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EASTER.

On Easter morning it is said that the sun dances—always with joy, sometimes with the cold, and often behind the curtain of cloud in this part of the world. Coming at the equinox, when spring is just picking the shell of winter to get out, Easter shows not one green leaf.

Still, half the fun of this festival is in its movable character. It is as fickle as the moon, no more, no less. Its whims are as interesting as the weather, or as woman, whom Virgil has described as "varying and mutable ever." If some people had their way and made a cast-iron, permanent calendar, fixing holidays on the same day of the month and of the week, each year, life would lose a season.

Easter is one of the standard beginnings of spring. Then birds and flowers appear with one leap, upon the ladies' hats. Creation makes its annual repetition. In Paris fashions, no doubt, with these things, to some extent, love is torn.

But it is astonishing at how many points we may hold that spring begins. Born in March or May, it was conceived at the winter solstice, when the sun turned back, and "Halcyon Days" were welcomed by the Greeks, in Solonian Athens or at Jinana in 1913. Every time, mid day in January or February is said to have a breath of spring in it. Poets, drawing their traditions from sun-burnt Provence, call St. Valentine's Day the opening feast of spring and love, when birds find their summer mates and get ready for migration.

To the farmer, true son of earth, first plowing or sap running, is the date to reckon by. The equinox introduces the longer days at least. Easter is the church's season of victory over winter, darkness and death. April Fools' Day stands for the mad intoxication of the year's new life, when the lunatic takes his flannels off, May Day brings the crane in new houses, or the leaders of European riots. Mid-May bears the musk-rose, the nightingale and the maple leaves; finally the good old 24th is hailed by cynics as the only genuine spring-day, after many false dawns, in a land where "seven months are winter and the rest are mostly fall." There is a splendid range of dates to choose from, when you shall put furs off and a straw hat on.

But of them all Easter stands out, even in its mutability, with the highest qualifications. Women's intuition holds fast to it. Marking the resurrection of nature, of labor in field and flood, of love and beauty, Easter symbolizes especially that heavenly love and beauty in which all earthly things are ever renewed, commemorating the miracle of the Saviour's resurrection from the grave, which promises that every death and winter shall give way to spiritual life and spring.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S STATEMENT.

"In the working of parliamentary institutions it has not infrequently happened that deadlocks have occurred between the Government and the Opposition. Experience has shown that there are only two methods of providing for a solution: one is the use of brute force, and the other is an appeal to the people."

This is the concluding paragraph of a public statement issued by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply to Mr. Borden's threat of closure, Sir Wilfrid no doubt uses the words "brute force" advisedly, as a warning that only by physical violence can the Government defeat the demand for a reference of the Opposition will refuse to submit to arbitrary rulings from the chair, and the responsibility for the use of force in rejecting them from the chamber will rest upon the Government. British precedents will be quoted in an attempt to justify violent methods, but there is no analogy between the present situation at Ottawa and the conditions at Westminster in the eighties. At Westminster a small minority tried to block all public business, and closure was demanded by the older and larger parties, Whig and Tory. At Ottawa the Opposition, composing nearly half the House, is willing to facilitate all public business except the naval bill. At Westminster it was obstruction for obstruction's sake; the Parliament was merely seeking to embarrass and deadlock Parliament, not to dissolve it for a specific purpose. At Ottawa a great party, representing on the question at issue rather more than half of the electors of Canada, is convinced (1) that a constitutional point is at stake, (2) that Canada should as a whole decide so important a matter both to itself and to the Empire, as the permanent naval policy. When in 1909-1910 Parliament was united as to this policy, a reference to the people was naturally not insisted on by

any considerable element in the country. When Parliament is factually divided, it is most dangerous to Canada and to imperial relations that the people should not as a whole decide and try to get together.

THOSE CODERRE LETTERS.

The Minister of Justice says that Emile Bourassa, Elie Lalumiere and others made an organized attempt to blackmail the Secretary of State, Hon. Louis Coderre. Here are two letters addressed to these blackmailers by Mr. Coderre:

"House of Commons, Ottawa, 14, 2, 1913.

"My Dear Emile—Learn from your friends that you have been informed that another person has been appointed to fill the position in the department of public works. It is unfortunately true.

"I wish to impress upon you once more that I have done, since a year, all that I could for you. It seems now that I will have more opportunity to find a congenial appointment for you, either in my own department or elsewhere.

"Sincerely yours,
"Signed) LOUIS CODERRE."

"House of Commons, Ottawa, 14, 2, 1913.

"Mr. Elie Lalumiere,
"Montreal, Quebec:
"Respecting the position about which you spoke to me, I expect to be able to comply with your wishes in the near future.

"I attach especial importance to the excellent recommendation of you from my cousin, Emile Bourassa.
"Signed) LOUIS CODERRE."

