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IS MONTREAL SOCIETY ROTTEN?

APPEAL TO BANK OF MONTREAL TO REMOVE LOGAN-BRYAN WIRE FROM THE BANK'S PREMISES

Kansas City Bucketeer Hiding Behind the Skirts of
Canadian Institution's Respectability.

The Officers and Directors,
The Bank of Montreal.
Gentlemen:—

We draw your attention to the firm of Logan and Bryan, of New York, Chicago, etc., whose wire is run into your Head Office, leased by you from them. For several months, in every issue of this journal, we have been drawing attention to this firm, exposing their practices, and denouncing their misdeeds. So far they have ventured no reply to our criticisms and we believe that the judgment of the public has gone against them by default. That they are able to flaunt and defy public opinion is, in our reasoned opinion, due largely to the fact that they are able to hide themselves in the shelter of great worthy institutions like your own. It is a matter of common knowledge that Benjamin B. Bryan, who is really Logan and Bryan, ever boasts of his associations with the Bank of Montreal and, remembering the high standing and prestige of your institution, we contend that his ability to refer to this connection is the greatest "sales argument" he has in securing correspondents throughout Canada. You can see how this, in a very strong sense, makes The Bank of Montreal responsible for the firm of Logan and Bryan.

CHARGES RE-STATEd.

Now, what are the charges we have made against Logan and Bryan? We sum them up briefly, as follows:—They inveigle their customers and correspondents into the purchase or sale of stocks or, say, grain by supplying false and misleading information as to the rise or fall of prices, advising them to buy when they know prices are falling and to sell when they know prices will probably rise. To one part of the country they will send advices to buy and to another part advices to sell. Manifestly, advice to buy and sell the same stock at the same time cannot be correct in both instances. Yet this firm does this. They

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OUR POLITICAL
PLATFORM :
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SMART SOCIETY AND IT'S AMOURS

Doings of many Members
of Society, with a Big
S, under the Search-
light.

There are some trees that decay and rot from the top downwards. Someone has said that reforms spring from the poor, vices from the rich. That the poor are not all virtuous nor the rich all vicious is fairly self-evident. But that there is more excuse to be made for the vices of the poor than for the immoralities of the rich is equally clear. Many of Montreal's poor (let us deal with our own city as a fairly concrete example of most great cities) many of Montreal's poor, we say, live under such conditions that the observance and development of morality is almost an impossibility. To be compelled to live "higgledy-piggledy" as many large families are, with not sufficient sleeping rooms to enable all the intimate processes of life to be performed with that separateness that is possible to

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TRIAL AND DISMISSAL OF SIR MONTAGU ALLAN BY JUDGE CUSSON CANADA'S BLACKEST JUDICIAL SCANDAL

Judge who publicly whitewashed Allan should
never have sat in Enquete — Bank President
must face Grand Jury — Attorney General
not on to his job.

OUR POLITICAL
PLATFORM :
DOWN WITH
THE LIQUOR
COMMISSION !

ONTARIO MORALITY

Ontario, especially Toronto, ever boasts of its superiority in morals as compared with Quebec. But the Divorce Committee of the Senate has had 105 applications for divorces from Ontario during the present session of Parliament as contrasted with 3 from Quebec. Perhaps a Toronto edition of THE AXE might help redeem the situation.

Judge Cusson has dismissed the case against Sir Montagu Allan. "I find no fault in this man", said the judge, in effect. That is just what THE AXE of June 9th. said he must say in order to be consistent with himself. In dismissing the charges against D. C. Macarow, Judge Cusson declared that it was useless to proceed with the charges against Allan. The judge was right; it was useless. How could it be otherwise? Before the judge heard the evidence he said it would be so and it was so; the judge dismissed the case. The judge has at least been honest with himself.

TASCHEREAU' REMISS.

But what a farce it makes of the trial of Allan! Judge Cusson should never have been allowed to sit in the Allan case. The Attorney General should have prevented him sitting on the ground that he had already prejudged the case. Judge Cusson should never have allowed himself to sit in the case, for the same reason. He himself knew that he had prejudged the case, having said it was of no use to proceed with the charge against Allan. What a damnable plight our Courts are in; what unspeakable depths have they descended to! That a judge who does not wish the trial of a prisoner to proceed, because he has dismissed a similar case against another prisoner, should proceed to sit in the case, that he himself should feel no compunction about doing so, judging him by his actions, and that the Attorney General of the Province should either manifest so little interest in the vital issue involved, the honor and sanctity of our Courts, or be totally indifferent to the vindication of justice, is at once a crime against the people whose servants the Attorney General, Mr. Taschereau, and Judge Cusson, are. It is one of the blackest scandals that has

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What The Man In The Street Wants To Know

What factory in Montreal lately had a petition got up to remove an employe in order to make room for the foreman's sister? * * *

