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ENTERPRISING LAW-BREAKERS.

London is sometimes reproached with being slow in the race for new industries. Some light is being thrown on the superior "enterprise" of other municipalities. The city council of Brantford is just now threatened with an injunction to prevent the granting of a fixed assessment to the Brantford Sewer Company on condition of its building a new factory. The Brantford Exporter says:

"The reason advanced for the proceedings is that bylaws of this character, under the bonus clause of the municipal act, require the consent of the ratepayers. This is undoubtedly true. On the other hand, the city council of Brantford, in common with the councils of other municipalities, has been in the habit of making concessions of this kind to new industries, or to old industries erecting new buildings, and it is hardly fair that the sewer company should be dealt with in an exceptional manner."

The law having been broken so many times, it would be unfair not to break it again in favor of a home concern. Such is the gist of the Exporter's argument. The Hamilton Times confesses that the law is a dead letter in the Ambitious City also, and has been violated many times. The Times contends that the local authorities wink at these infractions partly because they are in the direction of a right principle, namely, that improvement and industry should not be penalized. The law is the law, and a municipality has no more right to break it than an individual. Our system of taxation, which imposes a fine on all improvements, may be all wrong in theory, but that is another question. Municipalities have been engaged in bribing industries to leave other places, and some of the smaller ones were nearly bankrupted by excessive bonusing. The present law was intended to protect municipalities against themselves, and take out of the hands of municipal councils the power to pledge the city credit to any amount without consulting the people.

The city of London has scrupulously obeyed the law, though it may have suffered for doing so. Other municipalities have flouted it with impunity and may continue doing so, as it is seldom that a case occurs like that in Brantford, where a ratepayer is willing to check up the council. London will have to stir itself to meet this illegal competition, but not necessarily in an illegal way. It is generally realized that the city made a mistake in not years ago acquiring a tract of land for factory sites. Is it too late to think about it now?

NIAGARA POWER STILL REMOTE.

"Newspapers of the Province with a single exception have seen in the transmission of power from Niagara Falls an industrial revolution such as will add wealth and happiness to the whole people. With one exception, the newspapers have risen above party politics, to lend a helping hand toward the possible consummation of so tremendous an enterprise. "It is a pity that this single exception should find an existence in the home town of the man who has done more than any one other to bring magic electricity within the range of every workshop and home in Western Ontario."—London Free Press.

Presumably this is aimed at The Advertiser, because, in common with the Hamilton Times, the Brantford Exporter, the Stratford Beacon and other newspapers in Western Ontario, it has questioned whether the power legislation of the Provincial Government will be useful to the municipalities.

Either the member for London lacked the courage of his convictions, or he was overruled in the cabinet. Certainly the bill brought down fell far short of what he led the public to expect, or what the municipalities demanded.

The representatives of the cities and towns of Western Ontario, who met at Toronto, petitioned the Government to undertake the transmission, and, if need be, the development, of Niagara power, as the enterprise was beyond the resources of the municipalities. In this they were merely asking Mr. Whitney and his colleagues to implement their pledges when in Opposition. The Conservative party in the Legislature supported this resolution, moved by Mr. Macmillan, on Feb. 5, 1902.

"That the waters of the Niagara River and its tributaries, as well as the waters of other streams, where necessary, should, at the earliest moment, be utilized directly by THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in order that the latter may generate and develop electricity and pneumatic power for the purposes of light, heat, and power, and FURNISH THE SAME TO THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THIS PROVINCE, AT COST."

The Government now refuses to assume any financial responsibility in the matter. It has appointed a commission, which will furnish any municipality with an estimate of the cost of

transmitting Niagara power, but the Government will not guarantee the commission's figures. If the actual cost should prove more than the estimated cost, the municipality must pay the shot. The Province will loan the money at 3 1/2 per cent, a rate at which it can easily borrow. It is extremely doubtful whether any municipality or group of municipalities will take the risk of building transmission lines, without more financial aid from the Government. Apparently they will, after all, have to rely upon the power companies, but the companies are not disposed to make further great expenditures with the threat of expropriation hanging over their heads. The importance of cheap power to the cities and towns of Western Ontario cannot be overestimated, and the Provincial Government might have safely done a great deal more to help the municipalities to help themselves.

