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TWO LIGHTS ON A DREARY WASTE

Perish the thought that the respondent in the North Perth election trial cut short the proceedings to avoid ugly revelations. Such base suspicions cannot live in the face of Mr. Aylesworth's noble refusal to take advantage of the saving clause in the statute.

One charge was proved. True, if no further evidence of corruption could be brought to light, John Brown would retain his seat. But Mr. Aylesworth was not thinking of statutes, and saving clauses therein. He was thinking of the \$5 Ontario Bank bill that bought a vote for John Brown, and that he was convinced, and John Brown was convinced, and the Ross government was convinced, and The Globe was convinced that the rest of the bill of particulars was so much empty slander, he gallantly consented to have the election voided.

Few acts in the political history of Ontario can compare with the virtuous resolution and spirit of self-sacrifice that marked the collapse of the North Perth election trial. Yet, there is one chapter of which the people of Ontario may be equally proud. It stands for the everlasting credit of Hon. E. J. Davis.

An election protest hung over Mr. Davis for a long time. Suddenly Mr. Davis resigned his seat. Furthermore, to show that there was no hard feeling, he paid the petitioner's costs. There were evil-minded people on that occasion who maligning Hon. E. J. Davis and the Ross government, just as John Brown and the Ross government are being maligning to-day. They said Mr. Davis feigned the revelations of an election trial. Mr. Davis indignantly denied the insinuation, pointed out that his sole object in resigning his seat and paying his opponent's costs was to avoid the hard feeling engendered by an election trial. He was a man of peace, on the noble altar of which he was prepared to sacrifice his seat and his cash.

We hear very often these days of the degeneration of political ideals in Ontario. A good deal of it is true. But once in a while over the weary stretch of selfish act and sordid endeavor we are cheered by just such little deeds of lofty patriotism as spoke in the North Perth election trial and in the resignation of Elmhurst Davis.

A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

It may be that The Sturgeon Falls Advertiser does not pose as an advocate of prohibition. Yet it preaches a good temperance sermon in a very simple way in this paragraph:

A workman was relieved of his earnings recently. A few drinks with boon companions and the victim the poorer by \$30. The moralist can say that with two banks in town the man was foolish to carry that sum with him when patronizing the bars, but the charity comfort remains to the victim that in making a good fellow of himself on a holiday outing he earned someone not as fond of work as himself. Perhaps the experience will be worth the price, and the police of this nature call for increased vigilance on the part of the authorities, but the man behind the bar and the licensee holder can do more to put a stop to this business of drinking than all the moral agencies in the community. The licensee inspector and commissioners should insist on that. License holders giving better protection to their patrons. The law requires this, and common decency demands it.

The licensee authorities or the hotel-keepers might do a little more, but no law can protect a man who, with several months' earnings in his pockets, walks into a place where he is quite likely to meet with criminals, and deliberately deprives himself of his wits, which are his best protection. No matter how good the law may be, nor how honest the hotelkeeper or bartender may be, they cannot protect a drunken man, flourishing a pocket full, from the wolves that infest him. These thieves may behave in the hotel in so exemplary a manner that no hotelkeeper or inspector could complain of them, while the honest fool may have so opportunely as to be thrown into the street, where he may thank his stars if the police get him before the thieves.

DECLINE OF DRIBBING.

There can be little doubt of the correctness of Mr. Alexander Smith's opinion that the quality of public debate has declined; but this is an effect rather than a cause, and the evil could not be remedied by young men studying the questions of the day and training themselves as debaters, useful as such training might be. We have heard some skillful debaters who devoted their whole energies to showing that one party was more honest, more capable and more patriotic than the other; and the contest might be amusing, but it was useless, the subject of discussion being silly and idle. The stream can rise no higher than its source. There can

be no great debating without great questions.

At the risk of being described as a plagiarist of past times, one may affirm that there have been great issues even in this new country, such as the introduction of responsible government, the establishment of religious equality, confederation, provincial rights, the building of the great transcontinental railway, the question of protection as against free trade or reciprocity. As a rule, politicians are afraid of these questions. See how they fight shy of prohibition, and how cautiously they approached the subject of government ownership. In 1873 protection was a real issue; the protectionists won a real issue; the protectionists won a real issue; the protectionists won a real issue.

