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LONDON, THURSDAY, MAY 4.

The Death of Mr. Sutherland.

The late Hon. James Sutherland was a man of remarkable personal qualities. These explain the profound emotion which Sir Wilfrid Laurier exhibited yesterday in the House of Commons when he formally announced Mr. Sutherland's death. The ties between the Premier and his colleague were more than official. They were cemented by the deepest friendship, which grew during the years when the fortunes of the Liberal party were at the lowest ebb, and when the steadfastness of the member for North Oxford was a great asset to the party and its chief. Entering Parliament in 1881, Mr. Sutherland, during his long period in Opposition, maintained an unflinching serenity and established himself in the affections of the House of Commons, without regard to creed or politics. He was unselfish, unobtrusive, and always ready to sacrifice himself in the interests of his party, his friends, and particularly of his leader, who greatly relied upon his counsel and gave him an unreserved confidence. This magnanimity of character drew men to him and disarmed his enemies. If, indeed, he ever had an enemy, public or private, no man was in a stronger position to claim his reward when the Liberal party got into power, but he showed his usual self-effacement, and it is understood declined a place in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's first cabinet, feeling that this would lighten the task of the Premier in forming a ministry, when there were other men whose services called for recognition. He did not take a portfolio until 1902. As an administrator he was remarkable for his untiring and painstaking industry. It is probable that he had determined his health by too close application to his work, and his untimely end is a warning to all too familiar, that the strongest constitution cannot persistently defy the demand of nature for physical exercise and relaxation.

He was not an orator or a conspicuous parliamentary figure, but his sound judgment and practical instincts and training made him a useful public servant. It is on the personal side, however, that his loss will be most deeply and widely felt. The loyalty of the riding of North Oxford during his public career of nearly a quarter of a century, has been a signal tribute to Mr. Sutherland's innate worth, since he has all along commanded the support of hundreds of Conservatives, who have found him a friend in the truest sense of the word.

That Interswitching.

Our local contemporary makes the statement that while Mr. Hyman was in London a short time ago the local interswitching communication was fully made and a ballasting train had passed over it. Now it says that two rails have been removed where the G. T. R. and C. P. R. tracks meet, and it demands an explanation.

This is a serious charge, and ought not to be made without substantial grounds. We understand Mr. Hyman has offered to pay the expense of necessary witnesses to prove the accusation before the railway commission. Our contemporary, which shows so keen an interest in this matter, should assist the acting Minister of Public Works in securing evidence that would settle the question. Is it actually completed? If so, is it true that it has been broken by the removal of rails? Who ordered the removal of the rails, and why were they removed? These points should be cleared up before the proper tribunal. If our neighbor is sure of its own statements, it should have no difficulty in furnishing the proof.

The Autonomy Bill.

The second reading of the Northwest autonomy bill was carried in the House of Commons by the abnormal majority of 51, which, it is probable, would have been increased to 59 in a full house. Thirteen Conservatives voted against the amendment of Mr. Borden, of whom six were Protestants, including two Ontario members, Mr. Pringle, of Cornwall, and Mr. Lewis, of West Huron. There were no defections from the Liberal ranks, although Mr. McCarthy, of North Simcoe, who usually supports the Government, sided with the Conservative leader.

The bill has gone to committee for discussion in detail, but the public now knows where the House of Commons stands with regard to the principle. The debate has been conducted on the whole in excellent temper, with a minimum of offense to religious sensibilities, and a praiseworthy absence of inflammatory appeals to prejudice. It is a pity the same spirit has not actuated all the opponents of the educational clauses of the autonomy bill. Most of the mischief has been stirred up by two or three newspapers in the city of Toronto, but there is no evidence of any deep-seated feeling in the west. Members of the Liberal party who have opposed the school clauses on strictly constitutional grounds, in the belief that the Liberal doctrines of provincial rights had been assailed, will deprecate any agitation on race and creed lines, and we believe will accept the accomplished fact. By this time they must be convinced that the school system of the Territories is one in which sectarianism has been reduced to a shadow. At any rate Archbishop Langevin and some of the Quebec bishops complain that they have lost the substance, namely, ecclesiastical control of the schools. This may be comforting to those who think, rightly or wrongly, that separatism in education would retard the growth of national unity and the sentiment of

common citizenship in a new country. If there is any foundation for such a fear, then those who share it may congratulate themselves that the separatism of the Northwest schools system is of the mildest and most innocuous form. The people of the west have no apprehensions. The system has been in operation for 30 years, with no results that make them wish to change it. Even the arch-opponents of the proposed federal legislation concede that. We venture to say that after the new provinces are erected and working order, the school question will present no difficulties, and no echo of the present agitation will be heard.

The Weapon of the Weak.