NOT A CREED ISSUE.

Mr. Bourassa, Mr. Tarte, and other stormy petrels of Quebec politics, are attempting to work up feeling against the Sabbath observance bill. Mr. Tarte has been so much the victim of race and religious agitators in Ontario that it is surprising to find him using similar weapons against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec. He accuses the Premier of sanctioning Sunday legislation under pressure of the Presbyterian Church. Such a statement may not be intended as an appeal to creed prejudice, but it is language that will work mischief. The active agent of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. J. G. Shearer, is a Presbyterian minister, but the alliance itself embraces members of most of the Protestant denominations, the large majority being laymen. It is not entirely a Protestant movement, however, as Archbishop Bruchese, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Montreal, is in hearty accord with the main objects of the alliance, and has given his approval to the measure now before the House. No doubt, however, by making a bogey of Shearer, just as Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opponents made a bogey of Mr. Sbarrett a year or so ago, the agitators against the bill may stir up some trouble for the Government in the Province of Quebec. The labor organizations are looking at the question in a true light, and are virtually unanimous in indorsing the measure in its main outlines. The Government has shown courage and firmness in adopting the bill as its own, and shows no intention of receding.

Congress has passed a pure food bill, but the American quick lunch will see to it that indigestion holds its own as a national complaint.

The late William Hendrie, of Hamilton, the greatest horseman in Canada, never bet on a race. Mr. Hendrie was a sportsman, not a sport.

Cy Warman has a capital article in July Scribner's on the Canadian West. Our fellow-townsmen is doing some good work for this country.

Mr. Aylesworth said in his speech that Mr. Foster's complaint should be laughed out of court.—Ottawa Journal.

Mr. Aylesworth said no such thing. Why not consult Hansard?

The late Alexander Muir could well subscribe to the famous saying, "Let me write a nation's song, and I care not who makes its laws." The name of the author of "The Maple Leaf" will outlast that of most of our politicians.

Maine Republicans declare against a reciprocity treaty which would admit Canadian lumber and farm products. This is the sort of broad-gauge American statesmanship that has made Canada commercially independent of the United States.

THE BECK POWER BILL.

[Brantford Exporter.]

A meeting of the municipalities in Western Ontario more particularly interested in the question of Niagara power development is to be held shortly for the purpose of formulating if possible a satisfactory answer to the question, "What next?" An answer is not likely to be so easily found as some of the enthusiastic admirers of the Beck bill are wont to imagine. Save that steps have been taken to secure satisfactory rates for the delivery of power at the Falls, the measure in question has put the municipalities no further ahead than they were. In one respect, they are not in as good a position as under the old municipal power bill, because the latter gave them the management of their own enterprise, while the Beck bill hands the management over to the Government commission. Events may prove otherwise, but we are disposed to think no great progress will be made in the solution of the power problem until the Government assumes itself some share of the financial load, and does not leave the entire weight upon the municipalities.

THE REAL TEST.

[Washington Star.]

"Tain't gittin' into politics," said Uncle Eben, "dat shows a man's smartness, as much as the way he gets out."

A ROYAL IDYLL.

[Montreal Witness.]

The marriage of the King and Queen of Spain was a fairy tale of the Cinderella type. The coronation trip of the King and Queen of Norway has been an idyll as full of primitive simplicity and beauty as the other was full of gorgeousness. The progress from point to

point along those stupendous shores, greeted by the farming and fisher folk in their gayest regalia, the gathering of fisher craft by the thousand, their bright colors reflected in the glassy waters of Alesund, the ceremonial on the longest day of the year at the ancient capital of the sea-roving kings at Trondhjem, quite as far north as the regions which Major Muddle and Captain Bernier have been investigating for Canada, combine to form a picture whose sublime nature-setting and whose loyal and loving cordiality the proudest monarchs on earth might envy.

