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THE NATIONAL MOURNING

With a mournful pomp impressive of an Empire's strength, and with a nation's tears significant of an Empire's weakness, our late beloved Queen Victoria has been laid to her last earthly resting place beside the remains of the Prince Consort, and the faithful royal pair have forgotten time and space in the joy of their reunion. Nothing has stirred the stolid Briton as has the death of the christian woman who as wife, mother and queen has filled for so many years so prominent a place in the public eye. Well might Tennyson write of her those lines of golden blessing:

May you rule us long,
And leave us rulers of your blood
As noble till the latest day!
May children of our children say,
She wrought her people lasting good.

The grave has closed over the mortal remains of that sweet lady whose influence for good has made her name redolent with the virtues of unselfish actions throughout a well spent life. Earth has returned to earth and ashes to ashes, but the grave cannot shut in the blessing of that life which has left her people better than it found them. Many a story is being told to-day beside the hearths of Britons the world-over, of the clean, high-minded lady who guided with a woman's wit the destinies of the greatest world power from one success to another. Eulogy after eulogy has been delivered from pulpits and in the press of every country on the life that has passed to its accounting, but all seems to have been included that was worthy of utterance in those touching words of the late poet laureate:

Her court was pure; her life serene;
God gave her peace; her land reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife and Queen.

And while the eyes of her subjects are wet with the tears of sorrow for the taking away of that christian soul, there is a national pride in the completeness of the well rounded life which having filled its time of earthly service has been taken home to glory by the Father's love. Victoria has but exchanged her earthly crown for immortality. Her lonely heart is happy once again; her time of mourning has been changed to the glory of the happiness which Bunyan has described as coming to those who have passed through the vale of the shadow and have dropped their burdens from their tired shoulders. Ere this appears, that hope which the poet has expressed has been experienced by her for whom the nation mourns. For tho' from out our bourne of

Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

THE BYE ELECTIONS.

The election by acclamation of Mr. A. B. Copp, of Sackville, the government candidate, to the vacancy in Westmoreland's representation in the New Brunswick House of Assembly, brings home to us the fact that there are a number of these bye elections to be held to fill the vacancies caused by the death and resignation of members since the last session of the local legislature. The convention of local government opponents which met at Dorchester last week was full of eagerness for a political fight, and after deciding to contest the constituency, appointed a strong nominating committee to choose a candidate. This nominating committee failed to find a candidate, and Westmoreland was allowed to go government by acclamation. York is to have its bye election next week, and it is said the government candidate will be Mr. George W. Allen and that he will be opposed by Mr. Harry F. McLeod, eldest son of the Rev. Joseph McLeod, who was defeated in the federal election. Whether the intention to nominate the younger McLeod is serious, or whether the rumour is prompted merely by that gentleman's personal ambitions for political honor, it is hard to say. The Conservatives of York seem to be divided at present into two hostile camps, represented by the Gleaner and the Reporter newspapers respectively. The Rev. Joseph McLeod has not been a howling success as a political peace maker, for his advent to the candidacy seems to have split a once united party into fragment. Not content with this, the McLeod faction are determined to foist the son on the County as the opposition candidate for the House of Assembly. If there is a contest in York, we venture to predict the election of the government candidate by 1000 majority.

We are to have a bye election also in this County, but the general feeling throughout Kent is one of satisfaction with the local administration, and the general belief is that the nomination of a strong candidate will be equivalent to an election by acclamation. There would seem to be no good purpose to be served by an election at this time, as our local members have been most zealous in their work for the County and the dividing of the constituency by the election of an opposition member, would materially weaken the power for good of the two government members.

In Carleton County, the writ has not yet been issued, but may be expected any day, and in that County, if anywhere, the opposition may be expected to make their boldest fight. Carleton County is at present represented by one government and one opposition member, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Mr. F. B. Carvell, the other government member, in order to contest the County in the federal elections. There has however been some talk of the parties agreeing upon a compromise candidate, in order to avoid the necessity for a contest. The names that have been mentioned as such candidates are Mr. Michael Welsh, the lumber operator of Bristol, Carleton Co., and Major W. C. Good, of Jacksonville, in that County. The latter gentleman served with distinction as Lieutenant in the second Canadian contingent.

