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IN AID TO DRAINS.

Ross Government May be Figuring on Political Advantage.

That is Mr. Whitney's Suspicion—Grants to Volunteers—the Surplus Again

Toronto, March 23.—In that innocent-looking bill before the Legislature, entitled "The Provincial Drainage Aid Act," the Opposition sees a sinister object, and they made their suspicions known yesterday.

"It is plain to the ordinary casual observer," said Mr. Whitney, "that the sole object of legislation of this kind is to defraud the electorate. A bill with a sinister purpose in mind, and consequently there was no need for this measure. It was just an invitation to the ordinary casual observer."

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Mr. Preston, South Brant, with the Grand River specially in mind, asked the Government to appoint a commission to enquire into the possibility of preventing floods by storing the water or by straightening the courses of the rivers, and also investigate the liability and responsibility for floods.

Premier Ross said it was a very meritorious bill, and the Government's sincere intention was the reclaiming of three or four million acres of swamp lands in the Province. Much good had been done in the past by occasional grants, and it was now proposed to add a comprehensive scheme to the whole system of drainage within the reach of municipalities. A sinister motive might just as easily be found in every act of the Legislature, whether public or private, but the Government had no such motive in this bill. The Premier promised to give Mr. Preston's suggestion consideration.

The bill was read a second time.

FOR THE SOLDIERS.
Mr. Gibson's bill for preserving to members of the Canadian contingent in South Africa their rights of franchise in Ontario, and to authorize municipalities to grant to the contingent of Canadian military service in South Africa, were read a second time.

Mr. Gibson grasped the occasion to speak of the splendid work of our soldiers, and of the generous public response to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which remarks were endorsed by Mr. Whitney.

On the motion to go into committee of supply, Col. Matheson went minutely into the question of the school funds in the hands of the Dominion, and showed that they could not be used to meet provincial debts.

LEFT 'EM STRANDED.

How Baltimore Swart Took the Detroit Footballers to St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 28.—The troubles of the Detroit football players who were stranded here owing to the disappearance of their manager, A. W. Stewart, who it is alleged, had transportation for the party, came to an end today. Shortly after noon President Gillespie of the St. Louis association said:

"We have lost track of Stewart entirely and have given up hunting for him. General Wassenger, Agent of one of the Wabash lines has furnished the Detroit boys with tickets."

A. W. Stewart, who took the Detroit football players to St. Louis, has a poor reputation among local football players. Some years ago he took a bunch of them to Baltimore and got into a similar mudslide. Last fall he had a like experience in Chicago, and about four years ago he got into trouble in Detroit, owing to a worthless check that he used. It is said that before he left Detroit he borrowed a new valise from his room mate.

"ABORTED" CONFERENCE.

Meeting at The Hague so Called in the Belgian Senate.

Brussels, March 28.—In the senate today Monsignor Kossonin, referring to the late peace conference at The Hague said it could be regarded as aborted because it had been followed by the South African war, "in which numerous lives have been sacrificed for gold."

Montefiore Levi then protested against the attacks made by the Belgian press on Great Britain.

The minister of foreign affairs, M. de Faure, said he concurred in this protest. "The press," he added, "forgets what England has done for our country, which owes it a debt of profound gratitude. I deeply regret these attacks."

LIKES HIS ROBINS WHITE.

"The robins are here making the days merry with their music, but for beauty they will compare with the white robins of South America any more that does the sparrow with the peacock, or a St. Thomas girl with a Chatham lady." So spoke James Etcheverry, a Steno. at the Windsor Hotel, Chatham, while gunning for game. Its plumage was of snowy whiteness and I wouldn't have known that it was a robin only its whistle attracted me. The music was similar to a red-breast's, but louder and much sweeter. An investigation on my part found the singer perched on the top of a large elm. He was so far away that I was afraid I would miss him. Well I waited around the whole afternoon patiently following that bird. At one time I would be too close and afraid of blowing it to pieces, at another time I would be too far away, and the bird finally got lost so that I couldn't find it. Thus I missed getting that exceedingly pretty bird. The white robin is a native of South America, and this one must have got its compass mixed and come north by mistake.

Excavations recently made in Nevada revealed in the sandstone the distinct impression of a woman's foot 19 inches long, left there ages and ages ago. And yet they have been playing Chicago off as a modern city.

Troubles of a Minister.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Vernon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without benefit, until I used a bottle of Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well." Sores, Eruptions, Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, impure blood. Thousands have found in Electric Bitters a grand blood purifier that absolutely cures these troubles. Satisfaction is guaranteed, or money refunded by A. I. McColl & Co. Large bottles only 50c.

