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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

## BANISH THE BAR.

The decision of Mr. Rowell and the Liberal party in the Legislature to fight for the abolition of the bar is an event of the highest importance. It is an answer to the charges flung at the leader of the Opposition that he was evading or running away from the temperance issue; though it ought to have been inferred from Mr. Rowell's private record that he would not fail in his duty in this regard. He now takes the decided step that progressive Liberalism expected of him.

He was quite justified in not making a pronouncement before the election. That would have been to take upon himself autocratic powers, when he had no time, being hastily raised to the saddle, to consult with his colleagues and thresh the question out. If he had come out for the abolition of the bar at that time, on the eve of the election, he would have been accused of resorting to a mere election dodge. As it is, he risked the anger of some of his own friends in order to have time to frame a well-considered policy, and do more effective work for the temperance cause.

No doubt this policy will arouse much opposition. Large economic interests centre in the bar, and ramify from it. The liquor interest itself is of course deeply concerned, as it is unquestionably true that the treating habit, which lives, moves and has its being in the bar-room, is a mainstay of the liquor traffic. Mr. Rowell has challenged the interests directly or indirectly concerned, and they will all rise up against him. This must be disregarded by a man of his moral purpose. And although the path he has chosen may not lead to immediate victory, he has put himself on the right side of a great moral question. Time and the stars in their courses will fight for him, and not only for him or Liberalism, will right be a good thing, but it is safe to say that legitimate hotel interests themselves will in the long run be better served by being dissociated from the bar.

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## MISREPRESENTING THE SENATE.

It is dishonest and malicious to say that the Senate is aiming to destroy the Dominion Government's highway bill.

If the Government's intentions are above suspicion, it will accept the Senate's amendment, which merely provides that the sum of money voted by Parliament in any year for road-building shall be paid to the several provinces in proportion to their populations as shown by the next preceding census. This would be a guarantee of the Government's good faith, and a safeguard against the manipulation of the fund for party purposes. The necessity for this is shown by clause three of the bill, which says that the governor-in-council may make a roads grant to any province "upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by order in council." In plain English, the Federal Government may dictate to the provinces in regard to public works, which are local in their character and properly under provincial jurisdiction.

If any provincial administration objected to this dictation or failed to see eye to eye with the Federal Administration it would be in the power of that latter to withhold the grant to that particular province or even transfer it to other provinces. As Senator Power says:

"Under the provision of this bill, it is in the hands of some unscrupulous government, which might be in power in this country, to offer a large bribe on the eve of an election to the people of any one province, if they will, in their power, if they are making these grants to several provinces, to except any one, or two, or three provinces from the grant."

Senator Cloran put the constitutional side of the question strongly as follows:

"There is a clause in the bill which provides that if a provincial legislature or municipal corporation decline to accept aid, the federal authorities have the right to go into any such municipality and construct roads. I say deliberately that no more outrageous declaration could be made against provincial rights than for the Federal Government to say to the country or the municipal council of any municipality, or to the provincial legislature: If you do not accept our terms we will go in and do as we please. What does that mean? The destruction of confederation and the annulling of the decentralization principle. The Government has the audacity to say to the municipalities of this country, if you do not do what we desire we will go in and do it in spite of you."

Although Mr. Cochrane in the House said that the highways fund would be distributed upon the basis of population, the Government declines to put such a provision in the bill. The refusal wears a suspicious look. Why not banish the very appearance of evil? The Senate will be justified in insisting

upon a further discussion of the measure, and pressing its amendment in the hope of forcing the Government to assure all the provinces a square deal.

## THE NATIONAL EXPENDITURES.

The estimates of national expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will silence the cry of extravagance raised against the Laurier Government. This table shows the record for the past decade, with the estimated expenditure for next year:

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1903               | \$1,691,902  |
| 1904               | \$1,612,833  |
| 1905               | \$2,319,583  |
| 1906               | \$2,240,641  |
| 1907 (nine months) | \$1,542,161  |
| 1908               | \$2,641,452  |
| 1909               | \$4,965,232  |
| 1910               | \$7,411,747  |
| 1911               | \$7,774,198  |
| 1912               | \$7,000,000  |
| 1913 (estimated)   | \$11,981,831 |

The foregoing figures do not include expenditure on capital account. They represent the ordinary expenditure, or, in official language, the expenditure on consolidated fund account. The fiscal year 1912, ending on the 31st of this month, is the last for which the late Government can be held accountable. Mr. White's estimate of \$11,981,831 on consolidated fund account for the ensuing year is an increase of nearly \$21,000,000 over the present fiscal year, but this is not all. He asks for \$51,407,885 on capital account, against an expenditure of \$39,000,000 last year in the same class. Here then is an aggregate estimated expenditure of \$169,339,716 for the year ending March 31, 1913, compared with an aggregate expenditure of \$126,000,000 in the year ending this month, an increase of \$33,000,000.

