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### BETTER THAN A SENATORSHIP.

Some three years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed regret that under the present system of appointing senators that body tended to become extremely one-sided. Ten years before the senators were nearly all Conservatives. Soon they would be nearly all Liberals. Each condition was unfortunate and the Premier seemed anxious to find a way out of the trouble.

It was suggested that the leader of the Government had the remedy in his own hands. If he did not like to have the Senate composed entirely of Liberals he could select a fair proportion of Conservatives. Or since he would be in danger of selecting Conservatives of the opportunist type, he might request the leader of the other party to appoint them.

It appears that Sir Wilfrid and his friends took this counsel so much to heart that the offer of a senatorship was made to Mr. John McLean of Souris, Prince Edward Island. Mr. McLean is a consistent and thorough Conservative. As such he sat in the Provincial Legislature for three terms, then one term at Ottawa, and again one term in the Legislature. He ran a close contest for the House of Commons in 1904, and was afterward again and for the fifth time elected to the Legislature where he now holds a seat. There is no more honorable and chivalrous man in public life than this Mr. McLean. He has been the candidate of his party when no one else could be found to take the burden. He has stood aside when it appeared that a religious body, not his own, would otherwise be without a candidate in the province. In Parliament and in the Legislature he has won the respect of all by his ability and character.

Such a man might well be called to the Senate by the other party if they desired to go outside their own ranks. But when he was met at Charlottetown by a delegation of leading Liberals able to give him assurance that the appointment was his if he would take it, he did not embrace the offer. Nor again when they sent a special messenger with the request repeated did Mr. McLean accept. Doubtless a senatorship would have attractions for him, but he told the emissaries all there was to say when he declared that he would rather be a man than a senator.

The point is that Mr. McLean is a leading member of the Provincial Opposition. That chamber is so closely divided that the Government has resorted to all manner of devices of the Legislature to head off election petitions, and generally has been in a condition of panic. If Mr. McLean would take a seat in the Senate at the hands of the Government, his close seat might be captured. At least it could be kept vacant for one session, and one strong man would be got out of the way. In no other circumstance would Mr. McLean have been asked to go to the Senate. To accept the offer would be to make himself a party to a scheme to damage his own cause, and to weaken his colleagues in the Provincial Opposition. Therefore Mr. McLean rejected the senatorship, preferring to be a man.

Mr. John McLean, of Souris, M.P.P. for the First District of Kings, P. E. Island, is a man.

### THAT SEVEN PRICED WHARF.

When Mr. Pugsley's organ tells us that Mr. Crockett's charge respecting the seven-priced wharf of the Sawdust wharf has fallen through, one looks with curiosity to its own news columns to find how the charge is met and answered. The conflicting facts are there admitted. The Government paid \$5,000 to Murray, the go-between who had just bought the wharf for \$700. This is the testimony of the middleman himself. The price paid by the Government appears in the records and is admitted.

The property had been offered to Government officers for \$1,000. It had once been sold at \$500 and taken back. The Government or any private person could have bought it at any time for the price that Murray paid. The Government did not want it at that price until just before the election. Then the Government was ready to pay \$5,000, after receiving a despatch from the middleman saying that the matter was important to Mr. Le Blanc, the Government candidate. Never was there a clearer case of rake-off, which amounted in this case to 50 per cent. of the price paid by the Government.

Now we turn to see how this charge fell through. All we find is the statement that after the Government bought the wharf Mr. O'Leary hauled gravel away from the property, and the other statement that a copy of a letter to the minister which he produced differed from the original which the minister read. It is not stated whether they differed in punctuation or in spelling, or in some substantial particular. But suppose Mr. O'Leary had hauled away the whole wharf, and had produced the Song of Solomon as a copy of a letter written afterwards to the minister. How would that affect the fact that the Government paid \$5,000 for a property which any one could have bought and which the middleman did buy for \$700?

L'Evenement, of Quebec, a Conservative Journal, quotes the argument made and resolution moved by Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, against a Canadian navy. In the opinion of our Quebec contemporary it is well that this address was not made by one of the curies of the city of Quebec. The Government organs would say: "What! shall a priest be permitted to denounce a project initiated in the Liberal programme, a project conceived and elaborated by Sir Wilfrid? The Rogues would not find clubs heavy enough to batter his head or words sufficiently violent to make protest."

### THIS PROFIT IS A LOSS.

The Minister of Finance has come to discuss the Canadian mint in a more correct way than in other years, but still the budget statement is misleading. He used to say that the mint was profitable because the current price of the coin was more than the value of the raw silver and the cost of manufacture. But this week Mr. Fielding says:—"Now the mint will show a handsome profit, but let me frankly say that we could make a greater profit by having no mint."

This seems to be a contradiction, and it is. The fact is that the mint makes a handsome loss. There is a profit in coinage, because the Government stamps 40 cents worth of silver, with figures making it pass for one dollar. But the Canadian mint does not make that profit. We had it before there was a Canadian mint. There are many places where the coinage may be done at the regular price of three cents on the dollar of coin produced. That is what we paid in England before we had a mint.

The profit of the Canadian mint is the amount for which it can do the work under three per cent. The loss is the amount that it costs over three per cent.

The cost of the Canadian mint, when work now in progress is completed, will be \$605,000. That is the statement of Mr. Fielding. When the work was undertaken, he stated that it would cost \$300,000. The interest on \$600,000 is \$24,000 a year at four per cent.

