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THE NEW IRISH PARTY

The Times recently printed an article relative to a new political party in Ireland, which seeks to associate Irish home rule with imperial unity. Some further information concerning those most active in the organization is given by the Dublin correspondent of the London Post, who writes:

"As to the manner of men, we find for chairman, Mr. George Bryers, one of the largest employers in the Irish printing trade, a man who has been described as 'the finest combination of head and heart in Ireland.' For secretary we have Mr. George Ryce, B.A., who as an agricultural chemist holds an important position in the Potash syndicate, treats plots of land along the railways to show the contrast of fertility with neglect and ignorance. The pamphlet has been prepared by Mr. H. Oldham, B.A., B. D., who was Barrington lecturer in economics, and is now head master of the only school of commerce in Ireland. In this movement there is no thought as to who is a Protestant or who is a Catholic. Nationalists and Unionists stand side by side, working out a nobler Nationalism on a basis of truer Unionism. The material basis essential to the ideal is recognized in industry, with the capitalist and employer as such coming for the first time into 'the Irish question' to demand 'continuity and security.' Without any public attempt to extend membership, and with the committee keeping their secret, we have a hundred men of the kind described putting down their names and their money. In the main these are men who have hitherto been silent, practically disfranchised because unrepresented by either of the existing parties, who are alike regarded as having reduced Ireland's public life to a political traffic, with the results of difficulty to the empire and ruin to the nation, the smaller force necessarily going under in the conflict with the greater. Mr. Dillon and Mr. Redmond have been approached quite independently, and both have welcomed the force as a healthy one, though they themselves might have set it moving at any time in the past fifteen years. One thing is certain beyond question—the new movement is going to be independent of the forces, either Irish or British, which kept Mr. Redmond's party in the house of commons, to the incalculable detriment of both Ireland and the empire."

THE GREAT ISSUE

Honest and economical administration, says the Victoria Colonist, is the only great issue before the people of Canada today. The Colonist points out that there must be large expenditure, no matter what party is in power, and this opens the way for the grafter, who has flourished far too much under Liberal rule. The Colonist's article is so moderate in tone, and yet so decisive in its conclusion that it is worth quoting in full for eastern readers:

"It is time for the people of Canada to ask themselves soberly if they think it is desirable to continue in office the men now at the head of affairs. The country has entered upon a period of very rapid growth, and exceedingly large expenditures will be necessary. Now it is an easy thing to cry out against large expenditures, but we must not lose sight of fact that what seems to the people of one locality a large or perhaps unnecessary expenditure may to the people of another locality seem only a very reasonable thing. For example, we heard a man the other day defend the expenditure on Victoria harbor and condemn the proposed expenditure for a new wharf at Sydney. Now to the man at Sydney the proposed outlay for the wharf seems a good deal more important than the deepening of Victoria harbor. We may make up our minds that whatever party is in power at Ottawa the annual expenditure will be very large. There can be retrenchment in some matters, but no great cutting down of the annual outlay. This, it seems to us, is one of the dominant considerations for the people in the forthcoming campaign. Millions of dollars must be expended; it is therefore of supreme importance that the men entrusted with those expenditures should be persons in whom the public can have confidence. Now we are not going to be so absurd as to say that a Conservative is necessarily more honest than a Liberal. There are people who indulge in that sort of nonsense with the result that no one takes what they say seriously. But we do say, and feel justified in saying it, that during the twelve years in which the Liberal party has been in power abuses have grown up that can only be checked by the defeat of that party at the next election. There is a cancer of graft in the body politic and it is time for the voters to perform the necessary surgical operation. The disclosures of the last few years are wholly convincing. Possibly they do not affect the personal integrity of any cabinet minister. In his interview with a correspondent of the Boston Traveler, Sir Wilfrid Laurier made that assertion and seemed to derive some comfort from it. Let us admit that it is true; let us admit that, if we could get down to the bottom facts of every item of public expenditure, we would not find a single instance in which a minister of the Crown had been guilty of an act whereby he directly or indirectly prostituted his office to his personal advantage; there yet remains the fact that there has been gross extravagance, unjustifiable expenditures, waste approaching criminality and at least a very strong suspicion that the public interest has not always been the guiding influence in the outlay of the public revenues. Ministers may not have profitted by these things. Let us hope for the credit of our country that they have not. But they have not prevented them; they have either knowingly or ignorantly permitted them. This year the expenditures are vastly larger than ever. The country is to expend through an administration of which Sir Richard Cartwright is a member, a hundred millions more this year than that gentleman a few years ago thought could under any possible circumstances be justified. We repeat that as the country grows it will be impossible to curtail the gross amount of the expenditure. But we can alter the method upon which the vast annual outlay is expended. We can break up the system under which extravagance has been the rule. We can put men in office who will be free from the leeches, which now hang on to the federal government. We can take precautions to see that the enormous votes of parliament find their way into channels that will be to the public advantage without being loaded up with monstrous profits to favorites of the powers that be. It is absolutely necessary for Canada to inaugurate an era of honest and economical administration, and now is the time to do it. There is no other great issue before the people. Let us see to it that on this one the people speak with no uncertain sound by returning a majority of Conservative members to the house of commons. A Liberal victory will mean the entrenchment in power of an army of grafters, who, though not in parliament, are the virtual rulers of the country, when it comes to matters of expenditures."

