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THE OLIVER CASE.

For unmitigated silliness the action of Sir Wilfrid and the implicated minister bears of the palm. The trick contemplated is as apparent as it is contemptible. Let us state the occurrences in their order. On March 2nd, 1911, Mr. Dan. McGillicuddy, an old time Liberal and former beneficiary of the Government, wrote a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in which the following occurred:

"Recently evidence has come to me that convinces me that one of your colleagues, Hon. Frank Oliver, is a grifter and a boodler. I am willing to submit the evidence to you." To this Sir Wilfrid replied and set a day on which he would see him.

Seven conferees are said to have taken place between Mr. McGillicuddy and Sir Wilfrid from March 6th to the 21st. They resulted in the Premier refusing to take any action, and he told Mr. McGillicuddy of his decision as follows:

"I said that I had no reason to doubt the honesty of my colleague, who was not only a colleague but a personal friend, and that I would not accept the alternative he mentioned, namely, should you see fit to take immediate action it would go no further; but the alternative would be to place the documents, letters and photographs of cheques in the hands of the Opposition."

"I stated to my informant that I would not take any such action as he suggested, under such terms, that I had the fullest confidence in my colleague, that I believed in his honesty, and that if it were shown that my confidence were misplaced, he would have to take the consequences."

"My informant was free to take such steps as he pleased, to place the papers and documents in the hands of the Opposition and to do anything he pleased with them. If my colleague was then proved dishonest, he would have to take the consequences, but if it was my duty to stand loyally by him, this is the gist of my conversation that took place between us. This is the position I take and I leave that position in the hands of Parliament and the country."

The Toronto Telegram on April 27th published an article detailing some of the salient features of the McGillicuddy charges, reproducing the photograph of the bank account and alluding to other documents. It then said:

"There are theories as to the origin and significance of the deposits of \$69,340 on the credit side of the bank account. These theories cannot be tried out. In these columns, or in the proceedings that might follow the disclosure of names and identities. This journal has tried to stick to the facts and leave theories to the parliamentary tribunals that can test such theories. The truth or falsity of the charges which 'warring Liberals' urge against a cabinet minister of their own political faith was tried by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and decided in favor of the cabinet minister. The facts and issue of that trial are matters of public interest. Every minister of the Crown should be prepared to have the origin of his bank deposits shouted from the housetops."

The announcement made in the House of Commons on Friday last by Sir Wilfrid had relation solely to what passed between him and Mr. McGillicuddy and to the statement in the Telegram. On this occasion Mr. Oliver said nothing. On Monday Mr. Oliver gave notice to the House that on Tuesday he would make a statement in regard to the matter. On Tuesday accordingly he appeared armed with a typewritten document which he proceeded to read. The first part contained an edition from the Toronto World, which, in commenting on the Telegram article, mentioned a story current at Ottawa that in 1907 the Minister of the Interior had passed an order in council authorizing the Canadian Northern Railway to select a railway bonus from lands situated in Saskatchewan. There was no intimation by the World that the money for the deposit of \$69,340 came from the railway company, although it was open to any one to connect the two transactions.

Mr. Oliver then proceeded to deny that there was any connection between his bank account and the land transaction, and ended by saying:—"I therefore ask that a special committee be appointed to hear and to inquire into any charge that may be made in respect to the transaction mentioned." He did not refer to or deny the charges made by McGillicuddy, which had formed the basis of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement to the House. He picked up a comment from another newspaper in which no charge was made, and valiantly denied a charge fabricated by himself, and ostentatiously demanded a committee to investigate ANY CHARGE THAT MAY BE MADE in respect to a transaction which, so far as is known, Mr. McGillicuddy did not make, and to which neither the Telegram nor Sir Wilfrid made any allusion.

This trick, so palpable and so weak, puts the minister out of court with men who otherwise were disposed to await developments before passing judgment. He denied no charges made by Mr. McGillicuddy or implied by the Telegram, did not deny the accuracy of the photographed bank account, did not explain where he got the \$69,340, nor how he disposed of it. Why? It would have been so easy for him to have exploded the whole charge, if the money had been honestly come by, and honestly spent. That he did not, implies guilt.

But if Mr. Oliver's trick was so obvious, equally so was the Premier's playing up to it, equally obvious but far more creditable. He promptly proposed the following resolution:—"That a special committee of five members be appointed to investigate the matter referred to this day by Mr. Oliver, a member of this House, and that the said committee be entrusted with full power to send for persons and papers, and report from time to time." This excludes the McGillicuddy charges entirely, and limits the inquiry to another and entirely different matter in respect of which no charge has been made. It was a brazen, but, fortunately, a very apparent attempt to burke the charges made, and prevent all inquiry as to McGillicuddy's assertion that Mr. Oliver is "a boodler and a grifter," that he improperly received and paid out a sum of nearly \$70,000, and that he has thereby forfeited public confidence. Mr. Borden promptly questioned the scope of the resolution

proposed, and it was laid over for further consideration. The final action of the Government was the usual one of burking investigation. They voted down Mr. Borden's amendment which would have broadened the scope of the inquiry to take in the McGillicuddy charges as preferred to the Premier, and as partially detailed in the Telegram. These are now effectively excluded. Instead, the charge to be investigated is a concoction of the accused minister himself brewed from two statements made by the Toronto World, not even hinted at in the Telegram, and so far as we know not made by McGillicuddy.

