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Editorial Notes and Clippings

A MATTER OF HONESTY.

"Honesty is not confined to the dollar and cent aspect," says the Mayor in an oft repeated editorial. One might think this was the cry of a conscience stricken soul, but those who know the man would take it to be the plea of one blinded to his own sins.

It is not a pleasant duty to hold up a man's sins for public inspection, but when that man is endangering the common good by soliciting a position of public trust by deceitful and dishonest means it is a public duty to expose him.

Mayor Newton has maliciously and repeatedly misrepresented his opponent in the

mayoralty contest on the question of the telephone franchise. He has charged Mr. Pattullo with attempting to prevent the city taking over the plant and franchise from the local company. The fact that T. D. Pattullo moved the motion in a business meeting of the company urging the Council to take it over immediately, and then as an alderman and chairman of the Finance committee placed \$25,000 in the city estimates for the purpose, does not appeal to a sense of honesty which is absent. However, T. D. Pattullo is quite capable of defending himself.

But one feature of this telephone discussion which the Mayor has overlooked, and in which the public are now interested, is where the Mayor stood during the time when the city franchise was really in danger. Was he with the B. C. Telephone Co., who sent a representative up here to look the field over and get in right with the local press? Certainly he advised making terms with them and at the same time discouraged municipal ownership of the telephone system. What was the motive?

The Mayor owes the electors a little explanation on this point.

McGoorty Going to France.

Billy Papke has arrived in America from his French conquests and the next American that will invade the native land of the frog is Eddie McGoorty. McGoorty issued the statement from Oshkosh the other day that he would meet Papke, Carpentier and Klaus in Paris beginning next March. McGoorty has several mills scheduled in little old New York before that time, one with Jock McCarren and another with Freddie Hicks of Denver. If he handles all these he will be "Busy Billy" for a short time.

Scottish League Games

Glasgow, Dec. 31—Scottish league results on Saturday were: Hibernians 2; Airdrians 2. Rangers 3; Aberdeen 1. St. Mirren 1; Celtic 3. Clyde 3; Motherwell 2. Dundee 1; Partick Thistle 0. Falkirk 2; Third Lanark 0. Hamilton Academicals 4; Raith Rovers 0. Kilmarnock 2; Hearts 2. Queen's Park 3; Morton 0.

Grand National Winner Dead.

London, Dec. 30. — Grudon, who won the Grand National steeplechase in 1901 in the colors of Mr. B. Bletsoe, with A. Nightingale in the saddle, has died at Denton from inflammation. He was by Old Buck, and was bred by his owner in 1890, so that he had nearly reached his twenty-third year. At Liverpool Grudon defeated Drumree by four lengths, starting at 9 to 1. He was unplaced to Drogheda in the National of 1898, and again two years later, when Ambush II won for the late King Edward. Grudon won many other steeplechases, including the Champion steeplechase at Liverpool in 1897, ridden by Mr. M. B. Bletsoe. He sired a number of winners, including Dandy VI, Neptune III, Miss Grudon and Kimcat, who have been successful under National Hunt rules.

J. J. Sloan, of the real estate and insurance firm of Bainter & Sloan, has returned from a visit to the lower coats cities.

BORDEN'S NAVAL POLICY NOT WORTHY OF OUR NATIONHOOD

THAT IS THE OPINION OF A PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE— MUST ADOPT THE LAURIER POLICY TO AVOID SERIOUS SPLIT IN CONSERVATIVE POLICY.

The Canadian Courier, edited by Mr. John A. Cooper, a prominent Conservative, discusses the naval policies of Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this week's issue, and in part says:

"Mr. Borden and his associates are turning over one of our national functions, that of sea defence, to the authorities of Downing Street. This is unpleasant also. To a man that believes that Canadians are as well fitted to govern themselves as any other people in the world, that is galling. If Canada is not prepared to undertake her own sea defence, as we have done in the case of land defence, then we are unworthy of our nationhood. Heretofore we have relied upon Great Britain in this respect. Temporarily we must still rely upon her. Ultimately we must undertake the burden, and no giving of ships will be a satisfactory assumption of that burden.