NOTHING RADICAL.

[Puck.]

Lankuld Lannigan (with paper)—It takes all sorts of crazy to make a world, all right. Now, here's a near-wise guy wot says dat six hours' sleep a day is enuff for anybody.

Torpid Thomas—Well, I seldom exceeds dat. An' wot 's he say is de proper number uv hours ter slumber at night?

GLADSTONE'S READING HABITS.

[New York Post.]

Gladstone's activity as a book collector is interestingly discussed in an article on his library in the Nineteenth Century for June. He took to reading at a very early age, and, like many another boy, was enthralled by "Pilgrim's Progress" and the "Arabian Nights." In his school days, and indeed through his whole career, he was an eager student of Homer. Late in life he confessed an enormous debt to Aristotle, Augustine, Dante, and Butler. When he was 50 years old his growing library necessitated the addition of a new wing to the castle at Hawarden. Yet he was "by no means a rabid book-buyer." For rare books, first editions, and elaborate bindings he had no special passion, though he was glad enough to get them. "Second-hand catalogues," says the writer in the Nineteenth Century, "rained in by every post, and were always carefully scanned and marked for immediate purchase." Mr. Gladstone's tastes ran strongly to religion, theology, and such kindred topics as history and philosophy. He was, in fact, sometimes accused of being more theologian than statesman. Whenever he saw a book on witchcraft, strange religious sects, and the ethics of marriage, he invariably bought it; but, as everyone is aware, he was an omnivorous reader; he enjoyed Shakespeare and Scott, and was fond of turning over the pages of the latest novel.

EN PENSION EXPENSIVE.

[Toronto News.]

Those reading the Society Notes from the various summer resorts will note that certain persons are "on pension." The difference between this and "boarding" is about \$8 a week.

KEEP IT UP!

[Toronto Globe.]

Ten years today since the Liberals began to govern at Ottawa. Has it been blue ruin for you?

JESSE JAMES, ATTORNEY.

[Kansas City Star.]

Jesse James, son of Jesse James, the outlaw, was enrolled today in the circuit court as an attorney at law. He passed the examination June 9 before the state board of examiners in Jefferson City and made the highest grade in a class of 37. His average was 91. He said today:

"In two weeks I will quit the pawn-broking business and wade into the balance of my life to the practice of the law."

THREE WAYS.

[Detroit Journal.]

A story comes from the Vatican that Cardinal Merry del Val was speaking with a friend on the Storer incident, and the Roosevelt letter, when suddenly the cardinals' salutes were heard. There are three excellent ways of disseminating news—tel-ephone, tel-egraph, and tel-a-woman!

CONSISTENCY.

[Washington Star.]

"I know one or two men," said Uncle Eben, "dat prays to be made upright and honest, dat 'ud lose money in deir business if deir prayers was to come true."

HOW LONELY.

[Toronto News.]

One hundred and forty young women and six men were graduated at the Toronto Normal School this year. We trust that during the term the boys had a good time.

KEEPING TAB.

[Toronto Star.]

Although Mr. Fielding has announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is good for a long time yet in public life, this need not prevent the Conservative party from pulling out its watch and looking at it every five minutes.

POPULAR ATTRACTIONS.

[Chicago Tribune.]

Girl With Picture Hat—What shall we do this afternoon? Go and inspect the stockyards?

Girl With Ventilated Shirtwaist—What! And inspect that sensational trial at the criminal court?

PROPRIETORSHIP.

[Washington Star.]

"I suppose," said the student of economics, "that your city has never taken up the subject of municipal ownership."

"Oh, yes," answered Broncho Bob. "We have to give it a little thought. Every now and then one of the boys gets to thinkin' he owns the town, but we generally manage to get him quieted an' docile before there's any real harm done."

