

THE WEST

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Significant Silence

When The West drew public attention to the way in which the purchasing end of the seed grain department of the government was dealing with the farmers in the matter of dirty and expensive seed, the Leader immediately, with brazen effrontery, announced that everything was all right, and that we were misrepresenting the situation. After a few weeks, however, the farmers from various points in the province began to raise objections to the seed which was delivered to them, and for which they were compelled to sign a lien on their next year's crop before they could examine it. Mr. Leach in a prompt way, arranged for an exchange in several cases and consequently much publicity has been avoided. The fact remains, however, that Mr. Cassels has not been doing what is right by the farmers, and if they had been forced by Mr. Leach to accept the grain given them it would have been a very bad thing for the country. As it is there will be many polluted farms, and a portion of the farming community will regret that they were "soaked" as they have been by unscrupulous officials of the government.

The bluff of the local government organ did not dispose of the question which we raised in the interests of the farmers and the silence which has characterized them since, Mr. Motherwell has been compelled to admit the extent of our contentions, has but one meaning. We were right in our assertions and we believe that much good has resulted from the position we took in bringing this seed grain question to the attention of the government and the public.

Misrepresentation

The government organ in this city is driven to desperation over the defection of old time Liberals from the party and now by misrepresentation, its old policy, it attempts to attack the American-Canadians by false alarms. The Leader, in an editorial on Saturday last, said that a colleague of Mr. Borden's in the House at Ottawa, stated that he had "a preference for Hindu rather than American immigrants." This quotation, of course, is false absolutely. The Leader knows by the Hansard report that what was said by Col. Sam Hughes was that he preferred the Hindus as British subjects to many of the galvanized Americans who come from continental Europe to America, sowing the seeds of anarchy in the republic and later gradually drift into Canada.

Conservatives offer no insults to Americans who come here to make their homes. That is one of the things Sir Wilfrid Laurier claims the sole right to do, and he surely did it in the autonomy bill debate. Perhaps the Leader would like us to

again quote the Liberal premier on that occasion.

Editorial Notes

The seed grain department has taken back from the farmers cars of grain which were supplied. Perhaps the provincial Minister of Agriculture will deny this.

The local government does not seem to have any legislation ready for the House and every sitting so far has been short, except when the premier spoke. We understand that when the House adjourns for the Easter recess it will stand adjourned until Monday, April 27th.

It cost the government of this province a good deal to secure 18 convictions under the present game protection system. Could not economy along this line be practiced?

"It is safe to say that the government has supplied a higher average of seed grain to the farmers in the west than has ever been sown in any former year in the experience of the west." That is what Mr. Motherwell said when this paper called the attention of the government and public generally to the seed that was being supplied. Their "unreasonably high standard" did not seem to be lived up to in some of their purchases. However, we congratulate ourselves that they have made some exchanges and taken back some of the dirty buck.

Moose Jaw wants the university alright, but we should imagine that the demonstration they made on Monday evening would not strengthen their cause.

Attorney General Turgeon was not very prominent when the deputation from Moose Jaw waited on the government. Perhaps he was licking some of that tardy legislation into shape.

Press Comments

(Toronto Independent.)

Theodore Burrows, a member of the Dominion parliament, has been in the lumber business for a number of years.

Theodore Burrows has timber limits in his own name, and in the name of others covering 1,336 square miles of western Canadian territory. Theodore Burrows acquired practically all these timber rights during the regime of his brother-in-law, Hon. Clifford Sifton, who controlled the Department of the Interior.

Theodore Burrows and (his possible associates) have come into millions of money by the acquisition of 1,336 square miles of timber area.

Was it the work of a statesman to hand over a kingdom of territory to a brother-in-law, or the job of a very common politician?

The public will answer.

(Ferne Free Press.)

It is high time that this province returned to the status of an un-

gained territory. The provincial legislature has about as much authority, under the Confederation Act as interpreted by the judiciary of B. C. as has the National Council of Women in controlling the destinies of Patagonia. Our legislation against Orientals is "ultra vires," our divorce courts have been held to have no status by virtue of provincial law. We cannot protect the infant population from death through impure milk, because the Dominion has its paternal eye on every dairy from Dawson to Bradore Bay, and its nose on our business, and now it appears that we cannot protect our fresh water fish because the federal government once upon a time constituted itself fishwarden of the country. The principle seems to be that the General Manager, being in charge of the works, shall perform the duties of superintendent, foreman, shift-boss, artisans and laborers and God help the underling who attempts to do anything.

