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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

Rev. H. E. Thomas, a well known Methodist clergyman, indulged in some plain talk on political corruption and the patronage evil in a sermon at Sackville last Sunday. In the course of his remarks he said:

"Few men in Canada have been in public life longer than Sir George E. Foster, and few know better the ramifications of a patronage system, and he is on record as declaring that so great is the demand made upon a representative of the people in parliament for the bestowment of patronage that no time is afforded for a serious consideration of the affairs of state. Surely a charge as serious as this from such a source is enough to give pause to every true citizen.

"And out of that iniquitous patronage system grow nearly all the vices of our electoral system. In far off days the depths were reached when a bottle of whiskey or a \$2 bill was used, to influence an elector, but in our day we have gone leagues beyond this and now, days before an election, a whole family of father and sons will be purchased for \$100 or \$150 for the lot, just the same as logs or sheep are purchased, or we buy a whole community by flaunting election promises before its eyes. That conditions like these can be treated in a jocular way today is sufficient to call the church of God to arms. But there is other evidence of this brazen-faced corruption."

Alluding to the case of a former Premier of New Brunswick, who after being kicked out of the government was whitewashed by his former associates in the Legislature, the preacher said:

"In the name of public decency, Christianity apart, WHERE IS THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSTITUENCY WHICH WILL OPEN ITS ARMS AND ACCEPT A MAN TOO GUILTY TO HOLD ONE OFFICE, AND WILL NOMINATE HIM FOR A HIGHER OFFICE? AND WHERE IS THE CONSCIENCE OF A LEGISLATURE, OF WHAT KIND OF MORAL BRAINSTORM HAS IT BEEN THE SUBJECT, WHEN IT WILL DARE BY RESOLUTION TO WHITEWASH A MAN WHOM IT WILL NOT PERMIT TO TAKE A SEAT IN ITS CHAMBER? A situation like that in Carleton county is enough to make the great men of a great party cry out from their graves."

The people of New Brunswick should be exceedingly thankful that the day of deliverance from the gang of cheap partisans and boudlers who now control New Brunswick affairs will soon be at hand.

A long, honorable and useful life has been closed by the death of Hon. Abner Reid McClellan, ex-Lieutenant Governor, who passed away at Riverside on Tuesday. He entered public life as a member of the Legislature in 1854 and was called to the Senate by royal proclamation in 1867, remaining a member of the upper chamber until 1896, when he was appointed Lieutenant Governor. As chief executive he discharged his duties in a dignified and efficient manner, and was popular with all classes. The cause of education has lost a warm friend in Hon. Mr. McClellan's death. In politics he was a life long Liberal.

In parliament yesterday Hon. Dr. Pugsley made an enquiry as to salary

ies paid members of the National Service Commission. He mentioned the name of Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P. for St. John, and said that under the law of New Brunswick if Mr. Tilley accepted a salary for his services from the Dominion government, he would be disqualified from sitting in the New Brunswick Legislature. Sir Robert Borden replied that Messrs. Bennett and Green received no salaries as members of the commission, and that he would make inquiries as to the case of Mr. Tilley and the law of New Brunswick bearing upon his case.

Canada is one of the greatest fish-producing countries in the world, yet the people now have to pay record prices for this palatable article of food. A year ago fresh and salted cod fish sold for 6 cents per pound; today the price is 10 cents, and it is liable to go higher. Frozen smelt brought here from the North Shore, which used to sell at from 12c. to 15c. per lb., now retail at 25c. per lb. In the light of such prices, it can no longer be said that fish is a cheap article of food in Canada.

A reply given in parliament yesterday to Mr. Lapointe, of St. James, Montreal, by the Minister of Inland Revenue, is interesting as bearing on the loss in revenue which would result from a Dominion prohibition bill. The Hon. Mr. Patenaude said that the gross revenue from the manufacture or importation of liquors of all kinds during the 1916 fiscal year had been \$8,701,074 and for the fiscal year 1915, \$8,706,481.

Toronto Globe: In Prince Edward Island a farmer who sold a bag of potatoes enclosed a note stating that he received 65c. per bushel for them. This is 98c. per bag. The Toronto purchaser paid \$2.25 per bag, and was quite naturally enlightened by the disclosure of the original cost. Allowing 20c. per bag for freight, which is a liberal estimate, the profit of the dealers was \$1.07 on a total outlay of \$1.18.

Coming from such a source, the speech which Sir Sam Hughes contributed to the debate on the address in parliament was an exceedingly moderate effort. The reports sent out from Ottawa a few days ago that an effort was being made by the party machine to curb the ex-minister were evidently founded on fact.

Through Our Sieve

Sam and Woodrow—they interest us sometimes—that's all.

Love may laugh at locksmiths—but would it giggle at plumbers?

A woman says there is no pleasure in suffering in silence.

Farmers don't raise so many whiskers as they used to either.

You wouldn't think it would take patriotism to encourage the farmers to produce more potatoes at \$4 per bbl.

Really, we're beginnin' to think Sir Sam would make a good peace advocate.

Now what did that pert schoolgirl mean when she said she didn't intend to wear short dresses any longer?

Sir Sam Hughes' speech will land in about the same place as President Wilson's no victory spiel.

By the time we get through boycotting potatoes they'll be asking us to swat the fly!

Probably the reason more city men don't go back to the farms is that they can't accumulate fortunes big enough.

When a woman quits bothering her husband about the new way she has done her hair the honeymoon is over.

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London, Jan. 1.—The German newspapers, according to a Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., intimate that Germany will acknowledge President Wilson's speech in such a way as to encourage the President to continue his efforts in favor of peace.

According to the despatch, Count Von Vernstorg has been instructed to say that Germany is ready to formulate peace terms if asked to do so by the Allies and if there is a possibility of peace negotiations being successfully undertaken.

The despatch adds that Austria has sent a similar communication to the Austrian charge d'affaires at Washington, and that it is believed that Bulgaria will follow the example of the Teutonic powers.

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TEACHERS ASK INCREASE

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John and other places have promised their teachers an increase. The usual course was taken by laying the petition on the table for one month.

Plans of New Building.
A full series of working plans of the Charlotte Street School annex, prepared by Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather, architect, of St. John, was laid on the table but owing to the accumulation of other business it was found necessary to defer consideration of this important matter for a special meeting to be held next week. Mr. Fairweather was the architect of the Smythe Street building, and has devoted much time in the effort to make the new Charlotte Street building up to date in every particular.

The lady members of the Board are industriously supervising plans for the successful inauguration of the evening classes in household science. Mr. Weddall was able to report that the lighting of the class rooms will be completed in ample time for the opening.

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