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An Incident in the Life of Lord Macaulay.

AS TOLD BY AN EYE WITNESS.

Perhaps there is no author whose writings have been more generally read, and whose words have given more instruction and pleasure than the late Lord Macaulay, the essayist, historian and parliamentary orator. Many are the incidents told in connection with his life, and Mr. Trevelyan in the Life and Letters of his famous uncle, has given us an insight into the home life of this great man that clearly shows the rectitude of his principles and the brilliancy of his mind. Every one should read this book. The following account of an incident that took place during an election campaign in Edinburgh, when Macaulay was contesting that city for a seat in Parliament, will probably be interesting to politicians. The details of this sketch were given the writer by a reverend gentleman, who was formerly a student at the Edinburgh University, and who was one of the committee men for Macaulay at that time. This gentleman is now old and infirm in many ways, but when he is recalling the scenes of his early days, no trace of failing powers can be observed. The following is the tale, one which I have not before seen printed:—

When Macaulay first contested the election for Edinburgh, an active canvass was instituted against him by the Tory party, for he had been one of the leading men among those who had, a few years before, successfully carried the Reform Bill. The great question agitating the public mind was voting by ballot and to whom the franchise should be given. At a meeting held in the suburbs of the city, persons disreputable as workmen were put forward to ask Macaulay whether he would give a vote to persons who were temporary residents of a town, and who had no property qualification. Macaulay, without considering the use that might be made of his reply, answered 'that he would as soon give a vote to a Hottentot or a Comanche Indian.' The incident passed and left no impression on Macaulay's mind. When nomination day arrived, the candidates were proposed at the Town Hall, and Macaulay prepared to deliver an address to the electors, vast numbers of whom had assembled on the square and streets near the hustings. When Macaulay stepped on the platform erected for the speakers, he was surprised to see the whole space in front of him filled with an immense crowd of men dressed as workmen, each carrying on his shoulder a board on which was painted the figures of a Hottentot and a Comanche Indian; and each person, as soon as Macaulay advanced to the edge of the platform, began to jabber and chatter and utter foolish noises, creating so great a din that no word could be heard from the hustings at any distance away. Macaulay, for a moment seemed astounded and his fingers were noticed to involuntarily tighten over the roll of manuscript, in which his carefully prepared speech was written, and for a moment an expression of dismay appeared on his countenance. But quickly gathering himself, as one who accepts a challenge to battle, in stentorian tones he began: Electors of Edinburgh, you have acceded to a different greeting from what I anticipated. Your reception, however, reminds me of an incident that took place on a former occasion, when I was first elected for the good city of Leeds. It was a memorable occasion for that city, for it was the first time in its history that its intelligent citizens had been accorded the privilege of electing representatives to the British House of Commons. And the Mayor and City Council of Leeds, considering that it was advisable to mark this occasion by some token of the event, had prepared a handsomely carved oak chair, in which the newly elected representative should be carried from the polling booth to the Town Hall. It had been the custom when the City of Leeds formed part of a borough, and was denied the privilege of electing a representative for itself, that the chair used for carrying the member-elect was, after being used, given to the populace, who broke it up and kept the pieces for mementoes. But on this occasion, when I had the honor of being elected as the first representative of that great city, it was considered advisable that the ancient custom should be departed from, and that the oak chair should be placed in the museum in the Town Hall, there to be preserved as a memento of the first election for the city. When the election had taken place and I had been carried in triumph to the doors of the Town Hall, they were suddenly shut in the face of the people, who, not understanding that the old custom would not be followed, nor why it was that the member's chair had not been given to them, as in times past, clamorously demanded their ancient privilege, and threatened to break down the doors if their request were not acceded to immediately. In consequence, the Mayor of the city became very much excited, and, trembling with fright, came to me and begged that I would speak to the people from an upper window, as they were getting more and more excited, and had begun hammering on the doors of the building. Accordingly, I stepped to the window he indicated, which was situated over the principal entrance of the hall, and, gentlemen, if you think I have a difficult task in attracting your attention, and in making myself heard on this occasion, you may believe that I had much greater difficulty in claiming the attention of the thousands upon thousands who surrounded that building. My appearance at the window, however, caused a temporary lull in the storm, and I explained to the people why it was that the usual custom had been departed from, and why the chair had not been given them, as in former times. I told of the great privileges they had been accorded in having the right to elect representatives to that great body that for hundreds of years had sat within the historic walls of Westminster; a body that had guarded the rights and privileges of the people of England at all hazards, that had not trembled at the frown of the tyrant, nor been beguiled by the smiles of the courtier; whose constant aim had been to defend, at all times and on all occasions, the laws and constitution of the country. And I pointed out that they themselves that day had elected me to a seat in that honorable assembly, and did they think that one of my first actions would be to trample on one of their privileges? No; far rather would I resign the position they had given. But, I proceeded, perhaps it would be well to take a moment to consider the reasons why the Mayor and City Council had wished to preserve the chair that had been used that day. This chair was one beautifully carved and artistically finished, so that it would be an ornament to the finest degree, wherever it would be placed. The Mayor and Council

