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LOYALTY AS A POLITICAL ASSET

Writing in the latest University Magazine, Mr. E. W. Thomson, discussing the political situation in Canada, speaks of a school of thought which is forever proclaiming its loyalty and "which must be esteemed hypocritical in that act since no man sure of his own fealty to the throne would ever descend to proclaiming it." We may expect that Mr. Thomson will be denounced as a rebel and told that the truth is not in him.

However, it is a fact that there is an increasing number of Canadians, both in the East and in the West, who are becoming weary of having their political opinions prate continually of their loyalty, as if there could be any question concerning the loyalty of the Canadian people as a whole.

Discussion of this subject recalls a somewhat bitter retort made by a public man in Halifax recently in talking over public affairs with an Englishman who was in London during Mr. Borden's recent visit. The Englishman said that Mr. Borden's message to the people of the United Kingdom was, in effect, "that the meaning of the last federal election was that Canada had decided to remain British."

The Halifax man expressed sorrow that the people of the Old Country should have entertained any doubt as to the loyalty of Canada, and additional regret that Mr. Borden, by inference, should have placed a stigma upon the people he represented. "It was what Mr. Borden said about the federal elections," said the Halifax man, "it was exactly as if he had announced that some highly respected woman had decided to remain virtuous."

An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Star indicates that the Borden government is being quietly approached with the idea of having the British preference reduced in some particulars. Only a day or two ago the Canadian Manufacturers' Association went on record as being opposed to any increase in the preference. So it will be observed that the loyalty of the more active protectionists is not warm enough to interfere with their desire and determination to tax the Canadian people on behalf of those who enjoy special privileges.

The Canadian manufacturers, it appears, are quite free, as loyal citizens, to place \$100,000,000 worth of insurance in American companies, because it pays them to do so, as they say, but if the farmer desires to sell his grain, or his potatoes, or other natural products, in the American market, the flag-waving protectionists immediately denounce him as a traitor to his country.

This time is coming when the loyalty of the farmer and of the protectionist manufacturer will have to be measured by the same standard. If Parliament is to confer privileges upon one class, it cannot deny them to another. Flag-waving will not suffice to prevent the discussion of legal questions on their merits.

EARLY CLOSING

The Times has been asked by several business men, some of whom favor the early closing by-law, and some of whom are stoutly opposing it, to publish letters putting forward one side of the case or the other. Such letters have been published, if they were short and easily understood, on the ground that both sides are fairly entitled to a hearing.

But elections are not carried by writing letters to the newspapers, though a part of the campaign may very properly be carried on in that way. If the proposed by-law is to be beaten tomorrow, or is to be carried tomorrow, the result will be brought about by hard work on the part of those most interested on one side or the other. Under the present commission form of government it is possible to have almost any question submitted to the voters, and as their decision is likely to be final it is only fair to warn both sides to the controversy that the best way they can serve their cause is to vote and to persuade as many others as possible to vote their way.

Generally speaking, it is probable that the chief difficulty tomorrow will be in getting out a large enough vote to make the result fairly representative of public feeling on this subject; but, on the other hand, it must be clear enough that any one who is not sufficiently interested to go to the polls and cast his vote cannot be regarded as taking the question very seriously. So, if the total vote should be small, it would unfailingly indicate that only a small portion of the population really cares about the matter. This should be kept in mind by those who really are deeply interested, and, judging by the letters published, some of our fellow-citizens regard the coming decision as a very important one.

One trouble about legislation of this general character, is that if we begin to regulate private business it might be difficult to draw the line.

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If you do not vote tomorrow you will have no right to object to the result.

Presumably this is the weather we didn't get in July.

The business men who are pushing the plan to reclaim ninety acres for industrial sites believe St. John will profit greatly if the scheme is carried out. A decision could not be deferred.

The championship baseball series appears to have the American presidential election distanced in the matter of popular interest. This morning's despatches indicate a really feverish attitude on the part of the "fans."

