

SIR LEONARD TILLEY FAVORED THREE FIFTHS VOTE FOR PROHIBITION TO SECURE PROPER ENFORCEMENT

The following extract from a speech delivered in Parliament by the late Sir Leonard Tilley in 1885, makes interesting reading:

"Never since I entered public have I voted, nor do I intend to vote against the principle of prohibition. As early as 1855 I introduced into the Legislature of my own province one of the most stringent prohibitory bills that was ever proposed in any legislature or parliament in the world. Previous to the introduction of that bill we had, as we thought, educated the people of New Brunswick to the point that such a law, if enacted, would be supported and sustained by the people. Reference was made by the hon. mover of the resolution to the number of petitions presented to the House of Commons in 1877, and if my memory serves me, in the Province of New Brunswick as far back as 1855, we had more signatures to petitions presented to the Legislature of that province in favor of prohibition than were signed to the petitions that were presented to this House from the whole Dominion in 1877. They were brought in the House in the size of rolls of carpet by the hon. Members who presented them. We thought that we had educated the people of that province up to such a point that if a prohibitory bill passed it would be enforced. We had three-fourth of the people of that province signing petitions in favor of prohibition. That law was passed by the Lower House by something like two-thirds majority, and it passed the Upper House by nearly the same majority, and it was passed because of the strong arguments we had collected as to the effect of the traffic in New Brunswick from 1852 to 1855, and which were so convincing that men who differed in us in opinion gave us their support and enabled us to carry the measure by the majority stated. For six weeks the law was enforced.

After telling of the confusion that followed Sir Leonard continued:

Public Sentiment.

"Under the circumstances and believing as I do now, that if public sentiment is not sufficiently educated to sustain a prohibition law, the passage would do harm instead of good, instead of abandoning anything to accept the original resolution, even as amended, I hold that if this motion be carried the cause of prohibition will have made a great step in advance. I can understand the delicacy of the hon. gentleman voting against the last amendment as a temperance man and a prohibitionist, because as such he would seem inconsistent, and I noticed that when my name was called as voting against the immediate adoption of prohibition, but I did so because I believe it to be in the interest of temperance that we should not enact a law that will not be enforced. I speak with the experience I had thirty years ago, and have had ever since 1856. When the convention was held in Montreal I was written to by one of the leading friends of temperance asking my opinion. I was unable to be present, but I wrote a letter in reply, which letter Mr. Ross read at a convention held in Ottawa. What was the opinion I then expressed? I said that if they decided to submit the proposal to the popular vote they should not suggest less than a three-fifths vote, because, if carried by a bare majority and without public sentiment

behind it, the law would fail, and the cause of temperance would be damaged instead of benefited. That has been my conviction since 1855."

PANIC AMONG THE LONDON BACHELORS

London, April 19.—Samuel Walrock, a well known London realtor, is spreading panic among London bachelors. In the last few months he has bought important blocks of houses in London clubland, and is now mercilessly turning out the tenants. He is making into comfortable apartments for married couples the service flats formerly occupied exclusively by bachelors. After giving short notice to the occupants of St. James' palace chambers he has purchased for \$750,000 Harewood House in Hanover Sq. "I am going to run Harewood House," he says, "as I run St. James' chambers. I am having them furnished and decorated for the married persons. So far I have ousted from all my properties about 500 bachelors who had dug themselves in perhaps for thirty years."

SHE KEPT HIS RING SO HE TOOK HER TEETH

St. Paul, April 19.—When Miss Rose Zweriscki refused to give up his diamond ring, Bartholomew Nathaniel Xonoydas took her false teeth and kept them, he explained in court yesterday.

Xonoydas was brought into court on a replevin action by Miss Zweriscki who sought to recover her teeth. She has not been able to eat much for two weeks, she said, and has stayed at home during that time because of her appearance.

During an argument about the ring, Xonoydas told the court Miss Zweriscki's teeth fell to the ground and he felt that he had a right to keep them until she returned his ring. Justice John F. Doyle took the case under advisement.

SPRING AWAITED.

There is no green. The leaves are tightly folded
In their brown sheaths and fields are russet sere;
And yet the trees have life, the sap is rising,
And swelling buds proclaim the spring is here.

There's needed but a touch of April magic—
The warm south wind to bring the April rain—
And through the dank brown mold will pierce green lances,
And trees will trail a verdant mist again!

—BLANCHE A. SAWYER in the New York Sun.

"Did that last speaker seem to have sound judgment?"
"Well—he had sound."

