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CHURCH PRECEDENCE.

In making a tangle for precedence for the religious denominations of Canada, to be observed at state functions, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is wrong and un-Canadian, and instead of making things smooth, as is undoubtedly his intention, he is preparing the way for no end of dissatisfaction and acrimony, comments the Hamilton Spectator.

There is no state church in Canada—except in Quebec in provincial matters—and there is no excuse for making a table of precedence. All churches in Canada should stand on the same footing, and none should be held to take precedence of any other.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier professes to have taken this matter up because friction occurred between the churches during the visit of the Duke last year, and he seeks to avoid that in future. He proposes to do this by giving the church having the larger membership precedence over the church having a smaller membership. The membership is apparently taken from the census figures, which are anything but correct on that point. But it is not proper, in Canada, to hold one man over another because the church the latter belongs to has less membership than the boasted aristocrat who belongs to a more popular church. The denomination to which a man belongs should have nothing whatever to do with the man's social status in the eyes of the government. Religion and the various sects should be left entirely out of everything connected with the government of Canada.

The best and surest way to settle all disputes about the precedence of the church is for the government to put them all, big and little, Hebrew, Christian, Mohammedan, Greek church, infidel and Pagan, on exactly the same footing, as citizens of a country that is not foolish enough to have a state religion.

The less the government of Canada meddles with the religion of the people the better it will be for this country. Let the people of Canada attend functions as the people of Canada.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE DECISION.

Mrs. Olive Sternaman appears to be lucky in law. Some years ago she was tried in Buffalo on the charge of murdering her husband, and acquitted. Then she was brought to Canada, tried here on the same charge, and convicted. The conviction was set aside, and she was finally acquitted. Then Mrs. Sternaman brought action against the Metropolitan Insurance company to recover the insurance on her late husband's life. She lost her suit in the lower courts, but now the court of appeals of New York state has given a decision reversing that of the lower courts and deciding in favor of the fair plaintiff.

The final decision is an important one, for it involves an absolutely new ruling, in New York state at least. According to the Buffalo News, "the sole contention was as to whether the insurance company could make the medical examiner, selected, hired and paid by it, the agent for the applicant, so that if the medical director erred in his discretion as to what injuries and ailments should be inserted in the application in answer to the questions those errors of discretion would be imputable to the insured and prevent recovery. The court of appeals has just decided, what has not been before decided in this state, that by no use of English can an insurance company make its agent, selected, hired and paid by itself, the agent for the insured, so that his alleged errors shall prevent recovery."

As the interests of all insured persons were involved in the issue at stake, Mrs. Sternaman's success is a matter to be regarded with satisfaction in this country as well as in New York state. There are many Canadians who hold policies in New York life insurance companies.

RUBBING IT IN.

Hon. Mr. Ross is reported as having said this in reply to the prohibitionists Wednesday:

The premier maintained he did not wish to hamper the temperance cause but he would like to see the temperance people assert themselves more. They were of no more help in enforcing the law than anybody else.

Therein Mr. Ross acknowledges the weakness of his liquor law—and other laws on the Ontario Statute Book. Why should the prohibitionists make sneaks and informers of themselves more than any other class of the people in order to enforce the laws which Mr. Ross' officials, appointed and paid for that purpose, refuse or neglect to enforce? The present liquor laws are not enforced, and it is because of that fact that Mr. Ross finds excuse for handicapping the prohibitionists in the matter of the referendum. It is held that because a prohibitory law covering the weekly period from Saturday night at 7 till Monday morning at 7, is not enforced, a prohibitory law covering the whole week cannot be enforced without a preponderance of public opinion in favor of it. But the present law can be enforced, if Mr. Ross were, through his commissioners and inspectors, to say to the liquor dealers in Chatham—not "Be a little more careful," as has been the fashion; but "Quit it, and obey the law," every bar in this city would be closed tight during the prohibited period.

It is rather rubbing it in, for Mr. Ross to tell the prohibitionists that they have failed to do his work for him.

Canada does not need a schedule of church precedence at state functions, Sir Wilfrid notwithstanding.

Badly Wanted—Someone to take the place of Miss Stone in the work of the enterprising press correspondent.

The prohibitionists say Premier Ross' promises don't hold water. How about whiskey?

Isn't it funny to watch these "democratic" Americans agitating themselves to the extent of semi-lunacy over the visit of German royalty?

The local Cricket Club is making an early start. Good work on the part of the membership should make the ensuing year a record-breaker.

It may be pointed out that the City Engineer is very busy these days. And he is doing a lot of good work, too.

If Chief of Police Holmes proves himself a worthy successor of the late lamented William Young, the Commissioners will have no reason to regret their choice.

The Ridgeway Standard has ceased to exist, the business passing into the hands of the Plaindealer. In the Dominion and the Plaindealer Ridgeway has two excellent newspapers worthy of the most liberal support and patronage of the community.

