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### OUR POINT OF VIEW.

#### THE BETTER PART OF VALOR.

The party led by Sir Edward Morris are evidently subscribers to the cautious doctrine that "discretion is the better part of valor."

For, after all, the reason, in brief for the appointment of R. A. Squires and S. D. Blandford to the Departments of Justice and Agriculture, with seats in the Legislative Council, is the well-grounded apprehension that two bye-elections would mean two defeats for Government candidates.

The action of the Government in so making these appointments admits the correctness of this contention.

After hearing the bombastic Morris speeches in the House and reading the very disinterested eulogies printed by a subsidized press, we are driven, in the light of these appointments, to the conclusion that the Morris Government (like Falstaff's Soldiers) were afraid of nothing but danger.

#### THEN AND NOW.

Sir Edward Morris issued a most interesting Manifesto last October.

It made certain claims; certain assertions; certain promises.

As to his promises, the man who can claim that the old ones were fulfilled or the new ones likely to be, has as touching a faith and confidence as Simmon's eldest boy had when he pulled the mule's tail. And his disillusionment may not come just so quickly but it will be just as jarring when it does inevitably come.

Now as to these claims and assertions of Sir Edward in that wonderful collection of fables.

"We put in operation," he says, "a policy of reducing taxation which returns to the people of the Country the equivalent of \$400,000 annually."

"A reduction of taxation was ridiculed by our opponents as wholly impossible, but the Government proved itself able to effect these results and to remove taxes to the amount of \$400,000 a year."

That was in October 1913. An election has taken place since then. Sir Edward Morris has been returned to power. But not only has his Government replaced this \$400,000 of taxation; they have added close on \$500,000 more.

You see the imminence of an election is very liable to affect the actions and utterances of a political party seeking a new lease of power.

Sir Edward Morris also made a promise in connection with this question of taxation.

"Realising," said he, "that there are some inequalities in the Tariff which can be adjusted in such a way as to lessen the cost of living, and diminish the burden borne by those least able to bear it, one of our first tasks shall be a further revision of the Tariff in this direction."

That's a promise made in straight, definite terms.

Sir Edward Morris thereby undertook, if returned to power, to revise the Tariff and revise it downward in such particulars as affected those "least able to bear the burden of taxation."

It was a definite undertaking to reduce the cost of living to the poor man.

But it was a pre-election pledge. It found its way to the limbo of forgotten campaign promises.

For the Government of Sir Edward Morris was returned to power and one of their "first tasks" at the recent session of the House of Assembly, was a further revision of the Tariff—but it was a revision upwards.

Just a little change in direction but one that involved the placing of an additional burden of almost Seven

Hundred Thousand Dollars of Taxation on the people.

So that we have not got even the proverbial ounce of reality out of the pound of romance that made such interesting reading in Sir Edward's 1913 Manifesto.

For the extra burden of taxation has to be "borne by those least able to bear it."

It has to be levied on the ready-made, the boots and shoes, the butter, the tobacco and the other incidentals to the poor man's living.

As for these best able to bear it, they get off lightly with their champagne, their cigars, their automobiles and other luxuries.

Well we are being gradually educated as to the value of Sir Edward Morris's campaign promises, but let us hope that the final result will not be similar to that attained by the man who taught his horse to eat shavings only to find the best beast of his education.

#### THE RHYME AND THE REASON.

Take the personnel of the Government into consideration.

As far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, they have men plenty occupying seats in the House of Assembly who are, to say the least, quite as competent as Sydney Blandford to take the portfolio of this office.

There is Mr. Downey—he has ability enough for the work; or Mr. Devreux for several years one of our highly-paid Commissioners of Agriculture.

But, it is objected, the portfolio belongs to the representative of a Protestant District.

Which is a contention in which the swell of consistency does not scintillate.

Why this squeamishness about out-aging a section of the electorate, when, by the course chosen on these appointments, the will of the whole electorate is set aside?

To give the appointment to the Department of Agriculture—to either of the men mentioned—would probably be to offend the Protestant section of the electorate; the appointment of Sydney Blandford, having regard to the manner in which it is made, calls down upon the Government the contempt and indignation of every fair-minded man on our voters' lists.

Verily it is a modern instance of training at a goat and yet finding no difficulty at all in swallowing a camel.

But, having regard to the denominational aspect of the question, consider again the available material in the Government ranks.

What of Mr. Moulton, of Burgeo, or Mr. Currie, of Burin?

We will not be unkind enough to say that the Government considered both these gentlemen as lacking the necessary ability to conduct the business of the Department of Agriculture.

Nor will we say that they were considered by the powers that be as inferior in point of qualifications to Sydney Blandford.

For the strongest praise that The Telegram could give Mr. Blandford the other day was that it had found no wrong in the man.

There are quite a number of people who sport these negative virtues. They do no wrong and on the other hand they do precious little good.

That is not the type of man we want as head of the Department of Agriculture or indeed as head of any Department of the public service.

We want a strong man; an able man; a man who has enough positive virtue in his mental and moral makeup to keep absolute check on the affairs of his particular Department.

And either Mr. Moulton or Mr. Currie has as much right to claim possession of these qualifications as Sydney Blandford.

Beside they can urge a claim to this Department that Mr. Blandford can not set up—the fact that they are members of the People's House.

