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THE PATRIOT'S HUMILIATION

In the discussion of the Estimates, Mr. John Richards was given an opportunity by the Premier of proving the allegations made in his name by The Patriot that the Government had been guilty of extravagance and waste.

Having been thus summarily exposed and held up to the contumely of the whole province, what has our Contemporary to say on the subject? Simply this, that "ere long it can safely promise" it will submit proof to back up its statements!

PATRIOTIC ABSTINENCE

As recorded in yesterday's Guardian the Provincial Legislature, on the motion of Premier Mathieson, seconded by Hon. John Richards, Leader of the Opposition, and endorsed by every member of the House, voluntarily agreed to follow the example set by the King, by Lord Kitchener and by many of the leading men in Great Britain to abstain from alcoholic liquors during the continuance of the war.

This small sacrifice on the part of all who have agreed to it—from the King to his humblest subject—was made more for the value of the example it set than for any necessity on the part of those who are making it.

Our Legislature has set an example for this province as a whole to follow. It is the first legislative body in Canada to take this step and already the people everywhere are enthusiastically falling into line.

GROUND FOR FAITH

In the early stages of the war, says an exchange, optimists were unable to furnish very strong ground for their optimistic statements. The outlook was not bright; opinions were contradictory because events came so fast that no man could adequately interpret the future.

To-day we have arrived at a period when even those of little faith must rejoice in the lifting of clouds from the business horizon. The past week has seen most remarkable activity on the stock markets both in New York and in Montreal.

No longer, therefore, is it necessary for optimists to argue that business conditions, fundamental conditions, are

promising. The sun is shining. One has only to point to facts which are convincing as they are self-evident. The change is due in part to the fact that the organism of the world of business has begun to digest the change of diet it had to accept when war broke out.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

The City of Brooklyn is at present painfully agitated over the question whether Billy Sunday, the well known evangelist shall or shall not come to preach to them. A numerous signed petition inviting the evangelist to come has been presented and the evangelist has accepted—conditionally. Some of the conditions are fair, some regarded as very unfair.

It is the old story retold. "Billy" wants it his way and those who see their duty in another direction must either come in this way or have no way at all.

This is an unfortunate streak found in some levels of this complex human nature of ours, a streak handed down to us from the intolerance of the middle or pre-middle ages, and it is doing incalculable mischief.

NOTES

American missionaries in China have appealed to President Wilson to have the United States intervene in the negotiations now proceeding between China and Japan.

It takes thirty-three cents to send a one-pound parcel from Canada to the trenches in France. The Dominion Government gets only eight cents for landing it in England.

The Toronto Mail and Empire says: The British working classes do not regard the drink matter from the point of view of Canadian workers. They are very stubbornly assertive of their right to individual freedom as to whether they shall drink or not.

An exchange says:—"When a number of school teachers were being shown over the estate of John D. Rockefeller they had the pleasure of an interview with the famous American Croesus. Naturally, the conversation drifted to money matters. He told them to save their pennies. The advice was good, and should be held in greater respect than it is.

There was an indelible pathos in The Patriot's invitation to the "first Liberal meeting of the season," last night. There were tears in the sentence "it will not be tiresome," and an irresistible tremor in the promise, "the speeches from the candidates and from others will be brief."

ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Sir,—In your paper last week you reported Hon. Murdoch McKinnon as referring again in the Legislature to his previous statement made there that there were men on the Advisory Committee of the Temperance Alliance who never saw the letters sent to the press by the Advisory Committee until after they appeared in print.

Mr. McKinnon now says that when he made that statement he believed it to be true. "Knowing that the man who gave him the information would stand behind him."

We would point out that Mr. McKinnon is not nearly so positive now about this statement as when he first made it. He first told us he "knew" that his statement was true.

When Rev. Mr. Marshall left the Province, Rev. Mr. Fash succeeded him. When Mr. Anderson resigned, Col. F. S. Moore succeeded him.

Unless it is Rev. Mr. Marshall or Mr. John Anderson who is making the protest—which we refuse to believe—the statement of Hon. Mr. McKinnon's correspondent that he was appointed a member of the Advisory Committee in 1914 is incorrect.

We are, Sir, etc. Z. L. Fash, R. C. Goff, A. W. Sterns, F. S. Moore, D. Schurman. Alliance Committee.

[The following is the letter which Mr. McKinnon read to the House on the occasion referred to, the writer being the Rev. J. C. Martin, of Charlottetown.]

ICE AND BAIT REPORTS.

HALIFAX, April 21.—Point Maquerreau, South, Health Point, Anticosti—Heavy, close, packed ice everywhere.

AMHERST HARBOR, April 20.—These days report lots of ice around, moving down slowly, no bait.

QUEENSBORO, April 20.—Herring scarce today.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

IT'S NEEDED NOW.

In the world where sorrow Ever will be known, Where are found the needy And the sad and lone, How much joy and comfort You can all bestow, If you scatter sunshine Everywhere you go!

Slightest actions often Meet the sorest needs, For the world wants daily Little kindly deeds, Oh, what care and sorrow You can help remove With your songs and courage, Sympathy and love.

When the days are gloomy Sing some happy songs, Meet the world's repining With a courage strong.

TURKISH FLEET IS STRANDED IN THE BLACK SEA

SALONIKA, April 20.—The Turkish fleet is marooned in the Black Sea, where its coal is rapidly becoming exhausted, says a report reaching here.

LONDON April 20.—The Russians continue to hold their firm grip on the main chain of the Carpathians, but news of any decisive action from this arena of the fighting is lacking.

Austrians Surrender En Bloc. PETROGRAD, April 20.—The Russian army headquarters last night gave out the following official statement: "On Sunday night the enemy suffered great losses in a further attack on our troops on the heights of Telepotch (in the Carpathian mountains)."

What is true courage? asks the American Journal of Clinical Medicine, and answers that the world's estimate of courage is superficial and silly.

TRUE COURAGE

"Highest in the world's scale of heroism," it says, "is the cool, careless audacity that marches up to the mouth of the cannon with a flower in its cap and a frivolous song on its lips, as serene as on parade."

"Next lowest in the true scale—is the courage that dares a quick decision in a sudden emergency. In itself, this is hardly a more genuine brand of courage than the first, except that it involves more or less unselfish disciplining of the men previous to the demand that is made of him."

"Still lower in the world's estimation—still higher in actual worth—is the courage which calmly and deliberately hods its course of duty in the face of almost certain calamity and misfortune; the quiet resolution to meet one's fate in the face of foregone disaster and disappointment the steadfast setting of one's face to go to Jerusalem. Of all forms of heroism, none will so surely win the love and confidence of human hearts, which is worth a hundred times the admiration of human minds, than this."

"Higher yet in the true scale—lower yet in the popular gauge—is the courage that sustains itself, as it were, upon nothing but its own unconquerable stamina. The man who, though his fights be all defeats still fights; who, though he has been a failure in the past, and knows himself (as many a keenly sensitive man knows himself) to be a failure, and is doomed to be a failure for the rest of his life, rises patiently and indomitably every morning to face the inevitable defeat of the day with equanimity and sweetness; there is a courage, my masters, of which the kings and victors of the earth are not capable."

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