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AN ABSURD PROPOSAL

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., an apostle of high protection, from the Pacific Slope, declared in the course of his speech at the Gaiety Theatre that Canadians should have a higher aim in life than to grow wheat, cut logs and pulpwood, dig ore and catch fish and ship the same out of the country as raw material. He went on to say that the pulpwood should be converted into paper for the use of the New York newspapers, and that the lumber should be made into furniture, although he did not specify just the kind that the soft woods of this province are adapted for, and where a market would be found for the same. In regard to wheat, he would have it ground into flour by Canadian mills, and while he made no proposal in regard to fish it is presumed that instead of shipping them to the United States in their raw state he would have them manufactured into chowder, preserved in tins, something after the manner in which the British Columbia salmon catch is handled.

His advice with respect to the lumbering industry must have been particularly illuminating to those of Mr. Hanson's supporters who have for years been engaged in cutting spruce, hemlock and cedar logs and converting the same into long lumber, laths and shingles for export to the United States. How astonished they must have been to learn from the gentleman from the Pacific slope that instead of benefiting New Brunswick by their industry, they were really denuding the province of its natural resources and that the wicked Yankees were reaping all the benefit from their labors. Having learned from Mr. Stevens that they were on the wrong track, it may now be expected that in the very near future the Fraser companies, Mr. Stanley Douglas, Mr. Elwood Burt, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. W. D. Gunter, Mr. Gordon Scott, Mr. John A. Young and other saw mill proprietors, will immediately close down their mills, throw out the gang saws, lath and shingle machines, and instal in their places appliances for the manufacture of office and household furniture, roll-top desks and baby's high chairs and other finished products for which it is said there is a world-wide demand. As it will open a way to get rid of the surplus lumber now piled in their yards awaiting shipment, no doubt the banks will cheerfully furnish the financial assistance which will be necessary in order to transform the saw mills into furniture factories. Made over mills can very properly be classified as new industries, no time should be lost in making application to the municipalities for exemption from taxation, free water and perhaps a cash bonus. All this would be very well, but we are afraid it is not going to happen. The lumbermen and mill-owners, even though they may be on the wrong track, will probably continue to worry along in the same old groove. Notwithstanding Mr. Stevens, they will continue to cut logs, to manufacture the same into lumber and ship it to the United States, which is the only market available for their product. With all respect to the learned advocate from the Pacific slope, we wish to tell him that the lumbermen of this province know their business fairly well and have not the slightest notion of engaging in the manufacture of furniture. Moreover,

we can tell him that the lumbering business as carried on in New Brunswick is the mainstay of the province, and without it there would be no prosperity here.

Tory politicians who are out to catch votes may talk of the importance to the community of the Marysville cotton mill, and the Hartt shoe factory, but well may the question be asked, Where would those industries be today but for the lumbering business? Who founded them, and where did the capital come from that paid for the erection of the buildings and tall chimneys? The man who founded the Marysville cotton mill did not make his money selling cotton, nor did the man who brought the shoe factory into existence make his money selling groceries.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the lumbering industry, not as Mr. Stevens would have it, but as it has been carried on for years by hard-headed sons of New Brunswick, has been and is now the foundation of all prosperity in this province. Without the lumbering industry and its great twin brother, agriculture, New Brunswick today would be non-existent.

The Liberal policy of encouraging industries based on the natural resources of the country is manifestly the correct policy for this province.

GRADUATING CLASS U. N. B.

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have been privileged to receive a College education to devote some time and energy to the solution of great National problems and the upbuilding of the country and community in which you live. Each of you will have a vote in Dominion, Provincial and Civic elections. It is your duty to use it and use it intelligently. We believe the Democratic system of government to be the best yet devised, but it will inevitably fail unless the educated members of the community take an active part in the selection of the men and women who are to represent them in the governing bodies, whether they be civic, provincial or national. Better far an enlightened autocracy than a government of the people by people who are incompetent or corrupt, for the benefit not of the people but of special classes or individuals. The fate of Germany has shown us also that education and culture with wrong ideals may be the worst form of vice. In a young country such as Canada we cannot have a large body of men, such as they have in Great Britain, freed from the necessity of earning their living, who can devote their lives to the public service. It is all the more necessary then, and the needs of the country demand, that those who have education should take a lively interest and an active part in all the machinery of government, which begins with the primaries in each parish, village, town or city in which delegates to conventions are chosen. Criticism of public men is cheap and for the most part unfair. No one has the right to criticize who has been to lazy or indifferent to see that better men are chosen.

Its Value.

For four years you have been receiving a higher education. Your study of languages and literature has taught you in the first instance to appreciate the exact meaning of words and their appropriate use, and, secondly, the beauties of literary form. This should enable you to read with appreciation and discrimination the great thoughts of the great minds who have left us the heritage of good books. It is the first end of education to enable us to read with an exact knowledge of the meaning of words.