The doctrine, or rather the practice of passive resistance, with which the Nonconformists are opposing the working of the new Education Act in England and Wales, while seemingly new in name, is by no means really new. This Education Act in effect places the control of the public schools in the hands of the clergy of the Established Church, with the result that they are made in effect church schools, using textbooks chosen by the church, and teaching church doctrines and church prejudices against dissenters. Immortal custom sanctions the collection of tithes from all to support the state church, and in general, the Nonconformists submit with good or bad grace, but when the yoke of the establishment, already heavy and galling to those who besides had their own religion to support, was doubled by the new taxes, the much-taxed dissenters were indignant. Great mass meetings were held throughout the kingdom while the bill was before the House, but the protests were unheeded. In earlier days the result might have been armed rebellion, but the method now adopted was that called "passive resistance." The resisters simply paid their other taxes, but refused to pay the obnoxious school rates. Their goods were seized and sold by the tax collectors and the money made. Next year the protest and refusal, the seizure and sale, were repeated. This happened in thousands of cases. Particularly in Wales, always a warmly religious community and a stronghold of nonconformity, the movement was strong, and it is still going on.

Speaking of tithes, the feeling against the establishment led to a similar movement in Wales a few years ago, when hundreds of persons refused, on their consciences, to pay tithes to the state church any longer. The tithes are collected of the crops at harvest-time. Many refused to deliver the tenth or pay the commutation, and their harvests were seized in the shock, sometimes even reaped, at the instance of the parsons. Great excitement prevailed, with one or two riots. In some cases owners even burned their grain to baffle the parsons' agent. A strong agitation arose for disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Wales, but Mr. Gladstone, who had done this for Ireland years before, would not venture or would not be persuaded.

Previous to disestablishment in Ireland similar, but much more violent, outbreaks against the tithe took place throughout the island. The forcible taking of the tithe produced riots and bloody fights with the police and soldiers. A comically melancholy ceremony, called "The Burial of the Tithe," was gone through in some neighborhoods to show at once the contempt and the hope of the tithe-bled peasantry. A pig was killed, dressed in a shroud, and placed upon a handbarrow for a bier. A wisp of wheat, representing the tithe, was placed in its mouth, and it was carried in solemn procession to a crossroads or to a wild, rough spot and buried with execrations and contumely.

As a means of getting rid of oppression there is no doubt that passive resistance has often been availed of by bringing sympathy and adherence to the cause of the unresisting sufferers for conscience sake. The blood of the martyrs has ever been the seed of the church.

Some question is raised whether it is not every Christian's duty to submit to the laws (or rather to obey the laws, which is not the same thing), until by lawful agitation their repeal can be had. But what of the law, as has often been the case, which itself forbids agitation or questioning? Doubtless in Anglo-Saxon communities, at least, the best men will still adhere to the principle of Junius' celebrated maxim, "The subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures."

A Tinge of Regret.

"I suppose you are gratified by the manner in which your son passed his examinations?"

"Oh, yes," answered the parent, "He was all right in his examinations. But he didn't do much on the football team."

Its Value.

Miss Flute—How many carats was George's ring?

Miss Alert—None; just small potatoes.

The Busy Stork.

On last Friday night the old stork waded up the Yukon and turned out up Muddy Creek and flew over near Seward and left Mrs. Abe Hunter a brace of twins. The stork then went on out by Mr. Bud Oosly's, where an accurate survey of the premises was made.

The Eternal Truth.

[London Queen.]

There cannot be one standard of duty or perfection for the two sexes, and it is in comparing the one with the other that the conflicting schools of education both go wrong. In a complex civilization such as ours there is room for professional women as well as domestic women. But the great func-

tion, the true vocation, of women is now, as in the beginning, to be a helpmeet for man; to be the mother and trainer of the children who will be the men and women of the future. Men will be forced to realize and respect her position, and will deem it an even greater honor to seek her alliance in matrimony.

Placed

[New York Sun.]

Stella—How old is she?

Bella—Neither young enough nor old enough to get a seat in a car.

A Break-Up.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

"It looks as if the break-up of winter had at last arrived."

"Well, I thought so this morning, when our cook dropped a tray full of my best china."

Financially Embarrassed.

[Exchange.]

"Why is Harkins rushing about so excitedly?"

"He says that his baby is financially embarrassed."

"Get out! How could a baby be financially embarrassed?"

"Oh, he swallowed a halfpenny, you know."

May Run By.

[Detroit Journal.]

Now Gen. Lincolnton fears that he isn't going to be able to slow up even when he reaches Harbin.

How It Happened.

[Harper's Weekly.]

An English lawyer was cross-examining the plaintiff in a breach of promise case. "Was the defendant's air, when he promised to marry you, perfectly serious or one of jocularity?" he inquired.

"If you please, sir," was the reply, "it was all ruffled with 'in-a-runnin'' 'is 'ands through it."

"He misapprehend my meaning," said the lawyer. "Was the promise made in utter sincerity?"

"No, sir, an' no place like it. It was made in the wash-house an' me a-wringin' the clothes," replied the plaintiff.

