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DR. MacPHAIL.

Dr. MacPhail touched so many aspects of the duty of a Canadian in his brilliant address before the Canadian Club last evening that he could, in an hour's talk, do little more than deal with general principles and indicate in a general way, as, however, an address quite clear in its expression of his conception of duty, and of his views concerning the relations of Canada and the Empire at large.

With blunt emphasis, Dr. MacPhail asserts that Hansard from day to day prints examples of scurrilous and decent men would not use in debate, and he protests against it and pleads for a higher conception of public duty. He is, like our own ref. Ganong, to whom he paid a tribute, a stout defender of England; the course pursued by her in the making of certain famous treaties, and he regards the conduct of the United States in 1812 as nothing more than an infamy. Touching the action of imperialism, he made it clear that he is utterly opposed to it and dried schemes, and agrees with those who hold that we are doing very well as we are for the present, and that the genius of the people will solve each problem as it arises in such manner as to keep the Empire still united.

Doubtless there were some among the listeners who did not fully agree with all that Dr. MacPhail stated in such polished expression and delightful humor, but his whole address was an inspiration and a challenge to clear and careful thought upon matters of the highest importance to every citizen of Canada.

THE HAZEN GOVERNMENT

Speaking of Premier Hazen and the range of government in this province, the Montreal Gazette says editorially:

"Effect has been given to the decision of the people of New Brunswick in the recent election. Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have been sworn in and have taken over the administration of the province's affairs. It can readily be believed that the result of the change will be satisfactory to those who ordained it. The government which Mr. Robinson led in its dying days had outlived its usefulness as well as its vigor. Mr. Hazen's record, however, could warrant the expectation of good things from him, no matter who he was led on to succeed. Though still in the time of life, having been born in 1869, he has been in public life for some twenty years. He held a seat in Parliament from 191 to 1896, and has been a member of the Legislature since 1899. There is ample opportunity also for energies of a capable and active man in connection with the administration of the affairs of New Brunswick, as of all of the Maritime Provinces.

He is a man of the country, and he has been to have fallen too generally into the way of regarding politics as an end instead of a means to an end. They put party before country and make office holding, contract getting, or subsidy seeking, a prominent purpose of their political activities. Their progress in population is not in wealth has been slow, and in some places where progress has been noted it has been due to the energy of outsiders, not of the residents. This should not be the situation. The provinces are voraciously situated in many ways. They are nearer than any other part of Canada to the great consuming markets. They have mineral and timber and agricultural resources. Of the latter, especially, much more might be made than seems to be the case. Governments, of course, may do much in the way of realizing on these resources. That is the work and the opportunity of the people. But governments can do something by calling attention to opportunities and by showing the

way, where no other organization will move, and they all seem to have been doing little or nothing. If Mr. Hazen can do better in this matter than his predecessors he will be doing what will be best both for the province and himself and will justify the faith of those who, both in his home and elsewhere, have thought well of him and trusted him."

Premier Hazen has taken the first step toward getting at the facts concerning the present price and what would be a fair price for school books. One member of his committee was much quoted by the late government, whether correctly or not as apparently unable to discover how the work could be done any cheaper. As the members of the new government are now in a position to learn exactly what the amount of the rake-off is under the present arrangement, they will no doubt be able to show a substantial reduction in the price of the books.

GOOD APPOINTMENTS

(St. John Sun.)

The new government is to be congratulated upon the quality of the men it has selected as its first appointments to official position, particularly those from St. John. A better man than Col. J. R. Armstrong for judge of probates could have been found nowhere. By his personal integrity, legal experience and judicial temperament, he is excellently fitted to fulfill his responsible duties. Mr. R. B. Emerson will bring to the chairmanship of the School Board business prudence and enterprise in equal measure and will unquestionably give general satisfaction. The minor appointments are also commendable, not only for their personal merit, but for their recognition of the claims and capacity of the younger members of the party. Mr. Harrison, the new Supreme Court Reporter; Mr. McInerney, the Registrar of Probates; and Mr. Forbes, the Equity Court Reporter, are all young men of ability and promise, who will, we believe, give the province good service.

