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REV. DR. SMITH'S ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE SCOTS

The address delivered by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at the St. Andrew's Society dinner last night was as follows:

This evening our imaginations wander back to the home land of the Scot, and to that gentle spirit whose name has become the common, sacred bond of fellowship among Scotchmen throughout the world, Saint Andrew. Scattered throughout the whole civilized world our fellow countrymen are meeting as we do now and the one great, pulsing, inspiring thought is the value of the home land to individual life and in the destiny of the nations. It is a magnificent theme capable of inspiring the purest patriotism and evoking the deepest enthusiasm.



REV. DR. W. H. SMITH.

As our thought dwells upon the home land we find that in comparison with the land of our adoption it is "wee". This Dominion could receive 125 Scotlands and not be fully occupied. It is not the size of Scotland which appeals to us. It is a little land but in the eye of the poet and the heart of the common folk a land altogether lovely with its mountains and moors decked with purple heather and dells dotted with foxglove, wild roses and bluebells. An English lord once asked a bishop the best way to help boys to succeed. The bishop said to give them poverty and parts. The Scot has the parts and the land has enough of hardship to yield a very superior type of people.

GREAT SCOTCHMEN

When one thinks or speaks of Scotland certain things at once flash across the imagination, certain names leap from the sacred records of a unique history and certain characteristics challenge our admiration and compel our loyalty to the best. The outstanding thing is the variety of interests represented in the life struggles of the Scot. Time does not permit any extended references to these great names. In literature we find such names as Ossian, Sir Walter Scott, Burns, who popularized the heart of Scotland's genius and gave us The Cotter's Saturday Night, Tam-O-Shanter and Holy Willie's Prayer; R. L. Stevenson, Carlyle, Hume, Barrie, Campbell, Watson.

Lockhart and hundreds of others. In exploration we find such names as Livingstone, Grant, Mungo Park, Mc Kay, Moffatt, Sir John Ross, and Dr. McRae. In statesmen we find such names as Campbell Bannerman and A. J. Balfour. In science we find such names as Adam Smith, Brewster, Stewart and Tait, Hamilton, Lord Kelvin, Sir James Dewar, Sir William Ramsay, Lyell, Geikie and Millar. In the practical arts we find such names as Watts and Stephenson. The Bank of England was organized by two Scotchmen, the Bank of France was also organized by Scotchmen.

The Crystal Palace the great dam in Egypt and the telephone are all placed to the genius of the Scot. In philanthropy we find such names as J. S. Kennedy who recently gave \$30,000,000 to educational charitable and religious work, Andrew Carnegie, the second richest man in the world who has delighted the musical world with his pipe organs and fascinated the intellectual desire by placing libraries within the reach of the hungry. In the sterner battles of life we find such names as Wallace, Bruce and others of world renowned eminence. In philosophy we have the famous Scotch School, Stewart, Hume, Smith, Sir William Hamilton, Mill, Ferrier, Calderwood. In theology we have Knox, Cunningham, Chalmers, Rainey, Flint.

INFLUENCE OF CANADA

When we come to Canada we may not realize the debt we owe the Scot. I may be pardoned if I say that Pictou County, Nova Scotia, which has the record of turning out more professional men and educational leaders than any other place of the same size in Canada was settled almost entirely by Scotchmen. The fine bridge at the Grand Narrows the most difficult engineering feat in Eastern Canada was built by Sir R. G. Reid, the Scot, who afterwards redeemed the ancient colony of Newfoundland from disaster. Dalhousie College owes its existence to the far seeing wisdom of a Scot. Nova Scotia was colonized by a Scot, Sir William Alexander. Manitoba by another, Lord Selkirk. The great west land was explored by that intrepid man, Mackenzie, who gave his name to our greatest northern river. The hot headed reformer, W. Lyon MacKenzie was a Scot. The "Globe" was founded by another, George Brown. McGill University stands as a monument to the magnificent gift of a Scot, James McGill. Sir John A. McDonald was a Glasgow man, Alexander MacKenzie was a countryman. Lord Strathcona comes from Banffshire. In 1909 six of the nine lieutenant governors of the Dominion were either Scotchmen or of Scotch descent.

DIVERSITY OF TALENT

This great diversity of talent and interest reflects the life of the people as a whole. It is a peculiar blending of opposites, almost of contradictions. For this reason it is very difficult to understand a Scotchman. He combines the most unlikely traits. Take, for example, the popular idea that the Scot is a close, grasping, selfish man. There is enough in his history to warrant the opinion that he is at least very canny with his money. Yet where will you find men who have made such tremendous sacrifices for themselves and others. They have poured out their wealth, even their means of livelihood and

HON. DR. PUGSLEY STANDS UP FOR RIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

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sessional employees of the late government, and twenty-four men had been taken on.

