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DR. DANIEL TALKS

"Are you for us—or against us?"
"I am."

The above dialogue reveals Dr. Daniel's attitude on the naval question. He talked to the Standard to the extent of nearly two columns, described the government as trying to make up its mind on the naval question and "whip lagging followers into line," referring in grandiose fashion to the "grand old flag," talked of the Richibucto wharf matter as being "fably handled by Mr. O. S. Crockett of Fredericton," talked of Indian lands, the Hestia, and other things—but failed to state whether he stood with Borden and Foster or Roblin and Hazen on the naval question. This was a serious omission.

Mr. Hazen has spoken. So have Ald, Baxter and Mr. W. H. Thorne. Dr. Daniel must do what he describes the government as trying to do. He must make up his mind.

On such matters as the wreck of the Hestia, Dr. Daniel's mind is fully made up. The government is to blame for the disaster, and it has been on the wrong side in several other matters. Of this Dr. Daniel is profoundly convinced. But this matter of the navy is different. Will he follow the calm and thoughtful Mr. Borden, or the tory swashbuckler of the prairie province—Mr. Roblin? Mr. Haultain of Saskatchewan has endorsed the Roblin programme, but the west is not deeply moved by those gentlemen. The Saskatchewan legislature has voted down a resolution which called for the immediate contribution of a Dreadnought, and there was not a break in the Liberal ranks. The western Liberals stand for a Canadian navy. It may be that the sea air during the holiday season will have a sufficiently bracing effect to enable Dr. Daniel to make up his mind. A conference with Dr. Silas Alward might do him some good.

ROBLIN AND HAZEN

Premier Roblin of Manitoba has given vigorous expression to an utter lack of faith in the loyalty, capacity and honesty of the Canadian people. In his speech on the naval question he asserted that the policy which provides for a Canadian navy is a policy tending toward separation, and that any navy which Canada could produce would be a "tinpot navy," which the British navy would have to defend.

Premier Roblin is wrong. Those who stand for a Canadian navy, to be a part of the British navy, and ready always to co-operate in the defence of the empire, are quite as loyal as Mr. Roblin himself. Are the Canadian people less loyal to the empire today than they were in the days when their affairs were directed from Downing street? Has disloyalty grown with increased powers of self-government? The very reverse has been the case. Canada was never more loyal than now, and never so proudly conscious of the value of the imperial relationship. This offer of a navy to co-operate with the British navy, by protecting imperial as well as Canadian commerce, and being always ready to join in the empire's defence, is in itself an evidence and pledge of devoted loyalty. Premier Roblin is wrong.

As to a "tinpot navy," the assertion by the Manitoba premier is a reflection upon the capacity and honesty of the Canadian people which will be very warmly resented. Canadians have shown their ability to build ships, railways and canals; to develop a new country with extraordinary success; to fight for their own and for the empire when that was necessary; to build up their seaports, develop their mines, build cities, create great industries, and meet the world in open competition. Are they not as able to build destroyers, cruisers and warships for the protection of their commerce and the defence of the empire? There is more in this than the mere construction of vessels, giving employment to a certain number of men. It means the development of national spirit, underlying which, and giving it direction, is the spirit of devotion to the empire. This is not a bribe offered to the seaboard provinces, but a policy which will make for national and imperial unity and strength, and enable Canada to aid in protecting her rapidly growing commerce on the seas. This she should do, and her people are in no mood to have it done

for hire. They will do it themselves to the extent of their ability.

It seems to us that nothing could be more gratifying to the mother country than the display of self-reliance and a proper spirit of independence by the overseas states.

Premier Roblin's implied charge that the Canadian government could not be trusted to build a navy, because graft would make it a "tinpot" affair, may be passed over as the reckless utterance of an unscrupulous partisan.

Premier Hazen and some leading St. John Conservatives have declared themselves in sympathy with Mr. Roblin to the extent which they, too, favor a direct contribution to the admiralty. They oppose a Canadian navy. It is evident that a vigorous attempt is being made to stampede Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster, who have declared themselves for a navy built by Canadians in Canada. The situation is a very interesting one. The Liberal party in the house and in the country will support the government's policy. The Conservatives do not agree among themselves. Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster are placed in a very awkward position. The debate on the naval bill, after the holidays, will be the most interesting one of the session.

