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Ontario's Premier Receives Navy Medal

The Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, K. C., B. A., LL. D., Prime Minister of Ontario By Invermahayle in "The Sailor"

The first meeting I had with Mr. Ferguson left with me most of all the impression of his boyishness and engaging frankness. There was nothing in what he said or did that betrayed a suspicion of irresponsibility or that he wore his heart on his sleeve; but there was a buoyancy in his tone, a freshness in his outlook and an openness in the way he spoke that told of a heart that was young, and not likely to feel the touch of age.

The interview also convinced me of another fact, that whether or not Mr. Ferguson himself is young in spirit, he has at any rate a warm feeling for the young. The occasion was with a view dealing with a project that affected boys. There was no obligation resting on Mr. Ferguson to attend. His very presence, therefore, at the meeting was evidence enough that he was far from being indifferent where boys are concerned. As he remarked in explanation of his attendance, "When I heard this had to do with boys, I couldn't keep away; for I'd like to do something that would really help boys."

It must not be thought that Mr. Ferguson's words were due merely to the kindly impulse of the moment; for since then he has, by many evidences, amply proved he meant fully what he said. And until this day he has never failed to give assistance when required; and he has done so quietly and unobtrusively, as though, indeed, that what he did should not be shown as coming from him.

In this connection mention might be made with justice of the splendid institution for underprivileged lads at Bowmanville, that owes its very existence to Mr. Ferguson's initiative. It seems a pity that, in such a rich and prosperous land as ours, need should have obtruded itself for such a place. One cannot help feeling that the conditions that make such institutions necessary rather belong to older civilizations with their accumulation of poverty and attendant evils. But I fancy as long as humanity endures there will be found wrongs to be righted and evils to be cured. Even in Plato's Republic in More's Utopia and Bellamy's Looking Backward—those magnificent dreams of ideal conditions, there are dark spots that demand special treatment; and, notwithstanding the marvellous abundance in Canada, there will ever be found those who have to be helped and strengthened.

To my mind Mr. Ferguson shows the finest kind of wisdom in considering the boy, Middle Age and old age no doubt, have their claims when circumstances prove more than can be faced; but in their case the character is pretty well settled, and there is only the faintest hope, if any, for independence ever to be recovered. Whereas life with all its splendid possibilities is before the boy, and given fair conditions there is at least the prospect of a useful career.

Besides, is it not the wisdom of the ages that prevention is better than cure? In the case of the boy there is every opportunity for shaping character as well as instilling into the mind and heart principles and habits that will make for a middle life of useful service, and an old age of honour and respect. "Was it not the great Shakespeare who said, the child is father of the man? In Punch a good many years ago there appeared a cartoon which depicted a well-to-do Londoner, garbed in the height of fashion, with top hat, gloves, cane, spat and patent leathers, shrinking back in horror from the chance of contact with a bundle of rags in front of him, and among which could be discerned a pinched, grimy face. "Wh-wh-what are you?" exclaimed the swell.

"I am the stuff that men are made of," was the trenchant reply of the street gamine, which contained more philosophy than can be put into a brief article like this. "He was the stuff of which men are made either for good or ill, to serve or prey on society, to prove a strength or a blight; and it is as though Mr. Ferguson realized all this, and determined that so far in him lies the boys of Ontario will at least have a chance to be on "the side of the angels."

Could there be a higher resolve—a loftier purpose? And in keeping this before him Mr. Ferguson, with his unquestioned abilities and the influence afforded by his high position, cannot fail to make a contribution to Canadian life that will continue as a thing of supreme value for generations to come.

