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LIBERAL HYPOCRISY

"As a sample of the tactics the Liberals will adopt I wish to tell you that although we have been criticized for remaining in office we have been approached by the newly elected premier who is reported to be in ill health to remain in power. After his first request he sent an agent to me the second time asking me to remain until after the visit of Premier Baldwin and I told him that if he would approach the Governor and have His Honour's request made public to remain in power I would do so. Still on the very day, even after the agent had gone to see the Governor, on the very evening the Patriot, the Liberal newspaper came out condemning us for remaining in power. This is a sample of the tactics of the present premier and his party."

The above is an extract from a speech delivered by ex-Premier Stewart at the annual meeting of the East Prince Conservative Association in Summerside last Friday a report of which appeared in Saturday's Guardian. It is given here merely to show the brand of hypocritical cant to which we owe our present political situation, which has thrown the government of the province into the hands, not of elected representatives of the people but of a clique of self-appointed "reformers" who have only one idea with respect to government, and that idea is wrapped up in the one word, prohibition "for others" which does not and cannot prohibit, for those who want to indulge.

While Mr. Saunders was begging Premier Stewart to hold on to office until his party was ready to take over the government his organ was denouncing Mr. Stewart for allegedly holding on.

This is only one of many instances which might be cited. Men who previous to the campaign publicly declared themselves in favour of government control, during the campaign took up the slogan of the Temperance Alliance "a rum shop at every door," as the most likely to appeal to the unthinking. Men who never missed an opportunity to take a drink, legally or illegally, preached prohibition and temperance, at the same time assuring those who were inclined that way that "we'll see that you'll get all the liquor you want."

And now we have a government pledged to carry out the wishes of a few men who have undertaken to "uplift" us, to endorse whatever amendments to the Prohibition Act they may see fit to dictate to the government. To this impasse we have come and the people of three constituencies are asked to sanction by re-election, the hypocrisy which has been practised upon them!

It is any wonder that Premier Stewart declared during the speech from which we have quoted that he would rather be a defeated premier than be elected by such tactics? Is it any wonder that he declared he would not care to "be in Premier Saunders' shoes"?

BEFORE AND AFTER.

THE Great War forms a central date in our history, and we have become accustomed to comparing conditions and locating events as pre-war and post-war.

Economic conditions have changed since the war. Prices have been upset, employment has undergone marked changes. Altogether conditions cannot be said to have greatly improved, at least they have not yet returned to the pre-war conditions, although they are, in most respects, tending in that direction.

Perhaps the most noteworthy, certainly the most regrettable, difference observed by our statisticians is the increase of criminality. This increase cannot be ignored. Statistics are undeniable.

It would be unfair to attribute this increase to the war or to its effects upon human conduct. Economic changes, doubtless, can be attributed to the war. The fearful waste of material, the interruption to trade and manufacture certainly had a disturbing influence. Where did the moral reversion originate?

Crime is generally dependent upon opportunity, opportunity to commit the crime, opportunity to escape, opportunity to evade the law. The automobile has done much to provide these opportunities. The bank robberies and hold-ups, which fill our newspapers daily would be practically impossible without the automobile. The frequent escapes from justice through legal technicalities and cleverly worked up sentimentality, contribute their quota to the opportunities for escape.

The outstanding fact is that crime is on the increase and not for one reason alone but for many. It would be much nearer the truth to mark the moral reversion as to a post-car rather than a post-war evolution. The car, one of the most useful of human inventions, has, like many other useful devices, been carried to extremes because of its usefulness and aptibility. It has provided the thug and hold-up man with means of escape. It has, by its very attractiveness and enjoyableness, tempted men and women, young and old, from a more profitable use of their time, even from their homes and from the companionship of the home. The lady was not far from the mark when she asked, perhaps ironically, "What would I want a home for? I was born in a hospital, educated in a girls' school, courted in a car, spent my honeymoon in a car, and have since spent my time in a car, driving to and from the dance-hall and the club?" While this is an extreme case, there is just enough of truth in it to lead to serious thinking.

The car has, by providing opportunities, encouraged the thug and the criminal, encouraged excess in pleasure hunting, too often to the detriment of the home and family life.

