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SIR WILFRID'S IDEAL

A campaign by some of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's supporters is being carried on in the English press with a view to mitigating to some extent the bad effects of their futile opposition to the Government's Naval policy. In the Westminster Gazette, the Editor of the Canadian Magazine writes in effect that it is only the descendants of the United Loyalists of the Maritime Provinces who really favor Mr. Borden's policy; while Mr. Augustus Bridle bluntly asserts in Everyman that it was the Liberals who sent "Canadian contingents to the South African war—to crush a people who desired a certain kind of autonomy. In 1913 Canadian Liberals for the sake of their interpretations of autonomy, resist the attempts of Conservatives to pass a Bill looking to the unity and preservation of the Empire in a time of war." Mr. Bridle is evidently a personal friend of Sir Wilfrid's, for he volunteers the information that Sir Wilfrid "reiterated to me just a few days ago that he became a Liberal by reading British constitutional history." We feel sure that the leader of the Opposition must have gone far astray in his reading, for it is difficult to reconcile his present policy with British Liberal principles. It is unfair to Canadian Liberals that they should be associated in the public mind in the Old Country with disloyalty and separatist sentiments. Why should Sir Wilfrid's lieutenants go out of their way to scoff at the backbone of Canada, the descendants of the United Loyalists, many of whom are and have ever been Liberals in politics—though certainly not Nationalists? Then for Sir Wilfrid's mouthpiece in the English press to slander the Parliament of which Sir Wilfrid was the constitutional head, by alleging that the Liberals sent contingents to "crush a people who desired a certain kind of autonomy," is probably the limit of audacity. Sir Wilfrid may well pray to be saved from his friends. We are left to draw the conclusion, of course, from the context, that the object of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers in opposing the Naval Aid is to set up "a certain kind of autonomy" such as the Boers exercised in the Transvaal. Mr. Bridle ingeniously asks, "Is Sir Wilfrid Laurier less of an Imperialist now than he was when the Parliament of Canada, controlled by his party, sent Canadian contingents to help conquer the Boers?" And answers, "Probably not. . . . But there are those who affirm that Sir Wilfrid, undoubtedly always a Liberal, has never been an Imperialist. The present attitude of his party confirms that view." This, from an ardent Laurierite, who is so much in his master's confidence that he learns from him the origin of the belief he holds and cherishes, is a disclosure which many of Sir Wilfrid's hitherto blind followers will hardly appreciate. Sir Wilfrid is not, and never has been an Imperialist, and would like to see Canada another Transvaal, and himself a Canadian Oom Paul. Shades of George Brown!

It may be just as well to remind our readers what this Imperialism is that Sir Wilfrid's lieutenants are so anxious in the British radical press to make out he has never favored—not even when his party sent contingents to "crush a people who desired a certain kind of autonomy." No better interpretation of Imperialism could be given than that of Lord Milner, himself a Liberal, but not under the party whip, who was Lord High Commissioner in South Africa at the time of the Boer war.

"Imperialism," he says, "has often been represented as something tawdry and superficial. Its significance is moral even more than material. It is a mistake to think of it as principally concerned with extension of territory, with 'painting the map red.' There is quite enough painted red already. It is not a question of a couple of hundred thousand square miles more or less. . . . It is a question of preserving the unity of a great race, of enabling it, by maintaining that unity, to develop freely on its own lines, and to continue to fulfil its distinctive mission in the world." In another speech, we are quoting from the recently published collection of speeches and addresses by Lord Milner, under the title The Nation and the Empire—Lord Milner describes the objects and aims of Imperialism. The ideal of Imperialism encourages whatever is sound and wholesome in our habits of thought. An Imperialist must perforce be a loyal worshipper of tradition, for it is not the least of his ambitions to hand to those that come after the

