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## DELAYING PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Delay of public business for which there was no warrant again characterized the actions of the Liberal Opposition in Parliament yesterday. The Japanese trade treaty is one of the least complicated agreements that has come before Parliament in many years. Its trade features present no troublesome issues, and the only question that could possibly be broached in connection with the agreement is that of immigration, in which, of course, the Pacific coast is considerably interested. But on the first day that notice was given of the Bill the Premier made it clear that nothing in the Bill, or in the treaty, could in any way alter or lessen the restrictions which are placed upon Japanese immigration. That was a point upon which the Government would not take lower ground. For over two days the Opposition speakers, one after the other, have arisen to present the theoretical cases which might arise, not one of which was not quickly disposed of to an ordinary intelligence by the prompt answer of the Premier that immigration was safeguarded, and that Japan had given assurance to that end.

Not even at six o'clock yesterday, when the defeat of the Oliver amendment left the way open for the third reading of the Bill, would Hon. W. H. Pugsley consent to allow it to go through, but held the Bill over until evening. The House has had many examples of the Pugsley methods of holding up business, but none perhaps more trivial and childish than this. The weeks passing are lengthening the session without seeing the progress of public business that might reasonably be looked for. It is such practices as the Opposition demonstrated yesterday that are responsible for the delay.

The great and important measures of parliamentary business must wait when Mr. Pugsley and his followers have some whimsical notion they wish to ventilate in the House. Outside of the delay on the Naval Bill, the Government have had plenty of reason this session for bringing in closure. An opposition that deliberately wastes time, as do the Liberals at Ottawa, is surely a subject for public care by means of the closure.

Next week will see a resumption of the Naval Debate in all likelihood. The Government will have the warmest support of the great majority of the Canadian people in pressing that measure to a conclusion with as little delay as possible. The Canadian people want to see efficient aid given, and they want to see it given at once. They are tired of the Liberal obstruction, and of the Liberal preaching without practicing. They have not lost sight of the stirring declarations that were made in the famous Admiralty Memorandum, and are agreed that "The aid which Canada could give at the present time is not to be measured in ships or money." The solid force of a patriotic people will be one of the best parts of the Borden gift.

## THE PARCEL POST COMING.

The recent announcement of Mr. Pelletier, the Post Master General, that a parcel post system before long will be introduced in the Dominion, indicates that the Government are developing the postal service along progressive lines. Mr. Pelletier has already given a great impetus to rural mail delivery, and his statement supports the belief that he will supplement the rural delivery of letters by a joint delivery of parcels of a reasonable weight. The recent introduction of a parcel post system in the United States, has resulted in affording a ready means of sending products direct from the farm to the consumer. It has been admitted that the system was capable of improvement, and after July 1st the parcel post in the States will be made more useful by the introduction of the "collect on delivery" feature. The Postal Department will undertake to collect the value of a parcel delivered if it does not exceed one hundred dollars, and will transmit the money, for a fee of ten cents, to the producer. This practice is now general in European countries. A farmer, for instance, can add this small fee to the amount of his bill and the whole transaction will cost no more than the time and labor of preparing the parcel and mailing. This will be a noteworthy concession to the farmers of the Republic. Farmers in the North-western States of the Union are already advertising that they will be prepared to fill orders by return parcel post. The practice of taking advantage of the new law is bound to spread throughout the country.

With the introduction of the parcel post into Canada on somewhat similar lines, there is every probability that very large trade will be developed between the cities and towns and the country. Judging by the growing popularity of the system in the United States, there is good ground for the belief that the parcel post in Canada will be a great success.

## THE VESSELS NEEDED.

Two or three days ago in the British House of Commons Mr. Winston Churchill declared that unless Canada orders the proposed super-Dreadnoughts very shortly Great Britain will have to fill the gap by a further drain on those Old Country taxpayers who have already spent hundreds of millions on the defence of Canada. Fully understanding the extremely serious international situation the Minister spoke for an ultra-Liberal Government and the Admiralty experts.

Mr. Churchill's words were: "The three ships under discussion in Canada are absolutely required from 1916 onwards, for whole world service. Apart altogether from our needs in home waters, they will play a real part in the defence of the Empire. If they fail a gap will be open which will have to be filled up by further sacrifices without undue delay. The fact that these ships are necessary is no measure of their value, which far exceeds the value of three ships. We can build three ships ourselves, but the fact of this great new nation coming forward with all its measureless strength and possibilities to testify to the enduring life of the British Empire has already produced an impression throughout the world of more value than many Dreadnoughts, an impression which conduces to the safety of the Empire and the peace of the nations."