(Toronto News.)

Rev. John Pringle's campaign in the Yukon has not been without effect. The resignation is just announced of one of the officials against whom his attacks were particularly leveled. It will be admitted that it is not easy to maintain normal conditions in a mining camp. Whether or not Mr. Pringle makes due allowance for exceptional conditions in the Yukon it is impossible to say at this distance. Certainly he has shown courage and determination and he is right to make no compromise with a corrupt official. It is manifest that Mr. Pringle's enemies are determined to reduce the fair measure of his public influence and to impair his standing in the church to which he belongs. If they succeed the church will fall in loyalty to one of the most aggressive and public-spirited of its leaders.

(Victoria Colonist)

As variety is the spice of life, it is diverting just now to turn from a survey of conditions in the United States, where students of sociological developments tell us there is a steady tendency in the direction of a monarchical form of government, to Portugal, where the republicans are making strenuous protests that the monarchy is obsolete.

(Manor Advocate.)

The man who has stood by the province through thick and thin, and has at every stage of his political career fought his best for the interests of the people he represented, always having a clearly defined plan of action, which he closely adhered to, is the Hon. F. W. G. Haultain. There is no doubt that his services to the province in the past will be realized, and although at present he is on the opposition benches, his supporters look forward with full confidence to the time when he will be premier of Saskatchewan, a position for which he is eminently fitted.

(Indian Head Prairie Witness)

Chief Justice Wetmore in the absence of Lieut.-Governor Forget opened the legislative assembly. So far as can be learned the speech was well read and was delivered with all the dignity befitting the occasion. Does this not again remind every common sense citizen that there is really nothing but governmental frills and nonsense standing in the way of having the chief justice of any province act in the capacity of lieutenant governor? We have nine lieutenant governors in Canada with nine expensive gubernatorial establishments to keep up and such is the power and influence of custom that it is only when an occasion like this occurs that we feel the whole of our lieutenant governor machinery is a lot of aristocratic humbug. But of course until we see deeper than the glare and glare of things we must have the tinsel and the cymbal.

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

In Campbell-Bannerman, England parts with a head of the government worthy and popular but not strong. In Asquith it gains one strong, but, there is reason to fear, not so trustworthy. Even if he were resolved to take a straightforward course, he would find it hard to keep his resolution as the leader of a party made up of Liberals, Radicals, Laborites, Socialists and Home Rulers. What the country really wanted was a moderate Liberal government, with an effective reform in the house of Lords. The failure to get this is due to the wavering and vacillation of Balfour, the Conservative leader, about the weakest man that has ever led a party in England, combined with the selfishness of the Protectionists. Seeing the state of the House of Commons and the exhibition of potroonery in the division on the unemployed bill, the political prospect in England is not bright.

General News

Los Angeles, April 10.—Day Elmer a cigar dealer last night broke his 43 days' fast by partaking of a clam broth and milk in small quantities and is today gradually accustoming himself to solid foods. Elmer said that the death of a man in St. Paul in an effort to prolong a fast induced him to end his own experiment. El-

mere reduced his weight 38 pounds. He exercised daily, and on the 39th day climbed to the summit of Mount Wilson and returned.

Vienna, April 10.—What are held to be important revelations in regard to diseases of the heart were made last week at a meeting of the international Congress of Internal Medicine. Prof. Max Herz of the University of Vienna announced that sources of disease were not due to weakness of the heart itself, but was to be found in the fact that the heart could not fulfill its functions properly owing to lack of sufficient room. That this was frequently the result of holding the body in an incorrect position, was shown. He declared that in the case of writers, bookkeepers, lawyers and dentists whose chests became so contracted that the ribs exerted an injurious pressure on the heart.

