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WHAT HAS MR. BORDEN TO OFFER?

Mr. Borden opened up his series of picnics in Nova Scotia yesterday, and if the reports of the goings on there—at which are to be found in his own party press—are correct, the fare he provided seems to have been nothing more than a re-hash of that on which he essayed to delight the people of Ontario a few weeks ago. It was nauseating enough in all conscience at that time, and whether the people of Nova Scotia will stand for it again, remains to be seen.

The continued reiteration by Mr. Borden of the alleged delinquencies of the Laurier administration would be wearisome enough at any time even if there were any foundation for them but when on every side is to be found the strongest possible evidence that such alleged delinquencies only exist in the distorted imagination of the opponents of the Government, then further recital of them only becomes an insult to the intelligence of the people.

What has Mr. Borden to offer the people of Canada as an inducement to them to turn the control of affairs over to him? He cannot offer them anything more in the way of beneficent government than they are getting at present and have in fact been getting for the past fourteen years. The wonderful platform which he constructed at Halifax some few years ago included simply details which were desirable in the interests of the country and which the Laurier Government would have supplied, and did in fact, supply as soon as ever circumstances permitted. If Mr. Borden has nothing better to tell the people than that the country is on the verge of ruin as a result of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's administration of its affairs, he may as well go home at once. On every side is to be found the most conclusive evidence of the existence of the exact opposite condition of things. If ever there was an instance of the folly and vanity of spreading the net in sight of the bird, it is the course pursued by Mr. Borden in inviting the people of Canada to throw away all the prosperity they at present enjoy, for the very doubtful prospect which would confront them and their affairs were he given control of them.

THE SCHOOL BOOK SYSTEM

The delegation which has come from Nova Scotia to investigate the school book system of the Province will doubtless be properly instructed by the officials concerned in the mysteries thereof and will not fail to be edified by the ingenuity displayed in the evolution of such a wonderful piece of machinery. They will not fail to admire a system which costs some \$2,000 a year to handle \$10,000 worth of books, and which incidentally deprives the regular bookseller of the greater part of the legitimate profit he would make if the books were handled in the ordinary way of business. They will appreciate, too, the thoughtful consideration of a government which inaugurated this method of distribution thereby providing a comfortable living for a party worker. They will also doubtless make a note of the fact that it is in the most out of the way places that the licensed vendor of school books is to most likely to be found, and also that the leading qualification for appointment as such is that of hide-bound political adherence to the authors of the system. Moreover they cannot help but approve of a system which leaves some thousands of dollars worth of books lying out in the vendor's hands at a dead loss to the government who are out of the money paid for them, to say nothing of interest upon it; and in addition necessitates the keeping in stock of sev-

eral thousands of dollars worth of other books in order to keep up a constant supply—and on top of all, there is the pleasant fiction that the people find the school books so much cheaper than they used to be, now that the government makes up the loss out of the people's own money.

WHAT CANADA IS DOING

We do not hear much mention of Armageddons in these days yet only a few months ago, when Mr. Borden was ringing the changes about his mysterious "emergency" we were being told that the great battle which would settle the fate of the Empire would be fought in the North Sea; that Canadians would then have the abject humiliation of witnessing Australian and New Zealand Dreadnoughts in the line of battle, while the Canadian ships, they sneeringly asserted, would be safe in harbor or running away from the enemy. The fact however as the Halifax Chronicle remarks is that Canada is doing more for Imperial naval defence than either Australia or New Zealand, and the British Government in computing its naval strength does not take into account the Dreadnoughts to be built by Australia and New Zealand. Only the other day Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, in making his statement on the naval estimates, ruled them out of consideration in measuring Britain's strength in Dreadnoughts, against Germany. "The two Colonial Dreadnoughts," he said, "by the very conditions under which they are given must be employed more or less habitually at the other end of the world." In fact, it was made abundantly clear by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, that their ships were to be kept in Asiatic waters for the protection of their own coasts. They were gifts of Dreadnoughts, "with a string attached to them," as somebody has appropriately suggested. Furthermore the Mother Country has to make an annual contribution of \$1,250,000 toward the upkeep of the Australian Dreadnoughts. Canada, on the other hand, is not only going to build a Navy of her own, equip, man and maintain it at her own expense, but she is maintaining dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux free of cost to the Old Country.

