

# OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

## Rev. Dr. Pringle and His Insinuations Against Ministers of the Crown--Canada's Financial Position.

(Special Correspondence.)

OTTAWA, June 19.—La Rochefoucauld says: "Hypocrisy is the homage which vice pays to virtue."

These words are particularly applicable to the attitude of Rev. John Pringle, the ecclesiastical prospector, except missionary from the Yukon. This egotistical divine (sic) has given another example of intemperate language under cover of the cloth, the occasion being a meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Hamilton.

### SOME PRINGLE RAVINGS.

As printed in the public press Mr. Pringle stated that—  
"A public servant who got drunk and stole from the public purse was not considered as immoral."

He had asked in the Yukon for the remedy and investigation of certain evils."

"He said that in Nova Scotia a man would accept \$5 for his vote."

"He said that if the finding in regard to Messrs Pugsley and Tweedie was true, they ought to go where others in ordinary life went who stole money."

"He made an allusion to Sir Frederick Borden as indecent as it was untrue."

"I could have made more money in three months in the last election than I could make in five years in Sydney. I could have got more money for four addresses than I can get in a year in Sydney. I was asked to go into Sir Frederick Borden's constituency."

"Here is what we want in all our legislatures, men who are men, who are men and not partisans, who are men first and party men after."

### SOME MAIL COMMENTS.

Commenting upon those things the Mail and Empire says:

"This gentleman received his first insight into the crookedness of the Laurier system while laboring as a missionary in the Yukon. A candidate was nominated for parliament to protest against the terrible evils that were encouraged by the ruling men. This reformer was defeated."

"The missionary entered warmly into the struggle against evil. The agents of the Ottawa politicians made cruel, unfounded and criminal reflections upon his character. Dr. Pringle triumphantly vindicated himself and forced his enemies to retract."

### PRINGLE IS EPIDEMIC.

Pringle resembles an epidemic. he recurs at intervals, responds readily to the proper remedy for a time, but breaks out again.

When a man of reputation, a man of standing advances statements derogatory to a community or a government they are entitled to every consideration and respect. The same weight, however, cannot attach to the ravings of an irresponsible and erratic individual. Mr. Pringle belongs to that class of men who delight to write open letters to eminent persons, gaining thereby a notoriety which would not otherwise be secured. He sacrifices truth in the desire to be sensational.

When a member of an influential assembly gives utterance to grave charges, the people are entitled to know something of the man making them, so that they can judge what credence should be given him. Take a glance at Pringle's record.

### PAGES FROM HIS RECORD.

He arrived in Yukon in October, 1901, previous to this, before he had ever seen the country, he wrote to Mr. E. M. MacDonald, M.P., for Pictou, N.S., that charges made against Yukon officials and others had been largely trumped up by the enemy, and that the administration of the Yukon was on the whole good. In other words he expressed an opinion upon a subject of which he was totally ignorant, typical of the man.

In May, 1902, he wrote letters to members of the Cabinet, making statements of exaggerated character, statements which were flatly contradicted by officers of the police, prominent business men, and the clergy.

### ESTIMATE HIS MORAL CALIBRE

As an example of the man's perverted view, he said, in this letter of May, 1902:

"But the worst feature of the licensed houses here is, that a very large percentage of them are houses of prostitution, many of them run, it is true, by people of good character."

This would be reformer cannot see any inconsistency in alleging that the house of prostitution can be kept by people of good character.

Pringle also said in his letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "that Dawson contained the scum of the United States coast cities, most of whom are clean and law abiding."

In 1902 the reformer spoken of by the Mail conducted a campaign in the Yukon. Where was Pringle during this campaign? He opposed the reformer, both during this election and afterwards when they were both members of the Yukon council.

### HE BECAME A POLITICIAN.

In 1903, Mr. Pringle entered politics and announced himself as a candidate for the Yukon council, his platform being a violent attack upon the local government, coupled with the promise to clean up the administration if elected. He was elected, and upon the same council (local Territorial government) sat Messrs. Lithgow and Girouard, two men upon whom Pringle heaped abuse and condemnation during his campaign.

