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ST. JOHN, N. B., MON. DAY, MARCH 31, 1913.

MR. HAZEN VINDICATED.

The discussion on the Landry case in the House of Commons last Thursday showed to what lengths a peevish Opposition can go in an attempt to impede public business. It also demonstrated that it takes but a few misstatements of facts on the part of an accuser in order to conjure up the image of a scandal. But the discussion in which both the Hon. J. D. Hazen and the Hon. Charles Doherty were accused of conniving at the appointment of one Landry in Richmond County, Nova Scotia, to the insignificant position of wharfinger at a salary of about seventeen dollars a year, showed that the Department of Marine and Fisheries was absolutely guilty of anything improper and that the Department of Justice was equally so.

The ventilation of the subject was a good thing. Too long had Mr. Kite and Mr. Carvell, of the "Dark Lantern Brigade," been threatening and asking questions about this Landry case. The subject was taken in hand by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries the other night. After the fulminations of Mr. Kite, the whole House must have wondered at the effrontery of the member for Richmond in wasting seven hours on a busy day and forcing the question to a vote.

It was a purely local question and, as stated by one of the Conservative speakers, the real object of Mr. Kite in bringing forward the motion of censure was merely for the purpose of calling in question the conduct of his opponent at the last general election and who will likely be a candidate at the next general election also. The country must delay the construction of public works in St. John and elsewhere in order that a Nova Scotia Liberal member may have an opportunity of making his seat safe at the next general election.

The charges, in brief, made against the Marine and Fisheries Department were that Landry had been appointed to three different positions in the gift of the country by the Department, while at the same time a case for forgery was pending against the same man. Seldom has a clearer statement of the real facts, supported by documentary evidence, been given than that of Hon. J. D. Hazen in his reply. He pointed out that all these charges were very far from the truth. The only position to which Landry was appointed was that of wharfinger at Decouze and he was removed from that position as soon as the Department learned the facts with regard to the case. Mr. Hazen very properly asked that in view of that statement of fact Mr. Kite should withdraw the statement of fact that on Dec. 18, 1911, the Hon. J. D. Hazen was notified in writing that the said Andrew Landry was not a fit and proper person to appoint to any public office.

As a matter of fact the letter was only written by Father Boucher on December 18th, in the Province of Nova Scotia, and was received by Mr. Hazen on December 22nd. The Order-in-Council appointing Landry to the position of wharfinger was passed on Dec. 19, but, by a piece of deceit, Mr. Kite sent it out to the country that on December 18th the Minister had been warned by letter that Landry had not a very good reputation. It was an absolute impossibility that a letter could be received by the Marine Department at Ottawa from Decouze, Nova Scotia, on the same day.

It was also proved by the Minister in his speech that Landry was not appointed to a public office while under commitment and sentence for the commission of a crime. He was appointed an officer long before he was tried or committed for the crime of forgery. Mr. Hazen also made the statement on his responsibility as a Minister of the Crown that no officer of his Department knew that any application was being made to the Minister of Justice for the release of Landry from prison, on a ticket of leave, so he could resume the office of wharfinger. Not one title of evidence was produced to show that there was any collusion between the two Departments.

The summing up of Mr. Hazen is worthy of attention. While the case is very insignificant, it showed the grasp the Minister had over its essential features. He said in concluding:

"To sum up, what do they amount to? In the first place, with regard to the position of wharfinger, we refused to appoint Captain Landry to that position and we did not appoint him. In the second place, with regard to the position of wharfinger, in which he received the insignificant sum of nine dollars and sixty cents, he was appointed before we had any word of protest from Father Boucher or anybody else, and he was removed from that position during my absence in England, upon the recommendation of the gentleman who was acting as-

ister of Marine and Fisheries, as soon as the facts of the case and of the trial became known to him. So far as the position of buoy contractor is concerned, no contract was ever entered into with him. The moment we got information of what occurred at the trial, of which we knew nothing at the time when we gave these instructions, the instructions were countermanded and the contract was never entered into.

"I feel that the consideration of the facts of the case will convince any hon. gentleman, who does not view it from a party standpoint, that there is no reason why this House should pass the vote of censure, which it is asked to pass. But there is one fact which the country will not forget in the discussion so irrelevantly raised by Mr. Kite. He cost the country by his seven hours discussion over six thousand dollars, while the total amount involved was a little over nine dollars. Who is wasting the people's money, and who has wasted it during the past few weeks? There is only one answer. It is the Opposition urged on by an insane craving for the offices from which they were ejected on September 21st, 1911."

