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POST OFFICE BRIBES.

"A more immoral statement regarding the expenditure of public money could not be made," are the words employed by Mr. Borden in a vigorous condemnation of the doctrine laid down by Mr. E. M. MacDonald, M. P., of Pictou, when he told the people of Lethbridge that they could not have a post office unless they returned a Liberal member to the House of Commons. As the leader of the opposition asserts the revenues of the country are the property of the people of the country and there is more than ordinary impudence in Mr. MacDonald's statement that their chief use is to reward electors for voting as the government desires or to deter them from voting according to their own conscientious convictions.

"But," continued Mr. Borden, "Mr. MacDonald learned his doctrine from a certain school in the present administration. I will quote a statement made in my own riding by the watch dog of the treasury, Hon. Mr. Fielding himself. It was as follows: 'I am not going to promise Halifax anything, but I will tell you this, if instead of sending one Liberal member to Ottawa, you send two, every fair and reasonable thing that Halifax wants will be granted.' The meaning of that assertion was that if Halifax continued to send a Conservative member to parliament, or if it adopted the course of electing two Conservative members, fair and reasonable requests from that city would not be granted. 'I say to you,' declared the opposition leader, 'that the expenditure of public money has been based by the present government upon principles of that kind.'

The leader of the opposition would rather see a young man joining the Liberal ranks than taking no part in politics, since he believes that the young man might try to improve the party. There would be no lack of scope for his efforts. 'My friend, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has during his tour of the West compared his government in some respects to the Kingdom of Heaven,' continued Mr. Borden. 'I may say there are many points of difference between the two, which he has not noted. I might point out, for instance, that in the Kingdom of Heaven neither rust nor moth doth corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. In that respect, I think, the present government might be said to differ from the Kingdom of Heaven.'

"AN OFFENSIVE PHRASE."

It is of interest to note that Rev. Father Vaughan's recent denunciation of Protestantism is not shared by the Register-Extension, the leading organ of the English-speaking Catholics of Canada. It pointedly remarks that abuse is not proof, and contrasts the tact and diplomacy displayed by Archbishop Bruchesi and Cardinal Vannutelli with the offensive tone adopted by the Jesuit preacher.

In its last issue under the caption "An Offensive Phrase," the Register-Extension says editorially:—

"We feel somehow that Father Vaughan's denunciation of Protestantism as a 'soulless religion' was a serious mistake. It is an offensive phrase and we have been objecting to offensive phrases. The expression means nothing and has merely served to stir up bad feeling and to create sentiments of resentment in the breasts of kindly and well-intentioned Protestants. Abuse never made a convert and we feel that Catholic truth can be unfolded without inflaming the prejudices of those who hold opposite views.

"The kindly, tactful words of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi and the equally kindly, urbane and diplomatic message of His Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli were more in keeping with the true spirit of this great Eucharistic celebration. The holy father himself has been touched by the sympathetic attitude of Canada and the Empire towards this splendid religious demonstration and has given public expression of his satisfaction and gratitude. This week, there are thousands of Catholics praying for dear Protestant friends and we can well believe that there are many thousands of earnest Protestants looking wistfully to Montreal and wondering if their forefathers made a mistake. They are the heirs of the sad sixteenth century tragedy, which divided the Christian world into two hostile camps; but today they are looking for proofs, not abuse."

THE ELECTIONS IN MAINE.

The result of the recent elections in Maine must be regarded as a strong indication of the general trend of political events in the United States. The prediction, which has been freely made that this would probably be a landslide year for the Democratic party, is receiving rather striking confirmation.

In Maine the results of two years ago have been practically reversed. For the first time in thirty years the Democrats have carried everything before them. They have captured not only the governorship and the auditorship, but, apparently, the legislature and three congressional districts. There exists some doubt regarding a few details, but the general result is undoubtedly one that can be interpreted only as a severe repulse for the Republican party, not merely in the state, but in the nation.

The moral influence of the Maine election upon the country at large will be great, and decidedly to the advantage of the Democrats. That it will affect the fall elections there can be no question. Among other things, it will help materially to solve many problems now perplexing the party in power, although not in a way that will be satisfactory to either its "regular" or "progressive" wings, since the situation promises to involve the complete overthrow of Repub-

lican domination. The Maine election seems to point strongly to a Democratic House and Senate, if it does not point with equal certainty to a Democratic national administration in 1912.

