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THE MEN OF THE CAUCUS.

Mr. Carvell's Valley Railway caucus of Liberal mem-Mr. Carvell's Valley Railway caucus of Libera members from this province must have been a wonderful affair. The Valley Railway proposition was supposed to be a non-party project. But when Mr. Carvell wished to take it up at Ottawa he barred the door against the Conservatives interested in it, and their representatives. When his meeting was over, Mr. Carvell went to Sir When his meeting was over, Mr. Carvell went to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and gave the premier permission to reply When his meeting was over, Mr. Carvell went to Sir has gone and left no sign.

Wilfrid Laurier and gave the premier permission to reply to the proposition made in the previous April by the Valley delegation from Mr. Hazen. The answer was made as suggested. It was made to Mr. Carvell and that one would appear to say that the former administration of the province of

Valley delegation from Mr. Hazen. The answer was made as suggested. It was made to Mr. Carvell and not to the delegates or the company.

The caucus was held in November. Sir Wilfrid's letter to Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in time for Mr. Carvell was written in January, in the company or that it was better than that of Mr. Grimmer. But the record of Mr. Sweeney is avoided.

Mr. Labillois has spoken, but not even he has recommended a return to the system of public works accounting that used to be. The former commissioner has managed to discover a good deal more about the expenditure on public works since he left office than he ever knew when he was commissioner.

Especially there is no yearning expressed for a return to the methods of finance which Dr. Pugsley followed in the position of Attorney General. No opposition member has recommended Mr. Hazen to use the treasury as a private bank. Overdrafts and suspense accounts as private bank. Overdrafts and suspense accounts as a private bank. Overdrafts and suspense accounts as a private bank. Overdrafts and suspense accounts as a private bank. Overdrafts and suspense accounts were accustomed to them in their own daily bill of fare.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

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## THE ULTIMATE QUESTION.

The address of Judge Lougley at Quebec, which was discussed in the senate yesterday, was substantially the same as his Canadian Club speech here. There is "The doubt that his characteristic fewers, the first light with the black of the complex of separation of Canada from the Empire and the establish

ment, the Sun was more and the support to be rather uncomplimentary; though he does not regard the question involved as a live issue. This is where Sr Wilfrist was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant was cut off, and the blant reason was given that it was cut off, and the blant was cut off the blan

the prosecution.

As the committee is wholly composed of government supporters, half of whom have become famous for their skill in burking investigations, and as all the lawyers for the prosecution and the defence are active government partisans, we may expect an easy vindication of the commission. Two years ago Major Hodgins made the same charges. After two or three weeks facing the government combination which had charge of the inquiry, he withdrew everything and departed, saying that while he was still convinced that there was over-classification and over-payment, he was more than willing that the matter should be left to arbitration or settled in any other way. It would not do him any good to establish the fact that the government was paying double pices for the work. If the government and parliament chose to go on doing it, Major Hodgins decided to drop the matter. If Mr. Lumsden should reach the same conclusion after a week or so of browbeating it need not be surprising.

same conclusion after a week or so of browbeating it need not be surprising.

The people will, however, come to understand that when earth excavation contracted for at twenty-five cents a yard is paid for at one dollar and fifty per yard and called solid rock, a road estimated to cost \$53,000,000 may well be made to cost \$120,000,000.

### OLD WAYS NOT BEST.

Take it altogether, Mr. Flemming has no reason to worry over the attacks on his budget. His statement stands the test of examination. Those who criticise his figures do it awkwardly and without making any

Especially one notices that Mr. Robinson does not suggest that his own methods were better than those which now prevail. The leader of the opposition has not even hinted that Dr. Pugsley was a good provincial

work again and revoked their previous advice. They suddenly discovered that Sir Wilfrid was in a position to give an answer, though they had declared all the spring and summer that he was not. For eight or nine months they thought it was good politics to block the enterprise and blame the delay to Mr. Hazen. Then it dawned upon them that the people were not in the least deceived, and they reversed their methods, thus smashing all the excuses that they had concocted.

Mr. Carvell reveals another trouble. It was all right to block the first enterprise when it was the only chance in sight. But he says that he has heard of other Valley Railway projects. An awful thought has reached Mr. Pugsley and the group of schemers in this matter that while they might obstruct one plan, the road might be built by another. So they have sprung into feverish activity, in order to choke off any other project that might be presented to Mr. Hazen while the one first proposed by Mr. Hazen was held up at Ottawa.

Mr. Carvell and his group will stand a good deal of watching at this stage, until it is learned whether they are trying to forward the scheme that they have blocked for a year, or are only trying to prevent the provincial government accomplishing the purpose in some of the other ways that they have heard mentioned.

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION.

