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## MR. CARVELL'S INSINUATIONS.

The extraordinary position taken up by Mr. F. B. Carvell in the House of Commons yesterday concerning a grant of \$25,000 to the Canadian Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association has shown how far the member for Carleton can travel outside the realm of good taste. His insinuations and suggestions concerning the giving of a Government grant were not worthy of a member of Parliament. The real reason he hunted for the grant was the fact that the list of patrons and officers of the society contained the names of those connected with His Royal Highness the Governor General at Government House and prominent Government officials.

There is nothing more easy to accomplish than an attack on an outside body by a member of Parliament within the precincts of the House and guarded by the privileges of Parliament. But when that attack is unprovoked the offence is heinous, and insinuations concerning the Representative of the Crown in Canada and his immediate entourage are much to be deplored. Nothing is to be gained by them and much self respect is lost.

The facts do not bear out the suspicions of the member for Carleton. The aims of the Association are not only charitable but educational. And it is a practice from time immemorial that an association or society, which depends upon the public for support, always bears a list of names for patrons. These are usually chosen from men distinguished in certain walks of life as a guarantee of the good faith of the society. Because certain well known names are attached to the list of patrons of the St. John Ambulance Society is no reason why Mr. Carvell should endeavor to make the public suspect that a Government grant is being given to aid the Association in order to please these gentlemen. It is unworthy and unkind.

It will be no surprise then to the people of this Province if the member for Carleton will rise in his seat in the near future and object to a Government grant to Lady Scott, widow of the intrepid and lamented Antarctic explorer, on the ground that the money is being given because Premier Borden wishes to be in the fashion with other Empire Governments.

Canada at the present day needs to cultivate the altruistic spirit. Her people, born to a proud heritage and creators of a great country have but one danger, they may lose the vision of the thought for others. There is a public as well as a private altruism. Governments by prompt action translate the will of the people when they subscribe to work done for the public good. A grant from a government to an association working in the interests of all is an encouragement and an endorsement, and as such should be regarded in that spirit.

It is significant that in the half hour debate on the subject, well-known Liberals like Dr. Michael Clarke and Hon. George Graham, testified to the splendid results achieved by the St. John Ambulance Association. They did not agree with Mr. Carvell, and he stood almost alone in an exhibition of narrow and bigoted partisanship.

Mr. Borden pointed out that the grant was, first, as justifiable as one to the Tuberculosis Society and it was most desirable that young and old should be taught to tender first aid in case of accident. As this is one of the chief aims of the Association there are few parents in the country who will object to a small Government grant to such a worthy object. Mr. Carvell should take a hint in time, because sometimes it saves time. Parliament is tired of bitterness and small talkers.

ONE OF OUR GREATEST ASSETS.

Among the advantages which this City of St. John possesses, perhaps the greatest, yet the least advertised, is the abundance of pure water. It is one of the city's greatest assets, in that the limitless supply from the Loch Lomond Lakes to the East Side affords a guarantee that no epidemic, such as typhoid fever, from impure drinking water is possible.

The value of pure drinking water to a city has been emphasized by a case just decided at Rochester, in the United States. We learn from the Buffalo Express that a Rochester man has been awarded \$475 on the second trial of his action to recover damages from the city because of an attack of typhoid fever, which he claimed resulted from drinking impure water. Negligence on the part of the city was averred on the ground that the river water polluted the supply of drinking water, which is drawn from Hemlock Lake.

This is stated to be the first case in the United States in which a verdict for the plaintiff has been given because of typhoid fever resulting from polluted water supply. Other similar cases are pending in the Ohio courts.

The decision in the Rochester case, it is claimed will be important if the higher courts allow the verdict to stand as a precedent.

From this danger to the public health, thanks to the foresight and enterprise of the City Fathers ten years ago, St. John is now permanently exempt. In an address before the Natural History Society last evening the City Engineer, Mr. William Murdoch, gave some instructive facts regarding the extension to Loch Lomond. It was between the years 1904 and 1907 that this long talked of enterprise was undertaken. The extension was expressed in an Act as long ago as 1855, which established the Sears Commission, to be the first work of that board, but its magnitude staggered that generation of citizens when its cost was realized. The ultimate cost, when the work to Loch Lomond was completed, was upwards of \$500,000, but it was money well spent.

The 38,000 inhabitants on the East Side of this city now take millions of gallons of water from Loch Lomond daily, which is distributed through upwards of seventy-two miles of pipes varying in size from thirty-six inches down to one-half inch. Another advantage which this source of supply affords is apparent from the fact that it serves 360 hydrants on the East Side for the extinguishment of fires and also twelve drinking fountains.

As to the purity of the Loch Lomond supply it has been stated by experts that water from this source compares well in purity with the water of Loch Katrine in Scotland, which bears the reputation of being the purest water in the world. In "hoisting" St. John it would be a distinct advantage to the city if this fact were made widely known.

Mr. Murdoch in his address also cited an instructive comparison showing the purity of the water from the lakes at Loch Lomond. The water of the Dead Sea, which is probably the densest known, he pointed out, contains 14,888 grains of solid matter per Imperial gallon, as against 2,885 grains in the Atlantic Ocean, as against 2.8 in Loch Lomond and 0.12 in distilled water.