These letters were written after "My Dear Emile" and the excellent Mr. Lalumiere had threatened to expose the election practices in Hochelaga. This threat must have chilled any family affection felt by Mr. Coderre for cousin Emile. What other claim had Emile upon cousin Louis? And what had Mr. Lalumiere done to deserve the promise of a job?

"Blackmailers and perjurers" were the epithets applied by the Minister of Justice to Bourassa and Lalumiere, but these blackmailers and perjurers were promised positions in the public service by the Secretary of State. Is the Secretary of State content to leave the matter where it is? Is the Government satisfied that by refusing an inquiry it has done its duty to the public?

March always was something of a blowhard.

Our local contemporary again talks of an "emergency contribution." Why "emergency?"

The storm might have been worse. Aetolus might have saved it for the day the spring millinery comes out.

The present Ottawa Government will spend \$23,000,000 more this year than last. No doubt there are valid reasons for most of the increase, but it mocks the cry of extravagance raised against the Laurier Government.

Sylvia Parkhurst has won her freedom by a hunger strike, which she carried to a point that endangered her life. With thousands of women crying, "Give me a vote, or give me death!" what are the men at the head of affairs to do?

There are tens of thousands of good Conservatives who deplore the attempt to put the stigma of disloyalty again on the Liberal party. Such newspapers as the London Free Press regard this as the worst enemies of British unity.

UNTERIFIED.

[Ad. in the Mexican Herald.]
Avarice. Cannons may tear them, but we repair them. International Tent and Awning Company, Calle Dolores 4.

THE TROUBLE.

[Birmingham Age-Herald.]
"Dicks claims to be a poet."
"I wouldn't mind his claiming to be a poet, if he didn't try so hard to prove it."

PHILOSOPHIC.

The difference between truth and gossip is that one is true and the other merely true to life.

THE HIRE THE HIGHER.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]
Teacher: What is the difference between "I will hire a taxi, and I have hired a taxi?"
Kid—About six dollars and a half.

THINKING THE WORST.

[New Orleans Picayune.]
The world will never progress far enough to believe that a man's black eye was caused by anything else than somebody's fist.

KING LOUIS' GOOD EXCUSE.

[Phoenix, Ariz., Republican.]
After travelling across Canada and seeing the "world's granary" of the north-west, Sara Bernhardt reviled Louis XV. for selling the country for a million francs, and she said it was a criminal act. Mrs. Bernhardt, if she has read history carefully, has forgotten that the price was not Louis'. The English named the figures. It was a million francs or nothing. Besides, Louis' life had led him into dire need of money, and a million francs was something of a sum. Also, the world's granary was not then in process of development. Louis had never travelled to Edmonton and Calgary.

LESSONS STILL NEEDED.

[Sydney Record.]
Until individuals learn that money spent on road-building is a good investment, the people will never have good roads. The lesson has been learned in some places, but in many others it has still to be taught.

ACCOMMODATED.

[Life.]
Fussy Old Lady—I want two good seats for this afternoon in the coolest part of the house.
Ticket Agent—All right, madam, here are two in Z row.

HAD HIS NUMBER.

[Liverpool Post.]
A Philadelphia lawyer and connoisseur was describing some of his experiences in search of curios. "I once entered a shop," he said, smiling, "and the salesman pointed out to me a dilapidated chair. 'That there chair, sir,' he said, impressively, 'belonged to Louis Crosseys, King of France.' 'Louis Crosseys?' said I. 'Why, there's no

such person.' 'Oh, yes, there is, sir,' said the salesman, and he showed me a ticket marked 'Louis XI.'"

LEARNED EARLY.

[Life.]
Crawford—How is it you let your wife have her own way?
Crabshaw—I once tried to stop her.

EVERYTHING ARRANGED.

[Megendorfer Blatter.]
Damsel—You must ask mama.
Suitor—But your mother is away from home.
Damsel—Yes, but she's left an affirmative answer in the gramophone.

AN IDEA HERE, MEN.

[Washington Star.]
"Does your wife want the vote?"
"No. She wants a larger town house, a villa on the seacoast, and a new limousine car every six months. I'd be pleased most to death if she could fix her attention on a small matter like the vote."

EARLY HUMOR.

[Houston Transcript.]
Gladstone, when a boy, was visiting in the country and the farmer was showing him around. Coming to a field that contained a large black bull, the farmer said: "There's a fine, strong bull there, Master William, and it's only two years old."

"How do you tell its age?" inquired the boy.
"Why, by its horns," said the farmer.
"By its horns?" Young Gladstone looked thoughtfully at a moment, then he cleared. "Ah, I see. Two horns—two years."

ONE FAULT.

