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## PEOPLE AND TITLES.

Lord Rosebery, the premier of England, is credited with having given as his reason for not recommending certain of his followers to the Queen, to swell the peerage, that "you could not trust the virtue of a democrat. When once he gets into the Upper House his fealty evaporates in about twelve months."

While we have no House of Lords in Canada we have a Senate and several Legislative Councils, and we have certainly learned by experience that men who start in political life with extremely radical tendencies, are more than apt to develop into ultra-conservatives, when no longer solicitous for the votes of the people. The case of the Nova Scotia Legislative Council may be given as an instance. Appointments were made for the purpose of carrying a bill for the abolition of that chamber, but in Lord Rosebery's language it was found that the virtue of the democrats could not be trusted.

Exit Mr. Van Horne and enter Sir William C. Van Horne!

Well! if we are to have knighthoods, the man who has worked himself up from messenger boy to manager of a trans-continental railway company, certainly deserves the honor. There is something of the irony of fate in Mr. Van Horne receiving high honors, about the same time that so many of the small fry on the road are receiving their discharge. How deeply engraven in human nature seems the love of titular distinctions! However fragile the hold a man has on a title, he expects his neighbors to make the most of it. A year or so ago it was rumored that Mr. Van Horne was to be knighted, and a newspaper man asked him if he was true or not. The reply is said to have been that he was an American by birth and did not go in for titles, or words to that effect. But, the virtue of the democrat has not been proof.

Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the Exchequer in the Rosebery Cabinet, speaking to a motion, made by another member of the House, to the effect that the Queen should be asked to graciously issue a statement of the services for which certain honors were bestowed, remarked that "there were persons who attached enormous importance to these distinctions. He did not know why. Lord Melbourne thought there was only one order in the world worth having, and that was the Garter, because no merit was connected with it at all. Romances with morals were among the dullest and worst, and if a moral value were attached to titles their interest would be largely destroyed. With the present plan there was a deal of amusing speculation as to why in the world such and such a person desired to have an honor, and why in the world he got it. It was like the straw in the amber—the thing was neither rich nor rare, but one wondered how in the name of fortune it got there. Many persons in the world got a good deal more than they deserved; but perhaps still more got much less than they deserved. Somebody once said to Lord Erskine, with reference to his practice at the bar, that it must be a disappointment to him when he failed to obtain a verdict. 'You see,' he replied, 'I lose many verdicts that I ought to win; but, on the other hand, I win many that I ought to lose, and so, on the average, justice is done.' That was about the case with honors and titles. Many men received distinctions they did not deserve, and many deserved distinctions which they did not receive, and so on the average justice was done. The present arrangement might not be ideally perfect, but it lent itself to the weakness of human nature. As there was a deal of human nature in man, they had better not try to reach the counsels of perfection."

What between "colonels" and "honorable" and "knights" (to say nothing of J. P.'s), Plain "Mister" will soon be a mark of distinction.

## THE LABORER'S TAX.

At a meeting of the Town Council on Friday last, quite an animated discussion arose over the proposal to incorporate in the town by-laws a by-law charging laborers, who are not tax-payers in the town, a license of 25 cents per day, 50 cents per week, \$1.00 per month or \$4 per year.

That the councilors perceive the wisdom of cultivating the vote of the laborers, is plain from the fact, that those who favored Coun. Leighton's motion, and those who dissented from it, both took particular pains to use as the friend of the hard working son of toil.

It is plain that the intention of the by-law is to provide that laborers who live in town and pay taxes, shall be protected to some extent at all events from the outsider who comes in by chance and gets employment.

Coun. Deane made a sensible speech on

the subject, and he spoke of the case of laborers living outside of the town who complained that the tax was unjust to them.

It is extremely difficult to levy any tax which will not meet with disapproval from one quarter or another, and the only thing to do is to be as fair as circumstances will possibly allow.

