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THE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Charlottetown Choral Society, recently organized, is to make its debut before the public on Friday evening, February 4th in the Prince Edward Theatre. The public are looking forward with pleasure to this promised musical treat and from the interest manifested in the organization of the society the calibre of its members and the well-known love of good music that exists in Charlottetown, very much is expected from the opening concert. The Society has some 125 members including the best musical talent in the city.

The object of the society is to give our citizens an occasional musical treat that will be a real treat and to this end neither trouble nor expense will be spared. For their opening night they have secured two of the leading soloists in Halifax and a violinist of continental reputation, namely, Miss Gladys Billman, soprano; Mr. Bayard Haddock, Bass; and Mr. Ifan Williams violinist. These names are all prominent in Halifax music circles and any one of them can at any time draw a full house. It is doubtful if a trio of equal calibre ever appeared before a Charlottetown audience. And we have musicians of our own whom we delight to listen to either as vocalists or pianists. Professor Fletcher, leader of the Methodist Church choir, who is the conductor of the society, Prof. Watkins, leader of St. James Church choir and Mrs. Keith Rogers, one of our leading pianists are strong attractions and besides these there are over a hundred voices to take part in choruses, quartettes duets, etc., so that the programme to be presented will comprise the best concerted and individual musical talent in the Maritime provinces.

For the organization of this choral society the promoters are entitled to the thanks of our citizens and we feel assured that next Friday night's performance will demonstrate the fact that it is destined to fill a long felt want. It is ten years at least since any concerted effort was made to develop or to encourage music in Charlottetown and it remains now for the citizens to encourage the good move, to give it their sympathetic and hearty support until it has been fairly launched and it becomes a self supporting and an indispensable necessity.

The patronage that will be tendered at the initial performance next Friday night will determine the future existence and to a large extent the usefulness of the society. With the co-operation of those who desire clean, elevating and educative entertainment its future is assured; without this we shall be obliged to content ourselves with such cheap and aimless entertainment as may occasionally come to us.

ALLIED COUNCIL AND GERMANY

The problems before the Council of the League of Nations are many and complicated. Our despatches yesterday announced that after a long and almost bitter controversy the Allied Premiers had finally agreed upon the amount of indemnity to be paid by Germany and the manner of its payment. Our despatches yesterday gave an idea of the burden laid by common consent upon the shoulders of Germany. The burden is considerably less than Germany was willing to assume when she felt the earth slipping from under her feet in November, 1918 and was ready to promise anything in exchange for peace. She has however recovered her breath and some other things since then; her good intentions, if they were intentions, have soured and her old-time arrogance has fully recovered. At different stages since the armistice she has pleaded inability to pay the full demand made upon her. The Allies relented somewhat and last Saturday agreed upon the amount to be paid by Germany and in what instalments. Necessarily the instalments are large although if doubled and then quadrupled they would not indemnify her conquerors even for the material loss they sustained in conquering her.

The principle deciding the amount was to compel Germany to pay all that she could pay without crippling herself industrially. To have exacted enough to cripple her would have been to make payment impossible. The amount was accordingly fixed at a figure which would compel her to export three hundred million pounds worth of goods yearly. Two difficulties have already arisen in the case, one in England the other in Germany. The former holds that if England, France and Belgium accept this quantity of goods from Germany it will cripple their own industries to that extent, and there is much room for the argument. The Manchester Guardian calls the settlement "folly". On the other hand Germany claims she cannot possibly pay the amount demanded and she is going to register another kick. One of the penalties threatened by the Allied Council for default of payment is seizure of German Customs Houses. And here the matter rests for the present.

EDITORIAL NOTES

When the rest of the citizens are being fined or imprisoned for not cleaning off their sidewalks what is going to be done with the provincial government? The walks around the provincial building are the most dangerous in the city, in striking contrast to the well-kept walks around the Post Office, for which the Dominion government is responsible.

