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BISMEMBERMENT OF THE PARK.

The zeal of Dr. Helmecke, Sr., for popular rights in Beacon Hill Park is well meant, but we cannot help thinking that in this case it is misdirected—that, not to put too fine a point upon it, the genial doctor is juggling his lance at Wind mills. We do not believe the directors of the bowling club have any designs whatever upon the integrity of the park. Nor do we believe there is the slightest ulterior design in the manner in which they have acquired whatever rights they may have there. Perhaps it would have been better for the bowlers themselves if they had acquired a green elsewhere, because then they would have had a property absolutely under their own control and considerable controversy would also have been avoided. But the green is established, and any unprejudiced person who compares the condition of that portion of the city's property to-day with its condition previously cannot but admit that the improvement is most marked. It has been converted from what was practically a morass into a most attractive piece of level ground, upon which a large number of persons can enjoy a most healthful and invigorating pastime. As a result of this improvement the rights of the public have not been curtailed in the slightest degree. The people are not enjoined from trespassing by the erection of a fence. The green is open; the only restriction upon it is the respect which every right-minded person instinctively feels for a well-kept lawn or garden.

The doctor himself agrees that the work is very good and the objects of it desirable. What he objects to is the principle of any portion of the park being restricted to the use of any set of individuals and especially does he resent the erection by the club of a pavilion in the park. He holds that if a bowling green is a desirable thing, the city ought to have laid out and should maintain the one in the park for the use of all the people. We grant the force of the contention. But everyone knows what would have happened had a deputation awaited upon the last or the present council and asked that a public bowling green be constructed in the park. And even if the city had laid out a green we doubt very much whether it would have proved more beneficial from a public point of view than the one constructed under private auspices promises to be. There are public bowling greens in other cities, for the use of which a fee is charged. If the doctor can persuade the council that the privileges granted the club in the park are a menace to the rights of the people in that park, we have no doubt the members of the club would be willing to dispose of their improvements at a valuation. But we do not think there is any desire on the part of the public for such action. In fact, we believe ninety-nine hundredths of the people believe the establishment of the green has added distinctly to the attractions of the park and would resent any attempt at dispossession.

THE YOUNGEST CABINET MINISTER.

Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King is again a member of Parliament as well as the first distinctive Minister of Labor in the government of Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. King was elected by acclamation for the constituency of North Waterloo, a seat which he redeemed for the Liberal cause in the general elections of October 26 last. It would be mere formalism, which the Times abhors, to say that the country and the political parties by which the country is governed are to be congratulated upon the election by acclamation of the brilliant young man who has already achieved a considerable reputation, although only a little over thirty years of age, as an administrator and conductor of delicate diplomatic missions. It is eminently fitting that in this day when the relations between capital and labor play an important part in the progress of countries in which popular government has reached such a high state of development, that the wage-earners should have a special representative in the cabinet of Canada. And it is equally fitting that that representative should be a man who has made a specialty of the questions with which he will be called upon to deal particularly as Minister of Labor. Mr. King has never made any secret of his sympathy with the cause of the men and women of this country who are engaged in industrial occupations. He has made a special study of that cause and subject in several of the universities of Canada and the United States. He has brought all the influence at his command to bear upon the evil of

child labor also; and, as all who have followed the course of industrial events know, he has accomplished a great deal to ameliorate the conditions under which the so-called working classes of the Dominion have fought the never-ending battle of life. We might specify the circumstances under which the sweating system was abolished from all Dominion government contracts, and the adoption of fair wage clauses in all other contracts for federal government works as examples of the results of the new Minister's efforts when acting as a subordinate under Sir William Mulock, the Minister who, in a sense, discovered Mr. King and secured his services for the country. In addition to his talent as an administrator, Mr. King promises to develop into a sound parliamentarian, possibly into the most attractive public speaker of the distinctively Celtic-Saxon wing of the political forces represented in the House of Commons of Canada. Those who were fortunate enough to hear his address on the occasion of his last visit to Victoria will remember that there was a warmth in his tones, as of suppressed and controlled fire, indicative of a power in reserve which might, given the time and the subject, strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of his audience. And this able young Canadian has come into his inheritance legitimately, for his "rebell" progenitor, though uncouth style compared with his polished descendant, possessed the gifts of the tongue and intellect which moved multitudes and compelled reforms in the old province of Ontario.