It must be borne in mind that the laborer who lives on the outskirts of the town, is in a different position altogether from the laborer who comes to live temporarily in the town. The former has no claim to protection from fire, for instance, or to the water privileges of the town. Moreover he is a taxpayer in the county and parish, and he points out, with reason, that he spends his earnings in the town. The latter case, that of the foreign laborer, is entirely different, and so long as other callings are "protected" the laborer may well lay claim to his share of the protection. But the resident on the outskirts of the town, has a distinct grievance, which he quite probably will find a means of ventilating. As a matter of fact the question is not such a trifling one as the majority of our council appear to think it.

We venture humbly to suggest that wiser results would accrue from discussion on all these questions, if our good city fathers talked more to the point, and less to the galleries, when considering the serious question of taxation.

## SILVER QUESTION.

Ex-Speaker Reed recently propounded the theory that the United States could and should coerce Great Britain into adopting bimetalism by raising a high tariff against her. Now he proposes to doubly assure his object by inveigling his country into a commercial zollverein with all the countries of the world who use silver extensively in their currencies.

We agree with a large and respectable class of people in the United States in thinking that Mr. Reed in his desire to gain popularity for the next presidential campaign at times talks some nonsense. We think that bimetalism will be one of the facts which will render commerce less exposed to such blights as it has recently recovered from, but undoubtedly Great Britain is pursuing the proper course in not adopting this policy without a careful examination of all its probable effects.

## A Carnival This Year.

If there be a body of citizens whom the town should encourage it is the firemen. They do more work and get less pay than any other set of men in the community. Now, they wish to have a carnival early in August, and a committee of their number have interviewed a good many of the business men and have been promised substantial help in the undertaking. The firemen, with their usual activity, are ready to go right ahead. They want to get the Board of Trade interested, and will probably wait on that body to-morrow evening. Let us have a carnival, and if the firemen will take it in hand, backed by the citizens it will be a success. When the boys who fight the fire take a thing in hand it is bound to go. But they ask encouragement, and it should be heartily given—and the kind of encouragement which means an interview of the hand with the pocket is what is wanted. A good carnival for 1894 is on the programme.

## Eden-Fontana Combination

The Eden-Fontana Combination will appear here on Monday, June 18th, in the rink opera house, under the auspices of the Woodstock band. This company comes here with a splendid reputation judging from the press notices they have received in other places. The Kingston, Ont., Whig says of them: "The Eden-Fontana Co., which appeared here last evening gave one of the best entertainments ever given in Kingston. Mr. Chas. Kelly, Canada's favourite Basso. Cantonti has lost none of his old time popularity and pleased the large audience immensely with his splendid singing and guitar playing. His imitation of the "Spanish Retreat" on the guitar being a gem. The marvellous feats performed by Grace Eden the little "Georgia Wonder," was a revelation to the people who returned home with an uncanny feeling impossible to analyse. Prof. Fontana in his Mind Reading experiment also made some wonderful tests."

## The Ellis Case.

Whatever the official representatives of party in Parliament may do, the opinion of the country is practically unanimous in favor of some sweeping resolution declaring the imprisonment of that estimable citizen and courageous journalist, Mr. Ellis, of St. John, to have been a personal outrage and a public calamity. It has brought the New Brunswick bench more into disrepute than a whole volume of editorial attack would have done. It has made against outspoken patriotism and for truckling silence. Mr. Davies' review of the case yesterday was masterly and convincing. It is unfortunate that the Government supporters seem determined to shoulder the responsibility for the affair; and it is hoped that when the Ministers come to speak they will show, at least, that the Government of Canada does not think that the Ellis's are the kind of men with whom to fill our jails. —Montreal Star.

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## ASPHALT AND TAR CAUSE A ROW.

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sion. He explained that he was perfectly willing that any other citizens should use the siding, and that the necessary work be done under the superintendence of the water works superintendent.

Mr. James Hayden was also heard. He had no objection to this, as the applicants were willing to allow the public to use it. He had feared there was a chance of its being locked up. He would go in with these men in making the siding.

On motion of Coun. Leighton, seconded by Coun. Connor, permission was given Small & Fisher, Williamson Fisher, R. K. Jones and Jas. Hayden to build a siding to contain three cars, the siding to be open to the public, and under control of the council, and the work to be done under the supervision of the superintendent of water works.

