

# MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS OF THE LATE EARL OF OXFORD AND ASQUITH ARE INTERESTING

(From the Montreal Gazette.) The autobiography of Lord Oxford and Asquith, entitled *Memories and Reflections, 1852-1927*, is a worthy memorial to a man who served his country during practically the whole course of his manhood, and who was at the head of the Government when the Great War broke out. During the struggle Asquith had many detractors, but he lived the detraction down and in his last years was regarded with admiration and respect by even his political opponents, almost without exception. He was a sensitive man and had regard for the feelings of others. His comment on events in his career shows that. There is no trace of vindictiveness. He discusses ordinary affairs of state and crises alike calmly and his words give the impression of a quiet observer looking at the national and world scene in which he played his important part. His private records, which are included, testify to his patience and forbearance, and the same may be said as regards his official actions, although there were occasions when he might have spoken and acted with less serenity, and with profit to himself and others.

There are times when Lord Asquith in his diary does hit out, but they are exceptional. It is evident that Lloyd George annoyed him greatly and he does not disguise his feelings toward the Welshman. Churchill he seems to have regarded with amusement and to a little alarm and he describes with considerable quiet humor the military enthusiasm of that irrepressible minister, writer and soldier. Here is some of the comment:

On August 1, 1914, when peace and war were in the balance, Winston was very bellicose and demanding immediate mobilization. On August 4 he had "got on all his war paint."

"August 11—We had a long Cabinet, in which a large part of the talking was done by Winston and Kitchener, the former posing as an expert in strategy and the latter as an expert on Irish politics.

"October 3 (when Antwerp was in danger)—I have had a talk with K. (Kitchener) this morning, and we are both rather anxiously awaiting Winston's report. I do not know how fluent he is in French, but, if he was able to do himself justice in a foreign tongue, the Belgians will have listened to a discourse the like of which they will have never heard before."

"October (undated)—Since I came back I have had a long call from Winston, who, after dilating in great detail on the actual situation, became suddenly very confidential and implored me not to take a conventional view of his future. Having, as he said, tasted blood these last few days, he is beginning, like a tiger, to raven for more, and begs that sooner or later—and the sooner the better—he may be relieved of his present office and put in some kind of military command. His mouth waters at the sight and thought of K's new armies.

Are these 'glittering commands' to be entrusted to 'dig-out trash' bred on

the obsolete tactics of 25 years ago, 'mediocrities who have led a sheltered life moulder in military routine, etc., etc.?"

"For about a quarter of an hour he poured forth a ceaseless cataract of invective and appeal, and I much regretted that there was no shorthand writer within hearing, as some of his unpremeditated phrases were quite priceless. He was, however, three parts serious, but declared that a political career was nothing to him compared with military glory.

"December 22—K. presented the most gloomy view of the Russian position. Winston said to me yesterday, apropos of Sir John French: 'what a good thing it is to have an optimist at the front,' to which I rejoined: 'Excellent, provided you have also, as we have in K., a pessimist in the rear.'

Later on: "Now that Lloyd George calls me a lunatic and Carson calls me a traitor, I begin to feel sure that I must be on the right lines."

"Our two rhetoricians, Lloyd George and Winston," he remarks on February 27, 1915, "as it happens, have good brains of different types. But they can only think talking: just as some people can only think writing. Only the salt of the earth can think inside, and the bulk of mankind cannot think at all."

## Fatal Things.

Writing at the beginning of 1915, Asquith says: "There are two fatal things in war. One is to push blindly against a stone wall the other is to scatter and divide forces in a number of separate and disconnected operations. We are in great danger of committing both blunders. Happily, K. has a good judgment in these matters—never impulsive, sometimes inclined to be over-cautious, but with a wide general outlook which is of the highest value."

An amusing picture of Admiral Fisher, the First Sea Lord during the early part of the war, is drawn. On January 5, 1915, Asquith wrote:

"Old Fisher seriously proposed, by way of reprisals for the Zeppelin raids, to shoot all the German prisoners here, and when Winston refused to embrace this statesmanlike suggestion, sent in a formal resignation of his office. I imagine that, by this time, he has reconsidered it."

"Lord Fisher was undoubtedly a man with lots of genius, but he was afflicted with fits of megalomania."