There is a general consensus of opinion on both sides of politics that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, marvellous judge as well as matchless leader of men, made no mistake when he chose the youngest man who has ever sat in council as his first Minister of Labor and colleague. There is a brilliant future in store for Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King.

THE POOR PAY.

The idea, or the obsession, behind Senator Aldrich and his Republican supporters in the United States Senate is that by some economic process working through a tariff they can bring about an industrial millennium, applicable only to the United States. The ideal they aim at is conditions under which foreign ships would be coming daily into their ports with empty holds and departing loaded to the hatches with American goods and manufactures to be sold to foreign consumers. But, as has frequently been pointed out, there is a principle governing exchange or trade which cannot be overcome by legislative ingenuity. Europe, it is true, buys from the United States every year one hundred millions of dollars' worth of goods in excess of what she sells to the people of that country. That is called a favorable balance of trade. Yet the authorities who go down to the root of things say the foreigners must get that one hundred million dollars back in some way or their further purchasing power would in course of time be absolutely wiped out. We know they are not impoverished, but rather enriched, by their purchases. They get their hundred millions back. How do they do it? There is always an unfavorable balance of trade against Great Britain, yet the wealth of the country is steadily increasing.

A second lieutenant in the United States army, writing in Colliers', lets some light fall upon the matter. He speaks from personal experience. On graduating from the military academy he found five hundred dollars would be necessary to purchase uniforms, "Four hundred dollars of this amount," to use his own words, "will be spent for clothing an officer must have, and his clothing is made from the best English-manufactured broadcloths and olive drab goods. I don't know exactly by the duty on these goods, but I believe it is about forty or fifty per cent. (The editor points out that the duty is actually about ninety-six per cent.) Although protected by the tariff no American manufacturer can produce goods of the quality suitable for officers' uniforms, and we poor devils are forced to pay almost double the price for our clothes. A graduate of '07 went to London and bought his first outfit of clothing in that city. He saved enough by buying his outfit in London to pay his fare to Europe and back again. . . . He wrote our class advising us all to go to London for our uniforms, assuring us we could save money and have the trip too. The tariff hurt me for two hundred dollars this year (out of a salary of \$1,700), and will keep on hurting me for about the same amount each year until it is changed."

This is one instance of the manner in which the natural law of trade works. But it does not work in such a way as to permit the average American consumer to escape the consequences of extreme protection. The young officer pays two hundred dollars a year in taxes, more than ten per cent, upon his income. The average workman probably pays quite as much, while President Taft and his Senatorial backers are vainly trying to devise a system of imposing a tax upon large incomes and actually propose to strike at the great corporations by levying two per cent, upon their net profits! The "common people" of the United States are indeed a peculiar people or they would not submit to being "fooled all the time."

—Eva May Carter has been granted a divorce from Dr. R. H. Carter.

ABETTING RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

The Colonist has engaged a special corps of experienced race track brokers, learned in all the devious ways of the turf, to compile tables of "tips" for the guidance of the people whom, for the sake of appearances, it calls "speculators." "Tips" will be given by no less than four occult forecasters of future racing events. The prophecies of the whole corps can be purchased by the speculatively inclined, or the credulous, for the "small sum of five cents."

We are not quite sure upon the point, but our impression is that our one-time highly respectable and, in retrospectively conventional contemporary in adopting such a system of "raising the wind" and nickels is thrusting its venerable head in the nose of the Canadian law. Unquestionably it is aiding and abetting practices which are not only discountenanced in Canada, but which have been suppressed, in so far as such things are suppressible, in the United States. The determination to stamp them out is responsible for the absolute ban which has been placed upon horse racing in most of the states of the union, and for the migration of nearly all American racing stables to this side of the boundary line.

Of course the good name and, up to a short time ago the honorable reputation, of our contemporary are in its own keeping. The manner in which it conducts its business is no concern of ours. But there is vastly more involved in this matter than the moral and ethical status of a newspaper. There is the danger of the community in which it circulates being seriously and detrimentally affected by the gambling spirit it is striving, for the sake of a trifling sordid gain, to foster and promote. There is unquestionably a grave danger to the public of Victoria and neighborhood, and especially to the young men of Victoria, many of them occupying positions of trust and responsibility, in the efforts which are being made to stir up lust of gain by irregular, reprehensible, immoral, illegal and criminal methods. We know nothing about the manner in which the races and the so-called books are being conducted. The chances of the bookmakers for aught we know to the contrary. But the general impression is that in the end the balance is invariably heavily against the "players" and correspondingly heavily in favor of the "bankers." Their ordinary habits of the race track choose to back his judgment against "those on the inside," that is his business. But when the matter descends to studied attempts to inveigle the thoughtless and the inexperienced into the net by selling "tips" and "selections," compiled, as a general thing, by strangers to the community and often in secret alliance with the bookmakers, then surely it is time to protest and to call the attention of authorities responsible for the enforcement of the law and for the protection of the public to the facts.