"The greatest charge that can be made against Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy is that it is late in coming. It is a fair criticism. Nevertheless I must confess that it seems to typify Canada better than Mr. Borden's. It indicates that Canadians are willing to serve as well as to give. It offers proof that Canadians feel competent to build, man and direct a fleet. It implies that there is no phase of national obligation which Canada is unwilling to assume. Its adoption would prove that we are a Dominion, and not a Crown colony.

"Not so long ago, the Canadian militia advocated the appointment of a Canadian to the supreme command of the Canadian army in place of a British officer, as had been customary. There was no thought of separation in that. The men who advocated it were loyal Britishers. There have been other events of a like nature. For eighty years Canada has been working towards greater autonomy, greater self-reliance, and more complete self government. It would be remarkable inconsistency if we should adopt a different principle in sea defence.

"Let it be admitted that the policy of a Canadian navy would be more expensive than an occasional contribution of battle-ships to a British fleet, and what has been proven? It would be cheaper to pay for five or six British regiments to garrison Canada and to provide a nucleus for a defence army than to maintain our present regular force of 5,000 or 6,000 men—much cheaper. Would the Postmaster General favor the hiring of British troops for service in Canada?"

"No quotation of cost figures enters into the question. What Canada does for the defence of herself and of the Empire must be done in the best way, regardless of cost. If a Canadian navy costs five times as much as a contribution to the British fleet, I would still be in favor of it for other reasons.

"British connection is more likely to be killed in the dominions by the reimposition of Imperial control than by the building of Dominion navies. Out in South Africa the advocates of Imperial centralization have forced the resignation of Premier

Botha, whose record in office is one of extreme loyalty to the Imperial crown. All over the Empire there are men representing a certain coterie in London, who are trying to steer all the Dominion governments into ultra-Imperialism and into centralization of authority. These men are, no doubt, honest, but if so, they are honest blunderers.

"The glory of the British Empire has been the freedom of its component parts. Take away that freedom, and the glory is gone. Take from South Africa the privilege of developing along autonomy lines, and South Africa will either lose all the springs of progress or it will cease to be British. Tell Canada that its people have neither the ability to build and control two fleet units nor the patriotism to decide that these should be used in Britanic defence, and you put this country back to the condition in which Lord Durham found it.

"The spirit of every hero, whether Britisher or otherwise, has been, 'Give me freedom, or give me death.' And if I know my Canadian he will not allow any man or any set of men to barter away his freedom for a few petty titles or for temporary political expediency.

"If I have misjudged Mr. Borden or wrongly interpreted his policy, then I shall make amends as soon as the facts are made plain. If he has not deliberately cut himself off from the idea of a Canadian navy sooner or later, then he should take this plainer than he has done.

"If Mr. Borden desires to stop such ideas getting abroad he must make his attitude clearer. If he is being misrepresented let him get up in the House and say, 'I am in favor ultimately of a Canadian fleet, manned by Canadians, maintained by Canada and controlled by the Canadian Government.' If he does that he will avoid a serious split in the Conservative party."

WILL EXPERIMENT IN HORTICULTURE

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GAVE LIQUOR TO INDIAN; THOUGHT HIM WHITE

Expensive New Year Celebration for Fred Erickson—Ed. Allison Charged With Stealing \$60

Fred Erickson pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Cars to the charge of supplying liquor to an Indian. He was cheerful about the matter, however, saying he thought the Indian was pretty white and a decent fellow into the bargain. He gave him a drink out of a bottle. But being white only in a metaphorical sense was the unfortunate part of the matter, as Mr. Erickson found out, when he had to pay a fine of \$100 or serve two months imprisonment. It was somewhat of an expensive New Year's salutation.

Bob White, the Indian, who seemed such a good fellow was fined \$15.00 and \$2 costs for being drunk and disorderly. He had been in trouble before. It transpired that he had his better half with him when he went to visit Erickson's cabin.

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