Thousands of Liberals all over Canada will echo Mr. Churchill's sentiment. Here surely is a decent opening for the Oppositionists in Parliament to abandon their unpatriotic and un-Canadian tactics.—Toronto News.

## AN EARLY HUNGER STRIKE.

Sir Alfred Dale, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, has intervened to decide a question of some interest. When was the first hunger strike? Sir Alfred reminds correspondents of the London Times, who have been making diligent search for early cases, that they must go much further back than the Middle Ages.

During the Arian persecution in the fourth century, he writes, Eusebius of Vercellae, by other orthodox bishops of the West, was exiled from his diocese and held in custody more or less close at Scythopolis in Palestine. For a time the good bishop was allowed to live in the house and under the charge of Joseph, a Jewish convert of distinction. His friends were free to visit him, and to bring him food and other offerings. Their devotion enraged the Arians of the place. But Patrophilus, their bishop and leader, carried off the exile—not without violence, if the story as told by Eusebius is true—and shut him up in a cell, from which his friends were excluded.

Eusebius then started a hunger strike, refused to take the food supplied by his gaolers, and said that he would neither eat nor drink until his friends were admitted again and allowed to supply him with food as before. Patrophilus, through fear of the scandal in which the death of a brother bishop would involve him, gave way and set Eusebius free. In support of this statement Sir Alfred Dale adds that Baronius gives the whole history in his Annals, A. D. 356.

## CURRENT COMMENT

**Controlling Immigration.**  
(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)  
Canada is protecting her control of immigration in the "new" treaty with Japan. This should have been done in the previous treaty. It is a curious fact that the Imperial Government refused Canada's direct request for a safeguard in the previous treaty. But Sir Wilfrid informed Downing Street, that Canada would accept the treaty as it stood, with the right of Japan to come to this country in any numbers.

**Of the Chosen People.**  
(Hamilton Spectator.)  
It will be of interest to many to know that Dr. Friedman whose name has become a household word on this continent during the last few weeks in connection with his alleged cure for consumption, is a Jew. It is an additional evidence of the large part being played by the men of that race in modern affairs.

**Heroes.**  
(Montreal Herald.)  
The Balkan War is producing heroes worthy to rank with the illustrious dead. The story of the two hundred Montenegrins who went to certain destruction in order to open the way into the Terebochna fort is of a piece with that of the Light Brigade or of the Spartans at Thermopylae.

**One More State.**  
(New York Sun.)  
The vote of only one more State is needed for the ratification of the constitutional amendment for the direct election of United States Senators. Our Southern Democratic brethren contemplate with a growing and growing fever the British amendment.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### FORERUNNER OF LIVINGSTONE.

One hundred years ago today, April 5, 1813, Philip Beaver, English explorer and navigator, died at the Cape of Good Hope. Just seventeen days before Beaver's death, David Livingstone, who was destined to carry to completion the work commenced by Beaver, was born in Scotland. The great missionary doctor's centenary was recently celebrated throughout the English-speaking world, but the intrepid Beaver, pioneer and forerunner of Livingstone, is little less entitled to grateful remembrance.

Beaver's career commenced in the royal navy, in which he served during the American revolution. After the conclusion of that struggle, the young man conceived the project of founding a colony in Africa, not for gain, but to cultivate the land by free labor, to civilize the natives, and to introduce among them European arts, science and culture.

After reading all the available works on African subjects, he decided that the island of Bouldama, in the Belgees and Congo, at the west end of the "dark continent," offered the most suitable place for beginning his benevolent work. Beaver interested many persons of prominence, including Pitt and a number of his former associates in the navy. In his scheme, and an association was formed to carry it into execution.

In April of 1793 a fleet of three ships, bearing 275 white colonists under the guidance of the philanthropic adventurer, sailed away from the Isle of Wight. The jealous spirits of the dark continent wreaked speedy vengeance on the white invaders, and in less than four months a third of the colonists had succumbed to fever. Over half of the survivors returned to England, but Beaver and a few other enthusiasts remained. The youthful leader was almost driven to despair by the scourge that had carried off so many of his comrades, but recovered, maintaining his courage in the face of a thousand difficulties and discouragements. He hoped for new supplies and men from England, and in the meantime worked valiantly for the elevation of the Africans, although the blacks were far from appreciative. He planted orchards and gardens; himself performing the work that was hardest and most difficult.

