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THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

In commenting on a great conference of churchmen of many faiths at Atlantic City a few days ago, to plan for the Inter-Church Forward Movement, the New York Herald has this to say:

"The occasion that calls them together in a sort of war council or strategy board of the Inter-Church World Movement, the new body in which all or most of the leading denominations have got together for a wholesale presentation of the claims of Christianity to the church and to 'the world.' It is a sort of ultra-modern revival along the lines of big business and twentieth century organization. It has practically unlimited capital, which it spends freely, and a large staff of publicity men, investigators, efficiency experts, promoters, field agents and directors.

"It aims to make a world wide survey of religious conditions and to sound into the somnolent consciousness of Christendom the enlarged responsibilities and urgent needs of the Church. Incidentally, it may make a concerted appeal for as high as a billion dollars to the congregations of this country. Bigness, progressiveness, reality, seem to be the dominant ideas of this extraordinary organization, which is avowedly born of the new conditions created by the war.

The fact that the diverse denominations are working together harmoniously in this highly modernized enterprise arouses less comment than the magnitude and comprehensive character of the task set itself by the Inter-Church World Movement."

THE RETURNED MEN.

The local graft organ has made the discovery that there is nothing within the scope of our Legislature of special interest to returned soldiers. In this connection it says:

"There is but little, if anything, in which they are specially interested as returned men that comes within the scope of the Legislative Assemblies to do."

In spite of the graft organ's assurance, the G. W. V. A. a year ago found it necessary to name a special representative to watch legislation in the Local House, and they selected for the job a member of the staff of that very newspaper which now says that there is nothing within the scope of the Legislature in which returned men should be interested. The organ has apparently lost the great love which it once professed to have for the returned soldiers, and being unable to make use of them to further the ends of the Tory machine, it is now willing to let them go to the bow-wows. In spite of the organ's statement, several matters of vital interest to returned soldiers were dealt with by the Legislature at its last session, and other questions affecting their welfare will come up for discussion during the coming session.

The returned soldiers of Carleton are meeting in convention at Woodstock today to select a candidate for the vacant seat in the Legislature. If the choice of the convention is elected to the Legislature, he and his friends can rest assured that he will receive much more generous treatment than was accorded to Lieut. Col. Guthrie, a battle-scarred hero who held a seat in the last House. The whips of the old government tried to put Col. Guthrie down and out and while they did not succeed, the scurvy treatment meted out to him by his political associates no doubt influenced his decision to quit the land of his birth and take up his abode in Uncle Sam's domain.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party, and Mr. Ernest LaPointe, M. P. for Quebec East, two of Canada's most eloquent public men, will address a mass meeting in the Imperial Theatre, St. John, on Friday evening. Hon. Mr. King is one of the best authorities on economic questions in Canada, and he is the only Canadian statesman with an international reputation. Mr. LaPointe is one of Quebec's most gifted sons, and occupies a commanding position in parliament.

Salt Lake Tribune: It is said that a "wave of crime is sweeping over the country" and that it is due in part to passions excited by the world war. It is probably true that the crime "wave" is with us, but it is impossible to determine to what extent the war is responsible. But in any event, the law should be more rigidly enforced and there should be less maudlin sentimentality exhibited whenever a murderer is convicted and sentenced.

OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEM.

The following interesting extract from an article by Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the C. P. R. appeared recently in the Montreal Gazette:—"So much for the manner in which the transportation machinery of the country is carrying out its obligations to the Canadian producer. Other aspects of the transportation problem are less satisfactory. There are many people who look upon Canadian Railways as custodians of magic fortunes which cannot be exhausted. That bookkeeping should be as simple and inexorable in its tale of losses and vanished profits to a railway as it may be to a corner grocer, is to these people unthinkable. It apparently does not occur to them that to no public is it more important than to the Canadian public that the good reputation of its railway securities in the world of thrift and investment should be carefully guarded. To those, however, who understand these things clearly and who view the matter from the standpoint of broad public interest, it is at once apparent that the Canadian public pays a very low rate for the quality of service rendered, and that a time is rapidly approaching when, if Canadian railway securities are not to be made less desirable to investors than almost any other kind of industrial security, railway rates will either have to go up, or railway operating costs go down. Such persons recognize that it is not because the situation of the railways is an easy one that certain companies have been able to show net earnings—very low net earnings compared to the actual cash invested in the industry—but because in the past the shareholders of such companies have been, as they are to-day, courageous persons willing to supply the means for constructive enterprises in which no one but themselves had faith, and because, too, their officers have been skilled, resourceful and loyal business men, assisted by staffs filled with the spirit of pride and devotion to their work. This, indeed, is the thing which has made it possible for Canada's railroads to function successfully during the war without making anything like the demands that foreign roads—less efficient in serving their community, yet earning the same rates and paying the same wages—have made upon their public exchequers. I do not believe that this strain upon the railways and this tendency to weaken the general reputation of Canadian Railway securities should continue. The servant, after all, is worthy of his hire, and railway capital is not less worthy a servant than other forms of capital whose earnings have not been so consistently depressed.

