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THE UNIONIST TREASON

All the white people in the British Empire outside of the British Isles would comprise considerably less than two cities the size of London. The fact of the Empire and its solidarity is entirely due to the Liberal policy of Colonial freedom and self-government, which the different elements composing it enjoy. The loyalty and co-operation of other races in that Empire have been secured, not by fiscal or political restrictions, but through the wise grant of free institutions.

The policy which the Unionists so noisily advocate for Ireland, applied to the other parts of the Empire, would result in complete dismemberment. Centralization and federal control are good things, but decentralization and local control have been the policies of the Empire from the time the policies of the Empire since long before our time.

The Imperial Parliament legislates for an area one hundred times greater than the United Kingdom, and for nearly one-third of the world's population. It covers every range of latitude and touches every variety of temperament. It is a dignified and august assembly, but at present it is overlaid with business of a nature totally unsuited to its dignity. Mr. Borge Lee and his lieutenant, Sir Edward Carson, and the other unteachable Tories, are determined to keep it engaged in the solemn or jocular discussion of parish pump issues. This is the meaning of the demonstrations they are engineering at Ulster. This long rolling and parish pump issues are a sorry spectacle to those lovers of Empire in the far places who would like to see the Imperial Parliament at Westminster have more time for the discussion of Imperial problems. Some one once wrote of a deplorable Eton fellow:

"Didactic, dry, declamatory, dull. The humor—belle like a bull."

He might say the same of Carson, who so dislikes and distrusts liberty that he would have others fight to oppose it. The Unionist leaders in their self-seeking, and love of power, would fling overboard every principle, if only, through doing so, they could manufacture a combination against the government. The Empire itself, which they are so anxious to "save," is as nothing compared with the fulfilling of the malcontented hopes of these foes of freedom. The very discussion and prospect of the government, a combination against the English and Irish races, and substituting for the misery, contention, and disorder of the past, the promise of a reign of peace. It was changing the whole tone and temper of the relations between the two peoples. The wrongs of Ireland were being forgotten in the prospect of having her sharp needs ministered to. But Sir Edward Carson would keep discontent alive and have the greatest deliberative assembly in the world take a large proportion of its time administering the local affairs of Ulster and Tipperary. He will fail. The Empire will always have a great place and power in the world, but she will not maintain that place through the parish pump politics of the Unionist party.

CAUSES OF POVERTY

While the suggestion of the eugenists, to improve the quality of the race by causing the useful classes in the community to contribute more to the next generation, is futile, the problem of poverty and low grade life remains. Health, vigor and power of resistance to disease are coming to be more and more recognized as chief factors in a proper mental and moral development. So today in fighting the white plague we go beyond its outward manifestation to causes, and in resisting the diseases of society it is necessary to look to the bad housing of the people, to overwork and malnutrition, to foul streets, to everything which tends to enervate and deplete.

Mr. Charles Booth counts up twenty-three principal causes of pauperism: "Crime, vice, drink, laziness, pauper association, heredity, mental disease, temper, incapacity, early marriage, large family, extravagance, lack of work, trade misfortune, restlessness, no relations, death of husband, desertion, death of father or mother, sickness, accident, illness, old age." He says that as causes, old age, stands first, sickness next, and then comes drink.

In tabulating the causes of poverty by cold counting, it will be a surprise to many to find that intemperance is only estimated to be the cause in from one-fiftieth to one-tenth of the cases. It does not stand as the apparent cause in as many cases as sickness and old age. Its presence can only be traced as a contributory influence in about twenty-eight per cent. of cases, but of course it is the cause of untold sickness and its indirect effects cannot be traced. And if it were not for drink, sickness and old age could be better met, and its influence in undermining every effort after good, destroying the home and cursing the lives of children, cannot easily be over-estimated. It is impossible to give an accurate etiological description of the causes because they run into each other. A man is drunk and breaks his leg; is the cause accident or drink? A man has been shifless all his life, and is now old; is the cause of his poverty shiflessness or old age? A man imprisoned for misconduct, and his wife and children suffer. His imprisonment is misconduct on his part, but their largest importance is that we are remediable. All

true social reform today is working on the basis that the causes which are permanently at work to create want, vice, crime, disease, and death, may be, to a very large degree, eradicated. Professor Devine says: "Sound heredity; protected childhood; a prolonged working age; freedom from preventable disease and from professional crime; indemnity against the economic losses occasioned by death, accident, illness, and compulsory idleness; rational education; charity; normal standards of living and a social religion—these surely are not unreasonable demands. I hope one day to see them incorporated in a political platform."

