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## OUR FRENCH LETTER.

### LE ROGRÈS DU PAYS.

Depuis que la session est terminée on se prépare de part et d'autre aux elections générales. Les journaux Conservateurs surtout font les prédictions les plus précises, et semblant être dans les secrets des dieux, fixent la date des élections au mois d'Octobre.

Chose bien certaine, c'est que le terme parlementaire tire à sa fin, que nous avons eu cinq longues sessions, et que le temps est bien court pour la possibilité d'une autre session.

Il est de notre devoir d'appeler l'attention de nos lecteurs sur les chiffres des rapports de notre commerce des dernières années, et de constater le progrès que notre commerce a fait durant l'année fiscale qui s'est terminée le trente juin dernier.

Nous voyons par ce dernier rapport que le commerce de la Puissance provenant des produits Canadiens et des marchandises étrangères entrées au Canada pour la consommation, s'est élevé durant l'année à $336,028,190 ou une augmentation de $50,000,000 sur l'année précédente.

Voyons maintenant le chiffre du commerce de l'année 1896, sous la politique soit-disant florissante des Conservateurs.

Le commerce de cette dernière année du régime Conservateur, fut de $216,955,232, soit environ $120,000,000 de moins que celui de l'année qui vient de s'écouler sous un gouvernement libéral.

Ajoutons maintenant les marchandises entrées au Canada, non pour la consommation et les exportations qui n'étaient pas les produits du Canada, et nous trouverons que le montant total du commerce du pays, pris dans son ensemble, s'est élevé, durant la dernière année fiscale à $372,000,000, ce qui faisait une augmentation de $133,000,000 sur l'année 1896, alors que le commerce du pays ne s'élevait qu' à $239,025,360, ce qui nous donne un gain de 55 pour cent en quatre ans.

Les mêmes rapports officiels nous donnent le montant total du commerce du Canada pour l'année 1878 comme étant de $172,405,454.

De 1878 à 1898 à 1896, pendant les dix-huit années du gouvernement Conservateur, le commerce du pays est monté à $239,025,360, une augmentation de $66,619,966, ou une moyenne d'environ $3,750,000 par année.

Ainsi ces chiffres, pris dans les rapports officiels, nous demontrent que l'augmentation du commerce du pays, sous les quatre années de l'administration Laurier, s'est élevé "seule" à environ la moitié total de l'augmentation subie durant les dix-huit années du régime Conservateur.

Nos lecteurs vou dront bien considérer ces chiffres qui en disent plus que les plus éloquents discours.

Les électeurs de la Province du Nouveau Brunswick, qu'ils parlent la langue Anglaise ou la langue flouçaise, désirent voir notre commerce florissant et prospère, et tous ensemble ils s'entendront dans leur propre intérêt, dans la vue du plus grand bien de notre Province à supporter des hommes qui, comme M. Laurier, M. Blair, M. Fielding, M. Davies, ont su retirer notre commeree de l'état stagnant ou'il était sous le régime. Conservateur, et lui donner une impulsion qui a amené notre pays devant l'attention des grands pays du monde, et qui se sont montrés les plus capables depuis vingt cinq ans de conduire notre pays aux grandes destinées qui lui sont réservées.

### DÉFINITION DU "CONSERVATEUR."

Les Conservateurs de la Province de Québec ont toujours tenu à se dire, et se faire choire un parti Catholique dans la Province de Québec, et dernièrement les journaux Conservateurs, et surtout l'édition Française du "Star," de Montréal, a fait des efforts à produire des opinions d'écrivains Catholiques et de théologiens sur le libéralisme comme idée abstraite, cherchant à mettre le parti libéral politique au rang du libéralisme catholique.

Ces journaux sont largement distribués dans nos Provinces Maritimes, et quelques uns de nos lecteurs français pourraient se laisser tromper par les sophismes de cette presse qui cherche à conserver, avant tout, le pouvoir.

A l'encontre les journaux libéraux de Québec ont produit dernièremeut pour la méditation de Mr. Hugh Graham, qui se posait en autorité dogmatique, la définition du "Conservateur" par le Cardinal Newman, définition que cita le Cardinal Satolle; le nouveau Préfet de la Propagande, dans un discours à l'Institut La Salle, à New York en 1895.