The present House of Assembly has served half its term, its members having been elected in February, 1899. There does not seem to be much gain in putting the country to the expense and trouble of contests in these bye elections in which the return of government candidates would leave the representation exactly as it has been.

ARE SENATORSHIPS BOUGHT?

Mr. H. H. Cook's sustained silence in relation to his charges against the government may not be a matter of serious importance, seeing that the subject of selling Senatorships is likely to come before the Courts in another form; and a judicial trial is vastly preferable to any investigation which could take place before a committee of partisans at Ottawa.

During the recent campaign Mr. Clarke Wallace publicly charged that Mr. Fulford, of Brockville, had been given a senatorship for a cash consideration of \$50,000. Mr. Wallace seems to have made this allegation with a full sense of his responsibility in the premises; for on being served with a notice of suit for libel, he has just made rejoinder as follows:—

"The words of the defendant, without the construction placed on them by the plaintiff, were not libellous. If the defendant did speak they were true in substance and in fact. The plaintiff did pay to the Government of Canada either directly, or through some member thereof to the defendant unknown, or to some person or persons to the defendant unknown, on behalf of the Government, the sum of \$50,000 in order that he (plaintiff) might be appointed a senator of the Dominion of Canada."

Such a pleading will bring the matter strictly on its merits before the Courts. In effect, Mr. Wallace reiterates his charge. He goes on, however, to protect himself behind several pretexts. He says:—

"At the general elections the policy of the Government in regard to appointments to the Senate was in question, and was a matter of public and general interest. There was also discussion of the reputation of the Government and its position in public esteem, and also the reputation of those appointed to the Senate. If the defendant did speak the words he spoke them as stating the existence of a rumor which was generally accepted as true, showing that the reputation of the Government was so low that the public generally believed it to be capable of such an act, and that the plaintiff's reputation was such that a rumor that he was capable of such acts was generally believed."

"The defendant spoke in good faith, and in reasonable belief of the truth of what he said, and in discharge of his public duty, he having been a member of the previous Government of Canada, and for a long time a member of the House of Commons, and at that time a candidate for re-election. Wherefore, he says, the occasion is privileged and he pleads privilege accordingly."

With the question of privilege the public mind is not concerned. What every honest elector wants to know is, "Did Senator Fulford buy his seat in the Senate?" Mr. Cook made his charge ambiguously and indirectly. He named no one who could sue him for defamation. He said he would bring forward his proofs before polling day. He was challenged to do so by the Premier. He did not do so, and has been dumb on the subject ever since. Here, however, is a case in which a charge was made openly, the Senator concerned has entered an action for libel, the defendant has joined issue, and everyone hopes that nothing will be allowed to prevent the case coming to trial.

If Mr. Wallace has slandered both Mr. Fulford and the government, he richly deserves exposure and punishment. There is altogether too loose a feeling with regard to the reputation of public men. On the other hand, if Mr. Fulford and the government are guilty, the fact ought to be established. What the people want is the truth. They want the matter investigated by judges, apart from any question of privilege or other technicality. When Mr. Wallace said Senator Fulford had paid \$50,000 for his seat in the Senate, was he speaking the truth? That, and that only, is all the people of Canada care to know.

The American papers are much divided in opinion as to the advisability of keeping faith with the Cuban people by allowing them to govern their own country. Uncle Sam's high moral purpose as announced at the commencement of the Spanish war seems to have been forgotten in the first flush of victory.

THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE.

