

## The Gerrymander!

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An Imitation of the Lowest Methods of Partisans Across the Border

Finds Thick-and-Thin Supporters in the Tory Majority.

Mr. Laurier's Eloquent Protest Against the "Infamous Attempt to Stab the Minority"—Plain Talk from the Member for South Middlesex.

[Special to the Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, May 31.—In the Commons to-day Sir John Thompson moved the second reading of the Gerrymander Bill.

Mr. Laurier, in rising to criticize the measure, was loudly cheered. He delivered an eloquent and powerful speech of an hour and a half, denouncing the infamous provisions of the bill, which, he said, was based upon no principle, but a desire to give the minority of the electors power to elect majority representatives to Parliament. His inspiring motives were cowardice and fraud. The Tories of Canada pretended to be in love with British precedents and British customs. They could not find precedent for a gerrymander in all British history. In the bill before the House the Government was merely imitating the lowest methods of partisans in the United States. He protested against delaying such an important measure until after Parliament had been closed for months, but no matter at what sacrifice this bill would be fully discussed. The country and the whole civilized world would be made aware of its provisions. So far as the gerrymander of Quebec was concerned it was conceived by two or three irresponsible partisan Senators, and Mr. Laurier was loudly cheered as he denounced the bill as an infamous attempt to stab the minority. It was an unmanly scheme to perpetuate Toryism and corruption, and to place Ministers in a position to defy the electorate. He pointed out numerous instances in which county lines in Quebec had been broken up with the only and avowed purpose of "giving" Liberal voters and making Tory seats safe. Under the pretext of giving two seats to Montreal and one to Ottawa county, Ministers had disturbed 25 constituencies. The county of Ottawa was divided into two ridings, one with 47,000 and another with 17,000 population, yet Sir John Thompson had told Parliament that the distribution was an equal population. The proposal to refer this matter to judges implied an utter want of confidence in Parliamentary institutions. He contrasted the conduct of the Dominion Government in gerrymandering with the course followed by the Gladstone Government in England. When the distribution bill was passed he decided that the English practice should be followed, and that the bill be referred to a select committee composed of members of both political parties with a view of agreeing upon lines or principles upon which the bill should be drawn.

Mr. Olmsted pretended that the Conservatives had no objection to the bill, and that they were not more ready to advance than they were to retreat, and argued that the bill could be better discussed in Committee of the Whole House than in a small committee, as proposed by Mr. Laurier. He exulted over the fact that the Government were able to strengthen their friends in their constituencies, and to wipe out Liberal counties which were necessary to provide additional representation for Montreal.

Mr. Charlton denounced the Government's bill as a mere imitation of American race-baiting. He reviewed the history of the various gerrymanders, showing that as the result of the gerrymander of 1,600 of the popular vote in Ontario, but were in a minority of twenty in Parliament. The bill before the House was the work of political thugs and assassins. It was proposed to make public institutions a mere mockery. Political morality could not exist under such a villainous system. What the Liberals proposed was that the Parliament should cease imitating racialistic peculiarities to American politics and follow the whole and equitable example of the mother country. There should not be one system of ethics for private life and another for public life. If the Government persisted in this scheme they would destroy the liberties of the people and invoke the consequences which nobody could foresee.

After recess the debate was continued by Mr. Davelin, who showed that the Conservatives of Ottawa county were as much opposed to the division of that county proposed by the bill as the Liberals were. He held meetings to protest against it. No attempt was made to equalize the population of the county and taking it from Russell and Prescott would have 24,173. That would be a more equitable rearrangement of the desire was to equalize the population. That, however, was not the Government's desire. Take, then, the case of London. That city had a population of 22,281. The Government had added to it the village of London West. East Middlesex had a population of 25,569, while South Middlesex had 18,806. If the desire of the Government had been to equalize the population the village of London West would have been added to South Middlesex. If that had been done the city would remain with 22,281. East Middlesex would have 23,659 and South Middlesex 20,721. That was the proper change if any was to be made. The change had been made "simply to confirm the Minister of Agriculture in Charles Hyman's seat." (Opposition, "Hear, hear.") The effectiveness of the last gerrymander of the Government was shown by the fact that although the county of Middlesex gave a Liberal majority at the last election of 1,100, only one of its four members voted on this side of the House.

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RUN-OFF NEAR CAMPBELLFORD.

Brakeman Robert Purdy Crushed to Death—Engineer and Fireman Injured.  
CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., May 31.—This morning at 4:45 a special down train from Lindsay to Belleville was about four miles east of here when the engine and six cars were thrown from the track.

Brakeman R. Purdy, of Port Hope, was thrown under the wreck and instantly killed. Engineer Johnson was badly scalded about the legs and hands, and also received a severe shaking up, but was unhurt. Fireman Murray jumped and escaped with a scraped shoulder and a sprained ankle.

BURIED IN THE RUINS.