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Mrs. Higgins, remarked the minister, we wish you would let your daughter join the choir. Oh, I wouldn't think of it, was the reply. My little girl has such a sweet disposition and I don't want to spoil her.

"Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves." Large things are but an aggregation of small things. If we take care of the small things we are in effect taking care of the large things which the small things come to make.

Take care of what you eat, and how you eat, and your stomach will take care of itself. But who takes care of such trivial things? That is why, some day, the majority of people have to take care of the stomach. When that day comes, there is no aid so effective in undoing the results of indigestion as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the stomach, and restores the organs of digestion and nutrition to a condition of healthy activity. It cures indigestion, heartburn, flatulence, indigestion, palpitation, dizziness, cold extremities and a score of other ailments which are but the symptoms of disorder in the stomach and its allied organs.

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No ill befalls us but what may be for our good.

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Jill—And yet you call him clever?
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"GOING UP SALT RIVER"

Origin of the Phrase and Debates in Congress About It.

In his collection of anecdotes and humorous bits from the speeches of public men, George S. Hilton revives the story of "Salt River." This is the story:

It is well known that when a candidate for a political office, or a political party, has been defeated, he or it is said to have gone or been sent up Salt river. Brown & Strauss' "Dictionary of American Politics," published in 1888, in speaking of the term says:

"He said that the phrase arose from a small stream of that name in Kentucky the navigation of which was very difficult, and the unpleasantness of a journey up that stream was thought fairly to represent the feelings of the politicians to whom the phrase was applied." Page 450.

But in 1895 the origin of the term or phrase was thus explained in a newspaper article:

Away back in the early forties an old friend, who lived in Pike county, Mo., about the mouth of Salt river, ran for the Legislature and was defeated. He moved into the next county, further up the river, and once more announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature. Again he was defeated. Nothing daunted, he moved further up the river and once more announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature. Once more his constituents started him on his voyage further up the river in search of political elevation.

Many years afterward, when people made inquiries about the office seeker, the answer would invariably be: "He is still moving up Salt river and running for the Legislature."

There are a few people still living about Florida, Mo., who knew the map whose constant defeat has given birth to a phrase that will live long.

Mitchell's Atlas, published in 1864, shows a "Salt River" in both Missouri and Kentucky. The one in Missouri flows through Monroe county, where Florida (Mark Twain's old home) is situated, into Pike county, where it empties into the Mississippi river. The one in Kentucky enters into the Ohio river at or near West Point.

Here is Mr. Hilton's account of the debates in Congress over the mythical Salt river:

In July, 1852, David K. Carter, of Ohio, a Democrat, offered in the House of Representatives the following amendment to a river and harbor appropriation bill then pending in that house: "For the improvement of the navigation of Salt river, \$5,000,000, to be expended before the 1st of March next, under the direction of the secretary of the treasury."

Mr. Carter then said:

"Mr. Chairman, this amendment has been suggested to me—"

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee—"I rise to a question of order."

Mr. Carter—"Does the gentleman deny the nationality of this river?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Jones—"I had supposed that, the friends of those who were to sail up that river would provide for its improvement." (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Carter—"If my friend from Tennessee had noticed the particular phraseology of the amendment he would not have risen to a question of order. I provide in that amendment that the appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, with a view of leaving it in the hands of its friends (laughter), presuming that he will not appropriate it. (Renewed laughter.) But there is no doubt about the nationality of that stream. It has been nationally navigated for a great many years. I have been up it myself recently. (Laughter.) I know something of its navigation, and from what little observation I have made I know that it has snags in it, and I do not wish to leave to those who have got to take the passage quite so hard a trip as I have had. I hope it will be voted early, with a view to providing an open navigation there in season, for somebody has got to occupy it. (Laughter.) The prospect now is that the gentlemen who are in favor, par excellence, of improvement of rivers will have occasion to occupy it, and I will ask them to come forward with a vote for it. There can be no equivocation as to its nationality. It runs through all of the States and through all of the districts of the States. (Laughter.) It embraces a portion of all of the constitutions, and therefore must of necessity be national property. (Laughter.) I know something of its navigation, and from what little observation I have made I know that it has snags in it, and I do not wish to leave to those who have got to take the passage quite so hard a trip as I have had. I hope it will be voted early, with a view to providing an open navigation there in season, for somebody has got to occupy it. (Laughter.) The prospect now is that the gentlemen who are in favor, par excellence, of improvement of rivers will have occasion to occupy it, and I will ask them to come forward with a vote for it. 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