If opponents of the Government who speak so enthusiastically about Australian contributions were honest enough to admit the facts, they would have to credit the Government of Canada with doing immeasurably more for the naval defence of the Empire than any other British Dominion.

The St. John correspondent of The Ackville Tribune, discussing possible changes in the provincial cabinet, and possible candidates in the next election, says:—"Of course, as a matter of fact, it makes little difference who are nominated. Hazen candidates are doomed here. As one prominent Liberal was heard to say a few days ago it is not clear why there is such a feeling here against Mr. Hazen and his government. Two years ago the 'ty was a Hazen stronghold. Today—well, today the only question is as to how large the Liberal majority would be in a contest." The same feeling is met with in the rural districts. This is very largely due to the failure of the government to carry out its pre-election promises, particularly with respect to road improvements and agriculture.

ANOTHER NEW YORK OFFICIAL THREATENED

New York, Aug. 10.—Street cleaning Commissioner Edwards, when he arrived in his office today, found among his mail a letter which threatened him with the same fate of Mayor Gaynor. The letter was vulgar in tone, and said that the commissioner would be dead in forty-eight hours. Commissioner Edwards said that the slight wound in his shoulder from one of the bullets fired yesterday at the Mayor did not give him any trouble and that he was in good shape. He said that he did not intend paying attention to the letter, which evidently the commissioner thinks was from a crank.

Moncton Times.—Mrs. McGrath, of Fredericton, is visiting Mrs. B. Gallagher at her summer home at the Point.—Miss Helen Perley, of Fredericton, was recently in town.—Bruce Smith, son of Mr. Fred Smith, of Fredericton, is spending his vacation with friends in Sackville and Moncton.

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MARITIME ODDFELLOWS IN SESSION AT TRURO

Grand Master W. S. Hooper of This City in Able Address Deals with Work of the Order—Address of Welcome by Mayor and Others—Reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 10.—The 15th annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces of Canada was opened at ten o'clock this morning with the usual ceremonies, Grand Master Hooper presiding. The attendance was very large. After the new representative had been instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, a respite from labor was declared for the purpose of receiving a civic delegation, consisting of Mayor George W. Stuart and members of the Town Council, the President of the Board of Trade, the chief of the fire department and a committee of Phoenix Lodge, I. O. O. F. In short addresses Mayor Stuart and the other members of the party heartily welcomed the three grand bodies of Odd Fellows to Truro. Grand Master Hooper voiced the opinion of every member of the Order present when he responded to the civic welcome and thanked them for their courtesy and good will and said the Odd Fellows appreciated the kind wishes extended to them.

Grand Patriarch Crockett spoke on behalf of the Grand Encampment, and Miss Harriet Smith, President of the Rebekah Assembly, spoke for the Rebekahs. All the speakers were applauded. The delegates then retired.

Grand Master W. S. Hooper, in his annual address, said:

Brothers: Time again marks on our calendar another annual session, and the dial registers "55." To this session I bid you welcome and trust that the work we have to do will be of interest to us all and for the good of our Order at large and this Grand Jurisdiction in particular.

In this beautiful town of Truro we met in 1896—fourteen years ago—and in the years that have lapsed many great changes have taken place. When we met here last (the 41st annual session) there were sixty-three (63) Lodges with a membership of 4,853; today his Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over ninety-eight (98) Lodges with a membership of 9,312. The Rebekah branch at that time had only seven (7) Lodges with a membership of 240 sisters and 172 brothers, a total of 412; this year's report will show fifty-four (54) Rebekah Lodges with a membership of 2,801 sisters and 1,479 brothers, a total of 4,280, exclusive of Riverview Lodge, No. 56, instituted March 14th, last. Our work for the last fourteen years shows indeed to have been consistent and energetic, every department showing healthy increase, and, strange to say, suspensions, withdrawals, etc., are less in proportion to our present membership than when last we met here. This is as it should be and I trust will be an incentive to even better work, if possible, in the years to come.