LATE HOWARD TRUEMAN

(Moncton Times.)

A very valuable contributor to our columns, and a notable member of the community, Mr. Howard Trueman, of Point de Bute, having gone to his rest, calls for more than passing comment.

Mr. Trueman belonged to the parent stock of the Trueman family that came from Yorkshire at the English settlement of the country and made a home near Fort Cumberland. To Mr. Trueman descended the ancestral acres and from the old ivy-covered homestead occupied by him have gone out to the world many generations of Trueman.

Mr. Trueman was an intellectual man. He possessed the habits of a student and the aptitudes of a scholar. He thought out for himself the current problems of the day; the greater and vaster concerns of life and death and eternity became to him matters of absorbing interest. With the years his mind gained in elevation and perspective, and he was able to attain that philosophic temperament that gives serenity and calmness to the possessor. He met death with a welcoming smile, as he who wraps the drapery of his couch and lies down to pleasant dreams. In the locality where he lived Mr. Trueman was a father; his hand was ever raised for peace; no one appreciated or cultivated more the practice of good will.

Outside his addresses and various writings Mr. Trueman left two works of permanent value—the history of the Isthmus of Chignecto, the other a history of farming in the Maritime Provinces, the latter issued from the press a few months ago.

LEFT FORTUNE TO MAN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE 35 YEARS AGO

Wisconsin Laborer Saw Notice of His Good Luck Pasted on Wall of Shack.

Chicago, March 26.—A despatch to the Record-Herald, from Tacoma says: To have saved the life of a fellow emigrant in a wreck in 1873 and thirty-five years later to have read in a newspaper plastered in wall of a homestead shack, an advertisement which led to his becoming the recipient of a fortune of \$375,000 is the experience of Peter Anderson, a farm hand who resides near White Bluffs (Wn.).

Anderson yesterday received a check for \$5,000 to enable him to proceed to New York to carry out the final legal formalities necessary in the transfer of the fortune. His friend was Peter Knudsen, who made \$1,000,000 in the glove business in New Jersey.

MORE INDICTMENTS AGAINST RUEF

San Francisco, Cal., March 26.—Three indictments, each containing three counts against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways; Tracy L. Ford, general counsel for the same corporation, and Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, secretly voted by the grand jury last night, were filed with presiding Judge Sturtevant today.

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HOW THE KING IS KEPT FROM ALL HARM

King Edward VII., in spite of his popularity amongst his own subjects is rarely, except when in bed, out of sight of those officials who are charged with watching over a safety of his person. If it were otherwise, a calamity like the deplorable assassination of the King of Portugal and his son might befall Britain.

The King, it is well known, is always under the surveillance of some of the most dangerous characters in Europe, watching for a favorable opportunity to strike; but these men know that from morning to night, and from night to morning the lynx eyes of some of the sharpest detectives in the world are on them, following their every movement; let them stir for an instant beyond the bounds which they know they must keep, and they find themselves at once started out on a journey to their native land, and are never permitted to return to England again.

There are twelve detectives always on what is called "royal duty" under the charge of a special detective officer. Three of them keep constant watch over the sovereign, whilst the others are detailed for various duties, according to the requirements of the moment.

The work of the first three detectives is termed "personal service," and they receive their instructions every night as to the manner in which they are to attend on the King the following day. These instructions vary considerably and almost every day their watch is conducted in a different manner.

For example, during a review of the troops by the King, at Aldershot, His Majesty was closely accompanied by an officer wearing the uniform of the 17th Lancers. As a matter of fact, this officer was a detective, and the guise of the uniform was adopted simply because on such an occasion it naturally attracted little or no public attention to the fact that His Majesty was being so carefully guarded.

Often the individual sitting beside the coachman on the King's carriage is not, as the public think, one of the Royal footmen, but a detective on "personal service," and on many an occasion a detective on similar duty has been mistaken for an equerry when clad in the uniform of such an official.

