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SONS OF TEMPERANCE

It is a singular circumstance that a member of the London (England) County Council, and the Liberal candidate in the British constituency for a seat in the House of Commons, should have addressed last evening an audience of between twenty-five and thirty persons in the city of St. John. It is singular, moreover, that not a single clergyman should be present to hear a man who for half a dozen years held the highest office in the National Division of the Sons of Temperance in Great Britain, and who on the last two Sundays addressed crowded congregations in churches in an Ontario city. It is all the more singular because the gentleman in question, Mr. W. Wightman, of London, is one of the most effective speakers ever heard here from a temperance platform.

Perhaps the facts as stated are not so much a reflection upon St. John (temporarily) as a lesson on the value of printers' ink. The people did not know the facts about Mr. Wightman, and even the Sons of Temperance did not know what a golden opportunity was theirs to arouse renewed interest in their work.

Nevertheless this region is likely to be somewhat the gainer from the visit of Mr. Wightman. Mr. W. B. Burgoyne, the alert Ontario newspaper man who met the Londoner at the recent session of the National Division in the United States, prevailed upon him to spend some time in Canada before going home, and, like a wise Canadian, Mr. Burgoyne brought him to the Maritime Provinces as well as to Ontario. Mr. Wightman has been impressed by what he has seen of the opportunities here for the man who is willing, as he says, "to put his back into the soil," and on his return to London, whether he remain a member of that great legislative body, the London County Council, or become a member of parliament, he will have knowledge of the resources of this part of Canada, and has no doubt that what he will have to sell will influence some younger men to try their fortune on this side.

With regard to the addresses of both Mr. Burgoyne and Mr. Wightman, they were marked by a moderation that was in striking contrast to what one sometimes hears. In his speech, which the small but deeply interested audience made him prolong much more than he had intended, Mr. Wightman never once referred to the denunciations of the Sons of Temperance in England, its system of temperance, its growth and methods, the practical arguments advanced in favor of total abstinence, the method by which children were taken into divisions of their own at a tender age, and at sixteen graduated into the senior divisions, the very small comparative percentage of sickness and the very low comparative death rate among total abstemious, as proved by statistics covering a period of years, and the great advantage of having a benefit system in connection with the order. A finance minister who could dress up figures in as attractive garb as Mr. Wightman did the statistical statements in his address would be given a permanent job in any well regulated parliament. Those who heard him will have a new interest in the British elections, at least for the Lambeth division of London, where Councillor Wightman has as constituents a Roman Catholic Bishop and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It would appear from the remarks made last evening that the order of the Sons of Temperance, which has lost ground in recent years in Canada, is likely to adopt the benefit system once more, and to endeavor to increase its usefulness. It was in St. John that the order of the Sons of Temperance was introduced into England. Mr. Wightman referred to the fact, and spoke also of the great service done by the order in England by the address of Sir Leonard Tilley, whose son presided at last night's meeting. Mr. Charles A. Everett told in a very interesting way of the introduction of the order into England, through the medium of shipwrecked sailors, and the fact that the banner at last night's meeting, many years ago, it was an odd circumstance, as Col. Armstrong remarked, that the city which gave the order to England should now be learning from an Englishman the way to rejuvenate the order at home.

THE G. T. P. PORTS

Our good friends of the Halifax press are perfectly justified in seeking all the advantage that port may gain from connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, but the chief purpose of the extension eastward is to secure a Canadian winter port. For the freight business St. John is the chief port, though Halifax will as business develops secure an increasing share. We are fully sympathetic with the desire of the Halifax people to secure the quickest possible rail connection with the west, just as they must sympathize with the desire of the western shippers to utilize the nearest available and adequate winter port. In view of what has been said by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and what certainly appears to be the view of the Transportation Commission, St. John is the port to which natural conditions will first direct the traffic, whatever may follow the increase in the volume of business. The late Mr. Bertram told us that there are very many years there would be an abundant traffic for all the ports of the maritime provinces. The G. T. P. is not to be considered, as we understand it, a political road, but a highway of commerce. Local conditions may here and there cause a divergence from the most direct route, but in the main the purpose is to provide in the eastern section a line for through business. Any attempt to side-track St. John would be to ignore the avowed purpose of the eastern section of the railway. There is no room for sectionalism of the exclusive sort in connection with this national project. If it could be shown that in the interests of Canada the G. T. P. should not seek St. John as a winter port, the claims of some other port would be paramount. St. John is entitled to what its location and advantages warrant, and the like is true of every other port.

