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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 unerring 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.

A BAXTER INTERVIEW.

Ex-Lieutenant Colonel the Honorable John Babington Macaulay Baxter, Attorney General of New Brunswick, furnished the St. John Standard with an illuminating interview with himself on the weighty subject of provincial finances. The said interview occupies a little more than four columns of space, exclusive of the scare headlines which extend right across the page. It is intended as a reply to some rather trenchant criticisms made a few days ago by Mr. W. E. Fisher, one of St. John's successful merchants, who takes a keen interest in provincial politics and has been nominated as a candidate against the ex-lieutenant colonel in the county of St. John. The Attorney General is the legal adviser of the government, and it is not the usual custom for one holding that office to rush into print in defence of a department presided over by another minister. The finances of the province are in the custody of Hon. Dr. Landry, the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and if there were such a thing as a feeling of courtesy towards one another among the members of this rump of a government, the Attorney General would have remained in the background and permitted the criticisms of Mr. Foster. It may be that the Attorney General, when he took up the cudgel in defence of Hon. Dr. Landry's department, was prompted by the bonne entente spirit, but it is extremely doubtful if he will get any thanks for his heroic effort. The Attorney General evidently realized that he was encroaching on the preserves of another, for we find him at the beginning of his interview apologizing for "butting in." He tells us that Mr. Foster's statements might have been dealt with in silence until "Dr. Landry thought proper to deal with them in his own way on the floors of the Legislative Assembly." Dr. Landry's "own way" would of course not be the Baxterian way, and, emanating from such a source might not appeal with much force to the electors of St. John county. It might therefore be said with a large degree of truth that the motive which caused the Attorney General to rush in where the angelic Landry feared to tread were characteristically puerile and selfish.

The Attorney General's reply to Mr. Foster, which he evidently thinks is a clincher, is in reality no reply at all. The interview will enhance the Attorney General's reputation as a political trickster and past master in the noble art of political clap-trap, but will serve no other purpose. Mr. Foster was honest in his criticism of the Auditor General's financial statement, and he handled the subject in an intelligent manner. He dealt with it from the standpoint of a keen and independent business man and close student of provincial affairs, and not as the paid advocate and apologist of a corrupt government. The Attorney General in his reply followed the tactics of a petty-fogging lawyer who, having no case of his own, contents himself with abuse of the fellows on the other side. He says that Mr. Foster shows "childish simplicity" in dealing with provincial finances; that his methods are absurd and he has not, in effect, been able to correctly interpret the financial position of the province. All that need be said in answer to the Attorney General's diatribes is that if Mr. W. E. Foster, with his long business training and sound common sense, cannot correctly interpret the statement of provincial accounts published over the signature of the Auditor General, how on earth can the ordinary layman be expected to understand what it means.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was not in the Legislature when the old government was

in power, and in his interview, while discussing their performances, conveniently ignores the promises made by his party when in opposition. They promised to administer public affairs with the most rigid economy. They have kept the promise by adding \$600,000 to the annual expenditure and doubling the interest charges.

Neither Mr. Baxter's newspaper talk nor his sneers at those who differ with him on political questions can alter the situation. Every promise which this government made to the electors when it came into power has been most shamefully violated.

Although Mr. Baxter was most generous in the use of words in his interview—was in fact "inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity"—he seems to have omitted a few things. For instance, he forgot to tell what happened to ex-Premier Flemming, the greatest political four-flusher of modern times. He also forgot to tell why A. J. H. Stewart, of Gloucester, was forced to resign his seat in the House, and he also neglected to tell why Col. Sheridan, of Kent, suddenly bade adieu to provincial political life. He entirely ignored the timber land steal, described by Commodore Stewart as "a most villainous scheme of public robbery." He also forgot to make mention of the Valley Railway steal, the daring hold-up of contractors, the blackmailing of liquor licensees, the foreshores bill and the hundred and one other acts of political infamy which have brought the blush of shame to the people of New Brunswick during the past five years. Mr. Baxter insults the intelligence of the people of this province when he says that they will at the next election put the stamp of their approval on the acts of this moribund administration.

