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HON. MR. MCCURDY HEARD FROM

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, formerly federal Minister of Public Works in a Conservative government, declares that so far as he is concerned, justice for the Maritime Provinces must come before party. He has sent a letter to the President of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Colchester denying reports that he has been seeking a nomination from either the Conservatives or the Liberals. He says that in public addresses and in pamphlets he has been urging "that an earnest attempt be made to solve the pressing problems" of Nova Scotia. Public grievances exist in railway and other matters, he goes on to say, and he has been calling attention to these, and to the present unsatisfactory condition and trend of business "without any political motive."

He intimates that he has been asked, by friends in both parties, whether he would allow his name to go before their respective conventions, and says that in all such cases he has replied that he could not accept any nomination "unless it was understood that I should be regarded as a bona fide Maritime Rights candidate." While he represented Shelburne-Queens, and also Colchester, he says he was brought to realize that Nova Scotia has not received the consideration due her in the public concerns of the Dominion. That province, he asserts, if "the right to live" is to be accorded its people, "must secure fair consideration and a just measure of participation in the national undertakings and developments of the Dominion."

Perhaps in those words there is a suggestion for other candidates, of whatever party, at this time. Mr. McCurdy denies any intention to reflect unkindly upon either of the parties, but he points out that party members are restricted to their party platforms by the accepted practices of party government. Repeating that he has not sought any party nomination, he says that in his opinion, "a Maritime Rights" to be effective in declaring and promoting the needs of the province, should be free to press those views ahead of party. He should be at liberty politically to criticize "any national measure and enterprise that does not include and safeguard the manifest interests of the East."

We do not know that "Maritime Rights" is a particularly fortunate description of public men devoted to promoting and protecting Maritime interests and seeking fair play for these provinces so far as federal policies, activities and enterprises are concerned, but certainly any representative who is not at liberty to criticize freely his own or any party which ignores the manifest interests of this part of the country would not be likely to prove of much value in Parliament.

It has become increasingly clear of late years that the Maritime have suffered at the hands of both parties because too many of our representatives at Ottawa could be counted upon as hard and fast party men, regardless of any lack of justice to the Atlantic Provinces. We have needed and shall need at Ottawa men who will resolutely assert, whether they are in the Government ranks or in opposition, that the Maritimes must receive that fairness and equality of treatment due them as partners in Confederation.

DEVELOPING BUSINESS.

There has been talk in New Brunswick of an industrial survey, and also of a close analysis of our purchases from other provinces and countries of many food products which we should be able to raise for ourselves. It is probable that such an analysis would give strong encouragement to our farmers as well as our manufacturers, and assist in concentrating public opinion upon the importance of patronizing home industries. It would tend to increase agriculture and manufacturing production.

Manitoba, it is of interest to note in this connection, has just completed the organization of a Board of Industrial Development. Premier Bracken is chairman, and the thirty-five members include representatives of the Provincial Government, the city of Winnipeg, the C. P. R. and the C. N. R., the Canadian Bankers' Association, the Trades and Labor Council, and other organizations and enterprises. There is a strong executive committee, and the work of the board is divided between three main committees, each of which has sub-committees.

In view of our own situation it is worth noting the character of the activities the Manitoba board is engaged in. One committee will make a survey of the natural resources of the province, and report upon their adaptability to manufacture. Another is to analyze existing industries, to find out which are progressing, which are standing still, and which are declining, to discover the difficulties which any of these are encountering, and to assist the development of those which are not making satisfactory headway. Encouraging the patronage

of home industry will be a feature of this committee's work. A third committee will carry out an industrial survey in order to secure such information as will be useful in introducing new industries to the province. The survey when completed will show the nature of existing industries, the value of the articles they produce, the classes and quantities of manufactured goods shipped into and out of the province, and the present and prospective market for manufactures, and will supply information as to labor requirements and supplies, transportation facilities, power, fuel, sites and taxation. The section dealing with natural resources has five sub-committees at work, each of which is attached a number of men who have expert knowledge of the subjects under review, and they will serve in an advisory capacity. These sub-committees are dealing with fur and game, timber, minerals, fish and waterpower. A special committee is to be appointed by the executive to take up the problem of industrial-financing.

As will be seen from these details, the work covers a lot of ground and represents a resolute and well-organized campaign to bring to the province a greater degree of profitable activity.