Twenty or More Lives Lost in the Burning of French Flour Mills.  
PARIS, June 1.—The great flour mills of the Messrs. Darblay, at Corbeil, were burned yesterday. The flames spread with terrible rapidity, cutting off from escape many of those who were in the mills. The firemen raised the ladders to assist the firemen, but the flames were so high that they were unable to reach the top of the buildings. The firemen raised the ladders to assist the firemen, but the flames were so high that they were unable to reach the top of the buildings.

It is feared that 21 of the employees are buried beneath the ruins. Of the injured, three died on the way to the hospital and several more are in a perilous condition. Men are working at the ruins, but the total loss of life will not be known for some hours. It is thought that some of those now missing may not be dead, but merely injured, and waiting at houses of friends to have their wounds dressed. The loss is \$300,000.

Malignant Malaria.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 1.—Malignant malaria has broken out in Pomeroy, Mason City and Letart. There were reported yesterday 20 cases of Pomeroy, four fatalities, and a dozen cases at Mason City with several deaths.

The Indianapolis Flood.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 1.—The floods in Indianapolis and vicinity have caused the loss of at least three lives. Carl Weaver aged 10, John Henderson and his 6-year-old son, have been drowned. The rivers and creeks are still rising. Reports from all over the State show that bridges have been washed away and much other damage done.

Black Knights of Ireland.

MONTREAL, May 31.—The Black Knights of Ireland in connection with the Grand Lodge in session here elected the following officers: Grand master, W. J. Parkhill, Midland; deputy grand master, Robt. Weir, Peterboro; A. D. G. M. W. L. Weir, Peterboro; R. S. Cooper, Invermay; registrar, J. T. Williams, deputy registrar, John C. Gass, treasurer, R. A. C. Brown, Toronto; deputy treasurer, W. J. Dunlop, St. John, N. B.; secretary, W. J. Dunlop, Toronto; censor, E. Modest, Toronto; marshal, H. Burnett, Brampton; purveyor, J. Brodie and W. McIntyre.

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Destructive Hail Storms in Westphalia.  
BERLIN, May 31.—Hail storms in Westphalia have damaged the crops to the extent of 2,600,000 marks.

Germany Demands Redress From Russia.

BERLIN, May 31.—A gendarme named Kruger was shot dead last week on the frontier, not far from Thorn. Two men on the Russian side of the border were seen running away immediately after the fatal shots were fired. Germany has demanded from Russia redress and punishment of the murderers.

Dynamiters at Work in London.

LONDON, May 31.—What is supposed to have been an attempt to blow up the railway station at Longfields, North-west London, was discovered to-day. A policeman observed a gang of men acting in a suspicious manner near the station and gave chase to them. The men then ran something away, and dashed off, making their escape. The policeman found four perfectly formed cartridges to which fuses were attached. It is believed the men were going to use the explosive in the station.

Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne's Case.  
LONDON, May 31.—Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, who gained unpleasant notoriety through her theft of Mrs. Hargreaves' jewelry, has given birth to a daughter. When Mrs. Osborne was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for the theft of the jewelry and her subsequent perjury her condition was used as a means to induce her to walk down the West End. The efforts of her friends were successful, and her child was thus saved the odium of prison birth.

Second Osborne-Hargreaves Case.  
LONDON, May 31.—A case bearing a singular resemblance to the famous Osborne-Hargreaves pearl scandal was up in the Court of the Queen's Bench Division yesterday. The principals are the wives of prominent officers, and a further similarity exists in the fact that the warring ladies have hitherto been close friends, and their husbands have also been boon companions. The case came up on an appeal by counsel for Mrs. Leader, who had been ordered to return a diamond brooch to the wife of a Justice of the Peace, refusing to order a certain diamond brooch to be sent from Cairo in order to be placed in evidence and identified. Counsel explained the case as follows: His client was a young lady, Mrs. Smyth for slander in imputing to Mrs. Leader the theft of the brooch, and she had in fact sold the article to the jeweler. In a counter-affidavit Mrs. Leader denied that the brooch she had sold to the jeweler was the one missed by Mrs. Smyth. It was, she declared, one which she had received as a present from a friend who was now dead, and whose evidence could not therefore be taken. Mrs. Smyth had no objection to believe that the brooch lost by Mrs. Smyth was in the possession of Mrs. Smyth's maid, who since the loss of the brooch had been married, and had gone to Cairo to live. Mrs. Leader was confident that this woman had the brooch in her possession. Counsel for Mrs. Smyth opposed the appeal on the grounds that the court had no power to order anything brought from a foreign country, and on the further ground that if it should turn out to be untrue that the brooch alleged to be in the former maid's hands was the one belonging to Mrs. Smyth, it would be unjust to subject the latter lady to the risk of its being lost in transit. The court upheld this view of the case and dismissed the appeal.

