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McBRIDE AND OTHERS

In an editorial which has the earmarks of one of those articles which come from the pen of Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., the Gleaner says that in opposing the Liberal Naval Bill, Mr. Crockett was contending for a Canadian contribution to Imperial defence "worthy of the people and in keeping with the status of the country." As a matter of fact, of course, the York County member opposed the Naval Bill because it was a Liberal measure. Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed that Canada give a Dreadnought to Britain, Mr. Crockett would have opposed any such plan. But to talk of the contribution of one Dreadnought as "worthy" of the Canadian people and "in keeping with the statue of the country" is to talk absolute poppycock. To give money and to avoid all responsibility after the gift is made, to hire men in another land to bear Canada's share of Imperial defence—truly, that would be "worthy" in comparison with a policy which calls for the support of Canadian owned ships manned and officered as far as possible by Canadians and controlled, save in time of war solely by the Canadian government. Mr. Crockett has often shown himself of the stamp of men who hire or persuade others to do their fighting for them if at all possible, but most Canadians are willing to face unpleasantness and dangers for themselves in man fashion.

The \$8,100 hack organ also finds fault with the Liberal government because the Niobe and the Rainbow, the two vessels secured by the Dominion government as the nucleus of the Canadian navy, were bought from the British government and not built in this country. The contemporary also refers to the ships as "obsolete vessels almost ready for the junk heap." To seek to discredit whatever the Liberals may do is the Gleaner's chief endeavor; truthfulness is very much a secondary consideration, a fact clearly shown by many of its statements and never more clearly perhaps than by the declaration that "Laurier's navy scheme was designed to cut the present connection between this country and the mother Land." There is only one word applicable to statements such as the \$8,100 paper make, and the word is an ugly one.

What are the facts in reference to the Rainbow and the Niobe? Neither vessel is of the latest type of battleship. Neither is the absolutely latest type of cruiser. Neither was built in a Canadian shipyard. Neither cost the Dominion as much money as a Dreadnought would cost. But each is well suited for the purpose for which it has been purchased. Each is well suited for use as a vessel on which Canadians can be trained for naval service and for use as a means of defence for the Canadian coast. The Rainbow is stationed on the Pacific Coast and it is of interest to read what is said of the vessel by the Victoria Colonist, a Conservative paper edited by a former Fredericton man. The Colonist says: "She is not a Dreadnought—this Rainbow, but she is suited in every particular for the service in which she is being placed. She is a fitting vessel to be the nucleus of the Pacific navy of Canada that is to be." The \$8,100 Gleaner says that the Rainbow is "almost ready for the junk heap." The Victoria Colonist, which is not a party hack organ supported by a provincial government, says that the Rainbow is admirably fitted to be the nucleus of the Pacific coast unit of the Canadian navy.

It may be noticed also that when the Rainbow arrived at Esquimaux she was greeted by a party of prominent men including Hon. Richard McBride, the Conservative who is at

the head of the government of British Columbia. In a public speech Mr. McBride, who has several times proved himself a broad-gauge Canadian, said in part: "We realize the undertaking of the Canadian government and people for a good effective fighting force to take its place in the defence of the Empire, a place such as our position and wealth and numbers will warrant."

Mr. Crockett and his "machine" friends brand the Rainbow and the Niobe as fit for the junk heap. The Victoria Colonist, whose editor has seen the Rainbow, says that the vessel—and the Niobe is in similar condition—is admirably suited for its purpose. Mr. Crockett says that Laurier aims to cut the tie between Canada and the Mother Land. Hon. Mr. McBride says that he realizes that the Canadian government, which is led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is undertaking to create an effective naval force to help the Empire and is taking the place which "our position and wealth and numbers warrant."

No comment is necessary upon either of these contrasts. The people will draw their own inferences.

