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IN THE LIME LIGHT

No little interest has been aroused by the fact that the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, has been sent up for trial on the charge of criminal libel preferred against him by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, one of the unsuccessful mayoralty candidates in Toronto.

The matter is discussed in a racy way by a writer in Toronto Saturday night, who says:—

"Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of The Globe, has done something that will either make him or break him as a journalist—he has done a thing that will either send him back to the land of the living or the land of the dead. He has driven his journal up a lane and he will either have to back out of it, or his political party will have to back out of the other end. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, as a candidate for the mayoralty of Toronto, was pursuing his whirlwind way in the direction of the winning post, when The Globe attacked him in an unexpected manner. It assailed him on the score of his personal habits. It published with circumstantial detail and conspicuous display a story of an escapade of his in the City of Stratford eighteen months ago—when, as it is alleged, he went on a spree, cut up rough, and had a whale of a time. The candidate at once issued a writ for libel, but the newspaper repeated its charges and published statements from persons in Stratford in support of its accusations. Yet, as a matter of actual fact, the people of Toronto at once began to discuss, not so much what Dr. Nesbitt had done in Stratford, as what J. A. Macdonald had done on the first page of The Globe. Everywhere people fell to debating the propriety of this form of newspaper attack. Was it in the public interest? Was it fair? Was it good policy? To what extent must a man be a sinner to make an attack along these lines justifiable? Such were the questions hotly debated in nearly every office and home in the city during the last two days of 1907."

But the writer in Saturday Night goes further and deals with the significance of the Globe's act as it relates to men of both parties in the future. Thus:—

"Perhaps a high conception of duty would impel a public journal to set a standard of morals and of personal habits to which all candidates for public office must conform or meet with that journal's condemnation. A journal bent on purifying public life might set itself such a task as that, unpleasant as it would be, and difficult as it is for one man to truly know and rightly judge the character and private life of his fellows. But if a journal begins that kind of thing and, professing a sincere devotion to the cause of decency, sacrifices one man whom it regards as a sinner, it can scarcely keep silent in regard to other similar offenders who seek public office—or, even if it is willing to keep quiet concerning sinners within its own political camp, it cannot force hostile journals to maintain this silence. It can, indeed, raise no objection if its own methods, and even its own words, are employed against members of its own political household."

Naturally, the question arises whether the Globe will apply the test to all candidates, and the writer continues:—

"Will The Globe apply the same test of fitness to its own friends in the provincial and Dominion elections that it has applied to its enemy, Dr. Nesbitt, in this mayoralty campaign? If not it will find itself and its party in a mighty hot spot when the campaign begins. The escapades of public men who are lauded by the Liberal organ will be published right and left. There is quite a lot of such material available, sad to say. Nowhere, perhaps, were Editor Macdonald's attacks on the personal delinquencies of a candidate read with greater dismay than in certain parts of the Liberal camp, where for some time past men have been grouped together deploring the scandal-mongering tendencies of Conservative newspapers and some members of parliament. Their own chief newspaper has now sanctioned this kind of campaign, has invited the enemy to proceed—and in the party camp there are some very angry men."

The writer in Saturday Night doubts if the Globe's course has been wise, unless he is prepared to hew to the line among political friends and foes; and even in that case doubts its propriety. For:—

"It is to be feared that, when attacks on private life and character become gen-

eral, slander will get in its work and innocent and guilty alike will suffer. Indeed, it is probable that the reputable, the sensitive, those with most to lose, would lose most, in a riot of scandal."

Not only the case against Mr. Macdonald, but the general attitude of the Globe toward public men who sometimes indulge to excess in the social glass will be watched with universal interest.