The Premier's cab hire in London seems to be the chief public question of interest in this province. Mr. Whitney may yet find a policy.—Toronto Globe.

The Globe should put itself on that important question before it rushes into print, points out the Hamilton Spectator. Nobody knows anything about Mr. Ross' cab hire in London. His bill for \$1,800 expenses is built on the "sundries" principle. It is his Toronto car fare and cab hire that agitate the people. The bill indicates that he is terribly addicted to the street car and cab habit.

Hamilton Spectator.—In his church precedence speech yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that the Catholic and Anglican churches had representatives at state functions because they had bishops. But there are a couple of churches, the American Methodist Episcopal church and the British Methodist Episcopal church, both having bishops. These bishops not only escaped attention when the precedence of the churches was being arranged for the Duke's function, but, apparently, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is entirely unaware of their existence. Why?

IT WAS ALL UP.

And reciprocity shrieked when the "Hon." John Charlton went back and sat down.

HIS WORRIES OVER.

John Cameron having left the editor's chair for a postmaster's job, did not have to publish the letters that reach him hereafter.

CONCERNING NEWS.

Rev. J. Minot Savage.
 Have you ever thought of the significance of the fact that behaving one's self isn't news? Ten thousand bank cashiers are honest every day of the year, and that isn't worth publishing, and if one goes wrong that's news. This is why the newspapers are obliged to devote so much more of their space to crime than to honesty.

The Stimulus of Pure Blood

That is what is required by every organ of the body, for the proper performance of its functions.

It prevents biliousness, dyspepsia, constipation, kidney complaint, rheumatism, catarrh, nervousness, weakness, faintness, pimples, blotches, and all cutaneous eruptions.

It perfects all the vital processes. William Ross, Sarnia, Ont., took Hood's Sarsaparilla to make his blood pure. He writes that he was all run down, his appetite was gone, and his nerves were so unstrung he could not rest nor sleep. He had tried many remedies without benefit when Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended, and he began to use it. Three bottles of this medicine entirely cured him.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Accept no substitute, but get Hood's today.

Addition.
 When she was won, though they were two,
 Soon both were one, you see,
 But in a year the doctor called,
 And then they were three.

Just His Luck.
 "How many women did you try to marry before you got me?" she howled in anger.

"Twelve," he answered sadly, "and I never thought to count them before either."—Baltimore World.

Bang!
 An astronomer, earnest, but rash,
 Went out on a lot to view Mars.
 Then a William went came with him,
 And then he saw all kinds of stars.

—Philadelphia Press.

He Skipped.
 She—What was his father, anyway, do you know?
 He—Yes, Why?
 "He told me his father was a skipper."
 "That's right. He was a bank cashier."—Philadelphia Record.

Hope For Consumptives

HOW THE HAVINGS OF THIS SCOURGE MAY BE STAYED

Statistics Prove That More Deaths Occur From Consumption Than From All Other Contagious Diseases Combined—How Best to Combat the Disease.

The ravages of consumption throughout Canada are something appalling. In the Province of Ontario, where statistics of deaths from all diseases are carefully kept, it is shown that 2,296 of the deaths occurring during the year 1901 were due to consumption, or about 40 per cent. more than the number of deaths occurring from all other contagious diseases combined. These figures are startling and show the urgent necessity for taking every available means for combating a disease that yearly claims so many victims. The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctor has given up hope. Taken in its early stages, consumption is curable. Consumption is a wasting disease of the lungs and at the earliest symptom of lung trouble steps should be taken to arrest the waste and thus stop the disease. Consumption preys upon weakness. Strength is the best measure of safety; Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a great tonic and strength builder known to medical science. The record of this medicine speaks for itself and proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of consumption develop they build up strength and invigorate the patient to a point where disease disappears. In proof of this take the case of George St. George, of St. Jerome, Que., who says:

"About a year ago I became greatly run down. I lost color, suffered constantly from headaches and pains in the sides; my appetite left me, and I became very weak. Then I was attacked by a cough, and was told that I was in consumption. The doctor ordered me to the Laurentian Mountains in the hope that the change of air would benefit me. I remained there for some time but did not improve, and returned home feeling that I had not much longer to live. I then decided to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using several bottles my appetite began to return, and this seemed to mark the change which brought about my recovery, for with the improved appetite came gradual but surely increasing strength. I continued the use of the pills, and daily felt the weakness that had threatened to end my life disappear, until I finally was again enjoying good health, and now, as those who know me can see, I show no trace of the illness I passed through. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I hope my statement will induce similar sufferers to try them."