[Puck.]
Farmer Burr—How do you like your automobile, Buz?
Farmer Root—Wal, I can't go to sleep on my way home from town, and wake up in the barnyard, like I could with old Dobbin.

AWAY OFF.

[Boston Transcript.]
Says the Aetichon Globe: "A baby is about the only new thing a man can get in his house that will not make the rest of his furniture look shabby." It is very clear that the man who wrote this never had a good, healthy baby in his house."

HIS BEST SELLER.

[Winning Free Press.]
What Mr. Churchill does not know about the mechanical and engineering skill of Canadians and the resources of this country would make a large book.

THE AWAKENING.

[Robert Louis Stevenson.]
If I have faltered once or less
In my great task of happiness,
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books and my food, and summer rains,
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain,
Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take,
And stab my spirit broad awake.

HOW HE DID IT.

[Judge.]
"What's the trouble now?" demanded his employer, when the office boy came in late an hour.
"The ice on the pavements," said the lad. "Every step I took, I slipped back twice."

"You did, eh? Then how did you get here?"
"I started back home."

THE CODERRE CASE.

[Montreal Witness.]
There are few things in which Parliament is so untrue to its dignity as in the things it cheers. Here was a man who, according to a letter of his own, laid before the House, had busied himself to find public heretics, and summer whom he knew to be perjurers, and here was Parliament refusing to examine into conduct so derogatory to its honor, and then cheering a member's escape from investigation.

THE QUESTION.

[Life.]
First Doctor—"I operated on him for appendicitis."
Second Doctor—"What was the matter with him?"
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
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SINGLE FARE FOR EASTER VIA CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Return tickets will be issued at Single Fare between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur and east, also to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y., Detroit and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Good March 29, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Return limit March 26, 1913. This is an excellent opportunity for a trip at moderate expense, the return limit being exceptionally long for an event of this nature. For particulars from any C. P. R. agent. See that your tickets read via C. P. R. City office, 161 Dundas, corner Richmond, London. 67-g

TWO HORSES FOR SALE.

Sealed bids, addressed to the Chairman and Members No. 3 Committee, will be received by the City Clerk until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, for the sale of two horses.

This city reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept any bid. Any further information will be furnished by the chief of the fire department.

JOHN ATKIN,
Chief Fire Department.
Mar. 22, 25 Chairman No. 3 Com.

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J. VICAR MUNRO, ARCHITECT AND civil engineer, Room 24, Bank of Toronto.
McBRIDE & FAIRFIELD, ARCHITECTS and consulting decorators, Edge building, London.

WILLIAM G. MURRAY, ARCHITECT,
111 (first floor) Masonic Temple, Phone 1521.

WATT & BLACKWELL, MEMBERS Ontario Association of Architects, Bank of Toronto building, London. Lister Chambers, Hamilton.

ARTHUR E. NUTTER, ARCHITECT—Rooms 15, 16 Dominion Bank Chambers, Dundas and Richmond. Telephone 658.

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SLATE ROOFING.

of Clydesdale Horses and Shorthorn Cattle, lot 10, con. 3 Township of Lobo, Township of Lobo, known as the James Griffith farm, Byron, on Thursday, March 27, 1913. Valuable registered horses, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock sharp. See handbills. T. F. Hawken, auctioneer; Peter Mitchell, proprietor.



It was inappropriate to say the least to get such a southwest on Easter.

Hats that would come back when you whistled would have had a large sale Friday.

Were you ready to dive into your cyclone cellar? So were we.

That chronicler of the doings of the smart set at "Walpole Island," who writes for the Wallaceburg News, gives some rare bits of gossip. For instance:

Mrs. Bissquaw was going to be married on the first of March to Mr. Isaac Paul. That caused Mr. Paul to go away to Denton, Mich.

Mrs. Mary White's absence for the week-end is explained to her friends by the following paragraph: "Mrs. Mary White is in Sarnia jail, for she was found drunk on the streets."

Other of his jottings are: Mr. Joe Simpson was out on the 15th hunting fish. He slipped into a ditch and was nearly drowned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith have been making baskets for the last thirty years.

Mr. Andrew Isaac was going to Wallaceburg with a sleighload of wood on Monday morning. When he got the load on the snow was gone.

Surely all real Canadians want that proud phrase, "Made in Canada," printed on every warship.

The Daily Bromide.
Married Man—Yes, of course; we have little argument, but we haven't had a quarrel since we were married.

Hoke Smith's Latest.
Hoke Smith is famous for his southern stories. His latest rings the bell: "A little negro girl, holding along a road down in Georgia, exclaiming sorrowfully from time to time, 'Oh, mah poah feet! Oh, mah poah feet!'"

Passing a shanty, a little negro boy, sitting on a fence, asked a sympathetic, "What's de mattah, Mandy?" "Mah poah feet hurts so," she replied. "Ah was standin' on a heap of scrap iron dis mornin' when pa hit me with an axe. Oh, mah poah feet!"

