putting forth extra efforts to increase the output, and both capital and labor are showing better spirit in the conferences, labor exhibiting a desire to come to agreements on the basis of reason rather than force." When the labor leaders realize that they are chalking the conduit through which wages pass to the homes of the masses of the workers of the country it will be well. Professional politicians in the ranks of labor have too long treated the workmen as a commodity, which they can barter at will, or use as pawns in the game. Mr. Henderson gives it as his opinion that the revolutionary extremists in Great Britain have discovered the error of their ways and in the place for the former direct action methods, "a conciliatory and hopeful spirit has succeeded."

The upheaval amongst all classes of society and restlessness are gradually disappearing," he added. And not before time. Labor, no matter how it spells its name, has been playing havoc with the people of the British Isles ever since 1918. No well constituted society or right-thinking body of men object to labor organization, or trade union principles, if run on sane business-like lines, and using sound approved methods. Mr. Henderson had a little to say with regard to the forthcoming Peace Conference at Washington, and expressed the opinion that the people of Great Britain looked forward with the keenest interest to and confidently anticipate that there will result from the conference an increased friendship between the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Lloyd George, who handled the intensely intricate and every varying labor troubles in Great Britain with skill and diplomacy, and who was never more firmly entrenched in his political stronghold than is today, will go to Washington carrying with him all good wishes from the people of the British Empire, who love peace. A judicious curtailment of armaments, and lessened expenditures in military equipments, will be a forward move towards stabilizing the peace of the world. The firm settlement of an industrial peace also is needed by the ranks of labor.

MORE DINOSAURS.

Two complete duck-billed dinosaurs and a few incomplete specimens have been added to the collection at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. Levi Sternberg, and G. E. Lindblad, his assistant, of the Department of Geology, University of Toronto, and two students, W. K. Sides and A. Ireland have returned to the city from Patricia, Alberta, and report the find. The skeletons, with many other fossils of a minor character, were packed in twenty-eight large boxes, weighing about 16,000 pounds and were now on their way to Toronto by rail.

The party spent three and a half months collecting in the bad lands of the Alberta Museum, and this is the third season Mr. Sternberg has been in charge of the work for the University of Toronto. "It is the youngest son of the famous fossil hunter C. H. Sternberg, now of Glendale, California, and has had a wide experience in collecting and preparing fossils. The remarkable find for the party was the two practically complete skeletons of the duck-billed dinosaurs within a few feet of each other. A few bones of a larger skeleton, which is about 32 feet long, were found exposed, and while uncovering this very complete skeleton of another individual was found."

ROUGH ON TORONTO TORIES.

L'Evenement: "If the Tories of Toronto were endowed with the least foresight, they would realize that, sooner or later, the French-Canadians will conquer all their school liberties because they have right on their side, because they are tenacious, and because their numbers show a notable increase at each decennial census. It is the part of wisdom to allow the accomplishment, without useless and prejudicial quarrels, of what one is unable to prevent. That fact is taught in the kindergarten of political science. But too many Tories refuse to cede even when they know they are in the wrong. With such unintelligent obstinacy, how can they hope to form an alliance with the French-Canadians of Quebec? We know the Prime Minister of Canada is more just, more generous and wiser than his partisans for the Tories, and he must realize that the loyal efforts to conciliate the electorate of the Province of Quebec are frustrated by the fanatical set of his Ontario friends who are deaf to all sense of justice, because they will not listen to it."

TO STUDY JOURNALISM.

Amherst News: David H. Rogers left today for Columbia University, New York, where he will enter upon a course of journalism. Davy has been connected with the News for nearly two years, during which time he has served in various capacities, including sport writer, reporter and city editor, and in all of which he has given much satisfaction. During his sojourn in town since his return from Acadia University, where he was captain of the university hockey team, he has taken an active part in sport, especially hockey, and his brother, Dean, proving a tower of strength on the A. A. A. team last winter.

W. SANFORD EVANS



Of Hamilton, who founded the first Canadian Club in that city, addressed the ninth annual convention of Canadian Clubs' Association in Winnipeg. He has been connected with this movement for more than thirty years.

AUSTIN DOBSON.