Winston Churchill's Wonderful Memory

"T. P." in his "Books of the Week," gives some very interesting excerpts from the new volume by H. W. Lucy, on "The Balfourian Parliament," of which none are rarer than those relating to Winston Churchill. Says T. P.:

One of the most interesting passages is that which describes the maiden speech of Mr. Winston Churchill. "It was indeed," comments Mr. Lucy, "excellent alike in matter and in form, and has established the position of the young member for Oldham as a debater who will have to be reckoned with whatever Government is in office."

Mr. Lucy does not note a fact, which, is very conspicuous in his memory of this beginning of a remarkable Parliamentary career, namely, that Mr. Churchill was extremely and almost painfully nervous. I note the fact because it is supposed that this Parliamentary youngster is quite free from all human weaknesses, which is not true. There is another statement in the sketch of Mr. Lucy's which apparently was justified at the time, but, I think, is not justified now. "Winston Churchill is not likely to eclipse the fame of Randolph, who was a statesman as well as a consummate debater." As a matter of fact, I believe that the son is an abler and more agreeable speaker than the father, and that, with his wider education and better training, he is likely to have a more remarkable career. In one respect the father and the son are very much alike, and that is in the possession of a phenomenal memory, a most admirable weapon in the armory of the Parliamentarian.

Mr. Lucy gives an example of this: In delivering his speech recently he was evidently fully supplied with notes, but he did not use his manuscript for the purpose of reading a single sentence. I happened to sit next to him at dinner after his triumph in the House, and mentioned an incident in a delivery of a speech of nearly an hour's duration. Quoting from the letter his father wrote Lord Salisbury on the eve of Christmas, 1886, resigning the chancellorship of the exchequer, I noticed that when only half way through the reading he closed the book and recited the closing passages.

"Yes," he replied, "I felt it would be easier to recite the letter than to read it from a book held in my hand, so I learned it off."

He added that his speech, which, fully reported, filled three columns of close print, had all been written out. He learned it off by heart and delivered it as if it were an extemporaneous effort, a delusion artfully assisted by occasional interpolation of sparkling sentences referring to points made by speakers preceding him through the evening.

"If," he said, "I read a column of print four times over I commit it so perfectly to memory that I could forthwith recite it without an omission or error."

Lord Randolph had the same gift; he could recite full pages of Gibbon's history, and Gibbon's history is by no means an easy book to remember.

OXEN END FLIGHT OF BALLOONISTS

Anchor Catches in Yoke and They Drag Two Darius Greens Through Brush.

Port Jervis, N. Y., June 28.—Two young Darius Greens, of Fremont Center, after one experience in balloon making and sailing, are satisfied to follow the plow and do the chores about the farm hereafter.

James Gabler and Hugo Gebhardt have read about the Aero Club's heroes and have witnessed balloon ascensions at Middletown. They bought canvas, made it into a big bag, and, not having a wicker basket, used two meal sacks instead. For an anchor they tied a drag hook to a long rope.

All the work was done in secret, and it was not until Saturday, the day set for the ascension, that the neighbors knew what a treat was in store for them.

The country round about was astonished to see the balloon rise from Gabler's lot, 400 feet in the air. Then it floated along, the delight of the amateur aeronauts, and to the wonder and surprise of those who hurried to the scene.

Unfortunately the drag hook caught in the yoke of a pair of steers in an adjoining lot, and the frightened animals ran away. They broke through a fence and dragged the balloon through a brush lot. The balloonists lost nearly all their clothes and much of their cuticle before the steers ran into a tree and came to a standstill.

As is usual with aeronauts, Gabler and Gebhardt announce that the ascension was a success, though they will not try to repeat it.

IMPRISONED IN SAND PIT.

New York, June 28.—After fighting against death for more than 22 hours, Jeremiah Fisher, a plumber, was rescued alive at 6 o'clock this morning, from a sandpit in Tompkinsville, Staten Island, in which he had been imprisoned since 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon. The rescued man is in a critical condition from exhaustion, however, though his physicians say there is a chance that he may recover.

It is really more exemplary for a boat to draw three feet of water than for a bartender to draw three fingers of beer.

