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THEY WANT TO GET BACK.

It would have been a great comfort to the machine which operated the late Provincial Government if the St. John county election had shown any loss of strength in the Hazen administration. It was necessary for Mr. Robinson and his friends to hold the few majorities they had and to increase them where possible. St. John county is a place where there was the most ground for hope. That riding stood by Mr. Robinson when nearly the whole province condemned him. Now when it was fondly hoped that Mr. Hazen was hardly so strong as last year, the county had a chance to declare more strongly against him. But the change was all the other way. Hence a fresh outbreak of abuse.

It is evident that the separation of these gentlemen from the treasury has not been forgotten or forgiven. They are more angry than they were when they were first turned out. It would seem that they are only now discovering what they are missing. Mr. Grimmer is gathering in fifty per cent. more from stumpage and the machine does not have the money to spend. They hardly had a chance at the additional subsidies. Among them they have had to return a portion of their personal overdrafts. Every little while some new discovery of former graft is made, and the offenders cannot destroy the evidence, or cover up the transaction with expurgated returns. There are no more Central Railway funds to distribute, no school book rake-off, no road money for commissioners to forget to expend and neglect to return to the treasury.

This situation calls for the most determined effort to get the Hazen Government out, and the old machine in. Mr. Robinson yearns for this. Mr. Copp roars for it—and the $1,425 opportunities. Mr. Sweeney recalls the Crown land overdrafts and like the child in the advertisement, won't be happy till he gets it. The Telegraph, which has received as much as $17,500 in a single year on provincial printing contracts, is growling over the present evil days. Its proprietors recall the high priced market that the lunatic asylum afforded in the old times.

So they are all in full cry after the Hazen Government. But the more these people want to get in, the better reason there is for keeping them out. New Brunswick endured that machine long enough.

A NATIONAL DISGRACE.

The new Grand Trunk hotel at Ottawa is to be nine stories high. This is a matter of some interest, as the hotel will stand between the existing departmental buildings and the new group about to be built at a cost of two and a half millions. In order to get a good design for the new Government block, $14,000 was awarded in premiums for the best plan. The first prize of $8,000 went to a firm of Montreal architects, whose plan included an ornamental bridge across the Rideau Canal to Parliament Hill. The architect explained that his design was prepared with a view to the whole landscape effect including the view of Wellington Street bridge on one flank, Major Hill park immediately in front, and beyond that the existing buildings on Parliament Hill. It was after this plan was approved that the deal with the Grand Trunk was made whereby the huge nine story hotel is thrust right into the midst of the group, covering the front of the park, and towering four or five stories above the new group of public edifices. It absolutely effaces the costly Government buildings.

But it is great for the hotel. On one front it will have a street, bridge and esplanade maintained by the Government. On another it will have an area, also kept up by the Government, with two new Government buildings on the other side. On the third is the Rideau Canal, Government property, the Parliament Hill beyond. The rear will look out on what is left of Major Hill Park, one of the most beautiful public gardens in Canada. This park which will become the back yard of the Grand Trunk hotel, is also maintained by the Canadian public.

The Premier of Canada committed a public offence when he made the deal under which the Grand Trunk establishes its hotel in this spot. But the company gets all it wants from this Government and the Premier's reward is that the hotel will be called "Chateau Laurier."

DR. KIRKPATRICK AND THE CUBA TRADE.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Cuba, has written a long letter to the Telegraph touching lightly on New Brunswick's trade chances, and mainly devoted to criticism and complaint of statements and opinions expressed by Mr. Flemming, Mr. F. E. Williams and others, and reported in The Standard. Mr. Kirkpatrick seems also to reflect upon this journal though he does not distinguish very clearly between what The Standard has said and what it has reported, and falls into a tone of petulance and disputatiousness toward those who are trying to work up a trade between this province and Cuba.

In the end, however, the Canadian commissioner concludes that it is a good move to send an agent from this province. He also thinks that a larger trade between New Brunswick and Cuba can be worked up, and offers to render any assistance in his power. So it is all right after all.

