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MR. MURRAY'S AMENDMENT.

Supporters of the Provincial Opposition will read with much interest the report of Mr. Murray's speech yesterday afternoon. He certainly cannot be accused of extravagant criticisms of the Government's policies; on the contrary he seemed to have been most moderate in his language. If ever there was a Government which laid itself open to the severest censure it is possible to frame, it is that which is presided over by the Hon. W. E. Foster. In dealing with their shortcomings, Mr. Murray seems to have tempered justice with a goodly dose of mercy.

It is only natural that Mr. Murray's most trenchant criticism should be directed against the administration of the Crown Lands, which at the present time are only producing little more than half the revenue they might produce, if the Government were not scared to death of offending the lumber interests. In view of the fact that operators are willing to pay, and are in fact paying as high as \$9 stumpage for all they cut on private lands, it seems strange that the custodians of the public domain should be willing to let these operators off with one-third of that amount. It is not difficult to see why the Government should not need the money; though that, however, has nothing to do with it; whether the treasury chest is full or empty, the Province is entitled to receive the market value of all lumber cut from its lands. But when a greater revenue is so urgently needed it is little short of criminal negligence not to exact all that can fairly be asked.

How much simpler and more business-like it would be for the Government to boldly adopt the logical course of requiring the lumber operators to make an adequate return for the concessions they get, than to pay a fee of several hundred dollars to Rev. Mr. Kierstead, the ex-food controller, to try and think out some additional sources of revenue. Surely the Government is not so ignorant of its own business as not to know of itself what existing sources of revenue will stand further impost, and what other sources there are still untapped that can be exploited. Why should Mr. Kierstead be supposed to have any special and exclusive knowledge of these matters that the Government officials are not cognizant of?

Under such circumstances, it is not surprising that Mr. Murray should feel called upon to move his amendment to the address, and it will be interesting to see how many supporters of the Government are willing to place themselves on record as preferring to bolster up the private and pecuniary interests of the lumber operators at the expense of the people at large.

A GILBERTIAN SITUATION.

According to a statement made in the House of Commons a way has been found to exempt to a large extent the next British Ambassador at Washington from the heavy income tax which at the present time plagues King George's diplomats and public servants as much as it does stock brokers and other private citizens. It is possible, remarks a critic, to imagine the following conversation as having taken place between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at Number 10 Downing Street:

"Mr. Lloyd George—As First Lord of the Treasury it is my duty of course to see that no source of revenue is cut off. Therefore I ought to increase the salary of the Ambassador to America and that of gold increased. This is a peculiar condition, because gold mining has had the most difficult conditions. The value of metals produced was about \$25,000,000 less than in 1918. Ontario should have a \$200,000,000 mining output, given sufficient labor and more normal market conditions. Even now our gold output is one of the highest on the Continent."

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Two noble ears, whom, if I quote
Some folks might call me sinner,
The one invented half a coat,
The other half a dinner.
The plan was good, as some will say,
And slow to concede one,
Because in this poor starving day
Few can afford a whole one."

"Yes,"
"What do you mean by a sensible dog?"
"This pup has never had a ribbon around his neck and has never ridden."

"The Agricultural Department, the 'Crown Lands Department, the Public Works and Public Health Department can show a record of activity 'the year,' says the Times.

If this comment is intended to refer to their wasteful and extravagant expenditure of public money, we can cordially endorse our contemporary's sentiments. The Government's record in this respect shows an activity and effort unparalleled in the history of the Province.

Mail and Empire: Sir Thomas White's downrightness in saying what he thinks of the Western farmers' movement is characteristic of the strong personality which is his. It is one reason why Sir Thomas stands out as a man of individuality and power. No politician can rise very high in the estimation of Canadians now who has not the courage of his convictions on a great national question.

Hon. Mr. Robinson when out of office expressed the opinion that a stampage of \$5 or \$8 was only fair and reasonable. He will now have an opportunity of showing just how sincere he was in his remarks. Mr. Macgregor, can give practical effect to his expressed opinion that the rate will bear a considerable increase "with laths at \$16 and lumber at \$40."

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

WHY NOT?

(Ottawa Journal) When Mr. McAdoo suggested that Great Britain might sell the British West Indies to the United States he was not aware that these outposts of the Empire are eternal springs of luxury, pleasure, and not for harem. Canada might buy the State of Maine. Will Mr. McAdoo name his price?

ONTARIO'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

(Mail and Empire.) In Ontario last year the output of silver, nickel and copper matter fell off considerably, while that of gold increased. This is a peculiar condition, because gold mining has had the most difficult conditions. The value of metals produced was about \$25,000,000 less than in 1918. Ontario should have a \$200,000,000 mining output, given sufficient labor and more normal market conditions. Even now our gold output is one of the highest on the Continent.

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A BIT OF FUN

A REGULAR ONE.

