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THE LATE MR. JOHN A. BOWES.

Sincere regret will be felt throughout the community in the death of Mr. John A. Bowes, which occurred on Saturday evening at his residence in this city. The serious illness from which he suffered during the last few months awakened much sympathy among his many friends throughout the Province. To his widow, who was constant in her faithful attendance upon him, there will go out a universal expression of condolence.

In his long career as a journalist Mr. Bowes earned the distinction of training more newspaper men than any other editor in this Province. Many a man, now far afield and risen to the foremost ranks in journalism, will pay tribute to his practical teaching. His paper, the Gazette, which ceased publication in 1904, was remarkable for its crisp, pungent and accurate editorials. Mr. Bowes possessed a wide knowledge of provincial affairs and a memory for events that was invaluable. He took a keen interest in St. John's civic problems, and from year to year an analysis of the financial situation was forthcoming from his pen.

His life was not without its trials, but he set an example of always taking a hopeful view of the future. Mr. Bowes will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. After a long and trying illness, borne with resignation, he has entered into rest.

THE ISSUE NOT IN DOUBT.

Despatches from Ottawa indicate that the Opposition has not yet learned its lesson and will continue to obstruct the progress of the Naval Bill when it is brought in, as will likely be the case, again this week. In such contingency Premier Borden may depend upon it that the sound, sober sentiment of the country will be with him in whatever measures he may regard as necessary to curb the efforts of the rowdy element which, under Pugsley-Carvell leadership, has more than once this session attempted to turn Parliament into a bear garden. If Liberal members proceed, as they are threatening to do, to once more create "bear garden" scenes, there is only one method to adopt, namely, to treat them as bears and to do it at once.

The people of Canada want the Navy Bill put through and they want it put through quickly. If that desire stands in the way of the ambitions of Hon. Mackenzie King and Hon. Sydney Fisher, so much the worse for the King-Fisher element.

For, in the end, what this country is vitally concerned with is the problem of adequately meeting the situation that is set forth in the Admiralty Memorandum, and that is so wonderfully expressed in three pregnant sentences:

"The Admiralty set the greatest store by the important material and still more important moral assistance which it is within the power of Canada to give to maintaining British naval supremacy on the high seas."

"The aid which Canada could give at the present time is not to be measured in ships or money."

"It is desirable that such aid should include the provision of a certain number of the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build or money supply."

Not all the speeches of Messrs. Pugsley, Carvell and Co. will convince the people of this country that these sentences, coming from the highest authorities in the world on naval construction, can have any other meaning than that which Premier Borden and his Ministers have taken from them and have embodied in the proposal that this country shall add three Dreadnoughts to the British Naval Forces to be placed on the fighting line.

And the ships will be placed there despite all the opposition that may come from Liberals at Ottawa, seeking to advance their own party interests and making National Defence a gawd in the game.

A NEW BRAND OF WHEAT.

After months of careful experimenting, Mr. Charles E. Saunders, Dominion cerealist, has succeeded in producing a new kind of wheat, which it is believed, will be worth millions of dollars to Canada.

The new variety, which is known as "Frederic," was obtained by cross-fertilization of the most hardy grades, and will not only grow in the northern districts of Canada, but will ripen from eight to ten days earlier than any of the others.

By producing grain that will stand the cooler climate of the North, Mr. Saunders' success will make it possible to grow wheat on millions of acres in the Northwest and other districts where the land has been previously undeveloped because no wheat plants could stand the conditions.

SENATORS AS AVIATORS.

Members of the French Senate apparently are not satisfied to view the exploits of aviators from a humble position on terra firma. Five members of this august body recently went up in dirigible balloons and in aeroplanes, and for a few hours the airships and aeroplanes at Buc and Versailles had these daring Senators on board.

Before this memorable event a committee of the Upper Chamber, headed by Senator Raymond, who is himself a good pilot, went on a tour of inspection to Saint Cyr and Buc, and were received by the chief of the military aviation corps, General Hirschauer. The general showed them over the ground of the Institut Aero-technique, founded by M. Henry Deutsch, and several interesting trials were made in their presence.

