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## AN UNHAPPY CONTEMPORARY

"It is misfortune of the defunct Herald successor that its environment is such it cannot understand nor appreciate the duties of a newspaper."

The above is an extract from an article which appeared in the Tory organ of Saturday evening in reply to some mild criticism which this youthful, but widely read journal of the fireside made in its columns on the previous day on the organ and the peculiar line or argument which it adopts when dealing with public affairs. With respect to the very grave charge that this modest and well meaning journal "does not understand nor appreciate the duties of a newspaper" there seems to be ample room for a difference of opinion, and we hope the reading public will pardon us if we file a demurrer. If it is the duty of a newspaper to malign and slander those who do not happen to see eye to eye with it on political questions; if it is the duty of a newspaper to publish in its columns base and cowardly insinuations against those who happen to be financially interested in a rival publication; if it is the duty of a newspaper to be constantly knocking the leading industrial enterprises of the community because such industrial enterprises happen to be controlled by men of opposite political faith; if it is the duty of a newspaper to belittle and lampoon public bodies which are working harmoniously and conscientiously for the good of the community, then the Mail feels compelled to plead guilty to the indictment which has been made against it. We will even go further and concede to our up street contemporary a monopoly of journalistic ethics and ideals, if it is to be permitted to do the judging.

Perhaps it is due to our readers to say that The Mail did have and has yet a faint suspicion that it was the function of a newspaper to circulate news and advertisements from day to day, to mould public opinion, to support and assist the merchants of the city, to boost and encourage its manufacturing enterprises and to give honest, industrious and upright citizens who are working for the betterment of the community, a square deal regardless of their political or religious affiliations. These were the objects which the founders of the Mail had in view and these are the objects the paper has faithfully endeavored to live up to. The large advertising patronage which it enjoys, a patronage contributed by men of all shades of politics, and its large and steadily growing subscription list, is the very best proof that the paper is being appreciated by the intelligent public. The growing popularity of the Mail is gall and wormwood to the editor of our contemporary and accounts for his inability to refer to it and its owners in a respectable manner. Even at the risk of having its owners styled as "personal" and "selfish" the Mail proposes to pursue the even tenure of its way. As in the past it will be loyal to Fredericton and its interests, first, last and all the time. It will advocate what it believes to be right, and oppose what it believes to be wrong; ever standing up for the rights of the common people.

The \$8,100 Gleaner may abuse to its heart's content. Abuse runs in its veins. The paper's machines are accustomed to setting abuse and its presses to printing abuse. The public is accustomed to seeing its abuse, though not to reading it. The Mail was established to give Fredericton a decent newspaper that would respect the traditions of decent journalism and give support to the Liberal cause in a decent way. Because the \$8,100 Gleaner follows its old, old policy of abusiveness and singles out the Mail

for special attack is no reason why this paper should depart from the principle of decency. Nor will it depart from that principle now or at any other time.

The Gleaner writer after insinuating that the wicked Grits have been guilty of nearly every crime in the calendar with the exception of murder, expresses gratification at the fact that the movement for political, social and moral reform is making substantial headway in Great Britain and the United States. The humorist then gravely asks the question: "What has led to the activity in stamping out frauds in the public service, and dishonesty in the financial, commercial and social world? The moral sentiment of an enlightened people." A noble sentiment is this to be sure, and

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as others see us. It wad frae monie a blunder free us, and foolish notion."

If our contemporary would only exercise the great influence which it boasts of in an earnest effort to induce its own political friends to practice what they preach, instead of slandering its political opponents, what a lot of good it might accomplish.

"Yet in Canada," continues the organ, "the standard of our public life has been lowered since the accession of Laurier to power, lowered through the inactivity and indifference of a declining moral influence. The duty of today, if we are to have a higher standard in the public life of the future of this country, is clear." The organ with an eye on the loaves and fishes would of course like to see the return of the Tory party to power. As much as we would like to see gratified the organ's wish for "a higher moral standard in public life" we are unable to see how the return of the Tory party to the treasury benches would remedy the conditions of which it complains so loudly. This country has already experienced the luxury of many years of Tory rule, and there are no signs visible that any great body of the electorate being mindful of the stagnation and corruption which prevailed prior to 1896, are unduly anxious to restore the old party to power at Ottawa. The era of deficits and political corruption went out with the Tory government fourteen years ago, and gave place to an era of progress, prosperity and honest administration. No, a party which, when entrusted with public confidence, governed the country so badly, as to elicit the comment from English newspapers that Tammany Hall was sweet and clean in comparison with it is scarcely likely to bring about the consummation which our unhappy contemporary so devoutly wishes for.

