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THEIR TIME OF TRIAL

The people of Canada are waiting with a very keen interest to learn what the Borden government will do to meet the new conditions which have been developed by the increased and increasing cost of living, and the radical change in the fiscal relations between Canada and the United States.

Throughout the country the high cost of living is pressing hard upon the people, and the financial stringency has made the burden all the harder to bear. We are told that the period of tight money is not yet over. One result of the changed conditions is a falling revenue. Another is an advance in the price of food as a result of the heavy drain upon local stocks by the exports to the United States.

The government is face to face with a condition of affairs which did not exist when it came into power. No amount of flag-waving will reduce the cost of living. No appeals to race and religious prejudice will increase the revenue of the country. The naval "emergency" has gone on a cruise with the British and German fleets, and left Mr. Borden and his friends to deal with matters of more pressing interest to the Canadian people.

There is an opportunity for statesmanship, and the people are waiting with impatience to be told what Mr. Borden proposes to do about it. He is back in Ottawa, to take up the programme for the session. Up to the present time there has been no evidence that he and his colleagues have either the capacity or the inclination to remove the burdens from the people. They cannot escape by attacking Sir Wilfrid Laurier, for that policy will not relieve them of responsibility or blind the eyes of the people. What Canada needs today is a fiddling in the finance department, a Laurier at the helm and a Fuglesby at the head of the great department of public works. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has indicated with great clearness and force the plain duty of the government in relation to the food taxes, and to this should be added an increase in the British preference. The coming session of parliament will be one of great interest and importance, and the government cannot evade the clear-cut issues of the time.

IT IS VERY SAD

It is really distressing to observe the lack of harmony in the ranks of the Conservative party in this city and county. The brethren do not dwell together in unity. It would be unkind to suggest that there is not a fair division of the spoils, and yet something of the sort appears to be troubling the waters. It is sad to contemplate the changes of two short years. While anticipation has its melancholy aspects, and hope deferred maketh the heart sick, yet there are apparently times when realization also has its atmosphere of gloom and dejection. Sometimes a thump on the nose is preferable to the uncertainty of waiting for a chance at the trough which is rapidly being emptied. And sometimes the thump on the nose is handed out. It is a simple and effective means of expressing a sentiment and settling a dispute. And yet the onlooker, however far removed he may be from the cause of quarrel, cannot but grieve that the savages of Canada and the Empire should turn their weapons upon each other when there are so many nefarious persons of the Grit persuasion plotting to disrupt the Empire and loot the treasury of Canada. To sing Lord Britannia one minute and devote the next to the task of blacking the eyes of a fellow patriot really appears to be a misdirected exuberance which all must deplore. Why not have another banquet and work the oracle again?

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

One of the first matters to which the new officers and council of the board of trade should give their attention is that of the St. John Valley Railway and the terminals of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It is a branch railway to be constructed from Napadogan to connect with the Valley Railway. Is the Valley Railway from Gagetown to St. John to be constructed by the route across the St. John and Kennebecasis Rivers? If so, when is the work to be begun and how soon completed? This question is vital to the trade interests of St. John. Unless the connection from Napadogan is made the traffic will go to Halifax, for of course the government would give the Grand Trunk Pacific the same favorable terms it has already given the Canadian Pacific, which has resulted in the switching of the Empire steamships from this port to Halifax. The board of trade should endeavor to find out what the plans are with regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific and St. John and prepare to conduct, if necessary, a vigorous campaign to protect the interests of this port.

The decision of Chief Justice Hunter that Hindos cannot be kept out of Canada except for the same reasons as would keep out other British born citizens raises a question which Sir Richard McBride will find to be one of considerable difficulty. Sir Richard is a great

patriot and Imperialist, but he is also bitterly opposed to the entry of Hindos into British Columbia. Will he now admit the Hindoo, or adopt the Carletonian brand of Imperialism?

The members of the Canadian Club will hear an especially valuable address this week when Dr. J. W. Robertson speaks to them on opportunities for development in New Brunswick.

Premier Borden has returned to Ottawa. He is confronted with a situation that is full of trouble, which includes dissatisfaction in the ranks of his own party.

Neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier nor the House of Commons will suffer from such attacks as are made upon him by the St. John Standard. He is still the imperial statesman and the foremost Canadian of his time.

There have lately been rumors of important development work among mineral deposits near St. John and Woodstock, and also in Kings and Queens counties. The resources of the province are doubtless very much more valuable than is believed at the present time.

The premier of Bavaria declares that the German people are no longer in a position to bear heavy burdens for armament, and that there must be a pause in the mad race. Why does not Germany accept England's offer and rest for a year?

The potato growers of Maine would like to shut out the New Brunswick products from their market. The United States crop, however, is estimated to be nearly 100,000,000 bushels short, and the consumers of the country want potatoes brought from other countries. They will probably have their way.

If St. John can secure some more industries and the investment of more English capital next year, the record of expansion may even surpass that of the present year. But what about the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Valley Railway? They are of vital importance to the development of the port.

Mrs. Wells, the policeman, made a remark on Friday evening that is worth thinking about. She said the old method of dealing with delinquent boys was designed to protect society from the boy instead of protecting the boy from society. The phrase is very significant. The boy is very largely what his environment makes him, and society makes the environment. Should not the boy, therefore, be protected from society?