A remarkably interesting article from the Boston News Bureau on Great Britain's power will be found in another part of this issue. Be sure and read it.

The "no truck or trade with the Yankees" Borden government is now buying coal in the United States for the Intercolonial Railway.

Through Our Sieve

To the people who burn wood "The Lost Chord" is a very sad tune.

Naturally New York doesn't want to save any daylight.

That's its great white way!

We want that bonne entente to come this way and reconcile us to the scari-fier.

Of all the sad words that vex man's soul, the saddest are these: "We're out of coal."

It sometimes happens that the woman disappointed in love isn't disappointed in marriage.

Life isn't so bad when we consider how many symptoms we have and how few diseases we get.

Love is 99 per cent pure—pure imagination, pure vanity, pure curiosity, pure folly, or whatever else it happens to be.

It is the noble, unselfish, high-souled woman who inspires men with chivalry—but it's the other kind who give them a chance to practice it.

To a bachelor a wedding ring on a pretty woman's finger is the white flag which assures him that he may proceed with safety (to flirt).

Tom Lawson says that Wall Street men who had a tip on Wilson's peace proposition cleaned up \$60,000,000. This is where the peace kiddies put one over on the war babies.

CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY WAS CUT IN TWO

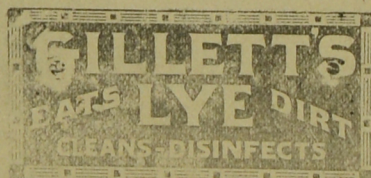
Collingwood, Jan. 15.—The by-election in West Simcoe, to fill the vacancy in the Ontario Legislature caused by the death of Hon. James S. Duff, resulted today in the return of W. T. Allan, Conservative, over Isaac Scott, Liberal, by a majority of 631.

The majority achieved by Mr. Allan is considerably less than that accorded to the late Mr. Duff, who never polled less than 1,000 over his opponent, his majority at the last election being 1,105—and who was twice returned by acclamation.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Smith left last evening for St. John, where they will spend a few weeks.

Mr. W. H. Berry, of St. Stephen, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. L. M. Foster, of Annapolis Royal, is in the city.



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LATE ARTHUR H. WOODS.

Beautiful Floral Tributes at Funeral of Late Salvage Corps Captain.

The floral tributes at the funeral of the late Arthur H. Woods yesterday afternoon were very numerous and beautiful. A list of them follows:

Pillow—Widow.
Cross—Miss Jennie K. Woods.
Broken Circle—Mrs. John Ladds.
Flat bouquet—Father.
Anchor—Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Woods, Vancouver.
Basket of carnations—Little Jeannie Ladds.
Basket of carnations—Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Woods.
Wreath of olive leaves—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. White, Washington, D. C.
Basket of carnations—Lt. R. Bruce McFarlane and wife.
Basket of carnations—Miss Allie McFarlane.
Flat bouquet—Mrs. Milne Christison.
Gates ajar—Employees of Enterprise Bottling Co.
Maltese cross—Fredericton Fire Department.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. John McLaren.
Flat bouquet—Baby Jack Sullivan.
Wreath—Chas. Allen.
Wreath—Sam Campbell.
Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howes.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. N. Kierstead.
Basket of roses—Mrs. J. Limerick and Miss S. C. Kelly.
Broken Circle—Bon Ami Club.
Basket of flowers—Misses Thompson.
Basket of carnations—Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Staples.
Flat bouquet—Miss Lou McKeil.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. John Bebbington, jr.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.
Crescent—Mr. N. C. Dougherty.
Crescent—Mr. J. Sullivan.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hoben and family.
Crescent—B. J. Griffiths.
Maltese Cross—Employees F. B. Edgecombe Co.
Basket of carnations—Mrs. J. McFarlane and Mrs. Walter Limerick.
Basket of carnations—Mrs. J. Robert Howie.
Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLean.
Basket of carnations—Mrs. Blanche Brown, Miss Edna Brown, Miss Mary Manzer.
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Van Buskirk.
Flat bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. K. C. White.
Standing wreath—Ashburnham Club.

Mr. James Robinson, of Miramichi, who was in the city yesterday, returned home last night.

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