A serious aspect of the situation is that we have lowered, or rather changed, our standards of living. To the great majority, pleasure and new thrills are the only quest and show of wealth and affluence the only criterion of success. If civilization is to become what it ought to be we must place the emphasis on moral rectitude rather than on sham and hypocrisy, on obedience to law and the moral standards of living rather than on false show and pretence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Labour Day next, then school and work.

There are certain unmistakable signs that Autumn is heading this way.

It is said the new government is functioning, presumably drawing their salaries.

The oil borers on Governor's Island are now nearing the 6,000 foot depth but no oil has yet been touched.

Prince Edward Island has had fewer automobile accidents, in proportion to the number of cars in use than any other province in Canada or any state in the Union. This is to the credit of our autoists, although some of them are charged with speedy and reckless driving.

Notes by the Way

WHAT is the reason why voters vote as they do in an election? Professor William Bennett Munro discusses the question in the Yale Review. And he concludes that the average man does not vote for anything, but against something. People vote their resentment, not their appreciation, he says. The voter, as a rule, keeps a one-sided account with his rulers and representatives. He admits these are exceptions to the rule, and of course he was speaking of American voters, but there are British as well as Canadian politicians who will agree with him.

There are no doubt many voters who keep a one-sided ledger, with their representatives. They make a mental entry of what encounters their disapproval, but what pleases them for the time is taken for granted and then dismissed from their minds. If taxes go up they remember it; if they are reduced the fact is soon forgotten. We are inclined to think that this class is not so large as Prof. Munro has estimated, but it is frequently large enough to turn an election.

In our recent provincial election there was a notable forgetfulness of the reduction of taxation and the splendid financial record made by the Stewart Government, also of the excellent manner in which the public services of the Province were maintained. So far the theory above set forth was maintained. But the writer we are following does not allow sufficiently for the strength of party allegiance, which counts for much, nor for the strength of moral conviction. Often we meet a Liberal or a Conservative, or groups of them, who are all conservative enough in their mental make-up to have voted all their lives as they had first voted and as their fathers voted before them, true to the party standard.

It may be doubted that very many voted for prohibition for its own sake, or out of love for its restrictive provisions. A larger class voted against Government control. It had been painted in hideous colors and the instinctive desire "to vote against something" made it easy for them to do so. After all a change of a little more than two thousand votes, and that is quite the usual thing in our provincial elections ,will throw the balance on the other side and give us a better temperance law than we have at present.

In the old days of the Scott Act it was regular practice to vote the Act into force at one election and vote it out again three years later. Human nature has not changed very much in a quarter of a century, and the instinctive desire for change and to "vote against something" is tolerably certain to reject prohibition next time the opportunity offers itself at a general election.

The last three provincial elections here brought a change of Government each time. Not in thirty years past has so much misrepresentation characterised the campaign of the victorious party as in the latest contest here. That there has been a strong reaction against the slanderous and vituperative propaganda then put forth we have no doubt, and there is a strong feeling that the by-elections of the portfolio members of the Cabinet should be contested on that account. What may come of this we do not know, as the harvest season is close at hand and people are tired of too frequent elections. It is also rather an unusual course in these days to contest the re-election of Ministers who have so recently won their seats at the polls, but notwithstanding all such considerations the temptation to renew the contest is very strong.

Sir Henry Thornton has paid a high compliment to the Canadian press. Naturally he desires to stand in favor with the newspapers of the Dominion and is not without concern when they occasionally criticise some feature of National Railway management. Such criticism as has been given is however inseparable from the important place which a great railway and transportation system fills in the general business of the country. It would be impossible for a well-conducted newspaper to ignore our railway management and the newspapers have rarely treated it unfairly. Under Sir Henry's direction the railway service has been distinctly improved and he is recognised as having been largely instrumental in having brought about the improvement in its working and the reduction of the former recurring deficits. That further improvements can yet be made Sir Henry would no doubt be quite ready to admit.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D

PREVENTING TROUBLE FROM VARICOSE VEINS

A large number of candidates for the army were rejected on account of varicose veins in the legs. The possibility that some of these veins might break down and cause ulcers was the reason for their rejection. The varicose veins are simply veins which are dilated, thickened, and which have lost some of their elasticity. The blood moves slowly, stagnates as it were and the blood flow is not sufficient to nourish the limb properly. It is the veins just beneath the skin that are usually affected.