Of course, issues cannot be made to order, and it would be absurd to deplore the fact that a question has been settled, if settled rightly, and is no longer a subject of debate. But often the settlement of great questions does not bring peace. The parties fight as furiously as ever over matters of little public concern. Yet debate is not really free. Public men do not express themselves spontaneously on the merits of questions as they arise. They are too busy to take a settled before-hand by the government or the caucus. There is a certain hollowiness and insincerity in a so-called debate carried on under these circumstances; we all know that it will seldom change a vote in the house, and that if a member were to yield to some powerful argument advanced by an opponent, he would be branded as a traitor by his own side, and praised by the other, merely because he helped to keep their own ranks intact.

Debating, which is not free, which avoids great questions, and which is not expected to convince, can hardly rise to a very high level.

OUR FLAG AND HOW TO FLY IT.

Britons, unless under special circumstances, are not much given to flag worship, at least to the ridiculous length affected by the people of the United States. The loyalty is just as real and the pride just as great, when occasion calls, no people hold their national emblem with more availing hearts than do the citizens of the empire, round whose varied climes "day and night perpetually flee, yet ever rest perpetual."

While it is not necessary to complain of any lack of patriotic zeal, it is a matter of comment that the zeal when visibly manifested is too often not according to knowledge. That is to say, in a very large proportion of cases the national emblem when unfurled to the breezes of heaven is down upside down and becomes a signal of distress, not of joy and triumph.

Toronto is no exception to this reversal of the Union Jack, also by no means more guilty of it than other cities. Including those of the British Isles themselves. It is not an uncommon thing at all in Britain, even on public buildings to see the Union Jack in a topsy-turvy condition, just as it has appeared during the past ten days over the entrance gate of the Industrial Exposition. And on any Toronto festival out of the many Union Jacks which make their appearance, a few are wrongly quartered, and of those which are rightly drawn a very large percentage are upside down.

It is not to be supposed that a citizen who hoists the Jack is indifferent as to its being rightly or wrongly done. Although the Jack is a little complicated and to a casual observer may seem the same either way, there is a distinct difference which has an interesting historic reason. Every Briton may be supposed to know the original national flag of England which blazoned the red cross of St. George on a white field and which is still the distinguishing flag of the royal navy.

"In every clime from sea to sea the red cross flag is seen."

The herald of Old England's name, wide ocean's peerless name."

It is still distinctly in evidence in the Union Jack—the only complete cross in the flag—a visible token of England's position as predominant power in the world.

Scotland's flag of the two nations were combined in the first form of the Union Jack. Scotland's flag bore a white St. Andrew's cross in a blue ground, and blue therefore became the ground of the present flag, the white cross being drawn from corner to corner and a third strip of white being added as a field for the red cross of England.

When union with Ireland came the cross of St. Patrick—a red diagonal cross on a white ground—was added to the flag. But had it been drawn in the exact centre of the white cross of St. Andrew, the latter would have appeared simply as the field for the Irish emblem. To avoid this and also to indicate the relative seniority of Scotland, the red cross of St. Patrick was drawn in the cantons nearest to the staff, a little nearer the centre of the white St. Andrew's cross, thus leaving a broader stripe of white on the upper side. In the fly of the flag the position was reversed and the red St. Patrick's cross drawn slightly above the centre of the St. Andrew's cross.

The hoisting of the Union Jack correctly is thus a simple matter. All that is required is care to see that the broader part of the white diagonal cross be kept uppermost in the cantons next to the staff. It is worth attention, for no flag of any western nation has associations so honorable and so venerable.

Small flags may be given to it in the public schools on the eve of imperial holidays and festivals. The flag of the clustered crosses is one of which Britons have every reason to be proud, and to know its meaning is to know the history of the United Kingdom in epitome.

APPROPRIATE COMMENTS MISPLACED.

The Muskoka election was sifted to

DOESN'T IT STARTLE YOU?

Think that every seventh death is from consumption. These people all started with Catarrh. It is a shame to snifle and hawk when Catarrh cures so quickly. It clears away the discharge, stops the cough, destroys the germs, makes you well. Get Catarrh. It's guaranteed for all kinds of Catarrh.

the bottom, and nothing criminal was discovered sufficient to void the election.

