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A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY

Having had time to get his second wind and come up to the mark again, Quebec has dealt a blow to Nationalism that will put the Monk-Bourassa faction in hospital for some time. The fight in St. John yesterday was between a Liberal and a Nationalist-Conservative, and the Liberal won with a majority of 603 votes. The result will have a good effect. Those persons who had been asserting that the power of the Liberal party was broken in Quebec, and that the proof was furnished by Drummond-Arthurs, must now consider also the results in St. John. It is significant that the English Conservatives voted for the Liberal candidate, as a protest against Nationalism. The fact will perhaps reveal to Mr. Borden the folly of his course in failing to repudiate Monk and Bourassa. The political atmosphere is much clearer after the struggle in St. John. It is now quite plain that when the French-Canadian people understand the naval policy of the government, and the fact that they will refuse to be led by Monk and Bourassa. Yesterday's Liberal victory is significant.

A WESTERN EXAMPLE

If eastern Canada is to get into the game of capturing immigrants it must do more than appeal to the immigration department. The west is now reaching out more vigorously than before to get settlers from the eastern portion of the United States. In the past the American rush has been from the middle and western states. A despatch from Winnipeg tells as follows what is now proposed:—"Five special trains will run, commencing about April 1, from the cities and towns of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey to the Alberta towns of Lacombe, Red Deer, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Stettin, Camrose, and Edmonton. A. H. Barnard, who is the manager of the Central Alberta, a thriving newspaper of Alberta, will commence about the first of the year to cover 60 towns in the above mentioned states in a lecture tour. The slides with which the lecture will be illustrated will be views of Alberta farming scenes and other pictures. From two to three days will be spent in each of the towns visited on the tour. Mr. Barnard will get into personal touch with all the farmers and make arrangements for their transportation on the special trains. Upon reaching the different Alberta towns the incoming farmers will be introduced to the members of the board of trade in each town, who will post them in local particulars."

This is going after business in real earnest. The spirit of the west is indomitable. The people themselves supplement the work of the department and the railways. Land companies also take a hand in the game. Every individual conceives it to be his duty to assist in some way the work of development.

There are fine opportunities in New Brunswick for land companies, private investors and individual settlers. The people must realize the fact and cry their wares in the market.

THE FARMERS

One of the delegations of western farmers who visited Ottawa is reported to have said:—"I feel confident that the Laurier government will not receive a single supporter from the four western provinces. The farmers are now well organized in that vast strip of country between Winnipeg and the Rocky mountains, and they will insist upon fair treatment."

Conservative newspapers which print drivel of this sort should ask themselves what would happen if Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not receive a single supporter from the west. Would Mr. Borden be called on to form a new government? If so, what would he do for the western farmers? He is in favor of a high tariff. He is opposed to reciprocity. His eastern followers would prevent him from conceding any of the demands of the west. The farmers have at least something to hope for from the Liberal government, but to vote Conservative would be to place themselves at the mercy of a party which has nothing at all in common with their aspirations.

In the first place, the grain growers and cattle men ask too much. They are exceedingly prosperous, and ride in Pullmans

to Ottawa, with abundance of money in their pockets. They are not a downtrodden people, but a people who have been making money very fast. Nobody objects to them making it faster, but they must give their eastern neighbors a similar opportunity. The government will not legislate for the west, but for all Canada, and every sensible farmer is well aware of the fact. The last thing the men of the west would think of doing would be to vote for the high-tariff, anti-reciprocity party at Ottawa.