A number of candidates were so anxious to go overseas that they willingly submitted to an operation for removal of their varicose veins.

Unfortunately some of them got marching too soon, other veins became varicosed, and they were just as badly off as before. Where a little longer rest from work and marching was given, they were able to proceed overseas and had no trouble.

Now when an ulcer appears on the leg, as it may from a tiny scratch or injury of any kind, absolute rest is the first and most important treatment. However, I am thinking of the thousands of individuals with varicose veins in the legs, who have not as yet been afflicted with an ulcer.

Dr. George F. Stebbing, in the Lancet, makes a splendid suggestion. "All patients with varicose veins should sleep with their feet raised above the level of the hips. This is most easily effected by placing under the mattress a wooden wedge the same width as the bed, seven inches high at the bottom, and coming down to nothing at the level of the patient's hips. Such a wedge can easily be made of wooden laths fastened to triangular pieces of wood."

This is all that is necessary in ordinary cases.

Where there is any swelling after standing, and loss of tone in the muscles, then the patient should be advised to lie with feet raised, for an hour, in the middle of every day.

Now it is unwise to rest too much because the heart muscle needs work to keep it strong enough to pump the blood throughout the body, and particularly through these varicose veins in the legs.

Therefore, after being on the feet from working or walking, it would be wise to lie down and get the feet up on a pillow, as this helps the return flow of the blood through the veins to the heart.

The prevention of varicose ulcers is certainly worth this much thought.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

August 24, 1927

A GOOD REIGN:—The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself; the world also is established, that it cannot be moved. Psalm 93:1.

PRAYER: — Enthrone Thyself, Lord God, in each of our hearts. Amen.

THE SINGING BIRD

Oh singing bird, I wonder now and then,
Are you less troubled than world-weary men?
Do all your hopes come true, and is your nest
Always a sweet and happy place of rest?

I've seen you battle with your neighbors strong,
I fancy that at times you suffer wrong,
I know you must have fears, because the cat
Who seeks to take your life has taught me that.

Is yours an easy life? Have you no care?
That every morn I hear you singing there,
Do all your babies live? I hear no sigh.
In bird-life does no loved one ever die?

Man wails his lot and calls life harsh and rude,
Oh, happy bird do you not toil for food?
Have you no tasks which hold you fast by day?
Feel you no pains that you can seem so gay?

Ah yes, you share our cares, oh singing bird,
Yet from your throat there comes no grumbling word!
In spite of all life's hurts, while you survive
You tell the world 'tis sweet to be alive!

That 606 persons met their death last year in automobile accidents is truly alarming, and every effort must be made to check this yearly slaughter which so far has increased from year to year as the number of motor cars in use is multiplied. How much safer the railway the life of a passenger is in a railway car than in an automobile! Our own province makes a fair showing in the statistics as compared with Ontario, and other of the larger provinces, but they have more cars in proportion to population. But why should Nova Scotia, with six times our number of people have twenty-five times as many fatal automobile accidents?

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Wednesday, August 24th: St. Bartholomew's; the Massacre, 1572.