J. H. CHAPMAN & Friday Bargains

Dominion Day Bargains. We have exerted unusual efforts to bring together a list of Friday bargains which will help all Londoners to prepare for the big holiday, DOMINION DAY. It's an outing day that everyone will enjoy more fully if dressed in cool summer clothes. There are heaps of reasons why you should call tomorrow.

Summer Dresses, Skirts and Waists.

Summer novelties in fashionable ready-to-wears for the Dominion Day outing. No need to contend with annoying delays of the dressmaker when you can secure the smartest Ready-to-Wear Summer Suits, Skirts and Waists here at such inexpensive prices, and the character, style and elegance of these garments can be imitated by but few dressmakers.

Ladies' Dresses \$3.00

Five Styles in Wash Dresses, beautifully made. Worth up to \$5.00, choice Friday.....\$3.00
STYLE ONE, Blue and Reseda Green Linen Dresses, tucked empiement, tucks in back and pleated skirt.

STYLE TWO, Surplice Dresses, made of black and white, blue and white and pink and white check, lawn front trimmed with valence lace.

STYLE THREE, Navy, Cadet and Pink Linen Dresses, with white lawn chemise.

STYLE FOUR, Navy and Cadet Blue Duck Suits, in popular Peter Thompson style.

STYLE FIVE, Fancy Linen Dresses, in green and blue, piped with red, pleated style.

Dress Goods

Special for Friday
25 pieces Dress Goods, in splendid colorings, for shirtwaist suits and separate skirts. Worth 45c and 65c, Friday Bargain Day price.....25c

20 pieces Fancy Suitings, 42 to 46 inches. You can pick a handsome shirtwaist dress or Eton suit from this lot, but you must be on hand early, 42 to 46 inches wide. Worth 75c to \$1.25, Friday Bargain Day.....50c

Black Sateen

200 yards Black French Sateen, for dresses, petticoats, waists, and men's and boys' shirts, warranted fast black. Worth 17c, Bargain Day Price.....12 1/2c

Carpet Dept.

36 only English Tapestry Carpet Ends, in rug size, 1 1/2 yards long. Friday Bargain Day price.....50c

26 only Cocoa Mats, bound thoroughly on edges, regular sizes. Were 65c, Friday for 50c

6 Beautiful Designs in English Tapestry Carpet, red, green and fawn grounds, large and small effects. Friday Bargain Day Price, made and laid.....50c

Linoleums

Best offers in a long time.

14 rolls Cork Linoleum, full 4 yards wide, for dining-rooms, kitchens and bedrooms, floral, block and tile designs. Friday Bargain Day price, a square yard.....45c

Nairn's Inlaid Linoleum, odd rolls, varying in length from 6 to 37 square yards. Was \$1.10, to \$1.25 yard, for just the price of an ordinary printed linoleum, Friday a square yard.....62c

Chinese Lanterns

5 dozen Large Size Chinese Lanterns, half a dozen varieties. Choice each.....10c

For Cool Evenings

Ladies' New Wool Norfolk Coats, in cardinal, cream, navy and black. Just the thing for cool evenings. Friday for \$2.75

Knit Golfers in same colors, these just arrived. Friday for.....\$1.95

Nightgowns

White Cambric Nightgowns, lace trimmed or insertion styles. Were 65c, Friday Bargain Day price.....56c

Ladies' Knit Vests, sleeveless. Were 25c, for.....19c

Long Sleeve Corset Covers, to slip on cool evenings. Friday for.....23c

Wash Skirts \$1.50

White Pique and Vesting Skirts, full nine gore, pleated styles, some with straps and buttons. Just the skirt for the holiday. Friday special.....\$1.50

Blue English Linen Wash Skirts, light shade, seven gore flare, with pleats at bottom of every other gore. The best value on the market. Friday.....\$1.50

Lace Waists

6 only White and Cream All-Over Lace Waists, buttoned in the back, fancy yoke formed with applique, silk lined. Were \$6.00, Friday special.....\$4.25

Hat Bargains

6 tables of Trimmed Hats, stylish hats from our own workrooms. Friday Bargain Day price.....\$2.25