In regard to the acquirement of branch lines of the Intercolonial Hon. Mr. Emmerson was told that the question of taking further steps to the implementation of the legislation, now on the statute books in this connection had not yet been considered.

The minister of railways further stated that the government have not yet considered the question of continuing the board of management of the Intercolonial.

In reply to Mr. Emmerson's further query as to whether representations had been received by the government urging the appointment of a maritime province representative to the railway portfolio, Hon. Mr. Cochrane said any such communications were "confidential."

Hon. J. D. Hazen informed Hon. A. K. MacLean that tenders had been asked for the repairs to the hull of the Niobe and that an order had been placed for the bronze castings for the stern post and rudder.

The first tariff action of the new government came in for some sharp criticism in the commons to day from the western members, who vigorously maintained that the ruling of the customs department, made within a very few days after the government took office, played directly into the hands of the lumber magnates.

Under this ruling of the new minister of customs, Hon. J. D. Reid, American rough lumber, under the late government was practically allowed to come into the west free of duty, is now rigorously taxed 25 per cent duty.

The instructions to customs officers to enforce the letter of the law meant, said Mr. Knowles, of Moosejaw, that the western consumer would have to pay millions more each year for his lumber and placed him at the mercy of the Canadian combine. When the big interests piped the government had promptly danced, he said.

His trenchant criticisms were vigorously seconded by other western members.

their blood, and given their sons to death for freedom, liberty, education religion, for the very things the world today esteems most precious.

NOBLE IMAGINATION

Further, take this. He appears as a matter of fact man, yet he reveals an imagination of the finest, noble type. It is a peculiar, romantic type, filled with the mystic fire and streaming out in poetry, song and rare humor. Take music. From the time of Neil Gow there has been a steady stream. That great imperia, song, Rule Britannia sprang from the brain of a Scot, James Thompson. Another, Ye Mariners of England is by Campbell. Where do you find such patriotic songs as Scots Wha Hae Wi' Wallace Bled, The March of the Cameron Men, or The Campbells are Coming? Where do you find such songs of the heart as Robina Adair, Annie Laurie, Will Ye No Come Back Again, My Ain Country, and that classic of the soul, Auld Lang Syne, which has next to the Twenty-third Psalm blessed the heart of more Scotchmen than any other message ever written?

SCOTCH HUMOR

Or take his humour. Ian MacLaren speaks of the drollery which is the result of standing the intellect upon its head and seeing things bottom upwards. He says much of Irish wit is of this happy type. As an illustration he gives this. An Irishman was sent to deliver a live hare to a laird. On the journey the hare escaped and started to run for its liberty. The Irishman made no attempt at pursuit. He simply shook with laughter while he exclaimed, "Ye may rin, ye may rin and kape on rinning, but small good it will do yez. Ye haven't got the address." The ridiculousness of this type is most charming. The humour of the Scot is peculiar in this that it consists in a rare, keen intellectual thrust or hit. To illustrate this MacLaren tells the following: There was a Scotch woman whose husband fell sick. They were regular attendants at Norman McLeod's Church. She sent for another minister. When the stranger came he asked whose church they attended and she replied "Norman McLeod's." "And why did you have me come, said the stranger. She replied, "Why? Do you think we would risk Normie with the typhus fever?" Here is another. An American doctor was touring the remote country sections of Scotland. He asked a farmer, How do you do here when you get sick, so far from a doctor? He replied, We just have to dee a natural deith. Here is a rather grim specimen. During the Peninsular War a Highlander was pursuing a Frenchman who kept said, I have no time to quarter ye, shouting Quarter, Quarter. The Scot I'll just divide ye in twa. The whole life of the Scot abounds in these seeming peculiar contradictory combinations and furnish a fruitful mine for the humorist. (Continued on page three.)

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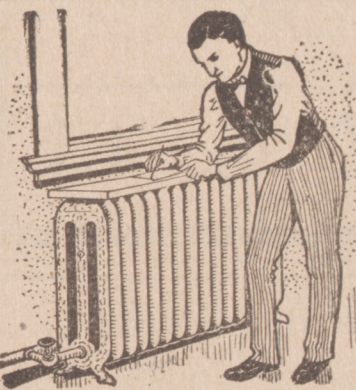
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