Premature.

[Brooklyn Life.]

Old Winter, slippery customer. His greenbacks game essays; Gave out he had the plates from which Spring's greenbacks, true, are made.

The South Wind in its journeyings The artful messenger of love, And from the hand of bud and bloom A feathered come-on flew.

He thought he saw a peeping leaf, And from his downy throat He poured his love devotion true, A full and golden note.

And then there came a killing frost, No more was ever heard; There only shivered in the blast A sad and bunched bird.

Shaping Character.

[Translated from the Japanese.]

The water placed in goblet, bowl or cup Changes its form to its receptacle; And so our plastic souls take various shapes.

And characters of good or ill, to fit, Of friends or foes, we choose; Therefore be ever careful in your choice of friends.

And let your special love be given to those Whose strength of character may prove the whip That drives you ever to fair Wisdom's goal.

The Mirror's Philosophy.

[Lippincott's Magazine.]

A mirror met, by chance, a window-pane. "Good friend," the latter begged, "can you explain to me why you are so much more polished than I am?"

"The reason, gossip, is not far to seek," replied the mirror, as he rose to speak; "through you each day her neighbor's charms are shown; I, wiser, tell of nothing but her own."

The Mind Reader.

[Punch.]

Mabel (not in her first youth)—First of all he held my hands and told my fortune; and then, Evie, he gazed into my face ever so long, and said he could read my thoughts! Wasn't that clever of him, dear?

Evie—Oh, I suppose he read between the lines, darling.

Like Her Mother.

[Chicago Tribune.]

The Young Man (with some embarrassment)—There is one question you haven't asked me yet, Mr. Hurpoy. You haven't wanted to know whether or not I think I can make a living for your daughter.

The Other Man—That isn't necessary, Henry. She'll see that you make the living, all right, if she's at all like her mother—and I think she is.

Did Not Need It.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]

A country doctor tells this story to himself: After writing a prescription for a patient, the physician told him that the drug would probably charge him 60 cents for filling it. Then the patient asked the physician to lend him the money. Thereupon the physician carefully scratched out a part of

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the prescription and handed it back, with 10 cents, remarking: "You can have that filled for a dime. What I scratched out was for your nerves."

People Are Queer.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

Call a girl a chick and she smiles; call a woman a hen and she howls. Call a young woman a witch and she is pleased; call an old woman a witch and she is indignant. Call a girl a kitten and she rather likes it; call a woman a cat and she hates you. Women are queer, too.

If you call a man a gay dog it will flatter him; call him a pup, a hound, or a cur, and he will try to alter the map of your face. He doesn't mind being called a bull or a bear, yet he will object to being mentioned as a calf or a cub. Men are queer, too.

Libeling the G. G.

[Montreal Star.]

One paper says, Earl Grey talks like the Kaiser. Before a competent jury, the case ought to be able to collect about \$10,000 damages on that.

A Responsibility Not.

[Washington Star.]

"What art demands," said the critic earnestly, "are pictures of real life?"

"Well," said the actress, "that is what I provide. My photographs are on sale at every performance."

LOOKING BACKWARD
TWELVE CENTURIES

Llewellyn the Great's Coat-of-Arms—Ancestor of Some London Families.

Squire Henry Edwards, of Ridout street showed a very interesting painting to The Advertiser this morning. It was an exact reproduction of the coat-of-arms of Llewellyn the Great, King of Wales, who flourished about twelve centuries ago and from whom the squire's family trace their descent. The original of the coat-of-arms is in the possession of a Miss Madis, of St. Louis, a cousin of the squire, but it is now getting in a frail condition by reason of its great age, despite the great care which has been taken of it. It was brought to America by Benjamin Edwards, who immigrated from the old country about 200 years ago and settled in Massachusetts.

The coat-of-arms is a magnificent piece of work. A "lion rampant" is the central figure, and the space round about him is adorned with intricate, colored, scroll work. The whole is about eight inches square. Below appear the name and title of Llewellyn, and the names of his descendants, all written in Welsh, of course.

Llewellyn was one of the sturdy Briton kings who resisted the invasions of the Anglo-Saxons, and his descendants retained their Celtic blood almost pure. Squire Edwards and the other members of the same family, who are scattered throughout America, have family records of their descent, which have been preserved and added to throughout the centuries by successive generations. These records have been attested by research among the cemetery records of Wiltshire, Eng., to which county a number of the old monthly's descendants emigrated from Wales. The only other member of the family in this city is Squire Harry Edwards, of Brydges street, uncle of the other squire. The latter gentleman, who is well on to eighty years of age, was one of the members of the staff of The Advertiser, when the paper was instituted in the early sixties. He has given much of his time to study and research into the remarkable history of his ancestors. His great-grandmother was a Welsh lady, Elizabeth Edwards, and although born in Canada, the squire claims to have scarcely a drop of any but Celtic blood in his veins.

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