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THE GERRYMANDER.

"THIS refusal to play the game," as the Englishman puts it, was unfortunately reflected in the redistribution bill, a bare-faced gerrymander, obviously drawn with the sole purpose of weakening an Opposition already too weak for the country's good. Saturday Night holds no brief for any political party, but it cannot but deplore that a session marked by such admirable legislation as that referred to should have been the scene of so much unnecessary rancor and unfairness."—Toronto Saturday Night.

"The Whitney Government can do without even one supporter, from Bruce County better than the Conservative party can do with a continuance of surrenders to the demands of local partisan schemes.

"Gerrymandering will continue so long as gerrymandering is profitable. Leaders of the Ontario Government should not have listened to the small town patriots who sought to readjust the Liberals out of the Legislature. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THESE LIBERALS WILL BE KEPT IN THE LEGISLATURE BY BRUCE COUNTY'S SENSE OF FAIR PLAY."—Toronto Telegram (Conservative).

"The question will be asked why Bruce is selected, out of so many counties where readjustment is necessary. It will be asked also if the Government has faith in itself, or if Conservatives are losing faith in their own cause, when they have recourse to the butcher's cleaver and the axe.

"Bruce and the double-barreled seats in Toronto are signs of decadence which all true friends of the Whitney Government will heartily regret."—Toronto World (Conservative).

PROSPECTS OF ANNEXATION.

SOME of the old country papers are expressing their fears that the immigration of large numbers of people from the United States will tend to the Americanization of Canada, and that we shall be gradually losing British ideas and ideals, and become more and more assimilated with our neighbors. The fear is not one that is felt to any extent in this country. The adjacency of Canada and the United States, and the consequent close social and commercial relationships established, will of necessity bring about a certain measure of similarity in the mental and moral character of the two peoples. That is unavoidable. But the influx of a large number of residents of the United States, a great proportion of whom are Canadians returning to their own country, is not going to make conditions any worse. Those who come over the lines and take up a permanent home with us will become Canadianized soon enough; and the probabilities are that many of them will be united with the Tory party. The history of Canada tells us that some of our most rabid Tories have been born south of the lakes. In fact, one member of the Borden ministry is a native of New Hampshire, and would not be recognized as a British citizen in England.

But there is a more serious danger before us than assimilation of ideas, and that is the annexation of Canada to the United States. During the rule of the Borden Government, trade with the republic has been increasing at an alarming rate. When the Laurier Government went out of power our trade with our neighbors amounted to \$386,000,000; last year it was \$523,000,000. Today Canada is the best customer the United States has, excepting only Great Britain, and the United States is our fifth best customer. We know what the development of trade with our neighbors indicates. It means the sapping of our loyalty to Britain; it means the Americanization of Canada; it means in the final result the annexation of Canada to the United States.

At least, that is what the Tory orators and Tory papers told us a few years ago. The reciprocity agreement with the States proposed by the late Administration was for the purpose of facilitating trade with our neighbors. And we know how violently it was condemned by the Tories of Canada. From the lips of every Tory orator, echoed from every Tory platform, repeated ad nauseam in the columns of every Tory journal, came the outburst of Tory loyalty condemning the Laurier policy, which was to lead inevitably to annexation. With what frantic vehemence they waved the old flag above their heads, and how earnestly they called on the people to rise and save the country from the dire disasters that faced it.

And the people got excited, and responded as the Tories wished. But what is the result? Even though the tariff barriers still exist, trade with the United States has increased. The danger of annexation is greater than ever before. Canadians are buying and selling with their neighbors more than they ever did. Worse than that: the very men we elected to office in order that they might save us from this disastrous

condition are doing the same thing. They are buying coal from the United States for the Intercolonial Railway instead of from Nova Scotia. They are buying lumber from Washington and California instead of British Columbia, and will bring it to Toronto to construct public works. The people are buying in the cheapest market, and selling in the best, utterly regardless of the flag. And the Government that took up the task of saving Canada to the Empire by having "no truck nor trade with the Yankees," have not only failed to hold the fort against the insidious enemy, but have actually deserted from their post and are turning traitors as fast as they can.

The prospect is most alarming. That is, if there was anything in all the flamboyant Tory loyalty of the last election campaign. Of course, some of us said at the time that it was all "rot"—if slang may be pardoned in this connection. It was only political "poppycock," which the shouters did not believe themselves. Perhaps we were right. If so, there is nothing to be frightened about. Our Tory flag-flappers in their greatest excitement were winking at each other and whispering among themselves: "See how we are fooling the people; they will vote for us all right." Great is "Bosh," and his prophet is the Tory politician.