The Labor Government Asquith evidently detested, as may be imagined from the following extracts:

## It Stumbled on.

"The Labor Government stumbled on, and came to an end in two squalid crises, each of which could have been avoided or at least circumvented if they had played their cards with a modicum of either luck or skill."

In a letter written October 31, 1924, he said:

"Everyone seems to agree that, during these last weeks, Ramsay and Company have cut as sorry and contemptible a figure as has even been seen in British politics."

# HON. R. B. BENNETT TELLS OF GREAT PART PLAYED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARITIMES

Montreal, Oct. 24—Hon. R. B. Bennett was home again tonight among fellow Maritimers. Speaking before the newly formed Maritime Provinces Club of Montreal the Conservative leader emphasized the valuable service such bodies in large cities could render in conveying to the people of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island the thought that the other parts of Canada were deeply interested in the Maritimes. "We are all Canadians, but proud of the fact that we are Maritimers," Mr. Bennett declared.

Turning to the part played by the provinces bordering the Canadian Atlantic in the national life of the Dominion, the Conservative leader referred to their "enormous contributions" to education, religion, and judiciary, banking, literature, statesmanship an science. "There could have been no Dominion of Canada," he remarked in referring to the leading political figures produced by these provinces, "but for the contribution of the Maritimes."

The great historical background of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and a love for knowledge was reflected in the earnest ambition of the people of the Maritime Provinces, Mr. Bennett stated. He went on: "It is that ambition that carries them far afield, that desire to make of their lives the best they can with the quality and habit of mind which they have. The very proximity to the sea gives them in their youth a wider vision of the outside world than they otherwise would get."

Mr. Bennett faced quite a distinguished audience of "fellow countrymen", as he termed them. Those who came to hear him included Sir James Dunn and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor.

## Keenly Interested in Maritime Provinces.

In opening his remarks, Mr. Bennett said, as one keenly interested in the Maritime Provinces, it was a pleasure to him to address the new club of former Maritimers now resident in Montreal. He recalled his visit to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, during the past summer and of viewing at Bathurst, N. B., a hospital contributed by Sir James Dunn to the place of his birth. He wondered if it had occurred to his audience what sort of a celebration could be held in this country if Maritimers were left out. The contribution of these provinces to the Dominion had been great. The leading universities, throughout the country had professors of Maritime origin on

their staff. Across Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, he continued, could be found Bishops and Archbishops from the Maritimes. He put the question "How could you for a single minute write the religious history of this country if you overlooked the contribution of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island?"

## Leading Judicial Figures From Maritimes.

On the bench of British Columbia Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and other provinces were to be found leading judicial figures who had come from the provinces by the sea. In banking, the contribution of the Maritimes, Mr. Bennett stated, had also been outstanding. In the world of literature, these provinces had likewise made notable contributions.

From Nova Scotia alone, three Canadian Prime Ministers, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson and Sir Robert Borden had been produced. In science, these provinces had not been lacking. In the large institutions of the United States, former citizens of the Maritimes held important posts.

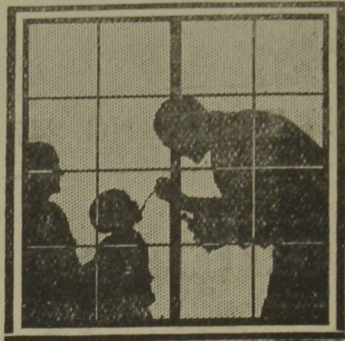
The great historical background of the Maritimes and a love for education were largely responsible for the part played by the people from those provinces in the country's national life, Mr. Bennett continued.

## Had Faith and Vision in the Future.

The pioneers of these provinces had had faith and vision in the future. "No matter what the struggle for existence was," he went on, "they always saw to it that their children got an education. They had that love for learning."

Yet, Mr. Bennett stated, every Maritimer, no matter where located, had a burning love "for the spot called home." Every person from the Maritimes had a desire to render some public service in some form. The formation of Maritime Clubs in different centres was rendering a service to

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Canada, he declared, and made it easier for the people in the Maritimes to keep alive the traditions of the past.

Tomorrow, Mr. Bennett will be the guest of Conservatives of Quebec province. In the afternoon the Conservative leader will attend a reception and in the evening he will speak at a banquet to be tendered in his honor.

