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WHAT IS A LIBERAL?

What is a Liberal? The time would seem to be opportune for a definition to which enquiring minds could be referred with some sort of finality.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, casting about him for the real article, brings the Hon. Dr. Pugsley to the surface, and holds him up to the admiring gaze of the people.

But the St. John Globe dissents. It does not discover in Dr. Pugsley those evidences of political caste which would make him a true Liberal yoke-fellow. It thinks that the St. John Conservatives may have decided not to oppose him because of "former political companionship"—at a time when he was not a Liberal. Moreover, the Globe anticipates a future time when, also, he will not be a Liberal. The exceeding delicacy with which it conveys this thought, by implication, suggests that the editor must have given much consideration to the subject, and much care to the method of imparting to other Liberals the result of his cogitations. We quote:

"In the year 1892 a vacancy occurred in this constituency. The general election was some distance off; the vacant seat had to be filled for the approaching session of parliament. The Conservative leaders nominated Mr. George Robertson, who was then acting with that party. But Mr. John A. Chesley thought that he was badly treated, that he had a better right to the representation and he entered the field independently of his own party nomination. There were two candidates in the field from the one party. A great many of the active Liberal workers thought that there was a splendid chance to win the seat, and that, under the circumstances, it would be bad policy not to put a party candidate in the field; that it was a patriotic duty to do so. But the view of the local Liberal leaders of that day was that nothing was to be gained for their party by a contest. This view was endorsed by the party leaders throughout the country. An indirect result of that condition was that before many years both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Chesley were in the Liberal ranks."

Note the engaging gentleness with which the whip is laid upon Dr. Pugsley over the shoulders of Mr. Robertson and Mr. Chesley. They were not opposed by the Liberals—and they became Liberals; Dr. Pugsley is not opposed by the Conservatives—and in due time he may become a Conservative.

This brings us to another phase of the present interesting situation. Is Mayor Sears a Liberal? So far as known he has never dallied with Tory tempters, nor consorted with any of the tribe of protectionists. If, then, he be a Liberal, and acceptable to the Globe, and if he persist in his declared intention to oppose Dr. Pugsley—will the Globe enter into an alliance with him to uphold the cause of true Liberalism? If so will the mayor and the Globe dethrone Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues, and themselves become the leaders?

Carelessness in definition is no doubt responsible for much. We come back once more to the original query: What is a Liberal?

PROMPT ACTION CALLED FOR

It is stated that the citizens' harbor committee recommend the appointment of an interim commission of three—say an engineer, a member of the city council and a member of the board of trade—to assume control of the general scheme of harbor improvements, and to expend money loaned by the government for this work, pending the adoption of a plan of nationalization.

It is settled that the government will assist the city to go on with the work immediately needed, and the question to be settled is whether that work shall be controlled by the council or a commission. It is said that some aldermen, who would greatly dislike to be shorn of any authority, are strongly opposed to a commission. It is even suggested that there may be enough of them to vote down the proposition.

The commission plan of control is the more desirable. The sooner the city council can relieve itself of responsibility for the harbor the better it will be for the promotion of civic work in the other departments, which so sorely need attention. There should be no difficulty in securing three competent men to form the commission, and the work in their hands would progress with far greater rapidity and far less bungling than if it were under the control of the board of works. There is now an opportunity to place the whole scheme of harbor extension in such shape as will ensure more rapid construction of needed works. The minister of public works has declared his intention to assist, and has not only invited but urged the citizens to make it possible for him to present a bill in parliament which would practically ensure the early carrying out of projected plans long delayed. The personal feelings of a few aldermen relative to matters of petty patronage and authority must not stand in the way of the larger good.

Regarding Ontario's legislation on the question of pulpwood forests Mr. J. S. Crate writes to the Toronto Globe: "The Ontario government on January 10, 1900, upon consideration of the report of Hon. E. J. Davis, commissioner of crown lands, approved and enacted regulations prohibiting the export of pulpwood cut on lands of the crown under authority of timber license or permit, and also stipulated that pulpwood cut from crown lands under lease or permit must be manufactured in Canada. The regulations clearly specify that the word 'manufactured' shall mean 'made into merchantable pulp or paper.' The results of this legislation are just commencing to be felt in Ontario, but it will be noted that while Wisconsin goes to Quebec and strips the lands of pulpwood, Ontario cuts the spruce, grinds it in Canadian mills, and then sells manufactured pulp to Wisconsin at the latest market quotation."