It is announced that Mr. Richard Poirier, of Cocagne, will be the government candidate in the election about to be held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our late representative, Mr. Peter H. Leger. A better selection could not have been made. Mr. Poirier, though new to provincial politics, is no stranger to the people of the County of Kent. He has served his native parish, Dundas, for the last dozen years or more in the Municipal Council of this County and is one of the most intelligent and well-informed members of the board. A man of broad views and sound judgment, he has enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been associated, and the fact that in his many Municipal election contests he has been defeated only once, speaks volumes for his personal popularity in his native parish. His long services in the Council have given him a thorough knowledge of the affairs of the County and have eminently qualified him to look after the interests of the people of Kent in the higher position to which he now aspires. Mr. Poirier has not sought the nomination and it was only after repeated solicitations by his friends that he consented to enter the field. It is not probable that he will be opposed. The opposition, if any, would be only factious and for the purpose of preventing a return by acclamation. It would be a graceful act on the part of all parties to let so old and trusted a servant of the County as Mr. Poirier be returned by acclamation for the remainder of the term.

HON. SENATOR WARK,

Who, if his life is spared until the 19th of February, will be 97 years old, is known as the "Nestor" of the Canadian Parliament, and is the oldest legislator in the world.

Many readers of THE REVIEW, especially in Kent County, where he spent such a large portion of his life as a teacher, representative and business man, will be pleased to learn that he still enjoys remarkably good health,—with his memory and other faculties apparently unimpaired, and it is hoped will be able to take his seat in the Senate at Ottawa again during the approaching session, as he has every year since Confederation in 1867. As has been truthfully said of him, he is "a monument to the results of a life of conscientious work and temperate habits."

A few days ago at his present home in Fredericton in conversation with some visitors from Kent, he recalled the fact that he had lived under the reign of five British Sovereigns. He was sixteen years old when George III died, has lived through the reign of George IV, William IV, the long reign of nearly 64 years of good Queen Victoria, and will at the opening of parliament, it is hoped, take the oath of allegiance to King Edward VII.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE REVIEW offers a prize for the first correct answer to the following question: What character in Bible history most closely resembles the editor of the St. John Sun? The answers will be published in our next issue.

The atrocities of the European soldiery in China are of such a re-

volting nature as to entirely counteract for a century to come the missionary efforts for the redemption to christianity of the followers of Confucius.

It looks as if H. A. Powell, ex-M. P., would not face Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., in the House this session. His talk and bluster resembled that of our own ex-M. P.

Daughter—No, mamma, Harold has not proposed as yet—that is, not in so many words.

Mother—Mercy on me, Jane! You must not wait for words. Proposals are mostly made up of sighs, gurgles, stammers, coughs, hems, haws and looks, you know.

CARD.

TO THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT:—

Gentlemen:—As the time is now fixed for the Bye-election in our County, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late lamented Peter H. Leger, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for your suffrages—my position will be that of an independent candidate, and I shall accord to the government an independent support and give them a generous assistance in perfecting and carrying through such legislation as I believe will prove beneficial to the varied and general interests of all classes of the community. I feel I need not assure you that my best energies and ability will be unselfishly devoted to the advancement of the farming, lumbering, milling and fishing industries, which unquestionably do not enjoy at present the protection which their several importance demands. I seek no office of any kind, nor would I accept one if offered. Should I succeed in securing a sufficient number of your votes to make me the successful candidate I will certainly regard it as the proudest moment of my existence, and I will endeavor to discharge the important duty that will devolve upon me in such a manner as you will never have the slightest reason to regret the day you cast your ballot in favor of the subscriber. I will visit as many sections of the county as time will permit. Victory is certain and therefore do not act so indiscreetly as to lose your vote on the 15th day of February, 1901, by casting it for any other candidate.

Your obedient servant,
PHILIP WOODS.

Jan'y 29th, 1901.

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CORNWALL, Ont., Feb. 2.—Ex-Judge Fairand Pringle, who retired from the Bench a year ago after serving thirty years, died at midnight. He was seized with la grippe a week ago and acute pneumonia developed. A month ago the venerable judge was presented by the legal fraternity and citizens with a life sized oil painting of himself.

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