It is probable that not all the estimated expenditure will be actually paid out, but at the best there will be a considerable increase over preceding years. The expenditures must grow with the country. The Liberal Government had to keep pace with national development. But it was constantly reproached as a spendthrift by the very men who in six months of office sanctioned the largest budget in Canada's history.

Finance Minister White promises to be a good spender.

Mr. Rowell has the public courage of his private convictions.

Mr. Rowell is an ornament of the Ontario bar, but not the one he wants to abolish.

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The occasion that moved Premier Asquith to tears must have been poignant indeed. He is noted for his unemotionalism. The situation which has been thrust upon him would break down the self-control of a man of blood and iron. It was unforeseen, nor can anyone yet foresee the end.

The acquittal of the Chicago packers gives a new lease of life to the meat trust. It is a rebuff to the Washington Government, and may injure Mr. Taft's candidature. If combination cannot be abolished it must be controlled, but the President balks at control. The case has put a new weapon into Roosevelt's hands.

LIKE MOTHER—LIKE SON.  
[Harper's Magazine.]

The school teacher had punished Tommy so often for talking during school, and the punishments being apparently without effect, that as a last resort he decided to notify Tommy's father of his son's fault. So, following the department mark on his next report were these words: "Tommy talks a great deal."

In due time the report was returned with his father's signature, and under it was written: "You ought to hear his mother."

NO UNUSUAL SIGHT.  
[Sketch.]

Mr. Newlyrich (who has at last manoeuvred his ruby ring under the eyes of the great foreign banker)—Ah, baron, I see you at last noticed my beautiful rubies!

The Baron (sadly)—Ach, yes! Dey make me think of home. I haf a mantlepiece of dem dere.

HORRID MAN.  
[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

"Miss Pert—The way that man looked at me was positively insulting." Miss Pike—Did he stare at you?

Miss Pert—No. He gave one glance, then looked at something else.

LEAVE MEMORY BEHIND.  
[Boston Transcript.]

Architect (enthusiastically)—When you get into the new house you won't know yourselves.

Mrs. Newrich—Excuse me. It will be for other people we don't know.

THE TREATING SYSTEM.  
[Stratford Beacon.]

Congressman Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington, is a very vigorous individual in some of his speeches. Not long ago in an interview he told a reporter his opinion about the barroom system. Some of his forcible remarks are worthy of reproduction. He said:

"One of the worst phases of the saloon life is the treating system. I have seen a half-dozen choice American citizens, leaders in their line of work, line up in front of a bar, and in less than thirty minutes come out incoherent, jabbering idiots. A hog would feel insulted if any one of them should call it brother. You know how it is done. One throws down the dollar that he said he could

not afford to give his wife two hours before, and treated his buck. The others did the same and so on, until the bartender had served six orders, thirty-six drinks, and had pocketed the change of six American sheep."

## THE SOUTH MANCHESTER DEFEAT.

[The Nation, Lib.]

The cause of the defeat is simple and unquestionable. An unsparing attempt was made to rally the warehousemen and clerks—of whom the constituency is largely composed—against the measure. A skilled organizer, a sorry error for which a heavy price has been paid. The Government was quick in challenging a contest at such an hour, though nine months hence the venture would almost certainly have succeeded. The methods of fighting an act which Opposition accepted as a bill to represent a new form of politics. In any case it is short-range tactics, destined to be valueless as soon as the benefits of the act begin to flow.

WOMEN'S KISSES SPREAD DISEASES.  
[Cleveland Telegram Chicago Record-Herald.]

Health Officer Friedrich announced he had completed his investigation of the curious assortment of diseases that attacked a score of women guests following a bridge party given by Mrs. Meyer Kaskulek, on Feb. 10.

Scarlet fever, tonsillitis and grip developed among the guests a few days after the party.

"It is my belief," Friedrich said, "that the women distributed the germs among themselves by kissing one another. I can think of no other explanation."

AGREED.  
[Washington Star.]

"Have you and your husband simple tastes?"

"Absolutely," replied Mrs. Flim-gilt. "We both spend all our time away from home playing bridge."

AN ASSURANCE OF PEACE.  
[New York World.]

The discovery that there is profit enough in the exploitation of Africa for both is thought to assure peace between France and Germany for an indefinite period.