Is it true that there is more protection for animals in Montreal than for the workers in some factories? * * *

What has happened to the girl who won the beauty prize? * * *

Would it need a detective agency to find her? * * *

Who are the leading stock-broker and railway executive who are known as "cock-fight fiends"? * * *

Why does a Montreal Department Store advertise 60 Watt Lamps at 25 cents each in the evening papers and have none on sale at 9.30 the following morning? * * *

Is this "honesty in advertising"? * * *

Has the Bank Manager regained his "swastika" yet? * * *

Are there many gold fish in the rich brooks, or only high game? * * *

What Montreal judge is it that is interesting himself in getting the Criminal Code altered so that magistrates must send first offenders to jail without any option? * * *

Have you been to Al Rogers' to see that dandy cigarette making machine he advertises in THE AXE? * * *

Has the Knight's son quite removed the image of the American officer's wife from his heart? * * *

How far is New York from Montreal and does love conquer distance? * * *

What does the uptown furrier know about the young lady from France? * * *

Who is the St. Catherine Street restaurateur who paid over \$900 to get a license for the sale of liquor and has not got either license or money back? * * *

And who is the young lawyer who guaranteed that papa's influence would get the license but failed to deliver the goods or return the money? * * *

What was the motive of Alderman Carmel in calling "next meeting" to Alderman Jacob's resolution re the carnival on Fletcher's Field? * * *

How is it the Motorists' Club can get away with the stuff it does? * * *

Who is the interested party? * * *

How much did a certain director of the defunct Merchants' Bank clean up over the Nordheimer Building? * * *

Why I Publish The Axe

What is wrong with Canadian public spirit? We are not cowards usually. Put the average Canadian up against any real fight and he will make good. The way Canadians have conquered the wilderness and their conduct on the battlefields of the Empire have proved it over and over again. In courage, initiative, resourcefulness, dash, daring, audacity, in all the characteristics of real men and women we are not lacking Except:

Yes, there is an exception. Whenever it comes to a matter of public concern, to political matters, to the thing that is everybody's business but not ours individually, to the fighting of social injustice, to the resentment of civic and social wrong, we are strangely lethargic and indifferent. In many cases we do arouse ourselves and make things happen but it takes a long time to get action and more than an ordinary crisis to stir our impulses.

And with this there is a peculiar subservience to the "big fellows" in every branch of our Canadian life, the big fellows in business, the big fellows in the political world, the big fellows in the social realm, that makes us kow-tow, and grovel, and flatter, in order either to get their favor or some concession or recognition. Instead of standing firmly and strongly on the high ground of justice, we try to secure as a privilege and a favor what it is ours by right.

Take the big fellows in business. It doesn't seem to matter how they got their money, as soon as they have entered the millionaire class, we Canadians begin to practise a snobbery in regard to them that is positively nauseous. They must be made President of this Board, or of that Club. Their names must be secured to head this or that list. The doings of themselves and their families must be reported in the press and we must read about them. And these little "big fellows" get such swelled heads as a consequence of this adulation and sycophantry that their ego becomes most abnormally developed until their personalities get almost unbearable.

In politics, I think, this kissing the feet of the big fellows is carried to the utmost excess. The strange idea seems to have fastened itself on the minds of many of us that the men we elect to serve us in City Council, Legislatures, and Parliament, are our masters, our rulers, our bosses, that if we want anything from them we must ask it as a favor, and that even legislation for the public good must be sought as a concession and a privilege not as something these persons ought to be glad to do because it is right to do it. If we want a personal service from any of these elected persons we invariably try to find somebody who can "get next" to them, who know them, who have the entree, instead of going to them direct and asking for what we want and risking the refusal, which is the worst that could happen.

Its the same when any great social principle is involved. We must not criticise the C. P. R. because it is the biggest and richest corporation in Canada. The Bank of Montreal? — speak about it with bated breath! Look at its immense wealth and influence. Our judges? don't ever criticise a judge or his judgment — he might rule against you some time. Somebody getting a raw deal? Well, that's his business, not ours, and, besides, we might have to go to Court if we took his side. The Government putting something over us? Better not criticise those big fellows or else when you want something you won't get it.

What rot!

No company, no bank, no judge, no Government, is above the law or beyond criticism. If they do wrong, say so. If they do right give them their meed of praise. But for God's sake, let us be men, unafraid of might and power. Let us take the unpopular side and fight for justice when the call comes to us. There's more in life than the smile of the "big fellows" and that is the knowledge that we have fought a battle for the right and taken some little fellow's side when he was wronged. And, what is perhaps quite as important in counting gains and losses, there's a great deal more fun in being men and playing men's parts than in being lick-spittles, sycophants and snobs.

