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THE MARCONI DEBATE.

The debate in the British House of Commons on the Marconi scandal, if it has done nothing else, has helped to clear the air. Sir Rufus Isaacs and Mr. Lloyd George were in a penitent mood, greatly in contrast with the attitude of injured innocence they assumed while giving evidence before the Select Committee...

This, of course, has had a steady effect upon the party, as many of the supporters of the Government in the House of Commons, who would gladly see the Attorney General and the Chancellor of the Exchequer sacrificed, are not prepared to have the Government go to the country with a tarnished reputation. The public interest in the debate was intense in the extreme, and party feeling ran high, though this was somewhat modified by the fact that Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith, Conservative front benchmen, had accepted retainers from the brothers Isaac in their action against Mr. Cecil Chesterton for criminal libel, arising out of the same scandal.

The country, as a whole, was expectant, and everywhere was to be found evidence of how the disclosures were affecting the Liberal fortunes. The country Liberal meetings in the open air have been abandoned, as the hot polloi stormed them with cries of "Marconites," "Panamists," and "Corruptors." What annoyed the man-in-the-street most was the difficulty of getting at the truth, and people of all shades of politics freely took exception to the way in which it has been dragged out of Ministers, culminating in the admission in the House of Commons. A striking example of the laissez-faire attitude adopted was the admission of Lord Murray's brother, Captain Murray, a minor member of the Government, "that the country would never have heard of the Liberal party funds being invested in Marconis unless the stockbroker Fenner had failed."

In other words, the guilt is not in the grave commission of an act, having every semblance of corruption, but in being found out by the accidental fact that the medium through which the "investments" were carried on became a defaulter and levanted. Can it be wondered at, that dour, staid, honest John Bull stands somewhat aghast at this new standard of political morality and honor? It is very doubtful, moreover, if all has been revealed. Already there are grave rumors that a certain member of the Marconi Committee, which attempted to whitewash the Ministers, had large dealings in shares; and it is also hinted that other scandals connected with oil companies are looming up in the future. The books of the absconding stockbroker, examined for Marconi transactions, also showed dealings in oil companies having Government contracts. But Lord Murray who could, if he would, throw abundant light on these transactions, is safely located in the heights of Colombia, far from the reach of inquisitive committees or members of Parliament.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION.

The excellent addresses recently delivered in this city by Mr. Bradford of Amherst on community co-operation, were a revelation to many of our citizens and have led to serious questionings as to whether, with all our organizations for development along physical, mental, social, moral, religious and other lines, we are on the right track or are simply

beating the air. Of late years much emphasis, possibly too much, has been placed upon sport and physical development. Sport is necessary, as necessary as food or fresh air or sunshine. It is a large factor in promoting the moral and religious as well as the mental and physical health. Realizing this and realizing, also, the universality of the instinct to indulge in sport, the Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world have instituted a campaign for the governing of sport, making it morally as well as physically beneficial, and also for placing healthy sport within reach of the masses in the cities, particularly the poor.

Mr. Bradford has had practical experience in this department of the work and the results of the efforts of himself and those associated with him in Amherst and elsewhere are so encouraging and satisfactory that other cities throughout Canada are now adopting the same lines.

In a word, the idea of the new move, is community co-operation, not only in matters of sport but in everything that concerns the welfare of the city or community. With reference to sport a central organization, represented by all classes and embracing all religious denominations, controls, within necessary limits, the sport and the athletic grounds of the community. This affords general and responsible supervision, direction and promotion of sport; makes legitimate sport available for all classes; provides supervised and properly equipped play-grounds for the poorer children and in short protects sport in all its ramifications from the dangers to which unregulated and unregulated sport is subject.

The Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. made a move in this direction when, last winter, it organized the "Athletic League of the Churches." Carried out to its intended conclusion the League of the Churches would bring all the boys and young men under one managing board, and at the same time eliminate all causes for wrangling and discord to be found where rival clubs exist. In Charlottetown, for example, there are at present three Athletic Clubs, between which there has existed so keen rivalry that at one period in their history, to have brought their teams together in some forms of competition would have meant unpleasantness. With such a division of interests it has been found difficult to get enough support to provide uniforms and playing gear. Business men have been asked to contribute to many calls of this character. Neither club could afford to have a trainer, a coach or a leader. Recently the business men of the city were asked for contributions to assist one of these clubs to purchase athletic grounds and the city itself made a generous contribution for this purpose. The grounds thus purchased are a valuable asset to the city generally and to the club which owns them particularly, but they are not available to the boys and the young men of the city. In the near future we may look for similar requests from the other clubs for assistance to which, probably, they have an equal right, and which if obtained would doubtless be used in their own interests to the exclusion of all others.

