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SALVATION ARMY RECOGNIZED.

Although Salvation army methods were questioned and criticized when the organization was introduced into Canada, nobody doubts the sincerity of those who march under its banner and but few attempt to minimize the excellent work it has done to spread the practices of Christianity, especially among a class of people whom the churches failed to interest. The Army is now an established institution all over the world, and the good it is doing is inestimable. Recently it was given practical recognition by the Canadian House of Commons, the initiative being taken by Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the astute and broad minded minister of justice, himself a Roman Catholic, yet liberal enough to view with satisfaction the work of the Army.

We quote from the parliamentary reports the incident to which we refer, as follows:

Two thousand dollars was voted to pay expenses in connection with supervision of and aid to discharged convicts. This work, Mr. Fitzpatrick said, was done by the Salvation Army. He intended to appoint one of them to lay out the money. Some of it would be employed to purchase such things as tools for tradesmen who had served their terms. The minister expressed appreciation for the good work of the Army in this respect.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said:

"This is a new departure, for which I ask the approval of the House. In connection with the paroled convicts we find that a great number fall away to their old habits because they cannot get employment or assistance. This is an item put in at the suggestion of Superintendent Archibald, of the Salvation Army, who has done an immense amount of good in connection with the prison-gate work of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has a certain number of people who attend at the prison gate—they know when men are to be released, being kept informed what they require by the department of justice—and they take hold of these men, encourage them and help them along. They find them employment, help them along and encourage them. If a man, for instance, is a mechanic, and needs tools, or something of that kind, the intention is that Superintendent Archibald may be able to take out of this fund such an amount as is necessary to help the chap along. I find that it is absolutely necessary to give a man a chance, if he has happened to fall into trouble, the best way is, when he gets out of gaol is to let him see that society will not turn its back on him.

Mr. Wilson, a Conservative member said he thoroughly endorsed what the minister has said, and was very glad that he had the vote in the estimates. "There are none," he said, "more worthy of assistance, and none that are doing better work for the poorer classes than the Salvation Army. And, so far as I am concerned, I approve of what he is doing. I think the minister will remember that last session we had a little talk about it. I think that all parties in this House and out of it will endorse the passing of this vote."

The vote passed, and the Salvation Army official to whom will be entrusted the expenditure of the

money—Mr. Walter Archibald, is a former citizen of Truro, N. S., a Methodist, who was converted to Salvation Army methods a good many years ago, and occupies a very prominent position in the organization.

THE MILITIA BILL.

The new militia bill which is being put through parliament by Sir Frederick Borden, has been approved by the British war office, but it does not suit our Canadian Tories, who are trying to hang a loyalty cry on some of its provisions.

These men, whom Sir Frederick declares are more loyal than the King himself, want the government to take authority to send the Canadian militia outside of this country without consultation with parliament, an authority which even the British government does not possess with respect to the militia in the Old Country.

The new bill makes it necessary to call parliament together for consent to send the militia out of Canada, and it is provided that this may be done in fifteen days. This seems to be a very reasonable precaution and one in which the country will acquiesce. There is nothing in the bill to prevent Canadians volunteering for service in any part of the empire. It was done when the South African trouble arose, and will doubtless be done whenever the empire may be in danger, and to go farther than that would seem entirely unnecessary. As one speaker observed, the empire would not go to smash in fifteen days, and at the end of that time it will be possible for the people of Canada, through their representatives in parliament, to say whether the Canadian militia shall be sent to India, or South Africa, or Australia, as the case may be, for the defence of the empire.

The Tory gentlemen who aired their views, are lip loyalists, trying to make capital against the government. When the Tory government was in power they never sent any military help to Britain, and their objection to a measure which has the approval of the Home authorities is only for political effect.

The Chatham editors are again making faces at each other. The trouble seems to have started when the editor of the Advance asserted in his paper that he had once saved the World editor from drowning. This the latter denies in very vigorous language. Some of the newspapers are reporting Chatham as the hottest place in Canada, and perhaps it is not so much on account of the weather as the virulence of the editors when they fall a foul of each other.

TORY HYPOCRISY.

The Tory opposition in parliament as a final attack on the government before the present session closes will move a vote of censure against the administration for its public expenditures. The hypocrisy of this action is apparent. During the passage of their estimates through the House the opposition while criticizing some of the items, have not seriously opposed the votes, knowing that such a course would not meet with the approval of the country, but they now propose to condemn in general terms the whole budget. This is the same plan Mr. Hazen and his friends adopt in the legislature, but it is entirely too thin to deceive the people.

A SCOTTISH PROTEST.

All the Scotchmen of Canada are not crawling after the Dundonald Tory band wagon. At a recent meeting of Edinburgh Camp Sons of Scotland, of Woodstock, Ont., the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"While deeply regretting the circumstances which led to the recent retirement of Lord Dundonald from the command of the Canadian Militia, and while recognizing the right of every Canadian to hold and express his individual opinion thereon, and while fully appreciating also the distinguished services of Lord Dundonald to the Empire, services of which all Scotchmen in common with all Britons have a right to be proud,

"We nevertheless strongly deprecate the systematic and persistent attempts that are now being made for political party purposes to excite the resentment of Scotchmen because of Lord Dundonald's retirement, and this Camp protests that such attempts are dangerous to peace and good will among all classes of Canadians, and are likewise an insult to Scotchmen and to sons of Scotchmen, whose traditions and history show that they expect only equal rights with their fellow citizens, and that, while always ready to approve and support full justice and fair play to a brother Scot, they would scorn to ask for more than this for any one, however worthy, who may have erred, whether that error has been from the head or heart."

The Woodstock Press asserts that the Carleton County people are not so much concerned about the reproaches that county is receiving for its recent criminal record as they are respecting the expense of the murder trials. We can scarcely believe that the people of that fine county are fairly represented by the Press. They are as jealous as any other community for the preservation of the good name of their county, and the upholding of justice even though the court bills may be large, and the Press should apologize for its insult to its constituency. No such reflection has been made on Carleton by any outside newspaper.

Lord Dundonald wanted Canada to spend \$12,000,000 at once on the defences of the country, and the Tories applaud him as the greatest military genius that has been. The government declined to sanction the unnecessary expenditure, preferring to put the money to better use in the development of Canada and the Tories condemn the administration for extravagance. Any hypocrisy in that?

Dundonald has gone, but we still have Laurier, and Canada will manage to get along with that rich possession.

Miss Gertrude Macdonald is stopping at the Queen.

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