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A DISASTROUS FAILURE.

The aspiring young Toccy politician who took the trouble to write a resolution for the county council, condemning the new Highway Act, must feel very foolish in view of what happened to his effort.

Two thirds of the members of the council are Tories, some of them of a very narrow and violent type, but the politician's resolution was too much for even them to swallow, and the resolution found only four supporters, who would probably be willing to sign a petition to hang the local government.

Evidently the government's opponents in the council have discovered that the new Highway Act is a popular measure in the country, and they did not care to prejudice their chances of re-election by condemning it, especially before it has ever had a trial.

Some of the more independent members of the council possibly took the view that they were being crowded rather too hard by gentlemen with political axes to grind, and at last kicked against being driven into a corner against their own reason and intelligence. A number of these members expressed the belief that portions of the new law at least are satisfactory, and they were willing to give the law a trial before condemning it and demanding its repeal. This spirit of independence is admirable and we trust it will be carried to a greater length in the future. It would be manifestly absurd to vote disapproval of an act before it has been tried, and when it had actually been in force but a few days, and it is to the credit of the council that only four of its twenty-eight members were found willing to take that absurd course. These gentlemen, however, were ready to swallow anything proposed by the aspiring young politician, so long as it was opposed to the government, and in being dragged with that position give evidence of their unfitness to hold any kind of a representative position.

Some months ago the Victoria County Council, composed of local government opponents, condemned the Highway Act, and much was made of the fact by the Sun and other Tory papers. It is worthy of remark, however, that the Sun makes no mention of the reception of the condemnatory resolution in the York council, a body, as we have said, two-thirds Tory, yet unwilling to place itself in the position of condemning a law that is yet to have its trial by practical application in the country.

THE LECTURE PLATFORM

It has been said that the lecture platform may become the supplement to the pulpit and the auxiliary of virtue. It is an agency which has wrought for good in the past and will again, for we are not of those who think its day has gone. We would like to see the same interest as in former days when ex-Governors Wilmot and Boyd, Revs. J. Lathern, Shenton and Curry of this Province with many others too numerous to mention, inspired their audiences with themes of the greatest importance.

We find by our exchanges that in these lower provinces Rev. J. L. Batty of Halifax is attracting large audiences to hear his latest production as a lecture called "John Bull and his Neighbor." The notices of the press are most flattering and a deeper interest is being taken in the great questions which are now agitating the public mind in relation to the old land and the new. A recent copy of the "Wesleyan" contains the following:—The Rev. J. L. Batty gave his new and popular lecture on John Bull and his Neighbor before a large audience at Lunenburg. The lecture was illustrated by lantern views. It was a splendid effort giving a description of his recent visit to England, and discussing the great problems of the day and the changes wrought during the past twenty years.

We are informed from credible authority that on his recent visit to the Home Land he lectured frequently on "Canada, her resources and greatness," causing many to seek further information that they might enjoy it in their adopted home. Mr. Batty is now pastor of the Smith Memorial Church, Halifax, and attracts large audiences. His church is one of the most aggressive in the city, with a popular organist, a large choir and orchestra, music forming an attractive feature in the services. We trust the Rev. gentleman will again visit Fredericton as his lecture "From Halifax to Halifax" is still remembered. We are of the impression that this son of Old England will continue to fill the most important positions in the church to which he belongs and that his influence for good will be felt far beyond his adopted home.

We are pleased to note that we have here at present one who comes most highly recommended as preacher and lecturer, and will give the public, on Sunday and Monday next, the opportunity of hearing his lectures on these subjects which are still to us of great importance. May the lecture platform be as popular and useful as in the past.

A DISTINGUISHED NEW BRUNSWICKER.

Mr. T. G. Marquis, who has been looking up his old friends in Fredericton, occupies a distinguished position in the Canadian world of letters and education. Born at Chatham in 1864, he was educated in the schools there, and at Queen's University, Kingston, where he graduated B. A. in 1889. Soon after that he accepted the position of English master in the High School at Stratford, Ontario, and was identified with the educational institutions of that province for many years.

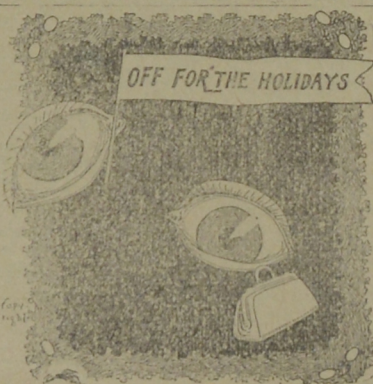
Mr. Marquis has found time from his school duties to make valuable contributions to Canadian literature, his "Stories from Canadian History" and "Stories of New France" being very favorably received and widely read. He has also contributed largely to various magazines and other high class publications.

Mr. Marquis has frequently appeared on the lecture platform with much acceptance to his audiences, and only last week he spoke to an appreciative house in his native town on "Literature and National Life." At present he is under engagement with the Morang Publishing Co., and resides at Toronto.

The Telegraph is not adding to the number of its friends or sustaining the dignity that should attach to an alleged great newspaper by publishing and facetiously commenting on the trash that upper province newspapers are publishing about Governor Snowball's appearance at Ottawa. Cannot the Telegraph call to mind a gentleman very close to its own management, who with suddenly acquired wealth, delights to make a show by rolling through the country in a palatial private car, with his private secretary, the cupboard well supplied with champagne, expensive cigars, and all the other accompaniments of a great Nabob?

The Toronto News, which is strongly opposing the Ross government, makes a forecast of next Wednesday's election unfavorable to the administration, but the Sun's correspondent at Ottawa, after sizing up the situation, says the government's friends are confident of success. It looks like a toss-up anyway, but Ross has a fashion of pulling through difficult situations, and professes to be fairly certain of victory.

Sunday next will be the fourth anniversary of the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and the people of the empire over whom she ruled so long and so wisely, will no doubt remember the King's wish that notice should be taken of the event.



Mr. O. S. Crocket has signalized the opening of his parliamentary career by tabling in the house a notice of enquiry respecting the dismissal of Mr. Odbur White, I. C. R. station agent in this city. If Mr. Crocket were so disposed he could answer his own enquiries in the matter. We fancy that the Government and Hon. Mr. Emmerson are quite prepared to justify their action in relieving Mr. White of his duties.

Backers of the Trojan hockey team received a rude jolt last night when the local men went down so easily before the Sackville players. The game was unusually rough and will not increase interest in the sport in this city.

The seat in the House of Commons for Quebec centre, vacated by the appointment of Mr. Malouin to the bench, has been captured by Mr. Lachance, Liberal, by acclamation.

The Canadian Senate has no business to transact until the commons gets down to work, and has taken a recess until Feb. 13.

Leading British Liberals are preparing a banquet for Hon. Mr. Fielding who is expected in London in a few days.

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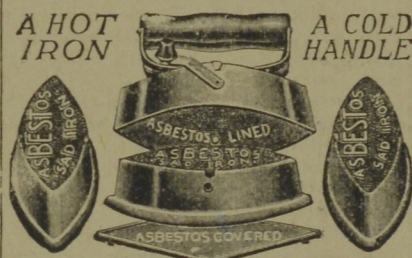
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