IRISH LOYALTY.

A common cry against Irish home rule is that Ulster will be punished for the crime of loyalty and the disloyal will be rewarded. This is a specious but fallacious plea.

It may be true that British soldiers in Ireland have reason to remember insults and hostile acts of Nationalists. The Irish sympathy with the Boers cannot be forgotten, especially by British soldiers, even though the war in South Africa is now recognized as an error that might, and should have been avoided. But whatever disloyalty the Irish Nationalists, harked off their rights as men and as free British subjects, may have shown in the past, the plain fact must be kept in view that at present it is they who are loyal and the Carsonites who are talking disloyalty in Ireland.

There is something like a parallel in history. Between 1769 and 1774 the British conquerors ruled an alien population in French Canada and then gave them complete religious toleration and an extension of frontier to the Ohio River at the expense of New England. The English colonists along the Atlantic had been, of course, ever so loyal while the mother country was helping them to put down the French. But the Quebec act of 1774 was the precipitating cause of the revolution; it made the French "loyal" and a large proportion of the Americans "disloyal." It was a measure of justice in the main, but the New Englanders exclaimed against it as a piece of Rome rule.

Here, then, is the parallel. The French, whose loyalty British Tories praised, were the Nationalists. The Revolutionists were the Carsonites, the Orangemen, loyal so long as they got what they wanted, rebels against "Rome rule" forsooth. The U. E. Loyalists, demigods par excellence of Tory worship, were the Ulstermen who refuse to follow Carson and Law in calling over the Kaiser and seceding from both Britain and Ireland rather than abide by the decision of the British Parliament, but elect a Nationalist Protestant for Derry. The Quebec act was the home rule bill.

Who, then, are the loyalists in Ireland today? For their present loyal sentiments Irish Nationalists deserve even more credit than the French-Canadians of 1774. They have suffered centuries of misrule, while the French had not, even before the Quebec act, been badly governed. Orangemen are far more discredited by their insurgency than the American Revolutionists, who had, in some respects, a good cause.

CAMPING ON THE PORCH.

IT IS AN excellent sign that sleeping porches are more and more being considered indispensable to modern houses. Sleeping out of doors has become so common that it is no longer considered freakish or a novelty. Time was when it was thought necessary to tightly close the bedroom window at retiring time for fear of the "night air," but now young and old alike throw wide the windows—many all the year around and everybody during the summer months. Experience has shown the great benefit to be derived from outdoor sleeping and the belief that the night air possessed noxious qualities has long since disappeared. Londoners are particularly fortunate because of the spaciousness which prevails throughout the city. A great number of Forest City homes have wide verandas and sufficient privacy is assured by the semi-isolation of most houses. The outdoor sleeping habit, widespread as it has become here, should be even more generally contracted under these ideal conditions. To one who has tried it—taken his eight hours rest with fresh air at every inhalation—there will be no going indoors to sleep until driven to it by storm or cold. Let us remember that the fresh air of camp or tent life to which so many of look forward during the annual vacation, can be had right here at home in surroundings, that, if not as romantic as prevail in the woods, are at least exceptionally pleasant.

That administration is asleep at the switch which refuses to believe that subways is a live issue in London.

Irving Berlin has written a song about the war and revolution in Mexico. Well, it's a ragtime sort of situation, anyway.

A Washington doctor says that a man can become brainy by frequently running a comb through his hair. But supposing he is bald?

George Bernard Shaw says that his is a bashful character, but there is no question about the forwardness of some of his stage characters.

Richard Harding Davis at the front

---and the Worst Is Yet to Come



Wrote of "Mixed Mexico," and from here it does look as if that benighted land was in about fifty-seven kinds of a pickle.

For several months The Advertiser has printed a record of crossing delays suffered by street cars. Hundreds of hours have been lost by Londoners, and as space is valuable, it is hoped the effect of the "daily delay" notice will not be lost.

A United States senator proposes that Canada take over Greenland from Denmark, but on the surface it doesn't seem like a good bargain. At any rate, not until "Greenland's Ice Mountains" is dropped from the list of Sunday school hymns.

A near-monster meeting in Toronto tells Asquith and Carson that a general election must decide the status of Ulster. Premier Asquith wants to leave the question to Ulster itself, but "no," says the Toronto crowd, the United Kingdom as a whole must re-decide.