In North Perth, a veil was thrown over the corruption by the respondent's hasty surrender of the seat. The Globe seems to have got these children mixed. Of North Perth it says:

The corrupt act seems to have been one of those so frequently brought to light in election trials, brought to light by a bribe by an influential worker for the purpose of promoting the success of his candidate. There was nothing to show that it was part of an organized general system of corruption, but that Mr. Brown's expenditure was suspiciously lavish.

The respondent in this case did not ask for the benefit of the saving clause of the election law, which provides that an election shall not be set aside if the acts of corruption are so trifling in character and extent as not to affect the result of the election. The majority was about 200, so that the result could not be affected by corruption, except on a large scale.

The respondent, by his conduct, admits that it was on a large scale.

The Globe's comment on North Perth would have been appropriate in Muskoka, where the judges decided that the corruption was so trifling as not to affect the result of the election.

While no general corruption was unearthed by the trial, it is important to note that, on the testimony of Mr. Rykman, the secretary of the Provincial Conservative Association, the sum of \$1850 was sent to the respondent, for the purpose of being spent in promoting Mr. Mahaffy's election. As the candidate swore to some \$500 of legitimate expenses—a fairly liberal amount—it is evident that the expenditures were not made for the purpose of a somewhat profuse scale. The money was not sent to the respondent, but to Mr. Mahaffy's workers, who were not "found out."

The latter part of this comment would have been singularly appropriate to North Perth, where the judgment means that there was corruption on a large scale. As to the amount used in Muskoka for expenses, that fact was before the judges, and they did not regard it as evidence of extensive corruption. We trust The Globe is not so easily misled.

The Parkdale Church School for Girls.

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Who is a workman? is the great question in Hamilton these days. Pending the decision of the courts, a workman will be anyone that the Hamilton Street Railway Company does not want to carry at reduced fares.

Nearly \$5,000,000.

The accumulated funds in the treasury of the Independent Order of Foresters stands at.....\$7,515,556.02

On the 1st of September they stand at.....7,500,058.49

Showing an increase for month of Sept. of.....\$15,500.47

This is a most satisfactory result for the month.

At the end of October the Supreme Executive anticipates that the accumulated funds will be very nearly the round \$8,000,000. Members of the I.O.F. in confidence recommend the order to their friends since it is gathering a financial strength such as no other society has.

RAN INTO HERD OF CATTLE.

Harrison, Sept. 9.—Last night at 7.45 a C. P. R. westbound freight, while running at high speed, ran into a herd of cattle on the tracks near the west end of here, killing and throwing them in all directions. The engine was derailed, and the train stopped. The cattle were badly cut about the head and otherwise injured, and the engine was not started until the morning. The cars were piled upon the track, and the night express lay on the tracks until the morning. The cattle were being cared for at the hotels by the company.

Suspicious Death.

Amnrip, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—A peculiar case has come to light at Elmville, Province of Quebec. A farmer named O'Hara was drinking at the home of a neighbor, Wright, and died under suspicious circumstances. It seems a crowd had been in drinking and card-playing, and while Wright's son went out of the room the company suddenly disappeared except O'Hara, who was lying unconscious on the floor. A doctor was sent for, but O'Hara died before assistance arrived.

A peculiar thing about the case, and a point that causes some wonder, is that O'Hara's wife was not notified till the next morning, the she only lived a few yards from where death occurred. A coroner's inquest has been held, but marks of violence were shown on the body. The family are not yet satisfied, and they propose pushing the case still further.

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A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

Probable Amount Needed for Fire Service Improvement.

The controllers yesterday discovered that the fire and light committee's recommendations mean a probable expenditure of half a million dollars. Aid, Fleming thought all the improvements were not needed at once, but the future should be looked after. The engineers and fire chief will report.

Incidentally Controller Hubbard spoke about weeding out men on the committee who were now unfit for active duty. He asked what provision there was in other cities for caring for worn-out fire-fighters. Aid, Fleming replied that a pension system prevailed elsewhere, but he didn't believe in it. The men should be paid fairly and allowed to look out for themselves. It was going to be attended to by the committee, and the fire chief's report should be forthcoming at once for the guidance of the many new men about to be added to the department. It was decided to get more information from Mr. Fleming, before making a recommendation as to the cattle market.

Aid, Hayes said if the south end of Stanley Park and the J. B. Smith Co. property was taken in there would be accommodation for 25 years.

