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THE TWO HUMORISTS

Dr. Daniel, M. P., has given a pledge, and Mr. Crocket, M. P., has made a discovery. These gentlemen constitute the remnant of Conservative representation from New Brunswick in the house of commons. On Saturday they were guests at the Lafontaine Club in Montreal. Dr. Daniel assured the Quebec Conservatives that their party would have a majority from this province after the next federal elections. Mr. Crocket announced the important—even startling—discovery that the prestige of Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been "greatly damaged," during the few weeks parliament has been in session.

The unfortunate fact in relation to the remraks made by these gentlemen is that they made similar ones prior to the elections which left them sad and lonely in the midst of a cheerful group of Liberal members from this province. They had predicted a Conservative majority. They had discovered that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prestige was hopelessly destroyed. But after the battle the Liberals were in possession of the field, and the presitge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been greatly enhanced.

Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crocket told the Quebec men that the lack of a party press was the main cause of Conservative defeat in New Brunswick. And yet the Fredericton Gelaner made a great noise. The only change that has taken place since has been the establishment of the St. John branch of the Gleaner—known as the Standard.

The Conservatives must do more than this to gain a majority. They must have a leader and a policy to command at least the united support of the party. They must have candidates who do more than prophesy and denounce. Their first work must be done in their own ranks.

The prestige of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not been damaged. He remains the great commanding figure in Canadian politics. He is the leader of a party of action. The country is making wonderful progress under Liberal rule. Even Conservatives admit that 1910 will be the banner year in the history of Canadian development. Conservative statesmen in their palmiest days of power were not so progressive as the Liberal government of today. Before there is a change their opponents must give to the country convincing evidence that they have a better policy and better men to carry it into effect. At the present time a Conservative premier would encounter some difficulty in discovering cabinet timber in the province of New Brunswick. If he needed a minister of mirth doubtless the humorists who represent the province now would be available, but governing a country is a serious businesss.

PORT DEVELOPMENT

Major George W. Stephens, chairman of the Montreal harbor commission, in his address in this city recently, before the Canadian Club, on the subject of seaport facilities, referred to the enormous natural difficulties that had to be faced and overcome to equip some British and European ports, such as Glasgow, Newcastle, Antwerp, Hamburg and others. Major Stephens insisted that Canada by comparison was exceptionally fortunate in her natural seaports, and would have far less trouble to encounter in equipping them to handle the trade of the country.

An instance similar to those cited by Major Stephens is found also in South America, at the port of Montevideo. With a commanding situation near the entrance of the River Plate estuary, the trade and wealth of Montevideo have increased rapidly in recent years. But for the purpose of this article we are interested only in the development of the facilities of the port of Montevideo. The following, from correspondence recently published in a Boston paper, tells the story:—

"The harbor is magnificent, but near the city so shallow that until recently all vessels had to lie off in the roads, and landing of both goods and passengers was made by lighters and small boats. The enormous amount of silt brought down by the Plate had formed a great bank, extending far out into the ocean, thus making the estuary both broad and shallow. To overcome this disadvantage Montevideo inaugurated in 1901 a camprehensive plan to excavate the harbor and approaches and by long breakwaters prevent the silt from settling in the excavations. The work is nearing completion, and when finished Montevideo, with its deep water channel and its large basin and docks in front of the city, will be a great port, and in time may rival Buenos Aires, across the La Plata, both in commercial importance and in population. This great harbor improvement is not being constructed with the aid of foreign capital, but with money derived from current resources. The act of 1899 authorizing the work provides for additional export and import duties, known as 'extra duties,' for the construction of the port of Montevideo. From the date of the passage of this act to November, 1902, these duties had produced $2,795,942, which amount has been turned over to the commission entrusted with the work. In the first five years the amount expended had increased to over $4,000,000, and about the same rate of expenditure has been since maintained. The work is so far advanced as to permit the use of the harbor by the largest vessels, an advantage which is bringing a constantly increasing tonnage to Montevideo."