What happened then? Pringle was now a member of the administration council, his fellow members being, Judge Dugas, Mr. Senkler, Gold Commissioner, Mr. Clarke, the reformer, Mayor Wood, Commander R.N.W. M. P., Mr. Girouard, Registrar, Mr. Lithgow, comptroller, Mr. Congdon, commissioner and president of the council. Did Pringle denounce these men? Did he ventilate his reform views? Did he support the reformer Clarke? Did he denounce Lithgow or Girouard as being unfit to administer public office? Did he oppose the administration of Mr. Congdon? Did he oppose the dance hall ordinance? Did he do anything he promised to do if elected?

### HE ENJOYED LOAVES AND FISHES.

This is what he did. He sat cheek by jowl with Lithgow and Girouard. He expressed on the floor of the council chamber his regret that he had criticised the administration, and stated that he did so in ignorance, and was perfectly satisfied that public business was performed in an honest, economical manner. He hid more than this. He applied for and secured the patronage which he distributed to friends and relatives, and applied in writing for same to the very Mr. Congdon whom he vilifies as an immoral and dishonest official. He failed in every pledge made to the miners who subsequently passed resolutions condemning his course, saying he had betrayed them, violated and repudiated all his pre-election promises.

Pringle had his opportunity, but neglected it, he was weighed in the balance and found wanting. He lost the confidence of the public.

### SOUGHT PARLIAMENTARY HONORS.

In 1904, Pringle sought in vain for the parliamentary nomination, having been refused a second nomination on the council in consequence of his bad faith. Finding he could not secure any support from the government party, he appealed to the opposition, but met with no encouragement, they had no experience, it was enough. From this date he became a soured, disappointed politician, with his hand against every man, and apparently every man's hand against him.

### RECOMMENCED LETTER WRITING.

Pringle, appreciating that as a public man his days in Yukon were numbered, recommenced in January, 1905, his letter writing to the government. From the time he became a member of the Yukon council in 1903 until the end of 1904, enjoying the government patronage with a government indemnity of \$1,200 for one week's work a year, he saw no vice, recognized no graft, was unaware of immorality, and in January, 1905, he broke out again with all the exaggeration and distortion of truth which is his characteristic. He said things had gone from bad to worse under Mr. Congdon's administration, an administration he had consistently supported, and in respect of which he had publicly stated, that the public business was transacted in an honest, economical manner.

### STRAIGHT LIE NAILED.

Pringle says in his letter that he took part in the Thompson-Congdon election of 1904 because of its appeal to his moral sense. That he never took part in a political fight before, never spoke on a political platform in his life until then. This may be characterized as a deliberate falsehood. Mr. Pringle stumped the country in his own behalf when he ran his campaign for Yukon legislative council in 1903. He turned over the Presbyterian church at Grand Forks (Bonanza) for political meetings, and the politician spoke from the pulpit. This is easily proven by referring to the published accounts of the meetings in the public press of that day.

### WOULD NOT FACE ISSUE.

How Pringle can be said by the

Mail to have triumphantly vindicated himself and forced his traducers to retract is beyond comprehension, when the facts are that he failed to make any charges against Lithgow and Girouard when given the opportunity to do so, he crawled from under the responsibility, just as he did when face to face with the same men on the Yukon council.

There are incidents in this gentleman's career not to be overlooked. It is by a choice examination of the following that his true measure may be taken:

### BECAME GOLD PROSPECTOR.

On December 25, 1903, Mr. Pringle, the missionary, who, according to the Mail was "entering warmly into the struggle against evil," should have been preaching the Gospel of Peace and Goodwill to all men, thought his time could be used to better advantage in seeking for gold, so upon that memorable occasion, 25 December, 1903, John Pringle was found locating a claim, not preaching, and to identify the creek with the day, he named it Christmas creek. Thus did this missionary-pro prospector, celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, as appears by the public records in the office of the Yukon gold commissioner by staking a claim. In his letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Pringle states that he "owns no claims in the district, directly or indirectly."

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### BWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

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### Gambling For Maids.

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### Rough on His Lordship.

A carpenter in an English town having neglected to make a gibbet that had been ordered by the hangman on the ground that he had not been paid for the last one he had erected gave so much offense that the next time the judge came to the circuit he was sent for.

"Fellow," said the judge in a stern tone, "how came you to neglect making the gibbet that was ordered on my account?"

"I humbly beg your pardon," replied the carpenter. "Had I known it was for your lordship it would have been done immediately."