JOHN H. ROBERTS

FIGHT PICTURE COMING HIGH CLASS FINANCE

Followers of Fisticana will relish the opportunity of seeing the Carpentier-Ted (Kid) Lewis pictures at The Allen next week. This picture is most excellent in detail and is spoken of as one of the best fight pictures ever screened. The management of The Allen has gone to great trouble to bring this picture here.

Not so very long ago, F. C. Hollinger, Logan and Bryan's broadcaster in Chicago, sent out the following message:

"It is a cinch wheat is headed for 140. Don't let the breaks worry you".

Wheat went down ten points in the next couple of weeks, enough to kill many men. F. C. H. should have added to that advice: "If you lose we win".

CARMEL BLOCKS FREE SPEECH IN CITY COUNCIL

Alderman shows great Anxiety to Protect Fletcher's Field Fair Promoters.

Alderman Carmel, Montreal City Council.

Carmel:— What particularly friendly interest have you in the Yankee-promoted fair which has been held on Fletcher's Field, presumably for Charity, but in reality for the financial aggrandisement of the promoters? In the City Council this week you were very anxious to have Alderman Jacobs' activities against this fair postponed until it was over and to stop discussion until "Next Meeting". Why?

If you are sitting in the councils of this city with only a view to serving the citizens of this city you undoubtedly realise that the fair which has robbed the public of the use of a great portion of a public playground, has not been operated in the interests of the citizens of Montreal. You know that the fair's promoters are working for the promoters, and you know that they will not leave the Field in the good shape they found it in. You know that the presence of this hideous so-called fair has robbed the poor of Montreal of so much open space in which to take their recreation. If you know anything at all, you know that this Fletcher's Field Party has not been in any way in the public interest.

Our estimation has always been that we pay our civic servants to work for us and to be of service to us. You might query some of your confreres on this point. We are watching you fellows and these tactics which prevent discussion of matters of urgent civic interest.

THE AXE.

STOCK EXCHANGE REFORMS MERELY A PROPAGANDA?

Public Still Awaits Information as to the Examiner and his Duties.

We have come to the conclusion that the Reform Propaganda, preached by the Montreal Stock Exchange at the time when Mr. Austin Ekers stepped into Mr. Garland's shoes as president, was just so much eye-wash, calculated to gull the public into believing that "everything will be alright". We shall continue to hold this belief until such time as the Montreal Stock Exchange makes some definite announcement as to what it has done, is doing, or intends to do.

The Stock Exchange announced that an Examiner would be appointed. We have not yet heard any mention of his name, nor have we had definite information as to what his duties will be. Which is

OUR POLITICAL PLATFORM: HOME RULE FOR MONTREAL.

natural. If we are not going to have an examiner, there isn't much in telling us what he will examine.

As to the urgent need for Stock Exchange Reform, there can be no doubt. Look over the list of failures within the last two years, and you will realise that if these members of the Stock Exchange had been doing nothing but a stockbroking business, failures could not have occurred in the manner in which they did. UP TO MR. EKERS.

It is up to President Ekers to act. Conditions which have prevailed amongst stock exchange brokers, the manner in which the public has been treated by brokers who played the market against their customers with their customers' money shows just cause for Stock Exchange Reform.

Unless brokers are placed under certain restrictions by the Exchange, the same thing will happen over again. Times will become better. Brokers will gamble against their clients. The trough of the wave will come once more and will result in another repetition of the old old story. The broker will go broke, but his clients will pay.

Therefore we ask Mr. Ekers, as president of the Stock Exchange, to announce the intentions of his august body. If the Stock Exchange will not introduce the necessary improvements, the movement will have to come from a different angle. And to the public we say, "Until such time as you hear something to back up the propaganda, which the Stock Exchange has given you,—know thy broker."

Get busy, Mr. Ekers.

NEW LAW DOES NOT TOUCH ROOT OF DRUG TRADE

The new law which will force magistrates to imprison all persons found in possession of drugs, no matter how innocent they may be of criminal intent in the matter, is not going to kill the Drug Traffic by any means. For while judges continue to send unfortunate men and women, (some addicts, some not), to prison, other members of the community will continue to import and sell drugs, in order that more unfortunates may be caught "with the goods" and sent to jail to gratify the law. Then gassing M.P.s will cry: "Look what we have done to kill the Drug Traffic!"

Why doesn't the Government see to the enforcement of existing laws? Why is there not the most rigorous examination of wholesale druggists and jobbers and retailers to prevent illicit traffic through these sources? Why are not the ports of entry into this country more carefully watched? When these laws are enforced there will be some chance for us to stamp out this great evil which threatens the roots of society.

The trouble with so many members of the Ottawa Gas House is their unbounded belief in Hot Air and its salubrious effects on the country. Mere verbiage from Hon. Jacques Bureau against the drug traffic will never hurt the traffic. It takes a club to kill a snake.