Perhaps it is his feeling for boys that forms one of the reasons why Mr. Ferguson takes so deep an interest in the Navy League. It is certainly true that the League's work in connection with the Sea Cadets is near to Mr. Ferguson's heart; for he sees in it a means for the building up of a better and stronger manhood. It could not but be noted by a man of his comprehensive knowledge of what is going on in the country that the training and traditions imbued by the Sea Cadets, throughout the ten years the organization has been in existence, have meant much to Canada; and the very fact of there being

MANY ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO MISREPRESENT PREMIER STEWART'S POLICY FOR BETTER TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

When Premier Stewart first announced his policy for Government Control and an Improved Temperance Law he said that if his words were not written down in black and white they were sure to be misrepresented. So he read the statement which he had carefully prepared beforehand.

But notwithstanding this, misrepresentation is going on and is being participated in by those who believe they can legislate the people into righteousness.

PREMIER STEWART SAID:

"The intent of the Prohibition Act is that no person in this Province shall consume any alcoholic liquid except for medical purposes. We naturally ask ourselves the question, has the Act accomplished its purpose? If it has, there can be no fault found."

"I am thoroughly in accord with the teaching in our homes and schools of the results of research work disclosing the nature and effect of injurious practices both of eating and drinking. I will not assert that this Act during the time it has been in force has not accomplished good work; I am simply asking myself—has this Act, during the time it has been in force brought the people of this Province appreciably nearer the intended goal—the banishment of intoxicating liquor as a beverage? After very careful and close observation taken from what might be termed a vantage point; after long and impartial consideration, so far as I am concerned I am driven to answer the question in the negative."

AND PREMIER STEWART SAID AGAIN:

"I have been asked by very many people—'Are you going to adopt a wet or dry policy?' There could not be a greater misnomer. I do not know of any public man in this Province who would advocate a wet-policy. I am putting forward what I really and sincerely believe to be a more practicable and workable temperance law, a law which by placing faith and confidence in the great body of our people, invites their co-operation for a better enforcement."

"Surely no one will content that we have or we have had a dry condition in this Province. I do not suggest that the proposed change will bring about a condition of universal total abstinence but I do believe that it will result in a better situation and that it will prevent from getting liquor, those who misuse it."

"Let me repeat emphatically, this is not a change towards temperance. It is not a liquor law. It is a law which by recognizing and attempting to deal with conditions as we have them, will make for greater law observance, temperance and sobriety."

Marquess Of Ely Repudiates Claim

LONDON, June 10.—An interesting dispute is going on between the sixth Marquess of Ely and a man who uses the title "Viscount Loftus" or "Lord Augustus Loftus." The Marquess of Ely's unmarried heir is Viscount Loftus, and in consequence of his appearance sometimes in the same town as the other "Viscount Loftus," with his wife, much confusion has arisen as to who is who. In order to clear up the matter the Marquess advertised in the newspapers repudiating "Lord Augustus's claim to be the title."

"Lord Augustus," who owns a hotel in London and large blocks of flats, refuses, however, to be suppressed by the Marquess. In an interview he maintained that he not only has a right to the title, but was actually the real Marquess of Ely, being the son of the fourth Marquess of Ely. He asserted that he was placed by his father in a Swiss monastery with the idea that he should become a monk, and possesses documentary evidence establishing his parentage. The reason he was placed in the monastery was because his father had entanglements and wished his identity to remain hidden.

The sixth Marquess of Ely has now challenged "Lord Augustus" to produce this evidence or cease using the title. If "Lord Augustus" can substantiate his claim, he can have it; if he cannot, he will have to give up his title. "I would willingly relinquish the marquessate," he says, "if the man could substantiate his claim, but I am not willing to share the family title with him," and there the matter rests for the present.