heritage that was his, unstained and undiminished. No gospel of the future can be firmly established except upon the rock of the past. Those who flout what has been, and scorn the traditions of our fathers—such as the United Loyalists—are impious as well as foolish. They would pit the paltry imaginations of a year against the wisdom of all the ages. From their folly and implicitly Imperialism would save us. Then there are the ties of blood, of law, and of common language, with which no friendship with a foreign country can compare. "Just think what it means," says Lord Milner, "for every white man of British birth, that he can be at home in every state of the Empire, from the moment he sets foot in it. . . . He hears men speaking his own language, he breathes a social and moral atmosphere which is familiar to him—not the same, no doubt, as that of his old home, but yet a kindred atmosphere. More than that, he is entitled to full weight of citizenship from the very outset. He is on absolute terms of equality with the native born." Wherever he goes he may boast himself the citizen of no mean state. These are some of the meanings of Imperialism which Sir Wilfrid has no part or lot in. He would, according to his friend and exponent, Mr. Augustus Bridle, prefer Canada to have "a certain kind of autonomy," such as the Canadian contingents helped to "crush" out of the Boers in the Transvaal, rather than share in those blessings of Imperialism, Lord Milner so well describes. The South African Bond, which engineered the South African war, and from which all the trouble in the Cape came during the war, once sent a deputation to the Lord High Commissioner assuring him of their loyalty. "Of course you are loyal," suavely replied Lord Milner. "It would be monstrous if you were not." But from such lip-loyalty, Good Lord deliver us!

NOTES.

We have received a number of letters on the auto question, pro and con, many of which we have published. Those received within the past few days, and still unpublished, cannot now affect the vote at the annual school meetings and we have therefore taken the liberty of filing them away.

AN APPEAL

Sir—Every lover of flowers should give sympathetic support and personal assistance to the first annual show of the Prince Edward Island Floral Association.

It has been decided to hold this exhibition at Charlottetown, Thursday and Friday, August 28th and 29th. Special reduced return rates on the railway are being arranged for, and several committees have been appointed to attend to the details in different departments. The President, Prof. Clark, and the energetic Secretary and Treasurer Mr. C. M. Williams, will have their hands full from now on. It is quite impossible for the busy men and women, who have volunteered to champion this worthy cause, to make a personal canvass for members. The writer of this letter has been requested to make an appeal to the public, through the press of this province, on behalf, therefore, of the Prince Edward Island Floral Association for the promotion and cultivation of flowers it gives me pleasure to invite you, as well as all others you may interest, to become members of this Society. The small membership fee of fifty cents is within the reach nearly of everyone, and if you will at once send in this amount to the Secretary, Treasurer Mr. C. M. Williams, P. O. Box 483, Charlottetown, this gentleman will acknowledge receipt of same and send you a catalogue of the prize list of flower exhibits which will entitle you to free entry in any class of exhibits and also free entrance to the flower show.

It is the earnest wish of the Floral Association to have all who love flowers send in entries for the proposed exhibition. The time to get ready is right now. The Association cannot be a great success without your co-operation. Enough said.

"God made the flowers, to beautify the earth, and cheer man's careful mood; And he is happiest who hath power To gather wisdom from a flower, And wake his heart in every hour." To pleasant gratitude.

(Signed) W. S. Louson, chairman advertising committee Prince Edward Island Floral Association.

THE AUTO

Sir—The auto question is the cause of a lot of disturbed minds at present, principally among the farmers; and I notice many of them are of the one narrow-minded idea; that is we are the people and without us heaven and earth would stand still and at once command all things must abide. Now, sir, this question need not arouse them to such an extent as they who are against them are backed by all the farmers for P. E. Island can boast of a few broad minded ones. And where you see one of those you are sure to see prosperity every year.

Why, ten years ago a farmer would hoot you out of his place if you would tell him a gasoline engine would be of any advantage to him; they would tell you it is only agents' lies trying to defraud the poor farmer; also they would be very dangerous because of fire and liable to scare the horses to death; also your life

would be in great danger. But what do you find? Every up-to-date farmer has one and would not part with them on any consideration.

Now this Island has adopted every improvement that any country has had up to the present, only a good many years behind. That will be the way with the auto; time will bring it and the sooner the better. Just as soon as those few narrow-minded people can see they are not using the people that are helping most to keep the Island running on fair basis they will come round.

