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THE ISSUE AT OTTAWA

The Liberals in caucus at Ottawa on Saturday decided to fight the closure bill by every legitimate means, and if possible prevent the establishment of gag rules in Canada. In this decision they have the sympathy of the majority of the people of the country, since there is no justification for the course that is being pursued by the government. The opposition have not refused supply, nor made any attempt to obstruct the business of parliament, with the single exception of their refusal to permit the passage of the naval bill, in that particular matter they are justified in demanding that the voice of the people be heard. A Liberal speaker on Friday pointed out that in the federal elections 626,000 votes were given to candidates pledged to a Canadian navy, and 124,000 to those who were opposed to any navy at all without a plank. There was thus a total of 750,000 votes which were against such a policy as that which Mr. Borden proposed, while his candidates, who really did not know what his naval policy would be, only polled 345,518 votes. Clearly there was a large majority against the proposed policy of tribute. That majority would be repeated if Mr. Borden went to the country. It is because he fears to go to the country, and because his followers realize that an appeal to the people would hurt their party from power, that closure is now attempted. Mr. Borden realizes that to withdraw the naval bill would be a confession of defeat, and so he resorts to closure. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters are justified in fighting this measure to the end. If they should fail it would then be the duty of the senate to give expression to the feeling of the majority of the people of Canada by rejecting the naval bill.

SPARE THE HORSE

It is high time a change was made in the method of collecting His Majesty's mails. The government of Canada should not be open even to the suspicion that it is an accessory in the infliction of cruelty upon animals. Those interested in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have entered a complaint against those responsible for the collection of the mails from the boxes around the city. The government which awards the contracts should see to it that only animals in good condition are used in this work, and that they are not subjected to any cruelty. The government should not be so niggardly as to make it necessary for any contractor to use an old or worn out horse, or employ a careless boy as a driver in order to save a few cents. Surely His Majesty's mails are worthy of a proper conveyance. The post office department has a large surplus, and some of it might very well be devoted to the task of ensuring that it would not be necessary for members of the S. P. C. A. to keep an eye on mail contractors. If the charges made in the police court by respectable citizens are sustained, the conditions revealed are a disgrace to the country.

In connection with the general question of cruelty to animals, the Times is able to record the fact that the visit of Dr. Rowley of Boston has borne good fruit. Two animals who heard his lecture were so impressed by it that they went about with their eyes open, and soon directed the attention of the authorities to a case of cruelty which came under their notice. We are apt to be self-engrossed and not to observe what is going on about us. There is far too much cruelty to animals, and cruelty to children, and cruelty to women in the city. Without being at all meddlesome, or interfering in any way with matters which do not concern them, the citizens could do a great deal to improve conditions, and wherever it is necessary a vigorous enforcement of the law should be insisted upon, and a public sentiment developed which would take the place of the individual conscience which some people do not appear to possess.

A TIDAL POWER PLANT

Whether the enormous power at the reversing falls at St. John could be utilized for industrial purposes has long been an interesting theme for engineers, and an interesting source of speculation on the part of the citizens. It will therefore be of interest to St. John people that an attempt is to be made to produce a tidal power plant at Hueson on the Schlaweg Point coast of the North Sea. It is proposed to create there by means of embankments a reservoir of four thousand acres, between the Island of Nordstrand and the mainland, to be divided into an upper and a lower tank, communicating by sluices with the sea on the one hand and a turbine plant on the other. The theory is that with the rise and fall of the tides the turbine would be kept in almost constant operation. Thus the Electrical Review says:— "When the water in the sea is higher than in the upper reservoir, this will be filled through the sluices; if on the other hand, the water in the upper reservoir be at a higher level, this will flow off through the turbines, thus actuating the latter. This would commence some time after the beginning of low tide. An opposite process is to take place in the lower tank; when the water in the sea is higher than in the tank, it will flow through the turbines, thus starting these some time after

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, APRIL FOURTEEN

Silas Alward, M.A., dean of the faculty of law at King's College, Windsor, N. S., reaches his seventy-first birthday today. He was born at Brunswick, N. B., and was for long one of the leaders of the bar in his native province.

