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OUR LEADER'S VISIT

If to be clear, definite, convincing and pleasing withal is oratory then the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen is an orator. For over an hour and a quarter he held his audience spell bound as he explained, with the irrefutable logic of a proposition in Euclid, the political situation in Canada during the late and the present regimes.

A practically verbatim report of the address is given elsewhere and we commend it to the careful perusal of all our readers, Liberals, Conservatives, Progressives and Independents. It speaks for itself and editorial comment is unnecessary.

The Rt. Hon. gentleman is enjoying his visit to the Maritimes and has many good words for this province which he is seeing for the first time in its summer garments. His visit is partly a holiday one. His political friends are glad to welcome him and he has not been able to escape the platform in the centres which he has visited and which have invariably given him a warm welcome.

THE ROADS

The expected has happened on many of the newly constructed Liberal Highways. "The rains descended and the floods came and beat upon" those roads and they are now, with but few exceptions, worse than they were before they were touched since they were first built. Just what proportion of that million dollars has been worse than wasted is yet to be revealed.

WHAT THEY PROMISED

"And you people can only find work two or three days a week; don't you think it is time for a change?" So spoke Mr. E.M. McDonald at a meeting in Stellarton while assailing the Meighen government during the election campaign in 1921. Quoting further from one of his speeches on this occasion he declared the Liberals, if elected, would "create conditions under which we can once more bring sunshine and happiness and prosperity to the homes where there is nothing but despair."

Since these words were spoken the Liberal party came into power at Ottawa; thousands of young men in Nova Scotia and hundreds of thousands of young men in Canada, unable to find work for even two or three days a week, at home or abroad.

In our own province a pious Liberal was heard to express the belief when the Liberal party was elected. "This is the dawn

province the "golden era" of Liberalism has proved a leaden one and the "daybreak of prosperity" has seen more financial breaks than ever before in its history.

These things came in coincidentally with the MacKenzie King government and have been in evidence during the regime so far. Some die-hard Liberals are trying to persuade themselves and others that they originated during the war and during the late administration, but all will admit that they have a peculiarly significant connection with the King government, and that existing conditions today contrast strangely with Liberal pre-election promises.

"KING WANTS TIM"

At a bye-election in North Essex, Ontario, this year Albert Frederick Healy, nick named Tim, was the King Government candidate. Belle River is in this constituency. Immediately preceding the bye-election posters were circulated throughout the constituency bearing the following legend:

Vote for Healy and get \$86,000 Government Docks and Breakwater \$25,000 Water Works Free gift from James Cooper \$75,000 Brick and Tile Yard To employ 30 hands the year round Vote for Robinson and get Nothing but hot air King, needs Tim, so do you Tim and King, that's the thing

So read the poster; an item in the supplementary estimates rushed through the House during the last night of the session, reads as follows: "Belle River Harbor Improvements, \$30,000. Belle River is in the North Essex constituency. The \$30,000 estimate was so much by way of redeeming "Tim's" promise to the electors "Tim" was elected. Bye-elections were pending in Nova Scotia. The supplementary estimates contain 68 items for Nova Scotia, under the heading "Harbors and Rivers."

New Brunswick had no bye-elections pending and the estimates contained only 14 items for that province. Ontario had some bye-elections and a provincial election pending and 37 different items were appropriated for. Quebec had no bye-elections but it had quite a number of claimants and therefore received generous consideration. There are 68 items for Quebec.

Putting all these things together and looking them squarely in the face the conclusion is unavoidable that the King government has been using the public moneys of this country for the deliberate purpose of corrupting the electorate.

Senator Turfiff, a life-long Liberal, and now sitting among the Progressives, commenting on the Supplementary Estimates said: "I am not usually pessimistic, but if we keep adding from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a year—and the present Finance Minister has estimated that we will this year have a deficit of something like \$90,000,000—the condition of this country will be very serious. Yet in spite of that, my honorable friend brings down supplementary estimates of the most glaring political character that I have ever seen in supplementary estimates, and I have been a good many years in one House or the other." (Page 1408, Senate Debates, 1923.)

He also said in the same speech: "Now, what did the present Government advocate before they got into power? They advocated economy, yet they have practised extravagance on a scale never before reached in the Dominion of Canada under any Government."

Notes By The Way

Mr. Charles Reid, Agricultural expert and representative of half a dozen leading Irish and Scotch newspapers, is now in the city. The object of his visit is to investigate the soil, climate, social conditions, of the Province, the price at which good farms can be purchased and to gain all available information bearing upon the desirability of the Island as a future home for Irish and Scotch farmers who for various reasons desire to migrate to Canada. Mr. Reid has already visited other provinces and the western portion of this Province, and finds here many things to his liking.

