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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2.

A SIGNIFICANT CONFESSION.

The Ottawa Citizen, Conservative, moralizes on the by-election result as follows:
"It was in upper town that the appeal for a satisfactory answer to Britain's request for a naval contribution that would be of practical service to her in the event of hostilities was counted upon to influence the silent and thinking vote. Whether because of the present relative strength of the political parties in the House, or because of indifference to the importance of the meaning of the result, the upper sections of the city failed to respond in anything like the manner anticipated."

The Citizen is to be commended for its candor in admitting that "the silent and thinking" English voters ("upper town") is the English district of the city, were not influenced against the Government on the naval issue. The Citizen and Journal tried to make it the only issue. They poured glib tunes into the ears of the English electorate. The stale epithet of "tin-pot" was flung at the projected Canadian navy; the equally spurious German war bogey was furiously paraded, and the even more ancient imputation of disloyalty was hurled at the Government. The rebuke given to these tactics by "the silent and thinking" voters of Ottawa may have a moral effect upon the unthinking and far from silent wing of the Opposition which has been trying to force Mr. Borden's hand.

MR. ASQUITH'S FIRST STEP.

Mr. Asquith is noted for his faculty of clear statement. He not only means what he says, but he says what he means with admirable directness and lucidity. His election manifesto ought to be sufficient to indicate the first step his Government will take in the new Parliament. He laid emphasis upon two issues only—the budget and the House of Lords—and he referred to the latter as the larger one. Mr. Asquith did not mince words:

"The claim of the House of Lords to control finance is a mere usurpation. But the experience of the Parliament which has today been dissolved shows that the possession of an unlimited veto by a partisan second chamber is an insuperable obstacle to democratic legislation.
"The will of the people, however, clearly and emphatically expressed, is always liable to be rendered inoperative. Given a Conservative majority in the House of Commons, the House of Lords interposes no check upon legislative innovations of the most violent and unexpected kind, as we saw in the case of the Education act of 1902, and the licensing act of 1904. On the other hand, a Liberal majority in the House of Commons, as has been demonstrated during the last four years, is under existing conditions impotent to place on the statute book the very measures which it was sent to Westminster to carry into law.
"It is absurd to speak of this system as though it secured to us any of the advantages of a second chamber in the sense in which that term is understood and practically interpreted in every other democratic country. The introduction of the veto is the first and most urgent step to be taken, for it is the condition precedent to the attainment of the great legislative reforms which our party has at heart, and which I laid before my fellow-Liberals in a recent speech at the Albert Hall."

Having declared the limitation of the veto to be the condition precedent to everything else, it will be surprising if he does not suit the action to the word by dealing with the Lords before even the budget is reintroduced. There can be no disputing the fact that Mr. Asquith has received a mandate to curb the upper chamber. Whatever view the Nationalists take of some other measures, they are heart and soul opposed to the pretensions of the peers. Mr. Asquith knows he can approach this issue with a solid majority of 125 at his back. The King is too keen a constitutionalist and has too much common sense to refuse to take the advice of his ministers, and thereby enter the arena of party politics, which it is the safety of the crown to avoid.

TO ESTABLISH CROWN FOREST RESERVES.

A conservation measure of some importance has been introduced in the Ontario Legislature by Hon. Mr. Cochrane. It is entitled "An act to establish forest reserves," and empowers the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, by proclamation, to set apart any portion of the public domain as a crown forest reserve. After such proclamation has been issued, no land within any such reserve shall be located, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of for purposes of agricultural settlement;

and, except under regulations to be made by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, no person shall use or occupy any such land, prospect for minerals, conduct mining operations, hunt, fish, trap, spear or carry or use firearms, or explosives, within or upon such reserve.

The bill places crown forest reserves under the control and management of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may make regulations for their protection, care and administration. Such regulations will be published for four consecutive weeks in the Ontario Gazette, and will immediately thereafter have the force of law, and be laid before the Legislature within the first two weeks of its next session.

Power is given the minister to offer at public sale, subject to regulations to be made by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, timber on any portion of a crown forest reserve damaged by fire, or which has attained mature growth.

For the purpose of creating a crown forest reserve, the minister may arrange with any holder of a timber limit which has been cut over, and upon which young pine is growing, or which the minister is satisfied will generally reproduce pine timber, for the surrender of such limit or any part thereof, upon such terms and conditions as may be set forth in the report of the minister and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, but no payment of money shall be made for any such surrender until an appropriation for that purpose has been made by the Legislature.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is empowered, whenever it is deemed expedient to establish a town site within the limits of a crown forest reserve, to withdraw the lands comprised in the description of such proposed town site from such reserve.