Like another Columbus, he sought to revive the drooping spirits of his comrades, but in vain. They thought only of England, and in November of 1793 Beaver was forced to give in to their demands and return home. He stopped for a time at Sierra Leone, where he was again attacked by a fever, but the summer of 1794 found him back in his native land. His stay-at-home associates voted him a medal for his valiant and noble conduct.

For some time the explorer devoted himself to the study of African "races," a work which gave the world much original information about Africa, and which was eagerly read by Livingstone before he set out on his great adventures. "A few years later, after serving his country in Egypt, Beaver set out again for Africa. On April 5, 1913, in his fifty-fourth year, he died at the Cape of Good Hope, from too severe exposure and labor in exploring the coast of Quiloo.

Beaver was not only a man of action, a plucky explorer and conqueror of a continent, but was also a scholar of ability, possessed of a great fund of knowledge. It is said that during one of his long cruises he read the Encyclopaedia Britannica from A. to Z., and treasured up in his memory most of its contents. Livingstone is entitled to all the praise recently showered upon him, but it is also due to Beaver that his name and fame should be rescued from oblivion that threatens to engulf it.

## FIRST THINGS

**THE FIRST ELECTRIC BATTERY.**  
The first electric battery was the invention of Alessandro Volta, of the University of Pavia, who died seventy-six years ago today. It was in 1800 that Volta announced his epochal discovery of the "voltaic pile," which was composed of discs of zinc and silver, and moistened with water. By connecting a number of pairs of these circles electricity was developed. Volta was the son of a noble Italian family, and Napoleon made him a count of the kingdom of Italy.

**THE HUMAN PROCESSION.**  
THE EARL OF LEVEN.  
John David Leslie-Melville, twelfth Earl of Leven and Melville, scion of one of the oldest Scottish noble families, will be twenty-seven years old today. He recently visited America on a hunting trip, intending to spend two or three months shooting in various sections of the United States, but changed his mind, and remained only a week.

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Among other young nobles who are considerably landed are Lord Vane, who is employed in the office of a broker; Lord Acheson, who holds a similar position, and Lord Halden, who has worked his way up to an influential place in an office in the city of London.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

### Why Edmonton Had the Call.

(Regina Standard.)  
They're telling a story now of Saskatchewan and Edmonton real estate. An Englishman went to Edmonton and looked over some "real estate," subdivision staff. Then he went to Saskatoon and desired a local dealer to show him what Saskatoon had to offer.

So the Saskatoon dealer put him in an auto and started forth. By and by the auto stopped and the Englishman was pulled out to look at the "suburban lot."

He looked around and amazement spread over his face. "No, old chap," he said at length, "I buy this lot anywhere, I'll buy it in Edmonton. A man there took me out to it in much shorter time than you've made."

**The Point of View.**  
"I intend to give Wombat a little friendly advice this morning." "And why didn't you?" "Why, he started to tell me how to run my affairs, and that's something I tolerate from no man."

**Popular Girl.**  
"I want a license to marry the best girl in the world," said the young man. "The clerk nodded smilingly and replied: "Sure. That makes 100 licenses for that girl this season."—Pathfinder.

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### The Breath of Scandal.

Mother—Are you quite happy, Bertha? One of your neighbors said the other day he heard you and your husband quarrelling awfully.

Bertha—Pure fabrication, mamma. We haven't spoken to each other for a fortnight.—Fleegende Blätter.

**The Same Thing.**  
Miss Elmfield—So you have placed yourself under the care of a physician who reduces superfluous flesh. Did he recommend any special diet?

New Boarder—No, madam; he simply recommended your boarding house.—Tatler.

**Sure Sign.**  
One day a teacher was having a first-grade class in physiology. She asked them if they knew that there was a burning fire in the body all of the time. One little girl spoke up and said: "Yes'm, when it is a cold day I can see the smoke."—National Monthly.

**Miss and Mrs.**  
The Vicar (to the old lady, the last of whose family has married)—You must feel lonely, Mrs. Muggins, after having such a large family.

Mrs. Muggins—Yes, I do, sir. Some times I miss 'em 'om and sometimes I want 'em; but I miss 'em more nor I want 'em.—Sketch.

**Not Knocking Anybody.**  
Edith—I will wait for the ideal man before I marry.

Ethel—But suppose he wants to marry an ideal woman.

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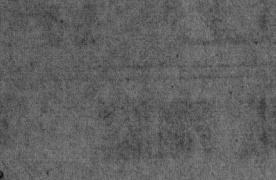
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