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A STRIKING TRIBUTE.

Principal Bruce Taylor of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, speaking recently before the Kiwanis Club of that city, paid an elegant tribute to Premier Meighen. The following extract from his address as reported in the Kingston Standard will be of interest to our readers who are only becoming acquainted with Canada's greatest statesman. Principal Bruce Taylor is well known in Charlottetown where he has spent several summer holidays. Principal Taylor said in part:

"One of the pleasing facts I remarked in England was the great respect for Canada and Canadians, and this has been greatly furthered by the splendid impression made there by Premier Meighen, when in attendance at the recent Imperial Conference, which was being held while I was overseas. Everywhere in England, wherever he went, Mr. Meighen made a marked impression as a strong, virile, vigorous personality—alert in mind, keen and far-seeing in vision and judgment, and with a fearless determination to stand for the right. Perhaps the one characteristic of Mr. Meighen that more than anything else impressed the people of the Motherland was his quiet determination and his amazing ability to compress in a few words not alone his own opinions, but, as I believe it, the opinions of his fellow-countrymen, whom he so worthily represented. Indeed, I know of no statesmen in public life today who can say exactly what he wants to say in so few words, and yet at the same time carry such force and conviction. He was easily one of the outstanding and dominating figures at the conference, and in his absolute courage he appealed greatly to the English people. In truth, the feeling is that it was through the insistence and great determination of Premier Meighen for himself and for the Government and people whom he represents, that the discovery was made that the Japanese treaty has yet another year to run. A real force, a real leader, we as Canadians may well be proud of the part he played in this great Conference."

The Kingston Standard, commenting editorially on this tribute from Principal Bruce Taylor, says: "Such praise as this from one of the foremost educators of Canada, the head of a great university, who enjoys the reputation for sane thinking and unbiased honest judgment, is praise indeed, and goes far to confirm the ever-growing opinion that Premier Meighen is easily the greatest force and figure we have in public life in Canada today—a leader who not only has the courage to say what he means, but who

has the rare ability to put his meaning into plain, forceful, gripping words—not a syllable too many, not a syllable too few. Surely when the general election shall come the people of Canada will not forget the services this quiet, unassuming, forceful Premier has done for Canada and the Empire—will not reward him by casting him overboard for untried men and untried policies.—Kingston Standard."

Our jealous little Liberal newspapers which trust to make it appear that the complimentary references to Premier Meighen in such newspapers as the London Times, The London Chronicle, The Manchester Guardian, The Glasgow Citizen, The Dublin Freeman's Journal and others, were mere boostings by press agents, will scarcely accuse Principal Taylor of political bias or partisanship in this tribute. Principal Taylor is big enough to recognize the man apart from the party.

NOT SATISFIED.

The Patriot is not entirely satisfied with the proceedings of the meeting held in Charlottetown the other day for the organization of the Liberal Conservative Association of Queens County. It admits that the organization was successfully completed but expresses disappointment over the fact that the retiring President, Mr. W. H. Aitken, who has so long and faithfully served the party, had not been more tangibly rewarded than by a resolution "which is passed today and forgotten tomorrow." And our esteemed contemporary, peering into the dim and not distant future, a future the dimness and nearness of which is made more distinctly conspicuous by that very organization, draws the melancholy and prophetic conclusion "many outstanding political workers are too often neglected and their services forgotten." Here the Patriot might have added pathos and poetry to its prediction by quoting these familiar lines from Shakespeare: "This is the state of man; today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope, tomorrow blossoms. The third day comes a frost, a killing frost." The Patriot has evidently felt the first chill of that frost in the Liberal Conservative Association just formed and is possibly looking forward to the time when other long and faithful services may go with- out tangible reward.

We commend our contemporary for its foresight. Fortunately Mr. Aitken is not a selfseeker and we feel assured he will regard the unanimous thanks of those whom he served so long and faithfully a sufficient reward.