The only advice we have to tender our contemporary, is that for the good of itself and the community it abandon its Free Speech methods and in future discuss public men and public questions on their merits. The newspaper which strikes below the belt is not playing the game fairly, and is bound sooner or later to become an object of reproach.

Montreal Witness.—There is something wretchedly mean about some of the Conservative opportunists on this naval question. The same men who a year ago were watching eagerly for signs of lack of "loyalty" on the part of the Premier, and who, indeed, did subject every one of his utterances to false insinuations on this head, are now prepared to join in and help an anti-naval cry in the other provinces. The farmers of Ontario, it is held, can be aroused against the expenditure, and instead of the attack of the Bourassa party helping Sir Wilfrid with those who shall stand by him under all the circumstances, it is to be made the means of a general adoption of Bourassaism. The silence of Mr. Borden is certainly significant, and Mr. Bourassa announces that the campaign he and Mr. Monk have inaugurated is to be carried into Ontario.

Woodstock Centinel Review.—It is not likely that Tolstoi will come to Canada now; but the fact that he desired to come is worth something. No doubt he saw in Canada some realization of the happy land of his dreams.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER  
IN SEVENTIETH YEAR

The Premier the Recipient of Telegrams From King George, Asquith, Chamberlain, Botha and Other Notables, Congratulating Him on Having Reached the Three Score and Ten Mark.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier today entered his seventieth year. From His Majesty King George V., from Premier Botha of the new sister dominion of South Africa, from Premier Asquith, from Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and from a host of his friends in Canada and in Great Britain came messages of congratulation and good wishes for continued health and for many happy returns of the day.

Sir Wilfrid, who has excelled the record of any previous premier in tenure of office, and in distinguished service for Canada and for the empire, spent the day quietly at his home, where he received a spew of telegrams of congratulation from far and near and where he received the good wishes of many personal friends in the capital.

His majesty's personal cable congratulated him on his continued good health, and expressed the heartfelt wish that he might long be spared to continue his splendid record of

service for Canada and in the cause of imperial unity.

In splendid health and with an unabated energy and willingness for public service, Sir Wilfrid eases his seventh decade with every prospect of far exceeding the scriptural allotted span. The stress of practically incessant attention to his public duties for over fourteen years past has apparently left no trace of weariness or flagging energy.

Today Sir Wilfrid in health and spirits and capacity for work, is perhaps the youngest member of his cabinet. And this despite the fact that his only holiday this year has been practically confined to a day or so spent at his old home in Arthursville, after his return from his arduous western tour.

No citizen of the capital is more popular, irrespective of political predilections; no party leader ever had a more devoted or loyal following in parliament or in the country; no Canadian ever held a more outstanding position in imperial recognition and esteem.

GRIM TRAGEDY  
OF THE WOODS

Sault Ste Marie, Nov. 19.—Stricken with sorrow that he had shot and killed his cousin, whom he had taken for a deer in the woods near here, True Smith blew off half his head with his gun today.

Samuel Smith, aged 15 several of his brothers, True Smith, his cousin, and several of the Burtons, all related, composed a hunting party near Dryberg, just across the Mackinaw county line. Samuel was found shot, and died fifteen minutes later. He said he had been shot by an unknown hunter. A few moments later the same party found True Smith lying near by. In his pocket was a note, which said he had shot himself that the Orangemen might bury him. All believe he shot himself after finding he had killed his cousin.

The woods in that section are alive with hunters, some 115 having left the little station at Budyard since the season opened.

## CANTERBURY

Nov. 14.—The weather for the past few days has been very favorable.

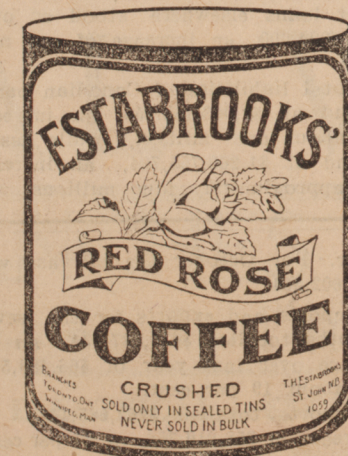
Most of the lumbermen have started their winter operations and some of our boys have taken their departure. We hope to see their smiling faces soon again.

Mr. George Boardman, who returned from the woods, very unexpectedly, with a severe cut on the knee, is slowly recovering.

Dr. Coffin was summoned to the bedside of Mrs. W. F. Graham on Wednesday last. She is seriously ill.