It is of interest to note that the purity of the water is due to some extent to its passage through the reservoir at Lake Latimer on its ten mile journey to the city. This lake, which is 200 acres in extent and 60 feet deep, possesses the peculiar property of clearing the water and adding to its translucency by retaining any sediment.

That East St. John is particularly fortunate in its source of water supply is clearly in evidence and the West Side is not far behind in its dependence on Spruce Lake. The growth of the city and the expected increase in population, which will follow the establishment of many new industries, will warrant the Board of Trade and the citizens generally, who have an interest in St. John's development, in making these facts more widely known.

## THE CONSUMER PAYS.

In a report recently issued by Mr. Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the late Taft Government, it is stated that after the strike agreement of last May the hard-coal companies in the United States increased the price of anthracite to consumers \$13,450,000, although they increased the mine-workers' wages only \$4,000,000 a year. They did precisely the same thing after the strike settlement in 1903, only on a larger scale.

For years the coal-railroad combination has had a virtual monopoly of the Pennsylvania supply of anthracite. The companies have maintained a common policy, in defiance of the Sherman law, in regard to freight rates and prices. They have steadily and uniformly raised their prices whenever the occasion offered, and strikes by which they professed to be hurt they have made a source of permanent profit to themselves.

The patient consumer, both in the United States and Canada always pays. He pays if there is a strike and a scarcity of coal. He pays if the miners' wages are raised, and he pays for the increase in the miners' wages three times over.

## Government by Minority.

(Toronto News.)

If any angry and irresponsible opposition can force a general election at its own will we have yet to establish responsible government in the Dominion. We would have as a matter of fact, Government by groups and factions instead of Government by majority.

## As Usual.

(Edmonton Journal.)

Senator Ross, of Nova Scotia, when he heard Sir Richard Scott declare in the Senate that the Privy Council usually found in favor of corporations, looked up the records and found that the exact reverse is the case.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

## THE PASSING DAY.

## THE LIVINGSTONE CENTENARY.

Science and religion, the irreconcilables, will bury the hatchet today and join in celebrating the centenary of the birth of David Livingstone, the immortal Scotch missionary and explorer. The names of Livingstone and Stanley, his journalistic rescuer, will forever be coupled in the history of Africa, for to them must be ascribed much of the credit for the fact that the torch of civilization now sheds its light in nearly every part of the former "Dark Continent." At times its rays have not been beneficent, as witness the Belgian atrocities in the Congo, but civilization may be trusted to provide a remedy for the evils it causes.

Geographical societies throughout the world, and especially in English-speaking countries, will observe the Livingstone centenary today, and many missionary societies will also honor the memory of one of the most distinguished and devoted of their workers.

In commemorating the career of Livingstone it may well be said that there is glory enough for all Scotchmen in the fact that he was born in Lanarkshire to a family typical of all that is best in the Scotch people. He was the son of a humble family of the land of Burns. Welshmen may point with pride to the Welsh birth of Henry M. Stanley, the deliverer of the great missionary.

It was the journalistic enterprise and humanitarian spirit of James Gordon Bennett, an American of Scotch descent, which led to Livingstone's rescue, when otherwise the flickering flame of his spirit might have been quenched forever and swallowed up in the darkness of Africa, leaving no trace.

Lastly, it was the missionary enthusiasm of the English that inspired Livingstone to undertake the spiritual conquest of a forbidding and unknown land.

The Livingstone centenary has led to a tremendous revival of interest in African exploration and missionary work. Stanley's book, "How I Found Livingstone," has been brought into new editions on both sides of the Atlantic, and his work, "In Darkest Africa," which describes the Stanley expedition for the relief of Emin Pasha, is also selling in large quantities.

Livingstone graduated in medicine at Glasgow in 1840, and was sent to Africa by the London Missionary Society. He then hoped to be appointed to a station in China, but the fates were kinder to him than he knew in the hour of his disappointment. After sixteen years of exploration he returned to England, but the Spring of 1855 found him back in Africa as leader of a Zambesi expedition.

His wife, who had been his companion on many hazardous trips through the jungle, died in 1862, and in the following year the heartbroken man went back to England. But Africa had claimed him for its own, and in 1865 he again set out into the wilds. Deprived of supplies, worn by fever, fearful dysentery and dreadful ulcers, Livingstone was at the point of death when Stanley reached him in 1871.

Two years later, at Ilala, on Lake Bangweulu, death claimed him while he was on his knees, praying. Through out the British Empire the name of David Livingstone will be held in lasting remembrance.

## FIRST THINGS

DISCOVERY OF LITHOGRAPHY.

The first lithographic picture was exhibited in Munich 115 years ago today, March 19, 1798, and was the invention of Alois Senefelder, who had been working on the process for over two years. The Germans called the art "polyautography," and the name lithography was not applied until it was introduced into England in 1801. Ackermann, an Englishman, made many improvements, as did Engelmann and the inventor, Senefelder, who died in 1841.