There is room for a New Brunswick agent and the Dominion officer to co-operate in this enterprise. Mr. Flemming in discussing the matter with The Standard did nothing but what was good of Dr. Kirkpatrick, and there is every reason why all the forces available should be brought to bear on this problem. Dr. Kirkpatrick finds that Cuba is importing 250,000 barrels of potatoes from the United States and 150,000 from Canada and other countries." The first 250,000 and that part of the 150,000 barrels which comes from other countries is the measure of the possible additional market. That is certainly a trade which is worth studying and fighting for. Perhaps we may assume that Dr. Kirkpatrick, who is represented to be a capable man, has finished his work and is now ready to take hold with the Provincial Government and the produce dealers to work up this trade to the limit.

MR. CARVELL WITH THE BUCCANEERS.

A diversion has taken place in the strife between the St. John Sun and the Evil Element, Degrading Influences, Unscrupulous Mercenaries, Predatory Machine, Canker, Polecat, and things of that kind. The Woodstock Sentinel, published by a company whereof F. B. Carvell, M. P. is president, and generally supposed to be under Mr. Carvell's editorial direction, has taken the side of the evil element et al. It goes farther and advises all Liberals of Carleton county to have nothing more to do with the Sun, which it accuses of stabbing the Liberal party in the back and also of having achieved Hoggishness. This is the way the Sentinel puts it:—

"The St. John Sun is devoting a large amount of space to advertising a voting contest with the object of increasing its circulation. We know not whether the whole scheme is a fake, but we have no hesitation in advising all Liberals to have nothing to do with it. Any newspaper that has fared as well at the hands of the Liberal party as has the Sun during the last three years, and then stabs the party in the back when it needed assistance as the Sun has done during the past three weeks is not deserving of encouragement, and we sincerely hope no Liberal of Carleton county will have anything more to do with it. Some newspapers are born Hogs, some achieve Hoggishness and some always play a fair game. The Liberal Party of New Brunswick has neither need nor use of a party organ owned and directed by a Nova Scotian adventurer."

The owner of the Sun, whom Mr. Carvell's organ describes as a Nova Scotia adventurer, is Hon. B. F. Pearson, M. P. P. for Colchester, N. S., and a member of the Nova Scotia Administration led by Mr. Murray. Mr. Pearson owns and directs not only the Sun and Star, but also the Halifax Chronicle and Echo, the former of which is the chief Liberal organ in Nova Scotia. Mr. Pearson is understood to have purchased the Sun at the request of Mr. Carvell's former leader from this province, Mr. Emmerson, who was then Minister of Railways, and there is every reason to suppose that Mr. Carvell was pleased with Mr. Pearson's intervention. The Standard has its own opinion of the Halifax land deal whereby Mr. Pearson and his partner as middlemen got $28,000 clear rake-off on the sale of land just purchased by them for $18,000 and immediately sold to the Government at a profit of more than 150 per cent. But this deal was before a committee of Parliament more than two years ago, and Mr. Carvell at that time seemed to be highly satisfied and even pleased with it. Therefore it cannot be this affair which in Mr. Carvell's opinion stamps Mr. Pearson as "a Nova Scotian adventurer."

The public, and especially the Liberal party whose leaders and supporters in Parliament have heretofore commended Mr. Pearson's patronage and journalistic adventures, will be curious to get more light from Mr. Carvell on the subject of this adventurer.

THE AIRSHIP.

It is altogether probable that before the summer is out a score of airships will cross the channel between Great Britain and the continent. Many longer journeys have been made on land, and if the danger of drowning is obviated, the route over the water must be easier than one over land. The airship experimenters, including the rival French aviators, Count Zeppelin, the American Wrights, and our own McCurdys have demonstrated that airships may be made to remain hours in the air, to alight when desired, to be steered by the man in command, to be propelled with great speed, and to float on the water if they chance to sink in their own element. Given these conditions and the power of man to supply further requirements, it seems certain that the airship may serve an economic purpose. Undoubtedly the ship which crossed the channel, or that which Wright steered a hundred times around a course, can be made useful in war. The balloon has for a long time been employed in war, but chiefly for purposes of observation. The airship seems destined for more offensive operations.

IN TWENTY YEARS.

