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DR. PUGSLEY AND MR. HAZEN

Readers of the morning papers must have observed that Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Premier Hazen, as public men, are brought into sharp contrast, much to the disadvantage of the latter.

Take the matter of the harbor bridge, Dr. Pugsley states that he and his colleagues are fully aware of the national aspect of this work, and especially its value to the government railway system; hence they are ready to ask parliament to pay one-third of its cost.

Take again the matter of the St. John Valley Railway. The Standard, speaking again for Mr. Hazen, charges Dr. Pugsley with delaying that project, but Dr. Pugsley shows that whenever Mr. Hazen sends to Ottawa the information asked for the government will take up the subject without delay.

In an interview in the Telegraph this morning, which the Times reproduces on another page, Dr. Pugsley refers to other important matters in a manner which shows that he is alive to the interests of this port. There is the matter of the transfer of the west side lots, already too long delayed by the city council, which should be completed at once, in order that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company may proceed with its plans for the enlargement of its terminal facilities, which are of so much importance to the trade of this port.

With regard to Courtenay Bay, Dr. Pugsley states that the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific has informed him that their engineers report that this site offers the best possible facilities for terminals upon a large scale, and that the company are desirous of making one of their Atlantic termini at St. John.

In this interview the minister says much that should encourage and stimulate the citizens to active effort along several important lines of progress. With so able and earnest an advocate at Ottawa the interests of the city, so far as government action is concerned, are safe. It only remains for the citizens to do their part, with the same abiding confidence in the future of St. John.

OLD AGE ANNUITIES

The audience which listened to Mr. N. W. Brown at the Every Day Club last evening was well repaid, Mr. Brown can make figures interesting, and his explanation of the Canadian system of old age annuities was clear and simple, so that all could understand. His picture of the dollars put away by this system working ceaselessly at four per cent compound interest to yield in later years an annual allowance for the benefit of the annuitant was a very attractive one.

Referring to the telephone monopolies a New York journal well says: "Single concerns of great power at financial centres, controlling railroads, telegraphs or telephones in different sections of the country, and possibly working together with a 'community of interest' throughout the whole field of transportation or communication, is the least desirable of all things in this kind of development. The more widely diffused the ownership and control of these facilities, the safer and better for the communities concerned and for the country as a whole; and there must be a system of state and interstate regulation and supervision established which will secure the best interests and the safety of the public or a centralized power will be established that may become an intolerable plutocracy."

indicated has been reached. The rest is easy. As a result of Mr. Brown's address there should be many enquiries, for he showed with great clearness how easy it is to make the small change ordinarily frittered away become a boon and blessing in after years. The lesson of thrift was well taught in his address, and he pointed out also the very important fact that the moment a man begins to plan for the future welfare of his family he begins to develop a higher manhood; for it tends to sobriety, industry and careful habits of life. The Canadian system of old age annuities is essentially a system for the working man, and the man of small income. It tends to remove the dread of poverty in old age. It has been in active operation less than a year, and yet the amount already invested in it shows that wherever the system is fully explained the people realize the benefit to be derived. Canada is a young country, and it is well that this system, which encourages thrift and is a bulwark against poverty in old age, should become a part of the national heritage. The Times heartily commends its readers everywhere to hear Mr. Brown when he visits their localities, and familiarize themselves with the system of old age annuities.

A CONVENTION

The announcement is made that a Liberal convention for the province will be held in the near future. This will be good news for the opponents of the Hazen government. The by-elections held since the date of the general provincial elections proved that a reaction had set in early against the new government, because of the failure of Mr. Hazen to live up to his professions, and his changed attitude toward Liberals the moment he attained power. Premier Hazen has been a disappointment to his own party. They expected results that have not followed his elevation to the premiership of New Brunswick. The farmers are still seeking to discover the agricultural policy which Hon. Dr. Landry is supposed to have concealed about his person. They are also waiting with growing impatience for the advent of the promised good roads system. The vacant farms that were to be peopled are still vacant, and in the back settlements the number of them is increasing. Mr. Hazen in power is not the same Mr. Hazen who in opposition made loud professions of ability to give the province progressive government. Therefore many people who supported him will hail with satisfaction the prospect of a Liberal convention and the declaration of a policy which will make for real progress.

CANADA AT WASHINGTON

The attempt of the New York Herald and other United States journals to manufacture a grievance for Canada out of the fact that there is not a Canadian representative at Washington does not get any encouragement from either party in Canada. Thus the Toronto World, Conservative, says: "Our imperial fellow citizens in the United Kingdom need not fear and our neighbors of the United States need not expect that Canada will be influenced by the admonitions or opinions of New York newspapers. The Canadian people are quite competent to manage their own affairs without interference, and are much better informed than are the great majority of United States public men regarding the character of their relationship to the mother country. They know well that they can have direct representation in Washington whenever they are satisfied it is for their interest. Sir Wilfrid Laurier very properly pointed out during the discussion on Mr. Lewis' motion asking for a Canadian adviser at Washington, that matters are very different now from what they were at an earlier period. Not the least valuable consequence of the appointment of the present distinguished British ambassador, Prof. Bryce, was his immediate visit to Canada for the purpose of getting into that close personal touch with her government and her national feeling which he has maintained and deepened. There are obvious advantages in having international questions discussed by a statesman of his calibre and if the precedents established in his case and by him are followed in future, Canadians will not worry about theoretical difficulties."