Mr. Came, manager of the Canadian bridge and iron company, was present during the session. The clerk read a resolution which Mr. Came had requested to be submitted to the council. It was to the effect that the council exempts all laborers on the bridge from the laborer's license, on condition that no further outside help be engaged, that only skilled laborers to the number of fifteen be employed, that local laborers be put on the bridge when any increase is made, and that the present hands be encouraged to buy all their supplies in the town.

The councillors looked at each other in silence for a while, and no body said a word. Finally Coun. Connor moved seconded by Coun. Murphy that the resolution be referred to the license committee. This was carried.

## Y. M. C. A. Jubilee.

The international conference of the Y. M. C. A. held in London appears to have been a most auspicious affair. An exchange furnishes the following. A jubilee meeting at which the ex-Postmaster-General of the United States, John Wanamaker, presided, took place. Among those present were Prince Oscar of Sweden vice-president, Alfred Andre, Prince Bernadotte, Count Von Bernstorff, Rev Dr. Theo. L. Cuyler, of New York and others. Dr. Christian Klug Prince Oscar of Sweden and Rev. Gustave Tophel, of Geneva, offered thanksgiving prayers for the fifty years work of the Association. Addresses were made by Mr. Wanamaker and Rev. Joseph McCormick, canon of New York.

The Rev. T. Cuyler said that the last fifty years had taught them that the only solid Christian unity was love's labor for the Redeemer. The Y. M. C. A. had one master and one book, and theirs was supremely a mission to the young.

Lord Kinnaird afterwards entertained the members at dinner. Telegrams were received from all parts of the universe congratulating the Conference upon the jubilee celebration. Lord Kinnaird on behalf of the English Y. M. C. A., presented President Sir George Williams with an address in a handsome album, thanking the Almighty for his abundant goodness in crowning the movement with success. His Lordship congratulated the recipient upon having been preserved to witness the remarkable extension of the work.

Similar illuminated addresses were presented by the delegations from Scotland, Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Denmark, and Germany.

The latter country also presented the president with a bronze statuette; France as an "emblem of the eternal truth of Christendom," presented Sir George Williams with a bust of Admiral De Coligny. At the jubilee demonstration in the evening the delegates were entertained by a gymnasium drill, musical selections by Carter's choir and the Swedish male choir, and solos by Antoinette Stirling.

Lord Kinnaird read a telegram from the Earl of Aberdeen conveying Canada's congratulations and best wishes to President Williams.

President Williams thanked Lord Kinnaird for a gift of his own bust, which Lord Kinnaird had presented in behalf of the English Y. M. C. A. He said he would take the opportunity to express his gratitude to the Queen, the Lord Mayor and the Corporation for the honors they had conferred upon him.

Canon Fleming delivered an address, and Miss Antoinette Stirling, besides singing, made a brief speech.

Dr. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, said that the day would come when men would be ashamed to go to the Derby and when the Premier of England would be a living and loving example to the young men of the Empire.

John Wanamaker said it had been left for a woman to put the keystone in the arch of the Association's history. Her Majesty had never done aught but royal things, but she had never so widened her Empire or touched the hearts of the Christian world as when she knighted George Williams for his great goodness. It is estimated that over 10,000 persons were present.

A farewell meeting of the delegates took place at Windsor Castle.

## Erastus Wiman's Trial.

A good deal of interest will be felt in Canada over the trial of Erastus Wiman, the Staten Island millionaire, who is a British subject. The following is received by telegraph: Erastus Wiman's trial upon two charges of forgery was set for hearing in the court of oyer and terminer, Judge Ingraham presiding, to-day. In expectation of the event a large audience was assembled in the court room. At the prosecutors' table sat district attorney Fellows and his assistant, F. L. Wellman, General Tracy, leading counsel for the defense was not in the room when court convened, but entered a few minutes later. Mr. J. N. Greenshields, Q. C., of Montreal, who is engaged to assist in the defense, was also present.

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