Current Comment

Chickens have a most persistent tendency towards that familiar practice of coming home to roost. The Bell Government has made several most painful discoveries along this line, and as time slides by the truth becomes more strongly forced home to them. When for instance they launched their trumped up charges of extravagance and waste against their predecessors in office they never dreamed that in the later days they would be up against not merely imaginary charges, but the living evidence of solid facts against their own wasteful and spendthrift methods, in so conclusive a form that resistance would be useless and denial impossible. Extravagance and profligate expenditure in every department under their control has been so pronounced that he who runs may read that waste and reckless squandering is inscribed on every page of our Bell Combination history. A revenue of about half a million dollars upon which the Conservative Government conducted public affairs, was not crowding so lustily as declared, by them to be abundantly yore, but subdued abashed and ashamed for every public requirement, aimed returning as the ghostly and

skeleton-like occupants of the Bell Government's coop. We have it to in the School Supply department, established to give school books at cost to the poor, and which it was their policy to abolish, but now instead, like their grog shops, transformed a scheme for making money out of those who can least afford it in order that funds may be provided to unduly swell their own big salaries and incomes. Another batch of their returning chickens.

Others' View Points

The Non-Voters.

(Guelph Herald.)

In connection with a revival of talk about compulsory voting, a writer in The Review of Reviews estimates that in 1920, and allowing for growth, there were in the United States 52,000,000 possible voters, and yet of this number only 26,789,742, or a little more than one-half, went to the polls. Of the absentees some were ill, some had lost residence between registration and election, some were excluded as insane, as convicts, as paupers, or by special laws, like those disfranchising the negroes in the Southern States, but it is apparent that the overwhelming majority did not vote because they did not take the trouble to do so. In every election, presidential or otherwise, this "getting out of the vote" forms the chief burden of expense, and explains in part the fact that the last presidential election in the United States cost \$10,385,509. It's a bad state of affairs, for which it is no easy matter to devise an effective remedy.

The Newness of the West.

(London Free Press)

The newness of the West is shown by the fact that not a member of the new Alberta Government was born in the province. The Edmonton Journal, commenting on this, says that up to the present no native of Alberta has ever held a Cabinet position nor even sat in the Legislature. The Dominion House also is almost entirely composed of men who went West to make their fortunes. Of the whole 57 members now sitting in Parliament from west of the Great Lakes only three were native born. They are Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, minister of agriculture; General Griesbach, M. P. for Edmonton, and J. A. Hay, member for Selkirk.

All three are sons of pioneers. Dr. Tolmie's father was one of the first medical men on the Pacific Coast, arriving at Port Vancouver in 1832 as doctor for the Hudson Bay Company. The father of General Griesbach was one of the first members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and was born in a Western police barracks. Mr. Hay is a descendant of the original Scotch Selkirk settlers who came to the West in 1812 by way of Hudson Bay.

King George's Property.

London Daily Express.

The King's estates, which belong to the Duchy of Lancaster, are scattered over twenty-two English and Welsh counties. The most valuable portion, however, is that in the County of London, which has belonged to the Royal Family ever since 1260, when Queen Eleanor bought the Hospital of the Savoy from the monks and gave it to her second son Edmund, Earl of Lancaster. At the time of its demolition by Wat Tyler's followers the Savoy was called "the fairest manor in England." It still has its Court Leet, which sees that the boundary marks of the manor are kept in good order, a jury of sixteen being appointed for the purpose of beating the bounds once a year. One of the boundary marks of the manor is on the Lyceum stage, another in a cellar in Child's Bank, a third in Burleigh-street, a fourth by Cleopatra's Needle, and a fifth

ZOROASTRIANS IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Fire worshippers have inaugurated headquarters of their own in London. Generous donations from rich Indians have secured for the "Parsee Association of Europe" a large house in the West End, where Zoroastrian religious ceremonies are to be conducted and where bodies of dead Parsees may find a resting place before burial.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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I MUSN'T FORGET.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

I musn't forget that I'm getting old.