Printing in colors was first commenced in 1455, but the first successful process for color-printing, called chromolithography, to be applied to pictures was the invention of George Baxter, in 1836. G. C. Leighton commenced color-printing by machinery in 1851. Five years later the Illustrated London News issued the first of its large colored prints.

E. Meyerstein worked out a process for printing many colors at one impression in 1874. Since then the art of color-printing has been so improved that even the cheapest periodicals issue far better prints than the first crude lithographs of Senefelder, which are now on exhibition at the Munich Museum.

## THE HUMAN PROCESSION

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, sometime "boy orator of the Platte," is getting along in years, and will be the recipient of congratulations today on the fifty-third anniversary of his birth. The eminent Nebraska statesman is remarkable for the youth of his members, since he is the oldest, with one exception, of President Wilson's official family.

The patriarch of the cabinet is William Cox Redfield, who will be fifty-five next June, while Prof. Houston is the "baby," having celebrated his forty-seventh birthday last month. Mr. McReynolds, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Burleson are "going on" fifty, and Mr. Garrison and Mr. Lane will be fifty next year.

Mr. Lane is the only member of the cabinet not born in the United States. He is a native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, but was reared in California.

## THE POET'S CORNER

## PAINTED ON A FAN.

Dear little lady, dressed in colors bright,  
 Always pleasant, always smiling, such  
 A happy sight!  
 Funny little lady, painted on a fan  
 Little, twisted, bowing lady of Japan.

My, how smooth your hair is rolled,  
 Very smooth and neat;  
 Peeping out beneath that skirt, such  
 Tiny little feet;  
 Great wide sleeves and parasol, to  
 shield you if they call—  
 Pretty, modest, quiet little lady of Japan.

Cherry-blossoms, pink and sweet, dancing  
 in the air;  
 Just one tiny little spray captured in  
 your hair.  
 Purple pale wisteria, climbing up and  
 down  
 Through the graceful, flowing folds of  
 my lady's gown.

Wouldn't an inviting cup of amber,  
 steaming,  
 Bring you tripping her to sup a little  
 while with me?  
 Tranquil, queer, illusive little lady of  
 Japan.

How I wish that you were not just  
 painted on a fan!  
 —Alice Hartich, in Lippincott's.

## IN SLUMBERLAND.

Where is the road to Slumberland?  
 Just rest your cheek upon your hand,  
 And press your pillow hard and say:  
 Good night to all the world of day;  
 Breathe deep, and presto! you will  
 stand  
 Upon the shores of Slumberland.

All sounds are hushed in Slumberland—  
 The rhyme of waves upon the sand,  
 The whispering boughs, the droning  
 breeze,  
 And dreams are blossoming on the  
 trees;  
 They only wait your gathering hand,  
 Wee visitor to Slumberland.

And all you meet in Slumberland—  
 Obedient and expectant stand:  
 The birds and beasts, the gnomes and  
 elves,  
 The sun and moon and stars themselves,  
 All wait to heed your least command.  
 While you are king in Slumberland,  
 —Burgess Johnson in Harper's Bazaar.

## PERCY ILLINGWORTH.

Percy Illingworth, chief whip of the Liberals in the British Parliament, is a comparatively young man, today being the forty-fourth anniversary of his birth. He is a Cambridge man, a barrister and was formerly captain of the Westminster Dragons. Since he entered parliament seven years ago he has risen rapidly in the esteem of his Liberal colleagues, and his elevation to the position of chief whip, who performs the non-official but highly important duties of looking after the interests of his party, and of securing the attendance of as many members as possible at important divisions, was a marked recognition of his ability.

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## THE WORLD'S MAY QUEEN.

"When Spring comes back to England  
 And crowns her brows with May,  
 Round the merry moonlit world  
 She goes the greenwood way;  
 She throws a rose to Italy,  
 In showers of glory rain;  
 But round her regal northern ring  
 The seas of England dance.

"When Spring comes back to England,  
 And dons her robes of green,  
 There's many a nation gaudied  
 But England is the Queen;  
 She's queen, she's queen of all the world,  
 Beneath the laughing sky.  
 For the nations go a-Maying  
 When they hear the New Year cry—

"Come over the water to England,  
 My old love, my new love,  
 Come over the water to England  
 In showers of glory rain;  
 Come over the water to England,  
 April, my true love,  
 And tell the heart of England  
 The Spring is here again!"

—Noyes, from the Oxford Book of Victorian Verse.

## LADY GERALDINE'S COURTSHIP.

She has halls among the woodlands,  
 She has castles by the breakers,  
 She has farms and she has manors,  
 she can threaten and command.  
 And the palpitating engines snort in  
 steam across her acres,  
 As they mark upon the blasted heath  
 the measure of the land.

There are none of England's daughters  
 who can show a prouder presence;  
 Upon princely suitors praying, she  
 she has looked in her disdain.  
 She was sprung of English nobles,  
 was born of English peasants;  
 What was "I" that I should love her—  
 save for competence to pain!

—Mrs. Browning.

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