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A TURKISH ADMIRAL

Nova Scotians are apt to boast that there is not a corner of the earth in which a native of their province cannot be found filling some place of merit, and doing his share in bearing the world's burdens.

A gentleman from the sister province who was in London recently said he and a friend dropped into a popular resort where some twelve hundred men of various nationalities were enjoying amusements, and there were calls for the segregation in one spot during the evening of the various countries. Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Australians, Estonians, Harrow men, Sandhurst graduates, Oxford and Cambridge representatives, Germans, Russians and dozens of other distinct nationalities or classes, were in turn called on to move over to a selected spot in the building, and conviviality reigned supreme.

The Nova Scotian present commenced to feel rather lonely—there were no calls for men of his country to consolidate, and he proposed to make a trial himself.

With all the lung power he could exert, he shouted "All Nova Scotians this way," and to his surprise and satisfaction over a dozen genuine Bluesoes assembled in response to his call, and partook of his hospitality.

But this reference is a mere introduction to a statement of the peculiar career and present location and occupation of a Nova Scotian, who has succeeded in becoming an admiral in the Turkish navy.

According to Dr. Morgan, editor of Canadian Men and Women of the Time, Commander Ransford D. Bucknam of the Turkish navy, who has just been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in that service, with the title of Pasha, is not an American by birth, as claimed by the United States press, but a Canadian.

Dr. Morgan states that the new Pasha was born at Hantsport, in Nova Scotia, in 1869, his parents being Ezra Taylor and Isabella Roscoe Bucknam. With them he moved to the State of Maine in early life, and at fourteen went to sea in a merchant sailing vessel. His life since then has been both venturesome and eventful. Rising in his profession, he became the commander of numerous merchant steam and sailing ships, not only on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, but on the great lakes. For a time he was superintendent of the American Steel Barge Company's works at Panama, and later was placed in charge of Cramps' shipyards at Philadelphia. Being appointed trial commander of the United States steamship Maine, he was deemed worthy of being given command of the Imperial Ottoman Steamship Medjidia, and of conveying her from Philadelphia to Turkey. This service brought him under the notice of the Sultan of Turkey, who was so much impressed with his professional capabilities as to make him his naval adviser as well as his personal A. D. C. The date of these appointments was April 19, 1904. At a later period Captain Bucknam was decorated by the Sultan with the Order of Osmanieh and the Distinguished Service medal. Admiral Bucknam resides at Constantinople, but he remains a member of several clubs of New York and Philadelphia. He married January, 1904, Miss Rose Taylor of Philadelphia.

A MODEL CANDIDATE

Whatever may be the result of the federal bye-election in Colchester, N. S., on Thursday, the Liberal party of that constituency have every reason to be proud of their candidate—proud not only of his excellent character, and ability—but proud also of his capability as a public speaker.

On the hustings at Truro on nomination day, Mr. Hill surprised even his intimate friends by his grasp of public questions, and his ability to express his views in language that was at once eloquent and stirring.

One passage from his fine address is worthy of reproduction anywhere, and as a clear, vigorous appeal to public sentiment in support of the candidate and the cause he represents did infinite credit to the mind and the heart of the gentleman who uttered it.

"Men of Colchester," said Mr. Hill, "we are proud of our great Canadian heritage. We boast of our tremendous areas stretching as they do the breadth of a continent. We talk of our famous water-ways, rivers, lakes and streams, thus assuring us of boundless commercial possibilities, but whilst we boast of these, we sometimes forget our manhood, our freed men, which has been bought for us at a priceless cost, even the blood of our forefathers. Let us not forget then that the real source of a nation's greatness lies not in her forests, her mines, her fisheries, or her farms, but in the industry, integrity and intelligence of her individual citizens. I need not assure you fellow-electors that I am anxious for your votes—that is well understood. I have never been engaged in public life, but my private life is fairly well known throughout the length and breadth of this country. I ask you to not to judge me by my pleasant words and the firm grip of my hand during this election contest, but to judge me in the capacity in which you have seen and known me during

the twenty-five years which I have mixed in your social, business and religious life, and in the light of these, if you can forgive my faults and follies and trust me with your suffrage, I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability. I am not pledged to any party, but hold myself free to exercise my independent judgment in voting either for or against any measure, no matter by what party introduced. There are questions of morals, such as pertaining to Sabbath legislation, measures for the suppression of the liquor traffic and such like, as to which I hold myself free to give my fullest sympathy and support regardless of party affiliation."

LOW DOWN CRITICISM

The Colchester Conservatives must have been hard up for stumblers when they imported Mr. George W. Fowler, the western land grafter to speak for their candidate.

Mr. Fowler is the scavenger of the Tory party. He is the chief muck-raker who by the aid of detectives follows his political opponents into their private life and levels the lowest kind of criticism at them from the public platform.

Here is an instance of Mr. Fowler's standard in his public addresses, uttered at a public meeting last week in Colchester:

"Mr. Fowler again convulsed the audience by sizing up the cabinet as follows:—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, an opportunist; Sir Richard Cartwright, once a great man, now old and feeble; Hon. R. W. Scott, antiquated Santa Claus; Patterson, echo of a once great voice; Oliver, a sublimated third class clerk, elevated to a cabinet position by luck; Sir Freda Hornden, whew!; Brodeur, extravagant speaker; Aylesworth, a vaster failure than has been; Lemieux, clever young man but very egotistic; 'Clemens', a nonentity; Fisher, an imitation farmer; Graham, five official cars; special Minister of Railways; William Pugsley, 'Sweet William,' can so vague that he seemed 'loose in opinion, nothing long.'"

