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THE WEST SATISFIED.

In his speech on the autonomy bill in parliament, Mr. Walter Scott, a western member, quoted from The Orange Sentinel, edited by the late E. F. Clarke, M. P., which in the issue of February 9, 1905, spoke of the probability of "separate schools being fastened on the Northwest," and added that if the people of the Northwest were satisfied the duty of the Ontario members was to remain silent.

Mr. Scott also quoted from The Calgary Herald (Conservative), from portions of Mr. Ewan's letters to The Toronto Globe, from The Lethbridge News, Rev. Dr. Chown's statement, and other sources, to show the people of the west were satisfied, and added that the people of the Territories had the most satisfactory solution for that most difficult question to be found anywhere in Canada. Therefore why should they do away with it?

Two men in Canada, declared Mr. Scott, could now settle the whole agitation—Mr. Haultain and Mr. R. L. Borden—if they would get together and rise to the plane taken by Mr. Monk, above party politics.

A WISE DECISION.

The city council, in declining to entertain the request of the Morgans Co. for a bonus of \$15,000 for their carriage factory, met the general public's view. If it were a kind of industry not represented in Fredericton there might be reasonable arguments for granting the prayer of the company, but there are other carriage manufacturers in this city and their rights must be protected.

In view of the probability of the new transcontinental railway passing through Fredericton, and the opportunity for the development of the city by the means of the establishment of new industrial enterprises, it would be good policy for the council to secure legislation authorizing them after a vote of the people, to offer a bonus to such enterprises to locate here, but the line should be drawn at companies engaged in any line of business where there are competitive houses already established.

REV. DR. GOODSPEED.

After a long and faithful service as a professor at McMaster University, Rev. Dr. Calvin Goodspeed has retired from that position, and will probably retire to his fruit farm in the Annapolis valley, where recently he has spent his vacations.

Dr. Goodspeed is a native of Nashua, in this county, and was born in 1842. He took his B. A. degree at the University of New Brunswick in 1866 and M. A. in 1872. He studied theology at Newton, Mass., and philosophy in Germany, and on returning home was ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1868. He was principal of the Baptist seminary in Fredericton from 1870 to 1874, and afterwards filled various pastorates in the upper and lower provinces until called to the McMaster professorship in 1891.

Dr. Goodspeed is a man of wide culture, and is recognized as one of the leading Baptist theologians of Canada.

The Sun sneers at the attorney general's efforts on behalf of the development of the Grand Falls water power and insinuates what it dare not openly charge. Under the regime of the Sun's friends at Ottawa industrial enterprises were destroyed, not built up. Witness the closing of the Harris car works at St. John.

Interest in the autonomy bill debate in parliament is waning. The speakers Monday were Dr. Roche, Conservative of Marquette, who opposed the bill, and Mr. McKenzie, Liberal of North Cape Breton, who delivered his maiden speech and was well received.

All the new Liberal ministers of Quebec except Premier Gouin have been returned by acclamation, but the opposition to the premier is not considered serious.

Dr. Roche, a Manitoba Tory member who spoke yesterday on the autonomy bill, appears to be more of a firebrand than either Foster or Sproule.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, announces that the Intercolonial Railway is to have running rights over the Canada Atlantic Railway to Georgian Bay, when the latter is taken over by the Grand Trunk.

BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Exchanges and Other Sources.

Seantor Choquette, who gained considerable prominence in his fight to oust Parent from the premiership of Quebec, has secured control of Le Soleil, the French Liberal organ at the ancient capital.

Forty horses owned by the City Dairy Company of Toronto, were asphyxiated in a fire Monday night which also badly damaged the company's stables.

The latest developments in the affairs of the Bank of Yarmouth was the arrest Monday of Manager Johns at the instance of the federal government.

Frank Noyes, aged 60 years, a Boston coal dealer, shot, and it is feared, fatally wounded his wife, Katherine Louise, Monday night, and then shot himself. Noyes died immediately and his wife is in a critical condition at the hospital. The police say that the shooting followed a quarrel between the couple. Four children survive.

Calais has elected a Democratic city government for the first time in twenty years. The new mayor is Hon. Geo. A. Hanson.

At Presque Isle, Me., early this morning fire broke out in the basement of Home Bros. opera house block, and soon enveloped the building, practically insuring a total loss and burned the adjoining two storey frame building, also owned by Home Bros. Loss \$50,000.

The Prince of Wales underwent a slight operation Monday morning at Marlborough House, the nature of which was not divulged in the official statement subsequently issued.

Patrick Conroy was scalded to death Monday, while at work in the Caltham, N. B., pulp mill. He was 31 years old and unmarried.

BIG ATTRACTION COMING.

Theatre patrons will be pleased to learn that Mr. W. S. Harkins, supported by a particularly strong company, will open at the Opera House, commencing next Monday evening, April 18th, a three night's engagement, presenting the first night one of the latest English successes entitled Merely Mary Ann, of which The Halifax Record has the following: "Merely Mary Ann was presented by the Harkins' company at the opening of their second week at the Academy last evening, and among the audience were many who know the play is the dramatic sensation in England at the present time and were anxious to see the piece, while others were attracted by the curious title, with the result that it was an audience filled with expectations as to what they were to see. But before the first act was concluded they were all glad that they were present, as they laughed heartily, they became thoroughly interested, and thus they followed the play through the various acts to the final curtain, when all agreed that they had witnessed one of the best plays seen on the Academy stage, and excellently presented by the Harkins' company." Tuesday evening a strong military play will be the attraction, entitled Captain Letterblair of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Reserved seats tickets can be secured at Wilkes' confectionery store tomorrow, Wednesday. Popular prices will prevail.—d.

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POET OF THE HABITANT.