CONVINCED NOW.  
[Toronto Globe.]

Mr. Borden is beginning to understand that the consumer pays the duty. He imported a state uniform, with cocked hat, sword, and all the extras, from England. The Premier had to pay \$35 in customs duties.

THE SEASON'S WEDDING.  
[Glasgow Herald.]

A Canadian contemporary gives publicity to a rumor that Miss Sonnie Spring has taken advantage of her local year privilege and proposed to Mr. Old Winter. Both parties refused to be interviewed, but Mr. Fahrenheit Therapist, who has been moving in high society of late—says it will be a match.

ASQUITH'S POPULARITY.  
[Montreal Herald.]

Even with Mr. Balfour back it may be a long way too soon to write the last chapter of the Asquith Government's story. Mr. Gladstone used to say that with courage a cabinet could weather any storm, and Asquith has the courage. The Parliament of the beginning, not the end of the work he set out to do. And if the fighting gets hotter we may hear a good deal more of what Mr. Lloyd George said the other day, when he affirmed that Mr. Asquith "had won the personal affection of the comrades who had served under his leadership in a way no political chief of modern times has won it." When the fight gets hot, that counts.

LAST SEPTEMBER'S CAMPAIGN SONG.  
[Ottawa Free Press.]

We beg to suggest to the next time the House of Commons is called to vote some of the Conservative members should sing the campaign song of last summer, in which it was declared:

"What's the good of a navy if you haven't got the ships? What's the use of a Bristol, if she's always on the ships? For the only use of a navy is to answer England's call, And how can you answer England if you haven't a ship at all?"

How does the Government propose to answer England's call?

TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ROCK ISLAND MAYOR

Rifle Bullet Crashes Through a Window at Which He Was Standing.

[Canadian Press.]

Rock Island, Ill., March 27.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Mayor Schriver at the city hall was made this morning by an unidentified person, who fired a rifle bullet through the mayor's office window from the top of a building several squares distant. The bullet missed Mayor Schriver, who was standing in front of the window, and buried itself in the wall of the office. Militiamen and deputies at once started searching for the person who fired the shot.

POLICE ARE REQUESTED TO LOCATE MINISTER

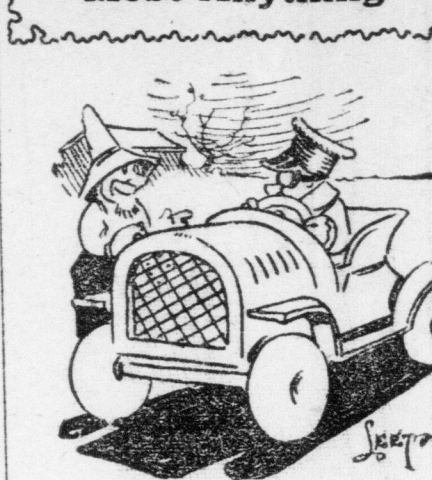
Rev. Louis S. Fuller Disappeared From His Home in Kentucky.

Chief of Police Williams has received a circular from Lexington, Ky., asking for information concerning Rev. Louis S. Fuller, who disappeared from there in February.

According to the card, Rev. Mr. Fuller was last seen by members of his congregation on Feb. 2, 1912, about 7½ miles north of Gallopoli, Ohio. His description is: Height, 6 feet 1½ inches; weight, 200 pounds; complexion, dark; eyes, dark brown; hair, dark brown, nearly black, thin on top of head, slightly grey at temples, and rather long behind. At time of his disappearance he wore a soft felt hat, blue suit of clothes. He was a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Information will be rewarded by his wife, Mrs. Louis S. Fuller, 523 Rose street, Lexington, Ky.

## A Few Lines of Most Anything



Native Wit.

Tourist—Looks like pretty good soil around here. What crops do the farmers grow in this section?

Native—That all depends, stranger. Tourist—Depends on what? Native—On what sort of seed they puts in.

Some Spanish Wallingford continues to waste postage on the assumption that Londoners don't know what the citrus fruit looks like.

Odd Ant Ads. Wanted—Woman to look after two boys between 40 and 50.

Marriage licenses are issued at the Nudger store. No witnesses required. Nissouri—Tryin' to start a little Gretina Green of your own, eh?

When that pile of snow in your back yard melts you will be able to check up your canned goods account.

The man whose principal aim in life is to polish his boots will not be ready to 'bolish the bar.

If you see a man with a "Kick Me" sign on his back, it's safe to conclude he's a western farmer who voted against reciprocity.

