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THE CROCKET MONOLOGUE

If Mr. O. S. Crocket, M. P., was correctly reported in the \$8,100 Gleaner he is of the opinion that "the significant thing in connection with the Drummond-Arthabaska election was that it had smashed the 'solid Quebec', upon which the power of Laurier and the Liberal party absolutely depended."

There is this much to be said for York's present Commoner: He has the faculty of being so ridiculous as to amuse even the most gloomy of his hearers. The man who can bring laughter into the lives of others has been declared to be a benefactor of the race so the Mail is compelled to admit that Mr. Crocket is perhaps not quite so bad a failure as some people have thought him to be.

Mr. Crocket delivered his humorous monologue at the meeting of the Young Conservative Club when Mr. A. D. Thomas and other employees of the local government were on hand to applaud what was said in praise of the saintly Tories and in condemnation of the wicked Grits. The county member skirmished about the edges of the Drummond-Arthabaska affair, but beyond his gleeful flight of imagination in regard to Laurier's power he really said little that deserved or received much serious attention. He utterly failed to come out in man-fashion against the Monk-Bourassa style of separatist campaign. True, he made a milk and watery criticism of both gentleman 'if' they did so and so, but he had not a word to say in regard to those fire-brand appeals to race and religious prejudices which were used by Mr. Tancred Marcell and others to stir up the electors against the Liberal candidate. So far as the people know as yet Mr. Crocket may look with favor on Mr. Marcell's references to Frenchmen killed by English bullets.

His whole speech was a patent effort to put more enthusiasm into the ranks of the club members. He blamed the Liberals for nearly everything that hasn't pleased him in the past ten years, misrepresented the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to nationalism in Quebec, painted an incorrect picture of the Laurier tour through the west and mis-stated the facts as to the present situation of the Liberal party in the Dominion. He went further, and defended Messrs. Monk and Bourassa and their associates against the attacks which have been made against them for their discreditable form of campaigning in Drummond-Arthabaska.

But Mr. Crocket, as usual, failed to show that the Conservative party has any definite programme which put into effect would make for a better and more prosperous Canada. He attacked Liberalism, and offered nothing in its place. Destructive criticism, not constructive policy, is apparently the only thing which Mr. Crocket has in his political repertoire. And, of course, past events have proved that his criticism meant to be destructive is of little use to his party and of less to the country.

Until Mr. Crocket and the other Conservative members offer the people something more than their political slander campaign of the past few years the country is safe from the danger of a return to the days of stagnation which were the most noteworthy results of Conservative rule. And because Mr. Crocket is so energetic in efforts which help to preserve the country from such misfortune he is deserving of the thanks of the people generally, though York County continues to suffer because of his utter failure in those respects in which an M. P. can do most for his constituency.

THE SOLID QUEBEC

So far as we are aware the Conservative Party never claimed a "solid Quebec" as the salvation of the country at any time. The "solid Quebec" support is a weakness to the party it upholds as well as to the country.—Brockville Times, Cons.

This is all very well in theory, but how does it work out in practice? The "solid Quebec" was never heard of until after 1896, yet the record shows these striking facts:

1867—Conservatives, 45; Liberals, 20; Conservative majority, 25.
1872—Conservatives, 38; Liberals, 27; Conservative majority, 11.
1874—Conservatives, 32; Liberals, 33; Liberal majority, 1.
1878—Conservative, 45; Liberals, 20; Conservative majority, 25.
1882—Conservatives, 48; Liberals, 17; Conservative majority, 31.
1887—Conservatives, 38; Liberals, 32; Conservative majority, 1.

Now during all these years with the exception of the period from 1874 to 1878, there was a Conservative majority in Quebec, yet nobody blamed Sir John Macdonald for that. And if there has been a "solid Quebec" since 1891 (not since 1896, because Laurier pulled out a majority of 5 from Quebec in the campaign of 1891 which was Sir John's last stand, when he won a majority of 31 in the country over) it has not been because the Liberal leader was a French-Canadian so much as because his policy appealed to the country at large.

Th's talk of a "solid Quebec" is nonsense. It seems to be the doctrine of The Brockville Times, and other Conservative papers, that when Quebec gives a Conservative majority, everything is lovely, and the goose hangs high, but when Quebec gives a Liberal majority, then we are all going to the dogs.