## TO CLUB OR TO BRIBE.

Here is another dying declaration of the Sun news-

"The Sun, in this regard, is in a posit "with first-hand knowledge. When it began to criticize "certain methods and policies of the Board of Manage-"ment, the Sun was in receipt of a considerable amount separation of Canadian Independence. Sir Richard Cartiment of Canadian Independence. Sir Richard Cartiment, the Sun was in receipt of a considerable amount wrights reference to the judge appears to be rather "of I. R. C. printing business. Almost immediately this uncomplimentary, though he does not regard the question involved as a live issue. This is where Sir Wilfrid "venturing to criticize this feature of government policy" "of I. R. C. printing business. Almost immediately this "was cut off, and the blunt reason was given that in

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## THE QUESTIONER

I called the boy to my knee one day,
And I said: Your just past four;
Will you laugh in the same lighthearted way
When you're turned, say, thirty
more?
For I thought of a past I'd fain erase—
And I anxiously peered in his upturned face
For It seemed to say,
Did you?

I touched my lips to his tiny own,
And I said to the boy: Heigh ho,
Those lips are as sweet as the hay,
new mown;
Will you keep them always so?
Then back from those years came a
rakish song—
With a ribald jest or two—
And I gazed at the child who knew no
wrong,
And I thought he said:
Did you?

I looked at his eyes, big, brown and clear,
And I cried: Oh boy of mine,
Will you keep them true in the after year,
Will you leave no heart to pine?
Then out of the past came another's eyes—

Then out of control of the control of the know they were not his mother's eyes?

For he answered me:

Did you?

—Carl Werner.

A Daily Short Story

# THE BADGE OF THE BRAVE

By Al H. Martin.

"What th' devil!"
The Manzanita Kid reined his hors

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go on. The horse is pretty near all in.
too. So it's us back to Rhyolite, kid."
"Don't mind me, Frank, save yourself. I got you into this, and it don't
make any difference how it ends with
me." Her quivering lips held a tremor
of supplicating appeal.
"What d' yuh think I am? A whitelivered Apache? I don't blame yuh
for what yuh did, Flo, considerin' yuh
thought I'd played you a low down
trick. So, back we go, law or no
law."

with relentless strength, he sprang into the waiting saddle. Then, with his left arm holding her close, he turned his horse's head for Rhyolite.

## THE EDITOR'S MAIL

To the Editor of The Standard:

Sir—I notice that Hon, C. H. La-Billois has been, at a recent sitting of the Public Accounts Committee, finding fault with my charge of \$105 for seven days work conducting the preliminary examination of Arosha and Sepepil convicted of murder and several days of additional work interviewing witnesses and securing evidence and preparing the case, one branch of which was purely circumstantial. Had the honorable gentleman consulted a barrister of upwards that he would not have said what he is reported to have said. Possibly Mr. LaBillois had in mind the price of lawmakers a score of years ago; if so my counsel fees of the mere prosecution of a law-breaker must have seemed large by comparison.

John F. Tweeddale also complains the cause the work was not done by the elerk of the peace. If Tweeddale will that of a fish or worm.

All three alrabigs are enclosed in

breaker must have seemed large by comparison.

John F. Tweeddale also complains because the work was not done by the clerk of the peace. If Tweeddale will retrace his steps around the last half dozen of his political revolutions he will arrive back at the time when the then Attorney General A. G. Blair, instructed me to conduct the preliminary examination of Baptiste Theriault, he will remember the then Attorney General decided that the County of Victoria should pay for my services and that the Supreme Court granted a mandamus compelling the

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done in a few hours and that I prolonged the examination to get more pay; when one of his warm supporters read this report he remarked: "Fools and children should not meddle with things they don't understand." A few minutes later he remarked apparently apropos of nothing "Tweeddale is no child."

At the last session of the legislature, Tweeddale, taking advantage of the "privilege" which his position in the house gave him, relieving him from legal responsibility for his statements there, substantially charged one Vassior with stealing the public funds by drawing pay as a game warden, while he was in fact working in Burgess' mill at Grand Falls. An investigation of this charge was held and at the investigation I heard Tweeddale admit that he was mistaken; that he had lied about Vassoir; yet, notwithstanding the gravity of the charge he had made, and the great publicity given to the charge by reason of its being made in the house, Tweeddale has not yet, so far as I have been able to ascertain, taken any steps to openly and publicly admit his mistake and so vindivate the character of the man he maligned.

As for this work I did, it was a mat-

of supplicating appeal.

"What d' yuh think I am? A white-livered Apache? I don't blame yuh for what yuh did, Flo, considerin' yuh thought I'd played you a low down trick. So, back we go, law or no law."

"Don't, Frank, for God's sake, don's The man is dead and even now they are searching the range, hungry for your blood."

The Manzanita Kid laughed recklessly.

"D' yuh see this?" he demanded, gloriously, sweeping his heavy Colts from its belt, ''d' yuh think they'll put a rope around my neck while I'm heeled?"

Stooping suddenly, he gathered her suddenly in his arms. He laughed excludingly as she stung his face with her hands, in her wild endeavor to alter his course. Crushing her body with relentless strength, he sprang

Yours truly, T. J. CARTER.

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