St. Catharines Journal:—Public life will ever be at once an alluring and a disappointing career. It is fascinating to those who view it from afar, but full of disappointments for those who are elected to its places of honor. So Morley has no doubt found. His private choice would no doubt have been to stay in his library, to enjoy the companionship of men in the fine arts, but he was called to public life. Having been called, he has served well, but not without being ever goaded for his attitude toward religion. It is better to have confidence in truth, to have a soul for your fellow-man, to endeavor to uplift human kind at large by rising to a high position, than to be a carping critic, who accomplishes nothing, but always has occasion to denounce others.

Rev. Father McLaughlin, of Milltown, who is well-known in this city has addressed an open letter to The St. John Standard, in which he subjects that journal and its policy to a vigorous condemnation. The letter was refused publication by The Standard, but appeared in the last issue of The New Freeman. The rev. gentleman admits that he is a stockholder in the Tory organ and has his subscription paid in advance. When clergymen mix up in political affairs and get stung they are not entitled to very much sympathy.

Brantford Expositor:—Senator Casgrain, Chairman of the Railway Committee of the Senate, declares his conviction that the Hudson's Bay route is not commercially feasible, and that the increased cost of using it compared with the existing routes will more than counterbalance any advantage it may have in the matter of distance. The truth with the Senator is that he has not made sufficient allowance for the progress of modern science and its ability to solve difficulties usually regarded as being insurmountable.

Calgary News:—Still another Canadian W. M. Aitken, a Montreal millionaire, has been invited to accept the nomination in a British constituency. The Old Country electors evidently believe that Canucks are better statesmen than the home products. However, we shall not strain our eyesight trying to see a Canadian Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Guelph Mercury:—Upper berths in sleeping cars are to be fifty cents less than the lower ones. Another case of the man higher up getting the advantage.

St. John Times:—On his entry upon his seventieth year, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received from King George personal congratulations, and an expression of his majesty's heartfelt wish that Sir Wilfrid may long be spared to continue his splendid service for Canada and the cause of imperial unity. There is more than mere courtesy in this message from King George, and in those in similar vein from Premier Asquith and the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. There are some persons in Canada who are so blinded by political prejudice that they refuse to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier any credit for services in the cause of imperial unity. It is not so in England, where the great leaders recognize and gladly acknowledge the great value of those services.

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LLOYD GEORGE STRIKES HARD AT HOUSE OF LORDS

Likens the Peers to Men Who Live on Reservations in Canada and do Nothing But Hunt, Shoot and Ride—No Other Country in the World Would Stand the British Second Chamber.

London, Nov. 21.—In the House of Lords today, Lord Lansdowne gave notice that he would move on Wednesday resolutions providing that differences of opinion on legislative measures shall be settled by a joint session of the two houses, excepting on grave matters, which shall be referred to a referendum. He said the Lords were prepared to forego their right to reject or amend any money bills of a purely financial character, but questions of "tacking" shall be settled by a joint committee of the two houses, with the speaker as chairman.

Speaking in the east end of London tonight, Lloyd George said the schemes for the reform of the Lords the government would consider at leisure. Under that adumbrated by Lord Lansdowne, every radical bill would be sent to a referendum. The government would have none of these shams.

The chancellor was in excellent form, his wit as biting as ever, and the huge hall wherein he spoke was filled with an enthusiastic crowd.

Referring to the Tories' sarcasm about John Redmond as the "dollar dictator," Lloyd George remarked their bogey the last time was a German invasion. Since when, he asked, had the British aristocracy started despising American dollars, which had buttressed many a tottering noble's house.

In regard to the constitutional issue, he said, no country in the world would stand the British second chamber. It was like, he said, running a horse car and electric car on the same track.

The chancellor took his hearers to the overseas dominions in search of a similar institution. In imagination he interviewed the Australians and inquired if they had anything like the descendants of the French filibusters in Britain. He got the reply, that they had a few years ago bushrangers, who, however, only stole cattle, not land. These had

been hanged before they had the opportunity of founding families. (Laughter.) In Canada, the reply he imagined was that we got people of that kind, but they never had done any work, but they were the most ancient stock in the country. They do nothing except hunt, shoot and ride. They were very stately, dignified and idle. They have every qualification for the aristocracy, but we shut them up in reservations to keep them out of mischief. (Loud laughter.)