"The net earnings during the war years, of those companies which showed net earnings, would have been much lower had the Canadian railroads been making expenditures for maintenance which circumstances would have justified, but which conditions prevented during that period. These arrears have now to be made up. During 1919 the Canadian Pacific laid 70,000 tons of steel rail. In place of, say, 2,000,000 ties, worth 44c in 1914, the Canadian Pacific laid 4,434,000 ties at 85c per tie. The sensational advance in the rate of railway wages is well known. Further advance may be necessary within the very near future, as indicated by discussions in the United States. The price of coal for locomotives was \$3.09 in 1913. Now it is \$4.77. The cost of hauling an average train (freight or passenger) one mile has risen from \$1.694 in 1913 to \$2.494 in 1918. It is higher to-day. The operating expenses of one mile of line in 1915 were \$4.152; in 1918, \$7.046, and to-day they are even greater. On the other hand, railway rates, taking all classes of revenue together, have advanced scarcely 25 per cent. I venture to say no other industry in the Dominion can show such moderation."

ST. PAUL'S HELD A SUCCESSFUL MEN'S RALLY

W. J. SCOTT GIVES \$3,500, COL. LOGGIE GIVES \$1,000

Forward Movement Meeting a Ready Response—Encouraging Speeches at Rally Banquet.

The Fraser Memorial Hall was the scene of a unique gathering last evening when some two hundred men of St. Paul's Church met in a social way to enjoy a banquet prepared by the ladies of the church and afterwards to enjoy a short programme of song, and a number of excellent speeches.

The chairman, the Pastor of the Church had on his right Col. Loggie, the senior trustee of the Board and different members of the Forward Movement Committee occupied the heads of the several tables.

The tables were attractive with silver candelabras and fruit for decoration and as is always the case were laden with everything most tempting to the appetite.

Generous Donations

After an opening speech by the chairman, Col. Loggie addressed the gathering, on the financial question, informing the audience of the first and largest contribution towards the objective of the Finance Committee: namely \$2,500 subscribed by Mr. W. J. Scott and said he would be one to give \$1000. This evoked tremendous applause naturally.

Other Speeches

Other speeches were made by H. S. Campbell, dealing with the Spiritual side of the question and making a strong plea for leaders.

Then followed Mr. Harry Smith in an excellent speech full of hope for the success of the movement, also confidence of going "over the top." Next Mr. J. D. Palmer, a strong member of the finance committee, then Mr. A. S. McFarlane, reminiscent of the early days of the Kirk, and finally W. S. Thomas who was willing to receive and guard the \$16,000 when handed over to him.

Mayor Hanson

One of the best speeches was made by the Mayor, who made a strong point of the fact that the effect of the world war was that people could never fall back in their self-centred way of thinking and living and that the movement on foot would be a really Forward one.

The orchestra played during the banquet and Miss Baird, Mr. Flewelling and Dr. Dakin were the pleasing soloists, while a trio composed of Miss Kelley, Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Colwell brought down the house with "Away Down South in Dixie."

Taken all in all, the Rally Banquet of St. Paul's Church men was a great success.

Mr. H. A. Powell of St. John is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. A. A. Dickson of Campbellton is in the city.

B. R. Violette Dead

The death took place at St. Leonard's, Madawaska, on Friday evening of B. Rosamand Violette, after a short illness. The deceased who recently retired from commercial life, carried on successfully for many years, in company with Mr. Martin, a general trading store. Both gentlemen were also interested in the lumber trade. Mr. Violette was twice married and by his first wife he leaves one son, Dr. Violette and two daughters, Mrs. Laporte wife of Dr. Laporte, and Mrs. Cyr, and also one brother. He was married again on January 19, 1914, to Miss Helen F. (Nelle) Shea, of St. John, North, who with one son, B. Rosamand Jr., survive.

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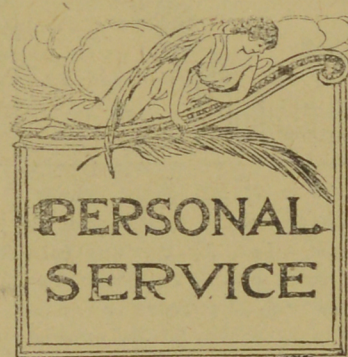
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