EXPENSIVE FIRE INSURANCE FOR RETURNED MAN

Exorbitant Premium paid by Soldier for Protection in Local Building.—Other Policy-holders get low Rate.

To Judson G. Lee, Limited, Insurance Agents, 138 Notre Dame Street, City.

Sirs:—

We do not know whether you habitually follow the practice of soaking the Returned Soldier, but your company and an agent who calls himself T. Lynch have executed at least one transaction the odour of which we do not like.

An ex-soldier named Driscoll obtained a grant from the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment for the purchase of tools to follow his trade of watch-repairing. His agreement with the Government called for insurance against fire in the Government's favour of the tools he purchased.

In keeping with his agreement with the Government Mr. Driscoll insured the tools through your company in the sum of three hundred dollars, for which he was charged the exorbitant sum of four dollars and fifty cents for one year's insurance.

The policy is absolutely specific and insures the tools for a certain building, the maximum rate per hundred dollars at present is fifty-five cents for this building, yet you charged this man one dollar and a half per hundred dollars. This is exploitation of the worst kind, Lee, and although the company, which now acts as agent for the assurance company you dealt with in this case, is having the premium adjusted, it does not lessen the responsibility of your firm.

This is a case which deserves exposure. Look out that you do not make any more blunders like this.

THE AXE.

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IS MONTREAL SOCIETY ROTTEN? SMART SET AND ITS AMOURS

Doings of Members of City's Smartest Set Under the Searchlight.

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the rich is not conducive to morality. The wonder to us is not that the poor are so bad but, considering the conditions under which they are compelled to live, that they are so pure and virtuous. With this overcrowding comes temptation to the daughters of the poor to sell their virtue in order to live and dress decently, with like temptations meeting the young men of the poor to buy the sexual indulgence they cannot afford to get through the gateway of marriage because their low wages so often prevent marriage. If with these conditions there is an example of immorality amongst the rich and highly-placed, well, the poor cannot be blamed too severely. But how about the rich? What about Montreal High Society?

A HUNTER OF MEN

There are many good and noble people in the ranks of Montreal High Society. We would like to think that these are a majority. But we have no means of determining this point. There are a great many that are simply rotten and we use the term, rotten, with all its implications. Many of these people whose very wealth and high social position imposes on them the duty of living clean and inspiring lives are so abominably bad that the stench of their immoralities almost cries to high Heaven. These people, in many cases, parade their titles, boast of their Vice-Regal friendships, flaunt their wealth, and expect the adulation of their fellow citizens. "Inwardly they are ravening wolves", as the Old Book says.

Take, for instance, the wife of a well-known money king. This lady's amours are the talk of Society. With almost unlimited wealth, she buys the favors she wants and has been known to descend to the common herd to satisfy her amorous propensities. Her name may be seen in connection with the highest of Society functions but she is not too high to associate herself with the chauffeur, the footman, the gardener. Of course, she is abnormal as any woman must be who becomes the hunter instead of the hunted. Going South every winter her conquests are the scandal of many communities where the weather is warmer in the Canadian winter-time than it is in Canada. Yet her patronage is lent to many charitable affairs, and she and her husband stand high, among the highest, indeed, in Montreal Society with a big S. Were she a common laborer's wife there might be some excuse but for this pampered, petted thing what justification can there be? Yet though her follies are the talk of her circle she is received as if her greatest sin were the smoking of a cigarette!

'THE YOKE'S' DOCTRINE

Or take another younger lady, one of the unmarried set. This creature boasts of her determination never to marry but to have all the fun that life can offer without marrying. Her motto is: "Why marry?" Not very long ago she

was reported to have left the city for a three months' trip. We should be very much surprised if it were not found that the young lady referred to occupied a fine apartment in Montreal all that time and that, if still living, there is a baby somewhere that might later call her "mamma". The almost inevitable consequences of practising the doctrines of "The Yoke". And so it goes. There is the high and mighty millionaire who lately went down to New York to meet the Italian Countess, the personal columns of a Montreal paper reporting on the same day his presence in New York and the Countess's arrival in New York. Then there's the brother of a multi-millionaire, industrialist and bank magnate, who (the brother, we mean, not the magnate who will go down to a house of ill fame, buy it pro tem, turn the key in the door, and indulge in one long drunk and debauch until finally his friends come and take him away.

Even high political position does not seem to have any visible effect on the morals of some of these High Society birds judging by the ex-Cabinet Minister, a big industrial magnate, who practices "flagellation." It is whipping of another kind and for another purpose that such a skunk should get, much as we disbelieve in the use of "the lash". But he contributes to almost every uplift organisation in the City.

