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REMINISCENCES OF A CHALK-TALKER

J. W. Bengough, Well-known to Many Here, Writes Sketch of Life.

It is somewhat curious that though Sir John A. Macdonald was for years my chief stock in trade in the cartoon line, I met him personally only on one occasion. This was a brief interview in the Parliament Building at Ottawa brought about through the kindness of Senator J. B. Plumb. The quality in the great leader which impressed me most during those few minutes was his air of shrinking bashfulness.

It has been my good fortune to meet many of the outstanding masters of cartooning in the course of my travels. In America they are to be found domiciled chiefly in New York. There, on the occasion of an engagement with the Canadian Club, Mr. Erastus Wiman the president, provided a pleasant opportunity by bringing together a company of notable artists at a dinner in the Brunswick Hotel. At the great round table in a special dining-room were seated Thomas Nast (who had come from his home in New Jersey for the occasion)—a dapper little man with a hooked nose, bright eyes, a curled moustache and a beard trimmed to a fine point at the chin; Joseph Keppler, the originator of Puck, still more picturesque in appearance, Bernard Gillam, the chief cartoonist of Judge, Grant Hamilton, his colleague (who is still working on the Judge staff), McDougall of the World's McVicar, whose dainty society sketches were a great feature in life at that time, and Baron the Grimm, a Russian artist, who contributed to the papers in general work which was greatly admired—and others whose names were less widely known.

Visits to Chicago have given me the privilege of meeting the late Luther Bradley of the News, who passed away in January, 1917. He was a very fine and forcible draughtsman, and a man whose work was done earnestly in the cause of democracy. John T. McChutcheon; of The Tribune, is no doubt still more widely known. Mr. McCutcheon's strength in his humor, and his fertility in ideas. Personally he is a quiet gentlemanly fellow, and in appearance and deportment always reminds me of Sol Smith Russell, the actor. He is personally very popular, and is credited with drawing an excellent salary as well as excellent cartoons.

The political cartoonist who is best known in the old country outside the pages of Punch in undoubtedly "F.C.G." the initials of Sir Francis Carruthere Gould—on whom a grateful Liberal Government bestowed a knighthood within recent years. F. C. G's medium is the Westminister Gazette, an evening newspaper (recently changed to a morning issue, and with a new editor in succession to Mr. J. A. Spender) printed on a sea-green paper with attractively wide columns and large type. The cartoon is a pretty regular feature, and is no doubt one of the chief assets of the journal, though it also has in Mr. Spender one of the chief assets of the journal, though it also has in Mr Spender one of the ablest of London editors. F.C.G. is evidently allowed a free hand, and accordingly works under the most favorable conditions.

One of his most memorable hits was apropos of Chamberlain's variability in poelitica. The cartoon represented the Premier (the Marquis of Salisbury) as a railway porter in charge of a head-strong pointer dog wearing Chamberlain's face. "Where is he going" Inquiries John Bull. "I don't know, sir," replied the perturbed porter. "E's et up all 'is labels, sir?"

Though I was not in England in a professional capacity, Mr. Preston, who was directing Canadian emigration affairs, arranged some appearances for me. Amongst them was an evening at the Imperial Institute, Kensington. This is a staid and dignified establishment, where representatives of the overseas Dominions and colonies, chiefly visiting government officials and parliamentarians, are in the habit of delivering instructive lectures on colonial resources, etc., with the inevitable lantern slides. It was no doubt a rather venturesome thing to break the traditions of this venerable British temple with something in the semi-humorous line, but the result proved that British Audiences are capable of adopting themselves. When on the appointed evening the scholarly and polite secretary enquired whether I had my lantern and other fixtures in readiness, I gave him a perceptible shock in replying that I intended to improvise my illustrations as I went along. The subject duly announced by the chairman, Sir. Rivers Wilson, was "Facts and Fancies about Canada", and I opened by remarking that the facts I had brought with me, and the Fancies I had found flourishing in the homeland. The main substance of the chalk-talk was a satirical treatment of the erroneous impressions which prevail in Britain about Canada and its affairs, mixed with a certain amount of correct and useful information.

