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THE PLEA FOR UNITY

Major C. W. Gordon's plea for unity in Canada should appeal to every citizen. The like is true of his appeal for the complete mobilization of all of Canada's resources for war. It is quite clear, however, that such unity as he desires is now impossible. The government three years ago, by the province of Quebec in regard to recruiting that a condition has arisen which the whole country deplores. Not only so, but the veteran statesman whose whole public career has been devoted to the cause of Canadian unity has been maligned and unjustly assailed, and the effort made to arouse race prejudice for a purely partisan purpose. That is the situation today, and it is such that not even a union government could ensure absolute unity. The Conservatives want a union government which will do nothing to disturb the profiteers. The Liberals want a national government that will mobilize all of the country's resources, as well as its men, to throw its full strength into the war. A small and not at all an influential group of agitators, former allies of the Borden government, have to be reckoned with, but their influence is in no way to interfere with giving full expression to the declared will of the people, which will be to prosecute the war more vigorously than has yet been done. The elections will clear the atmosphere.

A STARTLING DISCLOSURE

Ontario has a feeble-minded population of probably ten thousand, and is only caring for about eight hundred of them. Toronto public and separate schools contain two thousand feeble-minded children. There is a record of eight hundred and sixty-four feeble-minded children who have been in the Toronto juvenile court, for incendiarism, theft, bodily violence or immorality. Out of twenty-five hundred cases investigated by the Psychiatric Clinic in three years at the Toronto General Hospital, eighteen hundred and forty-two were mental defectives. When will society awake to the menace of feeble-mindedness, which breeds crime, spreads disease, and burdens the community with the care of an increasing number of defectives? Every citizen should read and ponder over the following letter by Dr. Clarence M. Hincks to the Toronto Globe. He says: "There appeared in the Globe of Wednesday, September 26th, a Canadian Press despatch from Ottawa in which I was quoted as saying that feeble-mindedness was the root of all social evil. Such a sweeping statement is, of course, a gross exaggeration of the facts, and was never voiced either by myself or by any other speaker at the Canadian Conference of Charities and Corrections. What I did say in Ottawa was that feeble-mindedness was at the very root of most of our social evils and maladjustments. In connection with crime it was pointed out that twenty-five per cent. of our chronic adult offenders against the law were mentally deficient and that forty per cent. of our juvenile delinquents were of the same type. In supporting the latter statement I referred to our investigations at the Toronto General Hospital. We have records of eight hundred and sixty-four feeble-minded children who have appeared at the juvenile court for various offences. Sixty-eight had set fire or attempted to set fire to buildings. Four hundred and twenty-four had committed theft. The majority of the latter had been convicted many times for stealing. One hundred and forty-six feeble-minded children had committed acts of great bodily violence and sixty-five were guilty of sexual immorality.

Attention of the Ottawa conference was drawn to the fact that prostitution is closely bound up with the feeble-minded problem. Two hundred and thirteen immoral women of the street were diagnosed by Dr. C. K. Clark and his associates as mentally deficient. Findings in Toronto point to the fact that prostitution is the chief source of the spread of venereal disease, and that seventy-five per cent. of all prostitutes are feeble-minded. Illegitimacy and mental deficiency are also closely related. Since December 1st, 1916, six hundred and fifty-four babies were born in the Burnside section of the Toronto General Hospital, and one hundred and sixteen were illegitimate. It was found that fifty-six per cent. of the mothers of those illegitimate children were feeble-minded, and many of the babies themselves showed signs of mental defect. Feeble-mindedness is responsible in no small degree for the countless of such problems as alcoholism, pauperism, unemployment and public school inefficiency. In connection with the latter it is important to note that the Toronto public and separate schools are loaded with two thousand defectives. These feeble-minded children in school attendance not only hamper educational efficiency, but are responsible for the spread of moral contagion. In a Toronto school more than one hundred children had been found guilty of immoral practices, and the ringleaders proved to be a feeble-minded boy and girl. "This problem can never be solved until we segregate the feeble-minded in farm colonies. The time has come when Ontario must no longer quibble with the question. It is a disgrace to the province that we are only providing for some eight hundred cases when we have a feeble-minded population of probably ten thousand."

The Toronto Globe, commenting on this letter, says: "The facts there presented are radical enough. They go to the roots. They say out in the plainest language and with the heaviest emphasis what would stagger us as Canadians if we only would stop to think and had sense to understand. Dr. Hincks knows his facts, the terrible ones of them, the retributive penalty the nation must yet pay because of them."