In Great Britain the annual per capita loss by fire is about ninety-five cents. In France and Belgium it is even lower, but in the United States it is about five dollars for each man, woman and child annually, and Canada ranks with the United States as a heavy sufferer from fire loss. In spite of the increasing work of prevention and the efforts of the public to exercise care, the President of the United States, in referring to the coming fire prevention week, feels compelled to say that the fire record of that country justifies "a sense of shame and horror," 15,000 lives and property valued at \$345,000,000 having been lost through fire last year. Undoubtedly these staggering losses would have been greater but for increased efficiency in fire departments and by the better construction of buildings. In spite of all that is done, the waste increases, demonstrating the necessity for still more drastic efforts in the matter of prevention, for, after all, a very great percentage of the fires are undoubtedly preventable.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

Ideals

(James Allen in Buffalo Truth.)
As you think, you travel; and as you love, you attract. You are today just where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the results of your thoughts, but you can endure and earn, can accept, and be glad. You will realize the vision (not the idle wish) of your heart, be it base or beautiful, or a mixture of both; for you will always gravitate towards that which you secretly, most love. Into your hands will be placed the exact results of your thoughts; you will receive that which you earn; no more, no less. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your vision, your IDEAL. You will become as small as your controlling desire, as great as your dominant inspiration.

The Tactful Sex.

(London Pictorial.)
A demand from the Ministry of Health for a number of "tactful women," to assist in the administration of the Pensions Act, has set many people asking what tact is, and whether, as a matter of ascertainable fact, women usually possess more of this elusive gift than men.

We may define the gift as the art of getting what one wants in life without appearing to ask for it; and, with this, goes the power of making oneself liked by others.

Who can deny that many women have mastered this art as regards private and domestic life?

Men, on the other hand, are trained to tact in business and in public life. Apart from this carefully learnt tact, men fall. In the home they are apt to be too direct, blunt and downright to achieve, by delicate dissimulation, what they always think they can get by the manly method of giving orders and laying down the law at the dinner table.

Appeal Brief Ready In Chapman Case

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 24.—The brief to be submitted by counsel for Gerald Chapman, convicted slayer of a New Britain policeman, in support of the arguments to be made at the hearing before the Supreme Court in October has been completed and placed in the hands of the printer.

This is in preparation for Chapman's appeal for a new trial, which is based on twelve points of alleged error. The brief will be filed with the court on the day of the hearing, and will be exchanged with counsel for the State in accordance with the usual custom.

USEFUL
"Did your husband appreciate the work I knitted for him?"
"Oh, mum, it came in most useful."
"Is gone and 'anged 'isselt with it!"
—London Opinion.

Mid-Ocean.

(Gilbert Thomas in London Observer.)
The Ship of Time in childhood's haven Lay moored and smokeless by the quay,
So safe and snug and stoutly paven.
"Oh, will it never put to sea?"
I cried impatiently.

So eager was I for the spaces Of the blown clouds and flying spray—
I saw not the kind harbor faces Nor all the flowered world that lay Around me in the bay.

I was all hurry to be sailing, And endless were the days to me. But, when hope seemed most unavailing, I found the ship already free, Loosed imperceptibly.

And soon the hungry tide was springing Beneath it in the fairway—till There came the courier breezes, bringing Prophecy of the vastness still itself invisible.

Oh, joy to feel the vessel speeding! Oh, pride to hear its siren's blast! The banks' green slopes were soon receding.
At length the channel buoys were passed. No look behind I cast.

But—for one hour it that bright haven Now, with these eyes that know the sea! How could I dream those piers were paven With love—until there lay round me This lone immensity!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Out on Service.
Trump—Could you give a hungry man a scrap of meat, lady?
Housewife—Um sorry, but it's Lent.
Trump—And when do you expect it back, ma'am?—Carnegie Tech Puppet.

"From Aberdeen"

The meanest man, alleged to be a tourist from Aberdeen, has been found. Arriving in London, this gentleman secured lodgings within full view of Big Ben, and he promptly stopped his watch to save wear and tear on the works.—Edinburgh Dispatch.

Mere Routine.

"What are you crying for?"
"The doctor has taken one of my teeth out!"
"Pooh! My mother takes all hers out every night, but she doesn't cry."—The Victoria.

The Real Question

"Just this way, sir," said the courteous clerk in the railway ticket office. "Let me show you some summer guides entitled, 'Where to Go' and 'When to Go.'"

The man with the modest income shook his head.
"They don't interest me," he sighed. "What I want to know is 'How to Go.'"
—Yorkshire Post.

In Absence.

(Gossip.)
Moss—Gwine ter move dis fall?
Jake—Dunno! De landlord ha'n't made up his mind yet.

Contrast.

(Stanford Chaparral.)
Olden Piece—You'll have to ask papa's consent first, Mr. Perkins.
Nowadays—Step on the gas, George! The old man is gaining!

Fruit Prospects Better.

(Listening Post.)
"Strange she should reject Robert, he has such a fine family tree."
"But the man she accepted has a fine business plant."

No Recommendation.