THE HALF NOT TOLD

And the half has not been told. THE AXE is in a peculiar sense the organ of the working people of this city and country. By this we do not mean that we restrict the term worker to the worker by hand. We are rather fed up with the manner in which these Society bugs lord it over us of the common fry. They after all are only very common clay and, if before interesting themselves in Rescue Homes for Fallen Girls, Maternity Homes for Unwise Mothers, and Cheap Meals for Working Girls, they will set the house of Society in order we shall have more respect for them. The conduct of the section of Society that we refer to at cabarets, balls, New Year's Eve celebrations, and similar events has long been an interesting topic of discussion in Montreal. Of this same section it may truly be said that their language is the language of the stable and their morals the morals of the poultry yard. It is their privilege to live this way if they choose but the moral atmosphere of Montreal will be clearer and more wholesome if people cease fawning upon these vicious high-class elements and rate them at their true moral worth. We have a great deal more respect for the prostitutes that infest the dens of the Red Light District or walk the streets in pursuit of their prey, disease carriers that they are, than we have for Big Society dames with their liasons, intrigues, and finished immoralities. The woman in red is usually a victim of her economic environment, made immoral by low wages.

**OUR POLITICAL PLATFORM:
TURN THE RASCALS OUT.**

PLOT AGAINST 'AXE' DISGUSTS TRUE LIBERALS

Well, so far, THE AXE has scored against the Government's dastardly effort to humiliate and crush its Editor and kill the paper. On Thursday last, when Mr. Roberts appeared at the Court House with his lawyer, Alderman Lyon S. Jacobs, who volunteered to act in the case, the Government's attorney, Mr. Bertrand, informed us that he had received instructions to get the case postponed until July 10th. We have no objections to postponing it until the Day of Judgment, but Mr. Roberts is ready to face the music at any time and will fight the unjust exaction to the bitter end.

The publication of the story in our columns fairly stunned the people of this province. Every issue of THE AXE is a stunner but, thanks to Taschereau and Co., last week's was a super-stunner. We have been overwhelmed with telephone calls, letters and personal expressions from people of all classes who have not only expressed their sympathy with Mr. Roberts but their intense indignation with the Provincial Government. As one prominent Liberal said, "I don't like your strong criticisms of Mr. Taschereau and his Government but this is a free country and it is your privilege to criticise", so many have said. Scores have said to us, "Taschereau and his crowd get no more votes from us after this". And we firmly believe that this is one of those things, little in themselves, that are the cause of the overthrow the Government. The people of Quebec are democratic to the utmost and they will resent at the polls this attempt of their servants to be tyrannical masters and prevent free discussion, for such it amounts to.

TIMES ARE CHANGED.

How different in the good old days of Sir Lomer Gouin. What a pity to see the splendid heritage of toleration and justice being bartered away in order to feed the intense egotism of Premier Taschereau! Is it not time that true Liberals stepped into the breach and forced Mr. Taschereau's resignation in order to save the Liberal Party from annihilation at the polls? One thing is certain. If the Liberal Party appeals to the electors in September, as has been announced, with Taschereau as its leader, the party is doomed. We are not overly much in love with Mr. Perron but he might lead his party to victory. Taschereau cannot, and the attempted persecution of the Editor of THE AXE, so illustrative of The Czar's methods, is a sign of the times, revealing why a Taschereau-led Liberal Party is headed for destruction. Let the true Liberals ponder these things in their hearts.

Her sister in High Society is none the less a scarlet woman but with infinitely less excuse.

OUR JAIL SYSTEM MAKES CRIMINALS

There is something sadly wrong with the system of punishment which law has builded, something sadly wrong with any system which beats a man down, breaks his spirit, and which makes of the beginner-in-crime a hardened criminal instead of giving the offender a helping hand and the chance to remake his life.

It is a system whose executives become hardened cynics. A system which sends a man out into the world, presumably freed from the stigma of disgrace by the serving of his allotted "time", but which in reality brands him for all time as a "jailbird" must pass. For it there must be substituted the system which will send the "criminal" back into society with the chance of a fresh start, with the opportunity to make good. Those who control our prisons must be human beings and not animals. They must be there to help, not to break. Then and only then will the criminal have a fighting chance.

The following story bears us out. It needs no explanation.

Short and wizened, but very wiry, with keen eyes and grey-headed, a man of 66, with many aliases, appeared at London Sessions in the name of "George Williams." He has had an extraordinary criminal career and pleaded guilty to committing a burglary at the house of Ellen Wilkinson, at Lewisham, and stealing six knives and six spoons. Prisoner made an emotional and dramatic appeal to the judge, Mr. Allan James Lawrie. "I have never had an opportunity of being anything else but a criminal," he declared. "In the whole of my life I have never been given a chance, and now I believe this is the last time I shall ask for it."—Mr. Frederick Levy, prosecuting, explained that prisoner was found stuck in the lift shaft of the house. — Detective-sergeant Randles produced the jail-record of prisoner. He had spent almost forty years in prison, serving thirteen sentences. In the course of his appeal prisoner remarked, "I was not likely to come out at the age of 25 from seven years' penal servitude better than I was when I went in. I have suffered enough for my crimes. I have been flogged on the triangle five times, and have been chained and flogged on many occasions." — In order to see whether his relatives will look after him, his lordship postponed sentence.