Sir William Macdonald has donated \$1,000 to the Boys' Farm and Training School at Shawbridge, Quebec, where a successful effort is being made to reclaim youthful delinquents.

The decision of the Liberals of York county to establish a new paper in Fredericton has been learned with satisfaction by Liberals throughout the province. York county should be redeemed, and a live local newspaper would greatly assist.

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To shame and wide disaster swiftly sent.
Struck by his steel to flight—in wonderment
To see that calm brow wear the battle frown.

For he was courteous as a knight of old,
And he the very soul of friendliness;
The spirit of youth in him lost never its power;
So sweet his soul, his passing smile could bless;
But this one passion all his long life held:
To serve his Master to the last lingering hour.
—Richard Watson Gilder.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAZARDOUS.
Many a fellow gets a financial cold when he pays no attention to his draft.—Manchester Union.
THE ONLY LIMIT.
She—Father, I want to buy a hat; will you give me a check?
He—Certainly. How much do you want?
She—How much have you left in the bank?—Judge.

SEASONABLE EXERCISE.

Skimming the bank roll for those in misfortune is better exercise than sidestepping.—Washington Post.

IN MEMORIAM.

I hold it true whate'er befall,
I feel it when the day draws near,
The Christmas dollars disappear,
Until there won't be none at all.
—Baltimore Sun.

ALL HE LACKS.

If Mr. Morgan is made stakeholder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, he will have control of all the money in the world.—Philadelphia North American.

BOOZY.

The only man who can drink champagne on a "beer income" is the brewer.—Kansas City Times.

PLACING THE EMPHASIS.

"You don't know that that's a picture of Johnny, said Mrs. Lapsing, in a tone of reproval. 'You ought to read our ancient history more. That is the temple of Dinah at Emphasis.'—Chicago Tribune.

PROUD.

The proudest man I ever knew
Was not so for his deeds of worth,
Nor for the things that he could do,
Nor that he thought he owned the earth.
His pride was greater far, I say,
He thought himself most blest of men,
For he insisted every day,
His hair was growing in again.

HER PRESENT.

"What are you going to give your wife this year?"
"Money to buy me a new pipe."

GIRLISH.

Girl friends can't be so very thick when they can see through each other.—New York Times.

REGRET.

A little while and all the laws
That rule us now shall pass away—
Our underclothes be wool—or gauze—
Another day!

The things we know are right shall lose
Their place in life, their power to awe.
We'll change our boots for Oxford shoes—
Our felts for straw?

Oh, blind! I know already that
The Present cannot be the All!
Fool me! I threw my summer hat
Away last fall! —Cleveland Leader.

PA AND THE QUESTION.

Young Mr. Charles was plainly embarrassed, and Miss Smith knew what was coming, or thought she did.

"Er—Miss Smith," he said feverishly, "could I—er see your father for a moment or two?"

"Certainly, Mr. Charles!" and, excusing herself, she swept from the room.

Presently the old man came in, and, after a short conversation with Mr. Charles, he stepped to the door and summoned his daughter.

Mr. Charles whose face was radiant said: "As I have a long ride before me, I will say 'Good night!'"

"Oh, papa!" pleaded the girl immediately her lover disappeared, "Did he—did you—"

"I did!" broke in the old man.
"His daughter fell on his neck and kissed him. He held her at arm's length.
"I did," he repeated; "I lent him five cents to get home with—that was what he wanted me for."

MORE THAN 20,000

MIGRATE TO TEXAS IN MONTH

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—The railroads brought more than twenty thousand prospective settlers into Texas in November, and it is expected that the record for December will be more than double that number. The territory between San Antonio and the Rio Grande border is being overrun with these seekers for new homes. Many of them have bought land. The larger ranches are being cut up into farming tracts and the region which was formerly looked upon as an exclusive grazing country is rapidly being converted into variable gardens. It is asserted by land men that the invasion of homeseekers will be much larger after the holidays than now. The railroads concur in this belief and are making extensive preparations to handle the traveling horde.

It is announced by the state land office that approximately 300,000 acres of public lands will go on the market for sale during the first six months of 1910. Some of this land can be purchased without actual settlement, but most of it must be held upon three years by the purchaser before final title is issued by him by the state. The land may be bought in lots of one to eight sections of 640 acres each. The price ranges from \$2 to \$10 per acre. The purchaser is allowed to pay for the land in forty annual instalments with 3 per cent interest on deferred payments. The unsold public domain of the state aggregates a little more than eleven million acres. The fact that Texas is the only part of the United States where cheap lands can be had is the chief factor in attracting to the state so many homeseekers.

Do You Need Shaking?

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You have probably noticed how much more briskly the fire burns when freshly built or shaken. You doubtless remember too, how much more briskly you used to get around when you were in your teens or twenties.

The cases are parallel. You are like the fire that is choked with ashes. The cells which compose the body are constantly dying and being renewed. Then there is the indigestible part of the food to be removed. This cleansing of the body is the duty of the bowels, kidneys and skin. When any of these organs fail to do their work properly, the system becomes clogged and the fire of life burns low.

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