The city should be, and is, able to provide suitable athletic grounds open to every man and boy in the city. This would be possible only under some community system, along such lines as that proposed in the Athletic League of the Churches. It has been suggested that this league be enlarged during the present season so as to take in on the managing board a representative of each of the Athletic Clubs, the cricket club, and any other athletic group. This would form a recreation commission which should control and direct every kind of sport. It could also arrange for and provide supervision for play-grounds for the younger children in different parts of the city. This would make possible the supporting of coaches and leaders for the different groups, would increase the interest of players and spectators and would confine the appeals for assistance to one central head.

NOTES.

The Peterboro' Times wants to know what has become of the old-fashioned girl who used to wear a blue gingham sunbonnet. She has gone to town as stenographer for the boy who used that sunbonnet to shoo the cows home at milking time. The girl will stay on the farm if the boy does.

Mr. Fred Cook, the doyen of Ottawa newspaper correspondents, says that next session a bill will be introduced to increase the Senate by nine members. If the bill goes through there will be nine new Conservatives in addition to those who will be nominated to replace those removed by death. In the ordinary course of events, it is estimated that three years would give the present government a majority in the Upper House.

In the current issue of Collier's a well-known physician reviews the Friedmann "cure" and concludes as follows: "Dr. Friedmann's procedure, so far as it can be discerned, is not new, not by any means. He has not discovered or announced any new principle of cure or immunization against tuberculosis. He has only followed methods which were demonstrated first in this country by Dr. Trudeau and others. And it must be emphasized that doctors are dealing not with a business proposition, but with human health. Only time—months and perhaps years—and the judgment, based on facts, of competent physicians, can satisfy the profession; and to exploit the poor, who furnish most cases of consumption, by means of an undemonstrated product would be sorry business indeed! So the observation of the authoritative Journal of the American Medical Association is right: "The psychology of the excitement of the public over Friedmann is hard to understand, except on the basis of clever press-agent work. There is not sufficient warrant for any other attitude toward Friedmann's treatment of tuberculosis than one of critical neutrality and judicious skepticism, for it concerns an essentially secret procedure without adequate experimental basis and without any better results to its credit than are produced by tuberculin properly used."

It will be remembered when Mr. Borden introduced the Naval Aid Bill, he stated that the Government, while considering it a wasteful proposal to attempt to build men-of-war here under existing conditions, would encourage the development of a shipbuilding industry in Canada, in part by following the policy of getting its own non-military ships in the country wherever practical. In our Ottawa telegram of Monday, it was stated that the Department of Marine and Fisheries was preparing plans for what is designed to be the largest and most powerful ice-breaking steamer in the Canadian service. A vote for the purpose was made last session. The new ship will not only be an ice-breaker but will be built with a view to Canadian conditions and also will have a modern wrecking outfit. The vessel will be headquartered in Quebec and utilized on the St. Lawrence to facilitate the early opening of navigation and the prolongation of the season. The cost will be half a million, the length 275 feet, width 66, depth 30, indicated horse-power 1000. The vessel will be built on the lines of the Ermack, the great Russian ice-breaker. The same department is about to issue a call for tenders for the steamer Scout. The vessel is to be used in the light-house service between Montreal, and the Welland Canal, and is 13 feet deep. It will be stipulated in the advertisements which are about to appear, that the vessel, like the ice-breaker, must be built in Canada. This is the best way to build up a shipbuilding industry.