"The navy scare has not the slightest foundation in fact," said Mr. McKenna, the first lord of the Admiralty, a few days ago. But the scare-mongers both in Canada and Great Britain are not concerned about fact.

The Dominion Government will begin the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway as soon as weather permits. The Government cannot be accused of lack of faith in the country. Its faith and works go together.

Montreal has redeemed its good name by wiping out the gang which has misruled the city for years. The French-Canadians refused to listen to the race cry, and the reformers are in full control. With both races working together for good, the Canadian metropolis enters on a new era.

The Franco-Canadian treaty was ratified by both countries yesterday. It gives Canada a wider market, and to that extent will protect her from any injuries that Washington might seek to inflict by way of reprisal. There is little likelihood, however, that Uncle Sam will quarrel with so good a customer.

The Intercolonial shows a surplus of \$662,388 for the past nine months. In the same period receipts went up to \$442,151, and expenditures came down to \$757,087. It is a good showing for the new system of management introduced by Mr. Graham. The experiment has been made in the face of the opposition of journals and politicians of both parties in the Maritime Provinces, who argue that more money, not less, should be spent. The Canadian taxpayers as a whole will prefer the larger figures in the surplus column.

The new system of labor exchanges was inaugurated in Great Britain yesterday. It aims at averaging labor by bringing together the supply and demand. Workmen lose time and effort in searching for employment, and employers often waste time and effort in searching for workmen. The labor exchanges will help to correct these maladjustments. The idea has been borrowed from Germany, where it has worked successfully for years. The system is preliminary to the British Government's schemes of insurance against unemployment and invalidity, and the provision of work for the unemployed on afforestation and other development projects. It will be a scientific method of sifting the industrious workers from the "cadgers" and the unemployable.

THIEF HAS TIMELESS EXCUSE.

Judge—I am led to understand you stole the watch of the doctor who had just written a prescription for you at the free dispensary. What have you to say to this charge?
Prisoner—Well, your honor, I found myself in a desperate quandary. His prescription said "a spoonful every hour," and I had no timepiece.

POSSUM IN THE BOYCOTT.

A little cold sawdust for breakfast, A cup of hot coffee for supper, With a bun and maybe a prune; Thus, solving the high cost of living, We talk with the crowd on the street, But privately in our own kitchens They're busily roasting the meat.

WHY HE WAS LOCKED UP.

"Ever been locked up?" demanded counsel.
"I have been," admitted the witness.
"Ah! And what had you been doing to get yourself locked up?"
"I had been doing jury duty."

DISCRETION IN SPEECH NEEDED.

"There's one thing we will have to change if these ladies who wish to vote have their way," said Senator Sorghum.
"What is that?"
"We'll have to quit talking about the wisdom of the plain people."

ONE ON ANDREW.

A belated pun with Andrew Carnegie as the victim is being circulated at Wash-

ington. The ironmaster was on board a ferryboat at Norfolk, on the day the president visited that port. Something when wrong with the compass. The captain appealed to the mate. The mate examined the compass and said: "I guess it must be attracted by that steel magnet over there."

ANOTHER COMMON MISTAKE.

Many a man thinks he has visions when, in fact, he is merely the possessor of a disordered liver.

THE JUNE THAT LIES AHEAD.

The mad wind howls around the eaves, The fields are white with snow; The swaying boughs are robbed of leaves; But what are wild north winds to me? The snow lies deep, but I can see The clover bloom below.

The mad crowds hurry in the street, I hear men voicing dread; They turn their faces from the sleet, But sweetly I can hear the love Songs that shall be the glory of The June that lies ahead.

WHEN FORESTRY PAYS.

The Kingdom of Prussia is getting \$2,000,000 a year out of its cultivated forests. It seems that forestry pays good dividends when the timber grabbers are kept in their proper place.

A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

Instead of establishing a navy we ought simply to hand the price of one over to the mother country; it would be well for us to carry that idea to its logical conclusion by disbanding our militia and making contributions of gold to the British war department.

A BROAD SMILE.