LOCAL OPTION

In connection with the local option campaign in Ontario the following statements from the Toronto News are of interest:—

There are 286 municipalities in Ontario under local option. Ninety-seven contests for the adoption of local prohibition are this week in progress. On January 3rd, 1894, a plebiscite was taken by the Mowat government, with this result:

For prohibition 192,489
Against 110,720

Majority for 81,769

On Sept. 29th, 1898, under the Dominion plebiscite ordered by the Laurier government, the vote in Ontario was:

For prohibition 154,498
Against 115,284

Majority for 39,214

Under the referendum of Dec. 4th, 1902, ordered by the Ross government, the vote was:

For prohibition 199,749
Against 103,548

Majority for 96,201

One of the most ably conducted of Canadian daily papers, the Victoria, B. C., Colonist, has hit upon a novel plan to benefit its employees without doing any injustice to its patrons. The Colonist estimates that it has been giving away free papers to persons in Victoria and other parts of the world to the value of about twenty-four hundred dollars per year. On Jan. 1st this free list was cut off, and a sick benefit fund established for the good of the employees of the paper. There are over one hundred names on its pay-roll. The man who formerly got a free paper may complain, but the employees of the Colonist will be more than ever devoted to its interests.

The Berlin (Germany) municipal authorities have ordered that the study of English be compulsory in the higher public schools of that city. A recent cable says:—"It is known that the Kaiser is strongly in favor of the change, which is regarded as the precursor to the introduction of English as an obligatory study throughout the German school system." Hitherto French has been compulsory and English optional. Now this is to be reversed.

Discussing the statement that liquor to the value of \$110,977 had been sold in Maine last year, a local advocate of prohibition informs the Times that there are about eleven hundred federal government agencies in Maine at which liquor is dispensed. With so many federal agencies it would not be very difficult to evade the state prohibition law.

At a meeting of the Ottawa school board last week the question of medical inspection of schools was quite fully discussed, and a committee was instructed to prepare a report on the subject. The chairman and several members of the board spoke strongly in favor of medical inspection.

Manufacturers would exempt machinery from taxation. The men of small income would exempt small incomes. If enough people could be prevailed upon to take a personal interest in the proposed new assessment law we would at least have a full and free discussion of the matter. That is really what is needed.

The decision of western Ontario to provide itself with cheap power is a warning to the power companies that public sentiment will not always favor paying high prices rather than take the trouble to provide power for its own services.

The Canadian Club of St. John will no doubt authorize its representatives at the meeting in Ottawa to co-operate with other clubs in forwarding the national battlefields project, which appeals to all Canadians.

It may be observed that so long as Sussex is as close as at present to St. John, and liquor is sold in St. John, there is a possibility of drunkenness in Sussex. But the sale of liquor in Sussex itself may be almost wholly stopped.

No more profitable enquiry than that in to the cost of coal and power in St. John compared with other places could engage the attention of the manufacturers of the city.

The board of trade, in common with the citizens generally, would like to know what has happened to the report of the citizens' committee on harbor improvements. Get busy, gentlemen.

A youth of eighteen, who goes about with a mask and revolver cartridges and burglar's tools, is not giving himself a very hopeful start in life.

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This city appears to have more than a fair proportion of dishonest youths. Petty thieving is too common.

Premier Robinson is still in doubt about the date of the elections. "Tomorrow and tomorrow."

HALIFAX TO HAVE
BRITISH TROOPS

An English Regiment Will Replace Canadian Troops on April 1st, and Canada Will Pay the Bills.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 7.—The troops at this garrison are to be replaced by a regiment from England in April. That this is a fact is generally accepted in military circles in Halifax. The Canadian government will pay all the expenses, as at present, but the men will come from the British Islands, the war department sending out a complete corps.

Canada finds it too difficult to enlist the

men and they cost more than the troops from England. Last week the head quarters staff in Halifax received orders that all enlistments for the various corps must cease, and that no more recruits will be accepted for the Halifax garrison. The military contractors have been notified that contracts for supplying the troops will be entered into for three months, carrying them on to the end of March.

Another fact which seems to lend color to the report that England will resume the garrisoning of the bases in the east and west is that soldiers wishing to take their discharge before the terms of their enlistments expire will be allowed to do this without buying themselves out as formerly, thus showing a disposition to cut down the force now here.