ONTARIO AND LICENSE

The remarkable change that has taken place in Ontario in the last ten years with regard to the liquor traffic is emphasised by more than the recent testimony of the premier, Sir James Whitney. The campaign against the saloon in that province has attracted the attention of the press, and we find the Ottawa Journal, which is very far from being a rabid partisan, submitting the following estimate of the situation as it appears to the editor of that paper:—

"Brantford and Peterborough among the cities of Ontario, and a hundred and fifty other towns and municipalities vote next month on the license or no license question, and judging by past Ontario results the larger portion of this number will give the necessary three-fifths vote against licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors. Out of Ontario's 806 municipalities 334 have already forbidden the sale of liquor within their borders. If sixty-nine of the 150 municipalities vote in January in favor of no license then half the municipalities of Ontario will have come under the influence of total prohibition. And, once a district comes under the influence of prohibition it is almost an unknown thing for it to go back to the license system. The prohibition tide is slowly but resistlessly sweeping across Ontario, ad before many years the probability is that all municipalities in which the rural vote predominates will have absolutely forbidden the sale of liquor within their borders. And in time the cities will likely follow the country. In Canadian political matters the rural vote is generally ahead of the city vote, and a government that is on the down grade usually loses grasp on the country constituencies before the change takes place in the centres of population. This gives reason for thinking that cities of Ontario, although slower than the rural districts, will at last come around to the country idea in this matter of prohibition."

BANGOR PLAYGROUNDS

The following article from the Bangor Commercial, showing the benefits derived from the supervised playground movement in that city, is commended to the readers of the Times:—

"It was a very interesting analysis of the playground movement in Bangor that Dr. Peters, for the committee on playgrounds, read before the Twentieth Century club Tuesday evening. The members of the Twentieth Century club took the initiative in securing for the children of Bangor the benefits of public playgrounds and there must have been much satisfaction for them in the consideration of the work that has already been accomplished in this line of progress. A very interesting feature of the report was the reading of extracts from a diary kept by a young lady who had charge of one of the public playgrounds last summer. These extracts showed the progress in self-government made by the children and that the young people, who were almost ungovernable in the early days of the playground, very soon became an orderly community taking pride in assisting in conducting the playground in a methodical and businesslike manner. It is gratifying to learn from the report of the committee that plans are on foot to continue the playground movement during the winter months, for it is felt and rightly that the results achieved are too valuable to allow the benefits to be lost by suspension of the work from one summer vacation to the next. The benefits of the public playgrounds are found to be mental and moral as well as physical, and the extension of the work will be hailed with pleasure by the parents as well as by the children."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley's willingness to do all in his power to aid in the construction of a harbor bridge moves the Standard to cry "humbug." What the Standard should really endeavor to do is to locate Mr. Hazen on the bridge question.

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It is stated that Hon. Mr. Fielding will announce a record surplus, and that there will be no material tariff changes. The country is highly prosperous.

WANTED TOO MUCH.

She—Why, when I married you you said that I could have everything that my heart could desire.

He—I never dreamed you had such a big heart.

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Boys' Suits $2.00 to $15.00
House Coats $3.50 to $5.00
Dressing Coats $2.50 to $15

Suit Cases $1.75 to $17.50
Club Bags $2.00 to $9.50
Combination Sets 75c. to $1.50.
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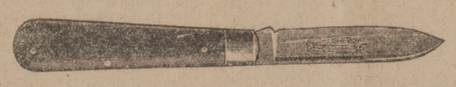
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AMBITION

(Frederick George Scott)

With child-faith dead, and youth-dreams gone like mist,
We stand at noon beneath the blazing sun,
Upon life's dusty road our course half done.
In glare and heat the race must now be run.

Then from the brazen sky rings out a voice:
"Faint not, strong souls; quit you like men, rejoice
Like men, ye bear the stress and strain
With eyes unbound, seeing life's naked truth;
Gird up your loins; press on with might and main
And taste a richer wine than that of youth.

(G. F. Cameron)

You ask for fame or power?
Then up and take for text:
This is my hour,
And not the next, nor next!
Up, up! All fame, all power
Lies in this golden text:
This is my hour—
And not the next, nor next!
(Archibald Lampwan)

So to address our spirits to the height,
And so attune them to the valiant whole,
That the great light be clearer for our light,
And the great soul the stronger for our soul.
To have done this is to have lived.
(Theodore Roberts)

I loved Ambition, for he promised me
Great things—green wreaths, a name to belt the world;
I glanced at Life, who sat beside the hearth,
And saw his cynic lips with laughter curled.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

YOU'D BETTER!