A St. John despatch to the Charlottetown Guardian, noting the fact that Rev. Father Burke and Dr. Pugsley came down from Ottawa together, says: "Father Burke urged upon him the merits of the tunnel scheme. The minister assured Father Burke of his hearty sympathy with the plan and promised immediate action toward bringing the matter definitely before the government. Hon. Dr. Pugsley has always been a believer that justice to the island demanded the tunnel and will undoubtedly use his best efforts to bring it about."

Strong feeling was manifested at the meeting of the Ontario Reform Association in Toronto yesterday, over the removal of the Hon. Geo. P. Graham to the arena of federal politics. The provincial opposition is left in a weakened state without its leader, and there are some who think Sir Wilfrid might have chosen a federal member for the cabinet. All this has a tendency to lessen party enthusiasm.

If Senator Borah, of Idaho, chief counsel for the state in the recent famous Haywood trial, should be convicted of conspiracy to defraud in connection with timber land entries in that state the socialists and labor men would have another taunt to fling at capital.

In an editorial on the Quebec bridge disaster the Montreal Star makes this astounding statement: "We are informed that the government had not even an engineer at the work, to safeguard its interests."

POLITICAL NOTES

Says the Montreal Gazette: "The attacks on the Quebec government are multiplying in number and severity, and are evidently affecting public opinion in the province. The Baron de l'Epine business will not down, and the ministers seem to have abandoned their attempts to crush it. The signs point to a reorganization or a collapse, and if the reorganization is put off much longer there may be no alternative to collapse."

The Toronto Mail and Empire (Con.) thinks history will repeat itself in the experience of the Hon. Geo. P. Graham. We quote: "The taking of Mr. George P. Graham into the Ross cabinet in Ontario was the last card played by that administration. It was represented that Mr. Graham was a prodigy, and that in the office of provincial secretary he would do wonders. The election followed, and the end came. Now Mr. Graham enters the Ottawa cabinet under similar circumstances. The situation at Ottawa so strongly resembles that which prevailed at Toronto at the time of the great change that it is almost possible to hear the popular rejoicings which will mark the termination of the wicked regime and the elevation of Mr. Borden to the position in which he will give the people redress and relief, and the country rectitude and reform."

BEST AVAILABLE MAN.
(Victoria Colonist.)

Mr. William Pugsley is a gentleman of ability. He is a shrewd business man, and a lawyer of repute. He has an exceedingly pleasant manner, and the trick of giving the soft answer that turneth away wrath. He has not been hitherto distinguished for the strength of his political convictions. As a speaker he is not specially strong, although he can on occasion be forcible. He is as fluent as most public men are, but as a rule speaks with a great deal of caution. He ought to be able to administer the affairs of his department acceptably. He scarcely possesses the breadth of view which Mr. Blair had, and he can hardly have a better head for small details than Mr. Emmerson possessed, but he is tactful and full of resources. We are of the opinion that of all the available men, he is the best who could be chosen at this juncture.

AN EARLY PROPHET.
(Fredericton Herald.)

The effect of the St. John Tory action in declining to face Dr. Pugsley will be felt in Liberal circles all over the province and will send a cold shiver down the backs of the Tory M. P.'s in New Brunswick.

The outlok is for an almost complete Liberal triumph in this province at the next election, under the leadership of Dr. Pugsley, whose presence at the head of the party will inspire them with the fighting spirit and courage, so well developed in the new minister of public works.

RUSSIA GETTING GOLD

Despite the urgent demand for gold on all of the world's money markets, the Imperial Bank of Russia continues to add to its holding. Its last report showed $476,800,000 gold on hand, as against $471,500,000 a month ago, $466,500,000 two months ago, and $398,300,000 a year ago.