Friday will be the forty-third anniversary of the creation of the Dominion of Canada. It would have been impossible to say that if Rudyard Kipling had not saved us on September 21.

Authorship Hints. I think I'll write an ocean yarn and put in lots of stuff.

About the ice house capstan boom, and all that sort of stuff. For sailor terms are quite the thing, as publishers agree, And serve to give a tarry twist to stories of the sea.

Or why not write a western tale with cowboys on the shoot. And with a charming school teacher who loves a rule galoot?

For western dope is still the go—its sale has been increased. Among the guileless tenderfeet, who read such things back east.

Or why not write a Wall street book with financiers galore. And captains of industry who are rotten to the core? Our hero makes his millions, and the wicked brother yields. We know it's grand, but 'way out west this is the stuff that sells.

I have a notion to reel off a story of the stage. For recently that kind of stuff has filled the printed page; Remarks about "the o. p. side" and "props" and "fairies" and "theatricals" will catch the Johnnies, and provide a way to pay my debts.

I have a notion that I'll write a tale about the press. And have a cub reporter win immediate success; I'll have him soon the old-time scribble. For stuff like this always goes great, if you don't know the game.

I think I'll write a mystery yarn and put in lots of thrills. And have a snailish gyves slip the old man strychnine pills; With a dash of stolen emeralds and a dainty, blushing nurse, I'm sure I'd sell the story, for I know I've read them worse.

Other Things To Banish With the Bar. Lunch counter catnap bottles. Pro Bono Publico. Winter. The man without matches. Everybody's Goat. The man who saw a Robin.

The Mona Lisa of London has been copped! Some of these millionaire art vandals no doubt read about the famous canvas and made away with it. Or in other words:

The sign on the city hall has been taken down. Which in after years will cause us to reflect:

Among the beautiful pictures that hang on memories wall, That one of Hydro-Electric seemeth the best of all.

We may break into spring rather pleasantly if no one kicks the March lion around.

Matrimonial. Proposal made to publish marriage licenses in London. Market page is the place to put it.

But it's against the law to advertise lotteries.

Gone To the City. [Missouri Nudger.]

The "Stay in Ontario" campaign of The London Advertiser is all right, but it doesn't keep a fellow's wife from going away when she takes the notion.

A Pressing Need. [Toronto Free Press.]

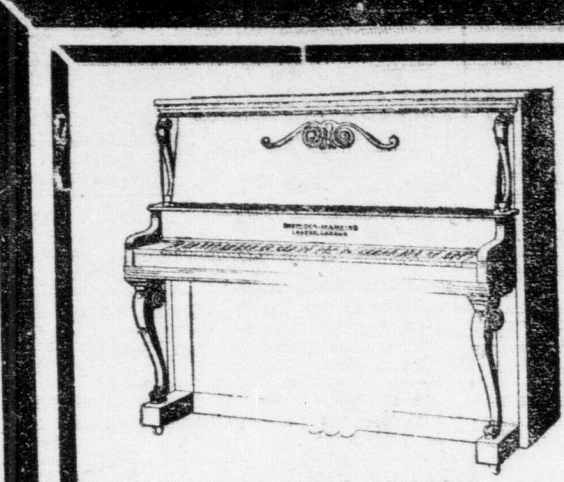
It is said that the man that squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. In looking over our subscription list we come to the conclusion that there are several ladies in this vicinity who are not getting the pressure they deserve.

An Unwelcome Guest. [Goderich Signal.]

Miss Iren MacGowan has been entertaining French visitor who has quartered himself in so many houses this season—"Monsieur De La Grippe"—Nile correspondence.

An Array of Talent. [Strathroy Dispatch.]

After all had done ample justice to the appetite, the guests were treated to an excellent programme, showing the vocal ability of Harry Lauder, the quaint humor of Uncle Josh, the wit of the Irishman, the art of clever elocutionists with the scientific



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From our regular stock we have selected a few of our very best Sherlock-Manning 20th Century Pianos on which to make you a Special Offer at exceptionally low prices.

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ing of Thomas Edison, interspersed with original wit and reminiscences by the guests.—Ekrid correspondence.

Teaching the Young Idea. [Blyth Standard.]

In a nearby town, while a ladies' card club was playing for a \$2 book as a prize, the sons of the same ladies, small boys, were arrested in a hay-mow, while playing for a 50-cent prize. They had organized a club like their mothers. The mothers cried and said: "What a terrible place this town is for boys, anyhow!" It was shameful, indeed, the way those boys acted. They might have known the difference between a \$2 and a 50-cent prize.