When a woman's heart
Is worn on her sleeve,
She has something up it,
You'd better believe.

—Philadelphia Bulletin.

TOO MUCH.

Wife: "What would you like for your birthday, Robert?"
Robert: "Nothing, thank you. I cannot afford it."

HIS CONSCIENCE

"What makes you feel so uncomfortable when you have done wrong?" asked a teacher who was lecturing his pupils on conscience.
"My father's leather strap," answered a little boy.

FORESIGHT.

"O papa," cried the sweet girl, "I hope you didn't hurt Arthur!"
"Hurt nothing!" yelled the old man limping around and holding his foot in his hand—"hurt nothing! And you tell Arthur that the next time he comes around here with bricks in his coat-tail pockets, there'll be blood!"

RIGHT STREET.

Now, as to street locations,
There's one you cannot beat,
For everybody's anxious.
To live on Easy street.

—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A HOSPITABLE MAN.

Knicker—Is Jones hospitable?
Backer—Very! he has invited all his friends to visit him during the next Hudson-Fulton celebration.

—New York Sun.

A BODY BLOW.

Vaccinating a man with micrococusneofo-remens is said to be a cure for cancer, which is a god-send if true, but what a blow it deals the simplified spelling movement.

A CHRISTMAS IDEA.

"I think I'll have my picture taken."
"What for?"
"Oh, they make lovely Christmas gifts for folks you don't care to spend much money on."

THE AMENDMENT.

Disgusted Customer—I bought a currant bun here yesterday, and I found a fly in it. I want you to exchange the bun for another.
Confectioner—Can't do that, sir; but if you will bring me back the fly I'll give you a currant for it.—Weekly Telegraph.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

In a signed advertisement a Humansville merchant says: "Listen! About twenty-one years ago I fell in love with a girl in North Missouri, who, after a desperate courtship, was crazy enough to marry me. Standing before the preacher, said girl agreed to marry me for better or worse, and I agreed to love and protect her as long as I lived. I am not protecting her if I stay in the mercantile business any longer. Every one who knows our store knows that Mrs. R. needs rest, and no one can take her place. So it's either kill a woman or quit. We've decided to quit."—Kansas City Star.

"FOIVE!"

An Irishman was walking along a road beside a golf links when he was suddenly struck between the shoulders by a golf ball. The force of the blow almost knocked him down. When he recovered he observed a golfer running towards him.
"Are you hurt?" asked the player, "Why didn't you get out of the way?"
"An' why should I get out of the way?" asked Pat. "I didn't know there were any assassins round here."
"But I called 'Fore!' " said the player, and when I say 'Fore!' that is a sign for you to get out of the way."
"Oh, it is, is it?" said Pat. "Well, thin, whin I say 'Foive!' it is a sign that you are going to get hit on the nose. 'Foive!' "

CHRISTMAS ROD AND GUN.

In wealth of matter and variety of subjects, everyone interesting to sportsmen, the Christmas (December) number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Woodstock, Ont., is notable. An appropriate Christmas tinge is given to the first two stories. Hunting, fishing and exploring papers, widely different in character and displaying in a remarkable way the wonderful resources of the Dominion in these several respects, fill the number. The study of the wild waterfowl of the Pacific coast by Bonnycastle Dale will appeal to all lovers of bird life, while the stories of days with the deer, mountain sheep, bear, wolves and a fox will recall many pleasant experiences. Bird shooters will revel in the papers dealing with duck and woodcock, while there is one on grouse shooting in the Motherland. Mountain climbing in east and west, a mysterious Indian story, fishing, from tuna and salmon to trout, and many other items will interest all readers.

DEEP-SEATED COUGH

Cured in 5 Hours—New Home-Made Syrup.

(Cut this out)
From Boston Press.