THE LATE COL. GEORGE HAM WAS FOUND BY SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE

To deny acquaintance with George H. Ham is to confess ignorance of Canada's greatest institution, the Canadian Pacific Railway, declared Robert Carron some time ago in The Railway Man's Magazine. Who is George H. Ham? Why, he is George H. Ham, that's all. The poor man has not an official title to bless himself with, he never did have a title and there are no present indications that he ever will have one. If he ever does get his deserts, he will be designated as ambassador-at-large for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

To Sir William Van Horne belongs the credit of discovering Ham. At the time of the discovery Ham was an alderman of Winnipeg and the editor of a paper of limited circulation but unlimited nerve. Canada needed the Canadian Pacific Railway, and needed it badly, and a devoted band of men were risking bankruptcy and nervous prostration to make the great enterprise a success.

Into this situation Ham threw himself with a pen that cut both ways in an effort to inoculate the obstructionists with the saving grace of common-sense. So valiantly did he champion the cause of the railway that Sir William Van Horne, though he wasn't Sir William then, stopped off in Winnipeg one day to see what manner of man it was who wrote such powerful editorials.

He saw, and immediately surrendered unconditionally to the charm of Ham's remarkable personality, just as many others have done. Since then George has been an integral part of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and a part of no mean importance.

He toils not; neither does he spin; yet no man connected with the company is more widely known than George Ham. Indeed, it would be within bounds to say that no man in Canada is better known throughout the world than he.

Not a Lobbyist.

No, he is not a lobbyist. On the contrary, he takes such extreme care to avoid even a suspicion of anything of the sort that he never goes to Ottawa while Parliament is in session. Yet the press gallery at the capital, abetted by some members of Parliament, recently gave him a dinner and a gold watch as an inadequate expression of their esteem.

Ham has a desk in the great granite pile on Windsor street which is the

WHEN APRIL COMES.

When April comes with wistful eyes
In whose wide depths bright laughter lies,
A most engaging lass is she
Whose sweet bewildering coquetry
Just keeps you taut for new surprise.

One time she's sullen—mere disguise
To make you watch her!—she implies
That if you're patient, you shall see
When April comes!

Next time with charm she glorifies
The sun's gold light with her blue skies.
Her darting birds all joyously
Lift praises from each greening tree;
Then heaven comes down to walk earthwise
When April comes.

—AGNES MacCARTHY HICKEY in New York Sun.

headquarters of the company. There is a legend that he was once seen sitting at it. If this is true, it must have been a chance meeting, just as two globe trotters might happen to come together at Singapore, or Ballarat, or any other remote spot.

When ever the Canadian Pacific has guests to entertain it is Ham who acts as host. And it is surprising how many parties of Englishmen of various degrees of distinction there are requiring entertainment during the course of a year.

Also there are numerous visitors from other lands whose achievements or position are deemed to entitle them to attentions from the road. That is why Ham rarely sleeps two consecutive nights in the same town.

Wherever the strangers hail from, they always go home filled with enthusiasm for Canada, for that is the end and aim of Ham's existence. If there are any statistics, scraps of general information which lend local color, or good stories about the Dominion that Ham doesn't know, you may be sure they don't count. Also the visitors carry home a cordial esteem for their host.

His tact is boundless, his equanimity unassailable, his flow of quaint humor as inexhaustible as a mountain brook. His fame as a wit and an after-dinner speaker has been carried around the world by home-going travelers. He has even been made the hero of a poem by Neill Munroe, which relates "How Laughter Came to Canada."

JUST ABOUT NOW.

When the garden looks like No Man's land
It's April.

When the carpet beater galls your hand
It's April.

When you long to tinker through the land
On that western tour you've always planned;
When rheumatism rheums to beat the band,
It's April—positively.

When last year's sheep becomes spring lamb
It's April.

When before your lot the gutters jam
It's April.

When Ruth begins to meet 'em bam!
When on the rug you practice, wham!
Some drive, oh boy; Gee what a slam!
It's April—nothing else but!

When the robin sings of a building nest
It's April.

When the tomcat yowls like one possessed
It's April.

When an overcoat feels an awful pest
And the air you breathe is filled with zest,
Though your wear a plaster across your chest,
It's April—in person!

—THOMAS PYE in Chicago News.

Mary made a little slam
She played her cards so wary,
Now every place that Mary goes,
The women all slam Mary!

"How are you getting along since your wife went away?"
"Fine. I've reached the height of efficiency, I can put my socks on from either end."

Her Nerves Were "All Broken Up"

She Could Not Sleep

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