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THANKSGIVING DAY.

Last week we heard a great deal about Thanksgiving Day. It is quite proper indeed at the fulfilment of the season of fruition to set apart a day for gratitude and Thanksgiving, and to attend church on that day and join in the chorus of thanks to God for the dispensation of his bounties. Adhering to the custom of the Pilgrims—the founders of the day—the present age makes of the occasion one of feasts as well as prayer. It will perhaps be maintained by some that Thanksgiving Day cannot be overdone. But we submit that it can—and is overdone, not so much in Canada as the United States. It is all very well for the man well off in worldly goods to lay aside his every day cares on that occasion when he is about to sit down before an ostentatious display of things palatable and seasonable. But how about the man who struggles for a bare existence, who wanders about city streets and goes at night cold and hungry to a cheerless garret and an empty cupboard? Is he not reminded of the wretchedness of his condition—the barrier between the rich and the poor—on that day more than on any other? As he wanders past imposing residences the odor of fat roasts penetrates his nostrils and the sound of myrrh and laughter greets his ears. It palls upon him. He realizes as he never realized before the infinite power of gold and as he gathers his limbs about him on a bench in the park he murmurs, "this day is not for me" and thinks sad and bitter thoughts. Let us have our day of thanksgiving, but let us have it with less ostentation than we do now and with more sincerity.

MISPLACED ZEAL.

"You can buy no more than you can sell to your customers—unless you go broke some day. Your interest and my interest are the same. If I treat you right and my firm does not you will follow me to another. If I treat you wrong, I lose both your confidence and my job." The above observations were once made to a merchant by Mr. Charles M. Cawston, commercial traveller. Mr. Cawston seems to be a drummer philosopher or a philosophic drummer. In the course of a series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post he talks inspiringly for the benefit of members of his craft and incidentally for the benefit of merchants. He illustrates his remarks with pictures of his own experiences. He really convinces one that if all travellers were like himself the mercantile community in general would be immeasurably benefited. Mr. Cawston points out that too many commercial men are prone to "overload" their customers. We are inclined to agree with him. A traveller too often sacrifices the future for the present. In many cases he can become as much the buyer as the seller. If a traveller has a line of hats dealt in extensively by a merchant, he should take pains to sell his man just about what is required for the season and not a dozen or two more as is usually the case. If he adheres to the principle of selling the individual that he can persuade of the quantity likely to be sold not only the merchant will suffer through his misplaced zeal, he will suffer as well.

Sir Alfred Harmsworth has at last purchased those Newfoundland timber areas. "The largest pulp mill in the world" is now in order.

OFF AND ON.

Norman Haggood contributes some remarkably entertaining editorials to Collier's Weekly. He endeavors to encompass two hemispheres with his range of thought. His treatises are not confined to any one subject in particular. His mental operations are performed on a very wide range of subjects indeed. He is not a specialist, therefore he sometimes argues superficially. Politics is one of his pet themes. In the last issue he dwells on "the triumph of Laurier" as he chooses to term it. He declares that the attitude of the people of Canada "toward the railway" was a business-like calculation of the relation of cost to value. We are somewhat at a loss to know what he means by this observation. He does not attempt to explain it and doubtless could not if he would. If he has reference to the proposed government trans-continental railway we must confess that he is the only American of our knowledge who has ever apprised Canada at anything like its true value. But in the next breath Mr. Haggood comes nearer the general fitness of things. He observes—

"What is meant by the Democracy is a man as enthusiastic as Mr. Bryan, and as thoroughly convinced of the need of changes with a great deal of clear-headedness."

Now that is a very sensible observation and one we are pleased to state which is in line with the majority of Mr. Haggood's arguments. He might have added, however, that the magnetism of Mr. Bryan is another requisite for the next Democratic nominee.

ANNEXATION? NOT YET.

Andrew Carnegie, that self-constituted oracle, of the destinies of America, has been airing himself again about the probability, nay, certainty, of Canada becoming annexed to the United States. Apparently Mr. Carnegie imagines that the gift of millions of money carries with it the gift of prophecy and he undertakes to discuss what may happen before the year 3000. Undoubtedly, he was a far seeing man in business, but when he undertakes to pierce the veil of the future for a thousand years to come he is talking some unduly liberties as a seer. He does not say how long before Canada will form part of the United States but inferentially it would seem the time is not far off. We imagine few Canadians will worry about Mr. Carnegie's views. At the present time the probabilities are all against what he foretells, but no one is wise enough to predict. The time may come when the Anglo-Saxon races, under whatever flag may unite. In such an event the destinies of Canada and the United States would become common. This observation of late days events, however, has all been in the direction of closer union with the Mother Country. Not only that, but the ties of material interest are becoming yearly tighter. These are represented by uniform postage rates, joint ownership in the Pacific Cable, mutual subsidies to trans-Pacific Steamship Companies, trans Atlantic Steamship Companies and in a preference in trade matters. Later on we hope to see the idea of Imperial Unity take some definite shape. When that is finally accomplished and Canada and the colonies are made hard and fast by material and political interests in the Imperial fold, such a thing as annexation with the United States will be practically out of the question—in fact, impossible except by revolution—as impossible as the succession of one of the States of the Union south of us. The fact that Americans are pouring into Canada's Northwest is no more an indication that they are going to remain Americans than that the million or two of Canadians who went into the United States have remained Canadians or that they will exercise more influence on the general result.