William Thorburn, prominent woolen manufacturer, Almonte, Ont., was born on April 14, 1847, at Portsmouth, Eng. He commenced his business career in Almonte in 1869. He has represented North Lanark in the House of Commons since 1908.

Major H. J. Dawson, instructor in mathematics at the Royal Military College, Kingston, was born on this date in the year 1877. He won distinction as a student and was for some time on the staff of the University of Toronto.

LIGHTER VEIN

Mr. Henpeck—"Is your beef tender today?" Butcher—"Yes, sir; as tender as a woman's heart."

Mr. Henpeck—"Then I'll take a pound of sausage?"

Land, rather wittily, "Is not the one who marries the best man, but the one who makes the best of the man she marries."

Village Gossip—"Was there anything unusual at the wedding?"

Joyce—"Well, the groom looked happy, but you know Bill tries to be pleasant, no matter what happens."

Do you believe that all men are created equal?"

"I used to before I was married."

"And now?"

"Now I find that I can't begin to compare with other women's husbands."

"John, do you love me?"

"Do you adore me?"

"I do, but I think you have been gone and ordered with some now?"

"I say, dad, could you get me some microbes? Why, whatever for, my lad?"

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES. The C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia, Captain Campbell, was damaged on Saturday when she struck a rock on her way to Vancouver. A hole was torn in the port bow. Ex-Alderman Charles J. Morrissey, son of the chief commissioner was on Saturday elected mayor of Newcastle by acclamation. Thirteen candidates are running for aldermanic positions. Hon. E. L. Wetmore, ex-chief justice of Saskatchewan, a former New Brunswicker, has been selected to complete the commission to adjudicate the claims of British Columbia for increased subsidies from the federal government. Z. A. Nash, K. C. of Toronto, is the commissioner for the federal government and E. F. Bodwell, K. C. of Victoria, for British Columbia. The Democratic house caucus at Washington on Saturday voted for the request of immediate free sugar, thus sustaining the schedule arranged by the ways and means committee with President Wilson. The gradual scale of three years before free entry was favored. The exact time in 1916 for the free sugar entry to commence was not mentioned. The Massachusetts Silver Black Fox Company, capital stock \$300,000, composed of Boston men, has been incorporated. The company has purchased fourteen pairs of breeders and a ranch is being established on Prince Edward Island.

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MORNING LOCALS. The warehouse of the Imperial Oil Company on North Wharf was broken into on Saturday night, entrance being made through a window in the rear after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to force the lock on the back door. An attempt also was made to enter the warehouse of P. M. O'Neill in the same locality. Captain Martin Cole, of Detroit, Minn., vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and W. B. Jones, of Detroit, Mich., national president of the Bridge Workers' Association, arrived in the city on Saturday and will address a meeting of the local unions tonight. Mrs. J. Sealy sustained a bruised shoulder and other painful minor injuries by falling while alighting from a street car in Charlotte street on Saturday evening. She was cared for in A. C. Smith & Co's drug store. In ironing garments on which there are hooks and eyes care should be taken not to press the hooks together so that they have to be pried open in order to use again. The best way to prevent this is to place a folded towel underneath the part on which the hooks are sewn. When ironed on the folds of the towel the hooks will come out as good as new.

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HAD LIVED TOO LONG. William Walter Wiggins was his name. By his newly-adopted profession he was an office-boy, and was getting on nicely, thank you. The telephone, however, presented difficulties to W. W. W., and efforts of his kind tamed the instrument to his own needs. The other day, since the boss was out at lunch, the telephone bell rang loudly, and William rushed to answer its changing call. "Hello!" cried he. "Who goes there?" Willie was also a boy scout, you see. "I'm one hundred and five," came the reply over the line. "Then, old chap," answered the office-boy cheerfully, "it's quite time you were dead!" William's job is now vacant. USELESS. A young fool never believes what an old fool tells him, so what's the use of anybody either giving or taking advice?—Washington Post