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IT IS VERY, VERY SAD.

There has been another dreadful occurrence at Ottawa. The story is told with bated breath by the correspondent of the St. John Standard. The Ottawa correspondent of a Boston paper has dared to say that the alleged forty million dollars of graft referred to in the Gutelius report on the National Transcontinental had shrunk under analysis to seven thousand dollars, and that the whole affair was an attempt on the part of the Borden government to discredit Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. This dreadful correspondent even appears to have had the hardihood to suggest that Mr. Borden himself was a party to the affair, and to the misleading summary sent out in advance of the report itself to be printed broadcast in the tory press of the country. Of course this is very scandalous. It is all right to charge Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues with having distributed graft to the extent of forty million dollars, but to charge Mr. Borden or any of his saintly colleagues with even the desire to make political capital against the Liberals is a crime of the first magnitude. The Standard's correspondent says that a cabinet minister declares this matter cannot be allowed to pass. Of course not. The wretched man who sent this vile slander to a Boston paper must be brought to the bar of the house and severely punished for his crime. If he had told the readers of the Boston paper that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his friends were thieves and robbers, it would of course have been a meritorious performance, and he might even hope some day to be made the Ottawa correspondent of a tory paper; but now he must take his medicine, however bitter the dose may be.

FOR BETTER HOUSING

It is worthy of note that both Ontario and Quebec have adopted legislation to provide for the financing of improved housing enterprises, and that a similar measure is now being considered by the government of Manitoba.

The initiative was taken in the province of Ontario, where what is called the Hanna Act empowers city and town councils to guarantee the bonds of housing companies (which are organized to improve housing and not for profit) to the extent of eighty-five per cent of the value of their land and buildings, the remaining fifteen per cent to be private capital, represented by stock of the company paid in cash. Any such company cannot pay more than six per cent per annum to its shareholders. This, as Mr. W. S. B. Armstrong, secretary of the Toronto Housing Company, Limited, of which H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is patron, points out in a letter to the Times is in some respects an entirely new type of constructive housing legislation, and the governments of all the provinces should give it immediate consideration, with a view to the enactment of the same or a similar measure.

Mr. Armstrong sends to the Times a copy of the first annual report of the Toronto Housing Company, Limited. It is entitled "Better Housing in Canada—The Toronto Plan," and begins with a foreword from Hon. W. J. Hanna, so well known in connection with the Ontario act to provide prison farms, and other legislation for the improvement of social conditions. Hon. Mr. Hanna says:

"Canada should do more than banish the slums. The old countries are doing that. Society is responsible for the slums, and society must pay for their removal, which will require something in the nature of a surgical operation on the body politic. But better housing has a far wider application than the slum problem. It means better living conditions for the great masses of wage-earners, and will bring with it a toning up of our whole social and industrial system. Enabling legislation will be necessary in every province. We, in Canada, have made a beginning, and the results set out in this pamphlet, obtained under an act passed this year, would indicate that we are on the right track. I agree with the statement that every Canadian workman of steady habits should be able to own his home. The advantage is as much to the state as to the individual, for the home must always be the starting point for strengthening and elevating the social conscience and the national life."

The report says that the Toronto Housing Company sought during its first year chiefly to understand its mission and get a well defined plan for work. It met with many difficulties, but made substantial progress. When legislation was sought, Hon. Mr. Hanna co-operated in framing a bill, which was unanimously adopted by the legislature, and which enables all cities and towns in the province to solve to a large extent the problem of providing houses at moderate prices. Civic aid, voluntary co-operation, and administration by specially constituted bodies are the principles underlying the movement and embodied in the act. After the legislation had been secured the city council of Toronto guaranteed bonds to the value of $850,000, under condition that the Toronto Housing Company get $150,000 additional subscribed. The company bought five acres of land, upon which $400,000 will be spent to house two hundred families. The self-contained cottage flat is the type of house chosen. The company also leased a block on Spruce street, and spent upon it $55,000 to provide homes for thirty-eight families. These houses are now ready for occupancy, and applications have been received for twice as many as are available. The company has purchased a piece of land on which it proposes to spend $100,000, and a bowling green will be one of the features. Altogether the company's plan thus far involves an outlay of over $550,000. It has purchased two hundred acres of suburban land two miles from the city limits. A portion of this has been subdivided and sold, and upon the remainder the company hopes to establish a garden suburb as soon as satisfactory transportation is secured. To develop the suburban land now owned by the company would, the report tells us, cost not less than $1,000,000. The president in his address makes this significant statement:

"I would strongly urge, however, that for every dollar spent in providing housing accommodation of a less desirable type than we have yet planned, two dollars should be spent by the city, province or dominion, or by all combined, in seeking, finding and remedying the causes that have brought about that low level of living. It will be a lasting discredit to Canada if we permit the reproduction here of the evils from which the countries in the old world are suffering."

The president urges the establishment in Canada of a central bureau to which all the provinces and cities might apply for information and assistance in the matter of housing reform, and that it be made a department of the Conservation Commission, with Sir Edmund Osler as chairman. He also dwells upon the importance of providing the immigrants pouring into the country with better environment, better houses, and better education than many of them are now able to enjoy in the over-crowded portions of the cities. The report gives particulars which were recently set forth in the Times of the partial housing survey held in Toronto, showing that conditions in some districts are very bad. One significant fact is that a workingman's house of six rooms which twenty years ago could be rented for $12 to $16 a month now costs $25; while the average wage is still considerably below $15 per week.