HOLIDAYS AND THE LAW.

The Australian Commonwealth is not satisfied with having passed an old-age pension law for the amelioration of the condition of life of the average citizen of that advanced democracy. The allowance is an assurance against want when the currents of life become stagnant by the levies of old Father Time. It is a guarantee of leisure and a fair measure of comfort in the future. But it makes no provision for the present. That omission is to be rectified by the passage of a measure ensuring a given number of holidays, or parts of holidays, during the year. In fact, it has been rectified already. An act has been declared in force which provides for the closing of all stores within the bounds of Australia every Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday during the year, with the exception of a few retail establishments whose business is considered necessary to the health, comfort and convenience of the public. Druggists, butchers, bakers, barbers, flower sellers, bicycle dealers, restaurants, confectioners and to accountants are not included in the list to which the law shall apply. In respect of that hardship may be imposed upon the consuming public, retail stores are permitted to do business up till 10 o'clock on Friday evening.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

A PESSIMISTIC ANGLICAN.

To the Editor:—We have now in our midst the "clericus," consisting of distinguished clergymen, who, as a body, have gained the universal esteem and respect of all classes. Their speeches and papers upon vitally important subjects will attract and interest many. Consequently it is expected that generally they will give grave and serious attention to the ever important subject of juvenile crime, so exceptionally rife in this city, amongst children of respectable parents. I respectfully beg of them to consider what are the causes of the early backsliding of so many of our boys (and, occasionally, girls). Is it the fathers, who are, morally, unimpaired, and yet, through their sons and their movements? Or the clergy, who too often throw their pearls to swine? Or the schoolmaster, whose influence beyond arithmetic and his pupil ceases with the closing of the school gates in the afternoon? Or the police, who seem oblivious at night of the lesser objects below their line of vision? Or the frivolous commentary and endorsement of one of your contemporaries in all cases of conviction? Do these clergymen think the wretched adult criminal of to-day can look back some decades and bless the memory of parents who neglected and showed them a bad example in their early youth, and allowed them to drift into crime? I again respectfully hope this all important subject will not be treated with anything like indifference by the distinguished men who will, probably, not meet again in Victoria for a length of time.

UNITED CLERICUS IS IN SESSION

Anglican Church Celebrating Anniversary Fifty Years Since Bishop Hills Was Consecrated.

The United Clericus of delegates from the Anglican churches in British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Idaho was continued this morning at 8 o'clock this morning by the singing. At 8 o'clock this morning the holy eucharist was celebrated. Following that breakfast was served in Christ Church cathedral, followed by matins. Convening in the Christ Church school room, with the Lord Bishop of British Columbia presiding, the regular business of the gathering was proceeded with.

An address of welcome was given the visiting delegates by Bishop Perrin. An invitation was received from the representative of Walla Walla to hold the matter there next year, and an invitation to go to Seattle in place of Walla Walla was also extended. A discussion took place on the merits of the two places for the purpose of holding next year's session. One delegate thought the convention ought not to be sidetracked to Walla Walla, while the Seattle invitation was offered. Upon this announcement a motion was made that a committee be appointed to go into the matter and report later to the convention. Before the matter was decided, however, the delegate from Walla Walla arose and said he had not expected any conflicting discussion on the matter, he had simply been the bearer of an invitation to the clericus, and as it had been received by some unfavorably the invitation must stand withdrawn.

Bishop Perrin, however, put the motion that a committee go into the question and report later, which was carried. C. G. (under) at \$2,000 for a service calling at San Francisco, a competing point but the government declined to consider this. At present 90 per cent. of the trade of Canada with New Zealand goes via New York, and the government does not feel justified in increasing its share of the subsidy sufficient to make up the amount required by the steamship company to secure a continuance of the service. Last year the service cost the country about \$1 in subsidy for every \$7 worth of freight carried. Trade with New Zealand via the Pacific coast can now be handled via San Francisco.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Aidan's Presbyterian church, Cedar Hill, are having a strawberry social in the temperance hall, Friday, June 25th, at 8 p.m. A programme, including a guessing contest and other amusements, will be provided.

