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RIGHT VS. EXPEDIENCY

The citizen to whose views regarding politics, as expressed in the Sun, the Times took exception yesterday, has another interview with the Sun in which he defends his attitude and says:

"I pointed to how Nova Scotia, Quebec and the West were making rapid progress because of the assistance they were receiving from the government, and the moral was that the more solidly a province supported a government the more assistance that province could count upon from the government. It is all very well to talk about sentiment and political principles, but the science of politics is a very practical one, and the province that is divided against itself because of political rancor will not get as much assistance from any government as where the representation is solidly supporting the government and consequently the province will not make the same progress as it otherwise might."

On the other hand, it is perfectly clear that if all the provinces continued solidly to support a federal government there would never be a change at Ottawa, and the grossest national evils would develop and flourish. All past experience proves the truth of this statement. Nor could there be, it seems to us, a more pernicious doctrine than that a province should depend upon government assistance for the development of its resources. It is the duty of a government to give aid, but the initiative must be with the people, and a government which would deny them reasonable aid would be recreant to its obligations to those who are or ought to be the masters of their own destiny. The theory of government which implies that the government is the master and the people suppliants for favors, is not consistent with modern ideas of liberty and justice. We admit the right of a servant of the government to vote as his conscience dictates. Why deny a province the same right? The difference between the views expressed by the citizen in question and sound views of public policy, is the difference between a truckling expediency and conduct based on right principles.

ANOTHER STRAW

The Liberal government in England received another rude shock yesterday when its candidate in Wolverhampton won by only eight votes, compared with a Liberal majority of 2,865 two years ago. The battle was fought chiefly on the tariff reform issue, and the result indicates that the Chamberlain policy is steadily gaining ground. The by-elections generally have shown a strong and widespread reaction against the government, and the confidence of the Unionist party that it will be able in the general elections to defeat the government is strengthened by every such result as that in Wolverhampton. Premier Asquith is an able man, and will perhaps make a stronger defence than Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman could have done had he lived; but when the tide of public sentiment begins to tend strongly against a government, as now seems the case in the United Kingdom, he must be an exceptionally resourceful and astute statesman who can turn the tide or make it serve his purpose. In the old country as in Canada the wave of conservatism is once more rising toward the flood. The period of Liberal rule both there and here has proved disappointing in many respects, even to Liberals, who see in broken pledges and abandoned policies ground for serious complaint, if not severe censure, as well as the explanation of the waning popularity of the Liberal cause.

ABOUT DREDGING

There should not be much difficulty in arranging to have further necessary dredging done in the harbor of St. John. Dredging here is like that done in the St. Lawrence—it is in the interests of the trade of the whole country. It is worth while in this connection for St. John people to note what is being done in the St. Lawrence. We quote from Saturday's Montreal Star:

"Work in the ship channel will soon be well under way for the season. There are now two dredges at work at Pointe aux Trembles en bas. On Tuesday three will set out to work at Point Citrouille and Batiscan. At the moment the water is too high at Cap a la Roche to permit work there. The channel now has a depth of ten feet above low water level, and with more than forty feet of water in the channel it would be possible to send anything afloat to this port. Next week the two dredges to be used below Quebec will be sent out. They will be placed at Beaujeu Bank and St. Thomas shoal. Next week the Lady Grey will leave Quebec for the purpose of "sweeping" the channel below that port. This is arduous and tedious work and will occupy the entire season."

THE NEW TOWNS

The Toronto News has this to say of Lloydminster, which is named after the Rev. G. E. Lloyd (now Archdeacon Lloyd), formerly of Rothesay, N.B., who brought the first settlers for the new town by way of this port a few years ago:—

"Five years ago there was no Lloydminster. Now it has a population of twelve hundred. It has substantial frame and brick houses and places of business. It must have taken a good many nails and hinges and pots of paint and carloads of furniture and stoves and woodenware and stationery to build and furnish Lloydminster, not to speak of the implements, the tools, and the dry goods and the groceries required by the townspeople and the settlers on the farms adjoining. These things do not grow in the fertile soil of the west. They are produced in the factories of the East, and as Lloydminster is only one or two or three hundred towns that have sprung up in the last five years, the west must have contributed something to the prosperity of the East."

Hon. Mr. Maxwell stated in the house yesterday that on the hustings Hon. Mr. McKeown had declared that the government had set aside $15,000 of the increased federal subsidy as part of a fund to wipe out the provincial debt. Mr. McKeown denied yesterday that he had made this statement. Mr. Wilson joined Mr. Maxwell in the assertion that Mr. McKeown did make it. The Telegraph this morning quotes from the press report of Mr. McKeown's hustings speech, which agrees with the assertion of Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Wilson. Thus Mr. McKeown finds himself flatly contradicted by two members and by the press report of his remarks. It is not a very desirable position in which he has placed himself.

The Sun should not worry too much about the attitude of Hon. Robert Maxwell regarding temperance legislation. Mr. Maxwell has not abjured his faith in prohibition as the ultimate solution of the problem. He would no doubt welcome the advocacy of the Sun in bringing public opinion to the point where it would insist upon such a measure. The Sun has said that in all matters relating to the laws of the country the people cannot evade responsibility. The press aids very materially in the formation of public opinion. The Sun's opportunity is here and now.

The "booster" committee of the board of trade has had phenomenal success. It is expected that at least sixty new members will be added on Friday. This will be good for the funds of the board but very much better for the interests of the city, assuming that these new members really desire to make the board a center of mutual effort for the benefit of St. John. The board has a fine opportunity to join hands with the newly installed city council to make 1908 a banner year in civic progress.