The majority of the school districts having voted down the automobile proposal, motorists will have to restrain their ardor for another twelve months or so. The surprise is not that the majority polled in opposition, but that so many districts favored the running of the automobiles, this, too, with practically no canvassing in its favor. It is not generally realized the amount of money motor cars circulate in a town or country, but the enormous increase in the number of automobiles used in St. John, N. B., gives some idea. The first auto purchased by a New Brunswick man was brought to St. John about eight years ago, and since that time cars of different types have been purchased each year, until there are now in the city something over 200 cars. It can hardly be imagined that in a city the size of St. John fully one-third of a million dollars is tied up in automobiles. A like amount if invested in real estate, paying at the rate of ten per cent, would give an income of about thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars. Although the automobiles in St. John range in price from six hundred dollars to six thousand dollars, the average price is, it is said, about sixteen hundred dollars. Taking two hundred as the total number of autos in the city this would make a total expenditure of three hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Along with the amount of money tied up in the machines it is estimated that forty dollars per month a machine or a total sum of ninety-six thousand dollars is annually spent for the up-keep of the automobiles owned in St. John. With

SOCIETY

Much interest has centered in the Guardian's announcement of a social column which is in future to have its place in the regular Saturday issue and many favorable comments have been heard upon this new departure. We find the journals of our sister provinces recording in their Saturday editions the events in social life of even their smallest towns so that many of our people have felt something of this nature ought surely to be in accord with the dignity of the capital city of the Garden Province, and Charlottetown should have its social column along with the rest. This demand, we are glad to announce, is now to be satisfied.

As for the events of the past week Dame Fashion appears somewhat as a laggard. Instead of the tea table and the Bridge table, people are spending the fine days on the golf links, the tennis courts, the river, or enjoying some of the little fishing trips which so delight the heart of all true anglers.

The Golf tea on Saturday last was in charge of Mrs. J. A. Mathieson, Water Street, and of Mrs. Bulman, the table looking very dainty with its decorations of white lilac. An interesting feature of the day was the approaching and putting contest in which Mrs. J. O. Hyndman of the Green's Committee, acted as score keeper and Mrs. Victor Goodwill won the prize. Among the visitors were Mrs. F. P. Carvell, of Montreal, Mrs. Mahon of Dorchester, Captain Richardson and Mr. Thomas of England.

Among the more formal functions of the week have been the addresses of welcome and presentations by the different Catholic societies of this city to Bishop O'Leary. His Lordship has without doubt won the hearts of the people of this his newly adopted province.

Her many friends are extending a most cordial welcome to Mrs. F. P. Carvell of Montreal who is to spend the summer months in Charlottetown.

Miss Helen Burlingot of Quebec has arrived in this city to spend the summer months with her aunt, Mrs. P. McN. Beatty.

Much regret is expressed on the departure of Mr. Russell Watson of the Royal Bank of this city for Montreal where he has been transferred.

Among the hostesses who entertained informally at the tea hour on Sunday were Mrs. A. A. Alley and Mrs. A. G. Peake.

Mrs. Lee-Spencer and baby daughter have arrived on a visit to Mrs. Spencer's father, Mr. Justice Hazard.

The many friends of Miss Dimmie Pope are extending to her a most hearty welcome on her return from the Canadian West and many wishes for her future happiness upon the announcement of a highly interesting event which it is rumored will take place early this autumn.

The Sisters and pupils of Notre Dame Academy are to be highly complimented upon their entertainment of Thursday evening. The large and fashionable audience was generous indeed in its applause and much favorable comment has been heard concerning this event. Prizes and diplomas were presented by Rev. Father Maurice Macdonald, spiritual director of this institution.

An Ottawa journal states that Sir Louis and Lady Davies leave Ottawa for Charlottetown on June 28 and it is expected that Miss Gertrude Davies, who is at present at Oxford, England, will join them here in about a week's time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gane and Miss Pippey are being most warmly welcomed on their arrival at The White House after spending the winter months in Europe.

An interesting surprise party took place on Thursday evening last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Deacon, Brighton Road. The study class to which Mr. Deacon very generously devoted so much of his time last winter, and which he has made so thoroughly enjoyable and instructive, took this occasion to show their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf. In a few well chosen words Miss May thanked Mr. Deacon on behalf of the class for all he had done for them during the year, and asked his acceptance of a small memento of the many pleasant hours they had spent together, while to Mrs. Deacon a bunch of lovely flowers was presented. Among those present were: Mrs. Frost, Mrs. J. A. Longworth, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. McCready, Mrs. H. W. Longworth, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Bagnall, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Bulman, Mrs. George Warburton, Mrs. Florence Pope, Miss Helen Hobkirk and Miss Vere Hyndman.



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