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## Hon. S. H. Blake Writes A Review and a Eulogy Of Government's Record

In Critical Analysis of Power Situation the Learned Counsel Finds That Everything's Been For the Best.

### DELAY IN LAW REFORM IS QUITE JUSTIFIABLE

Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., has written a letter to Hon. J. P. Whitney, in which he reviews the government's record very favorably and bestows high praise on the premier and his cabinet.

"My dear premier," he commences, writing under date of the Queen's birthday, and expresses regret that the premier's attack on rheumatism has occurred at a time when his services are peculiarly needed in the interests of the province.

"It is well for you that you have such a power-ful band of lieutenants, and that you have so good and clean a record that, even the microscopes of the Philistines, giving no adverse results, they are obliged to open a libel manufactory, and drawing on their imaginations for their facts, present what they would do if they were in your place, and then audaciously claim these surmises as your acts," says Mr. Blake.

"I place it first, as I believe it to be the most important matter in a statesman, that I believe you have been honest in your dealings in high office that I have been committed to your trust. I am unable to see any act for which you or your government is responsible that has been devised or carried out from any sinister or improper motive.

Shouldn't Hasten Law Reform. "I am glad that your government did not take up and deal with the question of law reform," says Mr. Blake. "I do not think that this subject has been sufficiently considered, and that the matter is ripe for legislation. It would be a mistake to interpose, because we have found a matter to be remedied, until the appropriate and best remedy is presented. Very few, if any, have come to so definite a conclusion in the matter as to feel warranted in having it stereotyped into an act of parliament.

It is better not to consider a matter of such vast importance until we are convinced that we are prepared to settle these matters in such a manner, as that our new Judiciary Act will give us such a system as that for years to come the anomalies will be removed and a beneficial plan of action awarded to the nation. This is but one of many difficulties. In the pressure of those who desire to make political capital we may well consider the warning that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread'.

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If you had not done anything for us but what you have accomplished in respect of the Toronto University, we should all give you our deepest thanks.

You have been unfairly and wickedly pursued (on the power question) by a band of men whose one object was to compel you to abandon what was in the interests of the province in order to fill their pockets.

You were perfectly justified in not preventing the legislature from voting to the C.N.R. a guarantee which turned a doubtful security into a good one.

The opposition may well say to their newspaper supporters, "Save us from our friends," who now try to present us a little band of babies, unable to comprehend so simple a transaction.

No one doubts that your government will be returned to power.

of temperance legislation. I am glad that we stand on this more certain ground, than if it was a matter at which we could play at battleside and shutlock, with the varying results that flow from this style of exercise. "I cannot believe but that, apart from politics, there must be an almost universal feeling of thankfulness at the great change that has taken place in the working of the department of lands, forests and mines," continues

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## FREE TEXT BOOKS WITH THE NEXT ISSUE

T. W. Crothers Makes an Important Announcement on the Authority of the Premier.

WELLAND, May 28.—(Special).—"I have it on the authority of the premier that the new set of school readers will be given to the people free, not for \$1.45 set, the price under the first contract, nor at \$1.20 the price under the second contract, not at 49 cents, the present price, but absolutely free. And not only are the readers to be free to the people, but very book use in the schools."

This statement was made at a Conservative meeting to-night by T. W. Crothers of St. Thomas, chairman of the school book commission, at the conclusion of a review of the work of the commission.

He answered the Liberal argument that the present price of 49 cents set was a bargain by saying that the evidence showed the set to cost only 40 cents to produce.

But, he said, the government was ashamed of the books. Free books were not to be substituted, in keeping with the principle that education was for the uplifting of the whole people and should be free.

The meeting was in the interest of Evan E. Fraser, Conservative candidate, and was a remarkable tribute to his position in the constituency. Every municipality in the county was represented. Niagara Falls sent special train of 500, and the opera house could not hold half the people. Addresses were made by Mr. Fraser and by George Hansen, Conservative candidate for the commons.

## JEWELER HAD TO GREASE THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE

Couldn't Get the Law in Motion Until He Paid Expense of Returning Prisoner.

With the man who had handed him a lemon in a worthless check for the sum of \$750, flying across the country, James Rylie of Ryrie Bros. jewelers, made application to the attorney-general's department for an order for his arrest by the American authorities. He was told by Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright that the matter would have to be laid before the attorney-general, who happened to be at the races. Mr. Cartwright was unable to say when he would be in a position to give a definite answer as to whether the department would take action.

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VOTER: If that's an attempt to paint out the black letters with white paint, you've made a failure of it. Friend MacKay.

## WRIGHT CHARGES McPHERSON WITH A BREACH OF HONOR AS A COUNSEL FOR GAMEY

Declares That When R. R. Took Famous Trip to Buffalo, the Lawyer Wronged Him by Maintaining Secrecy as to Whereabouts.

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Later on Mr. Wright stated that he believed in conventions if they were fairly called.

## PUGSLEY TO BE IN LIMELIGHT

Something Sensational is Promised Next Week When Fight Will Be On.

OTTAWA, May 28.—(Special).—This being Ascension Day there was no sitting of the house of commons.

