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THEY ARE AFRAID

"Canada for the Canadians" is no longer the slogan of the Conservative party. There cry today is "Canada for the British ship-builders." They have suddenly discovered that the people who could build the great railway systems of this country, the canal system, and the great public works from the Atlantic to the Pacific, are not able to establish a ship-yard and build ships. If they had faith in Canada and in Canadians they would never propose to send \$35,000,000 to build up industries in another country, especially since other nations must follow year after year for the same purpose. Mr. Winston Churchill and the British ship-builders have too poor an opinion of Canada and the Canadians, but it is more humiliating to know that, for political purposes, the leaders of the Conservative party are willing to adopt their views and actually applaud statements which should arouse indignation in the breast of every self-respecting citizen of Canada.

Mr. Winston Churchill is a very able man, but he has committed a serious blunder in thrusting himself into a controversy between two Canadian parties over a matter of Canadian policy. It would be quite proper for Mr. Churchill to give the Canadian government an estimate of the cost of ship-building, in reply to their enquiry, but it was highly improper for him to add comments with regard to the ability or inability of this country to establish an industry and conduct it with success. Moreover, he has wholly misunderstood the quality of the Canadian people, and his gratuitous advice is not of the sort that tends to create a closer union of the Empire.

Mr. Borden and Mr. Haas have made a mess of it. They do not understand the Canadian people. They began by professing a profound devotion to the Empire, and ended in an alliance with the Nationalists, and talking to their boomerang who boasted that their fathers had found it necessary to bore holes in the British flag in order to breathe the air of liberty. Their followers in the province of Quebec described Sir Wilfrid Laurier as too British and not French and Catholic enough to do justice to his compatriots. In Ontario their followers described him as an enemy of British connection, and declared that as a Frenchman and a Catholic he was not fit to be premier of Canada. These are the men who now profess to have a monopoly of loyalty and devotion to the Empire. They have, however, committed a blunder which the country will not overlook. They realize the fact, and therefore are straining every nerve to postpone the inevitable as long as possible. They are afraid to go to the country.

MUST HAVE HOUSES

With the approach of spring and the assurance that there will be a very large increase in the working population of the city, because of the great works to be carried on, the question of housing becomes more pressing. Of course tough boarding houses can be erected for large crews of laborers, but a great many of those who will come to the city this year will remain permanently. They must be provided with homes. This is a question which must be considered seriously by the city council and the board of trade, and it ought to be possible to interest capital in the construction of cottages which could be sold on easy terms or occupied at a moderate rental.

A mere enumeration of the more important works to be carried on will show that there must be a large influx of mechanics and working men in the early spring and summer. There are the important works at Courtenay Bay, the new wharves and grain elevator at West St. John, the new bridge at the falls, the sugar refinery, the marine depot, the new post office, the big new warehouses, the new bank building, the large buildings to be remodelled, the new houses of all kinds for which plans are being prepared by the local architects, and other works of which no announcement has yet been made. This work will call for the employment of many more people than are at present available in the city. Of course the expansion of the city calls for the extension of the street railway system, and this also will provide employment for many men. While there will be considerable of what may be termed a floating population, there will also be a notable growth in permanent citizenship, calling for increased housing accommodation. Spring is at hand, and this housing question ought to be considered in a practical manner without delay.

THE PRISON FARM

The citizens of St. John were a good deal surprised this morning to learn that the legislature at the instance of gentlemen representing St. John had thrown out the bill providing for a municipal or prison farm. Mr. Tully, Mr. Carson and the Hon. Mr. Wilson ought surely to know that the ordinary jail population in St. John is not an accurate gauge of the number of proper subjects for prison farm treatment. Had the citizens anticipated opposition from members representing this constituency, such an agitation might easily have been aroused as would have convinced them that in opposing the measure

they would be opposing the wishes of their constituents. Of course the question is not yet settled, but for some time longer the city must be content to bear the shame and disgrace of a "chain gang" and suffer the presence not only in the jail, but on the streets, of persons who ought to be sent to a farm and compelled to work for their living.

There is some hope in the remarks made by Premier Manning. He suggests that eventually a provincial farm may be established. That, of course, would be entirely satisfactory, and it should now be the aim of those who favor such a movement to arouse a public sentiment throughout the province such as would give the premier and his colleagues the assurance that they would not be legislating in advance of public opinion to provide such a farm without delay. It is nevertheless to be regretted, since the city and county of St. John favor the establishment of a municipal farm, and since they own the land and could establish the institution at comparatively small cost, that they have not been permitted to give a demonstration of the value of such an institution.

The Hon. Robt. Rogers has discovered that methods which might go down in Winnipeg are not acceptable at Ottawa.

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The suffragettes were given a dose of their own medicine at Nottingham, England, on Tuesday night. It may do them some good.

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The Liberal government in the United Kingdom proposes to reform the House of Lords. There is certainly great room for improvement.

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That the newspapers contain so many paragraphs about new settlers coming to New Brunswick is one of the most cheerful signs of the times.

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One of Mr. Borden's colleagues will have to defend himself against serious charges in connection with the Hochelaga election, and it is said that more than one minister may be involved.

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Self-respect is a nation as in an individual is a very desirable quality. If they endorse the Borden naval policy the people of Canada must sacrifice their self-respect.

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Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott says that the British navy was never more efficient than at the present time. This is another evidence that there is no emergency, and that Britain is not in need of a gift of \$50,000,000 from the treasury of Canada.

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The board of trade has declared itself opposed to the head-tax. It is certainly a strange proceeding to encourage new settlers to come this way and immediately on their arrival send a policeman to collect the head tax.