Mr. Jones had recently become the father of twins. The minister stopped him on the street to congratulate him. "Well, Jones," he said, "I hear that the Lord has smiled on you."
"Smiled on me?" repeated Jones. He laughed out loud at me."

SKEPTICAL.

It is a significant thing that one seldom or never hears professional dog breeders or handlers of long experience bothering their heads about "mad" dogs. It is not rabies, but ordinary blood-poisoning which has to be guarded against in dog bites. It is time the "mad dog" tradition was knocked on the head.

INSATIABLE WOMAN!

Man wants but little here below, but woman wants everything that other women have.

SALT MAKES IT EASY.

A sprinkling of coarse salt will cure the most stubborn ice, if you will wait a few hours. The salt will not shovel the ice off, but it will disintegrate it to such an extent that it can be easily cleared away.

SOME DAY.

A Scotch bootmaker who had been out of work for several months in Toronto committed suicide in despair. Some day such a condition may be impossible for a man able and willing to do any useful work.

WHOLE LOT MORE VALUABLE.

"Seventy-five dollars cash—not a cent less!" thundered the farmer.
"Seventy-five dollars!" repeated the automobilist. "Do you think it was a cow I ran over?"
"No, it wasn't a cow," said the farmer, firmly; "it was a hen, and a layin' hen at that."

A CALAMITOUS POSSIBILITY.

This threat to increase the price of golf balls only goes to show that the cost of living has not done its worst.

BUYING A HORSE.

"You say he's a young horse. Then why do his knees bend so?"
"To tell you the truth, sir, the poor animal's been living in a stable too long for him, and he had to stoop."

SUMMING IT UP.

High prices are due to six causes. First, to the vast production of gold; second, to the high tariff; third, to the various pure food laws, which have increased the cost of producing beef, butter, milk and drugs; fourth, to the enormous demand for an increasing population; fifth, to the trusts; sixth, to waste and extravagance. They do not all act together on all things alike, but together they "get there."

BUT DON'T DO IT.

"If you would know just what people say of you behind your back, listen to what they say of others."

SUCCESS GUARANTEED.

A correspondent wants to know the best way of increasing the population of British Columbia. Marry and raise a family, we suggest.

A LA LLOYD GEORGE.

Teacher—Where do the sponges come from?
Bright Pupil—From the noble families of Europe.

SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND DEAD AT MONTREAL.

Canadian "Sugar King" and Captain of Finance Passes Away.
Montreal, Feb. 2.—The death took place at 3:30 o'clock this morning of Sir George A. Drummond, president of the Bank of Montreal, and for many years known as the sugar king of Canada, he having been president of the Canada Sugar Refining Company, one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Dominion. Sir George had been in failing health for some months and his end was not unexpected. His family was summoned to his bedside some weeks ago, but he rallied for a time. Sir George was born in Scotland in 1829, and came to Canada in 1854 for the purpose of assuming the management of the Redpath refinery. He was prominently identified with all forward movements in Montreal, and was well known for his philanthropy. He was twice married.

THIRTY-FIVE DEAD IN KENTUCKY MINE.

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 2.—A telephone message from the Broadview mine this morning places the number of dead in yesterday's explosion at 35. The bodies of 33 have been recovered.

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1 only Natural Lynx Set, very choice fur, regular \$65.00, for.....\$45.00
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A few very fine Astrachan and Bocharan Lamb Jackets at very low prices to clear.
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TOO MANY BOOK MAKERS AT VICTORIA'S TRACK

Hon. Mr. Templeman Says They Take Vast Sums From Pockets of People.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Hon. W. D. Templeman was a witness before the anti-racing bill committee this morning, and gave evidence concerning Victoria races, condemning them for the length of meetings and the large number of bookmakers present. Counsel for the bookmakers (Ola said) would get a thousand letters from Hamilton and Windsor businessmen to the effect that race meets there helped business.
Mr. Templeman then went on to explain that the Victoria track is owned by the city, and leased to the racing people, and that last year's meet had cost the bookmakers \$85,000 in fees, which ultimately came out of the pockets of the public. He did not object to racing and betting at annual fall fairs.

TWO COBALT MINERS BLOWN TO PIECES

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 2.—Sandy Christie and James Hope, two miners, were blown to pieces in the shaft of the Silver Leaf mine.
The two men went down the shaft to load some holes. The dynamite had been packed in and the fuses set. Hope at one fuse, and before he noticed anything wrong, started a second. Some loose powder had evidently been left near the hole, for the flame from the end of Victoria's track to the onward and an explosion followed immediately.