Dr. Silas Alward is a Conservative who does not agree with Mr. Hazen and Mr. Roblin, but with Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster. His views, which are quoted in today's Times, are those of a robust and loyal Canadian, whose loyalty to the empire will not be questioned. He stands for a Canadian navy.

"We view with alarm," says the Ottawa Citizen, "that the little town of Newfreew is expending \$60,000 for that which is not bread, namely, two hockey players. In the face of such extravagance we can only hope that the snowball crop will not be a failure in that vicinity this season."

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"Desirous as it is of doing everything possible to aid the movement, organized to stay the ravages of the 'white plague,' the dominion government has unfortunately its hands tied by the provisions of the British North America Act which delegates the function of regulating public health to the provinces, but the sympathetic speech of the minister of agriculture may be taken as an assurance that the appeal of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis for a larger grant shall not have been in vain."

The Times the other day quoted from the Ottawa Citizen (Conservative) an article in praise of Mr. Fielding and his budget, in which it was pointed out that in a country growing as Canada is growing there must be an increasing expenditure. The London Financier takes the same view. Commenting on the Canadian budget, it says that the manner in which the public debt of Canada has been kept down in spite of the growing prosperity of the Dominion, reflects the highest possible credit on Mr. Fielding.

"The government of Quebec will prohibit the exportation of pulp wood as a protection to the people of our own province," was the statement of Hon. Jules Allard, minister of lands and forests in the Gouin administration, to the Ottawa Citizen last week. "We will simply say that we have no more wood to sell to foreign countries, and that is all there is to it. It is merely looking after the interests of our people first. With our millions of undeveloped horse power and limitless forests, we think that we can look after our own interests."

One of the former declarations of Joseph Chamberlain is now being used with effect by his opponents in the British election campaign. It is as follows:—"If I had time I could point out to you the absurdity and impracticability of such schemes as that (referring to the Fair Trade proposals of the eighties), but what I say now is that if it could be carried out it means that every workman in Birmingham and throughout the country should pay more for his loaf, and more for his clothes, and more for every other necessary of his life in order that great manufacturers might keep up their profits and in order, above all, that great landlords might maintain and raise their rents."

MUST BE NO BOYS

AMONG CRIMINALS

(Montreal Witness.)

"Take that boy out of there!" Mr. Recorder Weir's voice rang indignantly through the court room as a youthful face appeared in the dock, elbowed and jostled by drunks and the people who have become Inspector O'Keefe's special care.

"Who is responsible for that boy's appearance in the dock with criminals and prostitutes?" angrily inquired the recorder. Selecting the official who had made the error, he delivered a severe lecture to him.

"It is not only a disgrace that such a thing should occur, but it is against the law, and the parties responsible are liable to punishment," he said.

By a peculiar coincidence, it was only a moment later when another youthful face appeared over the rail, that of Leo Lapierre arrested for vagrancy.

The recorder's wrath broke out afresh and Captain Landriault was told to convey to the men responsible the court's order that such a thing must under no circumstances occur again.

Bisson-Jackson is an optimist.

His Wife—What is an optimist, Tom?

Bisson—An optimist is a man who doesn't care what happens so long as it doesn't happen to him.

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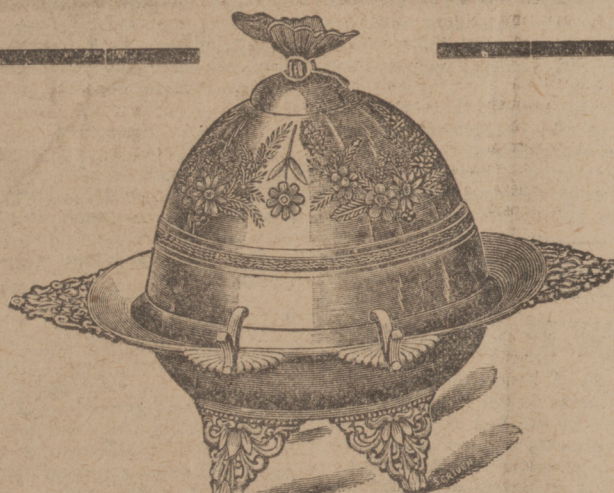
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Christmas in the castle, with so many things and fine.

Christmas in the village, with its neighbors on the street.

And friendship smiling at you from the faces of the many.

But Christmas home with mother—you may take away the rest.

And give me that for gladness that is tenderest and best.

Christmas home with mother as it used to be, you know.