Some of the western states, in which the parties are more evenly divided this year than for a considerable time, have been awaiting the news from Maine, and it is by no means unlikely that the result of the recent elections may lead them to contribute to a political overturn in November that will be remarkable in the history of American politics.

THE MYSTERY OF WOMAN'S HAIR.

A rather delicate subject, the Vancouver World points out, is discussed by the British Medical Journal—the mystery of the origin of some women's hair. Where do the hairdressers get the glorious locks with which they decorate their windows? Black hair, it may be conjectured, comes from the south, and in this connection the Journal quotes from Mr. Francis Trollope's "Summer in Brittany" a description of a hair market at a fair at Colloenne:—"In various parts of the motley crowd there were three or four different purchasers of human hair, who travel the country for the purpose of attending the fairs and buying the tresses of the peasant girls. They have particularly fine hair, and frequently in the greatest abundance. We saw several girls sheared one after the other, like sheep, and as many more standing ready for the shears, with their caps in their hands, and their long hair combed out, and hanging down to their waists. Some of the operators were men, and some women. By the side of the dealer was placed a large basket, into which every successive crop of hair, tied up into a wisp by itself, was thrown."

Light hair comes mostly from Germany. It is sometimes stated that the color of the hair is an index of character; if this be true, it is obvious that the character can be disguised by art. Queen Elizabeth was probably singular in her preference for a red wig, but the color did not belie her temper. The color most in demand, however, changes with the fashion at a given time. A fashion which we can only characterize as disgusting seems to prevail at present in certain places. This is the wearing of "rats," structures of which we confess we know nothing, but which we presume to be intended to be decorative. They are, it seems, made sometimes of wire, sometimes of human hair, sometimes of flax, or other vegetable which presents a more or less close likeness to human hair.

In connection with this matter, darker mysteries than those of the French or German hair markets are touched. It was recently stated in a paper published in the United States that the hair dealers of Canton, from whom large supplies of black hair are received for the manufacture of "rats," have been discovered exhuming corpses for the sake of the pigtail. The Chinese government is said to be taking steps to stop this new kind of burking. It is to be hoped the Chinese government will be successful in its efforts, for the traffic in dead hair is as dangerous from a hygienic as it is hideous from an aesthetic point of view.

A letter from Mr. Francis Doherty of New Ireland, which appears in this issue, gives further testimony to the improved condition of the roads and bridges under the Hazen government. As a resident for fifteen years in his district, Mr. Doherty is able to give some interesting and instructive testimony. The almost impassible road and the bridge which had rotted away were frequent causes for complaint two years ago in almost any district in the province. Mr. Doherty is one among many who have thanked Mr. Hazen and his government for the good work done in their locality.

In another column is printed a reply by Rev. W. H. Sedgwick to Rev. Father Vaughan's recent attack on Protestantism. It is a model of dignified and effective comment. Rev. Mr. Sedgwick is pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton (Ont.), and is one of the ablest preachers among the younger members of his denomination. He has been heard in this city on more than one occasion.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Toronto News.)

On Sunday afternoon the Royal Grenadiers' Regiment escorted the British Grenadier Guards' Band to St. James' Cathedral. Crowds of citizens lined the route to gaze admiringly on the spectacle. The whole scene was a visible reminder of that invisible, but none the less strong and enduring bond which unites Canada with Great Britain and the rest of the Empire.

The show was a fitting counterpart to another that has been transpiring in the Old Land, where the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto have been accorded such an exceedingly hearty reception by the Imperial regulars and the British populace. Without a doubt the bonds of sentiment and of enthusiastic and unfailing loyalty to the Empire as a whole are being materially strengthened by the events of the present year.

(Ottawa Journal.)

"We are living in a day of headlines, snapshots, taxicabs and music halls," deplors Rev. Father Vaughan in a sermon. Sure, thank goodness. Photography is giving more sane and harmless pleasures to millions than almost any other factor of the times. Taxicabs save time, men and horses, and lessen dirt. Headlines educate. Music halls there are none in this country, and we hesitate to pronounce upon them. We would like to see in Canada more places where music could be had cheap, however.

(Montreal Herald.)