If the breakwater is to be moved southward the change must be decided upon at once. It is said \$55,000 represents all that has been spent on the present site, and that the portion of the breakwater already built could be utilized in connection with a plan to reclaim land for the proposed steel industry.

New Brunswick needs this counsel, though it is directed to the people of British Columbia, by the Victoria Colonist:—"Urban and suburban property depends for its value upon quite a different set of circumstances than those which determine the value of farm land. The value of the latter is to be judged from what it can be made to yield in the way of saleable products. The more that can be made off an acre, the more the acre is worth to the man who owns it. Therefore we suggest not only that more land should be got ready for farming, but that the owners of farm land, should demonstrate by experiment what can be accomplished by intensive cultivation. If these two things were done on anything like a general scale, not only would the owners of the land reap a handsome profit upon it and what they may expend upon it, but millions of dollars would be kept in the province which now are sent abroad for food-stuffs."

"The figures showing the totals of the votes cast in the recent provincial election in Saskatchewan tend to discredit Mr. Rogers' charge that the Liberal victory was the result of polling of large numbers of unauthorized votes," says the Manitoba Free Press. "The voting in the provincial election in July, 1912, was smaller than the voting in the federal election in Sept., 1911, by no less than 5,000 ballots; and this loss fell entirely upon the Liberals. The Liberal vote in Saskatchewan in Sept. 1911, was 33,000; in July, 1912, it dropped to 43,700. The Conservative vote in both contests stayed at 34,000. What the falling-off in the Liberal vote implies is a subject for speculation; but certainly it does not strengthen the theory that, in making the lists for the provincial contest, the Scott government stuffed them with the names of unqualified persons and then protected these parties in casting their votes on election day."

SERIOUS McADAM FIRE

A spectacular fire took place at McAdam at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when the City Camp hotel and an adjoining building were destroyed and two nearby buildings badly scorched. Owing to the early hour, the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered, and many of the people in the burning buildings had to leave in their night clothes. Some of the occupants of rooms in the upper story made their escape by tying sheets together and lowering themselves to the ground. One man was forced to leap from a window in the second story and fortunately landed safely. The progress of the flames was finally checked after a hard fight.

CLOSE OF MISSION.

The mission in St. Peter's church was ended on Sunday night with a very large gathering. Rev. Francis Hogan was the preacher. The mission is declared the most successful yet held there. Father McCormick gave his first address since his appointment as pastor, and made a pleasing impression. The last mass of the mission, with special sermon was held this morning. Father Kelly is to leave for Montreal about the middle of the week. Fathers Sultz and Hogan, missionaries, will have tonight for Toronto to take a rest for a week, and will then go on mission work through Ontario.

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FACING THE POWDER.

They (of course they were girls) were talking (of course in the nicest manner possible) about a third girl—a mutual friend.

"Yes," remarked one of them, "who quarrelled with Jack, and returned all his presents."

"Oh, really? And I suppose he very naturally returned here?"

"Every one of them," replied the other. "Why, he even went so far as to send her half-dozen boxes of face-powder, with a polite note explaining that since he first met her he must have taken that much home on his coat."

Miss Welwyn (gushingly)—Good morning, Lucy, dear. How strange I should meet you—and on my birthday, too!

Lucy—Is it really your birthday, dear? Why, how old are you now?

Miss Welwyn—Twenty-five, dear.

Lucy (candidly)—Isn't it wonderful how slowly time passes?

Foreman of the locked-in jury (impatiently)—The rest of us are agreed, and you would see the case as we do if you had an ounce of brains.

Obstinate Juror (reflectively)—Yes that's just the trouble. I've got more than an ounce.

"I believe honesty pays in the long run." "So do I; but I often wish it were not such a mighty long run."

"There's one thing I don't understand," said little Harry, "that's why God sends things like mice pie make me sick, while bad-tasting things like medicine make me well. It ought to be the other way about."

Spring Poet—Of course, I only write poetry to kill time, not to sell.

Critic (after examining poem)—Well, if time weren't next to immortal, I'm sure you'd be successful.