Little Dorothy McMullin has been seriously ill with bronchitis for the past week. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

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## A LARGE LEGACY

Record Bequest For Missionary Work—Nearly a Million Pounds

(London Mail)

At noon today a small party of men assembled in a room at the headquarters of the London Missionary Society, in New Bridge street, E. C., will distribute nearly a million of money, part of the proceeds of the estate of Robert Arthington of Leeds, who died ten years ago at the age of 77. The two chief recipients will be the Baptist Missionary Society, whose share is £466,926, 11s 6d, and the London Missionary Society who will receive £373,541, 5s 3d.

These sums constitute a record in respect of legacies for missionary work. The money must all be spent within the next twenty years; and as part of the principal only will be expended each year and interest will accrue on the balance, it follows that the amounts actually devoted to missionary objects will far exceed those already mentioned.

Mr. Arthington the testator, amassed his fortune which has realized £1,119,848 15s. 2d, by shrewd dealing in real estate and various commercial undertakings. For many years before his death he lived practically as a recluse. The simplicity of his life in no way proceeded from any want of appreciation of the luxuries and enjoyments which his wealth would have enabled him to provide, but was due entirely to the asceticism which he imposed upon himself for the purpose of making substantial grants for missionary work.

He was an undergraduate of Cambridge and a man of high culture. Geography was an absorbing study with him in order to enable him to discriminate in his missionary gifts, and his knowledge of the physical and social features of foreign countries and people was very remarkable. Originally he was a member of the Society of Friends, but in the latter part of his life he became closely associated with the Baptists although he did not actually join that body.

It has taken ten years to settle all the questions arising out of the will. Mr. Arthington was a bachelor and had no near relations, but in his final will he left one-ninth of his estate to his first cousins and their descendants. A great many claims to this portion of the money had to be investigated.

No existing operations of the societies may be assisted by the legacies but entirely new fields must be opened up. None of this money will be spent in the United Kingdom, and districts where the Mohammedan faith are not to be visited. Already both societies have anticipated their legacies by securing advances, and new missions have been opened in China, India, Madagascar, Africa, Papua and Congo.

If a food cutter is used to chop raisins, figs or dates, first squeeze in to the chopper a few drops of lemon juice. Then the fruit will not clog the machine.

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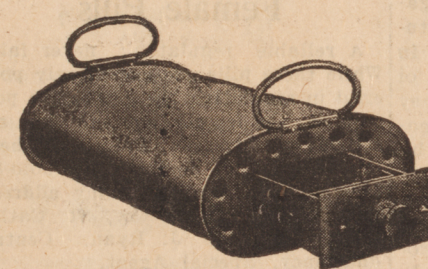
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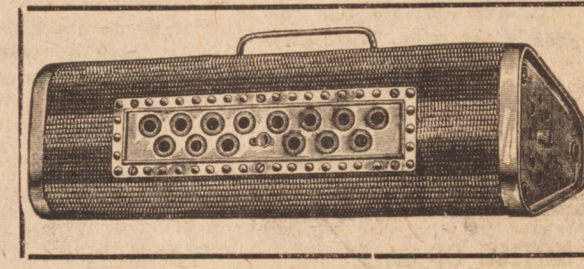
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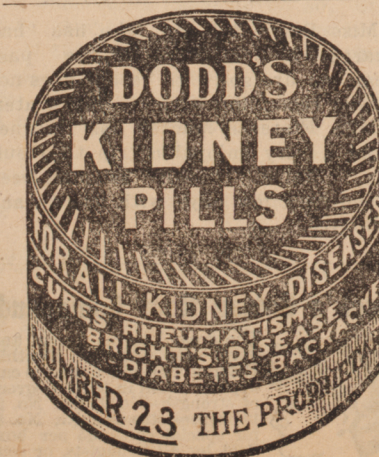
THE HARDWARE PEOPLE.

## UP TO THE HOME TEAM

Speaking of the referee's decision with regard to Mount A's try in the Mt. Allison-Acadia game at Wolfville last week, The Acadia Recorder says:

"The referee evidently allowed the try under the instructions of the International Board, which says that in a case of a ball rolling over the goal line and touching a spectator before a player of either side has time to touch it down, the referee shall give the benefit of the doubt against the side responsible for the ground arrangements, and in doing so he shall regard all officials and spectators as offending players on the home side."

If a baby is restless at night, it is a good plan to give him a teaspoonful of water occasionally. Sleeplessness in infancy is often caused by thirst.



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