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THE COOK CHARGES.

When some months ago Mr. H. H. Cook, ex-Liberal M. P., made the statement that he had been offered a senatorship for \$10,000, the announcement created a great deal of surprise throughout the community. Then there came a formal denial on behalf of the government by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal papers commenced to twist Mr. Cook with having concocted a fairy story. Many of them also dared him to prove what he had asserted, and as he wisely kept silence until such time as a proper chance presented itself, many of the Liberal sheets—notably the Toronto Globe—became more and more bold in their aspersions and day after day baited Mr. Cook with the demand for proof or retraction.

Finally Sir Mackenzie Bowell proposed an investigation by the Senate. Then the false nature of the Grit pretence that Reformers desired an enquiry was abundantly proved by the circumstance that Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, tried in the Upper Chamber to block the appointment of a committee, and by the further fact that the Liberal papers hastened to claim that any investigation proposed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell would be partial.

The reason for this attempt to discount the enquiry in advance is abundantly proved by the sensational evidence which has been adduced. Mr. Cook directly and specifically states that the late M. C. Cameron, then an M. P., and subsequently appointed to the Governorship of the Northwest; Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce and a general denouncer in chief of the diabolical Tories, and Mr. W. T. R. Preston of "Hug the Machine" fame, were concerned in the matter and he has submitted copies of letters in proof of that statement.

This is Mr. Cook's side of the case as thus far presented and it must be conceded that he makes a number of painful allegations with regard to men who should be above suspicion.

MAHAN ON THE BOER WAR.

Captain Mahan, the famous naval and military authority of the United States, has written a work on the Boer-British war, and on the whole is very favorable to the British. His criticisms are moderate, sensible and just, and in marked contrast to the cock-sure denunciations of the long-range war-pharps, "experts" and Anglophobes who some months ago were telling John Bull how to conduct the war and pointing out his mistakes. Capt. Mahan considers the occupation and defence of Ladysmith a good move for several reasons:

First, Ladysmith is the meeting place of the routes through the passes into the Orange Free State and into the Transvaal; second, it is a railway centre; third, great quantities of stores had been accumulated there; fourth, it lay on the flank of any possible advance by Joubert into Natal. Any one of these considerations has great weight; together they seem overwhelming. Captain Mahan, however, considers that Gen. Buller's plan of relieving Ladysmith and Kimberley by moving columns on them was a mistake, and that he could have done better to have advanced in full force with a central column upon Bloemfontein, thus drawing away the enemy from their positions on the east and west. But the critic has the justice to explain that Buller knew the situation best and was best able to judge.

Of the remarkable performance of the transport of the huge British army Capt. Mahan says: "The transportation of this immense body of soldiers (166,277 between Oct. 20, 1899, and March 31, 1900, many more having been sent since) with all the equipment and supplies of war, over a distance of 6,000 miles by sea, is an incident unprecedented and in its success unsurpassable in military history." He also pays a tribute to the splendid valor and endurance of the officers and men of the British army.

AN INEXCUSABLE BLUNDER.

The Sault Ste. Marie Star says: "The new Dominion government issue of four-dollar bills contains a beautifully executed cut of the American ship canal with a Canadian steamer, the Alberta, of the Canadian Pacific railway line, being locked through into the St. Mary's River. If this is a mistake it is a very stupid and inexcusable one on the part of the government. If it is intentional it is an insult to the people of Canada, who have a canal of their own at the Sault quite as good as either of the American. The government is advertising the American canal as though we had none in Canada. It has long been known that the present administration was lacking in enterprise and patriotism, but this is going to an extreme which Canadians generally will not tolerate. We sincerely hope for the honor of Canada that this is only a stupid blunder, and if so we trust the government will call in all bills now issued and correct the mistake at once. Of course it is 'only' a stupid blunder; but how most superlatively stupid it is. The aliens who are employed by the government to make the Can-

BRONCHITIS

may mean a mere cold or a chronic incurable inflammation of wind-pipes.

The quickest relief, for a cold, is also the most effectual balm for the worst condition of wind-pipes and lungs.

It takes the edge off a cold in a night, and relieves it progressively—one forgets it after a little.

An old bronchitis, however, is obstinate. Nothing restores the tissues, when once destroyed; and an old bronchitis has gradually impaired and partly destroyed the lining of those small pipes between throat and lungs.

Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is the balm; it soothes if it cannot restore.

W'll send you a little to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Canada.

adian notes are not so much to blame; they are not supposed to know anything about Canada, and are not responsible to the Canadians for their blunders. But it is marvellous that among the ministers, deputy ministers, first, second, third and fourth-class clerks, hangers-on, and interlopers who must have seen the bill before it was issued to the public, there was not one who detected the blunder—a blunder so glaring that a ten-year-old Canadian school-boy could not fail to observe it. That bill will make Canada a laughing stock of curiosity collectors for generations. The government ought to be heartily ashamed of itself.

That Cook is furnishing a regular roast.

Did anyone say Preston was aching to hug Mr. Cook?

Special rates for birth notices until census day—April 1.

Kruger's American naval fund will be much nearer \$5 than fifty millions.