(Tik, Berlin.)
"Did you go to the doctor I recommended and mention that I had sent you?"
"Yes."
"What did he say?"
"He asked me for his fee in advance."

Is That So.

(Kensington Observer.)
Bride (reading account of her wedding): "It wish they'd invent a new expression. It's always the 'blushing bride.'"
Miss Candour—"Well, when you consider what sort of husbands some girls marry, you can't wonder at them blushing."

The Latest.

(Exchange.)
"Late again, O'Malley," roared the boss. "How do you account for this persistent tardiness?"
"The inherited, sir," answered O'Malley. "Me father was the late Michael O'Malley."

Conjurer Dies As He Performs Trick

GENEVA, Sept. 24.—M. Adolphe Blind, aged 88, a wealthy Genevan, who took up conjuring as a hobby, died on the stage at Cologny, near Geneva, while giving a performance for a charity.

The hall was crowded, mostly with children, and M. Blind was performing one of his favorite tricks. The audience at first thought his collapse was part of the "show," but as M. Blind did not rise, a doctor went to the stage and found that his heart had stopped beating.

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HON. W. R. CLUBB NEW HEAD OF ASSOCIATION

Hon. Mr. Veniot Honorary Pres.; Hon. D. A. Stewart on Directorate

QUEBEC, Sept. 23.—"It is within the province of the people to tell their elected representatives what taxes they shall pay. We are the public owners of a great transportation railway system and yet we spend millions of money to build highways so that automobile business may compete unfairly with these railways."

The statements quoted were uttered today by Controller Cameron of Toronto, during the course of a discussion on taxation at today's session of the Canadian Good Roads' Association convention. Mr. Cameron believed that so long as public ownership was a part of Canadian policy, just so long should the people support the railways and not permit unfair competition to divert their revenues to other places.

VENIOT REPLIES.
Ex-Premier Veniot, of New Brunswick, who is past president of the association, replied to Mr. Cameron's remarks. On the question of taxation he stated that every province seemed to have a different system, and he reviewed the systems in use in Ontario and Nova Scotia. Turning to the manner in which the problem was handled in New Brunswick, he stated that there was no municipal taxation for road building purposes there. They had the best gravelled roads in the Dominion; simply because a few years ago they earmarked the automobile fees paid in, funded them, borrowed money against this fund, and paid both principal and sinking fund from it.

CLUBB ELECTED HEAD.
Hon. W. R. Clubb, Minister of Public Works, was elected president of the Canadian Good Roads' Association, at the second session of the three-day convention of the association here today.

Mr. Clubb succeeds Hon. P. J. Veniot, former premier of New Brunswick. Other officers elected were: Hon. Past President, Hon. J. L. Perron, Minister of Roads, Quebec; Hon. President, Hon. P. J. Veniot; First Vice

President, Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Public Works, Ontario; Second Vice-President, Hon. John Oliver, Premier of British Columbia; Secretary-Treasurer, George A. McNamee, Montreal. Additions to the directorate were: Theodore Morgan, President of the Royal Automobile Club, of Canada; Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, N. B.; Ex-Controller R. H. Cameron, Toronto; Hon. P. C. Black, Minister of Highways, Nova Scotia.

RARE VOLUME IS FOUND BY CHANCE

Medical Book Published in 1659 is Presented to London Hospital.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Another instance of the way in which valuable books remain hidden for years and then are discovered only by chance is revealed by the presentation to St. Bartholomew's Hospital of a folio copy of Remmelin's "Cateprium Microscopicum," one of the earliest anatomical atlases.

The book was found among a collection of papers left by the late Dr. F. V. Elkington, of Fenny Compton, a well-known medical man in South Warwickshire.

The covers were gone and many pages were tattered, but the flaps, which lifted to show the various portions of the human body, were intact. The rectors of the estate had no idea of the value of the book. It was sent to St. Bartholomew's because the owner had been a student there.

Now it is learned that the book, which was published in 1659, is extremely rare, there being only one copy of earlier date. It is to be placed in the hospital library.

Use Sawdust To Improve Acoustics

Architects and others have been struggling for years with the subject of acoustics and while they have learned much there is yet much to learn.

It is a good deal like building a chimney for there seems to be a large element of luck entering into the construction. The old pioneers used to build the chimney and if it was found to draw satisfactorily,

they proceeded to build a house around it.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in the endeavor to remedy poor conditions in assembly halls after they have been built and found to be unsatisfactory. The statement is made that a California builder has overcome the confusing echoes in large halls by mixing a generous quantity of sawdust with the plaster used in covering the walls.

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Medical evidence showed that the man, whose age was about 40, was in an advanced stage of consumption, accelerated by exposure, and also severe heart trouble.

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