Imperial Match-Making Checked.  
BERLIN, May 31.—A curious upsetting of all the Russian Emperor's match-making plans is said to have caused a sudden tightening of the tension between the Berlin and St. Petersburg courts, and nobody would be surprised should the Czar go home without making any match for his daughter. The Czar is said to have refused unexpectedly to allow the engagement of the Czarovitch and Princess Margaret of Hohenzollern. Thereupon Emperor William turned to the Roumanian Crown Prince with the idea of breaking off the affair arranged between him and the Princess Marie, and then the party rode off in the direction of Columbia. This morning the man's body was found hanging from the limb of a tree near Campbell-Seville.

Unfortunate Venezuela.  
NEW YORK, June 1.—A cable to the Herald from Caracas, Venezuela, says: Palacios is distressed at the reports reaching him from all parts of the country about the part taken by priests in uprising against the dictatorship, and is threatening the church with retaliation unless the clergy are ordered to stop fighting the Government. In pursuance of this plan the dictator sent word to the archbishop that if priests continued to side with the revolutionists there would be a separation of Church and State. Serious complications are likely to grow out of this affair. The Catholic population is greatly excited over it. Fears are entertained that if the archbishop refuses to comply with Palacios's demand the latter will imprison him. To prevent this the Catholics are arming themselves. Near Atapueca a battle has been fought between Palacios's soldiers and the revolutionists. It resulted in a defeat for the Government. Father Lopez was in command of Crespo's soldiers. Another fight took place at Quisiro between Palacios's troops, led by General Santa, and a revolutionary force led by Father Zubizar. Santa is said to have been the victor. The rebel general Mora is again threatening Puerto Cabello. A mutiny occurred a few days ago among the Government soldiers under General Armas at Meneza. Forty men were killed before the mutiny was suppressed.

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## Late Canadian News

The John Doty Engine Company, Toronto, has gone into liquidation.

The ministerial session of the Niagara Conference will begin to-day (Wednesday) in Tilsonburg.

J. B. Thompson, ex-mayor of Orillia, died suddenly on Tuesday morning. He was a prominent Mason.

The ninth session of the Guelph Conference of the Methodist Church will be held in the Norfolk Street Church, Guelph, commencing Thursday, June 2, at 11 o'clock.

The Grand Orange Lodge began its 63rd annual session on Tuesday in Montreal. Thirty new lodges have been organized during the year. The yearly reports are said to be satisfactory.

Judgment on the charges laid against Mr. Mercier by the Quebec Government for conspiracy, and the proceedings taken against Mr. Mercier for malfeasance in office, have been adjourned until June 9.

Rev. John Wood, of Ottawa, denounces Sunday parades. Rev. R. E. Knowles, in a sermon on Sunday, severely rebuked the member of the House of Commons who sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee" during the all-night sitting of the House.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Society of Artists, held in Toronto on Tuesday, the following officers were elected: President, Hon. G. W. Allen; vice-president, Mr. Matthews; secretary, Robt. F. Gage; auditor, Jas. Smith.

The Paris Presbytery on Tuesday ordained Rev. W. H. Johnston, B.A., to succeed the late Rev. Wm. Robertson. Dr. Cochrane and W. B. Wood, M.P.P., were chosen as commissioners to the General Assembly in place of W. A. McKay and Mr. Hunter, resigned.

Mrs. W. S. Nelles, an old resident of Beachville, is dead.

The Brantford Piano Company, an institution employing about a dozen hands, has decided to remove to Listowel.

The first sod was turned Tuesday in the construction of the G. T. R. extension from Gloucester to King's Court, connecting the main line of the G. W. R. and the Air Line.

W. Spellmay, Vienna, has been arrested on a charge of being insane and on suspicion of setting fire to barns. Spellmay served two years for striking a man with a hatchet.

A young man is annoying residents of the east end of Ingersoll by peeping through the windows at late hours. Male residents have formed a vigilance committee, and if caught the window-peeper will be roughly handled.

The steamship Place, from Picton to Montreal, ran ashore at White Island reef at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, and got off at 5 o'clock. A tug went to her assistance, but could not haul her off. However, at high water she floated off with the loss of only a few barrels.

At the inquest held on the bodies of Marquis and McClure, who were drowned Sunday while crossing the Island of Orleans to Montmorency, a verdict of accidental drowning was rendered. Marquis was an important witness in the murder case of Belanger, which occurred in Montmorency lately.

Death of a Prominent Philadelphian.  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 1.—John S. McKinlay, lawyer, politician and one of the most prominent persons in the city, dropped dead in the rooms of the Republican City Committee last night. Mr. McKinlay was also a delegate to the Minneapolis convention.Three Awful Accidents.  
MONTREAL, June 1.—Three terrible accidents took place last evening at 7:30. Mr. Stewart, an employe at Hudson's rolling mills, was instantly killed by the bursting of a fly wheel, the poor fellow's head being split open to the shoulder. An hour later Engineer Polette, of No. 7 grain elevator, was scalded to death by the bursting of a boiler, and a few minutes before midnight a watchman named John Coy, in the employ of the Holmes electric agency, fell from the roof of their building, five stories, into Fortification lane and