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RECKLESS SLANDERING

The cold, clear light of Parliamentary discussion shows the opposing parties at Ottawa in an entirely different aspect from that which was successfully presented to the electors during the recent campaign says the Toronto Globe. The weakness that won is weak still, and the strength that lost is still strong. The Minister or member who continues his campaign of recklessness is speedily called to account. Hon. Mr. Kemp received a much-needed lesson in the importance of accuracy when confronted with the public statements regarding Liberal expenditure at Rideau Hall. With characteristic recklessness he declared at a Conservative meeting that although \$100,000 had been appropriated for work in preparing for the reception of the Duke of Connaught it was doubtful if \$20,000 had been expended, and the destination of the balance had not been discovered. There is an element in the electorate that can be fed politically on such utterances, and it naturally gravitates to the candidates, who supply what is wanted. An elector with ordinary intelligence with the most rudimentary understanding of public accounting would see at once the ridiculous nature of such an insinuation. It would be an insult to the intelligence of a discerning audience. But a reckless member can be found willing to supply what his hearers are prepared to accept.

As the statement by Hon. Mr. Kemp gained newspaper publicity, Hon. Dr. Pugsley provided a complete refutation in parliament. He procured from the successor, Hon. Mr. Monk, a statement to the effect that up to the day on which Hon. Mr. Kemp had spoken only \$50,000 in all had been appropriated. Of that amount \$46,441 had been expended, and the balance was on hand. This statement, calmly laid before the court of Parliament, completely refuted the charge that had openly been made. Hon. Mr. Kemp had virtually charged the Liberal Ministry with the misappropriation of about \$30,000. It is fortunately rare in Canada for a Cabinet Minister to thus flagrantly disregard the responsibilities of his position. Some are inclined to discourage the noticing of such absurd charges on the ground that the people who accept and are influenced by them are beyond political hope and will be swayed by a new story as soon as the old one is refuted. But there is always an element desirous of knowing the truth and inclined to resent deception. The political strength of this element is a restraining influence on all who may be inclined to copy Hon. Mr. Kemp's recklessness. This element soon discovers campaign deceptions as to facts, and in time discovers the false logic and deceptive pretences on which campaigns are occasionally won. It is well and publicly beneficial that the fallacious nature of Hon. Mr. Kemp's reckless charges had been exposed with the dull publicity of a Parliamentary debate.

Apocryphal of the recent Conservative victories in Ontario and P. E. Island the Chatham World tenders this advice to Premier Fleming:

"These victories ought to suggest to Premier Fleming the policy of throwing aside the last vestige of coalitionism and joining the Conservative column. It is discreditable to have one member of the Government stumping for Liberal candidates in one county and other members stumping for Tory candidates in the other counties."

We are afraid if Premier Fleming undertook to run things to please Commodore Stewart he would have a big contract on his hands. At the present time the Commodore is out with Hon. Mr. Hazen, he is off Hon. John Morrissey's books and he does not pull with Hon. Donald Morrison, the Tory patronage dispenser for Northumberland.

The able and illuminating address delivered by Mr. W. Leonard Palmer of the London Financial News at a public meeting here last evening, will be found in another part of this issue and will repay careful perusal. New Brunswick, particularly the St. John River section is on the eve of great development and it is important that steps should be taken to attract new settlers. Mr. Palmer has made several trips through western Canada but he declares that his admiration for New Brunswick has not been lessened by what he has seen in that section of the country. This province has the resources and the climate and if the people will do their duty, it must and will go ahead.

The members of the City Council have lost no time in making a move with a view to securing the Valley Railway shops for Fredericton. There is nothing like striking while the iron is hot. Fredericton has been doing business on the back street long enough. We now have the opportunity to make a forward stride and must take advantage of it. Party differences and petty jealousies must be buried and all must pull together in the great work of boosting the city and making its attractions known. The City Council should have a well defined industrial policy and prepare to live up to it.

COMMANDED ESCORT.