So long as people do not get to feeling bitter about it, this little theological tempest is quite enjoyable. Sailing on placid waters is agreeable to the indolent, but an occasional breeze livens things up most pleasantly. If the controversialists will be careful not to let the sun go down upon their anger it will be all right.

(Portland Argus.)

Senator Root's explanation that the United States really won in the fisheries arbitration reminds the New York World of the man who threw the other man down on top of him with great force and forcibly inserted his nose between the other man's teeth.

(Toronto News.)

A New York tailor announces that a man who does not go out much can dress decently on \$5,000 a year. Our expenditure on dress account is about \$47, but then we go out a great deal.

(Hamilton Herald.)

Henri Bourassa's attack on labor unions because they are "non-Catholic" indicates why Mr. Bourassa is impossible as a permanent political colleague in this country.

(Calgary Herald.)

In the recent coal strike in Illinois the total amount of money lost to the employers and the men was \$25,000,000. Strikes cost much real money, don't they?

Sun's up! You too! Before you dress, get in shape for the day; drink a glass of **MAGI**. THE WATER OF QUALITY.

PURSE OF GOLD FOR RETIRING PASTOR

Congregations of Norton and Campbell Settlement Say Farewell to Rev. Samuel Farley—Felicitous Address

Norton, N. B., Sept. 13.—Never in the history of the congregations of the Presbyterian churches of Norton and Campbell Settlement has a more unique social gathering taken place than that which met in the public hall at Norton last evening to bid farewell to Mr. S. Farley, student who has been in charge of both congregations for the past eighteen months, and who is now leaving to resume his college studies. Long before the appointed hour teams began to arrive from outside so that by 8 o'clock the lodge rooms of the public hall, where the ladies of the congregations had prepared a very dainty luncheon, were filled up. At nine o'clock after the meeting had been called to order, Mr. Farley sang two solos, after which luncheon was announced, when over one hundred people sat down to lunch, doing ample justice to all the many good things provided by the ladies. The meeting being called to order again a short musical programme was given after which Mr. Farley being called forward was presented with the following address, which was accompanied by a purse of gold.

Norton, N. B., Sept. 12th, 1910.

Dear Sir—We the members, adherents and friends of the Presbyterian congregation of Norton, Campbell Settlement, etc., find it quite impossible to allow you to leave us without attempting to express in a few words as possible the very great appreciation we have of the magnificent work you have done during your short stay among us, and the very deep sorrow we feel on account of your intended departure from our midst.

When we think of what God has accomplished through you since you first came among us eighteen months ago, we find that even our highest expectations have been surpassed. It is quite impossible to tabulate spiritual results, the future alone reveals the ultimate results of the works of God's servants; but we know that the lives of many Christians have been greatly helped by the able and sympathetic messages God has sent us through you from time to time. The Gospel you have preached to us was not an adulterated Gospel, but a manly Gospel, which appealed to all that was noble and heroic in our natures. Not only in the pulpit but in the home and at the sick and dying bed you have frequently administered advice and comfort and in times of trouble you proved yourself a true friend.

Through your consecrated efforts also many souls have been added to the church and we trust added to the Lord also. The Communion roll has been nearly doubled during your short ministry in this field. The new and beautiful church in this town which is already almost free from debt, will stand we trust as a monument to your indefatigable energy and tact, and as we worship from week to week in our new church home, and in our prayers and remembrance with gratitude the human agent through whom "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

When you came to us we were a weak struggling mission field as we had been for years, now we are in position to have placed over us a regularly ordained minister, to go in and out among us and to break unto us the Bread of Life. Words cannot express all that we feel in our hearts tonight and no material gift could compensate you for all you have done for us. (God will reward His faithful servants), but we would ask you to accept this purse as a small token of the appreciation we feel, but are unable adequately to express, regarding the very brief but useful service you have rendered to the congregations to which you have ministered.

As you now leave us, to prosecute your studies further, be assured you carry with you not only our love and prayers but our prayer that God may richly bless you giving you health and strength for your work, many souls for your hire, and at last an abundant entrance into His eternal presence.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of Norton: J. W. Robertson, Nelson Loughery, M. G. Harmer, elders elect.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of Campbell Settlement: Simon H. Campbell, Wm. H. Campbell elders.

Mr. Farley replied at some length, very feelingly, relating how he came to be stationed at Norton reviewing his work during the past eighteen months admonishing his congregations to remain steadfast in the faith, and extend to his successors the support and sympathy which they had given to himself.