Anyone who has followed the King's movements at all closely in London may have noticed that frequently after His Majesty has left Buckingham Palace in his carriage a hansom cab containing two men has suddenly appeared from somewhere, and rapidly followed in the wake of the Royal carriage. Wherever the Royal carriage may go that cab with the two men follows.

It looks an ordinary cab, and the driver looks an ordinary driver, and wears a number in the ordinary way. But he is really a detective, and so are his two fares, and the cab is the property of the King.

Elaborate are the precautions taken for guarding the King at the big shoots at Windsor, or Sandringham. Two detectives, then, always follow His Majesty at close quarters; they are arrayed in shooting costume, but they are out for a very different object. They are charged with the duty of preventing any stranger approaching near His Majesty.

Before being put on this duty a detective has to become familiar with the appearance, not only of the King's guests, but also with the gamekeepers and servants, who, during the shoot, may, in the course of their work, have to come in close proximity to the King, otherwise, very awkward mistakes might arise.

In addition to the two detectives on "personal service" on such occasions, there are also some half-dozen others who keep more distant watch over His Majesty; these form a sort of cordon round the King which it would be impossible for a stranger to pass.

Elaborate as is the system at work for guarding the King, it works so smoothly and is so thoroughly well-organized that it really does not appear to exist. It is the most unobtrusive detective system in the world, and yet at the same time the most effective.

For example, when the King visits theatre there are always a number of detectives about the entrance to it whilst His Majesty is present, and the King's guests, but they are never seen nor are apparently any precautions taken to prevent the crowd that always gathers on such occasions coming near the King. It would be quite contrary to His Majesty's wishes that any such precautions should be taken, and there is no necessity for them. No dangerous character could possibly get into the crowd without being "spotted" by the detective, and from that moment he would be a marked man, as helpless as if he were handcuffed, until the King had driven away.

The power of memorization, so frequently disclosed by musicians, is calculated to create a phenomenon. Indeed, he states that her precocity was almost terrifying. She attracted universal attention at the time and Lisa, dedicated to her the arrangement of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Mr. Max Bohrer possesses the original copy of this and prizes it highly.

Interestingly, in his allusions to musical prodigies, says of Sophie Bohrer that "she had twenty-four of Bach's fugues by heart."

Musical talent has been in the Bohrer family for several generations without break, and both on the paternal and maternal side. Gaspar Bohrer, who was born in 1744, was a celebrated double bass player. He was born in Mannheim, and was the great-grandfather of Mr. Max Bohrer. The grandfather of the latter was Max Bohrer, a violoncello virtuoso, while his grand-uncle, as stated, was Antoine Bohrer, a noted violinist.

All three were known in their day, and performed in the capitals of Europe. The late William Bohrer, father of Mr. Max Bohrer, the present bursar of the Dominion College of Music, was identified with the musical life of Montreal since 1836. In the later sixties he gave concerts in the old Mechanics' Hall with the late Jehu Prume.

Mr. Max Bohrer is a Canadian born, and is the last descendant on this side of the Atlantic, of a musical family, dating back to 1744.

Samuel Kirk is canvassing in Stanley ward as an opponent of Ald. Macdougall.

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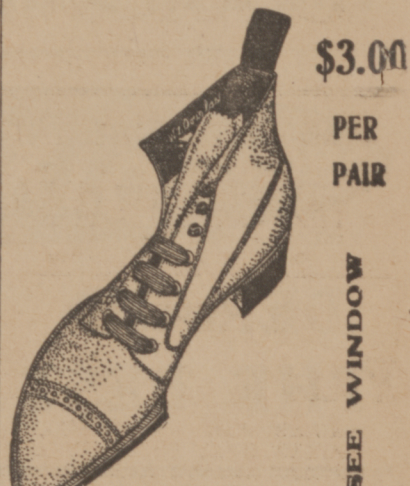
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