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**MR. HYMAN RESIGNS SEAT.**  
The Mark Anthony of Canadian politics has come to himself. He has grown sufficiently strong to write the resignation of his seat in London, in due form, and to hold tenaciously to his portfolio of minister of public works.

From the enfeebled man of two months ago, he has, thru improved health, been able to announce to-day that with a few more weeks of rest, he will be competent to take over his duties as a minister of the crown. Citizens of every political color will rejoice at this news of health from Coronado, California, and wonder at the source of R. L. Borden's information that the Hon. Mr. Hyman was witnessing horse races at New Orleans weeks ago and that George C. Gibbons, a few days ago warned the Liberal Club at London of an early election. Apparently to let Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the parliament of Canada into the secret of his recovery was an after thought of Mr. Hyman's.

However, be that as it may, Mr. Hyman has done something in resigning his seat that will meet with the approval of the citizens of London and of Canada. It is a pity that it came so tardily. So far as the evidence adduced before Magistrate Denison is concerned, Mr. Hyman is justified in saying as he does that he was not "personally charged with the receipt of acts that would be a disgrace to 1906 in London. But he goes further and says that he was not "responsible for the acts referred to." He profited by the acts, and he should have known, had he been a well man, what was being done. He can't escape responsibility. In fact, in resigning he assumes the responsibility.

Back to London, then, within a month, he goes for vacation. For nearly a year he has held the seat that in all justice belonged to William Gray, the Conservative candidate. The fight will be made anew. There is no other Conservative candidate than William Gray. The autonomy acts upon which the former fight was made are accomplished facts, but the trucking of the Laurier government to the sinister influences that dictated those acts is still open to condemnation.

But above all, the issue squarely before the people of London is the corruption of the electors at the last by-election. In whose interest was it done? Who were the men that dictated the criminal course? Who was to profit by its success? These are questions the electors of London must answer. And as a man is known by the company he keeps, Mr. Hyman should be kept out of public life by the sane-minded and public-spirited citizens of London.

**THE CITY'S LIGHT FRANCHISE.**  
In another column place is given to a statement said to have been made to an anxious enquirer by a leading local broker, closely in touch with the Toronto Electric Light Company, to the effect that arrangements for the new issue of stock had been completed with the provincial government. The World would be loth to think that any real foundation exists for an assurance of the nature indicated, or that the government would for a moment contemplate approval of the application without allowing the City Council of Toronto the most ample opportunity to present its views and without the benefit of open public discussion, and is glad to know that the Toronto Electric Light Company were engaged in a purely private business, its stock manipulations would only concern its stockholders, and the conditions of a new issue would not necessarily interest others. But it holds a city franchise, and in this regard, is in fact a public trustee. Citizens who have no alternative but to purchase electric light and power from it have rights which

are as much entitled to consideration as those of the shareholders, and it is incumbent on the government, as representing the people, to protect the citizens from improper stock deals, calculated unnecessarily to increase the capitalization, and thus raise the price of light and power to the public consumer.

Whatever ignorance or indifference may have marked public opinion in the past, the citizens are now becoming alive to the important questions involved in the private operation of public utilities and services. The real objection to the application of the Electric Light Co., and to all similar proposals made by public-service corporations, for power to issue stock standing at a premium to its stockholders at par value, is that manipulations of this kind are devices to secure large surplus earnings in addition to the straight dividends paid from year to year. A public-service corporation, by every rule of equity, should not be at liberty to earn more than its working expenses and other legitimate debt charges and a fair income, on the money actually invested in its plant, buildings and equipment.

In the case of the Electric Light Co., the bonus of \$800,000 which would accrue to the present stockholders of the company on the basis of a 50 per cent. premium, represents an additional 5 per cent. per annum for the remaining twelve years of the franchise, thus making the dividend 13 per cent. per annum—surely an exorbitant figure, when the gas company shareholders are limited to a 10 per cent. dividend on the par value of their holdings. Public-service corporations have no right to operate their franchises for any other than a fair return on the capital actually invested in plant, buildings and equipment, and the citizens are justified in asking the provincial government to decide the issue now before it in accordance with this principle. Surely there is nothing inequitable—much less anarchistic or socialistic—about requiring a private company, entrusted with a public franchise, to respect the rights of the community who are its owners, and who give it its value. All surplus profits, above a fair return on the bona-fide capital invested, ought to be returned to the community in the shape of reduced prices. These surplus profits are its property, quite as much as was the franchise itself, and to claim that there is no reasonable or effective answer.

**PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE.**  
There is a mighty wave of public opinion in regard to the aggressive-ness of corporations running in the Canada of our time. It finds its expression on the street, in the columns of the non-corruption press, in meetings, and most of all, in the minds and conversation of the common people. But this great wave of public opinion finds little expression in the parliament of Canada now in session. The House of Commons is out of touch with the people.