CURRENT COMMENT

"Consistency thou art a jewel Shakespeare must have had amongst his provisions of the future a man in public life, daily becoming more familiar to our Canadian people in the person of Hon. Wm. L. MacKenzie King, interim leader of the rump of the Liberal party. In some of the fables of story there were species of magical jewels described which had the characteristic of being able to reflect different rays conforming to the varied lights to which they were exposed. In the possession of such a rare political jewel Canada is today in the proud ascendancy for in no other country can they boast of a fitting counterpart to this expert political chameleon, the high priest of present day Liberalism. In this province we have his superior in the person of our local Premier but on a much smaller scale and of such limited accomplishment as never to reach the dangers of a national reputation. While we may entertain a certain amount of pride in the home curiosity, we will never be able to enter him in any competition with the federal star.

Last summer Mr. King started out on a mission to convert the political heathen of the west. Like all great preachers leaving his home people for a comparatively foreign land, he assembled the faithful to give them his parting blessing, not forgetting to assure them of his faithfulness to the common cause. While these friends were charged to keep the home fires burning, the intending traveller forecasted the policy to be preserved at home, and which he was going to preach in the mission field. It consisted of the political policy laid down by the Ottawa Conference of the Liberal party, and essentially upon the fiscal question, a near approach to free trade, and in brief "TARIFF REDUCTION DOWNWARD." This he told his followers was to be the guiding star of their faith, it was to be the ONE POLICY FOR THE EAST AS WELL AS THE WEST, and where ever he preached or in whatever situation he was placed, HE WOULD HAVE ONLY HIS ONE STORY TO TELL THE PEOPLE. But the old story that true love never did run smooth exemplified itself, and like Peter before his convention, he had scarcely set his feet at the gate of the temple of the west before he had thrice denied his masters of the east.

To every maid who interrogated him he had a different reply, and when confronted by the multitude in the halls of assembly he abandoned the cherished idols of the east to their fate, reproached the trade vows he had taken, and flooded the country with an avalanche of denials that would put the accomplishment of the faithless Peter to shame. Where the Grain Growers combine was strongest he was a free trader; a diamond among jewels of the first water, and THE POLICY OF THE LIBERAL PARTY WAS IN ESSENCE IDENTICAL WITH THEIRS. In British Columbia where the fruit and other interests were demanding protection, his favourite jewel was the ruby, and he was RED HOT

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JUST WAIT FOR THE THAW.

Cheer up, child, though the weather's writhing raw. Every time dar comes a freeze, dar's got ter come a thaw. It takes a little patience till de freezein' time is done. Ah! if you lost yoh temper, why it doesn't help you none. Cheer up, chillun, 'cause de weather's on de move. When de tick appears de hardest, it is certain to improve. Cold waves an' warm waves, dey gatter mind de law. Every time you git's a freeze, you gatter have a thaw. Cheer up, chillun an' prepare to say "Thurn!" De chillist proposition by an' by is bound to thaw. You hopes dey keeps a drappin'—don't you let it make you frown. Thermometers was built for movin' up, de same as down. Cheer up, chillun, 'cause you sho'tly might as well! We all has our troubles, an' dar's nothin' new to tell. Each botheration seems about de worst you ever saw. But every time you gets a freeze, your gatter have a thaw. Washington Star.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THESE INDUSTRIES. It was only the manufactured goods of the east that he was going to chop down with his tariff reduction axe; and while the audiences of the west were applauding his sophistries the wires were carrying his stories to his friends in the east amongst whom consternation and chagrin and bitter disappointment reigned to the extent of a fever heat.