In this way does the Laurier Government refuse inquiry, shield the wrongdoer, encourage malversation in office and show its contempt for recent public opinion. The only redeeming feature in this, its latest action, is that it is so patent a trick that its perpetration may help to open the eyes of the electorate to the Government's utter shamelessness.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

It is quite evident that Mr. Lowell feels that his hold on the electors of the county is weakening. This does not fit in with Mr. Lowell's ambition to represent St. John county in the Dominion House of Commons. Hence his Suspension Bridge campaign. Although he has been informed by the local Government that the intention is to replace the Suspension Bridge with a more suitable structure, he sees in the repairs that are now being made to the bridge an attempt on the part of the Government to escape from the promise that has been given. Mr. Lowell need not be alarmed. A new bridge will replace the present structure just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

If Mr. Lowell were inclined to be reasonable, and not attempting to make political capital for himself, a fact that is patent to everybody, he would see in the repairs that are now being made to the bridge an evidence on the part of the Government to protect the public from all possibility of accident. While the bridge is as safe as ever it was for the traffic it was built to carry, it has become necessary to make repairs to the structure as it is an admitted fact that wood, under the most favorable circumstances will not last forever. Mr. Lowell ought to know this from ocular demonstration in 1908. Then he contended that the bridge did not require the repairs that were made, but when the flooring was torn up it was discovered in a condition which showed the repairs were necessary and that instead of being in good condition the old Government had allowed portions of the woodwork to rot until the bridge was dangerous in many spots.

The present conditions, while not as bad as three years ago, render repairs necessary, and while they are being made, some of the recommendations to increase its strength made by the engineer who examined it, are being put into effect. This will enable the bridge to sustain the increased traffic while the structure stands. The public may rest assured that Mr. Lowell's political campaign will not be successful. The bridge is not weakened by any of the reports made by engineers who have examined the structure during the past ten years.

The Government has decided to replace the bridge with a more suitable one, but it takes time to build bridges and the Government in making the present repairs is merely taking the precaution to make the bridge safe while it stands. Mr. Lowell is reminded that he has not yet discovered the location of the bridge he said was burned in Queen's County a short time ago. The reason for this is that no bridge was burned. There is about as much foundation in fact for his alarmist campaign regarding the safety of the Suspension Bridge as there was for the Queen's County bridge fire.

MUNICIPAL TREE DISTRIBUTION.

Denver, Colorado, has just distributed to its citizens 10,000 trees for street planting. One-half of the trees were maples, and the other half elms. The trees cost the city thirty cents each, and four thousand citizens were supplied. No charge whatever was made for the trees.

Municipal Parks, a small municipal weekly, published by the city in the cause of municipal advancement and uplift, makes the following observation on the annual tree distribution:

"The trees were given out free of charge, the only condition required of those who received them being that they should be put in the ground immediately according to the instructions printed on the back of the order cards, and that they should see to it that they were properly cultivated. The money to pay for the trees comes from the tramway franchise. Later in the season it will be the duty of the city forester to make a tour of the city and ascertain as near as possible if all the trees were planted and are being well taken care of. This was done last year, and it was found that there had been practically no waste, and that about 85 per cent of the saplings were growing nicely. Of the first year's distribution, only 70 per cent, survived. Since then, however, the people have become better educated to tree culture, and the city forester estimates that over 90 per cent of this year's crop will thrive and be producing shade within two or three years."

Denver was the pioneer in municipal tree distribution, and now there are many cities in the United States following the example set. The advantage gained is not questioned, the trees being regarded as a municipal asset the value of which is hardly to be estimated in dollars and cents. The local arboricultural society has made an excellent start in its campaign to plant avenues of trees in some of St. John's principal streets. The distribution of trees and their inspection might well be extensively undertaken at some time in the future as a municipal work. No better nor more generally acceptable method could be devised to beautify the city.

Current Comment

(Ottawa Citizen.)

The question of whether a French Liberal member loaned or took Government paint to embellish his residence at Borel occupied the House for one whole day, took up 250 columns of Hansard, the printing of which alone covered the cost, and eventually resulted in an administration of a decorative coat of excellent Government whitewash for Mr. Lanctot, also at the expense of the public.

(Chatham World.)

The criticisms of the Telegram and Times, on the speeches of Prof. Laycock and others on the reciprocity question, would be of more interest to their readers if they had given a report, however condensed, of the speeches themselves. Real newspapers, free from the control of party managers, first give fair reports of public meetings and then comment on them.

(Hamilton Herald.)

The Sheffield Choir's world-tour has come to a sudden termination in St. Paul, Minn., owing to financial difficulties. It was too big an undertaking for such a large company to attempt to sing their way around the world.

(Guelph Herald.)

Come on, Sir Wilfrid, trust the people.