The people will soon have an opportunity of revising the membership of a house that is supposed to voice their views, but which, as a matter of fact, voices the views of the corporations. A wholesale dropping of the men now in the house will be very much in order. Parliament is full of poor men gone wrong. The country will make no mistake in a wholesale house-cleaning at the earliest date.

This is the time to begin public meetings to discuss the membership issues. Let the men at home these days hold the meetings, state their views, and let them give the younger men the chance to state their views and offer themselves for service.

Who is chloroforming the ancient and honorable practice of public meeting? Who are the men who do not wish to meet the people, who do not wish to declare themselves on the vital public issues of these days?

Parliament needs a lot of new blood, and the people will make no mistake in searching for it.

**THE SUNDAY WORLD.**  
The newspaper which fills the blank between Saturday and Monday is more than a newspaper. It is also a magazine both in the quality and variety of its features, and in the artistic pictorial presentation of the events of the moment.

## THE RAILWAYS AND THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

Sixtieth Article.

The railways are not responsible for the car shortage—the people of Canada are themselves to blame for the inability of the carrying companies to furnish the equipment necessary for the carriage of the traffic of the country.

Such was the statement made to the board of railway commissioners by J. W. Leonard for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and E. G. Brownlee for the Grand Trunk Railway. It is false, and no one knows that better than the officials in question. To cap the climax, one of the brilliant minds composing the board asked the question: "Would the situation be bettered by increasing the demurrage rate or reducing the free time?"

This is adding insult to injury, and it is necessary for the people to protect themselves not only against the railways, but against the incompetency of the board of railway commissioners. What right has the board to assume that the statement made by the railways is correct, without properly investigating the matter? The suggestion that it might be advisable to advance the rate for service charges was entirely uncalled for, and even the railway officials would have hesitated to propose such a course. It remained for one member of a board, created for the protection of the interests of the public, to propose a suggestion to still further increase the cost of handling traffic.

Not very long ago, during a time when traffic conditions were normal, a Toronto firm was compelled to write to Charles M. Hays and call his attention to the fact that it was impossible to get traffic handled promptly in Toronto yard, and yet the official charge of this division has the temerity to go before the board of railway commissioners and assert that the people are to blame for the car shortage.

The statement presented by Messrs. Leonard and Brownlee is the strongest argument we have yet seen, from a railway standpoint, for the enforcement of a reciprocal demurrage arrangement. According to traffic, consequently, the railways are not responsible for delays to them to any extent. If they are not delaying traffic, they have no valid reason to offer against a reciprocal demurrage arrangement, and this being the case, we would respectfully suggest to Dr. Mills, and his confederates that instead of seeking to impose additional charges a trial, and let the facts prove whether the people or the railways are right in their contentions with regard to the responsibility for delays to rolling stock.

The public have no objection to paying reasonable demurrage charges when they delay cars. The railways cannot object to being treated in the same way, more especially when they protest that they have no delays to answer for.

As a matter of fact, there is not an engine driver on either the Grand Trunk Railway or the Canadian Pacific Railway who does not know that the delays to traffic are caused by the shortage of motive power, and Mr. Leonard and Mr. Brownlee are also thoroughly aware of this. The board of railway commissioners alone appear to be as ignorant of the transportation problems of the country.

(These articles have appeared daily since Monday, Dec. 3.—Ed.)

the illustrations constitute an unending source of entertainment to the family. Such a week-end newspaper is The Toronto Sunday World.

It is the handsomest regular issue of a daily newspaper in all Canada, and its half-tone engravings are second to nothing published on this continent. This is no idle boast. It is true. The people of Toronto who read The Sunday World are loud in its praises. They have found it "worth while."

The Sunday World illustrates the events in which YOU are interested. A very brief recapitulation of the illustrated features of tomorrow's paper will make this statement plain. The front page is devoted to a group of Canadian "song birds"—young women who are well-known in local musical circles. On page 2 is a reproduction of Miss Tully's fine portrait of the late D'Alton McCarthy, which is to hang in the Toronto Hunt Club; an excellent portrait of the late Nathaniel Dymont, a great horse breeder; and several views of the funeral of the late Thomas Eaton, Toronto's merchant prince.

Page 3 has a wonderful picture of Port Royal-street, Kingston, where hundreds of bodies were cremated by the authorities. This is one of the best pictures yet published of actual conditions, and it is accompanied by a graphic letter describing the terrible experiences of the bereaved. The back-page minute which Mother Earth required to twist the beautiful city out of all shape.