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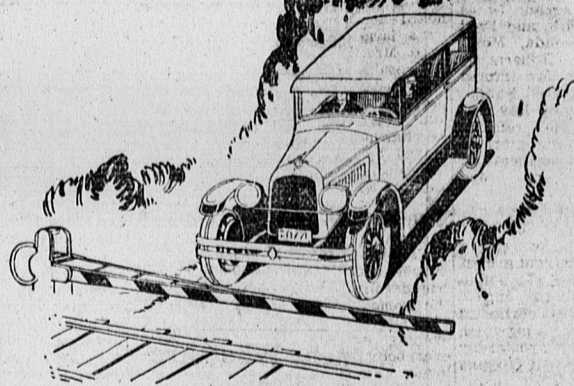
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seven hundred Navy League boys now in our merchant marine could not fail to appeal to one such as he, possessing, as he does, the strong desire to see our lads play a manly part in life.

It may not be out of place to say that at this very moment the first boy enlisted in the Sea Cadets, back in the day when this organization was known as the Boys' Naval Brigade—is now on H.M.S. Hood, undergoing his period of training for the Royal Naval Reserve. He is an apprentice with the C.P.R. Steamships, and has won golden opinions for himself. The Navy League may surely take some small share in the success he has won.

There is still, however, another reason for Mr. Ferguson's sympathy with the League. Though it would be truer now to speak of him as a member of the organization, for to the great pleasure of all who attended the commemorative banquet held in Toronto on the anniversary of Zeebrugge, he was made a life member on that occasion, and received also, in recognition of his generous support, the highest distinction the League has in its power to confer, its Award of Merit, from the hands of Mr. Harris, Dominion President. And as Mr. Ferguson himself made plain at the time, his attitude sprang largely from the fact that he was an imperialist and saw in a strong navy the guarantee of the integrity of the Dominion and Empire.

If there is any word in the English language that has been more subject to misconstruction it is the term imperialist. From the manner in which some people talk, one would judge that to be an imperialist is to be a fingoist, a flag-waver—one thirsting eagerly for the blood of the people of other nations. There is a class, to which the redoubtable Miss McPhail belongs, who seem to love every country but their own, and to be ashamed of the whole of the past of the British Empire. It is a pity that this class is taken seriously, and their imbalances considered as having weight, instead of being ignored as the vapourings of a perverted imagination.

Imperialism is simply the wider prospect of nationality which, while comprehending Canada with a loyalty of which there is no question, looks beyond to all that the mighty past of the people of our blood has given us in the shape of the great Commonwealth of Nations that rejoice in the noblest freedom the world has ever known. The true imperialist is a lover of peace, but he knows that the best guarantee of peace is a strong and undivided Empire prepared against the chance of danger.

It is in this sense, I think, that Mr. Ferguson is an imperialist, and it is also because he recognizes in the Navy League an organization that stands for all this he has ever shown himself its friend. And no truer friend has it known. Mr. Ferguson's loyalty to Canada together with his broad imperialism, is voiced in his Diamond Jub-

ilee Message which accompanied this article, and it proves him a man actuated by no petty local spirit, rather one who believes in a mighty future for Canada, but a Canada bound up with the farflung British Commonwealth of Nations.

Much could be said of Mr. Ferguson as an educationist. It is sufficient to indicate how advanced his views in matters so essential to the nation's wellbeing to tell that to the most remote parts of the province trains are necessary for instruction, and that today every child in Ontario can obtain an education, and be under no handicap, at least in that direction, in the struggle of life. There are also correspondence courses in all the ordinary branches of knowledge, which provide for people of mature years, far from the centres of learning, an opportunity for self improvement if they so desire.

But more than in any other aspect Mr. Ferguson shines in human kindness. There is a story of how he and Mrs. Ferguson interested themselves on the train in a total stranger, and a stranger also to the province, who was in a dilemma as to destination. With that fine warmth of manner, which comes no doubt from his Celtic ancestry, Mr. Ferguson at once preferred the hospitality of his home.

Stories similar in hearing there are in abundance. But need more be said than that there is no place where Mr. Ferguson is more affectionately regarded than in Kemplville, his home town. There, all are his friends, and it is no idle thing to say that, wherever he may find himself, Mr. Ferguson, by his kindly smile and the warm grasp of his hand, will find himself in the company of friends.

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