Mr. Moulton can further urge his right to the appointment as one of the most experienced legislators in the Assembly and as one of the fathers of the Party now holding the reins of power.

Were these men passed over because of a predisposition on the part of the Government to favor Mr. Blandford or was the recent appointment made because they feared to face their districts at a bye-election?

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Sir Edward Morris retains both Mr. Moulton and Mr. Currie in the House of Assembly—which is more than he could do if he sent either or both back to their districts. Besides he makes a gain in the voting strength of his party in the Legislative Council, while filling the vacant Department of Agriculture and Mines.

So Sir Edward Morris is, doubtless, quite satisfied with the whole arrangement.

The people?

Well, their business is to elect men to the House of Assembly, pay up the taxes without a murmur and watch political camp-followers fatten on these revenues.

Maybe they'll get a few crumbs of

comfort but they must not count too much on this.

For under the Morris regime, the reign of the politician has supplanted that of the people.

### OBSERVATIONS.

Money makes the mare go and the ghost walk.

There are no to-morrows on the calendar of the chap who does things.

The easiest way not to settle an argument is to get two women interested in it.

A woman knows her new hat isn't becoming to her because her dearest enemy tells her it is.

Even after a man has lost all confidence in himself he may refuse to give the undertaker a show.

The way of the transgressor is doubly hard when he has to convert bowlers into small pebbles.

When a man places his bubble of greatness on exhibition there is always somebody who wants to stick a pin in it.

If you are too lazy to open the door when fortune rings the bell, don't expect her to go to the back door and knock.

The average woman can get more exhilaration out of a cheap compilation than a man can out of a quart of champagne.

### JUST A SMILE OR TWO.

#### EASILY DONE.

Horace was a very enthusiastic hockey player, and his enthusiasm, as often happens, had developed in an extraordinary way since he had been elected captain of the team.

One afternoon he was talking to his sister's best friend—Lucy, and holding forth on the merits of various players and the prospects of the season in general.

"By the way," he said, "Do you remember that friend of mine who had tea with us last Sunday?"

"You mean Bob Johnson, don't you? Yes, I remember him."

"Well, he's going to be our best man soon!"

"Oh, Horace! How sweet of you to think of proposing like that!" answered she, as her head drooped on to his shoulder.

#### A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Reason requires culture to expand it. It resembles the fire concealed in the flint, which only shows itself when struck with the steel.—Goethe.

### POEMS OLD AND NEW.

#### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

The business man may cheat me  
And sell me shoddy trash,  
The green goods man may beat me  
And hand me "phony" cash;  
The tough may overtake me  
And swat me in the jaw,  
And evil men may break me  
But I won't go to law.

I'd lose my bunch of plunder,  
And lose it like a sport,  
Before I'd make the blunder  
Of going into court;  
I'll sidestep all the lawyers  
Until my dying day,  
The tireless costly lawyers  
Who talk men's lives away.

I'd rather burn my roubles  
And have a merry blaze,  
Than load myself with troubles  
To last me all my days;  
For law means grief unending  
And walking of the floor  
And every "bone" you're spending  
Calls for a dozen more.

The law has only magic  
For those who practice law,  
The victims find it tragic  
As on them rolls the draw,  
It drives its dopes to madness  
To poor house or to jail,  
It leaves but woe and sadness  
Along its slimy trail.

A million men are broken  
Who once contentment saw  
Before these words were spoken  
We'll now invoke the law.  
O shun it gentle reader,  
Gaze not upon its face,  
Sidestep the gifted pleader  
Who'd like to take your case.

Re-written by Wm. Hodder, B.H.B., for The Daily Mail.

### TO THE EDITOR.

#### WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(Editor The Daily Mail)  
Dear Sir,—Please insert a few short lines from here. We are still moving along in good style, and are centring our hopes on brighter things to come.

Now, as reason is man's highest gift, one thing I would like to know, where does the member for Ferryland district get on at, in expressing himself on the floors of the Assembly in such a disdainful manner, making such a sarcastic retort to President Coaker about the people of the North, classing them "illiterate, and ignorant and cullage."

Very well for you, Cashin, your chances in life gave you such a dignified and elevated position, and endowed you with such comprehensive mental faculties. Now, we fishermen of the North get our living by our brawn and muscle, not as a bull-dog Government parasite of the House of Assembly. We also did use our franchise according to our conscience and reason, and put men (not contemptible either) from the ranks of our class, in power, who eventually will rule the affairs of our Island. We wish to congratulate them too, on the way in which they expressed themselves and criticized the Government. We are proud to think we have such men representing this constituency.

Just a few more words, Mr. Editor, about our Union. We are still progressing, and every Unionist is studying more his position, and is beginning to realize that the present political bunch of capitalist henchmen which are in power, will never enforce laws for their economic and material interest and bring around the emancipation of the working classes.

—PRINCETON.

Princeton, B.B.

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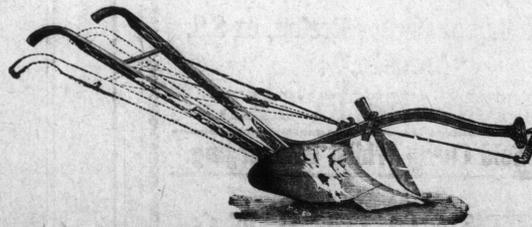
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