Austin Dobson, famous for his verse society, died in London on September 2nd, at the age of eighty-one. His books of poetry include "Vignettes in Rhyme," "Proverbs in Prose," "At the Sign of the Lyre," and "Four Frenchwomen." He also wrote "Thomas Bewick and His Pupils," and "Lives of Fielding, Steele, Goldsmith, Horace Walpole, Hogarth, Richardson and Fanny Burney."

THE ROSE AND THE GARDNER.

(A Fancy from Pontenelle.)
The Rose in the garden slipp'd her bud,
And she laugh'd in the pride of her youthful blood,
As she thought of the Gardener standing by—
"He is old,—so old! And he soon must die!"

The full Rose wax'd in the warm June air,
And she spread and spread till her best lay bare,
And she laugh'd once more as she heard his tread—
"He is older now! He will soon be dead!"

But the breeze of the morning blew, and found,
That the leaves of the blown Rose strew'd the ground;
And he came at noon, that Gardener,
And he raked them softly under the mound.

And I wove the thing to a random rhyme,
For the Rose is Beauty, the Gardener Time.

IN AFTERDAYS.

In after days when the grasses high o'er-top the stone where I shall lie,
Though ill or well the world adjust My ponder claim to honour'd dust,
I shall not question nor reply.

I shall not see the morning sky;
I shall not hear the night-wind sigh;
I shall be mute, as all men must
In after days!
But yet, now living, fain would I
That some one then should testify
Saying: "He held his pen in trust
To Art, not serving shame or lust."
Will none? Then let my memory die
In after days!

BALLAD TO QUEEN ELIZABETH OF THE SPANISH ARMADA.

King Philip has vanquish'd claims;
He had sworn for a year he would sack us;
With an army of heathenish names
He was coming to fagot and stack us;
Like the thieves of the sea he would track us,
And shatter our ships on the main;
But we had bold Neptune to back us—
And where are the galleons of Spain?

His caravels were christen'd of dames
To the kirkles whereof he would tack us;
With saints and his gilded stern-frames,
He had thought like an egg-shell to crack us;
Now Howard may get to his Flaccus,
And Drake to his Devon again,
And Hawkins bowl rubbers to Bacchus—
For where are the galleons of Spain?

Let His Majesty hang to St. James
And preparing to buckle to back us;
He must play at some luster games
Or at sea he can hope to out-thwack us;
To his mines in Peru he would pack us
To tug at his bullet and chain;
Alas that his Gretnah should leak!
But where are the galleons of Spain?

ENVOY.

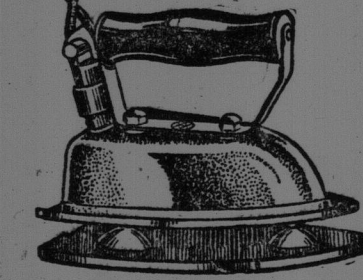
Glories!—No! Don't you attack us
Whenever his stomach be fain;
He must reach us before he can rack us.
But where are the galleons of Spain?

FAMILY MASCOTS.

The famous Cumberland estate of Edenhall was offered for sale at Carlisle recently. The area of the estate is 4,068 acres. The property offered included the mansion and its park of 298 acres, which had been in the possession of the Musgrave family for over five hundred years. Early records show that the manor of Edenhall was granted by William the Conqueror to William Henry Fitz-Swin. Situated in the northern part of the county, it was closely associated in olden times with border raids and wars, and in the scene of the "Luck of Edenhall" legend. For the mansion house there was no offer, but several farms and small lots were sold, the proceeds amounting to more than £22,000.

The crystal goblet, known as the "Luck of Edenhall," brought into notice by the sale of the ancestral home of the Musgraves, is but one of a number of family treasures of certain noble families. Another famous luck is the Lee Penny, which has been in the possession of the Lockharts of Lanarkshire since Crusading times, whilst another Scottish family, the Hamiltons, possess a Prayer Book, the use of which is considered to be the prelude to such good fortune and happiness that it has been used at nearly every royal wedding from that of George III. in 1761 to that of George V. in 1903. So great is its reputed value, that the book was taken to Peterhead by Dean Stanley for the marriage

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