IT IS ALL "SELF."

People are generally your friends for what they can get out of you. When you are no longer of any advantage to them they are liable—and even likely to thrust you aside with a kick. A fair illustration of the truth of this sentimental observation is furnished by the Standard, a weekly published in Pictou, N. S. This paper observes— "No Canadian statesman occupies a position so little to be envied as Hon. A. G. Blair. He sends a warning over the land as brilliant and startling as a danger rocket on a dark night. All eyes are attracted by the signal, and await the leader to come to the rescue of his country. Here is a patriot, the public think, sacrificing position and friends because he loves his country more. Day after day passes, and the people ask, why does Mr. Blair delay? His voice is silent. The crisis comes and the battle is won by the enemy. Blair has done nothing. The general opinion is that Blair had his price and got it. No public man is held in greater contempt by both political parties than Blair is today. He is regarded as an able statesman, whose politics is to look after number one. Indeed his whole record confirms such an opinion. His remaining years will be filled with bitterness. Rejected and despised by men his grey head will go to the grave, unwept, unloved and unmissed."

We judge that the standard is one of those rank partisan newspapers which seem to infest the Dominion. Its coarse invective is scarcely any more worthy of consideration than its apparent ingenuity. But its conduct is—in an exaggerated form perhaps—merely the reflection of that of others. Everyone who knows Mr. Blair knows that he has always been a self-seeking man. Some have wondered why. The Standard furnishes very good reason why. Mr. Blair knows the world far better than his so called friends. Apropos of the former minister of railways—he seems to have played his last political card—and he is still the Hon. A. G. Blair.

TRANSFER OF I. C. R.

The Montreal Herald seriously advises the government to lease the Intercolonial Railway. The government we feel certain will not give serious consideration to the Herald's counsel. It might be advantageous to the people of Canada as a whole to have the Intercolonial leased to a corporation. But it is doubtful if it would offer any advantage to the people of the Maritime Provinces. And we are positively certain that it would be of no advantage to the many Liberal M. P.'s residing along the route of that road. Quite the contrary! The transfer of the Intercolonial to a corporation we honestly believe, would result in the failure of a good many present M. P.'s to carry their constituencies at the next election. The I. C. R. vote is a big one and be assured the present members in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will not sacrifice it for the sake of a corporation for the sake of the country either. Besides these members all have friends employed in the I. C. R. service. Some of these "friends" are generally regarded as incompetent. If a corporation acquired the road they would all be weeded out. No, the transfer of the Intercolonial is an impossibility. It will never take place!

THE KAISER'S INDELICACY.

At the performance at the opera in Berlin, not many nights ago, at which the Emperor was present a number of ladies were turned back as they appeared in high-necked gowns instead of décolletées, in accordance with the royal command. Many ladies in order to gain admittance, improvised low-cut dresses by borrowing scissors from the attendants and cutting out the offending portions of their frocks. The London Graphic describes it as an amusing and painful scene. We might pardon the indelicacy of the Kaiser if it had occurred in any other place than the opera. You

see His Highness never attends without a powerful pair of opera glasses.

Now that elections are the thing in Nova Scotia it is up to Mr. Sproule M. P., to make good his assertion that if Nova Scotia were dropped into the St. Lawrence the only memory that would be left would be the smell of bad whisky.

LAURIER WAS SIXTY THREE YESTERDAY

Lord and Lady Minto Send Farewell to Premier and People of Canada by Wireless

Ottawa, Nov 23—This is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's birthday. The premier is 63 years old. He received a large number of telegrams wishing him many returns of the day. Sir Wilfrid Laurier received the following telegram from Lord and Lady Minto dated Rimouaki Nov 19 "Cannot tell you how deeply we feel in saying good-bye to you and to so many friends and to Canada where we have been so happy. Hope to send you Marconi from Fame Point. (Signed) LORD AND LADY MINTO. The Marconiogram, which the Premier received from Fame Point is as follows: "Must avail myself of Marconi system to express wish that prosperity may attend dominion and yourself (Signed) "MINTO" The overcoat we sell you will bring you back for your next one. —Fraser's, Oak Hall.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, Nov 18—A telegram from Philadelphia last evening was received by Mr. Samuel Gannon, of this place informing him of the death of his son Clarence which occurred yesterday from appendicitis after three weeks' illness. Mr. Gannon was twenty years of age, and left Bathurst for Philadelphia two years ago. The remains will be brought home for interment. S. S. Killeen, which recently went ashore off the Point, stripping her propeller, is now undergoing repairs at Summer Company's wharf. It is expected the work will be completed in a few days. Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper 2004 1111

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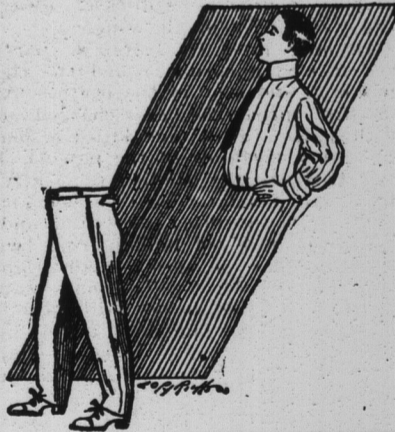
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