museum of the Town Hall, of which they all were joint owners. By doing so they would more effectually have a share in this beautiful memento than if it were given to them to be broken to pieces. And in after years, when they became old, when their eyes became dim; when with tottering steps they got their little grandchild on a fine summer day to lead them to this Town Hall; they would grope their way slowly among the numerous articles in the museum, until they arrived at the place where this oak chair stood, and, as they lovingly passed their hands over its curves, figures it would bring to their recollection the grand triumph of this day, when they had formed part of the electors who had returned the first members for the city of Leeds. As Macaulay proceeded in his tale, told as it was with the inimitable word painting, of which he was so great a master, and of which the foregoing is only the veriest sketch, the workmen in front of him had, as their interest in his story increased, gradually lowered the boards they had carried on their shoulders; and when his tale had proceeded this far, a breathless silence spread all around. When Macaulay explained what he meant when he gave the answer to the question put to him at the suburban meeting, he told them that the question was a trick of the opposite party, who were opposed to the Reform Bill, and who thus wished to defeat the progress of those great reforms that were especially intended for the benefit of the workman of Great Britain. 'When,' said Macaulay, 'I refused to have him as one of their representatives, it is also curious to note that one of the charges preferred against Macaulay at that time was 'that he was too much of an essayist and too little of a politician.' Five years afterwards, however, Edinburgh honorably apologized for the mistake made in 1-47, and Macaulay was elected without any effort of his own.

G. F. OWEN.

—Montreal Gazette:—The Dominion revenue has bounded up this fiscal year, at a most satisfactory rate. In the five months ending with November, the total collections reached \$15,973,567, an increase over the corresponding time last year of \$1,383,727. On the other hand the public expenditure is being closely watched. In the five months it has aggregated \$12,607,358, or \$213,410 less than in the corresponding period of 1887. To date, the surplus reaches \$3,366,208, a very tidy sum, but in the current month a considerable inroad will be made upon it by payment of provincial subsidies and interest on the public debt.

Personal.

Lord Tennyson makes a most irritable invalid. He insists upon having the newspapers read to him, and if they represent his condition as worse than it really is he flies into a rage at once. Miss Fannie Coetlog, formerly a dining-room girl in a hotel at Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been appointed that, through the death of an uncle, she has fallen heir to a large estate in South America, estimated to be worth \$3,000,000. It is said of Isaiah V. Williamson, the Philadelphia millionaire philanthropist, that he has carried the same umbrella for fifteen years, and that it is easier for him to give away \$10,000 than to purchase a suit of clothes for himself. Count Bismarck is the only prominent political personage in European states that carries a scar received in another field—that of battle. He was shot through the thigh in the memorable cavalry charge on the afternoon of Mars-la-Tour, in which he rode as a private dragoon. The London Telegraph supplies the reason why General Boulanger and his wife have a disagreement at present. Madame Boulanger is said to be averse to the General's political doings, as well as unfriendly to many of his friends, whom she is pleased to regard as parasites and adventurers. She evidently has no desire to be an empress.

Odds and Ends.

At Hong Kong thieves steal the telephone wires. In Russia, last year, 80,000 dram shops were done away with by law. New South Wales employs nearly 1,300 prisoners in her telegraphs and 3,000 in her post offices. The clergy of the Church of England, of all grades, from archbishops to curates, number 23,000. A Kansas schoolgirl is credited with saying: 'Death is like vaccination; it never takes without leaving a mark.' The holiday shopper is like an ant at work in his hill. He is always going with all his might—somewhere, and whenever he gets to wherever he is going, he starts back. The abutments of a bridge over a river in Austria have settled 20 feet in the river bed since 1886. As the settlement progresses the masonry of the bridge is built up correspondingly so as to maintain the same road level. The bankruptcy of a Dakota cattle raiser makes it a matter of court record that he wears No. 12 boots, for two pairs of which a creditor wants pay at regular retail rates. A man of such solid standing might have been expected to have kept his business on a better footing. A correspondent wants to know why a man of high birth, good breeding and large wealth, who by preference consorts with toughs, black-legs and plug-uglies, should not be regarded as a freak. Unfortunately, there are so many such men that it would not pay to exhibit them as freaks. A convict who tried to escape from the Columbus, Ohio, prison, was found on the roof of one of the buildings. The deputy warden ordered the hose to be turned on him, and he fell to the ground. Now the question arises, did the man commit suicide, or was he knocked off the roof? The warden says he killed himself, the prisoners that the warden killed him. Desiccated Coconut, Canned Peel, Flour, and Spices of all kinds at Beer & Goff's.