To have the new Ford branch in London is a great thing for the city, but to have it located at a point in the heart of a fine residential district is a calamity. The Ford factory, located at Waterloo and Pall Mall streets, will decrease the value of residential property and will gradually convert the C. P. R. crossing into another dangerous trap, what with switching of cars and delays.

APPEALING.

[Philadelphia Record.]
Mrs. Muggins—"Does your husband appeal to you as a vocalist?"
Mrs. Buggins—"Not exactly. In fact, it's the other way. When he begins to sing I appeal to him.

MY NEIGHBOR'S PIANOLA.

[Kansas City Journal.]
For half the night it grinds away; I don't sleep I get.
I guess I'll have to learn to play on the cornet.

ALL SORTS.

[Kansas City Journal.]
Some people think, and there are some who gravely blink.
Beneath another head they come; They think they think.

LET IT STAND.

[Washington Star.]
"Do you approve of taking the word 'obey' out of the marriage ceremony?"
"No," replied Miss Cayenne. "Let it remain. Nobody is going to keep bringing up a marriage ceremony and quoting from it as if it were a party platform."

IN THE YELLOWSTONE.

[New York Globe.]
Young Husband—"You catch a trout in that pool, toss him into the next pool, and boil him!"
Young Wife—"But I don't like boiled trout— isn't there a volcano one could toss him in and fry him?"

HIS WEEKLY SALARY.

[Kansas City Journal.]
"I paid \$4 more for roses with extra long stems."
"Well?"
"My girl had no tall vase in the house, so she had to cut them off."

CONSOLATION.

[Town Talk.]
Mittie—"So you loved and lost, did you?"
Willie—"Oh, no, indeed! She returned all my presents!"

FINE FOR THE DOCTORS.

[Manchester Guardian.]
Travelling in the train with my friend the doctor, I observed a fellow-passenger earnestly reading a "populace" medical book issued in parts. "That kind of thing must be bad for your trade," I suggested, but the doctor smiled and denied my statement. "Quite the contrary," said he. "The first part has brought me nineteen cases of imaginary appendicitis and I anticipate that bronchitis and Bright's disease, of a similar mild type, will be prevalent among my patients when part B is issued, with all the more easily pronounced ailments to follow as the publication goes on."

THE POINT OF VIEW.

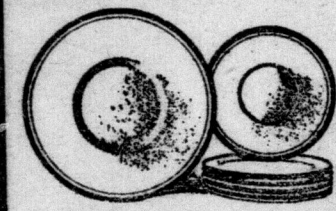
[The Sketch.]
In a Great Western Railway carriage, on the way up to London, a youth had disturbed and annoyed the other passengers by loud and foolish remarks during a great part of the journey. As the train passed Hanwell Lunatic Asylum he remarked: "I often think how nice the asylum looks from the railway."
"Some day," growled an old gentleman, "you will probably have occasion to remark how nice the railway looks from the asylum."

Pony Contest

Have you heard the children talking about the pony contest?

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NOT A HERO TO HIS WIFE.

[Montreal Gazette.]
The London omnibus driver who performed an act of bravery in a crowded street, and then failed to mention the fact to his wife, is being commended for his modesty. Perhaps he is a philosopher and recognizes that it would be useless to tell his better half what a brave fellow he is. Many married men of experience will understand his silence.

WHO CARES.

[Guelph Mercury.]
With the onions up and the lettuce planted, who gives a hang for the high cost of living?

TRY THE COUNTRY.

[Galt Reporter.]
The unemployed in Montreal offer to cultivate the vacant lots in the city. There are plenty of vacant lots in the country that would be the better for their labor.

DOCTORS GET TWO-THIRDS.

[Farmer's Advocate.]
It is said that man lives on one-third the food he eats, and that the doctors live on the other two-thirds. If the cost of living is soaring as fast as many agitators seem to believe the doctor may soon be on half rations.

THE CALL OF THE SPRING.

[Guelph Mercury.]
It would scarcely be wise for some Guelphites, meeting one another, to ask: "Catch many fish?" Though it was Sunday, there were some suspicious-looking parcels in a number of vehicles which departed from and came to the city.

THE GARDEN OF CANADA.

[St. Thomas Times.]
We have no doubt that the Duke of Connaught and the Princess Patricia now feel that they have lived in Canada three long years without having become intimately acquainted with what is the

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