THE SANATORIUM

It should be a source of encouragement to those who are laboring for the establishment of a sanatorium for consumptives in this province that in the great province of Ontario the municipalities are awakening to the need of such institutions, and are granting aid in a small way. Thus the St. Catharines city council has granted \$300 to endow a bed for a year in the Muskoka Free Hospital for consumptives, and the secretary of the National Sanatorium Association states that the movement in this direction is taking hold in all parts of the province, including such municipalities as the county of Brant, city of Brantford, Woodstock, Oxford county, St. Thomas, Chatham, Kent, Grey, Bruce and other places, which have already given grants. No doubt the greatest difficulty in this province will be to secure an adequate sum for the initial expenditure in connection with a sanatorium, but backed by the Medical Society and having the sympathy of the government we may reasonably expect that the efforts made will prove successful. The work is one that must appeal very forcibly to the people, for none can be ignorant of the terrible ravages of consumption.

The yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans has become a serious matter, and the business of the whole of the south and west is beginning to suffer seriously because of the fear of the people, and because of the quarantine regulations. Bitter feeling appears to have been aroused also, between some of the states. An exchange reply remarks:—One of the tragic horrors of the case is the reported quarantining by Havana, formerly a hotbed of this trouble until cleaned up by the American administration after the Cuban war, against New Orleans, which in the past has had reason to regret its proximity to the principal Cuban city.

Ald. Frink says he has reason to believe the Carleton electric light plant has been grossly over-valued. The company, however, are said to be ready to submit the question of value to arbitration. If the city can on reasonable terms, secure the property, it will be in the public interest to establish a civic lighting system on the West Side. The same will be done on the east side sooner or later.

The chief of police of a city of the size of St. John is worth more than \$1,200 a year to the town. His responsibility is great, and the fact should be given a fair recognition by those whose interests he must guard both day and night.

Mr. Monet, a member of the Quebec legislature, has been talking annexation or independence while on a visit to the New England states. Mr. Monet should stay in the New England states. He is a trouble breeder.

If Mr. W. T. Jerome wants to be district attorney of New York he should be elected. Mr. Jerome appears to be an alert and capable official who is not afraid to do his duty.

It is stated that a Russian parliament of limited representation and powers will be elected in October. When it meets the bureaucracy will doubtless hear some plain truths.

The passing of the Macdonald company's lease to another concern recalls certain rosy predictions of local industrial development that have not been fulfilled.

Sir William Mulock must be credited with perseverance in his telephone enquiry. He is investigating the municipal system in Glasgow.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Mayor Dunne is Satisfied with the Way it Works Out in Chicago.

Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, was interviewed in Boston recently on the success of municipal ownership in Chicago. He appears to be satisfied with it. In his interview the chief magistrate of the windy city is quoted as follows: "What about your municipal ownership scheme?" "Working beautifully, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Our engineers are working out a set of plans which will be ready in the fall, when the city council meets. We have in Chicago," continued Mayor Dunne, "about 240 miles of street railway franchises that have expired or will expire within the next two years. We propose to build on these streets our street railway lines. The estimated expense of building and equipping these 240 miles of railway is about \$18,000,000. It will be up to the city council to adopt or reject our plans at its next meeting."

"What are the prospects of your plan being adopted?" "We can't tell until the plans have been before them. The council has a majority of eight Republicans, but some of them are in favor of municipal ownership, and some of my Democratic friends in the council are opposed to it. But the test will be made before long."

"Suppose municipal ownership is defeated, what then?" "We shall have to turn the men who defeat the measure and put in those who believe in it." "How long will it take before the city is able to operate its system, should your plan be accepted by the city council?" "If the council will adopt our scheme, I guarantee that the dirt will be flying in three months from the date of acceptance, and in a year or so we ought to be running cars."