I rejoice in the fact that we have with us in attendance at Grand Lodge year after year, so many whose names appear as active workers in the Journal of 1896; brothers grown grey in the service, yet, today as full of enthusiasm in the interests of our Order as they were then. A further glance shows the names of Taylor, Wat's, Frazee and others—brothers whose works in the interest of Odd Fellowship "do live after them." Who among our older representatives does not remember those men and their enthusiastic labors to make this Grand Lodge what it is today? But "With a cheery smile and a wave of

the hand, They wandered away to the unknown land, And left us dreaming, how very fair It needs must be since they linger there."

Looking back over the year just passed, I feel that the Grand Juris-

diction is to be congratulated on the work that has been done. Many Lodges in the mining districts of Nova Scotia have been working under difficulties on account of the labor troubles, which, I know, this Grand Lodge joins with me in the hope, will be amicably settled to the satisfaction of all concerned in the not distant future.

Since our last session the two Lodges in Newfoundland, Atlantic No. 1, of St. Johns, and Exploits, No. 2, of Grand Falls, have been placed under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. On being advised that the transfer from the Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to this had been completed, I at once appointed Brother J. C. Phillips, P. G., of St. Johns, District Deputy Grand Master, creating a new District, No. 36, and have since had some correspondence with him and am led to believe that this addition to our roll of Lodges will prove beneficial both to this Grand Jurisdiction and to the Lodges above named. Brother Phillips' first report in his official capacity appears in regular order herewith, and is optimism of the first order. It will be noticed that he advises being present at this session, and I know that all will join me in extending him a hearty welcome with a heart-felt grasp of the hand as only Odd Fellows can extend.

All the Deputy District Masters report the Order in their jurisdiction in a flourishing condition. While there were no new Lodges instituted during the year, yet matters are such that there will be two or three new Lodges instituted in New Brunswick, and two in Nova Scotia in the near future. One Lodge was resuscitated. The net gain of membership for the year was 324, exclusive of the Lodges in Newfoundland.

The Grand Master referred to his official visits during the year, but he was not able to carry out his intentions when elected Grand Master, owing to sickness and death in his family. However, he was able to visit Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Pictou County and other places in Nova Scotia as well as several Districts in New Brunswick. Everywhere he found the members enthusiastic in the work he said:

"To every Lodge visited from the East to the West and the North to the South, and the individual members thereof, who have been so kind to 'the stranger within their gates,' in the person of the Grand Master, let me here express on behalf of this Grand Lodge my deep appreciation of the many kindnesses bestowed on its executive head. Everywhere I went I found a welcome for the Grand Master of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, not in his personal capacity, but as the head, for the time being, of a part of the Greatest Fraternal Association on the continent today."

The Grand Master referred to the death of King Edward VII, and the draping of the charters in black and purple. He also spoke of the Campbellton disaster and the appeal he sent to the different Lodges. He urged more help should be forthcoming as the conditions are even worse than portrayed in the press. The correspondence during the year was large, while thirty-two "law cases" were submitted to the Grand Master to be adjudicated upon.

The Grand Master paid a high tribute to Grand Secretary J. J. McKinnon for the efficient way he performs the work of his office. He also spoke of the work of Grand Warden Craig. In closing the Grand Master said:

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AMERICAN CONSUL AT ST. JOHN AWAY ON SICK LEAVE

St. John, Aug. 10.—Mr. Culver, U. S. Consul, who took up his duties here this week has been granted a month's leave, and will go to his son's home in Ohio. He has been ill and only with difficulty came here from Ireland to take over the office.

ELEVATOR WRECKED \$125,000 DAMAGE

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 10.—The burning of the Globe Elevator Company's buildings near the Buffalo water front today caused a loss of about \$125,000 and gave the fire department few hours of strenuous work. The company's 300,000 bushel elevator, valued at about \$40,000,000 completely wrecked, was uninsured. The loss on storage is partially covered by insurance.

and the expenses \$4,015.81, leaving a balance in favor of Grand Lodge of \$4,718.11. The Grand Master's address, as well as the reports of the officers, were referred to the different committees. The Grand Lodge met again this afternoon, when several reports were received and adopted.

EARL PERCY WILL TAKE OTTAWA POST

London, Aug. 10.—Earl Percy has been named extra aide-de-camp to Earl Grey and will sail immediately for Canada.

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