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THE BATTLE IN THE COMMONS.

The Government is fighting for its life and what the outcome will be it is impossible to say with certainty, but there seems every likelihood of the Liberal administration going down to defeat. After a sitting lasting until 11.30 this morning the House has adjourned until Monday afternoon. This gives a breathing space to review the situation.

Briefly, it is this: When the customs committee report was tabled a Conservative amendment was naturally introduced. If accepted, this will have the effect of ensuring, not only the Hon. George H. Reilly, Minister of Customs, but the Government also. Mr. Woodsworth, the Labor member, introduced a sub-amendment which, if adopted, would have drawn the teeth of the original amendment. The vote on the sub-amendment went against the Government by two votes and the Speaker then put the Conservative amendment containing censure of the Government. Immediately Mr. Fensholt, one of the Progressives, who aligned themselves on the Conservative side, rose with another sub-amendment. The Speaker ruled the Fensholt sub-amendment out of order. Mr. Melgren appealed against the Speaker's ruling. The House divided on this and the Conservative party again secured a majority of two votes.

Mr. Fensholt's sub-amendment has not the same nullifying properties as that of Mr. Woodsworth, and if it had not been that the Premier accepted this last amendment, it would, if successful, have constituted a Government defeat. But Mr. King's acceptance is only of the sub-amendment and he reserves the right to reject the Conservative amendment as amended by the Fensholt sub-amendment or to move an amendment to it. This gives him room to manoeuvre, and so the matter stands until Monday afternoon, when it may be expected that renewal of the already somewhat heated debate will bring forth a display of party strategy from both sides.

MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

With the summer comes the usual procession of automobile accidents and consequent diatribes against motorists. All accidents are "blamed on" the car drivers and when the accident is a collision of two automobiles, one or the other is generally both blamed. Even so, however, in the last analysis, the blame often can be traced to faulty traffic rules or insufficient regulation and direction of traffic.

In many cities a campaign to educate pedestrians has been waged with very beneficial results. In Saint John there are no regulations whatever for pedestrians; they may walk where they like, cross streets without looking to right or left—if they wish to take the chance—stop in the middle of the roadway for a chat; in fact act as though car drivers must always be on the alert to avoid them, but as if there were no similar responsibility on them to avoid the motorist.

With regard to training children to be careful of automobiles, it is sufficient to point out that Saint John is one of the very few cities of its size on this continent where traffic safety education is not part of the school curriculum. In many cities ten or fifteen minutes daily are devoted to impressing the children with the necessity for care in traversing the streets.

In the city of Detroit there is a civic regulation that all citizens before crossing a street must first look to the left and then, upon reaching the centre of the street look to the right so as to avoid motor traffic. It was found that this regulation, accompanied by an educational campaign including posters and signs at street corners to remind citizens, reduced the number of accidents by a large percentage.

On investigation Detroit also found that 85 per cent. of all motor accidents occurred at street intersections. The city put into effect another regulation that automobiles on main streets had the right of way and automobiles emerging from side streets were required to come to a dead stop just before reaching the intersection so that drivers might assure themselves there was no danger of collision previous to turning into the main thoroughfare. For a time this regulation met with strenuous opposition from motorists, but within a few months they realized its efficacy as a "safety first" measure even gas. On checking up at the end of the year officials found that this one had been responsible for cutting down the number of accidents at street intersections by 90 per cent.

Vancouver has a by-law, just put in force this year, which forbids pedestrians crossing streets at any point other than the intersections. This by-law has met with considerable criticism. Its weakness lies in the fact that pedestrians recent such a regulation because they feel it is a restriction of their personal liberty of action and consequently its enforcement probably will be difficult.

Regulation requiring pedestrians to look both to left and right appears to be the most sensible legislation. Saint John might do well to study the traffic regulations of other cities where, it is true, control of traffic is much more difficult and accidents much more numerous than here, nevertheless, our streets could be made much safer places for both pedestrians and motorists by learning from the experience of other cities and by making use of the regulations and educational programmes, which have proved so efficacious elsewhere.

THE CURSE OF TUT.

Those who hugged a superstitious belief in the efficacy of ancient curses will be desolated, nevertheless it is interesting to speculate on the reason for the presence of poison in sufficient quantities and of sufficient violence to cause the death of Lord Carnarvon and other excavators of King Tut Anken's tomb, also the illness of Howard Carter. The poison is said to have come from the casket and had crumbled into dust. Was it just a pigment or was it deliberately used to prevent desecration of the king's resting place? If the latter, it would seem that tomb-robbing was the custom in bygone ages and it is not surprising when one considers the results obtained with the Egyptian dead of that period.