TORONTO NEWS WANTS VOTE ON TEMPERANCE

Does Not Think Question Should Be Issue Between Parties.

Toronto, March 27.—Under the caption, "Mr. Rowell and the Bar," the News frankly criticizes the "abolish-the-bar" platform. "In Toronto the immediate effect of Mr. Rowell's policy would be serious. If bar drinking is abolished, shops will push business more actively, which means an increase of drinking in private homes. The News believes in compensation for cancelled hotel licenses, and urges an early decision by the people whether Mr. Rowell's policy is to go into effect or not. As only instability and confusion can result from a long controversy over the proposal, there is much to be said for a prompt reference of the question to the people. It is not desirable that such a question should be an issue between parties."

Ottawa For It.

Ottawa, March 27.—Prominent local clergymen, discussing N. W. Rowell's "abolish-the-bar" policy today, see in it a definite move towards temperance in the province. Many are of the opinion that the out and out prohibition would have been preferable, but most of those who expressed opinions are willing to await absolute prohibition as a sequence of wiping out the bar-rooms, which with the treating habit are looked upon as the worst feature of the liquor traffic.

The Telegram Doubts.

Toronto, March 27.—Under the heading, "Ontario's Doubt," the Evening Telegram expresses doubt of N. W. Rowell's sincerity. "The protestations of Mr. Rowell and his followers could not exceed the holy zeal with which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers proclaimed their desire to reform the senate. Where is the guarantee that N. W. Rowell would not banish the bars of Ontario gave him a chance, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier reformed the senate when Canada gave him a chance?"

LOFT BUILDING FIRE.

New York, March 27.—Fire broke out early today in a five-story Loft building, at 623 Broadway, occupied by millinery, cloak and suit manufacturers, and quickly spread to three adjoining buildings. After three hours' work the fire was extinguished. The loss totals \$250,000.

"I Suffered Intense Pains in My Left Side."

Do you realize it is better to be safe than sorry, that it is the best policy to lock the stable door before the horse is stolen?

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy cured Mrs. C. C. Gokey, of a stubborn case of heart disease, such as thousands are now suffering with. Read what she says:

"Before I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy I had been suffering from heart trouble for over five years. I had grown so weak that it was impossible for me to do thirty minutes' work in a whole day, and under the left shoulder blade, I could not sleep on the left side, and was so short of breath that I thought I should never be able to take a full breath again. The least excitement would bring on the most distressing palpitation. I had merely taken a bottle of the Hex's Remedy before I could see a marked change in my condition. I began to sleep, and had a good appetite, and improved so rapidly that when I was completely cured."

MRS. C. C. GOKEY, Northfield, Vt.

If you have any of the symptoms Mrs. Gokey mentions, it is your duty to protect yourself.

Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy is what you need. If the first bottle fails to benefit, your money is returned. Ask your druggist.

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## NOBODY TO TESTIFY AGAINST THIS P. M.

And Govt. Commissioner Does Not Know Why Inquiry Was Ordered.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Bright, Ont., March 27.—The unwillingness of anyone to testify against Robt. Bristow, postmaster of Bright, was the feature of the inquiry at Bright this morning when Commissioner Peter McDonald opened his court.

Vague rumors charge that Bristow helped to take voters to polling booths in the last federal election, but Bristow denies this. The commissioner asked time after time for any witness to come forward, but no one moved, and complainants whoever they are had no counsel to direct matters, while Bristow was adjourned until 1:30. One of the audience asked the commissioner what the charges were against Bristow, but the commissioner said he did not know, as he had simply been ordered by the Government to come and hear evidence.

PLEADED GUILTY TO COMMON ASSAULT

Seymour Kane Was Tried in Special Court by P. M. Judd.

Seymour Kane pleaded guilty to a charge of common assault yesterday afternoon when brought before Police Magistrate Judd at a special session at Carling street station, and on this consideration the charge of assaulting and wounding Daniel Steele was withdrawn.

Kane was bailed in \$200, and will appear for sentence on April 2. Police Magistrate Judd took the bench in the special court in order to enable certain witnesses to leave the city without further delay.

Kane and Steele became involved in a quarrel at the Windsor Hotel on King street, and in the melee Steele went through a plate glass window, a splinter cutting his neck dangerously close to the jugular vein.

FULLER UP AGAIN GIVEN ONE MONTH

Colored Man Is Unable to Keep Away from the Bars.

Monday morning Fred Fuller, a colored gentleman, was released from the county jail after serving 21 days for drunkenness. He was welcomed back by his old friends, who proceeded to celebrate his emancipation.