An Old Friend Returns.
[Wallaceburg News.]
Mr. Walter Ruttie gave a fine party to a few of his friends on Wednesday evening—Oldfield correspondence.

Love Laughs at Muddy Roads.
[Durham Chronicle.]
Though both doctor and parson tried to get through from town on Sunday, the roads proved all right for lovers. Love enjoys overcoming obstacles.—Traverton correspondence.

Mr. Woodley's Music Box.
[Stintone News.]
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodley entertained a number of young folks to tea last Thursday evening. After playing various games, etc., music was furnished throughout the evening by Mr. Woodley's up-to-date music box.—Villa Nova correspondence.

The storm let us look into a lot of places that are usually hidden with fences, and the improvement in the view was noticeable.

Herr Von Glauzitz, of the German embassy, denies that he has sent diplomatic advice to the Kaiser, telling his old friend Bill to lay a few kickers on Hiderow for the King's Plate.

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature at its present Session for an Act:

To authorize the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to adopt the assessment of those parts of the Township of London annexed to the City of London on the 21st day of December, 1912, made by the Council of the Corporation of the City of London as the assessment of the said parts of the City of London annexed to the City of London, and to fix the rate of taxation for the year 1913 to be fixed and levied, and may adopt the assessment of that part of the Township of Westminster annexed to the said City on the 21st day of December, 1912, made by the Council of the Corporation of the said Township of Westminster as the assessment of the said part of the Township of Westminster annexed to the City of London, and to fix the rate of taxation for the year 1913 to be fixed and levied, via C. P. R. City office, 161 Dundas, corner Richmond, London. 67-g

F15,23,MI,8,15,22 S. BAKER, City Clerk.

CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

Tenders for Highway Bridge Over the River Thames.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Chairman and Members No. 2 Committee, will be received at the office of the City Clerk until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 1913, for the following work:

(a) Construction of concrete piers and abutments.
(b) Erection of three 130-foot span riveted steel trusses.
(c) Construction of reinforced concrete flooring.

Each bidder shall make his tender on the form furnished by the City Engineer and Plans and specifications and form of tender may be seen at and obtained from the office of the City Engineer.

Contractors to include a marked check for ten per cent (10%) of the amount of their bid.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid.

B. W. BENNETT,
Chairman No. 2 Committee.
H. A. BRAZIER,
City Engineer.

SEALED TENDERS.

Clearly marked tender for erection of church will be received until 1 o'clock on Tuesday, March 25, 1913, by D. G. Moore, Perth, for building new church, Beavertown. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of H. Owen, Stratford, after Saturday, March 8, 1913. Contractors must tender for full structure or in part. Marked check covering 5 per cent of amount of bid must accompany tender. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

D. G. MOORE,
Secretary Building Committee.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the time for receiving tenders for alterations to the Court House and Jail has been extended to Saturday, the 29th inst. Specifications and tender forms may be seen at the office of Mr. H. C. McBride, architect.
242-25-26 S. BAKER, City Clerk



Special Private Sale of GENUINE HIGH-CLASS ORIENTAL RUGS.

Comprising over 300 pieces of exquisite specimens of Royal Bouk-hara, Sarouk, Kirghanshah, Sparta, Battala, Shiraz, Kayak, Shavran, Moushghabat, Gorovaw; also Camel's Hair Palace Rugs, Etc., Etc.

Being a special consignment purchased from Mr. Levon Babayan (the well-known wholesale importer of Toronto).

The above collection of ORIENTAL RUGS contains nothing but the finest and most complete assortment of real Eastern Rugs ever exhibited in London.

Goods on exhibition and on sale at my rooms, 241 Dundas street, commencing Tuesday, March 25th. For one week only at very moderate prices.

Those in want of real Oriental Rugs should take advantage of this opportunity. A rug expert will be in attendance to explain the different rugs. Store will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Be sure and see them while they are here.

NEIL COOPER AUCTIONEER.

241 DUNDAS ST. AUCTIONEER.

Auction Sale Of Real Estate.

In the Matter of Vera Gladys Sugden, an infant.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Supreme Court, made the 8th day of March instant, with the approbation of the Master of this court at London, there will be offered for sale by public auction, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Laidlaw, 241 Dundas Street, London, Ontario, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., the following lands and premises, namely:

The north half of lot 21, in the second concession of West Nissouri, known as the late Thomas Sugden farm. The farm consists of a long narrow 100 acres, extending from the west end of the Township of Lobo, known as the late Thomas Sugden farm. The farm is situated towards the west end of the Township of Lobo, known as the late Thomas Sugden farm. The farm is situated towards the west end of the Township of Lobo, known as the late Thomas Sugden farm.

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