Progress in medical compounds never ceases, and now it is stated by a prominent medical man that any deep-seated cough or cold on the lungs can be actually cured in five hours by the clock. Opium and morphine have been resorted to in the past, as relief measures. But now it is learned that the system must be treated to rid it of inflammation and congestion. A tonic laxative cough syrup does the work so quickly and thoroughly as to be almost magical. What heretofore has taken weeks to cure can be accomplished in hours. Get this formula filled or mix it at home and always keep it on hand: One-half ounce fluid wild cherry bark, one ounce compound essence cardiol and three ounces syrup white pine compound. Shake the bottle and take twenty drops every half hour for four hours. Then take one-half teaspoonful three or four times a day until the system is purified and toned up. Give children less according to age. One filling will usually cure a whole family, as the dose is small.

QUEEN SQUARE SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

The 100th anniversary of the Queen square Methodist Sunday school was fittingly celebrated last evening. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, especially noticeable being a large sign adorning the wall over the platform, reading: "We Praise Thee, O God, For Our Centennial." Each letter of the word centennial was made of white roses.

The following programme was carried out:
Organ prelude.
Song—Our School So Dear (Garlands).
Prayer.
Sunday school hymn.
Song—The Happy Song (Garlands).
Scripture lesson.
Superintendent's address.
Song—Our Festive Day So Bright.
Address, A. B. Gilmour.
Presentation to Mrs. Blizzard.
Song—Sowing the Seed (Garlands).
Patsor's address.
Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers.

Superintendent R. Duncan Smith opened his address by extending to all present a most hearty welcome. He trusted that all would be interested in the programme of the evening. He stated that the Sunday school was over 100 years old, yet was not infirm. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Smith also referred to the efficiency of the present Sunday school staff, which was composed of six university graduates and five who had been or are trained school teachers. He concluded by urging all those of the congregation who are not at present members of the Sunday school to become members at once.

Mr. Gilmour's historical sketch of the school proved to be very interesting. He dwelt with its history from its inception here in 1791 by the Rev. Abraham John Bishop up to the present day. During his lecture Mr. Gilmour also made reference to the fact that the school on Thursday lost one of its members of the years 1839 and 1840 in the death of John Jackson.

The pastor, Rev. H. D. Marr, paid a glowing tribute to A. B. Gilmour for the excellently prepared lecture which he had given, and stated that the Sunday school should feel proud of having in its possession a man capable of bringing so difficult a task to so satisfactory an issue.

Continuing, Mr. Marr said that if the school were going to choose a motto, they could choose no better one than "Our debt to the past and our duty to the present."

"Today we are a strong and mighty people, but to whom do we owe it? To none other than our predecessors who worked so hard that we might enjoy the fruits of their labors. Can we ever repay them? Yes, by doing our duty to the present. Although behind us is a century of vast accomplishments, yet before us is a future with even greater conquests to be made. Let us take up our task, then, always remembering that the reward is equal to the price paid."

A pleasing feature of the celebration was the presentation to Mrs. Stephen Blizzard of a handsome bouquet in memory of her life-long devotion to Sunday school work. Mrs. Blizzard has the distinction of having served seventy-nine years in this connection.

Mrs. Blizzard gave to the school a substantial donation in memory of four deceased children who were members.

The present officers of the school are:—R. Duncan Smith, supt.; N. A. Rogers, asst. supt.; S. W. Thompson, secretary; Ralph Stephens, asst. secy.; A. B. Gilmour, treas.; A. T. B. Howard, asst. treas.; C. M. Tingley and L. V. Lingley, librarians; Miss Josephine Betts, supt. Home Dept. The musical part of yesterday's programme was under the leadership of J. F. Bullock, and Master Harry Dunlap presided at the organ. The music was of exceptional excellence.

At 8 o'clock this evening there will be a platform service when letters from old members will be read and addresses delivered by old and visiting superintendents.

A TRYO.

Dayne—Is De Pride much of a bridge player?
Payne—No; when his partner asks "Shall I play?" he always answers "Go ahead."

WENT DOWN ALL RIGHT.

Howard—Have you been down skating yet?
Evelyn—Oh! yes. I was down several times while skating.

HE FEELS IT.

Quiz—Does a draft give you cold chills down your back?
Whiz—It does when my bank account is overdrawn.

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Men's Fine Brown and Black Kid, Turned Sewed, Opera Cut Slipper, *$2.00, 2.25, 2.50*
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