After this the Senators expressed a wish to make some flights themselves, and the aerial cutter Fleurus was taken out of its shed. It is a small but fast military airship, and five Senators, MM. Linihiad, Chautemps, Le-marie, Blanc and Le Comte Grandmaison, went on board. Captain Lenoir was the pilot. In a short time the airship had sailed over Versailles and reached Issy-les-Moulineaux, where it went through some evolutions.

Meanwhile the other members of the delegation, including M. Pichon, the former Minister for Foreign Affairs, and M. Surreaux, got on board two aeroplanes and went up, piloted by M. Leblanc and M. Girod. Senator Raymond, to prove his skill in handling an aeroplane, made a flight in which he took charge of the levers, and M. Perreyon, the holder of the height record, was his passenger. At half-past six all the flights and aerial manoeuvres were over, and the Senators returned to Paris without accident, either on land or in the air.

TO RESCUE QUEBEC HOUSE.

Canada, an excellent journal published at London, England, comments upon the fact that Quebec House, Westminister, the early home of General Wolfe, the conqueror of Quebec, is for sale. The house dates back to the year 1507, and is of great historic interest. It is referred to in Thackeray's "Virginians," and was visited by the great novelist himself when preparing that work. The stables were built by the elder Wolfe, a lieutenant-general, whose portrait hangs in the great oak panel drawing-room.

This fine residence is visited every year by hundreds of citizens from Canada and the United States. Canadians have come to regard it as one of the shrines in the Mother Country. Up to the present time Quebec House and its historic associations have been zealously tended, but the time, apparently, has arrived when this house will be sold to private parties.

"It would be unfortunate," says Canada, "if it were to be allowed to fall into the possession of some one who failed to appreciate these associations." It suggests that the mansion might be acquired by patriotic citizens of the Dominion as a Wolfe museum. "We hope," adds Canada, "that such a step may be found possible before some enterprising American gets wind of the opportunity."

TO PREVENT POLLUTION.

The Provincial Health authorities of Ontario are about to commence the task of having all the boundary waters of the Province investigated for traces of pollution, with a view to preparing a report to the Joint Waterways Commission. The Ontario authorities are co-operating with the Federal officials of the United States who are carrying out a similar investigation in American boundary waters.

The start will be made at Kingston, where Mr. F. A. Dallyn, provincial sanitary engineer, will make extensive examination of the waters there. Following that he will take charge of a staff of university men, who will be instructed in the work to be done.

Two parties will then be sent out, and the waters from the eastern end of the Province right up to the head of the lakes will be investigated, particular attention being paid to districts immediately adjacent to the cities and larger towns, where sewage is dumped into the lakes. No safer method of safeguarding the health of the people could well be devised.

The Closure.

(Toronto News.) We believe that the country is ready for closure. Canadians are a practical people. They know that legitimate discussion of the Naval bill was exhausted long ago. They know that in the controversy between the parties no real question of principle is involved. They know that the Liberal press and the Liberal leaders are actuated only by desperate rage over their defeat eighteen months ago and a frantic determination to force another appeal to the country by which, if they should gain nothing they could lose nothing.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA.

ASSASSINATION OF MCGEE.

D'Arcy McGee, M. P. for Montreal, was assassinated in Ottawa forty-five years ago today, April 7, 1868, and as a result all Canada blazed out in fury against the Fenians, at whose doors the crime was immediately laid. Riot was threatened, and the capital was put in a state of siege. Whelan, convicted of the murder after a sensational trial, was executed in the following February.

McGee, the murdered statesman, was an Irishman and in his latter years was exceedingly loyal. He aroused the vengeful spirits of the Fenian Brotherhood, whose leaders denounced him as a traitor. McGee was an orator of marked ability, and his eloquence had exercised a profound effect on Irish-Canadians and convinced many of them of the justice and righteousness of the federal principle.

One of his best speeches was his last, in which he urged the necessity of patience and sympathy for the provincial affairs. At the conclusion of this masterly address he left the House and went to his home. His foes answered his arguments with bullets, and as he was entering his own door a shot from behind stifled his eloquent tongue forever.

THE PASSING DAY.

David Fairchild Claims to Have Solved Problem of High Cost of Living.

