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ENGLAND NOT DECADENT.

"England is not decadent nor a dying nation," said Sir Robert Perks, to the Empire Club, of Toronto, "If you take up a financial journal you will find the statements of statisticians—which, by the way, are the easiest thing in the world to use as a basis for weak argument—which prove that the country is living upon its capital, and gradually getting poorer and poorer.

"Take up a medical journal, or one of those neurotic humanitarian publications that we sometimes see, and you will be informed that the race is deteriorating; that we are a drunken people; that our cities are densely packed with a degraded population; and, in short, that the days of England's physical force are over.

"Take up another paper and it says that Socialism is triumphant; another, and its cry is that the people no longer rule, but that all power lies in the hand of the administrators. A hundred voices say that the country is going down hill. Some of high society say it, and the drama occasionally says it, and you have seen a level-headed, sensible resolute Englishman portrayed in every country in the world as a demented imbecile—our land is made the laughing-stock of every country.

"Gentlemen, go to England today. You will find that London has been practically rebuilt in the last generation. In the other cities you will find miles upon miles of well-kept streets whereon the homes of thousands of healthy, happy workingmen. Statisticians point to the comparatively small savings of our working people. They forget the investment that these same people have made in home, in co-operative and in friendly societies. They forget also that great joint-stock banks now welcome business from these people that they would have paid no attention to twenty years ago.

"Sir, the homes of our people, the higher standard of living, the millions of children that are now educated, but that would have wandered the streets thirty years ago, are something that these hurried judges forget. They forget the increase in our home and foreign trade, and they forget that the income from the penny in the pound income tax has doubled in the last thirty years, and that that means twice the assessable income to the people.

"If I venture to say, we as a nation or as an Empire, are faced with military problems such as our fathers faced a few hundreds of years ago, when the country was poor and sparsely inhabited. I repeat, I venture to say that you would find the same fighting force, the same stamina, the same resolution and fighting blood that was ours then.

"The Liberal party in England today has practically no mouthpiece. The Times is not a government supporter. It has changed proprietors. The other influential papers, headed possibly by the Daily Mail, are either Conservative or Unionist. Hence in Canada, in the United States, in Australia, and in South Africa you never have the case of British Liberalism presented fairly in the extracts from the British press. And I may go farther and say that the press agencies are almost entirely controlled by one political section in the Old Land.

"No political party has ever striven more to encourage and allow to the Dominions over the seas the privileges of self-government."

Referring to Germany, the speaker said that it was a powerful land, heavily taxed, over-militarized, and given to much beer drinking.

CURRENT COMMENT

The profession of Scott Act detective appears to be getting into disrepute.

Sir Frederick Borden has taken the proper course in accepting Rev. Dr. Pringle's challenge to bring suit against him.

Mr. John Andrew Humble, the would-be sheriff, should attend the Tory political picnic at Stanley, and endeavor to ascertain why the local members for York paid so little attention to his "largely signed petition."

A prominent Stanley Tory was asked a few days ago if he thought a certain M. P. would be in attendance at the political picnic to be held next week. "Oh, yes," came the ready reply, "he'll be there because he hasn't judgment enough to stay away." The M. P. had references to is not our old and esteemed friend, Mr. Pinder, nor is it Mr. Slipp of Queens.

The gentleman who complained to the I.C.R. board yesterday morning of the noise made by locomotives hardly voiced the sentiments of a majority of the people of this city. We cannot

very well get along without railways, and if we have railways we must have noise, as the two usually travel together. Noise means activity, while silence usually prevails in graveyards. Nobody should want strangers to carry away the impression that Fredericton is a sleepy old town.

Congratulations to the Hartt Boot and Shoe company on having completed the most prosperous year in its history. The company has been able to increase the dividend on its capital stock from five to six per cent, and in addition to this has placed a substantial sum to rest account. This is certainly a creditable showing, and the directors have every reason to be proud of it. Despite money drawbacks the business of the company has grown steadily, and it is now recognized as the foremost industry of the city. The assistance given to the concern by the city council has been repaid ten fold.

COMMISSION TO MEET.

The Canadian commissioners, Messrs. John Keefe and A. P. Barnhill, K.C., of St. John, appointed to settle the international waterways dispute, left this morning for Van Buren, accompanied by the senior counsel, Mr. A. J. Gregory, K.C., of this city. They will meet the American commissioners at Van Buren tomorrow, when they will begin taking the evidence. At their last meeting the commissioners went over the boundary line from Van Buren to the mouth of the St. Francis River.

WHO WILL GET IT?

St. Croix Courier: The appointment of W. S. Carter to the position of chief superintendent of education makes vacant an inspectorship. We understand that P. G. McFarlane, principal of the St. Stephen schools, is an applicant for the position, an office for which he is admirably qualified. His selection would give general satisfaction in this section. (Mr. McFarlane is a son of Mr. Geo. McFarlane of Nashwaakasis.)

NOT YET RETURNED.

A temperance delegation waited upon the I. C. R. Board of Management while here yesterday and had a chat with them in regard to the disposal of the liquor seized at the I. C. R. freight shed in December last and now stored at the police station. It is stated that as a result of the conference Col. Marsh has received instruction to hold the liquor until further orders.

BANK MANAGER TRANSFERRED.

BATHURST, N. B., June 15.—J. M. Aitken, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada branch here during three years, has been called to take charge of the Royal Bank, Moncton. On the eve of his departure he was invited to the White Hotel, where he was met by a large number of citizens and presented with a filled traveling bag, the presentation being made by O. Turgeon, M. P.

Prominent citizens in appropriate speeches voiced their regrets at his departure and wished him every success in his new sphere of labor. Mr. Aitken was deservedly popular and will be missed in business and social circles.

(Mr. Aitken was formerly on the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada here.)

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 11d. was exacted. The Rev. Arthur Peritwee, 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 ornaments 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 vagrom persons," as the formula runs.

Blemishes That Are Beautiful.

There is no question whatever that 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.

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Soldiers Die From Thirst.

Paris, June 15.—The Minister of the Colonies has received advices from Morocco saying that twelve soldiers of a native column have perished from thirst and the terrific heat. Twenty others are missing and it is thought they also died of thirst.

Always Dublin.

An Irishman and an American were talking about their own countries one day when the American said:

"America is the richest country in the world to-day."

"Shure," said Pat, "Oireland will soon be the richest."

"How's that?" said the American.

"Shure," answered Pat, "isn't the capital always Dublin?"

The Hair.

A single hair, which can support a weight of two ounces, is so elastic that it may be stretched to one-third of its entire length and then regain its former size and condition. Dr. Pincus has measured the growth of hair by cutting off circles about one inch in diameter from the heads of healthy men and so comparing the growth of the patches with that of the rest of the hair. He found that the growth rate generally became slower after cutting; that in some cases the hair on the patches grew at the same rate as the rest, but that it never grew any faster.

The ordinary length of the hair on the head ranges between twenty-two inches and about forty-five inches, the latter being considered unusually long.—London Standard.

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