If a list of the number of persons killed by hunters in mistake for deer in the United States and Canada during the last few months were made up, it would show this branch of sport to be extremely fruitful in fatalities, while the number of accidents not fatal would also be very large. A despatch says that in the state of Wisconsin a thousand men were killed and many wounded during the season, which only opened on November 10 and closed yesterday. A man who fires a gun without knowing positively the nature of the object at which he has aimed should suffer the penalty of a criminal act.

Taft Helps in Good Work
Cincinnati, Dec. 1.—Former President Taft will be the principal speaker at a banquet that will close the National Housing Conference on December 5. Mr. Taft is taking a keen interest in the efforts made by his native city to improve the housing conditions of that part of the population that has been condemned to live in the dingy, unwholesome tenements of the older districts.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Her Majesty Alexandra, the Queen Mother celebrates her sixty-ninth birthday today, having been born at the Royal Palace, Copenhagen, December 1, 1844. She was the eldest daughter of the late King Christian of Denmark and married the Prince of Wales, afterwards, King Edward VII, on March 10, 1863.

The Hon. Louis Laverge, dominion senator, and prior to his appointment to the senate, a member of the house of commons for several years, was born at St. Pierre, Montserrat, P. Q., December 1st, 1840. He resides at Arthabaska, where as a lawyer, he has held many important positions.

The Hon. A. A. Thibadeau of Montreal, also a member of the dominion senate, reaches his fifty-third birthday today. He has long been head of a large wholesale dry goods house in Montreal.

LIGHTER VIN

One Thing

"Bartender is there anything we haven't tasted?"

"Nothing but water, sir."

Begging Off.

"Can you direct me to the best hotel in this town?" asked the stranger who, after sadly watching the train depart, had set his satchel upon the station platform.

"I can," replied the man who was waiting for a train going the other way, "but I hate to do it."

"Because you will think after you've seen it that I'm a liar?"

Well Named

"We call our office boy the Little Dragon."

"Vancouver is little fellow, eh?"

"Oh, no; it's because he has to be bootled and spurred before we can get anything out of him."

Genuine Pity

"Mr. and Mrs. Wiffler never have any arguments, do they?"

"How does that happen?"

"Mr. Wiffler won't argue."

"The poor woman!"

Impossibility

"No man can serve two masters," observed the good person who was visiting the penitentiary.

"I know it," replied Connel 1818. "I'm in here for bigamy."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PREFERS NEW BRUNSWICK
Chatham World.—W. A. Black, who left Richibucto for the Yukon several years ago, and has lived for the last six years in Vancouver, was in town last night, having come from Fredericton en route to Richibucto. He says Vancouver is rich chiefly in inflated land values, and that these values cannot be cashed in at present. He thinks it a poor distributing point, as compared with Winnipeg or Montreal. Mr. Black says the Maritime Provinces will be the Mecca of Maritime people who make money in the west and want to settle down with agreeable surroundings. The growth of the foreign element, and other disagreeable features of the west will drive people back here to live.

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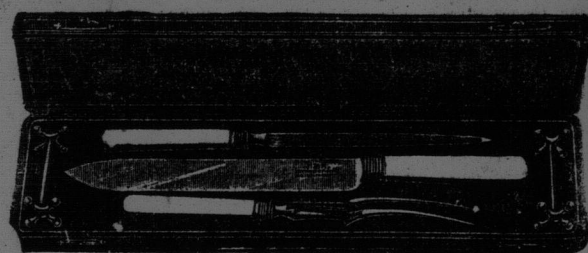
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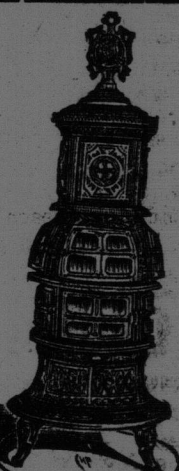


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FREDERICTON LADY PAYS A VISIT TO ASHBURNHAM PLACE

Her Impressions of the Visit in an Interesting Letter to a Friend—Says the Earl Owns a Magnificent Estate

(Fredericton Mail).

A Fredericton lady now touring the old country, was recently entertained by Lord and Lady Ashburnham at Ashburnham Place. In a letter to a friend here she gives her impressions of the visit as follows:—

"Well, here we are at Lord and Lady Ashburnham's and I really cannot start to describe this wonderful place. I will have to save all up and tell you about everything when I return. We arrived here this morning and go back late tonight. Lord and Lady Ashburnham have been very kind to us. They showed us all over the house and I never saw so many beautiful things before in my life. The room I occupied is really wonderful—

all upholstered in sage blue brocade, furnished in mahogany all draped with brocade satin. The curtains and carpets were most elaborate, over ninety years old, but looked as if they were only bought yesterday. The room was decorated with huge bowls of roses and orchids. Never saw anything like them. I intended going back to London tonight but Lord and Lady Ashburnham would not allow me to go. They are having the large dining room decorated for dinner tonight and insisted on our staying.

I had a walk around the garden, and oh, what lovely walks they are. There are often conservatories in the estate, each larger than any in Fredericton. The fountains in the garden are really wonderful. They have over twenty-five servants in the house and I do not know how much out-of-door help they employ. The house has over seventy bedrooms and twenty-seven bathrooms. The place is quite beyond my descriptive powers on paper.

"I am writing this with a solid gold pen over one hundred years old. There

are over 100 clocks in the house and a large clock in the tower, larger than our City Hall clock at home.

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