Gen. Methuen is reducing the Boer vote at the rate of three a day. It is slow work, but it is sure.

We have our opinion of the government which doesn't know which side of Ste. Marie river its big canal is on.

We think we have detected some shadow of an intimation that the new Liberals do not like their friend Mr. Cook.

Our esteemed friends the Liberals will be trying one of these days to restore Sir Richard Cartwright to his original party.

Kruger is coming to the United States to raise \$50,000,000 to form a navy. Britain will provide the necessary sinking fund.

The little affair that wasn't quite successfully pulled off in North Bruce the other day cost the government chaps \$20,000—the price of two senatorships.

The Canadian public now has an insight into the sources from which "the machine" was furnished with the sinews of war, points out the Ottawa Citizen.

T. H. Preston has coined a battle-cry for Premier Ross, to wit: "Up, Grits, and at 'em!"—Toronto Mail.

That'll be all right. Very soon after the Grits get "up" there'll be nothing but atoms left of them.

We don't much care whether March goes out like a lion or a lamb, or a whole menagerie and barnyard combined, so long as it goes out and goes quickly.

The Ottawa Citizen says a war between little Japan and Russia would resemble in the relative sizes of the combatants the historic scrap between David and Goliath. And it might have a similar result. The tight little island of the East protected by its excellent fleet would likely more than hold its own against the unwieldy forces of Muscovy. Such a war would afford another example of the advantages of sea power.

The Toronto Globe recently had a long, scholarly editorial article headed, "The Professional Criminal." The conclusion of the article is that the professional criminal is on the increase, and the reason is because of the prevailing system of short sentences. It should be explained that the Globe article does not refer to the professional criminals of the Grit machine. It could not well be so, because the professional election crooks who win elections for the Grits do not get sentenced or punished at all. They have too big a pull.

THE KEY TO THE SITUATION.

Ottawa Citizen.
No wonder money is tight when Dominion bills have an American lock on them.

WHAT HE OUGHT TO BE.

Toronto News.
Gen. De Wet has been appointed Hoofd commandant of the Boers. A better title would be "Kloof Hoofd commandant."

SLIGHTLY INCOHERENT.

Fargo Forum.
There is a complaint that Marie St. Felix has said naughty things about the courts over in Mr. Tuttle's district—and—Mr. Tuttle kicks. It is hoped he don't kick—like it has been alleged—Marie did—in the position of ably traversing the house ceiling!

A JOB ALL ROUND.

Montreal Gazette.
The Ontario government spent \$9,000 in enquiring into the West Elgin election frauds. It would seem actually as if the investigation of a job had been made itself a job. There is in the Ross government a perfect genius—of his kind.

GETTING DOWN TO HARD PAN.

Toronto News.
Mr. Carnegie, according to Pierpont Morgan, is the richest man in the world. Now that this important point has been settled, we can proceed to consider the question how to pay our tailor for the spring suit we have ordered.

FLIES ON THE WHEEL.

Winnipeg Telegram.
The leader of the Opposition at Ottawa scored a neat point when he expressed his acknowledgment that a government that boasted of making good times confessed to an approaching depression which it was unable to avert.

REALIZING HIS AMBITION.

Hamilton Herald.
Mark Twain, in a magazine article, accused an American missionary in China of looting Chinese villages. Now the American missionary board, after careful investigation finds that the charge is unfounded, and proposes to proceed against Mark for slander. It must be a novel and somewhat stimulating experience for the famous humorist to find that he is taken seriously at last.

A BLUE OUTLOOK FOR SMIEFF.

Bobcaygeon Independent.
One thing is certain, the marriage conditions, the birth conditions, and the social conditions, have entirely changed within the last twenty-five years, and what will be the conditions twenty-five years hence it is difficult to foresee. It is possible that all individual raising of families will cease and the population will be maintained by state nurses, where children will be bred on scientific principles, from men and women selected for their physical perfection and mental excellence. It may be. Twenty-five years hence! And Smieff will be past his prime. Ah, well.

CARNEGIE AND CULTURE.

Montreal Witness.
It is almost safe to prophesy that the libraries Mr. Andrew Carnegie is establishing all over this continent will perpetuate his name and fame to future ages as the most munificent friend of intellectual culture that ever lived. The great value of these libraries is that they open and place within reach of all classes the garnered literary and scientific treasures of humanity, and, as the promotion of useful knowledge is the surest way to lift the masses to a higher knowledge and appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of life, no limit can be placed to the probable civilizing effects of his princely donations.

OUR LADY OF

London Free Press.
Lo! Spring is here! The birds are singing blithe and gay. The boys with marbles are at play. The sun is warming all the earth. No more we'll huddle round the hearth. The warm south breeze—

We are sorry to place these lines before our readers in this incomplete form—our spring poet got so far on Monday and has been laid up since with a bad cold.—Goderich Signal.

It would be to the everlasting shame of the literati of Canada if such a poetic gem should be permitted to go down to posterity as a mere fragment, when it can be so easily completed by the addition of three short lines, as thus:—

To north has turned—

Again we freeze—

More coal is burned.

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