CURRENT COMMENT.

Severe corporal punishment of children in the public schools is a relic of barbarism, and should be relegated to obscurity with the rack and thumb screw with which Christians were formerly tortured.

How would you like to be a member of the St. John Liberal Patronage committee. Nice time those gentlemen will have when the next office, anywhere from a judgeship to a tide waiter, falls vacant.

The local Tory organ in one of its headlines referred to the recent Liberal convention here as "A Beer Garden." Perhaps the expectation that the gathering was one of that character induced so many Tories to be present.

Colchester Conservatives, who profess to be looking for purity in public life, have called to their assistance in the election campaign, such noted grafters as Geo. E. Foster and Geo. W. Fowler, of Western land speculation fame.

Mr. Hill, the Liberal candidate in Colchester, says that the present editor of the Truro Sun, which is opposing him so strongly, promised a few years ago that if ever he (Hill) ran an election, the editor would support him. The latter does not deny the promise, but says he had a right to change his mind.

Members of parliament are gathering at Ottawa for the "opening," which takes place Thursday afternoon. From New Brunswick the government will have eight supporters, instead of seven as in former sessions of the present House, and this province will have in Hon. Dr. Pugsley, as its minister, one of the ablest and most distinguished members of the Commons.

The Hon. George E. Foster is to speak at Truro tomorrow night for Mr. Stanfield, and will be supported by Mr. H. A. Powell. The latter will no doubt have something to say to the railway men, but it will not be forgotten that Mr. Powell in one of his western speeches was reported as referring to I. C. R. employees as "the scum of the earth."

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who recently resigned a readership in Toronto said he had nothing to do in the office, from which he drew \$9,000 a year. The vacancy went to Mr. H. A. E. Kent, who wants the government to add some furniture to his office equipment, and the Toronto News facetiously suggests the following: One Morris chair, one mission chair, one mission arm-chair with a foot-rest, one leather davenport, one tapestry ditto, a pair of blankets, two sofas, a down comforter and a brass bed.

The New York Board of Education is controlled by Jews, who have ordered that all reference to Christ be eliminated from the text books, and music used in the Christmas celebration of the schools of that city, and there is a big uproar on account of the change. The Jews are only one fourth of the population, but they have enormous wealth and influence. The step taken by the education board is very objectionable to the Christmas music and addresses with agitation that will result in reprisals not anticipated at the present moment. Christmas festivities, Christmas music and addresses with the name of Christ eliminated would be as howling and unmeaning as anything imaginable. The whole Christmas spirit is founded on love, the "peace on earth goodwill towards man" preached by our Saviour.

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St. Martin's friends part Regretfully with Dr. Ruddick ex-M. P. P. Presenting him with Address and Gold Watch

ST. MARTIN'S, N. B., Nov. 26.—A farewell reception was held in Masonic hall last night to Dr. R. C. Ruddick, ex-M. P. P., who was lately appointed quarantine officer for the port of St. John, to succeed the late Dr. March.

Dr. Ruddick was presented with an address and a gold watch on behalf of the people of St. Martin's. Speeches were made by Attorney General McKeown, Mr. Lowell, M. P. P., Michael McDade of St. John, Rev. C. W. Townsend, pastor of the Baptist church here, Dr. Gilmour, James Rourke, ex-M. P. P., Councillor Robert Connolly, J. T. Mesher, W. L. Barker, principal of the St. Martin's schools; S. J. Shanklin, A. F. Bentley, G. A. Titus and George R. McLellan.

The address to Dr. Ruddick was in part as follows: "Born in this parish, you have, with the exception of your college days spent your whole existence amongst us; and your life has been to us as an open book. How we have regarded it may, to some extent, be judged by the fact that we have several times elected you to the county council, and twice joined in the honor done you by the whole county in electing you as one of the representatives of the legislative assembly."

You made a worthy county councillor and a painstaking legislator. But it is as a man and a physician that you are best known. As a boy you captured the hearts of all with whom you came in contact, and the title, "Doctor Bch"—by which you were known when you commenced your profession over twenty-four years ago—is the one by which you will be affectionately remembered. With the spirit of the doctor of the old school and the skill of the physician of the new, the confidence of the parish in you has unbounded. This confidence has rested partly on long

experience of your resources and partly on your family connection, for your deceased father was for over forty years the doctor of this parish, and it could be said of him as of the medical man in "The Bonnie Briar Bush": "If the doctor disna understand oor constitution, wha dis a wud like tae ask?"

The journey has never been too great nor the weather conditions too extreme to interfere with your discharge of duty—whether the call came from those able and willing to pay for from those having only a "God bless you, doctor" to give; and evidence is not wanting that free professional services were not your only charity on many such visits.

You served your people with a devotion that has known no reserve and a kindness that never failed. Dr. Ruddick made a feeling reply. He found it difficult, he said, to express his appreciation of the great kindness of his friends, but he could assure them it was something he would never forget.

MISSIONARY'S DEATH

Judge J. G. Forbes of St. John yesterday received word of the death of A. T. Firth, formerly of Campbellton, N. B. He passed away in Trinidad after a brief illness. Mr. Firth was inducted into charge of Susamachar, the native Presbyterian church, San Fernando, Trinidad, only a few weeks ago, succeeding Rev. Dr. Grant, who had resigned. Soon after taking up the work Mr. Firth was stricken down by yellow fever. He is survived by his mother, brother and several sisters, from whom he parted only two months ago. Donald C. Firth, of Campbellton, is an uncle.

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