Ideal Phases of French-Canadian Peasant Life—Dr. Drummond Recently Delights a Toronto University Audience.

Dr. Drummond of Montreal, the poet of the habitant, has what would be called in the theatrical world a fine stage presence, and the average student of human nature does not require to be told that he is an actor born, not made. His declamatory powers have a refreshing naturalness, and his almost every word is fitted with a gesticulation which conveys well high as much meaning as his eloquent articulation itself, the whole leaving no doubt in the minds of the audience exactly what he intends to convey. What the stage may have lost is of no account when the gain to the medical profession and the adornment of the world of literature are taken into consideration. His eyes can sparkle with humor or look sad with pathos with equal facility, whilst his writings have a literary charm and fascination which have made his name famous throughout

a large proportion of the civilized world. What Charles Dickens was in his depiction of the life and character of his time, particularly in the humbler strata of the people, or what Bret Harte did in the delineation of the heathen Chinese, so to-day is Dr. Drummond, in his remarkable poetic portrayals of the life of the Habitant, which, to the uninitiated, may be explained as life among our neighbors, the French-Canadian peasantry, whose interesting characteristics it is not necessary to extol here.

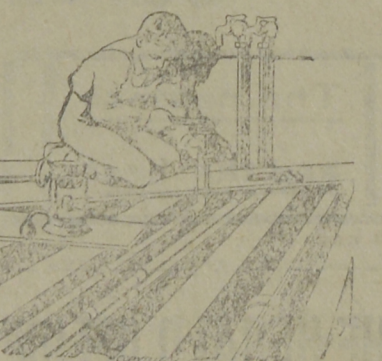
A Fine Foundation.

The casual observer would not think for a moment, on either reading his poems or hearing his recitals, of paying Dr. Drummond the compliment of being an Irishman, but, as a matter of fact, it was on Erin's fair isle that he first opened his eyes and, literally speaking, they have been very much open ever since. If anything pleasantly betrays his nationality it is the keen Irishman wit which is such a prominent factor, and sparkles so brilliantly in so many of his poetic works. But then his Irish humor, his true sportive instinct—sports of the Habitant being largely dealt with by him—and his keen observance of the life and habits of our neighbors, and you have the foundation on which is based the works which can fairly be said, not only to have immortalized himself, but those with whom he has dealt.

Scaring the Devil.

Dr. Drummond's recital of a fine new poem which he humorously said would no doubt be interesting inasmuch as it showed how the devil was whacked by one of the Habitants, the means to the end being the smoking out of his Satanic majesty by the free use of Canadian tobacco. It is an exquisite legendary poem which bids fair to rank high in the Doctor's notable collection. What may be called "The pig sticking poem" throws some excellent side lights on French-Canadian peasant life. The champion pig sticker, who is adored for his prowess by the whole district, has a charming daughter Rosine, who has captivated the affections of quite a number of young men, and it becomes a difficult question as to who shall claim her. Eventually the point is to be decided if any of them can wrest the championship from the old man. With due regard for effect one of the young men succeeds and claims Rosine, but the old Habitant derives consolation from the fact that the championship still remains in the family. The story of the easy catching of "sweet barrette" is told in fine language, and with beauty of expression, and having in mind the powerful fecundity of French-Canadians Dr. Drummond's poem, which contrasts them with the American woman whose husband cannot find a seat in the train owing to her profusion, not of children, but of so-called society novels, was a source of great delight to the audience.

The physical ailments of an old Habitant, who at one time was noted for his great strength, but is now jeered at by the boys, and who would not mind paying so much as two or three dollars to a doctor to regain his powers, are admirably depicted; and who can forget "May Be," or "Just take your chance and try your luck"? "Johnny Courtean," universally recognized as the Doctor's masterpiece, was given by special request. Johnny was once "one of the boys," but the way he tamed down after his marriage was a marvel to them. They had reckoned without his good, strong-willed wife, who so tamed him down that in due course he would almost doze off himself in his efforts to rock the baby to sleep. Dr. Drummond's imitation of Johnny's lullaby was a clever musical effort, and the piece generally aroused great enthusiasm. Another great hit was the visit of the Chamby girl to Montreal to hear Madame Albani, who is naturally something of a goddess to the Habitant. The great singer appears on the stage with a mere man to sing, of course, a duet, an item in the musical world which is unknown in peasant life. The Chamby girl is shocked when the man is so rude as to start singing firsts, but she is delighted when Madame Albani begins, soon catches him up, and finishes just as quick as he did! There is some pathos admirably blended in the poem, and the Doctor's rendition was one of the best of his many fine efforts. De Bell St. Michel was a grand closing item, and given with a dramatic effect largely reminiscent of Sir Henry Irving in The Bells. An old Habitant is in the United States, but the sound of the old bell haunts him, and finally he resolves to go and live and die within the reach of the original strains of his childhood days.



Elizabeth's Statue.

There is a relic of the old Lud Gate in the front wall of the Church of St. Dunstan's, Fleet street. It is the statue of Queen Elizabeth which used to be over the centre arch, facing west. When the gate was taken down in 1760 ("to admit more air into the city") the corporation presented the statue—with others of King Lud and his two sons—to Alderman Sir Francis Gosling, who gave it to the church, in a niche on the southeast front of which it has remained ever since.

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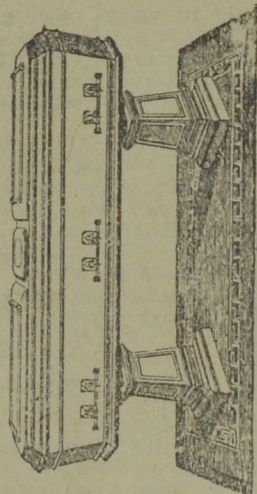
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