Jacob Riis recalls, says the Toronto News, that he saw some little children on one of the poorest New York streets gazing eagerly at a crack in the pavement. He went up to see what so interested them, and found they were looking at three blades of grass. He asked if they did not know wat grass was. It was not grass, a little girl answered; it was a playground. She had heard that they were going to have a playground in the neighborhood, and she thought that was the way a playground grew, a few blades of grass at a time coming up through the pavement. Jacob Riis' story has converted many citizens to the playground idea.

The item is from the Ottawa Citizen: "A Toronto plumber, who is out on strike, would rather let his children starve than work for less than the demands of the union. The children having become a charge on public charity, the striking plumber has been prosecuted. Trades unionism is a first-rate institution so long as it is not carried too far, but when a striker forces the public to accept work unless he can get the wages he wants at his own trade, the principle of supply and demand in the labor market seems to be strained to the breaking point."

The New York Tribune recently commented upon the political situation in Canada in the following terms: "This revival of Conservatism in Quebec, its overwhelming victory in Ontario, its recent success in carrying New Brunswick, its proved ability in the last year to hold Manitoba and British Columbia by good majorities, have put new life and heart into the Dominion Conservative party and have made possible a change which two years ago would have been deemed impossible.

COMPLAINS OF THE MOOSE

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir:—

Can you tell me what is going to be done with the moose and deer. They are very tame and are running about through the farmers crops and doing considerable damage destroying turnips and garden stuff. I think the local government should look after them and see that they are taken care of or pay the damage done to growing crops. They say it wont do to kill them, if you do so you will be fined.

Now I think this is a fine question. Farmers can't fence against them, can't kill them, all he can do is to drive them out of his crop and get mad looking at the distruction left behind. A nice state of affairs, don't you think so Mr. Editor?

(Sgd.) NEW HARTON.

SALMON AT SPRINGHILL

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

The first salmon to give rise to a fly this season at the Springhill fishing pools, five miles above Fredericton, on the St. John river, were caught Monday afternoon.

About five o'clock a party composed of Ald. Joseph Walker, Police Commissioner Tennant, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Peters and Mr. Cecil Holder left here in Ald. Walker's motor boat for the salmon pools at Springhill, where they fished for a couple of hours before dark.

The only member of the party successful in landing a fish was Mr. Peters, who hooked two small salmon. They were only about eight inches long each, being second year fish, but were so badly injured by the hook that they were not thrown back into the water.

Mr. Peters caught both fish in casts from the bar about a mile or so above Springhill post office.

The gentlemen who composed the party of yesterday are of the opinion that when the fall run starts if the water is not too high and the logs are not running too thickly the salmon fishing at Springhill should be as good as it was a couple of years ago.

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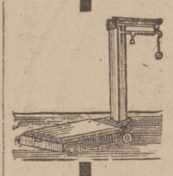
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And where the land she travels from? Away,
Far, far behind, is all that they can say.

On sunny noons upon the deck's smooth face,
Linked arm in arm, how pleasant here to pace;
Or, o'er the stern reclining, watch below
The foaming wake, far widening as we go.

On stormy nights, when wild north-westers rave,
How proud a thing to fight with wind and wave;
The dripping sailor on the reeling mast
Exults to fear, and scorns to wish it past.

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—Arthur Hugh Clough.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

AT THE CONCERT.

He—"That girl certainly has an admirable voice."

She—"Yes—for destroying silence."—Chicago News.