A Canadian Detective Agency man from St. John and Constable H. Wright, of Halifax, have recovered at Mahone Bay (N. S.), a large amount of goods from the cargo of the wrecked steamer Mount Temple, which had been misappropriated then. A number of the schooners saving the cargo from the wrecked steamer were transferred to the H. & S. W. Railway. The goods were checked at the station and on re-shipping, discrepancies became noticeable so Constable Wright, equipped with search warrants, started on a search in Mahone. In all a cartload has been recovered. Search is to be made at other places.

Mrs. Fred. Payne, of Lincoln, is visiting her sisters, Misses Reynolds, Union street.

THE LIE WAS THERE

A maiden named Grace,
With a sweet honest face,
Who was noted for telling the truth,
Gave her heart and her hand
To an upright young man,
Whose conduct was free from reproach.

One night at her home
They were talking alone,
'Twas the truth that the Bible contained
But she got a surprise
When he told her that lie
On its pages a foothold had gained.

She jumped with a scream
Like one roused from a dream:
'Twas the truth that the Bible contained
But she got a surprise
When he told her that lie
On its pages a foothold had gained.

St. John, January, 6th, 1907.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A TRIMMING.

"Your daughters certainly trimmed their Christmas tree very completely."
"Yes," said Paw Hoptoad, "an' they trimmed me just as completely. They're very thorough, the girls are."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HIS FAITH GONE.
"Johnny, do you believe in Santa Claus?"

"No. I did before the one we had at our house slipped and fell downstairs. I couldn't believe in anybody that talked the way he did."—Chicago Record-Herald.

UNANIMOUS.
"Deah me!" sighed Cholly Sappy, "I'm a twife undah the weather!"

"Of course you are," interrupted Miss Knox, "if you're under the weather at all."—Philadelphia Press.

NO ADVANTAGE IN CHANGING.
"You mean change your mind about anything, do you?"
"What's the use?" rejoined the egotist. "I found years ago that I was just as liable to be wrong the second time as I was the first."—Washington Star.

WHY SHE BURNED IT.

The Poet—"What did you do with that piece of manuscript on my table?"
His Wife—"I used it to light the fire with."

The Poet—"Wretched woman! didn't you know that paper contained a sonnet?"
His Wife—"Yes, dear, I read the sonnet."—Cleveland Leader.

THE WEATHER.

Golfer—"An' what like a day had ye here yesterday, Macpherson?"
Macpherson—"Oh, an' awfu' day! It was just pourin'!"

Golfer—"Weel, weel, an' in the toon we just had a local shower."
Macpherson—"Aw, weel, I can assure you it wasna local here whatever."—Punch.

NOT IN SO MUCH OF A HURRY.

Passenger—"Are you goin' to hang about here all day, or what?"
Cab Driver—"If yer don't like it, yer can git off an' walk."

Passenger—"Oh, that's all right. I'm not in such a hurry as all that!"—Punch.

STILL TRUE.

"There was a time," said young Rakeleigh, who had gone through a fortune, "when people used to say I had more money than brains, but they can't say it now."

"Why not?" asked Pepprey.
"Because. I'm down to my last dollar now."

"Well, but you've got the dollar."—Philadelphia Press.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Thomas S. Martin

Hon. Thomas Staples Martin, one of the United States Senators from Virginia and who entered the senate in 1895, was born at Scottsville, Va., on July 29th, 1847. In 1863 his father removed to a farm which was located about two miles outside of Senator Martin's native village and he still resides on this property. Senator Martin attended the Virginia Military Institute during the Civil War and when the students of this historic institution volunteered for military service in the Confederate army he went along. After the war, Senator Martin studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1869.

PRESENTATION
TO REV. J. E. HAND

The annual New Year's entertainment for the infant class of St. James' church was held last evening in the Sunday school. There were about 120 children present, and each received a gift at the hands of Santa Claus, who was impersonated by R. J. Dibblee.

After the distributor, Mr. Dibblee, on behalf of the congregation, presented to Rev. J. Edward Hand, the rector, a purse of \$81 in gold. A most enjoyable time was spent. A pleasing feature was the large attendance of the parents of the children.

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