The grant for operation is \$75,000 a year. This year Mr. Fielding does not think it will be sufficient. But this does not include heating, lighting, maintenance of building or repairs. Altogether then, without allowing for depreciation, the people of Canada are paying over \$100,000 a year for the manufacture of silver and copper coins.

Now let us see what the work would have cost elsewhere. In the fiscal year 1909 the mint produced silver coins of the face value of \$313,338. At the former price of three per cent, this would have cost \$94,000. The copper coinage amounted to \$26,870, and this at the former price of 10 per cent, would have cost \$2,687. The total cost of the coinage would have been in the open market \$12,087.

The actual cost included \$71,997 paid by the Finance Department, several thousands paid by the public works, and the interest on the cost of the building, in all fully \$100,000, or more than eight times the market price of the work.

That is to say we formerly got our silver coins made in England at a cost of three cents on the dollar and we now pay twenty-four cents on the dollar to have it done at home, and whereas we formerly paid ten cents on the dollar for making copper coins we now make them ourselves at a cost of eighty cents on the dollar.

These figures explain what Mr. Fielding means when he says that the mint shows a handsome profit, but we could make a greater profit by having no mint.

### MR. MCCREADY FOR SENATOR.

If the Laurier Administration is looking for a Prince Edward Island man, who would do good service in the Senate, and who though a Liberal would show a good deal of independence, why not appoint Mr. John E. B. McCready, editor of the Guardian, former editor of the St. John Telegraph? No man available has done better service to the party than Mr. McCready, and he did it at the time when such service was most needed. He gave up a position in the civil service to serve the Liberal cause as an Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe. He took charge of the Moncton Transcript when an experienced and well informed writer was required. He served the party long and well in the editorial chair of the Telegraph, and now for a number of years he has been a resident and journalist in Prince Edward Island. There is said to be a good deal of confusion and difference of opinion over this senatorship. The appointment of McCready over this senatorship. The appointment we suggest would be a good solution of the difficulty.

### AN UNEXPECTED FINDING.

It reaches us through the Boston Transcript that Mrs. Pankhurst addressed the young men at Eton on the question of woman suffrage. She placed before them with confidence the principles of the cause, and then somewhat doubtfully and fearfully offered her excuses or apologies for the fighting methods of the suffragettes. This part of the programme seemed to her likely to be repulsive to the delicate young aristocrats, while she was certain that their sense of justice would commend the purpose.

But it is stated that Mrs. Pankhurst revised her opinion of Eton youth when she heard the result of their subsequent debate. After due deliberation they voted that the cause of the suffragettes was "rotten" but that their methods were "unfettered."

### OTTAWA AND MONTREAL.

The eight addresses of Montreal whom Judge Cannon has reported guilty of serious offences and whose criminal prosecution he has recommended, continue to go to meetings of the council and do not think of resigning. The one who is also a member of Parliament does not seem to consider that he is in the wrong place in his seat at Ottawa. Why, after all, should he resign? He has seen one of his leaders defending the Reichstag, which was worse than any single case of rake-off exposed at Montreal. What is commendable in the Federal Department of Public Works cannot be criminal in the city government of Montreal.

Divinity students of the University of Chicago object to the compulsory study of Hebrew. They have made their position clear, by hanging the professor of Hebrew in effigy, and setting fire to the dummy, and going through a performance a little short of a riot. This ought to convince the faculty that Hebrew would be thrown away on the class. Why not substitute Chocklat?

It came out in the Public Accounts Committee at Ottawa that after a visit to Ottawa a Mr. Thomas O. Murray bought for \$700 a wharf at Richibucto, N. B. Then he sold the structure to the Dominion Government for \$5,000. This was just before the late Parliamentary election. Mr. Murray is a Liberal. There is a strong probability that on polling day he voted in favor of letting Laurier finish his work. Laurier's work helps gentlemen like Mr. Murray.—Montreal Gazette.

After painful consideration, and much admonition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has decided to be content with the seat for Quebec East and give up Ottawa. One Mr. Lemieux and several others are seeking the Government nomination at Ottawa. Postmaster General Lemieux arrived opportunely from Europe on the day that the Premier announced his resignation.

Mr. Emmerson's sneering references to the "Toy Navy" confront the ardent journalists of his party who teach that the Liberals are united and the Conservatives much divided on this issue. Mr. Emmerson is a member of Parliament, a former minister, and has not yet been read out of the Liberal party to the knowledge of the public.

Of course the journal whose proprietor got \$35,933 rake-off must defend the deal by which a Kent county go-between got \$4,300.

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Christenings are thought no less worthy of celebration than other events in family life, and as three of the Kaiser's sons are now married these have been pretty frequent of late years in the imperial household. The christening of the Crown Prince's third son recently was no exception to the rule of the formal celebration.

The scene was the Kaiser's residence at Potsdam, the Marble Palace, one of the fine saloons of which was turned for the occasion into a chapel with altar and appropriate decorations. Among these was the picture of Christ, beneath which all Prussian Princes receive the names by which they are to be known through life.

The guests assembled in the rooms formerly occupied by Crown Prince before his marriage, and on a sign from him wound in a procession, preceded by the Court Chamberlain to the improvised chapel, the Kaiser with the Duchess Anastasia and the Crown Prince with Kaiserin leading the way. Here they found the little Prince, the all unconscious object of the whole commotion, lying calmly in his bassinet. Court Chaplain Dr. Dryander performed the christening, during which the godfathers and godmothers held their hands over the innocently staring infant. The sprinkling was done with water from the Jordan, and as it fell in drops on the royal baby's shrinking face his names were declared to be Hubertus Karl Wilhelm. A choral service of ten minutes duration closed the ceremony.

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