MATTER OF EXPERIENCE.

Hyker—"Did you read that article in Blank's Magazine on "The Passing of the Horse'?"

Pyker—"No; but I know all about it. The horse that carried my money was passed by all the other skates in the race."—Chicago News.

IN THE SWIM.

"By the way," queried Miss Blowitz, who had recently entertained a duke, "have you ever had any foreign noblemen as guests?"

"No," answered Mrs. Uppson; "only as servants."—Chicago News.

HER OBSERVATION.

He—"I love simple things above all else."

She—"Yes; I've noticed how self-satisfied you are."—Chicago News.

TAKEN BY THE HUSBAND.

"Do you take any periodicals?" asked the clergyman on his first round of parish visits.

"Well, I don't," replied the woman; "but my husband takes 'em frequent. I do wish you'd try to get him to sign the pledge."—Judge.

NOT THE MAN FOR THE PLACE.

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Merchant—"You won't do. We want a man with a discontented disposition; one that will hustle."—Philadelphia Press.

WHERE SHE GOT IT.

Miss Belle has such a mobile face."

"Now I think of it, I believe she does come from Alabama."—Baltimore American.

FINAL TEST.

Spongem—"I say, old man, in case I should die suddenly, will you make sure that I am really dead before they bury me?"

Knox—"Yes; you may depend on me. I'll ask you to have a drink, and if you don't sit up and take notice, I'll tell the undertaker to go ahead and plant you."—Chicago News.

SIGN OF PRECOCITY.

"I belave," declared the Irishman, "thot me youngest son's born t' be a surgeon."

"Phat leads ye t' say thot?" asked his friend.

"Oi caught him usin' th' scissors on a book Oi'd lately bought, an' before Oi could stop him, he cut out th' appindix."

HOW A WOMAN FIGURES.

She had worked her leap-year prerogative, but he was trying to dodge the issue.

"I appreciate your proposal," he said, "but my income is not sufficient for two."

"Oh, that's all right," she replied. "When we are married, we'll be one, you know."—Chicago News.

CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS

New Brunswick Author Has Written Another Animal Story --A Tribute to His Genius.

(Toronto News.)

Charles G. D. Roberts has a strong claim to be known as the first writer of to-day to put in shape the modern animal story. Animal stories, however, go far back in the history of fiction. Mr. Roberts for several reasons may be judged to hold the foremost place among present day writers of life in the wild. He knows the country and its untamed inhabitants thoroughly. Anyone who is familiar with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia must feel the very breath, stillness and perfume of these forests and clearings in Mr. Roberts' animal stories. The form which he uses possesses literary excellence, restraint and simplicity. He has an admirable sense of proportion. Some writers of animal stories, by an exaggerated sentiment, almost would convince their readers that wolves and bears are superior to men and women in powers of feeling and thinking. But Mr. Roberts keeps the balance between the two kingdoms. This is plainly seen in his latest book of animal stories, "The House in the Water (Boston: L. C. Page & Company). The people of the backwoods, where wild animal life and men meet constantly, are as true to their types as the animals are to theirs. Mr. Roberts tells only what has been observed by men. He does not imagine what goes on inside the beaver's house. "The House in the Water" is a splendidly successful book of animal stories and should find its way into every library meant for boys and girls.

It is pleasant to be able to add that Mr. Roberts has not wholly given up poetry for fiction. He has before this turned his hand with success to so many poetical styles that it is not surprising to find his name signed to a poem of seven stanzas in the Windsor Magazine, which paints, not nature, but a city of the imagination, where all good dreams come true. The cadences of the poem are often exquisite. Its meaning is true to the heart's desire. The concluding stanza reads as follows:

Here is fulfilled each hope that soared and sought
Beyond the bourns of thought.
The obdurate marble yields, the canvas glows,
Perfect the column grows;
The chorded cadence art could ne'er attain
Crowns the imperfect strain;
And the great song that seemed to die unsung
Triumphs upon the tongue.
Here the high failure, not the level fame,
Attests the spirit's aim;
And here the hearts by too frail flesh forsworn,
At last forget to mourn.

SCOTT ACT ACTIVITY.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

There is a good deal of Scott Act activity in the city this week. This morning it was said that third offence papers were being taken out, and there have been rumors that search warrants might be taken out at any time. The complainant in the city cases is A. Duncan Gunter, who acted as detective for the Scott Act Committee. On Friday several county and city cases will be up in the police court.

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