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Cleon dwelleth in a palace, in a cottage I;
Cleon hath a dozen fortunes, not a penny I;
Yet the poorer of the twain is Cleon, and not I.

Cleon, true, possesseth acres, but the landscape I;
Half the charms to me it yieldeth money cannot buy.
Cleon harbors sloth and dullness, freshening vigor I;
He in velvet, I in fustian, richer man am I.

Cleon is a slave to grandeur, free as thought am I;
Cleon fees a score of doctors, need of none have I;
Wealth-surrounded care-environed, Cleon fears to die.
Death may come, ne'll find me ready—happier man am I.

Cleon sees no charm in nature, in a daisy I,
Cleon hears no anthems ringing in the sea and sky
Nature sings to me forever, earnest listener am I.
State for state, with all attendants, who would change? Not I.

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Dollars like company.
Publicity is the proof of probity.
The test of a leader is in his ability to bring results.
Tomorrow is the fool's folly—and the wise man's opportunity.
All men are born free and equal; later they get married.
The man who is only honest up to the letter of the law is a thief at heart.

THE WISE MAN'S ALMANAC.

They ain't no sense, ez I kin see,
In mortals seeh ez you an' me,
A-faultin' Nature's wise intents
An' lockin' horns with Providence.
It ain't no use to grumble an' complain
It's just as cheap an' easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather an' sends rain—
Why, rain's my choice!

WHAT IS "A FRIEND?"

The first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out.
A bank of credit on which we can draw supplies of sympathy, confidence and counsel.
One who loves the truth and you—and will tell the truth in spite of you.
One who to himself is true and therefore must be so to you.
One who considers your need before your deservings.
An insurance against misanthropy.
A second right hand.

WITTY JURY VERDICT.

There is a lot of humor and, besides, a splendid moral for the young business man in a verdict recently rendered by a coroner's jury:

"We, the jury, find from the physician's statement that the deceased came to his death from heart failure, superinduced by business failure, which was caused by speculative failure, which was in turn the result of failure to look ahead."

YES, THAT'S IT.

Johnny, said Johnny's little brother, a fly is a fly because he flies, isn't he?
Yes, that's it.
And a flea is a flea because he flees, isn't it?
Shouldn't wonder.
Then why are bees bees?
Because they be, said Johnny.—Seattle Times.

SHOW HIM UP

"Please, mum, there's a gentleman downstairs, mum."
"Very well, Jane, show him up to the drawing-room."
"But he's come to sweep the chimbly, mum."
"Very well, then; show him up the chimney."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Annual Meeting of Baptist Foreign Mission Board Held Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces was held yesterday in the office of the Maritime Baptist, Germain street. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Wellington Camp, president; W. H. White, vice-president; Rev. W. V. Higgins, secretary, and Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre, treasurer.

The salary of the secretary was fixed at $200, and that of the treasurer at $500 a year. The meeting was well attended. Three new members—Rev. W. Allton (Sussex), Rev. J. E. Grant (Hampton), and W. Peters, who were elected at the convention, were present.

Rev. Mr. Higgins and T. S. Simms were appointed a committee to introduce the scheme of a laymen's movement in foreign mission work. The object of the movement is to bring together the business men in the interest of mission work. In the United States the plan has been adopted with much success and representatives of business men are in several cases laboring in the foreign field.

A committee consisting of Rev. W. Camp, Rev. D. Hutchinson and Rev. Dr. McIntyre was also appointed to take charge of men and women candidates offering for the foreign field.

WORK ON NEW WHARF

Good progress is reported by Clark & Adams on the building of the four cribs for the new 600 foot berth. No. 1 crib now in position, will be sunk in a few days, and No. 2 is sufficiently advanced to be towed in position as soon as the dredging on the site is completed. The others will be brought around and built up to keep pace with the dredging on the remaining site, so that no delay may occur. The warehouse on the D. C. Clark wharf is expected to be finished by the end of this month. The difficulty experienced is that they are only able to have one crib in the slip at a time. The contractors say they are right up with the dredging and perhaps a little ahead of it.

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