### The Wave of Indulgence.

Indulgence nowadays is very much exaggerated. We have even come to admire clever thieves, and as long as we are not the victims of the theft we are quite enthusiastic for the rogue who shuns great cunning and daring in his crimes. He is almost a hero in our eyes, and we call him a genius.—Paris Pizaro.

### The Pastor of the Pantomime.

Many a chorus girl has had cause to bless the name of Mr. William Forbes, "the Pastor of the Pantomime," as he has been called. He is one of the few missionaries who devote nearly all their time to conducting evangelistic work amongst theatrical employees, more especially chorus girls. For twenty-five years Mr. Forbes has done this, not only in this country, but also in Canada and the United States. Many are the heart-breaking stories which he tells of provincial towns or starving in London garrets. "Since my husband died a few years ago," writes one, "I have been a chorus-lady. I have had a bitter struggle—not a friend in the world, penniless, and no home. I was out all last night on the Thames Embankment. For God's sake help me." And yet there are girls willing to leave good homes and situations for the glitter of tinsel and footlights.

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### DAWSON IS GROWING.

Population Has Increased One Thousand In a Year.

With reference to the city of Dawson, his home, Dr. A. G. Wills, one of the leading capitalists of that place, who is at present visiting in the east, said that it was estimated there were 1,000 more people there this year than last and that the population was increasing. He pointed out that as soon as a railway was run through the country it would be more extensively explored and Canadians would only then begin to realize the enormous extent of the Yukon territory.

"There are no unemployed in the Yukon," he went on, "and there is work for everybody. Wages average \$4 a day, with keep, for the ordinary laborer, and the cost of living has decreased much within the past year or two."

Dr. Wills was much interested when told that gold from the Larder Lake mines had been sent to the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint to be made into coins of the realm. Most of the metal turned out in the Yukon, he said, was sent to the United States assay office at Seattle, where the pure gold in brick or ingot form was paid for in cash at the prevailing rate of \$20.67 an ounce. To ship the gold to Ottawa, it appeared, would cost too much money and the price obtained would not be different from that in Seattle.

"The Yukon," concluded the doctor, "is a wonderful place. It has produced \$150,000,000 worth of gold since it was discovered. One year—in 1904, I think—over \$25,000,000 was mined. This year the figures will be about \$5,000,000, but as soon as the Guggenheims get working properly and the new big dredge is completed there will be a great jump in the yearly output."

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### An Ancient Ceremony.

The quaint ceremony of electing a deputy-mayor in a belfry, a custom dating back to mediaeval times, was observed in the tower of the parish church at Brightlingsea. Having climbed a steep spiral staircase of stone, the jurors, or electors, established themselves in the belfry, and the chair was taken by the retiring deputy. Four new freemen were elected from each of whom the ancient fee of 10d. was exacted. The Rev. Arthur Pease, who is "Recorder," was unanimously chosen as deputy-mayor, and took the antique oath of allegiance to the King and state. He also undertook "if any harm be pretended to this member of Brightlingsea," he would give knowledge and warning thereof. Six "assistants" were appointed, their oath binding them to undertake the "punishment and reformation of all disorderly and unruly persons." The new deputy was then handed his robe and chain of office, the latter formed of golden oysters and silver sprats, with a seal attached, said to be one of the largest opals in the United Kingdom. Included in the insignia was the harbor master's staff a century-old wand of the special constable type, "with which to comprehend all vargon persons," as the formula runs.

### Blemishes That Are Beautiful.

There is no question whatever that in a great number of cases so-called blemishes and marks on a woman's face give character to the latter, and may almost be regarded, from the contrast between the blemish and its surroundings, as aids to beauty. How very often, in recalling the face of some woman we have known and liked, we first of all think of some mole or slight mark, and it is a notable fact that most very beautiful women have some such distinguishing mark. In one such case the right eye-brow shows a broken line and a scar, but this fact, far from detracting from the world-renowned beauty of the owner, seems to give a peculiar character to the face. It might be noted that the smooth faces absolutely without blemish are very often indeed most insipid.

### Made His Mark.

"Well, young Dr. Slicer has made his mark already, hasn't he?" "Yes, did it on his first case." "Great work! What did he do?" "Vaccinated him."

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