I have gone through the operation of being interviewed by newspaper men on a number of occasions—sometimes also by newspaper women. If the opportunity is given I must prefer to write down my views and hand the copy to the reporter; there is less danger in that case of finding one's expressions turned upside down. Sometimes the ordeal is made more severe by taking of a snap-shot portrait which is to appear with the interview, and which is likely to prove something of a terror when printed. At Seattle the young man of the Post Intelligencie requested me to make a cartoon of myself at work instead of using the camera. The picture appeared upon the caption, "Canadian Cartoonist in Action."

More than forty years of platform activity argues an exceptional measure of good health. I wish in closing these reminiscences gratefully to acknowledge the kind providence which has thus favored me, and also to record, as the result of my observation and experience, that if, as Stevenson asserts "the world is full of a number of things" it also contains a vast number of very good and agreeable people.

(The End.)

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Flewelling of Hampton are in town for the next few weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Grimmer.

P. G. McFarlane, school-inspector for the county of Restigouche paid an official visit to the superior school Thursday.

Friends of Miss Jean Jamieson regret to hear of her illness. She is in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, suffering from typhoid fever.

A letter received from Toronto, states that Mrs. George Haddow celebrated her 88sh birthday on Nov. 14th. Many flowers were presented to her

A family party was held at her daughter's home, Mrs. Keith. A lovely birthday cake placed in the centre of the table, was cut by Mrs. Haddow. The inscription on the cake was, "My age 88".

Many friends in Restigouche Co. will join with the Toronto friends in extending hearty congratulations to Mrs. Haddow.

Miss Annie C. Carlisle, who was one of New Brunswick's most successful nurses, died in Boston a few weeks ago, much to the regret of many friends. Miss Carlisle visited Dalhousie a few years ago and her friends were shocked when they learned of her death. She left an estate worth $25,000 to be divided among her brothers and sisters. Mrs. A. E. Hanson, wife of Crown Land Surveyor Mr. A. E. Hanson, who is well known in Restigouche Co., is a sister of the deceased lady and was on a visit here with her late sister. The Carlisle family belong to Douglas, York Co., N. B.

Mr. Frank McEvoy, Inspector for the Sydney Lumber Co. spent Sunday in Dalhousie.

Mr. McFarlane, School Inspector, was in the shiretown last week making a blef visit of the Town Superior School. Speaking to your correspondent Mr. McFarlane is satisfied with the good work of the new school staff in charge of our public school.

The many friends of Mr. E. J. Melanson, the regular Manager of the Dalhousie Branch of the Provincial Bank, will regret to learn that he is forced to take a couple of months rest, having undergone an operation. He is at his home in Shediac, N. B.

Are Making Good Progress In Their Studies Abroad

Miss Laura Gaudet, Miss Jeanne Legere and Miss Malenfont, Acadian young ladies of New Brunswick who went to Paris to perfect themselves as artists, are rendering a good account of the progress they are making. The general opinion in Paris is that Miss Malenfont has a rare and remarkable voice. Miss Malenfont is in charge of Mde. Letouine, celebrated singer at the National Opera in Paris. Miss Gaudet is taking lessons from Mr. Philipp, first professor of piano at the Conservatory of Paris. Miss Legere is taking lessons from an excellent landscape painter professor.

The three young ladies are expected to return to New Brunswick in July 1924.

A Sticker

"De fact dat I los' my money one day," said Uncle Eben, "didn't keep me from goin' out to de track de nex'. Hoss racin' is one o' de forgivin'est games dar is."—Washington Star.

Happenings of The Week

Mr. Walter Cabot, mate on board the Patrol Boat No. 1, is at home after a busy summer of navagation in the Bay of Chaleur. Captain E. Miller was the captain. He belongs to Gaspe, where the boat is now placed in winter quarters. Mr. Cabot is a successful navigator. For many years he was on the Campbellton, Dalhousie and Gaspe Steamship route and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Cabot intends spending the winter months with his family in Dalhousie and hopes to return to the Patrol Boat No. 1 next spring.

Mrs. Demise Arseneau presented your correspondent with a bouquet of most beautiful pansies, this morning which she plucked from her garden. Black-currant bushes and lilacs are budding. Tis strange but true.