That's the worst thing ever a man can do.

I must keep in mind without being told.

That old ideas must give way to new.

Let me be always upon my guard.

Never a crabby old man to be.

Youth is too precious to have it marred.

By the cranky whims of a man like me.

I must remember that customs change.

An' I've had my youth an' my hair is gray.

Musn't be too surprised at strange Or startlin' things that youngsters say;

Musn't keep the bit in their mouths too tight.

Which is something old people are apt to do.

What used to be wrong may today be right.

An' it may not be wrong just bec'z it's new.

Want 'em to like me an' want 'em to know.

That I need their laughter an' mirth an' song.

An' I want 'em near, coz I love 'em so.

An' home is the place where their smiles belong.

They're growin' up, an' it seems so queer.

To hear them talk of the views they hold.

But age with youth shouldn't interfere.

An' I musn't forget that I'm gettin' old.

Thought for today BY HYNDMAN'S THINKER

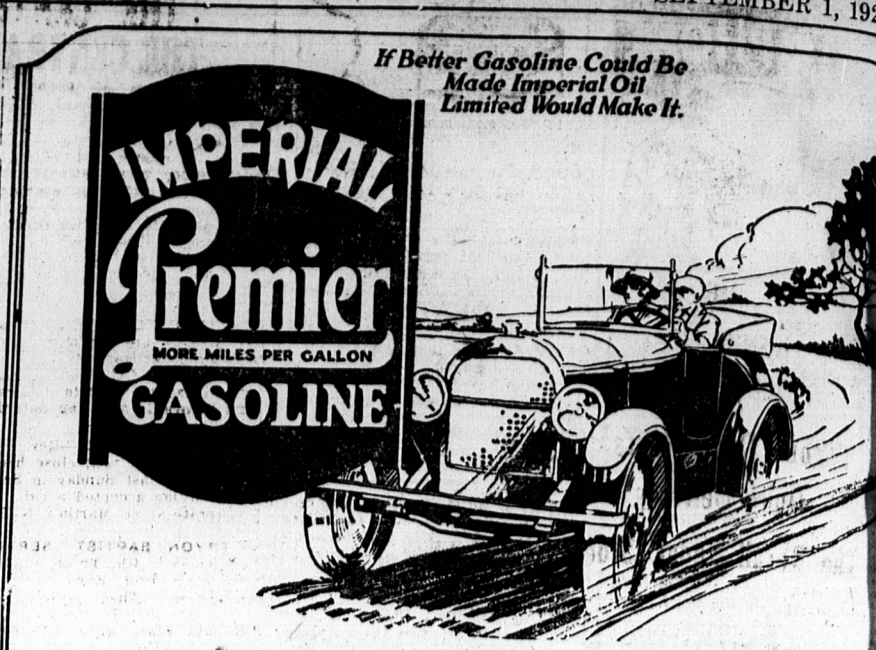
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underneath the Middle Temple. Here a stone block has to be lifted up, and formerly there were long disputes between the Inns of Court officials and the Savoy jury over the jury's right of entry. Since 1907, I think, this difference has been composed.

Mission of a Newspaper.

(From The Baltimore American.)

The phenomenal success of The

Times constitutes a lasting refutation of the theory that if an American publicist is to succeed he must play to the galleries of sensationalism and abnormality. Many journals have tried out the latter theory, but none of them can claim either the wealthy or the prestige which The Times today enjoys. The Times has stuck to the idea that, while the public likes to be amused and diverted, the most important of newspaper missions is to dispense

worthwhile information in good volume. That policy will insure the eventual success of any journal which is intelligently edited. No newspaper can well afford to neglect the human side of its news policy, and The Times has not neglected it, but the abnormal and the curious and the scandalous should not be permitted to displace or to curtail disproportionately the deeper values in the recorded progress of the world.

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Discussion of the subject, however, will not be started before Thursday. The councillors meantime studying the voluminous document of the tangled case, which were distributed to them today.

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