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The naval controversy is not without its humorous aspect. It has produced more resolutions from the Borden Club and the Conservative Club of this city. An opportunity to pass a resolution is something which these clubs cannot resist.

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The people of St. John are still hoping that as a result of the discussion at Fredericton they may get a better and more extended street railway service. Their interests, rather than those of any company, ought to be a first consideration with the members of the house.

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The Conservative press cannot be relied on to give anything approaching an accurate report of the conditions at Ottawa. For example, the Standard describes the Liberals as fast weakening and says that their defection is complete. On the contrary, the Liberals are convinced that in this affair they have behind them the great majority of the people of this country.

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Retains brought down at Ottawa this week show that the shipping master at Yarmouth was dismissed as a political partisan without investigation and an American citizen appointed in his place. Also that a man who was in jail for forgery was appointed to office in Cape Breton, and that his stay in jail was materially shortened by the department of justice, and the office kept open until his release. This is the Borden method of reforming the civil service.

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THURSDAY, MARCH THIRTEENTH.

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John McDougall, commissioner of customs at Ottawa since 1896, celebrates his sixty-fifth birthday today. He was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, and engaged in commercial life in Pictou for several years. He represented the county at Ottawa in the Conservative interest from 1881 to 1896.

Alexander Henderson, late commissioner of the Yukon Territory, was born on this date in the year 1839 at Oshawa. He was called to the bar in 1860 and went to British Columbia in 1891. Here he held a number of political and judicial positions, being at one time attorney-general of the province.

LIGHTER VEIN
COUNTERFEIT PRESENTMENT.
Girls of today, what would think, or call, them saints?

Yet, I'll declare
And still I'll swear—
They're not as bad as they are painted!
—Madeline Bridges.

SUFFICIENT.
Knicker—"Do you treat your cook as one of the family?"
Bocker—"Goodness no; we treat her like three of the family."

TAKING NO CHANCES.
"Can I sell you a set of Dickens?"
"I don't know what you can do if you get started, but I'm not going to let you try. Good day."

MUST HAVE A LOT OF IT.
"Is he rich?"
"Well, what are you?" asked the cynic.
"I'm the husband of the best bridge player in our neighborhood," he replied.
"I heard him say the other night that he let his wife have all the money she wants."

NO ROMANCE.
"I see a girl's name on this egg."
"Um."
"What her address. I shall write to her."
"Forget it. Nothing in those egg romances."

A BORROWED ONE.
First Party—"Don't you ever carry an umbrella?"
Second Party—"No, I hate to have everybody lookin' at me with suspicion."
—Philadelphia Telegraph.

HIS CLAIM TO FAME.
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—Detroit Free Press.

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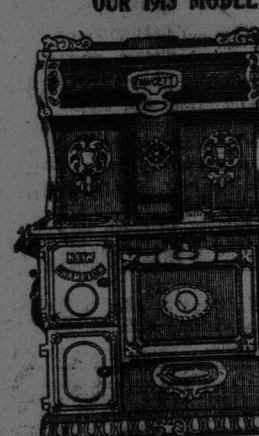
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MORNING LOCALS

Another St. John man has made quite an extensive purchase of Montreal real estate. A few days ago G. L. Harris sold to J. M. Queen, of St. John, a block of land comprising forty lots situated north of Union street. The land is part of the Pictou property bought by Mr. Harris two years ago.

C. M. Kerrison, the well known shipping broker, has assigned to J. A. Barry for the benefit of creditors. The many friends of Mr. Kerrison will learn with regret that he has met a temporary setback.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison gave a lecture of David Livingstone, illustrated with lantern views, in the Fairville Presbyterian church last evening. Rev. Mr. Morrison, pastor of the church, was in a chair. There was a large attendance, including a number from the Carleton Presbyterian church, who went over on a special car from Carleton.

The number of workmen on the new O. P. E. elevator will be increased to more than 80 next month, as the work is now almost entirely above the highwater mark. With all the additional work that is to be done here this summer, it is figured that the number of men employed in the city will be several thousand more than last summer.

A bold robbery took place on Sunday evening at the home of William McLaughlin, 320 Brussels street. The family had gone out and left the front door unlocked, and on their return found that the house had been ransacked and a new black coat and a pair of fur gloves had been stolen.

A considerable sum of money was stolen a day or two ago from the residence of Rev. G. A. Kain, Coburg street, the thief entering the house while members of the family were absent, and the maid was in the basement.

Diver Doyle yesterday made an unsuccessful attempt to locate the five-ton anchor and about twenty-seven fathoms of chain lost from the Allan liner Victorian on Monday morning. The search will likely be continued today.

The police found the door of the Maritime warehouse on Victoria wharf smashed in last night.

Rev. W. M. Whiteley, who has accepted a call to Whiteford, before leaving his church at Musquash, was waited from by the parishioners and made the recipient of a substantial purse and an address.

HAD RECIPROcity BEEN CARRIED

New Brunswick farmers would now profit materially by reciprocity between the United States and Canada. At least a donation to the potato market would be in the present marketing of potatoes. The vegetable is now being rushed to Woodstock and the demand there is not capable of absorbing the supplies. Yet the farmers cannot send their product across the border, where a ready market would be found. At Woodstock sellers are not sure of getting bids at seventy cents a barrel, while in Hamilton (Mc.) the price has not dropped below \$1.10 and in other parts of Annapolis the values are higher.—Boston Transcript.

A GOLDFISH STORY.

At St. Andrews a United Free office-bearer, in the course of a round on the links, was doing his best to extract a donation to the church fund from his partner, an old friend. He resisted. What the good of your coming to me for money? I'm Auld Kirk. I've never had any interest in the U. F. A. Why, man, to my certain knowledge you've been taking the line to the 14th hole from the U. F. steppe for twenty years.

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