After the second hole had gone off the other men ventured down and found the two bodies terribly mutilated.
Hope was 27 years old. Christie was a foreigner working under an assumed name. Both have been at the Silver Leaf for some time.
The mine is under option to the Crown Reserve, and the men were working for the Montreal company.

Why does Great Britain buy its oatmeal of us?

Certainly it seems like carrying coals to Newcastle to speak of exporting oatmeal to Scotland and yet, every year the Quaker Oats Company sends hundreds of thousands of cases of Quaker Oats to Great Britain and Europe.

The reason is simple; while the English and Scotch have for centuries eaten oatmeal in quantities and with a regularity that has made them the most rugged physically, and active mentally of all people, the American has been eating oatmeal and trying all the time to improve the methods of manufacture so that he might get that desirable foreign trade.

How well he has succeeded would be seen at a glance at the export reports on Quaker Oats. This brand is recognized as without a rival in cleanliness and delicious flavor.

THE INTERCOLONIAL MADE GOOD SHOWING

Net Surplus for Nine Months to December 31 Was \$662,388—Minister's Statement.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The I. C. R. accounts for the nine months to Dec. 31, shows a net surplus of \$662,388. Hon. Mr. Graham made his statement before the House today.
The gross receipts showed a gain of \$412,154 over the same period of the preceding year, and the working expenses a reduction of \$757,087.
Expenditures on capital account for the year Mr. Graham estimated at \$1,412,154, as against \$3,367,292 last year.

The average number of employees per month on the I. C. R. for the nine months past was 8,833. The average payment of wages was \$477,470.
Contracts have been let for new rolling stock to the value of \$445,924, including maintenance of equipment for the period charged to working expenses, cost \$432,329, whilst ordinary repairs amounted to \$1,189,290.

The charges for ordinary repairs included over half a million for locomotives, and \$444,990 for freight cars.
During the nine months 52½ miles of track were ballasted, 11½ miles of track were relaid with 80-pound steel rails, and 5 1-3 miles of track were relaid with 67-pound relaying steel.

These are the main financial features of the I. C. R. annual statement made today in the Commons by Hon. George P. Graham.
New Engineer.

Mr. Graham expressed his regret because of the resignation of M. J. Butler, who is leaving the department at the end of the week to become the manager of the Dominion Coal and Steel Company. He said that Mr. Butler's loyalty to duty was acknowledged by all. He would be succeeded by Mr. A. W. Campbell, for a number of years deputy minister of public works for Ontario, in so far as the office of deputy minister was concerned, but a new chief engineer of the department would be named.

THE COST OF LIVING

An Average Increase of 25 Per Cent in Canada in Seven Years.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—An average increase of 25 per cent in the cost of living during the past seven or eight years, will, it is stated, be indicated by the investigation which is now being made by the department of labor

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under Hon. MacKenzie King into the matter.
The results will be published in the form of a report, which is expected to be ready for distribution in two or three weeks.

LARENCY CHARGED

Wall Street Firm Must Explain Disappearance of Large Sums.
New York, Feb. 2.—Seven indictments charging grand larceny were filed by the grand jury today against the brokerage firm of Tracy & Co., which failed on May 17, 1909, for \$1,500,000. An attorney for the firm told the court when the indictments were filed today that the members of the indicted firm were out of the city, but that he would surrender them as soon as he could communicate with them.
The firm had memberships in the New York Stock Exchange, and the Chicago Board of Trade, and did an extensive business. Its affairs have been under investigation by the grand jury for several months past in an effort to find out what became of the large sums claimed to have been deposited with the firm by creditors, who were heavy losers by the failure.

MRS. ROBERT LAND DEAD.

Hamilton, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Robert A. Land, wife of one of the original Land family, the earliest settlers in Hamilton, died yesterday morning.
She was born in 1818, and was the daughter of Dr. Case, who years ago was one of the prominent physicians in Western Ontario.
The dead woman was closely acquainted with the early history of Hamilton.

To Be DYSPEPTIC Is To Be MISERABLE.

Dyspepsia is the prevailing malady of civilized life. It is largely due to gross errors in diet, over-eating, too free indulgence in stimulants and over-taxing the stomach with indigestible food, eating too rapidly without chewing the food sufficiently, indulging in hot biscuits, pastry, pickles, confectionery, etc.
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