The home coming was a sad one. The friends who had bid him good bye with the most happy of smiles when he departed were now on hand to receive him with scowls. Quebec, the foster parent of his position to the leadership, in whose economic veins the strong red blood of protection flows freely, had lost all pride in their chosen successor to the ideal Sir Wilfred Laurier, in their discovery that the descent from their beloved chieftain to Mackenzie King was as great as the dropping from a mountain peak to the bottom of a chasm, a genuine descent from the sublime to the ridiculous, and here the friendly hand shaking and the warm heart of welcome was turned to icy coldness, as he plainly read in the political countenance of the province the dread sentence "Weighed and found wanting." It was the reproduced fable of the fox and the cat. The fox and his forty methods of tricks for escape when the hunters came, but the cat had only one. When the hounds came the fox after trying his forty tricks was rounded in by the dogs, while the cat climbed the tree, his one trick, to safety. So the versatile Mackenzie King practiced his forty tricks throughout the country, only to fall, and is now at bay surrounded by the hounds in the very hotbed of protection in Canada.

But he is now trying to outwit the fox in inventive genius. Having tested and failed in the forty methods he has created another scheme which might be numbered the forty first. He is giving it its first try out in West Peterboro. Having failed in eleven previous bye-elections to win anything better than third place he has taken a gambler's chance and ventured a candidate in a contest where with five in the running there might be some slight sporting chance of retrieving a bad record. But the "one story" which he started out to preach he now realizes to symbolize the "red rag to a bull", and he dare not now draw this light from under the bushel, and above all other places in this particular spot; and so he puts this favourite policy in the iron chest and solemnly tells the electors of West Peterboro that "THE TARIFF IS NOT THE ISSUE," the fiscal policy of the Government, which is the life-strength of this community is not in the Liberal boiling pot or crucible of danger, nor the merits of Hon. Arthur Meighen or the demerits of Mackenzie King the subjects for the decision of the people in this electoral contest; and so he has issued his dictum, like King Canute commanding the tide to cease flowing, that this contest must not be conducted upon questions of public policy or the current issues of good or bad administration, but upon the question as to whether he will be given an opportunity to humbug the people.

Herein comes the further illustration of his jewel-like consistency. The issue, as he declares it is, "AS TO WHETHER THE PEOPLE DESIRE A GENERAL ELECTION." In his natural stupidity he has failed to realize that this constituency can only speak for themselves, and are without authority to speak for the rest of Canada; and further, if, as he claims, this is the real issue, he has taken the surest means possible of procuring an abortive decision. The sitting member, Mr. J. H. Burnham, resigned his seat to test the constituency upon this very question. Openly he opposed the Government upon this issue, and is now in the contest as the exponent and advocate of a general election, this being the one subject of his appeal to the field to oppose Mr. Burnham's people; and our consistent (?) jewel, Mr. King, puts a candidate in the policy and to divide the vote of those who favor a general election. We have heard of humbugs, professional and otherwise, P. T. Barnum the great showman declared that the people's delight was in being humbugged, and quite frankly and candidly told them that that was his business. Mackenzie King seems to be an admirer of his doctrines, with this exception, that the great showman was honest with the public and exposed his business, while the liberal leader practices it under concealment.

The Burns Anniversary Concert will be repeated in aid of The Great War Veterans Association MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY STRAND THEATRE under the distinguished patronage of His Honour Lieut. Governor MacKinnon



Plan of Seats and sale of Tickets at Jamieson's Drug Store Friday morning 10 o'clock. Reserve Seats 50 and 75 cents. Door open 7.15. Concert 8 o'clock Sharp.

SOCIETY LEADER WHOSE FRIENDS SAY SHE WILL PUT ASIDE HER SCEPTRE. Mayor Chapman Is Re-Elected



(Special to The Guardian) MONCTON, Feb. 31.—The keenest civic election in years came to a close yesterday. Mayor A. C. Chapman was re-elected by a majority of 112 votes over J. Fred Edgett, Alderman who split 50-50 the labor and citizens ticket.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt According to her friends, Mrs. K. Vanderbilt, noted society leader, has decided to put aside her sceptre and no longer will take an active interest in social affairs which she has so long been a dominant figure. She has sold the Vanderbilt mansion on Fifth Avenue, N. Y. and "Stipping Stones," the beautiful country place at Jericho, Long Island. It is said that she intends to occupy an old-fashioned four story dwelling on Sutton Place, N. Y. a two block street running from East 57th to East 59th street.

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