The congregation then rising sang two verses of "God be With You Till We Meet Again," after which Mr. Farley dismissed the meeting, closing what will probably be one of the most memorable gatherings of the united congregations of Norton and Campbell Settlement.

PROF. WILLIAM NILES, GEOLOGIST, IS DEAD

Boston, Sept. 14.—William Harmon Niles, professor of geology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a widely known scientist, is dead here at the age of 72 years. He was a member of several scientific bodies and had contributed much to scientific literature.

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Expert Witness in Crippen Trial Admits He Was Unable to Determine Sex of Victim.

London, Sept. 14.—Testifying at the resumption of the Crippen trial, Prof. Augustus J. Pepper, the pathologist of the University of London, said that his examination had convinced him that the human parts found in the cellar of the Hilldrop Crescent home were severed by a hand skilled in surgery and directed by a mind that possessed a real knowledge of anatomy.

Prof. Pepper was the first witness called by the prosecution. At considerable length he described the examination which he had made of the parts and set forth his conclusions. Witness said that he identified pieces of flesh as belonging to various parts of the body, except the head, hands, forearms, feet and legs below the knees. He could say that the members found were undoubtedly from a human body. No bones were discovered, nor was there any traces of the genital organs. The whole viscera was present intact and the only wound was a cut in the upper part of the

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wind pipe. Other parts were left undisturbed by the one who did the cutting and the way in which the parts had been separated convinced the expert that whoever was guilty of the mutilation did his work with an exactness born of familiarity with the human body.

Prof. Pepper said that the hair discovered included a short strand of fair texture wrapped up in a handkerchief of the size commonly used by men. The witness identified particularly a piece of flesh six by seven inches in size as coming from the abdominal wall and which bore a scar which in his opinion was undoubtedly left by a wound from an operation.

Under cross examination, Prof. Pepper admitted that he had been unable to establish the sex of the victim. The witness said that the scar was in a vertical direction and more than four inches in length. It was old and might have been on the body for a year, possibly many years. The conditions of the organs recovered were healthy and in his judgment indicated a stoutish person in middle life, whose hair was dark brown where it had not been artificially bleached.

Witness said that he found no trace of the sex. The parts had been buried for not less than four months and for not more than eight months.

At this point Solicitor Newton took the witness in hand and asked him to be more specific in his statement as to having found "no trace of sex." The professor agreed with counsel that it was impossible for him in any manner to determine the sex from the parts of the body found and examined by him.

This was considered as of great importance to the defense, as it had been generally believed that although certain organs had been purposely removed to conceal the identity of the victim, sufficient evidence would be introduced to establish that the body was that of a woman.

Witness explained that he meant that he could not identify the sex anatomically.

He was closely questioned regarding the scar by Newton, who tried to make out that what was apparently a scar might be merely an overlapping of the skin.

"That suggestion is fantastic," retorted the professor.

REMEMBERED

Of all the crowded memories
Just one comes back today;
It seems so strange, so much we said
Could never pass away—
But they have vanished with the years
That go so swiftly by.
And this alone comes back to me—
Your brief, serene "good-by."

Someway it has a tender tone
I missed long, long ago—
O, irony of time, to need
The years to truly know—
But now that little quaver sweet—
I would not say a sigh—
Is all that I recall today—
Your last serene "good-by."

I often think how all the years
Would change for you and me,
If I had only understood
What then I did not see;
And you—if you—but now I know
The truth in your reply.
But then it stilled all further hope—
That last serene "good-by."

And here beyond the quiet years
With memories asleep,
This one of all that would not stay
From vanishing I keep;
And when the friendly stars come out
In God's great twilight sky,
I think of all that might have been
Had you not said "good-by."

—Arthur Wallace Peach.

Wedding Ring Mottoes.

When posies or mottoes inscribed inside wedding rings were first introduced does not seem to be known, but from the sixteenth century until the middle of the eighteenth it was customary to have them engraved on rings. These mottoes seldom consisted of more than two lines of a verse, often of only one, but there are a few instances known where three lines were used. Some of these posies are very quaint and curious, and a few reach a high standard of poetic beauty. The South Kensington museum has a good collection of posy rings, and among them are the following inscriptions: "United hearts death only parts;" "Let us share in joy and care;" "Love and live happily."—London Standard.

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