They say it is the farmer that keeps the Island revenue up. I say they only do a share and I doubt if it is the large share. We will take for instance every agent, laborer, merchant, tradesman, professional in all ways, or, in a few words, everybody but the farmer away, and I ask you where would the revenue come from then? Why you would see the sickest looking lot of farmers you ever saw trying to pay up the revenue that is now collected. All those professional and others pay their taxes and lots of them twice as much as any farmer. You will also hear farmers say every man such a merchant or tradesman went on delegation to get those cursed machines running, and for that "he will never get another dollar of my money." Who ever heard tell of such a foolish thing. If he did not someone else will, but you see this is a threat to make him come into the line.

Now we will come to the auto again when it was running wild through the country a few years ago. Now law, and in some cases no sense, used. There was not a death from them. When the bicycle came first what was the effect? I tell you there were more accidents than there ever were from the auto. Lots of women were scared almost to death of them and with them; but in a few years lots of women were riding them, and not the least scared of them. The very same will be the case with the auto. The women will all be using them in some day.

I would not be afraid to bet a good deal that if one farmer in each district got one, that nearly every one would get one, especially if the women could handle them.

This is as good a country as New Brunswick or Nova Scotia for them to run in, and under proper laws can be used successfully without hurting a child, much less one of the farmers. Let us encourage outsiders to let us have some of their money; also let us have some of their money on the roads when we will be able to get it. Now, Mr. Farmer, let's try them again under new laws and management.

Lastly, the only wrong feature I see with the vote our Government has asked for is that it be taken at our annual school meetings, which I say is unfair. First, they are the poorest attended meetings we have at the present time; also it is only householders that have a vote, shutting out the young men from voting on a question they have a right to say on; and the young man is the man this country wants to keep here the worst. But in this case you shut him out, only collect his road money and allow him nothing to say. This is unfair. I say let every man cast his vote with the roadmaster of each district, and you will get all, and it will be a fair deal to all. Hoping to see the auto.

I am, sir, etc.,

AUTO.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE:

Mr. Laberge, architect of Montreal, has arrived in Charlottetown in connection with the rebuilding of St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

Rev. J. F. Johnston, Charlottetown, leaves about July 1st for Regina, Sask., where he will be attached to the staff of the Cathedral of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Muttart of Carleton, announce the marriage of their daughter H. Blainie to Ernest W. Harper of Jacksonville, N. B., on Wednesday, June twenty-fifth, 1913.

Mr. E. Tiffin, at present general traffic manager of the Intercolonial railway, has been appointed general agent of government railways at Toronto, the appointment there becoming effective on July 1st, when C. A. Hayes takes over the office of general traffic manager of the I. C. R. The general agency at Toronto will be an important and remunerative position, but will not prove the tax on Mr. Tiffin that his present position involves. The Intercolonial is to be congratulated on thus retaining the services of Mr. Tiffin, which had the advantage of his expert knowledge for the past twelve years.

CELEBRATING BUNKER HILL DAY

BOSTON, Mass., June 17—The 138th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill was celebrated today throughout Greater Boston and practically all business was suspended. The principal exercises, as usual, were held in Charlestown, the scene of the famous battle, the scene of a veteran fireman's parade and muster in the morning, under the auspices of the Charlestown Veteran Firemen's Association, and in the afternoon the usual naval, military and civic parades under the direction of the city committee.

RAILWAY SLEUTHS IN SESSION.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 17—Practically all the western railroads are represented at the seventh annual convention of the International Association of Railway Special Agents, which opened its session of three days here today. There is also a fair attendance from other parts of the United States and from some of the Canadian railways.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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Under the vote miscellaneous the item, seed fair was increased from \$25 to \$50.