A snap in White Linen Hats, flat sailor hats. Friday Bargain Day price.....\$1.00

Lace Curtains

50 pairs Lace Curtains, 3 yards long and 36 inches wide, two very pretty designs to choose from. Friday Bargain Day.....50c

One lot Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 48 inches wide, overlock corded edges. Friday at, per pair.....79c

Art Muslins

20 pieces Art Muslins, cream grounds with very pretty designs and borders. Friday Bargain Day price.....10c

Newest Patterns in Silkline Drapery, at, yard.....15c

Black Gimp

Black Jet and Silk Gimps. Were 10c to 25c yard, a snap for bargain day, a yard.....5c

Silk Dress Trimmings in appliques and insertions, remnant ends, worth much more. Friday a yard.....25c

Overalls, Shirts

Clearing a lot of 3 dozen Men's Overalls, fast color blue denim, light weight for harvest, all sizes. Worth 50c, Friday Bargain Day price.....35c

2 dozen Black Sateen Shirts, manufacturer's samples, sizes 15 1/2 and 16. Were 75c, Friday for.....50c

Shirting Bargains

150 yards Best Oxford Shirting, checks and stripes, for camping and negligee summer wear. Regular 20c and 25c yard, Friday for.....15c

200 yards Canadian Shirting, dark checks and stripes. Regular 10c yard, Friday for.....8 1/2c

Men's Suits

Men's Fine Tweed Single-Breasted Sack Suits, long coats with vent in back, good patterns. Were \$10.00 and \$12.00, Friday Bargain Day price.....\$7.95

Men's Two-Piece Gray Homespun Suits, unlined, cool for summer wear. Were \$5.00, Friday Bargain Day for.....\$3.48

Boys' Suits

Boys' Two-Piece Lined Norfolk Tweed Suits, sizes 5 to 15 years. Cheap at \$2.25, Friday Bargain Day price.....\$1.50

Buster Brown and Sailor Blouse Wash Suits for little boys, in linen and fancy galateas. Were \$1.25, Friday for.....95c

Wrappers, 69c Petticoats, 47c

Light Colored Percale Wrappers, good washing colors, nicely made, one of Chapman's very special bargains.....69c

Checked Wash Percale Petticoats to wear with wash dress, cool and serviceable. A bargain snap at.....49c

White Waists.

Attractively priced White Lawn Batiste for your holiday outing:

\$1.00 Waists for... 75
1.25 Waists for... 94
1.50 Waists for \$1.12
1.75 Waists for 1.31
2.00 Waists for 1.50
2.50 Waists for 1.88

Veiling, 19c Yard

Fancy Mesh Silk Veiling, with different spots, black and gray. Were 35c, 40c and 50c yard, clearing tomorrow at.....19c

Wash Goods

17 pieces Black Grenadine and Dimity Stripes, pretty muslins for dresses. Were 15c and 17c yard, Friday Bargain Day.....13c

Open weave Black Grenadines, very superior black, suitable for matrons' dresses. Best 25c quality, Friday Bargain Day price.....20c

Plain Muslin Batiste, in colors of blue, pink, mauve, helio and green; odd lengths. Worth 20c and 25c yard, Friday Bargain Day price.....10c

Mercer Silk, in checks and overplaids in green, blue, navy and brown, also black and white overplaids. Sold everywhere for 25c yard, Friday Bargain Day price.....15c

Table Linen

3 pieces Half-Bleached Table Linen, 60 inches wide. Regular 35c, Friday Bargain Day.....29c

Huck Towels

Fine Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, size 18x38 inches. Worth 18c each, Friday Bargain Day for.....12 1/2c or, dozen.....\$1.50

Pillow Cotton

Extra Fine, Plain English Pillow Cotton, suitable also for sheeting and underwear purposes. Regular 17c yard, Friday Bargain Day for only.....12 1/2c

Men's Shirts

10 dozen Men's Cambric Shirts, neat patterns, good range of sizes. Regular 75c values, Friday Bargain Day price only.....35c