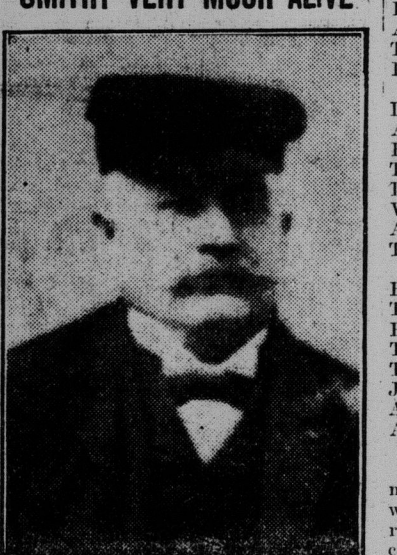
THE VALUE OF CRUISERS

The statement is frequently made by Conservative critics of the government's naval policy that cruisers of the Bristol class are of no value, and that Dreadnoughts alone should be constructed. As a matter of fact, the policy of the British admiralty is to increase the number of cruisers of the Bristol class, which is the class chosen by Canada. A London cable to the New York Herald gives the following interesting information on this point:—"The commissioning of the cruiser Bristol at Devonport marks the completion of the class of five medium-sized cruisers of the protected type which were authorized in the naval programme of 1906. It is noteworthy that these vessels should be joining the fleet at a time when attention is being directed to the cruiser policy of the Admiralty in view of the forthcoming naval estimates, and therefore a brief review of the situation in regard to cruisers should be opportune at the present moment. With the entry of the Bristol into service Great Britain may be said to be reaping the first fruits of the revival of naval opinion in favor of the small cruiser, which took place just over three years ago. For some time previous to that date the attention of the naval world had been concentrated upon the building of armored cruisers of large displacement and power, eliminating in the production of the Invincible and her sisters, and following the British example in this respect, all the great powers except Germany had ceased to build any protected cruisers for about five years. Then it was that the Admiralty, having established a lead in battleships of the Dreadnought class, turned their attention to the equipment of the fleet with a new type of cruiser for service, with destroyers, and another type for scouting work and the protection of commerce."

It is a source of general regret that Dr. H. M. Ami, for twenty-eight years on the staff of the Dominion Geological Survey department, has found it necessary to retire permanently from the government employ. The Ottawa Free Press says:—"Dr. Ami has done very valuable work for the Dominion and his retirement will be a distinct loss to the service. He is a fellow and member of several British and international scientific societies."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has called a public convention to meet in the City of Quebec on January 18, 19 and 20, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association. To this convention all who are interested in forestry are invited, including specifically the Lieutenant-Governors of the provinces, members of the Senate and the House of Commons, legislative councils and assemblies, Dominion and provincial forest officials; representatives of lumbermen's associations, boards of trade, the Canadian Bankers' Association, Canadian Press Association, and many others. His Excellency Earl Grey has said: "My experience has been sufficient to impress me with the urgent desirableness of focussing the best brains of the Dominion on the immediate consideration of what shall be done with our forests."

SMITHY VERY MUCH ALIVE



M. R. Derrick, a Toronto blacksmith, whose obituary notice appeared in the morning papers of that city in the standard form, including the words "omit flowers," on Tuesday. It was evidently the practical joke of some one. Derrick is not dead. He says so himself, and it will be admitted that he is probably the best judge.

If buttermilk is used in place of sweet or sour milk in making biscuits, the pastry will be delicious. Buttermilk makes a batter made with buttermilk for cakes. For starching muslin, gingham and cotton, dissolve a piece of alum the size of a hickory nut for every pint of starch. This will keep the colors bright for a long time.

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ATTUNED

The kindness of the silver star is laid
Upon my bosom, where I idly pass
The blown narcissi greet me from the grave;
And winds and the great sun and the
moon shade
All make me free of love in glee and
glade;
In the deep wild, impassioned for the
sea,
Yet has the heading river thought for
me,
And whispers in my ear with voice a
maid,
Might envy for soft sound. O, Nature
bring!—
There is such beauty in the grassy and
Such warmth and splendour where the
skies expand,
That to the soul attuned blest Pisgah's
height
In every hill doth rise and spread of
God
Each vale of earth smiles up a Promised
Land!
—Edward Wilbur Mason, in the Craftsman.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A QUESTION FOR PA.
"Do the photographs of the moon, pa?"
"Certainly, my son."
"How do they get the man in it to
look pleasant?"

"NO DEPRIVITY"

A gentleman was seated behind a
negro in a tramway car in Memphis
yesterday for this yarn.
All the seats were taken when a neatly
dressed young negro, evidently a lady's
maid, entered the car. The negro rose
with a polite bow and offered her his
seat.
"I hate to deprive you, sah," she said,
as she took it.
"Dean mention it, miss," replied the
swarthy Chesterfield; "It ain't no de-
privity."