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Local Notices.

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If you want good clothing cheap, try the old, reliable clothing store of L. E. Prowse. A long felt want is supplied by the Cardigan (overhoes, overalls rubber-footed.) You need not be no longer troubled with your rubbers overhanging slipping or filling with snow. Call and see them at Goff Bros. dec17 21

The best stores in Prince Edward Island to buy Overcoats, Reefers and suits is at J. B. Macdonald's. nov29 dw ft

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There is yet a large quantity of crockery in all the lines we carry. The people are delighted with the bargains they are getting at the cheap crockery store.—W. P. Colwill. nov9 dy wy 6

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Cape Traverse, on the 12th inst., by the Rev H. P. Cowperthwaite, Mr. Ephraim Bell to Miss Mary, daughter of Charles Buxton Esq.

By the same, at Cape Traverse, on the 12th inst., Mr. Herbert J. Love to Miss Fannie Ada, daughter of Charles Buxton, Esq.

DIED.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., Mrs. Brundage, in the 70th year of her age. [Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. L. M. Poole, Hillsborough Street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock, to Methodist Church, thence to People's Cemetery.]

APPLES, ONIONS AND CIDER, AT AUCTION.

AT SALESROOM, To-morrow, TUESDAY, at 2 p. m., to close consignment: 100 barrels Baldwin Apples (choice), 8 " Onions, 6 " Cider. R. BEARSTO, Auctioneer. dec17

Sleighs, Robes, &c.

BY AUCTION, at my Salesroom, on FRIDAY, 21st inst., at 1.30 p. m.:—Single and Double Sleighs, Wolf and Buffalo Robes, and 2 sets good Harness. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. dec17

Hillsborough Skating Rink.

THE ABOVE RINK will be opened at an early date, further notice of which will be given. Tickets for sale at Apothecaries' Hall, C. D. Rankin's and D. O'M. Reidin's, at the following rates:—Season Tickets for Gentlemen.....\$5 00 " Ladies..... 3 00 Afternoon Tickets..... 2 00 Promenade Tickets for Season..... 1 00 Galbraith's Band will be in attendance two evenings and one afternoon in each week. Communication with Rink by telephone. D. C. McLEOD, Secy-Treasurer. Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1888—dy 2w

Y. M. C. A.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Hall of the Association, Queen Square, Charlottetown, On Monday, 17th day of December, AT 7.30 O'CLOCK, P. M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the work of the Association during the past year, electing an Executive or Managing Committee for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other important business. J. D. SEAMAN, President, CHAS. LEIGH, Jr., Secretary. dec7-11 dtc

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I HAVE JUST RECEIVED a Large Consignment of NEW FURNITURE, —COMPRISING— Parlor and Bedroom Sets, in Walnut, Mahogany, Ash and Oak; Parlor and Extension Tables, Walnut and Ash Sideboards, Flock and Hair Mattresses, Cane Chairs, &c., &c. The public are respectfully invited to inspect this Furniture before purchasing elsewhere. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. nov19—dy & wky

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XMAS TREE.

THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY will hold their "XMAS TREE" in ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, On Monday, 17th Inst.

Besides the "XMAS TREE" and FANCY WORK TABLE, there will also be REFRESHMENT and well-supplied TEA TABLES, where the Ladies in charge will be most happy to receive all who will kindly patronize them. Oysters and Ice Cream will be served at the Refreshment Tables. St. Dunstan's College Band will be in attendance. Doors open at 5 p. m. Admission 10 cents. dec13—dy & wky tl dtc pat

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I AM instructed by MR. WILLIAM MILLER, Administrator of the Estate of the late JAMES J. BERTERSON, to sell by Auction, on the premises, St. Peter's Road, On Saturday, 22nd December, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M., THE FOLLOWING STOCK, &c.:

STOCK:—2 Horses, 6 Cows (in calf), 1 Bull, 1 Ram, 1 Pig, Poultry. FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.:—2 Carts, 1 Truck Wagon, 1 Top Buggy, 2 Plows, 1 pair Harrows, 1 Moulding Plow, 1 Scudder, 1 Roller, 1 Broadcut, 8 ed sower, set Round Harrows, 1 Spring Tooth reefer, 1 Turnip Sower, 1 Thrashing Mill, 1 Patterson Self Binder, 1 Mower, 1 Patterson Hay Hake, 1 Gang Plow, 1 Iron Plow and 1 small P-w, 2 Wood Sleighs, 1 Box Sleigh, 1 Round Back sleigh, 1 set Driving Harness, 2 sets Cart Harness, Swings and Traces, Riding Saddle, 1 Grindstone, 1 Cheese Press, &c.

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