STINGING REBUKE FOR CARVELL.

Seldom has any debating chamber listened to a severer castigation meted out to any public man than that which was received by Mr. F. B. Carvell the other night in the House of Commons. It was a testimony to the unpopularity among the members in the House that everybody listened with glee as Dr. Edwards, in a few cutting sentences, expressed what so many people have thought since Mr. Carvell began to indulge in unworthy parliamentary tactics. Not a Liberal member objected as Mr. Carvell said and dumb to a recital of his character defects.

Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, Ontario, is an old member in the House. He was referring to the manner in which Mr. Carvell had referred to a young member of the House, Mr. Rhodes, who had interrupted the member for Carleton. Dr. Edwards said: "The hon. member for Carleton, N. B., flew into a rage because of an interruption from the hon. member for Cumberland, and applied to him the word 'impudent,' which you properly asked him to retract. Immediately after his retraction of that word he proceeded to read a lesson to the hon. member for Cumberland on courtesy in debate. I appeal to members on both sides will agree that there is no member in this House who, judging by his conduct, is less qualified to speak in regard to courtesy in debate than the hon. member for Carleton, N. B."

"The hon. member for Carleton says that sympathy does not play a very large part in the Department of Justice. I think the people of this country may be glad that the hon. member for Carleton does not occupy a position on the bench, and he is never likely to occupy such a position. God help any person who would come under his sway and depend on him for justice or sympathy."

"That is the opinion which so many people in the House of Commons have formed of Mr. Carvell. They need never expect sympathy and justice from the member for Carleton. It is not an enviable opinion, for even the most inhuman of men have had the desire at some period of their lives to excite in the breasts of their fellows some affection and respect. Mr. Carvell evidently wishes to emulate the example of a certain famous one who waded 'through slaughter to a throne.' The member for Carleton wishes to wade through discourtesy and abuse to the Bench or a Cabinet position. People do not object to the ambition itself, but they have a right to criticize the methods by which it is attained."

A Modern Battleship.

(Ottawa Citizen.)
The Liberals have evidently not considered that there was any particular difference between a dreadnought and a dingy. Both are boats and why should Canada not build them? This is one of the world's reflections from the bubble. But the Churchill memoranda must have shocked them into perceiving the difference, the while it punctured the bubble. A battleship is more than a ship. It is a machine shop, an intricate mechanism, a marvel of steel devices, a floating wasteland encased in armor. It is the evolution of many years of toil and experiment and scientific advance.

A Navy For Canada.

(Toronto News.)
I say Canada has a navy. Canada has always had a navy. Canada could not have existed without a navy than any other nation, and the navy to which I refer is the Royal Navy. It is the navy of the British Empire. It is Canada's navy, and it has always been at our disposal in case of need, just as much as if we were a part of the British Empire. The navy of the Dominion of Canada—Mon. A. E. Kemp in East Toronto.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

THE BATTLE OF HART'S RIVER

A battle reminiscent of Thermopylae was fought at Hart's River, South Africa, eleven years ago today, March 31, 1902, when a small body of Canadian troops were entirely surrounded by Boers, hundreds in numbers, and fought valiantly and stubbornly until many men were either killed or wounded. Two months after that immortal engagement the terms of peace were signed at Pretoria, and the Dominion soldiers, covered with glory, sailed for home to receive the plaudits of their admiring countrymen.

During the South African war 224 brave sons of the Dominion laid down their lives for the Empire, and hundreds of others were wounded more or less seriously. This Imperial sentiment became an organized expression of thought and action in 1885, when the Imperial Federation League began its propaganda in Canada. In that year Dominion volunteers took part in the Sudan war. In the subsequent war with the Boers Canadians were aroused to a higher pitch of patriotism, and the spirit of imperialism reached its full flower. To no small extent the Union of South Africa is a monument to Canadian valor.

FIRST THINGS

NEW ALPINE TUNNEL.

The first men to pass through the new Loetschberg tunnel in the Alps were the workmen and engineers who, two years ago today, March 31, 1911, completed the piercing of the tunnel. The railroad which forms a new international highway across the Alps has just been completed, and expresses are now running.

The Loetschberg tunnel was built by French engineers in record time, despite inundations and avalanches. The road tunnel was the last link in a new through route between England and northwestern Europe and reduces the time by over an hour and a half.

The new line also opens up a wide expanse of picturesque Alpine country heretofore little known to the "tripper."

The first Alpine tunnel, the Mont Cenis, was opened in 1871, and was followed by the St. Gothard, completed in 1881; the Albers, 1884; the Simplon, 1905; the Wasserfuss, 1908.