Nous reproduisons aujourd'hui cette définition pour l'étude de nos lecteurs:

"Le détachement, nous enseignent les ouvrages spirituels, est une vertu rare et éminemment chrétienne. Un grand saint, Saint Philippe de Néri, disait qu'avec une douzaine d'hommes vraiment désintéressés, il pourrait convertir le monde. Etre détaché du monde, c'est être délivré de tous les liens qui retiennent l'âme à la terre, ne dépendre d'aucun être sublunaire ne s'incliner vers rien de temporel; c'est ne se soucier aucunement de ce que les autres pensent ou disent de soi, faire son travail pour remplir un devoir, comme les soldats vont au combat, sans s'occuper des conséquences. . . Or, ce détachement est l'une des vertus ecclésiastiques des papes. De tous les hommes, ce sont les plus exposés aux tentations des choses temporelles, et l'histoire nous enseigne que personne n'y a mieux résisté. Leur office les met en contact avec toutes les formes de pouvoir terrestre, car ils ont une mission à remplir auprès des forts comme auprès des faibles. Dans ces conditions, tous les hommes, eux à part, auraient de très fortes tendances à ce qu'on appelle le conservatisme, mais les papes ont été et sont, cela va sans dire, conservateurs dans le meilleur sens du mot. . . Mais un conservateur, dans le sens politique du mot, est ordinairement autre chose, et cette autre chose, le pape ne l'est pas et ne le sera jamais. C'est un homme qui est dans la tête d'un arbre et a conscience de sa position, et entend bien n'en jamais descendre, quoi qu'il lui en coûte pour la garder. C'est un homme qui soutient le gouvernement, la société, l'ordre de choses établi, non pas parce que ces choses représentent le principe de la stabilité, parce que le peuple en retire un avantage parce qu'elles promettent beaucoup pour l'avenir; mais plutôt parce qu'elles lui assurent, à lui personnellement, l'aisance, et que toute sa politique consiste à prendre soin des intérêts du Numéro Un. C'est un homme qui défend la religion non pour l'amour de la religion, mais pour l'armour des accidents et des dehors de la religion. Et le pape ne saurait être un conservateur de cette espèce sans forfaire à sa mission."


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While ye follow blessed fates,
Men are shriveled up with hates,
Or they lie with sheeted lust,
And they eat the bitter dust.

Ye are fraters in your hall,
Gay and chainless, great and small;
All are toilers in the field,
All are sharers in the yield.
But we mortals plot and plan
How to grind the fellow man,
Glad to find him in a pit
If we get some gain of it.
So with us, the sons of time,
Labor is a kind of crime.

For the toilers have the least,
While the idlers lord and feast.
Yes, our workers, they are bound,
Pallid captives to the ground,
Jeered by traitors, fooled by knaves,
Till they stumble into graves.

How appears to tiny eyes
All this wisdom of the wise?
—Edwin Markham.

### THE EXPERT WITNESS.

**His Dark and Dreary Way of Stating a Simple Proposition.**

One of the besetting sins of the expert witness is the habit or tendency to use a lot of Latin words in describing an injury to the jury. In some exceptional cases, doubtless, this is done without affectation or for a purpose, but we have no hesitation in saying that in the majority of instances it is a very good index of the learning and capacity of the expert, on the assumption that the more words of this sort are used the more probability there is that they cover a deficiency of knowledge and thorough grounding on the part of the user. A really able man in his profession will always accommodate himself to circumstances and, realizing the capacity of the average jury, use very different forms and methods of expression in testifying before court and jury than if he were making an address or delivering a paper on some scientific subject before an audience of his professional brethren.

A physician, for instance, who, when upon the stand, is asked to describe something to the jury and uses all the high sounding terms at his command, deserves to have very little attention paid to his testimony and usually gets his deserts. An amusing example of this truth is given in the following account of an actual happening in an English court. It is from a little book entitled "Hints on Advocacy," published first in England:

"I discovered considerable ecchymosis under the left orbit, caused by extravasation of blood beneath the cuticle," said a young house surgeon in a case of assault at the assizes.

Baron Bramwell—I suppose you mean the man had a black eye?