Toronto, April 10.—James W. Ross a Scotchman, aged 85, living on Shuter street, is sending to the mayors of the various cities throughout the United States, South America and Europe letters asking them to use their influence in obtaining offers of marriage from wealthy women. He encloses an advertisement, saying: "Ladies, I shall esteem it a favor to receive a leap year proposal from you from bona fide wealthy ladies only, applications to be addressed to suitor, care of his worship the mayor of _____ and marked leap year proposals." The letter to the mayor also says: "Should your worship care to investigate my character, I can refer to the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, also to professional gentlemen in this city guaranteed by the mayor." A despatch from Birmingham, tonight, says that the applications have been given wide publicity in the evening papers, and results are expected.

Port Arthur, April 10.—If both the Doukhobors and the jail officials persist in the measures which have been adopted since the nineteen were placed in jail here to await transportation to Toronto, the result will be that the Doukhobors will starve to death. They refuse to eat anything on the prison bill of fare, demanding fruits not prepared by cooking. They refuse to clothe themselves, and will not even clean out their own cells, but sit around chanting their usual dirges. It is expected that a special car will be used to take them to Toronto.

Washington, D.C., April 10.—The president's message to congress urging drastic legislation to curb the "reds" seems to have aroused all the anarchists in the country. While every effort is being made to keep the fact quiet, it is known that the house within the last few days has been flooded with letters of protest, many of them threatening. Two facts show that extra precautions have been taken. Heretofore, all packages have been opened by Secretary Loeb, today all packages were sent down stairs for investigation before opening. In addition the secret service force in the White House has been increased. At the home of postmaster general Meyer, a police patrol has been established within the last few days. It is said that the action of the postmaster general in refusing the mail to anarchist publications has caused threats to be directed at him.

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Judicial Sale

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND TITLES ACT and in the matter of a certain mortgage dated the 29th day of May, 1906, made by Peter Johnson to The Great West-Life Assurance Company upon Lot 33 in Block 313 in the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, registered as No. L-888.

PERSUANT to the order of The Honourable Mr. Justice Lamont made in the action of The Great West Life Assurance Company Plaintiff.

—and—
Peter Johnson and John Ernest Salmon Defendants

There will be offered for sale at the Sheriff's office in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan at Twelve O'clock noon on Saturday the 20th day of June, A.D. 1908.

All and singular the following land, viz: Lot Number Thirty-Three (33) in Block Three Hundred and Thirteen (313) in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan.

TERMS: The purchaser shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of the sale and the balance upon delivery of transfer duly confirmed within one month after the sale and subject to further conditions approved herein. Full particulars may be had from the undersigned.

ALLAN, GORDON & BRYANT, Solicitors for Plaintiff REGINA, SASK.

Judicial Sale

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN, JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

Pursuant to the Order of The Honourable Chief Justice Wetmore made in the action of THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY Plaintiff.

—and—
PHILLIP MANG, Defendant.

There will be offered for sale by J. M. Duncan, Esquire, Sheriff of the above named Judicial District, at the Court House at the City of Regina at Twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the 9th day of May, 1908, ALL AND SINGULAR the following lots of land: viz: Lots number One (1) and number Two (2) in Block Nine (9) in the Township of Balyonia in the Province of Saskatchewan. Terms: The purchaser shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of the sale and the balance upon delivery of the transfer duly confirmed within one month after the sale and subject to further conditions approved herein. Full particulars may be had from the undersigned.

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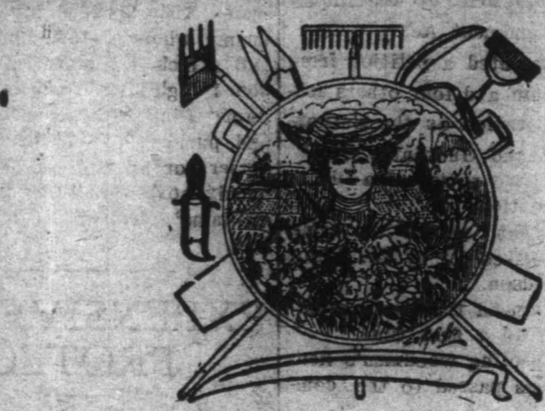
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