THE PASSING DAY.

SEMI-CENTENARY OF MONTE CARLO.

Monte Carlo, the world's most famous—or infamous—place of amusement, will today round out a half-century of existence. M. Francois Blanc, the father of Monte Carlo, bought the property fifty years ago today, March 31, 1863, and organized the Societe des Bains de Mer, the official title of the gaming establishment called the Casino. Gradually magnificent buildings rose on sites that from the beginning of time had been occupied only by a tangled jungle of trees and shrubbery.

Before M. Blanc dreamed his dream, the Genoese princely house of Grimaldi, rulers of Monaco since the tenth century, had held a barren honor and governed a barren land. Two years before the beginning of Monte Carlo the ruling prince had been forced by debts to cede the communes of Mentone and Roquebrune to France, receiving therefor the sum of 4,000,000 francs. The commune sold was the principal part of the principality, and Monaco seemed doomed to vanish off the map of Europe.

The founding of this gambling place saved the day, and the present ruler is one of the wealthiest princes of Europe, sharing in the spoils won from those who woo the goddess of chance. Monaco has no agriculture, no industries of any kind except those dependent on the entertainment and fleeing of tourists from all over the world.

M. Francois Blanc, having laid the foundation of the world's greatest gaming place, died in 1879, and his son, M. Camille Blanc, who placed the institution on an even firmer basis of prosperity. The original investment of the founder of the Societe des Bains de Mer was 1,700,000 francs. Today the casino alone is valued at 800,000,000 francs, while millions more are invested in immensely profitable hotels, shops and villas.

A search of the files of Monaco papers for half a century would probably not reveal a single case of a suicide—and yet self-destruction, under the most sensational circumstances, is of frequent occurrence in Monte Carlo.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR.

William Waldorf Astor, the scion of the American multi-millionaire house of Astor who abandoned his native land to become a naturalized Englishman, will be 65 today. He is the great-grandson of John Jacob who founded the family fortune, and the son of John Jacob III. When the latter died in 1890, William Waldorf became the head of the family, with a personal fortune then estimated at a hundred million dollars, and which since then has probably largely increased in bulk. Mr. Astor is now six times a grandfather. His eldest son, William Waldorf, Jr., has two sons and a daughter, the oldest a lad of six, while his daughter, Pauline, who married Capt. H. H. Sponder-Clay, formerly an officer of the British army and later a member of the House of Commons, is the mother of three daughters.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MYSTERIES.

While I'm the guy who put the bull in Bullock's Corners.
You'll have to tell it pass;
But who put the cat in St. Catharines,
And the rat in Stratford?
And the ass in Dundas?

Who put the wind in Windsor
He was a blowhard. I'll be bound;
But that isn't as bad as putting the itch in Gooderich.
Or the gin in Regina.
Or a wen in Owen Sound!

They've got an eel in 'Freelton.
'Twas put there just for fun;
And if the cook in Cooksville cares
To make a Sandwich, tell him there's
A ham in Hamilton.

A Sore Spot With Him.
The teacher was addressing his pupils on the subjects of laziness and idleness.

He drew a terrible picture of the habitual loafer—the man who dislikes to work and who begs for all he gets. "Now, John," said the teacher to a little boy who had been very inattentive during the lesson.
John was instantly on the alert.
"Tell me," continued the teacher, "is the miserable individual who gets clothes, food and lodging, and yet does nothing in return?"
John's face brightened.
"Please sir," said he, "the baby."

Possibly.

"When I was a boy I used to think I would be President of the United States," said a young man.
"Sorghum," I don't know but what it is better for a man to get over those ideas while he is young, than to let them upset his plans when his time is more important." — Washington Star.

Pity the Proofreader.

Another time when the Proofreader, friendless wretch, can be reprieved most severely: "The Epworth League greatly appreciated the goodness of Mr. Richard Mason in his gracious sleigh, conveyed the greater part of the company to and fro over the beautiful white."

Criminal Sarcasm.

Ex-Hero—Ah, my boy, when I played "Hamlet" the audience took fifteen minutes to leave the house.
Vicious ex-Comedian (coldly)—Was he lame?—New York American.

Napoleon Lost Something, Too.

Host—That is the sword of my great uncle. He lost his arm at Waterloo.
Guest—Yes, it's a terrible place for losing things. I lost a bag there only last week!—London Opinion.

His Real Feelings.

Mrs. H. Peck—"John, I wish you'd give me a synonym for misery."
Mr. H. Peck—"What's the matter with matrimony?"—Judge.

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