In July 1889, Sir Leonard Tilley, then Lieutenant Governor, opening the summer carnival in this city, announced that the gun heralding the event had been fired by the Mayor of Vancouver. This use of electricity led Sir Leonard to refer to other scientific inventions, and to predict that the day was not far distant when people would be able to sail through the air as they did now over the ocean. Exactly twenty years later a French airship, propelled by a motor was crossing the country on thirty or forty mile voyages, preparatory to a Sunday trip across the Channel to England. Had Sir Leonard Tilley lived to be as old as a few of his neighbors he would have seen the fulfilment of his own prophecy.

The people of Mississippi have tried an experiment which proves to have been remarkably successful. A colored man was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Matters were left to take their course, and on the day appointed, the man was hanged by the proper officer in the presence of a crowd of five thousand persons. The spectators secured souvenirs of the occasion and went away more than satisfied. Many negroes have been hanged in Mississippi annually but this is said to be the first legal execution in many years. The reports go to show that it was almost as satisfying as the regular method, and that there is serious thought of substituting the judicial sysem for lynch law.

The St. John Globe represents that Mr. Fielding resisted as long as he could the demand for a Canadian mint, and that he finally yielded to strong pressure. This may be so, but when Mr. Fielding proposed the measure in Parliament he argued that the establishment would pay its way and would be a profitable enterprise. The calculation on which he reached this conclusion was absurdly illogical, and has proved to be altogether unsound.

Mr. Bentley has written a letter to explain his loss of majority. The first reason for the falling off is the loss of the non-resident vote. But as there is a loss of the resident majority, Mr. Bentley finds another reason in the circumstance that Mr. McKeown was more eminent than he. And yet Mr. Lowell who was not an eminent statesman got more votes at the last election than did Mr. McKeown.

The science of constructing submarine tunnels is advancing rapidly. There are now several subways under the Hudson and other waters around New York, and an addition to the number was completed last week. The track from the United States to Canada at Detroit is nearly completed. All these operations should give comfort to the people of Prince Edward Island.

Every by-election in Great Britain shows a decrease in the Liberal majority. The curious feature of the case is that the party does not find these signs encouraging. Mr. Asquith should take counsel with Mr. C. W. Robinson, leader of the New Brunswick opposition. Thus he would learn that a decreased majority is a triumph.

There is a relationship between ex-President Eliot's scheme of education by reading fifty books, and his religion of the twentieth century. The Bible seems to be left out of both.

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HARRIMAN A DYNAMO SAYS MORTON

New York, July 25.—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who arrived Friday by the Cunarder Lusitania, said he had spent three months in France, Germany, Austria, Spain and England, and had gathered the impression that things were improving generally abroad. France was unsettled when he left because of the impending Cabinet change and there was unrest in England among capitalists because of the prospect of increased taxation. He had been asked by a high official in France if America would make a preferential tariff agreement with France provided the latter country would list certain American securities on the Bourse without going through the usual formality. In answer to this question Mr. Morton said he told the official that he was pretty sure the American Government would consent to no such arrangement. Mr. Morton said he regarded the French who were interested in American stocks as merely speculators and not investors; America could get along without France much better than France could get along without America.

Mr. Morton spent a day with Mr. Harriman at Semmering and found him remarkably active and getting better of his ailments.

"Harriman," Mr. Morton said, "is a dynamo. He is going all the time. He has not stopped working, and I believe he could not stop thinking of business."

Paul M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who has been two months away, said it seemed to be the impression on the other side among financiers that the United States was facing a long period of prosperity and that high prices of American securities had come to stay.

DESERTED BRIDE TELLS SAD STORY

London, July 25.—A bride, who was deserted on her honeymoon and had her trosseau seized for the hotel bill, gave a sad picture of married life to the South-Western magistrate on Thursday.

The husband, Caleb John William, Manchester, described as a company promoter, of Bucklersbury, E. C., the son of a borough accountant, was charged with desertion.

Mrs. Stratley Manchester, who is the daughter of an Indian Civil servant, said she was married on July 22, 1907, at Streatham. They spent their honeymoon in Folkestone, staying at one of the leading hotels. They had been there some weeks when her husband suddenly disappeared without paying the bill.

Witness, who surrendered a Civil Service pension on her wedding, was unable to pay the bill, and the hotel authorities detained her trosseau. Her husband subsequently sent her bare fare for her return to London. He afterwards lived with her for brief periods, and deserted her again in July of last year.

