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THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Christmas has once more brought to the world its message of peace and gladness which the ever recurring years only seem to accentuate since that night when in the Syrian hamlet was born the harbinger of hope to a weary and sin stained race. What the world would be without Christmas can only be estimated by keeping in view the thought of what the world would be without the message of hope and deliverance which He brought whose nativity we have been celebrating for these 1900 years. It is as impossible to separate modern civilization and its progress from christianity and its great prototype as it is to separate the noonday from the sun which causes it. A world without christianity would be a world without faith, hope or charity, that trinity of immortal virtues which form the golden circle of human life. Man could never have been inspired by any less ambitious message to his own betterment or the improvement of his environments and daily conditions. The arts and sciences would have been without their noblest aspirations and literature would have stagnated without its noblest standard.

This present holiday season has however a special significance, rounding out as it does a hundred years of progress greater perhaps in almost every line than any other century which preceded it. The closing of a century would of itself be a notable milestone in the world's history. It is the closing of a period which shall be reckoned separate and distinct from every other. We who are privileged to pass into the newer hopes of the century to open next week will ever look back with a certain fondness to the days of the past century with its wonderful progress in all the lines of material, social and religious development. Many new discoveries have been made, many old things have been rediscovered and improved, many developments have been worked out in all the branches of science and practical everyday life. Let us hope that the cynic's comment "that human nature ever remains the same" may not be correct, but rather that in the progress of material things there has been a development of the humanity which contrains the progress of the world.

Let our holiday season in these closing days of the old century be bright with the benedictions of that faith, hope and charity which are indestructively entwined around such a season, so that we may all be the better fitted for the duties and the days work of the incoming century. In this one week at least the world and its people can be rendered better by the influence of those memories which since our boyhood and girl-

hood days have clustered around dear old Santa Claus.

We wish our readers one and all a very happy holiday season and trust that the New Year will be brighter and more prosperous than any which has gone before.

THE SUN'S ANSWER.

The St. John Sun endeavours in its own peculiar way to answer our query regarding its past attitude in the Queens, N. B., case. It as usual avoids a direct answer and proceeds at once to quibble out of the position which it took, at the time of the celebrated election, and also the position which Mr. Baird took on that occasion. The Sun states Mr. Baird did resign. But when did Mr. Baird resign, was it immediately after the election? Not at all; Mr. Baird went to Ottawa and took the seat and occupied it an entire session and would undoubtedly have continued but for the ostracisation of members of both parties and the very pronounced and vigorous condemnation which his act of usurpation created among the people of Canada. When he could no longer brazen the sincere indignation of the people or the pressure from his leaders Mr. Baird decided to resign. So much for the late Mr. Baird's course. How was it with the Sun and did it at the time of the "steal" recommend him to resign? The Sun waited until the session had begun and a storm of indignation had burst forth from almost the entire press of Canada, then the tory organ hinted another appeal to the people would be the best course for Mr. Baird. Why did it not give him this advice at the moment of the election?

It was quite evident at the time that the Sun gave this belated and dilatory suggestion after public opinion had expressed itself in no uncertain manner of its strong reprehension at Mr. Baird usurping the seat of Mr. King. Our contemporary would also lead us to believe that Mr. Dunn, the returning officer, was not at fault. The consensus of opinion at the time was that he was very largely at fault.

But then there is no parallel between the cases of Queens, N. B., and Queens, P. E. I., as the Sun would lead us to infer. In Queens, N. B., Mr. King had a majority of the legal and total votes cast. In Queens, P. E. I., Mr. McKinnon, the Liberal, had a majority of all the votes cast, waiving technicalities, and also a majority of the legal votes on judicial recount.

It is beyond comprehension why the Sun continues in its course of misrepresentation unless it be that it hopes to convince some of its readers of its own peculiar idea of journalistic ethics especially as we have already pointed out its statement of the Queens, P. E. I. election is absolutely incorrect.

The Sun wonders why none of the government organs have not requested Mr. McKinnon to resign. Why should they do so? No one ever heard of a majority candidate giving way to the minority and defeated candidate. Let the Sun compare the action of the Liberal press of this province on the recent election in West Durham with its course in the Queens, N. B., and its readers will find an excellent example of Liberal fair-play and justice.

Some weeks ago the Charlotte-town correspondent of the Sun communicated the fact that the liberals were not in it and that the tories were prepared and itching for a fight. They had the fight and they don't know what struck them. Now the tories say they were not ready and the elections were sprung on them. The tories are the poorest losers in the world; they send up a pitiful howl after each successive defeat

DEATH BED REPENTANCE.