The Toronto Housing Company is making an intelligent and vigorous effort to improve the conditions which exist, and that its work is attracting wide-spread attention is shown by the fact that inquiries have been received from more than a score of Canadian cities, asking about the details of its work which is fraught with so much significance in relation to the betterment of moral and social conditions in all the cities of Canada.

The Canadian Club, under the presidency of Dr. Bridges, bids fair to enjoy a busy and prosperous year.

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The maritime provinces last year showed gains in building operations. The other provinces showed a decrease. The city of St. John showed the most notable percentage of increase in building operations of any of the larger cities of Canada.

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The treatment the suburban patrons of the I. C. R. are receiving at the hands of the railway management is infinitely worse than would be meted out by a grasping corporation. That their turn will come does not in any way lessen the indignity which the people now suffer.

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The St John Railway Company has had a profitable year, and gives assurance of an extension of its line to Coldbrook and East St. John as early as possible this year. Such extensions will prove of great benefit and will materially increase the business of the company.

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Dr. J. W. Robertson continues to remind the Canadian people that they are lagging far behind many other countries in the matter of technical education. He also insists that the dominion government should provide the money to improve the system of technical and vocational training in the various provinces. When the people of the provinces insist with sufficient vigor, that which Dr. Robertson desires to see will come to pass.

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The Standard recently printed an expression of opinion from one or two Conservatives to the effect that the new suburban arrangement, by which a portion of the Hampton service was restored, should be satisfactory. This morning the Standard quotes one of these gentlemen as follows:—"If the kind of service we had this morning is to continue, it might as well be cancelled altogether." Other suburbanites, the Standard says, assured its reporter that their opinions "were unfit for publication."

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Albert Edward Dyment, one of Canada's best known horsemen and a one-time winner of the King's Plate, was born forty-five years ago today. He was for several years interested in the lumber business and when living in north Ontario was elected to parliament. He represented Algoma in the House of Commons for twelve years, being at the time one of the youngest members in the house. Laterly he has been engaged in the stock broking business in Toronto. He is a director of numerous industrial companies and is very popular in the "street" Though a millionaire and always accustomed to the use of wealth, he is entirely without "side" and does not let the consideration of money interfere with his friendships.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Today Hon. H. E. Young, minister of education of the province of British Columbia, observes his forty-seventh birthday. Doctor Young is a native of Quebec and a medical graduate of McGill University. Since he took charge of the educational department of British Columbia seven years ago, he has devoted most of his energies to the work of getting the provincial university started. This institution, planned on big and generous lines, will in time be a monument to his zeal and efficiency. It is to be built on a magnificent site at Point Grey near Vancouver, and already extensive plans have been prepared for several of the buildings. A president has been appointed and a competent staff is in process of selection with a view to the commencing of instruction next year.

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Heard at the Club.

"Young Hardupp says his grandfather was one of the first settlers."

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Defying the Militants.

Tourist (in London)—It certainly took a bunch o' bobbies to arrest that silk-hatted guy! What did he do?

Cabby—Why, that blighter hain't pinched; 'e's a heminent statesman goin' to luncheon!—From Judge.

John Bull Abroad.

The Paris Liberte has discovered the most "nervy" of English tourists—always a self-confident race. This man entered a well-known restaurant, accompanied by two little girls, ordered a bottle of mineral water and three plates, and began to eat sandwiches which he had brought with him in his pockets.

The manager, overcome by this outrage, approached him, and said: "I should like to inform you that this is not a—"

"Who are you?" interrupted the Englishman.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next session of the Provincial Legislature Intituled "An Act to Amend "An Act to provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission," 2 George V., Chapter 42."

The objects desired to be obtained by this Bill, are:

(1). To provide for filling a vacancy in the office of Commissioner should such vacancy occur within three calendar months before a biennial election.

(2). To authorize the Common Council from time to time to redistribute the services mentioned in sub-section (1) of Section 14 of said Act.

Dated Saint John, N. B., 17th February, A. D. 1914.

HERBERT E. WARDROPER,
Common Clerk.
2057—t.f.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill entituled an ACT PROVIDING FOR BALCONIES AT GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN SAINT JOHN will be presented at next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for enactment. The object of the bill is to issue bonds to pay for erection of balconies to said hospital. Dated 26th day of January, A. D. 1914.

JAMES KING KELLEY,
County Secretary.
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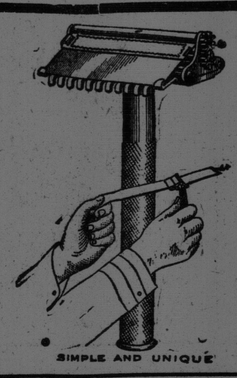

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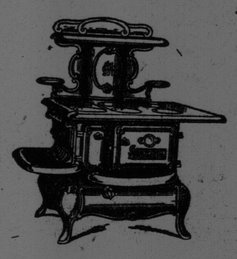

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