People of the North American continent may soon be able to reduce the cost of living by partaking of a diet which includes antelope, jubbe, baked bread fruit, potato, udo, mangoes, lie-bee nuts and dasheens, as a result of the investigations and experiments of David Fairchild, "agricultural explorer" who has ransacked the world for foodstuffs that may be grown cheaply in the United States and Canada. Born at the Michigan State Agricultural College forty-four years ago today, April 7, 1869, Mr. Fairchild spent his infancy and youth among experts in agricultural science. Quite naturally he became a botanist, and after graduating from the Kansas State Agricultural College, he took post graduate courses at Naples, Italy, the universities of Breslau, Berlin, Munster and Bonn, and the Java Botanical Garden.

As foreign explorer for the United States Department of Agriculture he visited the South Sea Islands, the Indies, India, Siam, Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, New Guinea, South America, Ceylon, Egypt, India, Japan, China, Africa and other lands in search of economic plants that could be grown in the North American climate.

As a result of his investigations, Prof. Fairchild found a number of vegetables that could be grown successfully on this continent. The South American dasheen, Lie predicted, would, in the course of time, take the place of times called potato, or spud, sometimes called "tumpo." Boiled, the dasheen is a native of the West Indies, and of South America, has a rather flavor than the potato, in the opinion of experts, and is striped and hairy in appearance, resembling a cross between a spud and a beet, with characteristics of its own that led Prof. Fairchild to describe it as "a zebraish potato that needs a shave." Boiled, baked, or fried, the dasheen is said to be delicious. It can be grown at the foot of the mountains of Quebec and Argentina, and often yields 400 bushels per acre.

The tung shu nut, of Chinese origin, is now grown in North America, but almost exclusively for Chinese consumption. Prof. Fairchild, in a report, suggested that Caucasians would find it a valuable addition to their menu. The jubbe is a fruit about the size of a crabapple, containing only one small seed, and may be eaten raw, cooked like apples, or made into pies or sauce. The petal, Prof. Fairchild predicted, is destined to become a strong competitor of the cabbage. It is not strong, however, in odor, and in this respect, as in taste, is said to be superior to the cabbage. It is tall in shape, instead of squat and globular like its American relative.

The breadfruit, Prof. Fairchild has reported, will be grown in America, and when baked, makes an appetizing dish. The udo and the tungshu have also been the subject of favorable experiments. Another imported vegetable that promises well is the big round bulb that is called giant radish or scarlet turnip. It partakes of the qualities of both turnip and radish, and may be cooked like the former or eaten raw like the latter. It grows to a tremendous size without deteriorating in quality, in which it is superior to the radish, which must be caught young to be edible.

While his investigations have been confined to vegetables, Prof. Fairchild in a report issued some time ago, advocated the introduction of antelope as a means of reducing the cost of animal food.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION.

LOYD OSBOURNE.

Stepson of R. L. Stevenson has Enjoyed Adventurous Career—Collaborated with Stephenson and Wrote Many Novels and Plays.

Lloyd Osbourne, stepson and literary executor of Robert Louis Stevenson, and himself a novelist and playwright of great ability, will celebrate his forty-fifth birthday today, thankful that he escaped alive from the horrors of the Mexican reign of terror. Mr. Osbourne, as it happens, wasn't in Mexico during the last revolution, but, being a chronic globe-trotter and trouble-maker, the correspondents took it for granted that he was somewhere in the middle of the rook, and sent out a story to the effect that he had been seriously wounded in the Calle de Erjole and his hip.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE NEWSPAPER CRITIC.

My father says the paper that he reads ain't put up right. He finds a lot of fault, he does, per-russ! it at night. He says there ain't a single thing in it worth while to read. And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need.

He tosses it aside and says it's strictly "on the bum." But you ought hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!

He reads about the wedding and he snorts like all get-out. He reads the social doin's with a most derisive shout: He says they make the papers for the women folks alone; He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan.

He says of information it don't contain a crumb— But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!

The Wisdom of Sorghum.

"What is your notion of an ideal statesman?" "An ideal statesman, in my opinion," replied Senator Sorghum, "is a man who knows how to keep his ear to the ground without lying down on it."

Aye! Aye!

"So Madge is going to marry that young oculist, is he wealthy?" "Not now, but there's a good deal of money in sight for him."

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