He was looking for a good canine companion, and had answered an advertisement in the newspaper. The following conversation ensued:
"You advertise a sensible dog for sale?"
"Yes."
"What do you mean by a sensible dog?"
"This pup has never had a ribbon around his neck and has never ridden."

THE MODERN RUBBER.

"Say Cy, I just found out what a rubber is."
"That an Hiram. What is it?"
"Why, it's one of them 41-hour, 105-week labor guys that drink a farm or so to get to sell him food cheap."

A HUSTLING LAWYER.

The Year—Well, you got me, all right mister. I s'pose you're going to turn me over to the bulls.
The Eminent Counselor—Certainly not. In that case I'd only get a witness fee of a dollar. I'm going to be your attorney. My retaining fee will be the red ball I found in your vest. Good night.

AND NOTHING MORE.

"Scribner is dashing off another novel."
"How long does it take him to write a novel?"
"About six weeks."
"Good heavens! And what does he put into it?"
"About 10,000 words."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

CARSON APPROVES HOME RULE BILL

Claims That if Bill Passes, Ulster Has Won Her Fight—His Views Don't Please All, However.

Belfast, Ireland, March, 10.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, during the course of a speech today, said that if the present Home Rule Bill passed, Ulster won. They would be lucky, he added in getting without a fight what they coveted for the whole of Ulster, said Sir Edward, they would have had to oppose it tooth and nail; then if it were rejected, the 1914 act would come in force and they would have a home rule parliament in Dublin.

The address was made at a meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council, which was attended by delegates from all parts of the province. Sir Edward Carson presided. Lord Farman offered a resolution to the effect that the Council would abide by the covenant and refuse to accept any form of government which did not include the whole of the Province of Ulster. It called on the Parliamentary leaders to take steps to secure its inclusion in the present home rule bill. The resolution was adopted.

Colonel Wallace then offered a resolution, which was adopted, reaffirming faith in the legislative union of Ireland and Great Britain adding:—"Inasmuch as the new bill is based on the principles of home rule and would deprive us of our equal citizenship in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and inasmuch as the Ulster representatives of Ulster accept no responsibility for it. But, inasmuch as the bill is in substitution for the government of Ireland act of 1914, and it recognizes the right of the six counties of Ulster to separate from Ireland, for which Ulster tenaciously has striven and offers a preferable alternative to the act of 1914; and inasmuch as there is no prospect of procuring a simple repeal of that act, this Council is of the opinion that the Ulster representatives should not assume responsibility for attempting to defeat the bill but should press for such amendments as are necessary and desirable in the interests of Ulster throughout the West and South of Ireland."

At a largely attended meeting of Ulster Unionists held in Belfast yesterday, a resolution was unanimously adopted affirming the belief that the business interests of Ireland would best be served by legislative union with Great Britain.

"But," the resolution continued—Recognizing the grave risk that rejection of the present bill would lead to an all Ireland Parliament in which the vast commercial interests of the Northern provinces would be gravely imperilled; and inasmuch as the proposals contained in the government of Ireland 1919, bill reserve to the Imperial Parliament complete control of taxation levied through customs and excise, and to some extent through inland revenue, it is authorized that Sir Edward Carson take steps to secure a settlement which will permit Ulster to proceed on her course of peace and prosperity."



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THINGS TO DRINK.

When a person gets thirsty the first thing they think of is something to drink. As soon as they drink it they start to think of other things again if they want to, proving that Nature never lets anybody die of thirst without them knowing it. One of the most popular drinks to drink is lemonade, but just because you see some lemon skin floating on top of it, that don't say it's full of lemon juice, which it generally isn't. Lemonade that hasn't got enough lemon in it is generally called 'soft' lemonade either, thus taking your mind off of the fact that it ain't got enough lemon. The best lemonade is lemonade and cake.

Coffee makes peoples hats best faster than was the doctor wants them to, and they say they're going to stop drinking it and don't.

Tee was invented by the Chinese and still has Chinese writing on some of the packages. Children are allowed to drink tee but not milk, not being much of a privilege. Coco is a pretty good of a drink if it's not 'smut' coco in it, which it often is. Some people call coco 'chocolate' to make it sound as if it tasted better.

Milk is supposed to be good for children, properly being the reason why they would rather drink something else instead. Milk comes from cows, but not old milk, even if the cow is standing in snow at the time. Babies don't get anything to drink but milk and don't find out what they missed till years afterwards.

Water is one of the best drinks and would properly be much more famous if it wasn't so free.

OF COURSE THEY WOULD.

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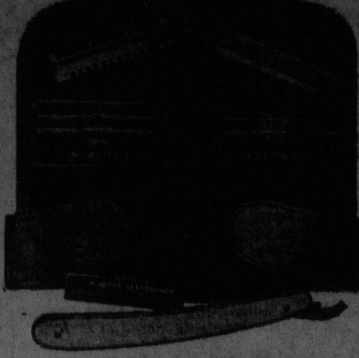
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