At the head table were L. A. Forsyth, President of the Association; Hon. R. B. Bennett, Rev. A. P. Shatford, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Geo. Henderson, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, Sir James Dunn, Dr. A. H. Goon, C. B. Foster, Dr. J. A. Nicholson, Col. G. S. Stairs, and G. R. MacLeod. Mr. Forsyth was chairman.

## THE PINNACLE OF SOMETHING

Oh, start your search right now, my dear; You can search till the atonement; There's nothing so indefinite As indefinite postponement.

Flubb—He keeps rather well posted on current events, doesn't he?"

Dubb—Indeed yes. He can rattle off the names of all the European countries now at war.

# GEOLOGIST DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY

Hopewell Hill Oct. 25—The case against John B. DeMille charged with misappropriation of instruments belonging to the Maritime Education Co. reached a conclusion this afternoon before Stipendiary Magistrate W. B. Bennett the information being dismissed and the accused discharged. H. Murray Lambert conducted the prosecution throughout. James Friel K. C. representing the accused and H. Lester Smith present as clerk of the peace. The prosecution closed its case yesterday.

"She's a delightful hostess isn't she?"

"Very. She always arranges things so that you never have to be bored for even a minute by your own husband."

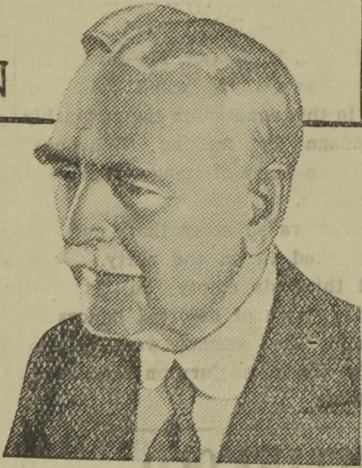
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Vroom of Saint John are in the city today visiting friends.

# WHAT A DOCTOR KNOWS ABOUT CONSTIPATION

There IS a way of overcoming the tendency to constipation. And here is how you can PROVE it.

The next time your bowels need any assistance, don't take the first laxative that comes to mind. Take one the druggist can assure you is made with CASCARA. Just as effective as using force, and it's good for the system. Indeed, it helps make good blood. For cascara is nothing but the bark of a tree. The Indians chew this bark, and live to an old age without a day's sickness.

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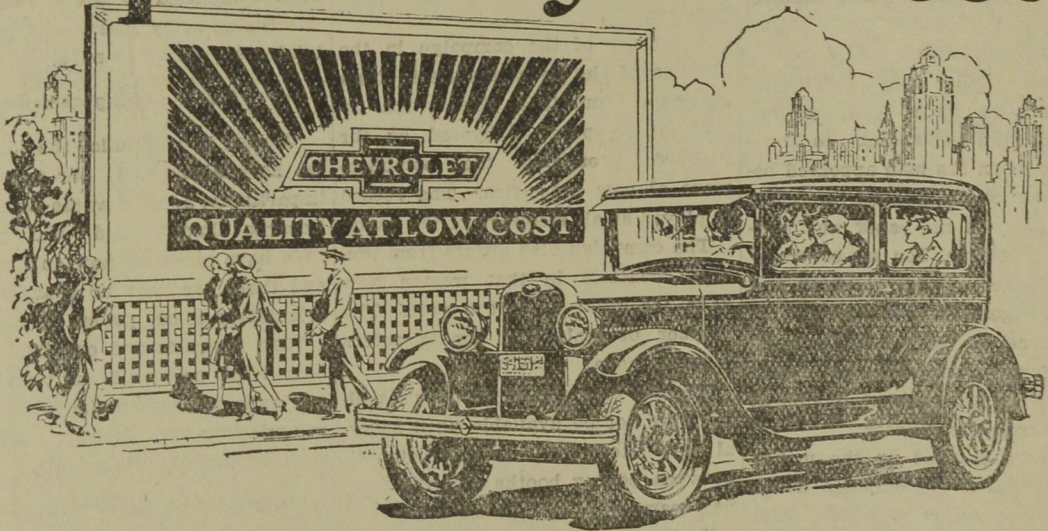


longer time. Until you don't feel the need of any aid of my sort for weeks-on-end.

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