NEW YORK GANG LEADER SLAIN

New York, Oct. 6.—Big Jack Zelig was shot and killed tonight. The East Side gang leader, who was said to have supplied the "gun men" for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, was on a Second Avenue open car when Philip Davidson, who says he is a police detective, jumped on the running board and fired the fatal shot. Davidson is said to be a denizen of the underworld to be "Red Phil," a Boston pickpocket.

Davidson jumped from the car and ran away, but was caught, pistol in hand. He admitted the shooting. According to the prisoner, Zelig had held him up early in the day in an East Side hallway and robbed him of \$400.

District Attorney Whitman, as soon as he was notified of the murder, requested that the questioning of the prisoner be deferred until he arrived at headquarters. On Zelig's body several letters were found, including missives from "Whitey Lewis," "Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Lewis," and "Diago Frank," who is in the Tombs for the Rosenthal murder.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The Head liner Benguet Head, went ashore at Flower Island, N.B., on Saturday. The Quebec Wrecking Company had a crew at work yesterday trying to float the liner.

Cable Bragg of Cincinnati won the mile road race at Wauwatosa, Wis., on Saturday. Ralph de Palma and his mechanic were badly hurt, the car having overturned. Bragg won \$5,000 by winning the race.

American marines and sailors captured two insurgent fortresses in Nicaragua on Friday. Four marines were killed by the fire of a machine gun and eight were wounded. The rebels retreated to the city of Masaya and were followed by the federal troops who drove them into the city and engaged in a terrible slaughter. Nearly all the rebels were killed or wounded and many federal soldiers shared the same fate.

MORNING LOCALS

Gilbert Grey of the Sayre-Holly mill on Saturday saved 5,000 staves in four hours and three quarters. This is an ordinary day's work for him and he is believed to establish a new record.

C. E. Bonin, consul-general of France, who is making an unofficial tour of Canada and who is looking into the condition of the French people in Canada, was in the city yesterday. He was driven through the city in the morning by W. F. Hatheway, local French consul, and in the afternoon by Commissioner Schofield.

W. B. Dickson, M. P. P., has been offered the position of secretary of agriculture, made vacant by the resignation of W. W. Hubbard, and will probably accept. The salary is \$1,800 per year and expenses.

The Dominion Drilling Company has been awarded a contract for 150,000 cubic yards of dredging at Summerside, P. E. Island.

NOVELTY SHOWER.

A very pleasant surprise was tendered Miss Ada Armstrong of Boston last week, when about thirty of her friends called at the home of Henry McIntyre, 44 Durham street, and presented to her gifts which will be of use to her in the near future. The evening was spent in games and music after which supper was served. After wishing the bride-to-be all happiness in her new life, the young people returned home.

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Robert A. Watson, of this city, will be in charge all the year around. Doctor Watson is a graduate of U. N. B., 1888, and was a champion athlete. He has been engaged in newspaper work for some years with the Associated Press, being in high position with them; has graduated in medicine, and latterly he has been practicing as a specialist at Bath Beach.

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A distressing shooting accident occurred on Saturday afternoon at Black's Point, near Amherst, while a dozen small boys were out on a gunning expedition. While one of the boys, named Fields, was attempting to load his rifle, he accidentally discharged it and the bullet entered the neck of Vaughan, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wrighton Tower of Amherst, killing him instantly. An inquest will be held today.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

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Halifax, N. S., Oct. 7.—The Nova Scotia Bar Association on Saturday adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of the late Hon. James McDonald, former chief justice. The principal speaker of the meeting was Mr. Justice Graham of the bench. He paid a fine tribute to Mr. McDonald for his power as a nisi prius lawyer, and for his influence over justice. Mr. Justice Ritchie dwelt on the late chief justice's kindness of heart and A. A. McKay, for the bar, expressed his concurrence in what had been said by the judges. In the absence of H. M. Melville, K. C. president, the chair was taken by J. A. Chisholm, K. C. The funeral will take place on Wednesday.