The recent appeal for party purity addressed to his Conservative friends at the Sackville banquet by H. A. Powell, ex-M. P., for Westmoreland County, is one of the humors of the latter day situation of toryism. Mr. Powell is sufficiently conscious of past his tory not to attempt an appeal for political purity on high moral grounds, but rather takes the more logical stand that it is useless to attempt to outbid the Liberals now that the latter are in government. It was all right in his eyes to pay the piper so long as the tune was party success, and the cost of the music came out of favourite contractors or was provided from the corrupt transactions which made the government of Canada notorious from 1878-1896. But the inspiring music of earlier days has become the funeral dirge of shattered Conservative hopes and blighted tory ambitions. The individual members of the party have realized for the first time in their history what party fealty means to a courageous opposition. It has at last dawned upon the tory mind what sacrifices of brain and finances were involved in the courageous persistency with which the Liberal leaders attacked the corrupt strongholds of toryism election after election, undaunted by defeat or rather nerved to fresh exertion and to greater party sacrifice by the repeated triumphs of the successive Conservative administrations each more corrupt than its predecessor. Now after four short years of abstinence from the official flesh pots the Achilles of Westmoreland has retired sulking to his tent and in his final benediction tells his friends, in effect: Its no use, those wicked grits won't let us play in their government back yard any more, and therefore we are forced to try a new dodge and play purity or we are forever to be debarred from the government playground. We must stop this wholesale debauchery of constituencies because the grits have more money than we have (and more heart to spend it) and we must save ourselves from financial embarrassment for there are only a few of us left.

Laughable indeed if it were not so pitiful to the faint-hearted appeal of the erstwhile tory Achilles who two short months ago was strutting about the political stage illustrating to his friends into what small pieces he was about to crush Messrs. Blair and Emmer-son. Mr. Powell reminds us of the couplet, When the devil was sick the devil a saint would be, When the devil was well the devil a saint was he.

As long as political corruption was profitable, Mr. Powell had no words of condemnation for its use as a means of entrenching toryism in power; as soon as it became a matter of personal contributions from party men to raise the corruption fund then this new apostle of purity decided against its continuance. What a weak heart toryism in New Brunswick must have!

The remember Ross campaign in Ontario is progressing quite favorably. The people of Welland evidently did not forget him as he only asked for one member and they sent him a Gross.

The Sun has deserted Mr. Lowles and East Queens, P. E. I. It has never answered our charges nor apologized to the public for its deception.

Was it Tarte, with the rae cry, which carried P. E. I.? If so, will our tory contemporaries kindly explain.

ELECTION PROTESTS.

The aftermath of election protests has followed the general elections and the custom in this regard instituted in 1896 by the Conservative party is bearing its bad fruit. There was a time when a political party could accept the mandate of the electorate without these appeals to the laws delays and the technicalities of election courts, but that was when toryism was triumphant, for Liberals had courage to take a political defeat without whimpering. When the people pronounced against the tories in 1896 after their long lease of power that party had got so used to the notion that it was the people of Canada that it determined to thwart the national will and govern Canada if possible by a new form of election known as election by judiciary. But the Liberals after their severe lesson in the election courts over the Queens elections were expecting just such a move and checkmated it with the result that all protests were withdrawn. Now the Conservatives have repeated the game and have been again checkmated. Not a protest was filed in New Brunswick until the tory party had filed theirs and then the Liberal protests were filed in return. Our advice to the Liberal friends in 1900 is not to bother with a general or any other form of swop off, but to teach their opponents that this election protest game is played out and that it means the shattering of the remnant of toryism in New Brunswick. The tory trick of election protests has become a nuisance and to stop it once and forever is the duty of the Liberal leaders.

The Powell banquet at Sackville must have been a very sad and sorrowful gathering when it was productive of such an academical funeral oration as that delivered by the ex-M. P. for Westmorland. We can almost imagine before us the pale faces illuminated by the light of burning alcohol and hear the melancholic intonations of that philosophically pure minded politician of Sackville. He did indeed send up a sad wail of distress, but then one must remember the circumstances; it may possibly have been that some present had had to "mortgage the future" in endeavoring to raise the "stuff" for the campaign and therefore the cause of despondency to the speaker and his friends.

Speaking of campaign funds reminds us that there was a H. A. Powell of Westmorland on a ticket to whose fund the Moncton Gas and Water Co. subscribed \$500. Could this be any relation to the ex-M. P. for Westmorland who was moralizing at the Sackville banquet. For the object of the subscription we would refer our readers to the evidence of Mr. Chris. Harris as given at the arbitration proceedings in Moncton and reported in the Moncton Transcript.

It is almost beyond our comprehension, but it is reported that Mr. Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, has had all the politics he desires and that in the future the editorial columns of the "Star" are to be devoid of political contributions. It is understood that Mr. Graham yielded up editorial contributions freely and willingly but the other kind of contributions, which were a heavy drain, were not so much to his taste.