The right or wrong of opening up tombs is a question seriously debated by those on the one hand who hold it sacrilege to disturb the bones of any dead person and on the other who claim that nothing should be permitted to stand in the way of acquiring the most trivial crumb of knowledge. Wanton pillage is condemned by all, but there are many who will maintain that it is a sin to allow jewels and other objects of beauty to lie hidden from the eyes of humanity who might enjoy and appreciate them.

Then again to whom should these treasures belong? The Egyptian of today, and certainly the Egyptian Government, can claim but little direct descent from the Egyptians of those days. It almost looks as if such things should be regarded as the property of the world at large, and perhaps some day the League of Nations will set up a museum for the display of whatever is of interest to the human race in general, and can be rightfully claimed by no race in particular.

Odds and Ends

June
(Tripper in Toronto Star.)
A summer resort is a place where folks tell silly stories and silly jokes. Go out to fish and come in to eat. Get sunbaked and get tanned, and get drunk at the food and cull a tune. But that was in days when June was June.

A summer resort is a place where folks go out canoeing with sundry pals. Get sunbaked and get tanned, and get drunk at the food and cull a tune. But that was in days when June was June.

A summer resort is a place to go for witty collars whenever you row. And sticky heat, and a peeling nose. And poison ivy—a painful dose. The summer resort is a nation's boon (Or was—in the days when June was June).

When Men Are Most Amiable.
(E. W. Howe's Monthly.)
Every man has a certain amiability in talking to customers he displays nowhere else. There is something about the acquisition of money that moves a man more deeply than any other thing, except a love affair.

I have wondered that men do not realize that they should show the seller of a product a customer or free advertisement; he will become one or both if properly treated.

One never knows when there is a prospect in his audience.

A Mere Detail.
(Stratford Beacon-Herald.)
We've often wondered whether a groom really did amount to very much at a wedding. Of course, he imagines he does, and he probably knows that there wouldn't be a wedding if he didn't turn up. Yet there's evidence that cannot be lightly brushed to one side—a great news paper, whose business it is to weigh news values and distribute space rightly, considers that the groom is getting his share of publicity when he has bestowed on him about 10 words out of eight columns.

Hint For Pastors.
(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Possibly there are other pastors that might profitably take a leaf from the book of a negro preacher. "Brothers and sisters," he said, "I have had many complaints lately about the length of my sermons. Hereafter the collection will be taken and counted before I begin to talk, and the smaller the collection, the longer the sermon."

Where Luck Smiles.
(Sarnia Canadian Observer.)
Luck smiles on those who take off their coats, put their shoulders to the wheel and plug away at the task. Fortune favors men who are not afraid of dreary, income drudgery. Luck climbs no Everest. Luck transmits no calligraphic message from the earth of mediocrity to the heaven of achievement.

Just Fun

I GUESS they call him the "best man" at a wedding because he has all the best of it—not getting the bride.

YOU'VE probably noticed that nothing's ever done about a lot of outrages.

ALL GOT GAS-BUGGIES
We often feel sorry for poor movie stars, who hob-nob about in their fifty old cars; Who motor about in a limousine bike; And miss all the fun of a forty-mile bike.

They never grow tired or wear out their feet. But struggle serene on a soft-cushioned seat. We often feel sorry for poor movie stars, who hob-nob about in their fifty old cars.

A MAN may die but the patent medicine testimonials he may have written in his life time go on forever.

ON THE ROAD TO TAMPA BAY

Come you back to Tampa Bay, Where the subdivisions lay— Can't you hear the salesmen talking From St. Pete to Ybor? Say, Come you back to Tampa Bay Where the options always pay, And the price goes up like thunder On the stuff from day to day!

LOVE is a tickling sensation around the heart and like income tax must be attended to.

DRINK to me only with thine eyes, but see that the cypripis is clean.

ONE of the principal things they raise in Florida is prices.

WOMEN rule the men who rule the world.

OPTIMIST: A man who keeps on sampling new brands of nickel cigars.

MY HEAVEN
Some say Heaven has streets of gold. Only tried by saintly few— Heaven of mine has paths through woods, Where sunlight filters through.

Here he lies, poor Philip Mac-Dough, He heard lightning over his radio.

Dinner Stories

THE manager of a local hotel, recalling his novitiate as clerk employed in a country wayside house, relates that one morning a guest came down stairs and complained to the proprietor that he had not slept at all. "I was troubled with insomnia," he said.

"Don't believe a darn word of it," said the indignant host. "Had the place cleaned out only this spring. Show me one, if you can! Show me one!"