At this vote also was considered the question of making a grant of \$100 to the Abegweit Athletic Association. There was considerable discussion on the matter. Councillors Riley and McKenna were not in favor of the amount being granted; the former urging that there were other sources of expenditure more expedient, and the latter that to make this grant would be opening the road to similar applications from other organizations of the same nature, which they would hardly be able to decline if they once made the grant in this particular case. Support, however, for the Association's application was forthcoming from Councillors Taylor, McNevin, McLean, Wright and Campbell, who all spoke as to the desirability of making the grant to what they considered a deserving institution, which did a good deal to benefit the city, and to whom they said they had virtually promised to give the amount.

His Worship the Mayor said that it would be a nice thing to be able to give that money if they were in a position to do it. But when there were so many demands every year on the city for amounts of that kind it was very necessary that the Finance Committee should keep a careful eye on the matter, and see what they were doing. On his own part he was anxious that all parties that came there should be treated in a proper way, while seeing how scarce money was with them, they should give the Association \$50, with which he thought they would be as well satisfied as if they were given the whole \$100. He would like to see them get \$300 or \$400, if they had the money; but, as the Councillors knew, it was hard to raise money.

He thought it would be a good way of doing it, if the difficulty of the adopted his suggestion. He thought the Association would be well satisfied with \$50.

Councillor Campbell: I don't think they'll be satisfied with that.

His Worship: Excuse me, Councillor Campbell; I was talking with one of these gentlemen a few days ago, and he told me that if they got \$50 they would be quite satisfied.

The next question that arose was from what vote a reduction should be made in order to give this grant.

Councillor Riley thought that the grant to the Exhibition Association should be reduced from \$500 to \$400, and that the \$100 thus obtained be given to the Athletic Association. He formally moved to this effect, being seconded by Mr. McKenna.

Mr. Wright moved as an amendment that the grant to the Exhibition Association remain at \$500. This was seconded by Mr. McLean, and carried, the only two voting again against it being Messrs Riley and McKenna.

Mr. Taylor, then moved, that the sum of \$100 be paid to the Athletic Association, and the amount be deducted from the item, Unforeseen Expenditure.

Mr. Wright seconded, and the motion was put to the vote and carried; Councillors Riley and McKenna being again the only two to vote against. On the motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. McKenna, the estimates as revised were adopted.

These showed the following estimated expenditure on the various departments:—

City Government, \$2,730; Police Department, \$7,040; Street Lighting, \$6,700; School Board, \$13,638.85; Assessing and Collecting Taxes, \$1,345; Victoria Park \$475; Maintenance of Streets, \$6,500; Fire Department, \$3,715; Marlott House, \$2,730; Board of Health, \$1,165; City Hall, \$725; Insurance, \$700; Miscellaneous, \$2,970; Sinking Fund, \$2,800. With the increase passed amounting to \$150, the total amount of the estimated expenditure for the current year was shown to be \$67,763.85, including the interest on Debentures and Sinking Fund, \$14,500.

The estimated income was stated as follows:—Real estate Tax, \$36,110.98; Personal property tax, \$13,836.03; Poll tax, \$3,890; total \$53,837.01; less discount and appeals, \$21,000; ordinary revenue, \$16,000; the total estimated receipts being put down at \$67,886.01, the surplus between revenue and expenditure being thus \$122.16.

Subsequently, the formal motions having been presented and adopted, the by-laws making provision for the levying of the specified rates on real estate and personal property in the city of Charlottetown for general city purposes, and also providing for discount on such assessment, were passed.

Another matter that engaged the Council's attention, though being in part altogether from the particular business for which the Council was summoned, was the presentation by Messrs Wheatley and Worthy, residents of Ward No. 5, of a grievance in regard to the unsatisfactory drainage of that locality. As the result of that defective drainage, Mr. Wheatley said, a pond had collected throughout Greater Boston and practically all business was suspended. The principal exercises, as usual, were held in Charlestown, the scene of the famous battle, the scene of a veteran fireman's parade and muster in the morning, under the auspices of the Charlestown Veteran Firemen's Association, and in the afternoon the usual naval, military and civic parades under the direction of the city committee.

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INDIANA SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

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