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The St. John man who worked in Carleton in the interest of Mr. McInerney wishes it distinctly understood that he was loyal to George and that nothing stuck to his fingers. Nobody but the tories would ever insinuate that he did such things.

Why have the tories of Kent been so forgetful as not to tender a banquet to their ex M. P. for the valuable services which he has rendered them? Powell is at present two laps ahead of the prospective Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He has had a banquet and filed a protest.

A St. John correspondent, writing to a friend in Richibucto remarks, that the countenance of Mr. McInerney on the 17th inst. had a sad, depressed appearance and suggests that this might possibly be attributed to the neglected protest from Kent.

LIFE ON THE RAIL Mr. Geo. Cummings, Barrie, Ont., one of the best known engineers on the G. T. R., writes:—"For years I suffered from kidney disease brought on by railroad life. The doctors called it "railroad kidney" but could give me no permanent relief. A friend recommended Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills saying they had cured him. A few boxes of that grand medicine completely cured me, putting an end to the dreadful pains in the back and greatly strengthening the kidneys. I am a well man to-day, thanks to Dr. Chase." One pill a dose, 25cts a box.

Emery Carisse, who stabbed and killed Joseph Laurencello, was charged with murder in the police court at Ottawa on Friday. He was remanded for a week. The general opinion now is that Carisse had no intention of killing Laurencello, who was 44 years his junior, but had used the knife which was in his hand at the time cutting tobacco to protect himself from the attack of the young man Laurencello was striking him with a chair. The old man does not realize his position. The murderer and his victim were laborers.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The Very Rev. John S. Landers, dean of the diocese of Ottawa and chaplain of the Senate of Canada, died at New Brighton, England, this morning. He went there to improve his health, which had been in poor condition for some time.

NOTES FROM THE CLYDE.

"A green jail makes a fat kirk yard," so the old scotch saying has it. From present appearances we are likely to have a green jail this year. The weather has been mild and what in common parlance is called "soft" i. e., it has been very wet. I do not think there have been three consecutive dry days for the last three months. One would imagine that so much wet weather would be very bad for the health of a place like Glasgow but this is far from being the case. It may cause mild forms of illness, but the death rate is always low during a mild wet winter. If frost comes with its attendant fogs as is invariably the case the death rate, especially among the old, at once rises. In the city of Glasgow the old saying already quoted does not find verification.

The plague is now a thing of the past. The prompt measures taken by the sanitary authorities soon stamped it out. There never was any scare in Glasgow. The fuss made over it, in some of the foreign papers especially, was absurd. Quarantening of all ships from Glasgow must have meant tremendous loss to shipping. It must be admitted that sanitary arrangements in connection with shipping are in a very lax condition. At present there is no sanitary port officer to visit such ships as he enters the Clyde. An agitation has been set on foot for the appointment of such an officer. It is more by good luck than good guidance that we have not had frequent epidemics of various kinds from this source. At present there are a good many small cases occurring in the various quarters of the city. The type is a very mild one and that makes it all the more difficult to stamp out the disease. The whole thing originated in a sailor who left his ship and went to a house in the east end where he lay very ill for days before medical assistance was called.

The exhibition which is to open in May is now being rapidly pushed on. The main buildings are nearly finished and all over the west end park smaller buildings are rising like mushrooms. Last week 100 Russian carpenters arrived from Russia to put up their building. It is to be a very elaborate affair and to include a fine reception room suitable for the Czar if he should be able to come. The Canadian government building is also being pushed on. It is to cover 20,000 square feet of flooring. The exhibition will be much larger and more elaborate than the former one. There is a very large main building, a large stone building (the art gallery), and a large machinery building across the Dumbarton Road connected to the main building by a long narrow building and a bridge. Besides there is a big concert hall as large as the Albert Hall in London. Then in the grounds we have the Russian, Canadian, Persian and other special buildings such as a model dairy farm, an old Irish Squire's House, refreshment kiosks, &c. There is to be a switch back railway, a water shoot and other attractive amusements. Various kinds of sports, tournaments, &c., will be held on the University athletic grounds adjoining which have been specially laid out for the occasion. Flower shows and shows of various kinds will take place from time to time and music will be supplied by the best military and other bands procurable. It will be a small show compared with the Paris one, but it will be quite big enough. The situation on the banks of the Kelvin with the University on the hill above it is an ideal one. Unfortunately the classic Kelvin is not the pure pellucid stream it was in bygone days. In the near future it will be purified but not in time for the present show.

During the summer there will be some very fine yacht racing down the Clyde. Shamrock II, Lipton's new boat, is at present being built. Watson who designed the Thistle, the Valkyries and the good old Britannia, has her in hand. It is to be hoped it will turn out a boat fast enough to bring back the American Cup. The old Shamrock is being repaired and she will be sailed against a new one. There is also rumormongers of a new boat for

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