It all depends upon the point of view, of course, but the facts and figures are opposed to The Times' theory.—Ottawa Free Press.

The Gleaner—\$8,100 from the provincial treasury last year, with no tenders called—continues to reprint articles from exchanges in reference to the Drummond-Arthabaska election. Black-face type hysterics are resorted to in giving the garbled opinions expressed by other journals. But the \$8,100 Hazen organ has yet to come out in the open and discuss the question for itself. Meanwhile, how do the people of York County relish having as their representative a man who is of the political group allied with Monk and Bourassa and the other separatists who cried out in Drummond-Arthabaska against having Canada help the Mother Land?

The young ladies who distributed tags about the city last week seem to have succeeded in gathering in a snug sum of money for the Victoria Hospital. While the young ladies displayed great energy in their work, the parties approached were free to give whatever amount they saw fit, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that the money all goes to the hospital. In the case of the recent entertainment at the Opera House advertised as being in aid of the hospital, the lion's share of the proceeds went to a New York actor.

A St. John despatch to the St. John Standard announces that Mr. Borden, the Tory leader, has undertaken a general house-cleaning. Mr. G. H. Perley, a wealthy Quebec member, has been appointed chief whip. Mr. Crothers of Ontario, whom we are told "is not excelled by even Hon. George E. Foster," is to do the "usual work," while Mr. John Stanfield, of Colchester, N. S., has been appointed leader of the maritime delegation. No mention is made of the duties assigned to Mr. O. S. Crocket, but it is presumed he will remain in charge of the scavenger department.

The bye-election yesterday in Digby County, N. S., to fill a vacancy in the Local Legislature, resulted in the return of Mr. A. E. Wall, Liberal, by a majority of 287 over W. E. Van Blarcom, the Tory candidate. Mr. Wall recently removed to Nova Scotia from Moncton, and considering the fact that he was a total stranger in the county, he put up a wonderful fight. Digby is represented in the Dominion Parliament by a Tory.

Rev. Dean Schofield returned today from a trip to Montreal, where on Sunday he took part in the annual missionary appeal in the churches of that city.

CRISIS NEAR AT HAND IN GREAT BRITAIN

Asquith Ministry Likely to Go to the Country Before Christmas—House Met Yesterday and Adjourned Until Friday—House of Lords Wants Veto Bill Submitted Without Delay.

London, Nov. 15.—Dissolution is expected on Monday at the latest. The first pollings then could take place on November 16, and the elections, except in the Orkneys and Shetlands and the Scotch universities could be over by December 10.

The cabinet met today and as a result of the deliberations, it is said the premier will again visit the king. It is officially announced that Hon. Mr. Asquith will not be in the commons today and parliament will simply meet and adjourn. It is understood that Hon. Mr. Asquith will make a statement tomorrow night.

Today the House of Commons was packed in all parts. Lloyd George said Mr. Asquith would make his statement on Thursday. He moved adjournment until then. Mr. Balfour protested against the statement being made on Thursday instead of Wednesday. He urged it be deferred until Monday.

Lloyd George said the statement could be postponed until Friday, but Mr. Balfour urged postponement until Monday as a large number of members would be absent attending the annual meeting of the Tariff Reform League. The house adjourned until Friday.

There is very great activity in every political organization. Meetings are being hurriedly arranged and candidates leaving for their constituencies. It is probable a further meeting of the cabinet will be held on the return of Mr. Asquith from Sandringham.

In the House of Lords this afternoon Lord Lansdowne sprang a surprise by calling upon the government to submit the veto bill for its consideration without delay. This will add to the difficulties of the cabinet who meet tomorrow.

Rumors are flying about the house that the lords are ready to accept the government's plan with modifications, but in several quarters, especially the ministerial ranks, it is described as a mere bluff, or at the most an attempt to postpone the election.

The veto bill has been read once in the commons. Lord Rosebery inquired what was to become of his proposals for the reform of the upper house.

Earl Crewe promised to make a statement tomorrow.

After consultation with Balfour, Lansdowne and Cawdor, Austen Chamberlain has given notice that he will move a resolution in the Liberal Unionist conference at Glasgow on Nov. 25, in connection with the reform of the House of Lords.