Scientific Witness—Precisely, my lord.

Baron Bramwell—Perhaps if you had said so in plain English those gentlemen would better understand you.

"Precisely, my lord," answered the learned surgeon, evidently delighted that the judge understood his meaning.

This incident, which might be paralleled many times in court in this country, carries its own comment. What the jury wants is to be enlightened on disputed points, and the way to do this is not to use purely technical expressions, but to explain in plain, homely language. There is no danger that in doing this the expert will be liable to detract from the general estimate of his own abilities, but rather the reverse will be the case.—Albany Law Journal.

### Earth Eaters.

The custom of eating earth is practiced in widely separated regions and is particularly in vogue among negroes and American Indians and has even been observed in Europe. The anthropologist Lasch says that German quarrymen spread clay on slices of bread and eat it with evident relish. A certain kind of earth that is found in Persia is considered an epicurean dish, and in the Malay archipelago there is an earth known as "ampoh," which is dug by some natives, who sell it to the people as a food. The practice of earth eating has spread to a considerable extent in China, New Caledonia and New Guinea, and Humboldt observed it in various parts of South America.

Some anthropologists tell us that among many savage peoples pregnant women are particularly disposed to the habit of eating earth and clay. In Guatemala during certain religious ceremonies the faithful are often seen to devour statuettes made of clay, and the practice in that country therefore is allied to religious superstition. This barbarous habit of earth eating is most injurious and is said to often result in consumption, inflammation of the liver and anaemia.

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### COCAGNE. N. B.

AUG. 8.—A case of assault which was to come up before Justice of the Peace, John B. Gogain this morning, was settled out of Court. This was a case of prosecution instituted by Thos. St. Peter against Gilbert Cormier, Simon Cormier, Alphé Arsineau, William Arsineau and Noré Richard for personal assault George Thomas, of Moncton, appeared for the prosecution and H. H. James, of Buctouche, for the defense. The case was settled by the defendants paying $2.75 each and costs. It is said other suits are to follow from this.

Misses Francis McLaughlin, Lucy and Eugene Leger and Mr. John B. Leger, of Richibucto, are spending a few days here.

Miss Mary Elliott has returned from a short visit to friends in Shediac

Sam E. McManus, of Sydney, C. B., was here last week on his way home from Buctouche.

Mr. J. Foster, of Dorchester, and W. Shuman, of Ontario, spent last week here.

Mr. Hugh Cutler returned last week from a trip to New York.

Mrs. John Haché and children, of Joggins, N. S., are spending the summer here.

Mr. Martin Grady, of Notre Dame, for many years our parish councillor, is very ill, little hope being entertained for his recovery.

Miss El. Thebeau has been visiting friends here for a fortnight.

Mr. Thebeau and Prof. Duplissey, of Moncton, spent Sunday in town.

DIXIE.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

### KINGSTON NOTES.

AUG. 8.—Mr. David Taylor, of Fairville, was here last week.

Mr. Joshua Peters and family, of Moncton, visited here last week.

Mr. Alfred Bowser, of the Merchants' Bank, Halifax, is home for his vacation.

Mr. Charles Main is home for a few days.

Miss C. Davidson, of Moncton, is visiting at the "Cedars."

Mr. Hugh Jardine spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. John Kennedy, who had his leg broken in Burns' mill, is able to be about again.

Mr. Harry Wood, who has been in Uncle Sam's Territory for some time, has returned home. He has received a position as operator at Barry's Mills.

Mr. Fraser, of Moncton, representing L. Higgins & Co., was here last week.

Miss Mina Hamilton is learning the clerking business with G. F. Atkinson

The Maple Leafs were defeated by the Chatham team last week at Chatham.

Mr. H. Wood and Miss Etta Dickinson drove to Kouchibouguac on Sunday, returning the same day.

Mr. John Robertson, of Newcastle, is here.

Miss Maggie Gifford is visiting friends here.

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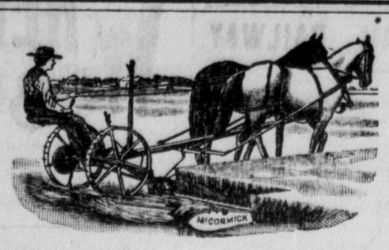

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