By your study of mathematics, physics and philosophy your logical faculties have been developed so that you may reason correctly from cause to effect and make correct deductions from given premises.

Those of you who are taking your degrees in engineering and forestry have also acquired information of practical value on matters connected with those professions.

Capacity to Acquire.

But primarily what your four years course here should give you is the capacity and ability to acquire further knowledge and deal intelligently with the new problems which you will meet in the course of your chosen career. It sometimes seems a matter of regret that our forefathers could not bequeath to us the knowledge and wisdom they managed to acquire in their allotted three score years or more. Could each generation begin their education equipped with the accumulated knowledge and experience of their predecessors, to what heights of intellectual and material achievement we might have attained. However we know that each succeeding class as they come into College must learn anew the problems that puzzled their fathers before them. The propositions of Euclid, the binomial theorem and quadratic equations they must learn for themselves. They must each spell out the great Caesar's Commentaries, and each Greek class in their turn must learn to read of the wanderings of the Greek Army as narrated by Xenophon.

In the realm of physical science we do in a sense begin where our ancestors left off. The marvels of electricity as unfolded to you in your Junior year, surpass all the knowledge of great geniuses of past ages on this subject, and Freshmen may know as much about gravitation as Sir Isaac Newton. And the search for truth still

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goes on. Nature continues to yield new secrets yearly to the persistent investigator. Our education continues each day and the undergraduate course marks but one phase of it. There are many things too which form a vital part of education and yet are not mentioned in the college curriculum.

Canadianism.

We need in Canada today men and women who have a spirit of virile Canadianism. Let us be loyal to our King and country, the community in which we live, the University in which we have been educated. Let us not be provincial, and by provincialism I mean that narrow vision which cannot see and desire to imitate the good in other countries and in other communities; that spirit which breeds petty jealousy and selfishness. Let us always be ready to admit and appreciate superiority where it exists, and ever seek to take advantage of and bring to our own country and community those things in which we find others to excel.

Results of The War.

In casting up the results of the war it is easy to count the losses—the loss of life, the bereavement and sorrow of families, the loss of property, the huge waste of money. But in making a just account we should also add up some gains:—A fresh demonstration that chivalry is not dead; that the ancient spirit of bravery is as widespread and as noble as ever it was with our hardy ancestors; a new spirit of comradeship between men of all classes; a new appreciation of the value of discipline and the subordination of the individual for the good of the many as the community or the nation to which he belongs. The war was also a destroyer of provincialism. Our own Canadian boys saw and appreciated the fighting qualities of the French and our other Allies. They saw the farms, the towns and the cities of other countries with an older civilization than ours, and noted wherein they excelled our own.

Loyalty To Alma Mater.

Finally be loyal to your Alma Mater. She needs your support and help. You owe her no less. At her hands you have received at little cost an education which unfolds to you the great world of knowledge contained in books and fits you to take up your part as men and daughters to provide another building and more equipment so as to keep pace with modern educational demands. I know you will give your help in this work and so keep our Alma Mater ever youthful and flourishing.

On behalf of the Senate and the Alumni I offer our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to each of you, for a career of honor and success.

REV. CANON ARMSTRONG

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finer still. It is a life figure of Chinese Gordon seated on a dromedary, planted in what will some day be the centre of the city of Kartoum. And in that statue the face of Gordon is not turned toward the Nile by which he might have escaped; it is not turned toward Egypt through which help too late was on its way; it is turned out toward the great desert, whose voice he alone heard, whose opportunities he alone saw. That, as Newbolt puts it in his lines on Gordon, was the real greatness of the man:

"For this man was not great by gold or royal state
 By sharp sword or knowledge of earth's wonder;
 But more than all his race he saw life face to face
 And heard the still small voice above its thunder."

Rising from these black throats in the Soudan, Chinese Gordon heard the voice of Jesus Christ calling. He will stand at last among those who in giving to the thirsty, gave water to Christ; in giving to the hungry gave bread to Christ; in grasping the great unselfish opportunities of his life, served Jesus Christ, his Lord. And so I appeal to you who graduate today as you step out into life, put your force into the great moral and spiritual movements that are transforming the world. Spend yourselves for others and for God. Service is the sacrificial use of life that is the divine use. The fact that such service as this is the divinest thing in the world is surely enough to persuade us to it.

I close with the words of Professor Simpson uttered to a graduating class in Scotland. In eloquent words he pictured them looking back on the scene long years after and pondering his message. "He told us" so he forehears them say "that the great lesson he had learned on his way through life

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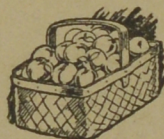
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