ENGINEERS' DINNER

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PROF. CARTMEL

Prof. Cartmel followed with a few remarks to the point. He said he would like to hear one lecture before the society during the year by an electrical engineer. He urged all the members to attend the meeting, and to obtain as many outside men as possible to lecture before them.

PROF. MILLER

The next toast was to the Forestry Department. Prof. Miller replied and gave a short sketch of the growth of forestry schools in the U. S. A. since the beginning of forest reserves in 1894. He said that now there are about 2,000 men looking after 100,000 acres of forest land. He pointed out the many openings for trainee foresters in the employ of lumber and pulp companies, forest reserves, etc.

J. B. McNAIR

Mr. McNair then replied for the Arts Department and spoke of the excellent course equipment and professors at the college. The Arts men he said also had the advantage of association with the ladies. He was glad to see no division now, as formerly between Artsmen and Engineers. All worked for the best men in athletics and other college activities.

A. R. BABBITT

Mr. A. R. Babbitt then spoke for the Graduates. He wanted to see a stronger bond between graduates and undergrads. He went on to speak of the class of 1910 fund of five dollars per man for athletics and hoped the next classes going out would continue it. He said there was always plenty of athletic material but a coach was required to develop it. He further would like to see a younger branch of the Alumni Society formed to be called the Old Boys' Society. It would be in closer touch with the

students, and would help athletics more.

PROF. STEPHENS.

The next toast was Athletics, ably replied to by Prof. Stephens and H. C. Kinghorn.

Prof. Stephens said that success depended on the students themselves and that the discouraging football record this year might be due to the inexperience of the team. To do well requires determination, knowledge and practice, which the football team did not have. Next year's team would have more experience and perhaps might do better; they could also learn in the gymnasium during the winter. There seemed, however, an undiminished and increasing interest in athletics. Athletics in general entails discomfort, but this rapidly diminishes with practice. He would have more experience and perform all games. Any man who didn't like hard play should keep out of it, but all should keep within rules, even local rules, as at St. John. He finished with hope for more vigorous athletics at U. N. B.

H. C. KINGHORN.

He was followed by Mr. H. C. Kinghorn, who thought that football was the most important of college sports and one in which U. N. B. had an unenviable record. The team had played but one good game. U. N. B. could get a good hockey team with determination, if every student encouraged the players. Every student could participate in two sports and study as well, and if unable to make a first team one year, could come out and practice for the next and so step into the places of graduates. He finished by thanking Messrs. Babbitt and Clark for the trouble they had taken in getting up a city football team to play against the College.

TO THE LADIES.

The toast to The Ladies was then enthusiastically drunk and arily responded to by Messrs. Grimmer and Brown the latter playing a neat tribute to the Fredericton girls and the co-eds.

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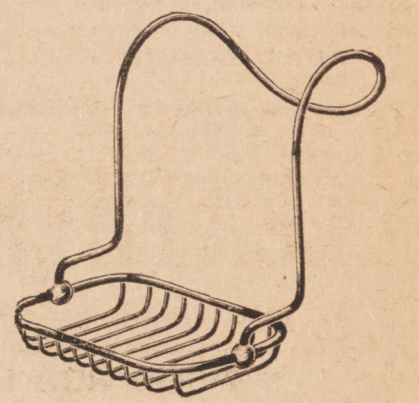
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H. C. BELYEA.

Mr. H. C. Belyea then answered for the Press and is a neat speech sketched the modern reporter's life. He said it was not all fun, but he had his hands on the pulse of the world. He paid a tribute to the interest taken in college by the local press, particularly the U. N. B. graduates connected with it.

H. G. DEEDES.

The next toast was to the Senior class, and was suitably answered by H. G. Deedes, who pointed out that the Seniors so far this year had put through what they began. They had exceeded all expectations formed of these in other years, and were respected by Faculty and students alike. The class had no cliques, but all worked for the common good, even though some might disagree with the opinions of the majority. It was their intention on graduation to increase the class of 1910 fund for athletics to \$10 (ten dollars) per man, and leave some permanent record behind to show their love for the old college.

The toasts to Senior, Sophomore and Freshmen Classes were briefly replied to by H. F. Barnes, G. Feeney and D. Vanwart respectively. The first named said that '12 would carry on the good work of '11; while the two last enlarged upon football powers of their classes.

After a few songs the gathering broke up at about 2 a. m. It was said by many to have been the most successful and enjoyable banquet held in recent years.

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