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THE PROPER COURSE.

The Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick have prepared a petition to Lord Minto asking him to interfere as to prohibition. They do not, we are told, directly ask Lord Minto to dismiss his advisers or dissolve the house, but they set forth that the government introduced and parliament adopted a measure for ascertaining the will of the people on a certain question, and that having so ascertained it, they refuse to act upon the information, and they ask him to redress the grievance. The St. John Sun remarks:

"This Dominion has had as much government by Governor General and by Lieutenant Governor as is good for it. If government by plebiscite is to be made a part of our constitutional system it will be necessary to devise some means by which governments and parliaments may be made to respect the verdict of such a popular vote. But Parliamentary government knows nothing of plebiscites, which are extra-constitutional devices. The whole plebiscite affair was meant to humbug the temperance people and has failed its purpose. The Governor General will neither dismiss his advisers because they are guilty of humbug and fraud, nor dissolve the house because the majority in the chamber are supporters of humbug and fraud. But the government must needs cause the house to be dissolved before many months, and the people can do the rest."

Yes! the opportunity of the electors of Canada must come. Meanwhile, the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor may legitimately express their opinion concerning the passage of the Farquharson License Law by polling their votes against Mr. Irving and Attorney General McKinnon. Vote them down,—that's the proper course.

NOT LIKELY.

A short time ago, the people of the Bedeque district were induced to vote for Mr. J. H. Bell, because he was "on the side of the government" and would be "able to get favors for the district." But in respect to harbor, improvement and the Stanley, the influence of Mr. Bell now counts for nothing. Nothing is being done about Summerside harbor and the Stanley is not going there,—though the people were as sure of these "favors" when they voted for Mr. Bell as the people of Belfast and Murray Harbor now are of the immediate construction of the railway and bridge. In view of the experience of Bedeque district, it is not likely that the shrewd electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor will allow themselves to be fooled.

—The attempt of Sir Louis Davies and the Patriot to convince the electors that Mr. A. C. McDonald, M. P., Mr. A. Martin, M. P., and all the Tories are against the railway and the bridge is too thin. It will not carry their Attorney General or Mr. D. P. Irving to victory.

—There's a great deal in imagination. With potatoes at 15c, oats at 27c and pork at 5c, Sir Louis Davies imagines that the farmers of this Province are all rapidly growing rich, even though the prices of store goods are away up! A few years ago, under more favorable conditions for the farmer, Sir Louis imagined "blue ruin." Yes! there's a great deal in imagination, and something in the point of view.

LESLIE E. MACLEOD.

From the many touching tributes to the memory of Leslie E. Macleod, who died in New York recently, we print the following from the pen of Judge Irving Halsey, (Innocentist,) of Lexington, Kentucky, and append a number of terse excerpts from the writings of others who have sought to do justice to the memory of that gifted Islander:

"In the rush and hurry of life in this country we scarcely pause to notice our unfortunate companions who fall by the wayside. Each presses forward to the goal of his own desire, giving little thought to those who shall no longer walk in the accustomed paths or mingle in the familiar strife.

"It makes little difference how loved, how admired, how trusted he may have been who has just joined 'the innumerable throng' who have taken their abode in 'the silent halls of death.' The grass grows over his grave as though nature strove to blot out all traces of his existence, and even in the hearts of those who knew him best and loved him most he soon becomes a fading memory.

"He lived, he acted his part. Now he is gone, and the great stream of human life flows. Life is too busy to take much thought of the dead. The tale is so familiar, we have heard it repeated so often, that its iteration scarcely arouses a momentary thought. Even when one dies who has been remarkable among his fellows for shining qualities, his exit from life scarcely causes a ripple on the surface of human affairs. He was; he is not: this is all.

Leslie E. Macleod, whose very recent death was to the majority of the readers of turf literature so entirely unexpected, was certainly a man deserving remembrance. He was the possessor of very marked abilities. He first became known to the American public as a writer and associate editor of Wallace's Monthly, when that journal was in the high tide of its prosperity. His articles under the nom de plume, "Roland," and his editorials attracted great attention. They were bright, pungent, incisive, and displayed a rare mastery of the subject he discussed. His style was always easy and graceful. It was never labored, and when he did not instruct he always amused. He always said the right thing in the most agreeable way. He had a rare talent for newspaper work. He appeared to write spontaneously, entirely without effort. There seemed to be no end of his versatility. He turned from one subject to another with the ease of one who was master of all.

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humble offering to his memory. It is but the scant justice that is due from a fellow-scribe. There are those who either of late years or earlier were more intimately acquainted than I with Mr. Macleod (as I know him principally by what he has written) and from these gentlemen I would be delighted to hear, as I am satisfied they can more adequately deal with the subject." —Innocentist.

"There was in his writings a marked cultivation none too common among writers of today. A bright, versatile writer, and a just and generous critic, his place among the scribes of today will be hard to fill." —The American Stock Farm, Lexington.

"As a turf journalist he made a bright and shining mark. Thoughtful, well-read, a very graceful writer, his articles commanded attention, and no young man ever had a more brilliant start in his line than Leslie Macleod. The sudden conclusion of a career of the greatest promise and of much achievement is very sad." —Turf, Field and Farm, N. Y.

"As a writer on equine topics Mr. Macleod was undoubtedly one of the ablest that this country has produced. He was a deep, original and independent thinker and a writer of both vigor and polish, his literary style being informed with the grace and distinction of a rare and cultured intellect." —Horse Review, Chicago.

"On turf matters and dissertations on the horse he was the ablest writer of them all. His style was clear, incisive and forcible. He wasted no words, and wrote pure English." Veritas, (E. C. Walker) in Trotter and Pacer.

"Mr. Macleod had no mean traits, was quiet, unobtrusive, rather inclined to be uncommunicative, and while he made no enemies and was cordial to all, he had few preferred friends. His library always occupied his spare moments, and no wider read man than "Roland was." Trotter and Pacer.

"As a polemical writer he had few peers, surely no superiors, and he handled the Queen's English with vigor and grace. The virility and vigor of his diction was one of the striking features of his writings. He was naturally endowed with a bright intellect, cultivated by a wide range of reading, and men who crossed swords with him found him a foeman worthy of their steel. Those who knew him intimately testify to the high sense of honor that actuated him in all his relations with his fellowmen." —American Horse Breeder.

"Brilliant intellectually, Mr. Macleod excelled chiefly as an essayist, and his matter, never dull, often sparkled with the brightest thought most tersely expressed." —Chicago Horseman.

"His fame will last. . . . Leslie had a triumphant vindication of his character." —John H. Wallace.

"He had achieved perhaps the widest reputation of any man of his day and vocation. Close acquaintance served to inspire a respect for his intellectual genius. He was an intellectual athlete, and of the best training. The full, copious richness of his style, at times brief to sententiousness, at others almost grandiose, was the result of deep thinking and wide culture. No man ever paraded his gifts less, nor was less self-assertive in his private relations. Knowingly I think Leslie Macleod never did a deliberate wrong to any one. Of his own failings he was most keenly aware, and this verse of "In Memoriam," which I find marked by his hand

Thy leaf has perished in the green;  
And, while we breathe beneath the sun,  
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