Capt. Fred Gilman, Royal Canadian Dragoons, commanded the escort of mounted troops which assisted in the reception of Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Montreal on Wednesday. Capt. Gilman is a son of Mr. J. C. Gilman of Springhill, and is well known in this city. The Montreal Herald of Wednesday contained the reproduction of a photograph showing Capt. Gilman mounted, also a portion of the escort. Capt. Gilman is stationed at St. John's, P.Q.

HEADLINER AT UNIQUE

A dramatic show and a motion picture show are combined at the Unique these last three days of the present week. Lottie Glenmore & Co., in one of the most amusing playlets ever seen, other than on the regular dramatic stage, in the comedy "The President of the Ananias Club," a continuous laugh from start to finish. Today one of the most thrilling animal pictures ever produced "Lost in the Jungle," (Selig) the feature along with three other admirable subjects.

"TIS TRUE, 'TIS PITY," and "PITY 'TIS, 'TIS TRUE"

"Tis Pity" there are so few plays left in which to do your Christmas buying, but 'tis consoling to know that there is such an ideal place for shopping as Edgemoor's where all kinds of beautiful goods are spread out and displayed so as to make your selection easy. Take stock of your loved ones, and friends, whom you would make happy, and go to the Big Store and let some of the obliging staff there help you. It will be a pleasure for them and a profit to you. Christmas comes but once a year.

FRENCH STATESMAN SPEAKS

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ratification of the Franco-German agreement, traced the negotiations between France and Germany since the beginning of the crisis. He admitted that there had been a moment of tension due to the excessive demands of Germany. Reasonable negotiations ensued upon this and M. De Selves denied that Germany had become irritable and tried to start a conflict. On the contrary, her attitude had been conciliatory. France interests had been constantly guarded while the dignity and calm of public opinion in France had revealed the force of French patriotism. M. De Selves then defended the Franco-German accord, saying that the world realized that France had emerged from the negotiations far from being worsted. However, he continued the chief advantage of the agreement is that it frees from general politics the Moroccan question, which has been a permanent source of conflict.

"This advantage is not a small one at the hour when the external political situation demands particular attention."

He then continued: "We have no intention of abandoning our friends or our alliances. On the contrary, we shall bind them closer."

In conclusion, he said that the negotiations with Spain had been taken up in a friendly spirit. Count de Mun's motion was defeated by 418 to 98.

BOOM FOR ST. JOHN VALLEY INDICATED AT MEETING

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first place to the States and after the young people began; in the first place to the States and after to Western Canada.

I can imagine nothing, Mr. Chairman, that is so depressing for a country as to see its young people steal one by one away. The example, the very fact of them going, is almost enough to arrest progress, and to imbue into the hearts of those who remain behind a feeling that any country in the world must surely be better than our own.

That, Sir, is the first great evil to be overcome. You have to stop the exodus. You may ask now, and I hope you will continue to ask how until the solution and the only solution is found. Why do you young people leave New Brunswick? Not because they are so anxious to forsake their homes, their relatives, their friends, their old associations, not because they desire to go all alone into a strange country. No, they leave because they are compelled to, because they cannot find just that employment which nature, assisted no doubt, by your excellent system of education, has peculiarly fitted them for, and therefore I say before you can hope to arrest the exodus of your young people you must create the opportunities for them at home. And that can only be done by industrial growth. It is new markets that New Brunswick needs to encourage her people. Not foreign markets for mere agricultural products, but home markets and home markets can only be created by new industries.

OPPORTUNITY NOW

You have the opportunity now, the opportunity that comes once, and sometimes only once to every country as to every man. The attention of the whole world is riveted upon Canada, and if you wish you can rivet that attention to a great extent upon New Brunswick. I believe you are living in that hour of quietness that precedes the dawn. There are signs already of great developments taking place when the morning breaks. You have just secured your long wished for Valley Railway, which should put new life into this part of the country. Then there are signs of another railway being constructed and a great coal field being worked. Sir William Mackenzie had been brought into the province through the enterprise of Mr. Matthew Lodge of Moncton. He has taken over the great shale property in Albert County and that I hope and believe is only the forerunner of other interests being acquired in the province by the enterprising Mackenzie and Mann group. Then you have a great natural gas field, the possibilities of which no man can estimate, and you have plans afoot for the construction of large docks at St. John.