"Do you contemplate reducing the fares?" "Not until the road is paid for. That ought to be in about ten years." "Has the city the financial means to build and equip the road?" "No, but how long do you think it would take us to raise it? Just think of the security the bondholders would have. In the first place, there would be a perpetual franchise to operate the system, should your plan be accepted by the city council." "The modern proposition is to buy the street railways. The value of their tangible property is said to be about \$27,000,000. They are capitalised, bonded, etc., for about \$17,000,000. They were willing to sell for this sum, plus the value of their franchises, to be determined by arbitration. Of course we rejected such an absurd price and proposition. Municipal ownership of all public utilities is bound to come," concluded Judge Dunne. "Look at our water and electric light plants. Ask any Chicago man if he would consent to go back to private ownership as low as four thousand dollars a share, and making our electricity for half the price charged the city by private corporations prior to the establishment of the municipal electric light plant."

NEWS FROM

KINGS CO., N. S.

Son of Hon. L. P. Farris to Wed Miss Kierstead of Wolfville.

KINGS COUNTY, N. S., July 31.—The death of Lewis Hiley of Billtown occurred on Saturday last after a illness of only twenty-four hours. Mr. Hiley was apparently in splendid health, when he was stricken with a severe pain in his left side, and died after intense suffering. He was a man well known and much respected in Kings county.

Mrs. (Dr.) Borden of Ganning is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Dickey, her son, Dr. W. S. Woodworth of Kentville is in attendance.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Kingston and two children, and Miss Abbie Burgess, Wolfville, are guests of Mrs. T. P. Calkin, Kentville.

Invitations have been issued this week for the marriage of Miss Evelyn Fenwick Kierstead, Wolfville, to Wallace DeB. Farris, barrister, at Vancouver (B. C.), to take place in the Wolfville Baptist church on Aug. 16. After the ceremony a reception will be given at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Kierstead, on Acadia street.

Kentville has been full of gaiety the past week, the young people having taken part in a series of picnics and teas, in honor of Miss Bonnie King, whose marriage with Mr. Baker of Halifax takes place Tuesday, August 16, in the Episcopal church. The bride will be given away by Rev. Canon Brock, and will be attended by her two sisters, Misses Gladys and Muriel King. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will take the afternoon Blueinas train, and will visit several Canadian cities before returning to their home in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett (nee Miss Lottie Hurdwood) of Boston are spending their honeymoon in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Garnett's former home.

The heavy rain of today will be gladly welcomed by the orchardists. The fruit crop throughout the country promises to be very light, and the apples already show many spots, especially in places where spraying has not been carried on. Pears promise a better crop, and the fruit is of good quality.

Miss Eleanor Pineo of Kentville entertained a large number of her little friends at a lawn party on Saturday last.

The Wolfville Tennis Club held their last tea on the public court on Friday last. The court has been on the college campus, and the grounds have to be given up to the men who have in hand the building of the new athletic grounds for the Acadia students. The club will probably meet for the rest of the season on private courts.

Guests of Mr. Louis F. Eaton of Boston are guests of Mr. Eaton's sister, Mrs. W. S. Woodworth, Kentville.

A very large congregation was present at the Episcopal church on Sunday evening and heard the special music given by the choir, assisted by Mr. H. B. Newcomb and Mr. Jack Barnaby of Pittsburg (U.S.A.). The trio, "Praise ye the Lord," given by Mr. H. B. Newcomb, Mr. Barnaby and Mr. Morash, was exceptionally good, and was greatly enjoyed.

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In the larger cities it is common to meet the heads of families who, in figuring on their daily, weekly or monthly expenses, figure that the theatre is a necessary expense and a visit each week must be figured on. These people really live, and it is a noticeable fact that the same

habit is spreading into the interior. Go and see them all if you can afford it; if not, pick out those that have the mark of age in their favor, those that have been before the public long enough to know just what you are getting. Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels that come to the York Theatre on Aug. 3d, 4th and 5th will come near filling your expectations.

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