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A PARABLE OF ROSES

A gardener of skill prided himself on his rosebuds which annually bloomed wondrous fair. But one day a visitor of sour visage, thinlipped and with jaundiced eye, surveyed a bed of rosebuds with a sneer and said: "Maybe they look pretty. But they are deceitful flowers. They hardly pay for the trouble. The quality of roses has deteriorated sadly in the past fifty years. The buds do not make sound, healthful blooms. The rosebuds of my youth were real ones, not these uncertain, perishable specimens of today."

The experienced gardener smiled but did not trouble to answer. He knew his rosebuds were as sound as ever and would bloom as well as in former years. While one or another, here and there, might disappoint, the average was as good as that of previous seasons, or better. The gardener has heard similar complaints from earliest days, the slurs of narrow minds, or crabbed old age, of sheer envy and all uncharitableness.

Consider our "rosebud garden of girls," as Tennyson phrased it. Dean Ella McCaleb of Vassar College, who may qualify as an expert witness for the girl defence says in effect that the 1922 girl is all right, that she has honesty, purpose and sympathy and that she is just as good if not better than girls of earlier days.

The finding of Dean McCaleb is refreshing in the midst of such wholesale, thoughtless and, for the most part, undeserved criticism as has been hurled at Canadian girlhood during the past two or three years. The next time you are tempted to fling a careless condemnation, pause, think whether you are sure, whether you are helping, whether you are fair.

A good speech was contributed to the debate on the address in the House yesterday by Mr. Tracey, one of the Progressive members for Carleton. Mr. Tracey is a man possessed of a lot of good sound, common sense, and his speech was attentively listened to by both sides of the House. His views on public questions were set forth in a modest way and had the stamp of honesty and sincerity. What criticism he had to offer was of a constructive nature, and undoubtedly carried weight with the government. Carleton has in Mr. Tracey a most useful member who will carefully look after its interests.

Three of the members for York, viz. Leader Richards, Deputy Leader Pinder and Mr. John Young, loom up conspicuously on the front bench on the opposition side of the Legislature. Mr. S. B. Hunter, who is looked upon as a modest representative, with no political ambitions, occupies an extreme back bench on the same side of the House.

The debate on the address is dragging along in the Legislature and it looks as if it might occupy at least another day or perhaps two days. The speakers yesterday were Messrs. Peck and Flewelling for the Opposition and Messrs. Tracey and Burlock for the Progressives. Mr. Flewelling closed his remarks by moving an amendment to the address, which is nothing more than a want of confidence motion. What the Opposition hopes to gain by such tactics is difficult to understand at this stage. It will disclose their weakness to the country but will serve no other purpose.

One of the first things the new City Council should do is to take a vote on Daylight Saving. It can be done at very little expense, as all that is necessary are two Poll Clerks, one at City Hall and the other at the Court House. This is a question that comes up every year and it is time that it was definitely settled. The Council cannot ignore this matter, as a large number of ratepayers demand the vote be taken.

What gives promise of being a very important session of the Federal Parliament was formally opened today by His Excellency Lord Byng with the usual pomp and ceremony. With a new governor general, a new government, a new opposition leader, and a new speaker, it is but natural that unusual interest should attach to doings at the Federal capital these days.

The Dominion Parliament met yesterday and elected Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to the Speakership. Hon. Mr. Lemieux has been in public life for the long period of twenty five years and will honor and adorn the high position to which he has been called. He is a former cabinet minister and has long been looked upon as one of Canada's ablest parliamentarians.

The French Minister of Justice has prohibited the use of the term "Boche" applied to Germans. But there are lots of others.

With the ratification of the Yap treaty, the smile in the Honorable Japan is broader and blander than in China and Siberia.

The cautious penitent is now conscientiously cutting out all those things that he knows very well are not good for his stomach anyhow.

Taffy, the ancient bard tells us, was a Welshman. Lloyd George is some taffy puller.

England's retreat from Egypt is for the moment merely strategic.

Curiously enough, one doesn't need very much tin to start a bucket-shop.

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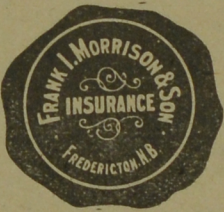
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