News of "The Street"

Pithy, pointed pars pertaining to the pilots of phinance.

There are rumors around The Street that the officials of the Liquor Commission may make a call in the back room of the Montreal Stock Exchange. We are credibly informed, however, that nothing stronger than ginger ale is consumed there, that "snap" is the most exciting game played and that only for matches.

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The Investors' Guide of New York says that New York Stock Exchange failures have cost the public over twelve million dollars. About twice as much as Montreal failures of the same kind. The proportion is somewhat distorted.

C. P. R. WORKERS LOSE EXTRA PAY FOR SUNDAY WORK

The Canadian Pacific Railway is probably the richest corporation in Canada. There are few richer in the world. It steadily pays high dividends to its stockholders. It has had bestowed upon it by the people of Canada, through their Parliament, riches that would of themselves be worth an Empire's ransom. In land granted to it by the Government it has sufficient potential income to pay big dividends upon the invested capital for all time to come. Having received so much from the people of Canada, and being dependent upon the people of Canada for further enrichment, the C. P. R. owes a duty to Canada and we unhesitatingly say that part of that duty is to give the squarest of square deals to its employees.

In making a new rule to pay its shop crafts men ordinary day time pay for Sundays and holidays, instead of time and a half, as formerly, we believe there is a departure from the attitude of the square deal in this matter which has hitherto characterised that great company in this matter of wages for Sunday and holiday work. Amongst the employees of the C. P. R. are hundreds, if not thousands, of men who gave up all their Sundays and holidays to serve and fight in the trenches of Belgium and France to protect the property interests of the C. P. R., which owns more of Canada than anybody else, and it seems a trifle mean to now expect these heroes, these gentlemen who saved the Empire, to sacrifice their Sundays and holidays in the service of the C. P. R. without the accustomed extra pay.

There has lately been placed in the Windsor Station, Montreal, a magnificent piece of statuary as a memorial of those C. P. R. employees who gave their lives in the Great War. The men whose memory is perpetuated by this monument would turn in their graves if they could know as they sleep "In Flanders Fields, where poppies grow", that the company which is willing to spend large sums of money in raising memorials to the dead is making their living comrades pay for those memorials by reducing their rates of pay. Fie, fie, gentlemen of the C. P. R., it is unworthy of you!

ANOTHER CASE OF BAD GOVERNMENT

The Government of Quebec has blocked a greatly needed reform. Urged by the interested societies to approve raising the age limit of Juvenile offenders who appear before the Juvenile Courts to 18, they have refused to do so. Consequently the Federal Government finds its hands tied. The magnificent preventive work done by Judge Choquet and his Juvenile Court amply justifies the desired change. But, no, the Quebec Government needs criminals to keep the Bordeaux Bastille at Montreal and Carbonneau's Castle at Quebec full and busy. God! They make us sick!

The Kansas Cyclone and Wisconsin Twister are shortly due from Chicago to depress the price of wheat. Beware of the Bucketty One.

APPEAL TO BANK TO REMOVE WIRE

Buckety Ben Bryan Hides Behind Skirts of Bank of Montreal.

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have by this giving of misleading advice to their trusting correspondents been the means of many investors in Canada losing much money and of several firms going out of business. In one pitiable case at Regina Sask., the firm which was their correspondent has been put out of business; one partner (a returned Canadian officer) has committed suicide and the other is in jail as a result of the machinations of Logan and Bryan. It is our firm belief that millions of dollars have been taken from Canadian people by these vampires of the Stock Market and that principally by their practice of supplying false and misleading information, knowing same to be false and misleading.

EXPERT CODE THIEVES.

The fact that Logan and Bryan run a wire into your Head Office is also giving a foreign firm an insight into your business, and into Canadian business generally, that does not work for yours or the general good. These people are expert "code-thieves", adept at translating any code, however difficult, and as your messages pass over their wire and they have no scruples, it is easy for them to profit by their knowledge of your business. Of course, it is your business, but yours is a public interest is at stake, for the ramifications of The Bank of Montreal extend to almost every part of the social and commercial fabric of Canada. We believe the methods of doing business that are practised by Logan and Bryan, of 42 Broadway, New York City, are inimical to the public interest of Canada, that many Canadian citizens have suffered serious losses through these methods, and that if this firm continues to receive the shelter of such institutions as yours, which it does because of their supplying you with a wire, and if other honorable bodies like Boards of Trade, Stock Exchanges, etc., still harbor them, then further great, if not greater, losses are due to be suffered by our Canadian people.