Finally, she had to go into the workhouse, where a child was born. Since then he had not troubled after her nor paid her a penny. She hesitated to answer a question as to whether she still regarded him affectionately.

Mr. Hindle (defending)—Here is a letter in which you call him "My dearest hubby," and ending it "Ever your loving wife."

Magistrate—It is extraordinary how women attach themselves to men who treat them brutally.

Police Constable Daffern said he arrested the prisoner outside his office at Bucklersbury. When told the charge he said: "I don't call it desertion."

Accused said he was prepared to find a home for his wife. He admitted he had not yet paid for the cake supplied for the wedding.

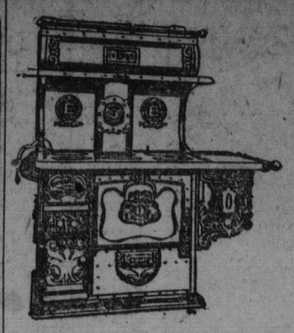
Mr. Haggis—And do you know your mother-in-law was summoned in the county court for payment for the wine?

Witness—No.

The magistrate described prisoner's conduct as most heartless and sentenced him to three months' hard labor.

Prisoner—I will appeal.

The Italian bark Lambro sailed from Barbados on the 7th July for Yarmouth. She was formerly the bark Strathisla, of Windsor and is 1280 tons register.



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AN ENGLISH POMPEII TO BE LAID BARE

London, July 25.—The Earl of Verulam, who owns the land upon which was built the ancient Roman city of Verulamium, has given permission to the Society of Antiquaries to undertake excavations, which will shortly be commenced. The site of Verulamium lies a mile or so from the centre of the beautiful Gorhambury Park.

Verulamium was one of the most important cities in England at the time of the Roman occupation. With Eboracum (York) it enjoyed the dignity of being a municalium, which meant that all who were born within its walls could claim Roman citizenship. It was situated in Watling street and the British insurrection under Boadicea culminated here in the massacre of 70,000 Romans. In 303, or perhaps earlier, St. Alban, the first English martyr was beheaded on the site of the present St. Alban's Abbey. Not long after the ancient town was forsaken, and the new one—St. Albans—grew up on the hill which had shadowed it.

In the centre of the site of the old city is the church of St. Michael, the vicarage of which stands in the middle of what was the forum. A few old walls and other fragments are to be seen here and there, but the Roman city lies for the most part buried under a considerable depth of soil. In the course of centuries earth has been washed down from the hillside, and earthworms have been busy, and where once lay the proud and splendid city is now the quiet, flower-filled gardens of the vicarage, the fields of the glebe, and other pastures and plough lands.

The stones and Roman bricks of Verulamium were, of course, much used for later buildings elsewhere. St. Alban's Abbey is very largely built from them. But a great deal still remains under the soil. About 60 years ago, and again in 1869, the theatre was partly and temporarily uncovered, and some fine frescoes, pavements and marbles were found. It is the only Roman theatre in Britain, and its dimensions are almost exactly the same as those of the theatre at Pompeii.

In fact the whole town of Verulamium singularly resembles Pompeii as regards shape—an irregular oval—dimensions, and arrangement and position of streets and buildings. It is slightly larger, its walls enclosing an area of 190 acres. Its excavation ought to provide extraordinary interest. If it is done thoroughly, as no doubt it will be, we shall have within a few miles of London, an object lesson of surpassing educational and antiquarian value as to how the Romans lived in Britain two thousand years ago.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Boston, Mass., July 26.—Mrs. Maria E. Tolman, said to be a prominent resident of Meadville, Pa., attempted to commit suicide by drinking carbolic acid at her apartments in Hotel Nottingham today. Mrs. Tolman was taken to the City Hospital. She will probably recover.

New York Herald:—During the year ended June 30, 1909, 1 ship, 1 bark, 2 barkentines, 1 brigantine and 38 schooners, over 300 tons gross register, owned on the Atlantic coast, were either lost or condemned and only 8 schooners were built to take the place of those gone. Besides these total losses, 2 ships—Benj. F. Packard and Kenilworth—were sold to Pacific coast owners and 4 barkentines—Allanwilde, Arlington, John Swan and Josephine—were cut down to schooners.

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