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IMMIGRATION MATTERS.

The report of Mr. Wilnot, the superintendent of immigration, for the month of February, which appears in another part of this issue, shows that the facilities afforded by the Immigration Bureau are being appreciated and taken advantage of by the farmers and others in the province. The labor question is one of the most serious problems which confront farmers at the present time, and any movement which will assist in solving this problem is well worthy of encouragement.

From a perusal of Mr. Wilnot's report, it would appear that even in the west "all is not gold that glitters" and there are some who have been located there and have not found things quite so rosy as they anticipated, and who would be glad to return to the East. As we have on many previous occasions pointed out in these columns, the same amount of work and determination to succeed which it would be necessary to put forth in the west, if success is to be achieved, will furnish equally as great, if not greater, returns in New Brunswick, with considerably less trouble and inconvenience. It is satisfactory to find that the truth of this statement is coming to be recognized.

There are no doubt many young farmers in England and Scotland who have saved some little capital, but not sufficient to allow them to embark in farming on their own account there, owing to the high prices of land and live stock in those countries. They would do well out here. All that is needed is to get in touch with these young men, and lay the advantages which New Brunswick offers before them. This is the chief immigration problem to be faced at the present time; as far as Mr. Wilnot's share of the work is concerned, he can "make good" all right when they get here.

MORAL VALUE OF LENT.

The spirit of Lent, there is no reason why it should not pervade the life of every son and daughter of man. Protestants equally with Catholics. From the religious point of view the forty days of Lent commemorate our Divine Lord's period of fasting in the Jordan wilderness. Modern psychologists will defend the practice of Lenten fasting from their own peculiar point of view. Let us, then, dismiss the religious aspect of the matter, and consider the moral value of the discipline from the point of view of modern psychology. First, let us broaden the practice of abstaining from certain kinds of food during Lent, fasting as such, into daily gratuitous sacrifice of any sort whatsoever. Then we may thus observe the spirit of Lent in a way which will have a positive moral effect for good. This moral effect is based on a familiar or simple but unheeded psychological law, namely, that unless men exercise gratuitously, voluntarily, the effort-making capacity, then the will becomes weakened, the capacity for making moral effort evaporates. Lent is a period for practicing asceticism, for taking oneself in hand and saying "Now, I'm going to sacrifice myself, and do without this, and without that, and without the other; thing, just for the sake of showing myself that I have the will and moral backbone to do so, that I am in control of my desires and appetites."

In that remarkable chapter on Habit in William James' brilliant "Principles of Psychology," the matter is put incisively and pointedly in this way:

"Be systematically ascetic or heroic," says Prof. James, "in little unnecessary points, do every day or two something for no other reason than that you would rather not do it, so that when the hour of dire need draws nigh it may find you not unnerved and untrained to stand the test. Asceticism of this sort is like the insurance which a man pays on his house and goods. The tax does him no good at the time, and possibly may never bring him a return. But if the fire does come, his having paid it will be his salvation from ruin. So with the man who has daily inured himself to habits of concentrated attention, energetic volition

and self-denial in unnecessary things. He will stand like a tower when everything rushes around him, and when his fellow mortals are winnowed like chaff in the blast."

Cannot we all, whether Protestants or Catholics, religious or indifferent to religion, cannot we all thus realize the moral value of the Lenten spirit, the gratuitous and voluntary practice of asceticism? If we do not exercise our limbs, they inevitably lose strength and become unfitted to meet a physical exigency. So if we do not exercise the will by taking the line of resistance, then we lose the capacity for effort which is only another name for moral volition.

There is nothing so wholesome, morally viewed, as bracing ourselves to do an unobscured task or deed. And Lent calls on us, by its spirit, to put ourselves to the test to see if "the man" is still in us, if self-mastery is ours, not in grand heroic deeds, but in the small things of life. And this is enough, for if a man cannot be master of himself in little sacrifices, how shall he be master in great sacrifices? This is enough. The advent of Lent calls to all men voluntarily to practice asceticism, not only as a religious ceremony, but fundamentally as a moral discipline.

One year ago to-day the electors of New Brunswick went to the polls and by their votes hurled from power a government which had abused the trust reposed in it and brought disgrace upon the fair fame of the province. To-day the affairs of New Brunswick are administered by men with a conscience, and the day of the grafter is at an end.

MINERS' ESCAPE
CASTS DISCREDIT

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and said that upon the undisputed facts either Bourke or Dawson ought to be punished, but the Government refused to move. Why did the department neglect to trace and locate the \$50,000 of bonds, with which it was supposed that Bill Miner had purchased his liberty?

Mr. Cowan (Conservative, B. C.) asked the House to consider the Bill Miner case from a non-partisan standpoint. Since the investigation by Inspector Dawson in 1907, many new facts had come to light. Indeed it appeared that the Inspector did not report material facts. Were an investigation now ordered Mr. Dawson would be one of the persons to be investigated. Surely a prisoner should not preside at his own trial. (Applause.)

The discussion was continued by Col. Sam Hughes and Mr. Goodhue (Conservative, B. C.).

Sir Wilfrid's Position.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the only question was, "Had there been any connivance by the Government in the escape of Bill Miner?" His escape had been a shock, yes, a matter of shame, to every one in Canada. But was it a matter of negligence, or had the officers of the Justice Department been criminal? There were many situations, as a rule anonymous, but where was the evidence? He pressed his entire confidence in Mr. Aylesworth. "Surely," said Sir Wilfrid, "he can be trusted to rectify anything wrong in his department."

Hon. Geo. E. Foster characterized Mr. Aylesworth as a "petty partisan," who disregarded all the best traditions of his high office. He had assailed Mr. Taylor (Conservative, B. C.) because he had dared to tell the House that everybody in British Columbia knew. He appealed to the Government not to refuse an investigation.

Hiding the Facts.

He was followed by Mr. Glen Campbell (Conservative, Manitoba), who discussed the subject in his breezy western manner. He said that in replying to the enquiry as to Miner's escape, the Solicitor General had shown conclusively that there was "one Bureau in the Government to which one could apply for information and not get it." (Laughter.)

The evidence as to the negligence of the penitentiary officials in guarding the desperado was clearly proven by the fact that his moustache and hair were allowed to grow. Three-quarters of an inch of hair is a lot, especially on the top of the head. In that my honorable friend the Solicitor General will agree with me, said Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Bureau doffed his hat, exposing a head bald as a billiard ball to emphasize his assent. "So would the Minister of Justice," he retorted. "I was taught in my youth to respect grey hairs," said Mr. Campbell, "so I confine my remarks to the Solicitor General." (Laughter.)

Mr. Campbell concluded that the Government should appoint an impartial tribunal to take the evidence of ex-Deputy Warden Bourke and the convict who had escaped with Miner and had since been recaptured.

The Ottawa Liberals.

The Liberal Convention to nominate a successor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier for Ottawa has been called off, and by no means an authority than the Premier himself. It is now announced that Sir Wilfrid will elect to sit for Ottawa, provided he wins his election contest, and that he will resign for East Quebec. The factional fight between the local Liberals has become so bitter that no other course was open. The Free Press, the local Government organ, says: "Hon. Chas. Murphy, Mr. Hal B. McGivern and

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