We, therefore, respectfully suggest to you that you continue no longer to receive the Logan and Bryan wire into your head office, thus depriving these sharks of the prestige and standing they derive through doing so. Further, we suggest that an investigation will show that on the very wire service they supply to your Head Office they are deceiving you in that, while they may have given you to believe that you and they are the only users of the special wire, at least two of three other firms or businesses transact their business over the same wire, "listen in" at will, and pay their "half" just as your institution does.

Deeply sensible of the serious nature of the charges we make against this firm of Logan and Bryan, but believing sincerely that we are serving the public interest, and having only that public interest at heart, we urge your earnest consideration of this

ALLAN DISMISSAL BLACKEST SCANDAL IN COURT HISTORY

Attorney General's Inaction meets with Criticism — Bank President must face Grand Jury.

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ever besmirched the fair name of the judiciary in the Dominion of Canada.

THE PEOPLES' NAME.

We protest in the name of the people against this open defiance of the principles of integrity and impartiality which must be the bulwarks of our legal system if the people are to retain any faith and confidence in our Courts of Law. And we make our protest the strongest that we can possibly make it because of the high social and commercial position of the accused in the case, Sir Montagu Allan, for the reason that the dismissal of these charges against a man so highly placed as he is may, and probably will, be construed by the public as another illustration of the doctrine of "one law for the rich and another law for the poor". This doctrine has far too many believers already. Judge Cusson's dismissal of Allan will not cause their numbers to diminish. And THE AXE stands for the Law, for its wise, efficient and impartial administration and it resents and will denounce anything that detracts from its wisdom, weakens its efficiency, or robs it of its impartiality even to the slightest degree.

That's our opinion, plainly and bluntly expressed. It may hurt somebody's feelings but the people's rights must be considered before the personal feelings of individuals. Now, what about Allan? As with Macarow, he must be taken before the Grand Jury. It is equally the duty of the Federal Government to have this done in Allan's case as it was in the case of Macarow. We have every confidence that the Government will do its duty again and especially do we feel the utmost confidence in the Minister of Justice in this respect. Frankly, we hope that both Sir Montagu Allan and D. C. Macarow may be proved innocent of all wrong in intent and fact in regard to the making of a False Return. We know neither of the men and wish them no harm. Our stand is taken for high principle, for the treatment of rich and poor with the same equality and consideration, and for absolute impartiality in the administration of the law. But a mere preliminary trial such as Sir Montagu Allan has had is not sufficient; there should in his own interests and in the public interest be the most searching and far-reaching trial possible.

LET THE GOVERNMENT ACT.

The association of Thornton Davidson and Co. with The Merchants' Bank had disastrous results for that bank; we trust your institution survives association with Logan and Bryan.
Your obedient servants,
THE AXE

SCHOOL BOARD'S ASININE WAYS

The Protestant Board of School Commissioners, Montreal.

Gentlemen:—
In discontinuing your special classes for Mentally Deficient Children you have adopted a policy of reaction. Instead of pressing onwards, you slip back, and, in slipping, you do serious injustice to these kiddies. As usual, your reason hangs on that sacred word "money"—it costs too much, and because of it these unfortunate children must pick up education the best way they can, presumably in the gutters of the city. What method do you adopt as to judgment of the child-mind? Who decides that a child is mentally deficient? Your Board is not a joint-stock company. You have no dividends to pay. You have recently increased rates for certain schools. Why not forget the God of Revenue for the moment and think what result your action may have on the city's children? Surely it is education that these children need. Gentlemen, remember your responsibilities!

THE AXE.

"FIXER" DEFEATS JUSTICE BUT AIDS POOR PICKPOCKET

Times are easy for the pickpocket in Montreal. He may loot the public, steal the widow's purse, "pinch" the baby's lollipop and remove the roll from the trousers pocket of the average citizen, but nothing will happen to the pickpocket if he knows who to see and how to fix it.

Recently two pickpockets of international repute were caught red-handed on a street car. They were lifting a large "wad" from a passenger, when they were caught in the act. The "dip" who had removed the money threw the roll of bills into the street. The car was stopped. The victim nabbed the men with the assistance of the tramways conductor, and a policeman was called. The two pickpockets were taken to the court house where they were brought before a judge, who set bail and the date for hearing.

On the date set for the hearing the pickpockets appeared, but not the complainant, nor his witnesses, and Judge Enright, perforce, dismissed the case.