The P. Q. Lumber Company's large mill closed for the season on Saturday. All the mills are now down. Lumber operations in the woods are somewhat impeded for lack of snow.

Various blossoms continue to be plucked from the gardens here. Today, marigolds and bachelor-buttons are in full bloom in Mrs. Elsliger's garden on Adelaide Street. The clergy, in driving to their various appointments on Sunday last, used buggies, as there was no snow on the ground—a most unusual thing during the first week of December. Geese are still to be found around the shore, and salmon are yet in the river. Surely, the times are out of joint.

SIMONSON—COOLING

Alfred C. Simonson, of Campbellton, and Eliza Mae Cooling, of Flatlands were married at the home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday by the Rev. R. J. Coleman, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. The bride was very becomingly gowned in a handsome electric blue canton crepe. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. Mr. William Cooling, her father, gave her in marriage. Miss Isobel Cooling, a cousin, acted as bridesmaid. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Alexander Simonson. After the ceremony, a sumptuous dinner was served, and later Mr. and Mrs. Simonson left, amid a shower of rice for Campbellton, where they will reside in future.

MEETING OF THE C. W. LEAGUE

Arrangements Made For Winter Activities of The Association

A special meeting of the members of the C. W. L. was held on Sunday evening with the president Miss Farrell in the chair. Several resolutions were passed and bills ordered paid.

During the winter months it will be impossible for Miss Farrell, the principal at the Atholville school, to return to her duties for Monday morning, consequently the Christmas meeting of the C. W. L. will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Canon, Adelaide St.

Whist parties to be held during the winter, to secure funds to aid the destitute people of the town, will take place in private homes.

A sale of fancy articles, with a supper will be held in Dalhousie on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th inst., in the Trudelle Rink Ice Cream Parlours, by a committee of the members of the C. W. L. All are cordially invited.

Evidences of An Unusual Fall

Mrs. James Arsenault, Light House Keeper at Inch Arran Point, picked a dozen pansies on Monday near her home and keeps them as a momento of the open season of 1923.

Mr. Henry Casey one of the oldest farmers of Maguasha, P. Q., told your correspondent on Tuesday that before Nov. 1st, 1922, all cattle had to be kept and fed in the barns at Maguasha, that this year so far the cattle maintain themselves in the usual field pastures. He had not seen the like in 67 years.

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RETIREMENT OF COL. LOGGIE

Deputy Minister of Lands And Mines May Leave Government Service.

Fredericton, Dec. 1—Retirement from the provincial civil service after more than fifty years in the Department of Lands and Mines may follow the return of Lieut. Col. T. G. Loggie, I. S. O, Deputy Minister, from an extended holiday trip to California upon which he and Mrs. Loggie will start this evening.

This information comes from Lieut. during the course of a speech to his Col. Loggie himself, who intimated fellow-members of the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew last night that he was expecting to be retired in the not distant future. Next May Lolonel Loggie will have completed fifty-three years in the provincial service and since 1908 he has been Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines. For more than forty years he was connected with the York Regiment of the Canadian militia.

Another Bay Chaleur Boy In The Public Eye In Quebec

Dalhousie, N. B. Dec 4—Dr. V. Martin, who was born in Carleton, Bonaventure Co. P. Q., Chairman of the Public Works Committee in the City Council of Quebec, officially accepted, on Nov. 27th., to be a candidate for the office of Mayor of Quebec, bringing the number now to three aspirants for the election of Mayor in February next.

At St. Sauveur, on the portico of St. Peter's Hall, and in the presence of hundreds of people, Mr. LaVallee, Commercial Agent, presented to Alderman Martin petitions which he said contained 3450 signatures of labourers and of 700 professionals in support of his candidature. Mr. LaVallee eulogized Alderman Martin, whom he said was the great friend of the labouring classes, etc.

Dr. Martin said that he was glad to know that his work in the City Council during the last twelve years was so much appreciated by the working men of the City. He promised that if elected he would act without prejudice towards any section of the City. He spoke at length and asked the electors to turn out of the City Council the clique who were elected for selfish motives.

Mr. Albert Shields, a mechanic and Mr. Peter Audet, Barrister made speeches in favor of Dr. Martin.

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