Referring to the work of Dr. C. K. Clark at Toronto General Hospital the Globe says:

"Think of the work done there, every day, at the Psychiatric Clinic during the three years since that department opened. Twenty-five hundred cases investigated, which disclosed eighteen hundred and forty-two mental defectives. The brood of those defectives will through the police courts and people the asylums in days to come. And society must pay for the shot. Last week seven boys broke into a doctor's house on Carlton street and wantonly destroyed a thousand dollars' worth of property. Their ringleader was proved to be mentally defective. And he and his gang will be let run loose, and, in days to come, they will breed after their kind. Of the eighteen hundred and forty-two defectives examined in the Toronto General Hospital, fifty-one per cent. of them were immigrants. In the past the questions of the officers dealt with the few dollars in an immigrant's pocket, not with the quality of brains in his head or the blood-taint in his veins. Why then should we be angry when we are told that 'Canada enjoys the enviable reputation of being the dumping-ground for the defectives of Europe?' But, woe be to Canada, and to the Canadian nation, if the experts do not lead, and if the public does not follow, in this new start for a cleaner blood, for a sturdier nerve, and for a sounder mind!"

That is a thrilling story today's cables tell us of the resistance offered by the British in their latest drive, moving with clock-work precision and attaining their objectives with a minimum of loss, while the enemy losses were very severe. The positions taken are of great value. German counter-attacks are expected but the terrible British artillery and the dauntless infantry may be counted on to hold what has been gained.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie thinks he is still a Liberal, but a Liberal who will stand for a franchise act that strikes at the very roots of democracy must have a somewhat obscure notion of what Canada is fighting for.

The British drive continues to be successful. The record of recent operations on the British front is not such as to give rise to any jubilation in Berlin.

The inspectors are seizing much liquor. Every citizen who can give them a helpful hint should do so. The illegal traffic should be wiped out.

Let us hope no Canadian soldier at the front will look in vain for a parcel of good cheer at Christmas. Many of them may not see another.

The Standard correspondent says there must be an end of the suspense at Ottawa. This is a hint to Robert the Unready.

Quebec city goes dry. What excuse can the Borden government have for not passing a prohibitory law for all Canada?

The war news continues to be of a generally satisfactory nature.

October is kind to the owner of the small coal bin.



LIGHTER VEIN

Wanted a Change (From the Boston Globe) Water—Table d'hôte, sir? Uncle Josh—What's that? Water—Course dinner, sir. Uncle Josh—Not for me. I give all the coarse vittles I need to home. When I come ter town I want somethin' fancy, by gosh!

Different Implement Red-nosed Tramp—Lady, kin I cut your grass for a meal? I'm a first-class lawn mower. Lady—Go away! You look more like an old rake.

Observing Convention "Now, girlie, shall I cut your name and my name in the bark of this tree?" "I suppose there will be nothing to criticize in that," said the dear girl, "provided you also cut the name of my chaparran."

Slight Miscue Visitor to Country Churchyard (seeing elderly gentleman listening hard, presumably to the choir singing in the church)—It's very beautiful, isn't it? Elderly Gentleman (naturalist, listening to the grasshopper)—An' the wonderful thing is that they do it by rubbing their legs together.—Punch.

When the Kidneys Fail

Poisons Remain in the Blood. Which Cause Pains and Aches—Read Here of the Surest Way of Setting the Kidneys Right.

Brockville, Ont., Oct. 4.—If you have headaches, backaches and rheumatic pains you have reason to suspect the kidneys. Pain is caused by poisons in the blood, and poisons only remain in the blood when the kidneys are defective and fail to do their work. This Brockville lady has reported her case because she believes that a great many people are suffering as she did without knowing the cause or cure. Mrs. Frank Noyes, 9 Stuart street, Brockville (Ont.), writes: "For years I was afflicted with kidney complaint. I became very nervous, was easily worked and had frequent headaches and neuralgic pains, especially through the back. I had indigestion, poor circulation of the blood and often was bothered with weak spells. I commenced using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and had only taken two boxes when I felt greatly relieved. I continued the treatment, however, until I was completely cured. In all I took about ten boxes, and have not been troubled in this way since. I highly recommend Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I think also the Plasters and Ointment can't be equalled."

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The closing session of the N. B. Women's Institute was held last evening in the assembly hall of Aberdeen school in Moncton. Mrs. G. W. Flemming of Peticodiac presided. Addresses were given by Rev. G. M. Young of Fredericton and Mrs. H. W. Parsons of Cochrane, Ont.

At the afternoon session Miss Hazel Winter, supervisor of women's institutes in the province, was made the recipient of a leather club bag. Accompanying the gift was an address read by Mrs. Keith of Havelock. Mrs. Lawlor of St. John made Mrs. Parsons the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of roses.

A pleasing programme was enjoyed at a concert held in the Main street Baptist school room last night for Christmas boxes for the Canadian soldiers. W. W. Chase acted as chairman and Harry C. Dunlap, accompanist. Mrs. Grow, Miss Parlier, Miss Fenton, Thomas, Gay, Miss Grant, Miss Eud Hutchins, Mrs. Blake Ferris, and the Misses Fenton and Grant took part.

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