To attempt to remove poverty by ministering to particular cases is hopeless, but the aim to change the low standard of living, the overcrowding, overwork, disease, and other forms of misery, and to eliminate them from our life is neither unreasonable nor impossible. It is impossible to elevate the condition of life among the masses in misery above the condition of their homes. Boards of health have power in all cities to vacate dwellings unfit for human habitation. A higher standard of habitability should be insisted on in this city. All that is necessary is an aroused public opinion, and a board of health that will follow the public command and the public conscience. There are intolerable conditions that are beyond the control of the individuals whom they injure, but they are not beyond the control of the society that tolerates them. In the warfare against the pernicious forces in our cities the first need is for information, and the second need is for united action among all those forces that hope through different methods to introduce lasting reforms.

The audience at the Canadian Club this evening should be one of the largest on record. Lord Milner is an Imperial missionary of uncommon gifts, and his thoughtful and reasonable addresses during his former tour of the Empire were heard with wide appreciation.

Ulster Day did not provide much more than fireworks. H. F. Gadsby, in a cable to The Telegraph, says of yesterday's demonstration: "About the strongest sentiment quoted was the Duke of Abercorn's slogan, 'We will not have Home Rule.' This is not exactly an epigram, but it sounds heavy coming from a duke." The news that was removing the distrust between the English and Irish races, and substituting for the misery, contention, and disorder of the past, the promise of a reign of peace. It was changing the whole tone and temper of the relations between the two peoples. The wrongs of Ireland were being forgotten in the prospect of having her sharp needs ministered to. But Sir Edward Carson would keep discontent alive and have the greatest deliberative assembly in the world take a large proportion of its time administering the local affairs of Ulster and Tipperary. He will fail. The Empire will always have a great place and power in the world, but she will not maintain that place through the parish pump politics of the Unionist party.

So cool a morning as this one should remind the Mayor and commissioners, the management of the street railway, and the city engineer, that the time remaining for the extension of the street car line to Kane's Corner is now very short. Some days ago it was said the situation awaited the arrival of Mr. Murdoch, who had been in the United States. Now that he is home we must hope that the last obstacle of progress has disappeared.

Mr. Arnold Rowntree, a British member of parliament, who has been touring the Canadian West said at Winnipeg—"I think it would be a great deal better if we from Great Britain came among you here in Canada as learners, and not as teachers. There are matters on which the people should not be brought in question by anyone from the old country, no matter who." Mr. Rowntree doubtless means that visitors should refrain from giving advice on purely domestic questions. There is much to be said for that view. It is well, also, to remember that not a few Canadians who recently visited Great Britain have given there considerable gratuitous advice about matters of which no one expected them of knowing very much.

MORNING LOCALS

On account of the freight which has accumulated both at St. John and Digby the steamer Prince Rupert was compelled to make an extra trip yesterday. She left here at 7:30 in the morning and returned about 10:30. She carried a full load of freight each way.

M. E. Grass and Dr. James Manning returned on Saturday after a hunting trip to Queen's county. They shot a fine mouse and secured a good bag of partridges.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison, who is at present in this city, has been appointed by the governor of Illinois to represent the state at a prison reform convention in Baltimore from Nov. 5 to 14. He has not decided whether or not he will accept.

In a report of the temperance rally in Queen Square Methodist church last Thursday night, it was said that Colonel A. J. Armstrong spoke briefly and "complimented Rev. Mr. Robinson on his address," etc. This was a mistake. It was Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Anderson, Col. Armstrong's successor at the army, who spoke. Colonel Armstrong was unable to attend.

Carl Cunningham, a machinist in Williams' machine shop, in the North End, had his hand torn between the thumb and index finger while he was working at one of the large drills in the shop on Saturday. Dr. McCarthy rendered medical aid.

The ferry steamer Ludlow is again in commission, after having undergone overhauling. The Governor Carleton has been laid up for repairs.