R. B. Hutchison & Co. were refused their request for remission of taxes owing to their loss in the big fire. The mayor, Controller Hubbard and Solicitor Caswell will attend the meeting of the Union of Municipalities. The appeal against Judge Street's railway decision will be dropped. The suggestion of the engineer to allow W. R. Payne to lay cement sidewalks at the engine house was not concurred in. The police chief has not enough men to provide a waterfront patrol. Commissioner Fleming recommended lots on Bain-avenue be sold to J. D. Farquhar for \$60 and on Simpson-avenue to J. D. Farquhar for \$70. Controller Spence thought it a pity the city should not erect houses on its vacant property and make it revenue-producing.

The First Advent Christian Church, College and George-streets, was granted a license to sell beer.

JAPS CAST LONGING EYES.

General Hutton Hears They Want North Australia.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Sept. 9.—Major-General Hutton, speaking at a banquet at Perth, Western Australia, said a Japanese admiral had told him the people of Japan and China were casting longing eyes on the rich northern territory of the Commonwealth.

The menace to Australia of the rising power of Japan has already been emphasized by Goldwin Smith in recent articles on the eastern situation. It is his opinion that British supremacy in the east and the Commonwealth itself will have to face Japan, armed with the imperialistic idea.

AUTO TRIP THRU ROCKIES.

Charles F. Glidden Having Good Run Over C.P.R.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 9.—The following messages have been received from Charles F. Glidden, who is making an automobile trip over part of the Canadian Pacific Railway system thru the Rockies.

Montreal, Sept. 7.—Very successful run; leave at 8 to-morrow morning.

Moosau, Sept. 8.—Very successful run to-day; hope to reach Medicine Hat to-morrow, Calgary on Saturday, Banff on Sunday.

RECORDED BIG EARTHQUAKE.

In examining the records of the seismograph at the Agincourt Observatory Station yesterday it was found that on Aug. 23 there was recorded the heaviest earthquake yet registered here, occurring at 2:05 p.m. and reaching its highest point at 5:30 p.m.

It is supposed that the record of the disturbance, which was felt along the Californian Coast when, there were strong winds, and in the waves, forty feet high, rolled along the shore, caused apparently by an upheaval of the ocean bed.

YUKON MAIL SERVICE.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—The postoffice department has issued an order stating that winter regulations regarding the mail service on the Yukon north of White Horse on Oct. 1. The last boat for the north conveying all classes of mail matter leaves Vancouver on Oct. 1.

Night School Teachers.

The following teachers have been appointed to the night schools: Dovercourt School, J. Brennan; Elizabeth-st., A. B. Shantz (principal); F. Hood (assistant); Miss A. E. Hoger (assistant in domestic science); Gladstone-st., W. P. Sparks (principal); E. Paw (assistant); Hamilton-st., J. C. Batten (principal); Edward-st., C. H. Barnes (assistant); Niagara-st., R. M. Speltz (principal); C. H. Barnes (assistant); Working Boys' Home, W. E. Cobban.

Bonny Doone Derelict.

Rockland, Me., Sept. 9.—An examination of a dismantled and waterlogged derelict, which was towed into Rockland Harbor early in the week, shows that the wreck is that of the British schooner Bonny Doone. The vessel was engaged in the lumber trade between St. John and American ports. The fate of her crew of six men is not known here. There was evidence that the craft had been in a collision.

Men, Watch This Space.

Dear Doctor: Have suffered severely for about ten years, but one treatment of your L-L made a positive cure. It was very mild in its action, but powerful in its results. (One of the many unsolicited letters.) We guarantee to cure all Private Diseases or refund money. It has never failed. Price \$10, plain wrapper. Sample free. Dr. Under Medicine Co., Markham, Ont.

Her Reason for Self-Murder.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9.—Because her husband went to a baseball game, Gentle her protest Mrs. Charles Evans of Monterey has committed suicide by taking poison. Her body, as it fell to the floor, struck her 19 months old daughter, crushing her to death.

Chicago and Return.

On Sept. 22, 23 and 24 the Wabash Railroad will sell round trip tickets at single first-class fare, good to return until Oct. 10, 1904, from all stations to Chicago and Indianapolis. All tickets read via the Wabash, the short and true route to the above points.

Office Yields \$5000 a Year.

The salary of H. S. Scott, who has