These pills are also a certain cure for the after-effects of a gripe and pneumonia, which frequently develop into consumption. Through their blood-renewing, strengthening qualities they also cure such ailments as trouble, neuritis, rheumatism, stomach troubles, kidney and liver ailments, and the functional weaknesses that make the lives of so many women a source of constant misery. There are many imitations of this medicine and the health-seeker should protect himself by getting the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is on every box. Sold by all dealers in medicine or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Stranger—Is the man of the house in?

SOME CANADIAN POETRY.

IN THE WYCH-WOOD.

Pathways the gods know only,
 Ancient and undefined,
 Stream with leaf and flower,
 Into the forest wind.

Into the heart of the Wych-wood,
 Into the quiet deeps,
 This secret one I follow,
 Where the white twin flower creeps.

Only the little white enter
 Under the arches of dusk,
 Fittingly round me are blowing
 Odors of cedar and musk.

I listen alone in the silence,
 I listen alone in the gloom,
 In the green twilight of the forest
 Filled with the pines' perfume.

And a bird far above in a tree-top,
 A bird far above in the sun,
 Sings, and my soul's enchanted
 Ere his wondrous song is done.

Airily over the woodland,
 Hour by hour he sings,
 And his songs of gladness tell me
 Of a thousand happy things.

Sometimes I lure him to me,
 Whistling long and low,
 Down he comes warily hopping,
 Where the red woodbines blow.

Startled he flies to the tree-tops,
 Preens his soft plumes in the sun,
 And in an ecstasy warbles
 His melodies one by one.

Prince, whom I love as no other,
 Here where the song of the bird
 Echoes in tender cadence,
 Happily I pledge thee my word:

As in the heart of the Wych-wood
 Singing alone to me,
 This bird in the golden tree-top,
 I sing alone to thee.

Content if thou alone listen,
 Deaf though the gods be as stone,
 Content if under the heavens
 Thou may hear me, my own.

—Helen M. Merrill, in Acta Victoriana.

TWO LOVERS.

Whose baby is the loveliest?
 Mother's own.
 All around the world—north, south,
 East, west—

Hers alone!
 For whether it be a Chinese tot,
 With eyes aslant and a shaven crown,
 Or a dear little girl of the land of the free,

Or a tottling prince in London town,
 Or the rare treasure, a Sudan slave,
 His mother's breast all we and brown,
 Each in its mother's gentle pride
 Is fairer than all the world beside.

Whose mother is loved the best?
 Baby's own.
 She whose cheek was first caressed
 She alone.

For whether she be an Eskimo
 Or colored mammy or stately queen
 Or a wandering organ grinder's wife,
 Jangling and beating her tambourine,
 In every land where children are,
 The baby eyes from their deeps serene
 Are rapture bound by the tender grace
 In the mother's bended, love-lit face.

—Anon.

A FAILURE.

You say your life is a failure,
 And I grieve to hear you say,
 As I gaze on your deep brow care-
 lined
 And your dark hair streaked with grey.

For I see in your eyes new-troubled,
 Barely bent on me,
 That the soul knows naught of failure
 As it looks forth strong and free.

You say your life is a failure!
 What, then, do the words convey?
 I always thought that failure
 Should be feared until to-day.

But I see down the years swift passing
 A man in his earnest youth
 Turn aside from the mad world's ways
 To bow at the shrine of truth.

With his deep brow reverent, thoughtful,
 Aglow with the ages' light,
 And his poised heart tremulous yearning
 Aflame with his new-found right.

The unchangeable fire-seed burning
 Through the frost of the night of time
 That he brings again to his brothers
 And offers in faith sublime.

Had they met not his prayers with laughter,
 Laughing at his pearls again,
 This earth were indeed the Eden
 It never has been too men.

We give our praise to the martyr,
 Who died when his faith was aflame;
 We bow to his tomb as an altar,
 And worship the sound of his name.

But a greater than he is the brother,
 Through the chill of the frost of the years,
 Who sows the seed of the faithful
 And reaps but a harvest of tears.

—Lloyd Anthony.

A TOAST.

To Gilbert Parker, M.P.
 Once more you come to tread the well-loved path,
 Once more to cross home's threshold—
 shadow'd now.

The olden laurel glitters at your brow;
 But something more than Art's unfading wreath
 Informs your eyes; a light Fate doth bestow.

The Sons of Destiny who shall endow
 Waiting years and pure and clear
 A fashion-light erstwhile in darkness sheath.

We watched you from Life's "testy stone relief"
 The deathless form of Beauty watch-
 ed you take

The Staff of State, with fine, prophetic
 For this our yearning pride is stirred to make
 Your welcome brave—yet 'tis the cup's rose foam

Whose wine is this? Good comrade,
 Welcome home!
 —Joseph Nevill Doyle.

The term "Infantry" was first used by the Spaniards in the wars with the Moors to designate the body-guard of a royal prince, or infant.

It was extended to the entire body of foot soldiers, and finally adopted throughout Europe.

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