Although our witters are colder and our spring season later, in almost all other respects this Province bears a closer resemblance to Ireland than any other province in Canada. Our mixed population of Irish, Scotch, English and French descent, without admixture of immigrants from foreign lands is well calculated to give to settlers from Ireland a homelike feeling on their arrival here. The harmony in which all classes and creeds live appeals to the lovers of peace and order. Taxation is much lower here than in the Old Land. The less severe winters are preferable to the much lower temperatures of the cold season in the mainland provinces east of the Rocky Mountains.

The visiting expert freely expresses his feeling that no part of the Dominion pleases him so well as the Island Province. He has been impressed with the general condition of prosperity and comfort which appear to prevail, although he had not failed to notice here and there a farm which in unskilled or neglectful hands gives evidence of being "cropped out" as we say. No farm of this sort would appeal to the class of Irish farmers in whose interest Mr. Reid is making his investigation. They want good farms in which the natural fertility of the soil has been maintained and improved by careful and prudent husbandry.

We need not say that this is precisely the class of farm that settlers most desire here—practical, thorough-going farmers who are prepared to purchase good farms with live stock and equipment as going concerns. Such farms have been and are being offered for sale in unusual numbers this year. In some cases the owners have died, or are advanced in years and desire to spend their declining days in town, or with a son or daughter who has removed to the West. Too many of our native born sons and daughters have gone away in past years and others are still going from sheer restlessness or love of adventure. Nothing could so well suffice as that their places should be filled by thrifty and industrious practical farmers and their families from the British Isles.

Declaration Day proceedings for Queen's County took place in Charlottetown on Wednesday. Only a few minor changes in the state of the polls as first announced were made and there are no changes from previous reports as to the members elected. In the Second District owing to the absence of any return from one poll no declaration was made for the time. Mr. Irvine enjoys the distinction of being the one Liberal member elected in Queen's County, his majority being 27. As in Prince County the Conservative majorities were much larger, the total of the eight Conservatives so far returned being 1,335, an average of 267 each.

Queen's County thus returns nine Conservative members and one Liberal, the average majorities for the victors being like proportion. This is quite good enough. It satisfies the individual Conservative voter and his party and the Leader. We believe it to be eminently satisfactory to the Province at large. Even from our Liberal opponents we hear no complaints that the incoming party has not elected representatives enough, or that their average of majorities at the polls is not sufficiently large. Wherefore let everybody be happy.

Edward Island stood it for four years and the general opinion is that Canada will be sufficiently "fed up" on it to stop by the end of the present parliamentary term.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The new fleet of sail boats now exercising daily has given new life to Charlottetown Harbor. They are of special interest to visitors and



That Booby of Hours

BY JAMES W. BARTON, M. D. EATING PTOMAINES

Some years ago a number of us celebrated some athletic successes by indulging in an elaborate banquet. Everybody enjoyed the menu and departed to their homes.

On meeting some of the banqueters the next day about noon, they shook hands and congratulated me on my appearance.

They asked "How are you feeling?"

I said, "All right."

They said "Are you sure?"

"Well," I said, "to tell the truth I did feel a bit shaky this morning, kind of weak in the knees."

And then I asked the reason of the questioning.

It seemed that very few had appeared at lectures and there was a history of severe diarrhoea and weakness, and many were confined to bed unable to raise their heads.

The matter was so interesting to me that I made an investigation and found that only five of the hundred that had partaken of the food had escaped some symptoms.

One of these was the football captain, another was one of the older professors.

These two stated that they hadn't missed one course in the menu.

Now how do I explain it?

Well there was something in that menu, in the soup, the oysters, the meats or the desserts that had become decomposed.

When it had entered the intestine the juices did their best with it. I believe the amounts served would be practically the same to every diner.

Why then did some suffer more than others?

Perhaps two factors would enter into the matter.

First the ability of juices to cope with decomposed foods varies with different individuals. The football captain might have had something on the rest of us in that respect.

And then the condition of the intestine itself. An intestine that has an excess of waste already lying in it, is not going to have the power to cope with incoming material, particularly decomposed material.

So the degree of constipation at the time would be an influence.

Now the point is just this. When you know exactly what you are eating as you do in your home, you take very few chances in the matter of unsuitable or decomposed foods, but when you are dining out you are at the mercy of the cook.

You can't protect yourself against the food, but you can protect that body of yours against itself by not allowing it to be constipated.

Thus its real working ability is not handicapped in any way.

The "good old summer time," has come. There are bright skies above; the fields are green with luxuriantly growing crops; the trees are richly clothed in verdant foliage. There is victory in the air; there is hope of better government and better times in the hearts and minds of the people. It is inspiring scenes and auspices thus inspiring that the people of our fair Island meet and greet the honored Chief of the Grand Old Conservative Party and bid him welcome!