To-morrow afternoon it is expected the government will again make an attempt to get supplies voted, and on the motion to go into committee the debate will be resumed on the cold storage enterprise of Sir Frederick Borden's secretary, George W. Fowler having the day.

Whether the government intends to force an all-night and all-day sitting Saturday when the house resumes is not announced, but it is not thought that Sir Wilfrid will test the endurance of his opponents just yet. Probably the real fight will not be begun till next week.

Some day next week the Conservatives propose to deal with Mr. Pugsley's connection with New Brunswick politics. They have the official records of a resolution which was framed to open up the question in a sensational manner.

LONDON, May 28.—The Socialist members of the house of commons are displaying a marked interest in the approaching visit of King Edward to the Russian court, from the view-point of the possibility of closer relations between the two countries resulting from his majesty's trip.

Early this week a Socialist member asked Premier Asquith to secure the abandonment of the visit on the ground that it was not fitting that Great Britain should seem to support those persons in Russia who were responsible for sending into exile the "Patriots of the Duma."

This afternoon Foreign Secretary Grey informed a questioner that no discussion between the two governments, nor was it intended to incite negotiations for one during King Edward's visit. The secretary said he trusted, however, that this visit would contribute to the good relations existing to-day between the governments and the people of both countries.

METERS ALL RIGHT. The gas meter tests were continued yesterday under the direction of J. A. White, in the absence of Ottawa of Chief Inspector O. Hignman. It has been decided not to give out any exact results until the whole process of testing has been completed, but it was announced that, of the five or six tests made yesterday, the meters all complied with the regulations.

## TERREIFIC FLOOD WHEN DAM BURSTS

Five Lives Lost as C. P. R. Locomotive Plunges Into River Breaking a New Course.

PORT ARTHUR, May 28.—(Special).—Swelled to an uncontrollable height by the heavy rains of several days past the water behind the first storage dam on Current River broke through the banks last night and rushing down towards Lake Superior carried with it all the buildings in the city park, rained around the city power house and across the C.P.R. track.

In its course, about three-quarters of a mile of railway was washed away, and when a freight train from the east came along almost immediately after the flood, the engine and several freight cars plunged over the bridge into the bed of the river, taking with them the engineer, fireman and brakeman, all of whom were killed or drowned and whose bodies have been recovered.

Two unknown men who were stealing a ride in the freight train were drowned or killed.

The dead train crew men are Engineers Bavaff, Freeman McBride and Brakeman Lumann, all residents of Schreiber.

Loss of \$200,000. The accident had completely crippled the city power plant, destroying much property and cutting off the street car service and light and water plants. The damage is now estimated at \$200,000, tho it is impossible to make an accurate estimate on account of the fact that the whole district about the power house is still flooded and cannot be inspected.

A number of company parties were located about the mouth of the Current River, and it is nothing short of miraculous that they escaped being carried out into the lake by the rushing water.

Had the accident occurred at a time in daylight with people in the park, there always are, the number of deaths would have been confined only to the number of people in the park.

Mile of Track Gone. It will take at least a couple of days for traffic to resume, as there is nearly a mile of track to build, including a bridge over a rushing river nearly a hundred yards wide.

The river is in an entirely new course, and while the main portion of that over the old course is standing, the track on both sides is washed out.

Gangs of men have been at work all day cleaning up the wreckage and rebuilding embankments for the rails. The force of the water is indicated by the huge eighty pound wires which are twisted up as pieces of wire. The rush of water uprooted trees and pulled out posts, besides doing other things that no words would be possible for water to do. It must have been cataclysm of real Niagara proportion.

The whole bay is to-day covered with trees and other debris, washed out from three new mouths of the river.

Had residences been in the path of the flood the disaster would have been only comparable with the Johnstown Flood.

The bodies of three members of the train crew were recovered this afternoon. It was necessary to sever the fireman's arm to get his body from under the upturned locomotive.

May 28. The two men said to have been killed while beating rides. With temporary power from Fort William, occasional cars are being run on the street railway and the lights, the rather dim, are being supplied. Water will be supplied about the city by teams until the system can be repaired.

It will be a whole season's job to renew the system of dams on the Current River which may never be done, as the city will likely develop Dog Lake Falls instead.

FATAL STROKE. Charles Barrett, aged 17, who had been in Canada less than a month, died from stroke at the farm of John Weidrick, near Newtonbrook, on Wednesday.

Two Dead From Heat. PITTSBURGH, May 28.—Two persons are dead and a score prostrated from heat. The mercury reached 88 at noon.

TIME EXTENDED. The time for tenders for transmission lines from Toronto to Niagara and St. Thomas to Niagara has, at the request of a large number of contractors, been extended to July 15 by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

DROPS BILLBOARDS. After an experiment in billboard advertising, which continued five or six years, the American Tobacco Company has returned to newspaper advertising. This board space to advertising certain smoking tobacco, spent \$1,250,000 a year upon the billboards, which amount will be spent hereafter in newspapers and magazines. No company knows better the value of advertising and no company is doing it more judiciously. Therefore the company's withdrawal from billboards is an indication of the questionable value of this form of obtaining business public.