Now are these things nothing? Does it mean nothing when men like Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Thos. Tait begin to pin their faith to the province? Does it mean nothing when the C. P. R. begin to pay more attention to New Brunswick? Does it mean nothing when all these things begin to stir? It means, Sir, that you are standing upon the threshold of great events, and that in a little while you will be in the full tide of progress—if you only take advantage of the times.

TIMES ARE CHANGED

Times have changed since your young people first began to go into the New England States. You are no longer a fringe upon the borders of a vast wilderness. In the opinion of many eminent Canadians the day is not far distant when there will be a great movement into the eastern portions of Canada. I believe that that is so, and therefore let us accelerate or at any rate anticipate that day. Let New Brunswick remain no longer in a quiet backwater whilst the stream of immigration and new life goes rushing past.

The world is not so large that it

can afford to overlook a country like New Brunswick. Where is such another to be found, presenting so many opportunities for development, lying within the same latitude? If we except Nova Scotia, which after all is the same thing, New Brunswick is the last undeveloped country lying within a favourable latitude upon the Atlantic seaboard, and for that reason, if for no other, it possesses a very great advantage.

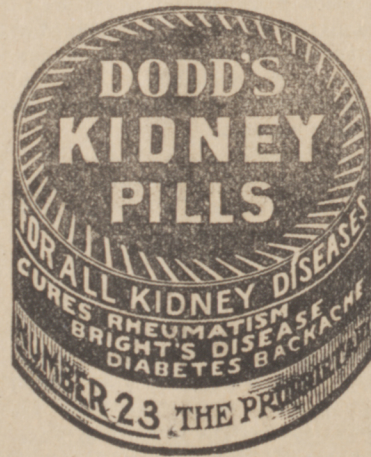
It is often stated Mr. Chairman, that the Maritime Provinces will have their turn when the west has been filled up. Have their turn, Heaven and earth, are you to wait until all the broad acres of the West are packed with people before turning your attention to your own country? If you did that, how many of those present here tonight, ay, how many of their children's children would live to see that day?

CANNOT WAIT

Sir, New Brunswick cannot afford to be so generous. You cannot afford to wait. While you do the stream of life goes rushing by. You have the country here; you have the men. Therefore assert yourselves. Make yourselves heard in the world. Let your voice be loud and insistent. Just look at some of those little towns in the West. They make such a noise, and keep up such a shouting that they almost disturb my rest in England, and yet when you visit some of those places you look at them in amazement and wonder how on earth such tiny things ever came to be born with such tremendous voices.

I do not pretend, sir, that a great movement to this province can be made in a day or a week or a year. It may take five years, or ten years, but that makes it all the more imperative that a start should be made at once. You need good farmers here, men with capital, and men with small means. You need manufacturers, traders, everybody who by coming here adds to its wealth and prosperity. As regards agricultural settlers, as I said here in the spring I think steps should be taken to form small colonies. To get six or a dozen families all acquainted with one another and set them down in one particular locality where they can work together and co-operate. That would prevent that feeling of loneliness and often helplessness that arises among people going into a strange country and among strange conditions, and that would prevent themselves from becoming inoculated with the deadly germ of pessimism and scepticism which seems to have got such a deadly hold on many of your people on the land here. And I think you should be prepared to do all you possibly can to ensure the success of new settlers because upon their success rests so much. A successful immigrant is the finest advertisement in the world for a country. Attention should also be given very earnestly to the question of sheep raising. When one goes through such districts as the Sussex Valley for instance, and sees all those ranges of low hills, one wonders where else in Canada could be found more suitable country for sheep. Then the rapidly diminishing exports of livestock from Canada prove how good a market is growing

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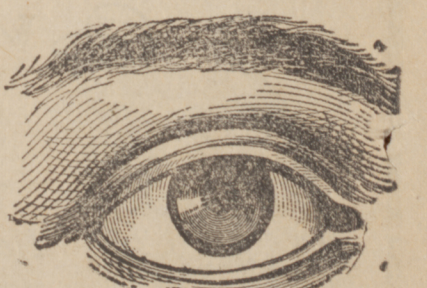
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