For it was under Conservative leadership that the big things and the best things in peace and war were done for Canada and for Prince Edward Island!

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

THE DAY'S RESULT.

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does any one remember that you spoke of him to-day?

This day is almost over, and its toiling time is through;

Is there any one to utter now a kindly word of you?

Did you waste the day or use it? Was it well or possibly spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God can say

You have earned one more to-morrow by the work you did to-day?

LIPS OF GRACE

I saw a little child with bandaged eyes

Put up its hands to feel its mother's face

She bent, and took the tender, groping palms

And pressed them to her lips—a little space.

I know a soul made blind by its desires,

And yet its faith keeps feeling for God's face—

Bend down, O mighty Love, and let that faith

Literature Enriched By Housman's Pen

Did Kipling's comet quench Housman's star? We can think of no other reason that the name of A. E. Housman is not known wherever poetry is loved than the fact that "A Shropshire Lad" appeared about the time when Kipling was the most famous and beloved of contemporary writers. His most celebrated poem "The Recessional," appeared in 1897, and it was then that "A Shropshire Lad" made his bow. Kipling took a rather romantic and religious view of the "Diamond Jubilee." Housman's first poem dealt with the theme of "God Save the Queen," but in a different vein. He suggested rather sourly that God had saved the Queen because lads like the Shropshire lad had fought for her. He had a verse:

"And while the flame they watch not towers Above the land they trod, Lads, we'll remember friends of ours Who shared the work with God."

The quotation is from memory, but conveys the meaning.

One Poet at a Time.

It would appear that the English people have room for only one poet at a time. Browning suffered because he was a contemporary of Tennyson, and no doubt Jonson felt that he would have done better had Shakespeare been a contemporary of somebody else. In any event Kipling was the great poet of imperialism. He had the greatest contemporary vogue of any poet in our history, and we do not suggest that it was undeserved, but if he is to blame for the fact that Housman was not appreciated when he appeared, then he qualifies for a minus rather than for a plus mark at the hands of the subsequent examiners of poetry. Not in their glorious history of verse have the English produced many like Housman. One reads his poems and tries to recall what English poet he resembles. The answer is that he resembles none. He is as individual as Blake or Kipling or Masfield. His outlook on life recalls Hardy. His amazing directness recalls Fitzgerald's translation of Omar.

Long Silent

Most of his "Shropshire Lad" was written in 1895, and it contained thirty or forty little verses which must have appeared at the time as the A, B, C, or skull and bones of poetry. It was absolutely void of decoration. It was almost like poetry in Algebraic symbols. The book fell dead at the time largely as we suggest, because of Kipling's fame. Now a first edition of this little work is a treasure eagerly sought by collectors. Housman spoke and fell silent. In the intervening years he has published but one poem, and this, we understand, a sort of travesty of one of the classics. He has continued to lecture on Latin at Cambridge, and has edited or translated Juvenal. Then last October his little volume entitled "Last Poems" appeared with this preface: "I publish these poems, few though they are, because it is not likely that I shall ever be compelled to write much more. I can no longer expect to be revisited by the continuous excitement under which, in the early months of 1895, I wrote the greater part of my other book, nor indeed could I well sustain it if it came; and it is best that what I have written should be printed while I am here to see it through the press and control its spelling and punctuation."

A Lovely Lyric.

This idea was thus rendered in verse as an introduction:—

"We'll to the woods no more, The laurels all are cut, The bowers are bare of bay, That once the Muses wore; The year draws in the day And soon will evening shut; The laurels all are cut, We'll to the woods no more, Oh, we'll no more, no more, To the leafy woods away, To the high, wild woods of laurel And the bowers of bay no more."

All Gems.

The tendency of any reviewer of

Does a Husband retain at 40, the romance he knew at 20?

Often. But does a Woman? "THE DANGEROUS



Flirtation Of New York Man Has Tragic Ending

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Julian Baggelar was killed early this morning in a fist fight with Arthur Weyrauch, real estate man in the Bronx.

Weyrauch said Baggelar had repeatedly annoyed his wife and this morning when the latter met Weyrauch and his wife walking and attempted to start a flirtation a fist fight ensued in which Baggelar was knocked down. His head struck the curb and fractured his skull causing his death a short time later. Weyrauch was locked up on a homicide charge.

Kensington Fire

You have read of the narrow escape from destruction this town had a few days ago. Do you suppose the property there was adequately insured? A conflagration is liable to break out in any town at any time. It is better to be sure than sorry, so why not insure with

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