Lloyd George reminded the Conservatives that a large portion of Redmond's funds came from Canada. He claimed that when Canada and Canadian statesmen were to be used as excuses for taxing bread, then the Canadians were "kith and kin beyond the seas," but when they subscribed to enable Ireland to obtain the same self-government they possessed, they called them aliens tearing down the constitution. (Applause.)

Lloyd George, referring to the proposals of reform, said the lords were now crying: "Don't shoot; I'm coming half way down."

Austen Chamberlain states the maximum duty on wheat proposed by the tariff reformers is two shillings a quarter on foreign wheat only. The duty on flour will be a little higher in proportion.

LORDS PRESENT THEIR CASE.

London, Nov. 21.—The lords presented their case to the country in the coming electoral struggle, a case which John E. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, in a speech at Islington tonight, characterized as "metaphorically committing suicide as fast as possible."

It is understood that the resolutions which Lord Lansdowne gave notice he would introduce on Wednesday, represent the attitude taken by the Unionist side in the veto conference and the rock on which the conference foundered.

MAYOR NATHAN IN LIMELIGHT ONCE MORE

Rome, Nov. 21.—In a speech opening the session of the Municipal Council today, Mayor Nathan complained that interested hotel keepers abroad especially in America and Switzerland had given currency to exaggerated reports of the cholera epidemic in Italy thus serving "The lower interested motives of the clericals who wished to detract from the success of the festivities in 1911 in celebration of the proclamation of Rome as the capital of United Italy."

Considering the influx of people from the provinces to the capital, it was impossible the mayor said, to prevent sporadic cases in Rome, but measures had been adopted to isolate the sick and prevent contagion with the result that in four months there had been but 23 cases with 11 deaths in the city, a lesser number than had occurred in Berlin, Vienna and Budapest. Mr. Nathan referred once more but briefly to this controversy with the Vatican and hinted at a possible connection between the artificially spread fears of cholera and "The Fears trumpeted in the name of the health of the soul which mean war against Rome and the patriotic manifestations of 1911."

HOW CONSCRIPTION CRY WAS WORKED UP

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The Globe this morning gives prominence to some details of the methods used by the Nationalists in the recent bye-election, ending by putting it up to Mr. Laverne for explanation. The article is headed, "Patriots or Fakirs?" It says:

"A gentleman who took a prominent part in the Drummond-Arthabaska election vouches for the truth of an incident which would otherwise be incredible. A few days before the election a couple of young men with a large official looking ledger appeared in a rural district of Arthabaska and began to question the farmers. The visitors were taking a census, they said. The Government was especially desirous of obtaining the names and ages of all the males in the population. Girls really did not matter. It was necessary to enter their names. Only the men and boys were to be numbered. Why were names being taken? In a mysterious way with many affectations of hesitation, the 'census takers' told the people that war between Great Britain and Germany was imminent and that the government was obtaining information as to the fighting strength of the French-Canadians."

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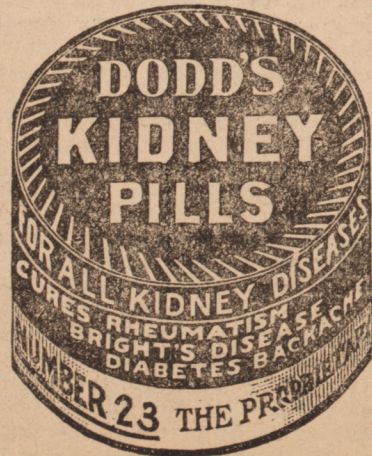
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Mr. C. H. McLean of St. John is stopping at the Queen.



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