PROGRAMME OF KING'S COLLEGE ENCOENA

Interesting Programme Outlined for Church of England's University at Windsor—Canon Simpson Alumni Orator.

Windsor, N. S., May 4.—This year the Encoena of King's College promises to be very interesting, and if the fine weather continues the attendance will be large. President Powell has been most energetic during the entire year in promoting the welfare of this good old university. He is deservedly popular and has been most successful in all his undertakings. President Powell came to King's highly recommended and is proving the right man in the right place, and in him the students have found an interested and helpful friend.

The following is the programme for Encoena week:
On Sunday the Baccalaureate service will be held by Rev. C. Dew. White, M. L. Rector of Kentville, in the chapel at 11 a. m.
Monday, 8 p. m., the Haliburton Club will hold a social meeting.
Tuesday at 2.30 p. m., the Alexandra society meets.

Tuesday, at 9.45 a. m., meeting of the Alumni Association.
Wednesday, meeting of the Governors of King's.
Wednesday, 2.30 p. m., meeting of Convocation.

Wednesday evening, King's College Dramatic Club will present "Billie's Bungalow" at the Opera House.
Thursday, 7.30 a. m., Celebration in College chapel—Bishops of Nova Scotia and Fredericton.

Thursday at 10.30, annual service in Christ church, when the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Ottawa will preach.
Thursday, 2 p. m., Encoena exercises at Convocation Hall, conferring of degrees, and the Alumni oration will be given by Rev. Canon Simpson, M. A., Rector of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, P. E. I. There will be a special service of the Nova Scotia, the President of King's College and others.

THE SQUAW MAN WAS THE BEST PLAY YET

Helen Grayce Company Delighted Capacity Audience in Opera House Last Night A Fine Production.

As anticipated, The Squawman, was played to a capacity house. Every seat was taken and many persons were disappointed in not being able to secure tickets. By common consent the performance was voted the best that has been given by the Helen Grayce Company in St. John. William Faversham made this bill a one man affair. Mr. Brooke while sustaining the lead with his customary ability, permitted the other members of the cast ample opportunity to share the honors. The story is not new to St. John theatregoers, but last evening's presentation was in every sense adequate and satisfying, and fully deserved the large patronage it received.

The only criticism that can be offered is with regard to Mr. Brooke himself. For one who married a squaw and sacrificed so much for her sake, his attitude toward the young woman was lacking in evidences of affection and regard. Perhaps he was merely afraid of the grease paint.

A child on the stage is always an attraction, and Elsie Evans as the little son of the squawman, received a generous share of the applause. Mr. Abbott who made such a hit in the Right of Way, gained fresh laurels by his characteristic impersonation of Cash Hawkins, the desperado. Mr. Harris, too, deserves honorable mention for his consistent and pleasing work.

Miss Grayce with her accustomed charm, made the most of a part that afforded small opportunity. For this afternoon and evening the company will present, The House of A Thousand Candles.

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W. A. SESSION WAS CLOSED YESTERDAY

Interesting Meetings Market Last Day of Women's Auxiliary of Diocese of Fredericton in Local Capital

Fredericton, May 5.—The closing session of the eighth annual meeting of the Fredericton diocesan branch of the Women's Auxiliary, took place at the Masonic hall this afternoon. Miss Davidson, of Rothesay, read an interesting paper on Our Responsibility to The Jews, which was followed by a short discussion and Miss Shaw, returned missionary from Japan, gave a mission talk. J. Miller McCormack, who is known in the west as Sky Pilot Mac, addressed the meeting telling of the good work both temporal and spiritual, done among the railway construction crews in the west and of the literature distributed to the railway navvies. His experiences were interesting and held the attention of the delegates during the course of his remarks.

As the result of the ballot taken in the early part of the day, the following were declared elected officers for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. Richardson; president, Mrs. Thomas Walker; first vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Harris; third vice-president, Mrs. C. D. Schofield; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. D. Porter; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Howard; treasurer, Mrs. Leonard; Very Rev. Dean Schofield, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Rev. Canon Cowie and Rev. G. F. Scovill, also to Miss Shaw and to C. S. L. Collins for the use and operation of lantern slides and to the dean and chaplain of the cathedral. Several of the delegates expressed themselves as delighted with the dolly of the day, which was extended to them by the citizens.

The proceedings this morning opened with devotional exercises, and were followed by an interesting discussion on girls' branches led by Miss Hunt, of this city. Mrs. Geo. W. Allen read an interesting paper on The Use of the Annual Report, which was discussed.

OFFERING OF LOTS

In the Chief Grand Trunk Pacific Towns in its rich prairie section.

Attention is called to the advertisement of lots in the town of Biggar, which appears on another page. Biggar, Melville, Watrous, Wainwright, Scott and Tofield are the chief grand trunk Pacific towns on the 500 miles of its main line across the prairie between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Hundreds of thousands of settlers, their number ever increasing, pour into the territory every year. As a consequence the more important towns such as those of the G. T. P. develop with marvellous rapidity. It is estimated that one hundred millions of dollars were made in town lots in the west last year. This was made, however, by those who bought. Not a dollar of it was made by those who simply thought of buying.

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