THE RUNE OF THE PASSION OF WOMEN

We who love are those who suffer,
We who suffer most are those who most do love.
O the heartbreak come of longing love,
O the heartbreak come of love deferred,
O the heartbreak come of love grown listless.
Far upon the lonely hills I have heard the crying,
The lamentable crying of the ewes,
And dreamed I heard the sorrow of poor mothers
Made lambless too and weary with that sorrow:
And far upon the waves I have heard the crying,
The lamentable crying of the seamews,
And dreamed I heard the wailing of the women
Whose hearts beat fast but hear no fellow-beating.
Bitter, alas, the sorrow of lonely women,
When no man by the ingle sits, and in the cradle
No little flower-like faces flush with slumber;
Bitter the loss of these, the lonely silence,
The void bed, the hearthside void,
The void heart, and only the grave not void;
But bitterer, oh more bitter still, the longing
Of women who have known no love at all, who never
Never, never, have grown hot and cold with rapture
'Neath the lips or 'neath the clasp of longing,
Who have never opened eyes of heaven to man's devotion,
Who have never heard a husband whisper "wife,"
Who have lost their youth, their dreams, their fairness,
In a vain upgrowing to a light that comes not.
Bitter these: but bitterer than either,
O most bitter for the heart of woman
To have loved and been beloved with passion,
To have known the height and depth, the vision
Of triple-flaming love—and in the heart-self
Sung a song of deathless love, immortal,
Sunrise-haired, and starry-eyed, and wondrous:
To have felt the brain sustain the mighty
Weight and reach of thought unspanned and spanless,
To have felt the spirit dauntless, eager, swift in hope and daring,
To have felt the body grow in fairness,
All the glory and the beauty of the body
Thrill with joy of living, feel the bosom
Rise and fall with sudden tides of passion,
Feel the lift of soul to soul, and know the rapture
Of the rising triumph of the ultimate dream
Beyond the pale place of defeated dreams:
To know all this, to feel all this, to be a woman
Crowned with the double crown of lily and rose
And have the morning star to rule the golden hours
And have the evening star thro' hours of dream,
To live, to do, to act, to dream, to hope,
To be a perfect woman with the full
Sweet, wondrous, and consummate joy
Of womanhood fulfilled to all desire—
And then . . . oh then, to know the waning of the vision,
To go through days and nights of starless longing,
Through nights and days of gloom and bitter sorrow:
To see the fairness of the body passing,
To see the beauty wither, the sweet colour
Fade, the coming of the wintry lines
Upon pale faces chilled with idle loving,
The slow subsidence of the tides of living.
To feel all this, and know the desolate sorrow
Of the pale place of all defeated dreams,
And to cry out with aching lips, and vainly;
And to cry out with aching heart, and vainly;
And to cry out with aching brain, and vainly;
And to cry out with aching soul, and vainly;
To cry, cry, cry with passionate heartbreak, sobbing,
To the dim wondrous shape of Love Retreating—
To grope blindly, for the warm hand, for the swift touch,
To seek blindly for the starry lamps of passion,
To crave blindly for the dear words of longing!
To go forth cold, and drear, and lonely, O so lonely,
With the heart-cry even as the crying,
The lamentable crying on the hills
When lambless ewes go desolately astray—
Yea, to go forth discrowned at last, who have worn
The flower-sweet lovely crown of rapturous love:
To know the eyes have lost their starry wonder;
To know the hair no more a fragrant dusk is
Wherein to whisper secrets of deep longing,
To know the breasts shall hence-forth be no haven
For the dear weary head that loved to lie there—
To go, to know, and yet to live and suffer,
To be as use and wont demand, to fly no signal
That the soul founders in a sea of sorrow,
But to be "true," "woman," "patient", "tender,"
"Divinely acquiescent," all-forbearing,
To laugh, and smile, to comfort, to sustain,
To do all this—oh this is bitterest,
O this the heaviest cross, O this the tree
Whereon the woman hath her crucifixion.

But O ye women, what avail? Be hold,
Men worship at the tree, whereon is writ
The legend of the broken hearts of women.
And this is the end: for young and old the end:
For fair and sweet, for those not sweet nor fair,
For loved, unloved, and those who once were loved,
For all the women of all this weary world
Of joy too brief and sorrow far too long,
This is the end: the cross, the bitter tree,
And worship of the phantom raised on high
Out of your love, your passion, your despair,
Hopes unfulfilled, and unavailing tears.

—Fiona Macleod.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the jury was all at variance with one another." As reference is made to the individuals, say "jury were."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: accented. Accent the second syllable, not the first.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: Missouri, two s's, one r.

SYNONYMS: duty, obligation, responsibility, liability, allegiance.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: RESPONSIVE; inclined or ready to respond. "You must be more responsive when I ask you questions."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Labels for Fruits and Jellies

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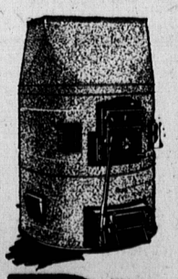

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