The federal government in the Manitoba election bill proposes to take charge of the voters' lists. By a careful manipulation of the lists something might be done to benefit the party in the federal elections. And yet, as Mr. Borden pointed out yesterday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier once declared "that he was quite disposed to accept the franchise prepared by the legislature, whether Liberal or Conservative." The lists prepared by the authority of the Manitoba legislature are now to be rejected by Sir Wilfrid.

If a Scott Act inspector is essential to the enforcement of the law in Fredericton, the friends of law and order should force the hand of the city council. If the police cannot do the work thoroughly other means should be found, or the recent expression of feeling at the polls was a waste of energy.

And now it is Mr. Tweeddale who has the provicial government on the run. In view of the fact that he has started them along the highways which the late government left in such a shocking state it is doubtful if they can make good time, even with Mr. Tweeddale at their heels.

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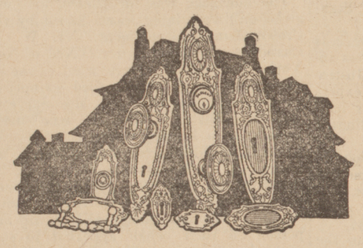
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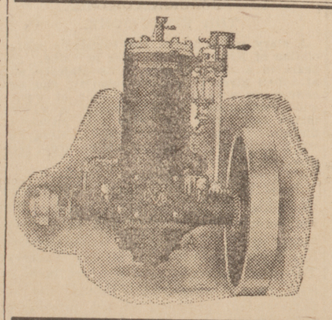
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Boiled eggs once more.
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Some maids will pass,
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I declare;
I feel it pulsing
In the air.
I love the pleasures
It reveals;
But, oh! I dread
Those sticky meals.

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HIS PUNISHMENT.

"Pop!"

"Yes, my son."

"Did mamma ever punish you?"

"Well, she married me, my boy."—Yonkers Statesman.

HOW HE BECAME CROOKED.

"What forced you to become crooked?" asked the magistrate of the prisoner before him.

"Trying to make both ends meet, your Honor," was the more or less satisfactory reply.—Cleveland Leader.

ALMOST AS BAD.

"Work never hurts anybody," said the industrious man.

"No," answered Plodding Pete, "but it's most as bad to be scared as hurt."—Washington Star.

CONNECTICUT HUMOR.

A Connecticut editor who was horsewhipped by an actress says the joke is on her, as another man on the paper wrote the offending article. Nothing is keener than the Connecticut sense of humor.—Amoha Bee.

THE MAN OF GEIGLEDORF.

There was a man from Giegledorf
Who, to save his barber's fees
Would wet his hair and let it freeze,
And when 'twas frozen, break it off.
—College Widow.

FIXED BY THE LANDLORD.

"I cannot live but a week longer without you!"

"Really, Duke? Now, how can you fix on a specific length of time?"

"Ze landlord fix on it, miss; not I."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE BATTLE OF THE FUTURE.

The general was just about to give the order to charge when an aide rode up, his horse showing the effects of the tremendous strain he had been under. Hurriedly the aide saluted.

"General," he said, "I'm sorry to inform you that the moving picture machine is out of order, and the battle must be postponed."

With a muttered curse, the commanding officer gave the order to cease firing.—From the February Bohemian.

GIVE MEN CHANCE TO GET A JOB

Colonel Charles Sowton of the Salvation Army Tells About the "Salvage Department."

(Halifax Herald.)

Colonel Charles Sowton, of the Salvation Army, Toronto, and chief secretary to Commissioner Coombes, is in the city. Putting the name of Colonel Sowton's office in other form it would read "second in command of the Salvation Army in Canada."

"What is the purpose of your visit to Halifax?"

"My object in coming this way now is mainly in connection with the Army's social work—the work for men. We are planning a development of that work in Halifax. We want to make opportunities for men out of work, till they are able to get a job, and also to provide cheap but strictly clean apartments for men who have work but are unable at present with their limited means to find proper accommodation."

"You have a shelter in Halifax?"

"Yes, but what we propose is something different. It is a place where we may keep men and give them temporary employment till they get work. The Salvation Harbor is a different thing. It is not in the proper place for what we now propose, and it is not altogether desirable in other respects. We want something better. I arrived in Halifax on Saturday evening and had consultations with our officers here. On Monday we will continue, and we will go ahead if we can secure a suitable property. We have several in view, and as a matter of fact, I came down to decide the project. We may close the matter now, but if this is not feasible we will postpone it and attempt it again later on."

"Have you such institutions in other places in Canada?"

"Oh, yes. In Toronto; we are opening one in Montreal; we have one in Quebec, which is being remodelled and improved. There is one in Ottawa and in Winnipeg. We call it our 'Salvage department,' and the idea is to employ men temporarily, tide them over a period of non-employment till a steady job is found. It is not charity; it is work the men want and will receive, till they find something better."

"What do you find for the men to do in these places?"

"Different things, according to circumstances. In New York we have an average of 300 men. In Toronto the department was opened at the beginning of the year, and there about twenty men are employed chiefly sorting paper for disposal to the mills. In Winnipeg the chief work is splitting kindling. No questions are asked of the men as to creed or nationality, but we try to improve their moral condition as well as their temporal well-being.

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IN THE POLICE COURT.

Arthur Fox was yesterday afternoon set up for trial by Judge Ritchie on a charge of stealing a rifle from Fred Martin. The prisoner was admitted to bail on his own recognizance of $400, and two sureties of $200 each.

An assault case, arising out of a dog fight, resulted in Arthur London being fined $20. William Hodd claimed that London had struck him, knocked him down and then kicked him.

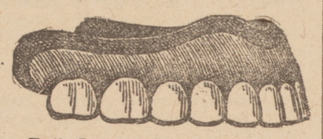
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