W. D. Pearce, who made many friends in St. John two years ago when he came here with the string of running horses which furnished good sport at the Moosepath Park, is in the city, registered at the Dufferin. He is now representing The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, of Canada, Limited, manufacturers of billiard tables, bowling alleys, etc., and he says that a maritime branch is to be opened soon, possibly in this city. Mr. Pearce will be in this territory until Christmas.

LIGHTER VEIN
THE SADDEST DAYS.
The melancholy days are come,
The saddest of the year,
Oh, pause and sympathize with him
While father sheds a tear.
It is a time that breaks the heart—
So a time that rends the soul
For he has just been out and bought
His first ton of hard coal.

TOO SENTIMENTAL.
First girl—"So you're not engaged to him any longer?"
Second Girl—"Oh, no; I had to break it off."
"Why, what was the matter?"
"The simpiton got too sentimental. He was beginning to talk of marriage."

THE "HAPPY" ENDING.
"Myrtle, can you cook?"
"No, Zeezel. Can you afford to keep a motor car?"
"No, dear."
So she did not marry, and they lived happily ever afterward.

TOO MUCH.
"Doesn't your choir sing at the prison any more?"
"No, several of the prisoners objected on the ground that it wasn't included in their sentence."

A PENCIL BOX.
Two children were talking.
"Where'd you get the pencil box?" asked one.
"Down at the little store by the school!"
"How much?"
"Fifteen cents. It's got a key."
"I'm going to have a better one than that!"
"Are you?"
"Yes; I'm going to have one with clouds and windmills painted on it like in a picture. It's going to cost a quarter."
"I think mine is pretty nice."
"Aw, just wait till you see mine. Mine's going to have places inside for erasers and everything."
"Mine has places for erasers, too."
"But nothing like mine."
"When you going to get yours?"
"Next Saturday. We're going clear very best there is. I wouldn't care for one like yours."
It recurred upon conversations overheard on hotel verandas in the summer time about automobiles and servants and travel and clothes and food and where we live and other grown-up pencil-boxes.

VERY SERIOUS.
A medical man is a keen cricketer, if an unlucky one. Occasionally he turns out for the local club on a Saturday afternoon. He had long nursed the hope that some day he would score a hundred runs, but fate seemed to have other plans, and his ambition was never realized.
The story of how he just failed on one occasion is a distinctly amusing, especially when told by the actual doctor himself.
His score had actually reached ninety, and, in his own words, he was preparing to "knock the next delivery off the earth," when a little interruption occurred.
The scorer's son suddenly left the scoring box and raced across the turf towards the pitch.
"Doctor! Doctor!" he gasped, as he ran. "You've nearly done it! Only one run wasted, and—"

PROPHETS OF FROST.
Some say we've had our summer time.
Some swear that we have not;
'Twas cold and rainy, only I'm
Sure that one week was hot.
But, cold or warm, each autumn storm
Strikes with a shrill of fear—
The sounds that call the coming fall
Bring terror to my ear;
And ere the summer's end the land
I listen with a fright—
To the locusts in the daytime and
The katydid at night!

The grasshopper may rasp all day,
The cricket chirp at eve;
It may be June, it may be May,
I do not hear or grieve.
The trebling growls the bullfrog growls
And soothe me to my rest;
I love the words the little birds
Repeat from nest to nest.
But oh! I hate and cannot stand
The harsh, prophetic spite
Of the locusts that call the coming fall
Bring terror to my ear;
And ere the summer's end the land
I listen with a fright—
To the locusts in the daytime and
The katydid at night!

We smile the autumn from afar
Unless we have hay fever;
We know what all her symptoms are,
And yet we don't believe her;
We can't attack the autumn,
And yet we could forget it.
The mind could choose such hints to lose,
But these two fiends won't let it!
They scrape our nerves, destroy our sand,
They very soon they blight—
The locusts in the daytime and
The katydid at night!

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The Municipal Council at Prides, ne Periguan, actuated by a desire to encourage matrimony, has passed a resolution the effect that the government should select henceforth as prefect of the Estate Pyrenae a bachelor who shall be the obligation of marrying within ten months, in order that he may be able to maintain a fitting position in the department.