COMMISSIONER ARRAIGNED.

Washington State Insurance Official Violated Law.

Olympia, Wash., June 24.—The report and findings of the legislative investigating committee, submitted to the special session yesterday, is a severe indictment of the conduct of Insurance Commissioner J. H. Schively, and after a thorough review of all the evidence, brands him as "a corrupt and unworthy public official." The committee finds Schively guilty of extorting fees from insurance companies for examinations and of giving certificates recommending insolvent companies and finds that Nicholas was cognizant of these violations of the law, whereby several thousand dollars were squeezed from solvent companies and irresponsible companies were enabled to collect thousands of dollars from policy holders.

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EXPLOSION OF CARBIDE GAS

Gordon Halkett Injured About Face Inspector and Man in Hospital at Prince Rupert.

While overhauling the gas buoy at Skidegate, Gordon Halkett, inspector of lighthouses, and a man named Dennis, were badly injured by an explosion of carbide. News of the accident was received this afternoon by Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries. The telegram stated that the explosion occurred while the buoy was being cleaned, and Mr. Halkett was badly injured about the face and eyes. The man Dennis was also injured. They were taken to the hospital at Prince Rupert by the steamer Newington, and are now in the hospital at that place undergoing surgical treatment.

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(From The) No other city for being made way Victoria. So said H. M. King of the parks board. Living on a boulevard, in which the value of this work in constantly firm and equines, Mr. to his first meeting to accord with making a great deal as a co-his zeal—which even to so expert-ber as Ald. Hen want on for some which are purely cil's jurisdiction was going to eff Mr. Fullerton, gestion dealing Superintendent H gested the passa- blitting the tethe- lois about the d- driven through s- manner as to cat- viding a heavy in- mals of any so- boulevards. He v- paying a fee of \$1 animal loose an- bound. It was pointed could not interfe- of cattle on priv- according to the- an open lot. A s- stringent penalte- cattle, and these- case of some Oa- Mr. Fullerton i- puffed and in C- of cattle in open- mitted. Eventually- ton's motion, de- con't the passa- will give a great- tion to the park- the ravages of an- Rev. Alfred E. Ham Earl rector- son who is a mem- wrote to have his mother's street cemetery r- aware of the dis- old cemetery had- transformation, o- have contributed Mr. Alston also- have the headsto- she others re-ans- of his father, who- added. The board gran- but could not see- A. Lewis said pl- square if marked- over. In this connect- although the com- mittee had a- wards the work- cent had been gi-

GREEN IS SEEKING NELSON NOMINATION

Large Wing of Conservative Party Opposed to His Candidature.

Nelson, B.C., June 24.—There is much speculation among local Conservatives regarding the appearance in Nelson of R. F. Green, prominent in the train of Premier McBride. At a Tory love feast held on Thursday at Proctor, Green was steadily engaged in the work prominently to suit most Nelson Conservatives. The local Conservative association yesterday gave a picnic to Proctor in honor of McBride, and Green's name is prominent this morning in the local Tory paper. Signs of heart-burning are visible to-day. It is locally notorious that there is more than one candidate in the Tory ranks for the Conservative nomination in Nelson next fall, which the general election is confidently expected. Talk here is that McBride is perplexed in his choice between local aspirants and is desirous of assisting Green's ambition to get into the legislature again, and is yielding to this motive and making an effort with brass band accompaniment to popularize Green for the Conservative nomination. Such a move, however, would mean Conservative defeat here, judging from the known opposition of a large wing of the Conservative party in this city to the candidature of "Bob" Torry.

WHO HELD UP TRAIN

Reward of \$7,500 Offered for Capture of the Bandits.

Vancouver, B. C., June 24.—In spite of the fact that nearly a hundred men are on the lookout for the bandits who held up the C. P. E. express on Wednesday, no real clue to the robbers has been found. It is expected they have divided up and are making for international boundaries. In addition to the \$25,000 reward offered by the government the C. P. E. announce a reward of \$5,000 for the capture of the bandits dead or alive.

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