There is a certain notorious friend of the pickpockets in Montreal. When a pickpocket gets in wrong it is to this man he turns—and this man fixes it. To save his proteges from prison this fellow moves heaven and earth to hinder the course of justice. Despite the fact that pickpockets constitute a public menace, he will see to it that complainants do not appear to press their charges. Why? Because this smart fixer pays the complainants and, if necessary, the witnesses more than the pickpocket has stolen not to appear. The Fixer fixes it.

So the merry game of picking the pockets of Montreal's citizens goes on. The citizen loses his "roll" but a lawyer gets his fees and the pickpoc-

BRAMSON SAFE FROM POLICE INTERFERENCE

Director of Public Safety ordered Police Chief to Drop Actions Pending and to make no Further Cases.

There is urgent need for an investigation into the peculiar methods employed by Bramsons, taxicab operators of this city. When such an investigation is held, if it be a complete investigation, it will go high, and someone very lofty in civic affairs will find his actions extremely difficult to explain.

We believe that Bramsons are operating directly against public interest, in that they are attempting to kill competition by stifling the business of their competitors, thereby to create a taxicab monopoly and control the market in Montreal for their service; and in that they have acquired the services of the "Mysterious Power" to further their ends, thereby securing privileges not extended to competitive operators, and in the operation of these privileges, flagrantly overlook city by-laws, rules and regulations.

THE MYSTERIOUS POWER.

Bramsons' Mysterious Power at the City Hall is a very strong power. By the use of this power Bramsons have cut into the business of competing taxicab operators by unusual methods, in an effort to corner and corral the taxi business of Montreal. But the taxicab business of Montreal in the hands of Bramsons will bode ill for the public of this city.

ORDERS FROM COLONEL GAUDET.

No new actions to be taken re automobiles stand under by-law No 691, until further orders.
The two cases against Bramsons, re automobiles stand, now pending, to be allowed to go in default.
Fine business. Police officers of this city bring cases against a taxicab company for breaking city by-laws. They are then told by a high civic official that they must drop the cases against these people and must on no account make any more. This places the Bramsons' concern above the law. And this is what we pay our civic servants for!
Colonel Gaudet was not and is not The Mysterious Power behind Bramson: Colonel Gaudet was taking his orders from the Man Higher Up, and it is just possible that Colonel Gaudet left the city's service because he could not stomach such a job.

This whole affair of Bramsons must be cleaned up, and Bramsons Taxicab made to conform to all existing laws and by-laws, just as other owners of public vehicles must. Laws are for the rich as well as the poor, and this mammoth taxi enterprise must not be permitted to place itself above laws which it's poorer competitors must observe or go out of business.

We commend the affair of Bramsons to the attention of Mr. Jules Crépeau, Director of Public Services.

ket gets away with the job. If this fixer had political aspirations he might go far. Perhaps he has.

QUEBEC CZAR'S NEWEST POLICY

Why not an Oath of Fealty to Czar Taschereau the Great?

We understand that the Government at Ottawa contemplates bringing down a bill at its next session which will provide for the security of the Government on adverse votes in the Commons other than those on the matter of "confidence". This is something along the line of policy which we understand our Provincial Premier Taschereau, is considering, except that the Federal bill will not go so far as will the proposed provincial legislation. The idea in Quebec will probably take the form of a bill to ban all members from sitting in the chamber until they have sworn eternal vows of fealty to Taschereau-Perron-Lanctot policies.

The oath of office will read somewhat as follows:

I, John Doe, duly elected to represent the citizens of in the Provincial Parliament, do hereby swear that I will never, so long as I may live, think, say or act in any way displeasing to Czar Taschereau the Great; nor will I think, say, or act in any way displeasing to his Chamberlain, Prince Charles Lanctot. I undertake to say only those things which Taschereau may tell me to say, do only what Taschereau may tell me to do, and I will never think, say or act in any manner except for the Everlasting Greatness of Czar Taschereau the Great and the Royal Chamberlain, Prince Charles Lanctot.

I will forget that I am a Man, supposed to serve the people, and being a puppet will serve only Taschereau, so help me, Perron!
And I have signed (with Taschereau's permission.)

The time for legislation of this nature is undoubtedly ripe.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"We are creatures of the Press. We cannot help it. It controls all our sources of information. It can feed us with any facts it chooses and deprive us of any facts it chooses. It can make us dance to any tune it selects, exalt any man who knows how to square it, destroy any man who would scorn to be its creature.

"This enormous power implies an enormous responsibility. The task of the Press is to be the guardian of the interests of the public. Its supreme duty is to preserve its independence and to place itself under no obligation to those who control public affairs and who have a direct interest in influencing the Press.

"It matters a great deal to all of us whether the sources of the opinion and news upon which we have to found our judgment of public affairs are controlled by men who want 'honours' from Governments, or by men who want nothing which will compromise their independence or their duty to the public."

A. G. Gardiner.
in John Bull