"WATER!" From the table by the window the voice of an elderly man rose in wrathful accents. "Waiter!"

"Yes, sir," replied the harassed one.

The elderly man, overcome by his emotions, made several vain efforts to speak. "And—what shall I do with it, sir?"

"Take this egg away!" he roared.

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, as he glanced wistfully at the offending article. "And—what shall I do with it, sir?"

Do with it! the outraged customer rose menacingly from his chair. "Do with it!" he bellowed fiercely. "Why, bring it back!"

FIVE-YEAR-OLD Freddie was spending the day with his aunt, Judge relates. Dinner was late, and the child began to grow restless. "Auntie," he said, finally, "does God know everything?"

"Yes, dear, every little thing."

"Well, then," he said in a tone of conviction, "God knows I am hungry."

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POEMS HOME

"The Voice of the Grass," by Sarah Roberts Boyd.

THIS is a rather odd poem which used to be, I remember, in my school reader. Its repetitions are lovely, and the meter beautifully suits the theme. Space limitations force me to omit two stanzas.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere; Where I cannot see coming, Nor hear my low sweet humming; For in the starry night, And the glad morning light, I come quietly creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere; When you're numbered with the dead In your still and narrow bed, In the happy spring I'll come And deck your silent home— Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere; My humble song of praise Most joyfully I raise To Him at whose command I beautify the land, Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Other Views

HOURS OF GRACE
(Stratford Beacon-Herald.)
Oshawa has ordered all dogs tied up between 9 a.m. and 7 a.m. during May to September. Still, that leaves them with fairly regular hours to sort over garbage cans and clean the odd cat.

EMPIRE COMMERCE
Great Britain has reached the point when her own future depends on assuming a leading place in Empire trade, and therefore the purchase of Empire foodstuffs by every one in this country is not a favor to the Empire overseas, but a piece of constructive work for the home country. In gratifying a natural patriotism we are increasing the ability of our best customers to purchase our goods.

BILINGUALISM
(Shearwater Tribune.)
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HONESTY THE BEST POLICY
(Detroit Free Press.)
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TRAINING.

Sister gets up early, without ever being told. Seldom makes a move that makes her mother have to scold. Chips right into morning work, and when she takes a hold, it's pretty hard to realize she's only eight years old.

Helps to get the breakfast; cleans the kitchen spic and span. Tinkers round the household, doing everything she can. All the work is finished by the middle of the day. Then she feels she has a right to run along and play. Sonny runs the errands to the meat-shop and the like. Does 'em in a hurry, making speed upon his bike. Burns the papers once a week, and after that is done, cleans the yard and cuts the grass and calls his labor fun.

Isn't any wonder that their mom and dad feel proud. They're the sort of youngsters who will stand out in a crowd. Just a bit unusual, but the answer sheds a light. Ask their parents—you'll be told they've just been brought up right.

A man's worst enemy wished to marry his daughter, and he let him, realizing that his wife would be the fellow's mother-in-law.

A kid's explanation of what water is would likely run something like this: "some wet stuff that turns black when you put your hands in it."

One advantage a horse has over an auto—who ever heard of carrying a spare leg?

The use of straps in street cars makes a person throw a fit. But what the dickens can we do? Just simply stand for it.

Funny thing about a fellow whose wife is waiting up for him. If he misses the last home, he'll catch it.

When a fellow asks a girl's father for his daughter's hand, he's anxious about the outcome, and the father is anxious about the income.

The easiest way to keep dirt out of the front room carpet is to lock the kids outdoors.

FABLES IN FACT.
A MAN WHO HAD BEEN TO A SUMMER RESORT HAD HAPPENED TO SEE HIS FRIEND'S DAUGHTER JUST ONCE COMMA AND THAT ONCE WAS OUT ON THE BATHING BEACH PERIOD LATER ON COMMA WHEN THE MAN MET HIS FRIEND THE FRIEND ASKED COMMA QUOTATION MARK DID YOU SEE

MUCH OF MY DAUGHTER AT THE SEASHORE QUESTION MARK QUOTATION MARK AND COMMA IF YOU USE YOUR NOODLE COMMA YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY THE REPLY WAS QUOT. TION MARK YES QUOTATION MARK PERIOD

CYNTHIA—Grace has a wonderful figure, hasn't she?
Sally—Yes; she can put her waist-line wherever she likes.

Moving Decorously at Last. (St. Catherine's Standard.)
It was impossible to find anyone who would assume responsibility for this one: He never looked before he reeled. His silver round the corners! He's traveling now at a legal speed—Ahead of a string of mourners.

He: What is that charming thing he is playing?
She: A piano.

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