In life's divine reversion to the dreams of long ago;

The old house ringing laughter from the lips of chick and child.

The old dreams dancing after in the hearts just fairly wild.

And the old familiar revel and the dinner with its smells

Of the old familiar dishes with their haunting homespun spells.

Turn back again, oh, marchers in the ranks that lead away

From Christmas home with mother to the fields of fame and fray.

The triumph may be tempting and the victory fine and sweet,

But Christmas home with mother makes the heart forget the street.

And the roaring world around one, and the new life for the old.

And its fanfare and its tinsel and its gift without the gold.

Christmas home with mother—'tis a dream to make one creep

To the attic as in childhood, for a little childhood sleep.

And the waking at her calling, and the marching single file

To the Christmas in the parlor with our faces wreathed in smile

At the tender expectation—how it glows

Of the things we said we wanted and the things we knew we'd get.

Christmas home with mother—when its train time let me know,

For my heart has bought a ticket to the days of long ago.

And I have lost the city, with its splendor and its gleam.

In the Christmas home with mother that has come to be my dream—

The old house and the childhood, and her sweet face waiting there

For the phantom sons and daughters single file upon the stair.

—Bentztown Bard in the Baltimore Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

PERHAPS SO.

In Saxony they manufacture yarns. That's where a lot of yarns all get their names from;

I wonder if that country wasn't where Our old friend Ananias really came from? —St. Louis Star.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF IT.

First Autoist—"Is that the same automobile you bought the spring?"

Second Autoist—"All except the body and three wheels."—Catholic News.

UNCLE EZRA SAYS.

"It is in the nat'v things that if you go out in your way to do some one a favor you'll either get run over or else fall into a ditch."—Boston Herald.

THE FIRST THING.

Mrs. Wise—"So you're going to marry and go to housekeeping, eh? Why, you don't know the first thing about keeping house."

Miss Pert—"Oh, yes, I do."

Mrs. Wise—"I'd like to know what?"

Miss Pert—"The first thing is to get a man to keep house for."—Catholic News.

SEASONABLE.

Mother (to daughter)—"I hear that young man that calls on you has the reputation of being very fast and forward. The next time he calls I'll see him myself."

Mabel—"Oh, you needn't bother me. Although what you've heard is right, he's the fastest forward our town football team has ever had."

THE SYNDICATED HERO.

"Let one man stand at my right hand," Horatius quoth, "and I will abide at my left side and keep the bridge with me. Three men, I vow, can make it hot for catfish foes like these; and when we write about the fight, we'll share the royalties."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A SMILE.

"What a beautiful thing it is, Mrs. Bates, to see your two little boys always together!" the summer boarder exclaimed in ecstasy, on the approach of Bobby and Tommy Bates, hand in hand. "Such brotherly love is as rare as it is exquisite."

Mrs. Bates nodded in pleasing assent. "I tell Ezzy," she said, "that they're as inseparable as a pair of pants."—The Youth's Companion.

TROUBLE IN THE PEDRO CLUB.

Indignation marked the meeting of the Pedro club last week.

The women were so angry that they scarce had power to speak.

O, it's plain a split is coming, ere another month is o'er.

There will be two clubs, I'm certain, where one was known before.

And the cause of all the trouble is that Mrs. Graham claims

That Mrs. Schultz had come outside and called her awful names.

When the meeting came to order Mrs. Graham took the floor.

And her face was white with anger, it was plain that she was sore:

"I've heard," she loudly shouted, "from a dear old friend of mine,

That Mrs. Schultz is hoping that I'm going to resign;

And, furthermore, she stated that she doesn't like my style,

That my house is always dirty, that I'm gadding all the while."

"I never did," cried Mrs. Schultz, "my dears, that isn't so!"

"Keep still," said Mrs. Graham, "till I've told you all I know;

A friend of her told Mrs. Paine, a neighbor on our street,

That Mrs. Schultz had told her that you women think I cheat.

And she said that with my husband I don't get along at all!"

Here she broke down altogether and began to loudly bawl.

"Shame! Shame!" cried Mrs. Graham's friends, whose tears fell like the rain.

"Hold on! Hold on!" the others cried, "let Mrs. Schultz explain!"

"She can't explain," they answer made, and then the fight began.

In fury, friends of Mrs. Schultz replied: "She can! She can!"

And thus they squabbled back and forth and made a great ado.

And if that club ever meets again, 'twill have to meet in two.

—Detroit Free Press.

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