There's more amateur sport to the square inch in Toronto than in any city of its size in the world. That is why some phases of sport invariably find room in the illustrated section. Tomorrow there will be an excellent group picture of the Toronto Rowing Club's hockey team, from a photograph made expressly for The Sunday World; a good engraving of the champion Wellington Baseball Club; the St. Alban's Junior Rugby team, and the officials of the Cobourg Rifle Association. The Mirror of Fashion reflects some of the more stylish modes for the early spring of fashion, and the babies' page is an unusually interesting portrait gallery of cute Canadian kiddies. A picture from a flashlight photograph. The Sunday World, of the annual dinner of the Burns Literary Society, is given, and there is much more of good quality and variety.

Besides the best story yet published of the sensations of victims of the Kingston earthquake, those who like descriptive articles will find a rare graphic story of a Dakota snowstorm in "The Teeth of a Blizzard," and the boys will get the proper thrills in a tale of shark fishing.

The Sunday World is serious, clean, free from sensationalism, thoroughly entertaining, a paper for the people.

**The Canadian Birkbeck Investment and Savings Company.**  
The thirteenth annual meeting of shareholders of the Canadian Birkbeck Investment and Savings Company was held on Wednesday, Feb. 6, when a very satisfactory report was presented, and the directors and shareholders of the company are to be congratulated on the excellent showing made. The company's funds have been fully employed, and its business largely extended during the past year. The new mortgage loan stand at \$1,576,884.97. The invested assets of the company have been increased during the year to \$1,800,222, and the total capital, of which \$1,410,200 has been subscribed, is now paid up to the extent of \$747,171.

The mortgage accounts are in excellent standing, and payments have been made with promptitude during the year. Out of the net earnings, dividends at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, amounting to \$28,354.61, were distributed to the shareholders. There has been transferred the sum of \$10,000 to reserve fund, which now stands at \$100,000.

## AT OSGOOD HALL

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## FEBRUARY

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## TORONTO ACTRESS COMING.

Catharine Proctor Has Met With Great Success on the Stage.

Toronto theatregoers will be specially interested in Miss Annie Russell's production of "Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Princess next week, thru the appearance as Hermia of Miss Catharine Proctor, who was not only born and brought up in the city, but received here all the training for the career in which she has since risen to considerable eminence. During her probationary period Miss Proctor gained the Dr. Carlyle scholarship at the College of Music, and the Dr. Neff scholarship in the public schools for elocution and while a member of the Gown Dramatic Class was awarded the gold medal for high proficiency. On going to New York in 1900 Miss Proctor came under the management of Daniel Frohman, being cast for various parts in support of Miss Maud Adams, in such plays as "L'Aiglon" and "Quality Street." After a couple of years in stock companies Miss Proctor in 1904 succeeded Sandoz Miliken as lead in Miss Adams, passing in 1905 to Frohman's "Other Girl" Company, and during last year being understudy to Miss Adams in "Peter Pan." Down in Montreal, where the company is playing this week, Miss Proctor is regarded as "the Canadian girl with the golden future."

**Irish Protestant Benevolent Association.**  
At the monthly meeting of the I.P.B.A. held last evening, encouraging reports were received. Joseph Hobbes was elected a member, and W. J. Kennedy and F. J. Lucas were nominated for membership. Arrangements were completed for the annual dinner at the Queen's Hotel on the evening of March 15, and for the annual session of the society to be preached in the Church of Ascension by Rev. W. H. Vance, B. A. on Sunday evening, March 17. A resolution of sympathy on the death of T. Eaton, a member, was moved by Robert Moon, seconded by Thomas Kinneary, and supported by J. N. Kennedy. A practical address of unusual interest on "The Destiny of the Race" was delivered by Dr. C. J. Hastings.

**On Transportation.**  
Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways and canals, will address the Canadian Club on Monday on "Some Results of a Prophecy on Transportation."

**BOUND TO COME.**  
Raymond's Record, Oakville: To the community, to Canada at large, W. F. Maclean is as valuable as any ordinary half dozen members of the community. He is always alert and out with a big stick after corporations. He is one of those chaps who do not know defeat and ridicule and abuse do not faze him. Maclean had the latest tool of the corporations to come under the wrath of the member for South York in "the listener," by which the private conversations of business men and sweethearts and swains are easily heard at central. The presence of this "listener" will need a great deal of smooth explanation from the telephone company.

**THE FIRST ROBIN.**  
Editor World: In your issue of the 5th, I notice an item that James Baird had seen the "first robin" of the season in Rosedale on Saturday last. That may be Rosedale's first, but the north end can beat that. Directly following the warm spell which we had in early January, I saw a robin in the apple tree in our yard on Thursday, Jan. 10. S. C. Parks.

There are few people who, either themselves or some of their friends, are not suffering from some sort of throat, chest, or lung or stomach trouble. To such the following voluntary letter, written from a sense of duty, to those who are suffering from these troubles, will bring encouragement and help. It is a source of comfort to know that there is one remedy which, after all others have failed, and the physician's skill has become exhausted, can always be relied on to bring help and relief to the suffering, and restore health and vigor:

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