FRANK POLYGAMY

"For tomorrow's official ceremony in-
vitations have been issued to 200 of the
leading residents of this district, who
with their wives will number, it is ex-
pected, nearly 500, which is the full
capacity of the hall."—Exeter Express and
Echo.

GREATLY OVERATED

"Mrs. Gaswell, while you were in Venice
did you see the Bridge of Sighs?"
"Oh, yes, I saw what they called that,
but my land, I've seen bridges ten
times its size, without ever going out
of Pennsylvania!"—Chicago Tribune.

LUCK IN CRIMSON CLOTH

"What a fine idea that sheriff who went
out after Stage Coach Charley have!"
"Purdy good," replied Three-Finger
Sam. "Charley didn't let him in!"—Wash-
ington Star.

CONVERSATION WANTED

Candidate—"What a fine baby!"
"Baby?" "Yes, my big sister. She
likes it and I don't."—Judge.

SOUNDING BAD TO HER

"Do you assimilate your food antsy?"
"No, I don't, sah. I buy it open
in honest, sah."—Baltimore American.

ACCOUNTED FOR

Greyhead—"Scientists say that this earth
was formed by volcanic action. Did you
ever reflect that this city was once in
the grasp of earthquakes?"
Jacques—"Earthquakes? Perhaps that's
what created the ground rents."

FIRST-CLASS STRANGER

A good example of the witty and con-
cise form of expression was the case of a
grim man who, when asked about the
character of a neighbor, sentimentally
replied, "sister, I don't know much
about him, but my impression is he'd
make a first-class stranger."

DRAMATIC INCIDENTS

In Canada Monthly (formerly Canada-
West), for December there is a bit of
dramatic criticism by W. D. Nesbit, that
will sound familiar to every theatre-goer.
"There's no denying," says Canada Monthly,
"that the practice of 'curtain calls' is a
sad disillusionment. Anyone who has
seen a powerful play vividly acted, and
himself tensely clutching the arms of his
orchestra chair when the curtain went
down, has been rudely jolted when the
star reappeared, bowing and smiling daz-
zling, not a bit flustered by her recent
triumph."
"W. D. Nesbit has written a bit of
verse called 'Dramatic Incidents,' which
ought to be read to the theatre, so exactly does
this nail on the head:

I've seen dramatic incidents
In shows that cost me thirty-cents
And shows that cost one-and-a-half;
Some made me weep, some made me laugh,
I've seen the villain slumped in jail
Without a friend to go his bail,
And when the act was done, somehow
Come out of jail and make his bow!

I've seen the pale young heroine
Who had escaped the lures of sin,
And saved her poor old father's hide
While all were watching, fearful-eyed—
I've seen her leap from a high cliff
And heard the sea's roar go herbid!
Then up the curtain comes and she
Bowed calmly there to all to see.

I've seen the hero say farewell,
And stop a moment just to tell
How far away he meant to go.
I've seen him wealth and fame, you know
While tears were running down each face,
And in a minute he returned
To "take the call" for which he yearned.

But, best of all, I saw last week
The incident of which I'll speak,
Poor Shakespeare's work was being done—
The curtain quickly down was run;
Then up, and to the cheering crowd
J. Casar's corpse got up and bowed,
And then lay down and died some more—
And then got up for an encore!

"It is a pity that more player folk do
not adopt Ellen Terry's method. Anyone
who has seen that mercurially artistic ac-
tress come on the stage in response to a
certain call, and instead of the conven-
tional honeyed graciousness, pick up a hat
left behind, take a stitch or two in a glove
or perform some other small act entirely in
keeping with the character in whom the
real Ellen Terry was for the time sub-
merged, will remember the thrill of grate-
ful pleasure he felt that she had preserved
the illusion of the play with the unerring
instinct of the artist to whom good work
is far more than personal applause."

A crusade has been started in Oroville,
Cal., against the big hats worn by women
in places of public gatherings. When the
matter was taken up at a meeting of the
city trustees, three of the city fathers said
that they had attended church the previous
Sunday night and their work was the speaker
had been obstructed by the large hats
worn by women in front of them. It was
found that there was an abominable
hiding the wearing of hats in places of
public gathering and the city marshal has
been instructed to enforce it rigidly.

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Jenkins' children, but no one has ever
died there. Mr. Jenkins has occupied the
house for the last 50 years.