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THE MASTER OF THE CABINET

Abraham Lincoln once asked a politician how many legs a sheep would have if he called the tail a leg? The answer was, five. "No," was Lincoln's reply, "calling the tail a leg does not make it one." This political philosophy does not come with the lion of the Ontario Conservatives. A Liberal said in Dundas, at the nomination of Premier Whitney, that Mr. Bourassa dominated the Borden cabinet. The audience strenuously denied that this condition existed. They took five minutes calling the tail a leg, and seemingly believed that they could make it one by strenuous shouting.

The speaker was forced to take it back, but his friends say that, like Galileo under similar circumstances, he was heard to whisper, "The world moves just the same." The ordinary man would think that even an infant class in Canadian politics would know that what he said was true. When the lion eats straw like the millennium has not dawned, the lion will be very likely to dominate the company. There is no doubt about the matter in this case, and when the facts sink into the minds of those Ontario partisans, lively developments may be expected.

The people impulsively do the wrong thing sometimes, but sometimes they do the right thing. Indignation at political chicanery and cynicism is bound to influence them powerfully, and they will insist upon exercising their own judgment. The votes of the people of Ontario cannot always be "delivered." Politicians who leave out convictions and make a jest of conscience, who denounce a man one month as a deadly enemy of the state and the king, and the next embrace him as a brother, without a word offered in explanation, will be repudiated in a way that even the most hardened politician must take to heart.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT

"It is quite as easy to hypnotize oneself into imbecility by repeating, in solemn tones the shibboleths 'progress,' 'democracy,' and 'corporate unity,' as by repeating the blessed word Mesopotamia. Democracy is perhaps the silliest of all the fetishes that are seriously worshipped among us." With these words and many others of like tenor, the Dean of St. Paul's has recently aroused the indignation of the working classes of Britain. The ecclesiastic of Cluny in the eleventh century gave form to the same doctrine and it is interesting to see how common is the tendency to return to many of the views that were current in the early middle ages.

Democracy today is glorified by popularity and it is almost impossible to discuss or criticize it. No one treats it with complete candor and sincerity. They would get no hearing and would lose all sense. We analyze aristocracy and democracy very freely, but we believe in democracy because we have been brought up in it. We accept its mythology because we believe in it and like it and no argument can touch our faith. The ground for our confidence may not be any more solid than Dean Inge indicates. Democracy may be no more than a phase in the endless shifting of philosophical generalizations by which society consents to subject itself to another set of arbitrary interferences, but whether it is superior to militarism or imperialism is something which only the evolution of history can show.

It is the custom today to speak of "efficient democracy" as we speak of "business efficiency" or "individual efficiency." But will anyone tell us how a democratic efficiency is to be secured? The expert is in demand in government and politics as well as in business, and one of the greatest problems is how to utilize the potential force of the small percentage who feel keenly the injustice and inefficiency of governments, are willing to make sacrifices to help remove them. Organization, leadership and discipline are essential for concerted action on the part of masses of men. These always come from the exceptional men. Where men are all substantially equal they can never be anything more than helpless savages. Men who are all equal could not form a society. The masses never reach out after improvement or plan steps to change so as better to satisfy needs. They carry tradition; they do not initiate change. They are content.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND IS A WORTHY OBJECT FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Last spring a brief article on the Canadian Free Public Library for the Blind appeared in these columns. In that article it was stated that the library, then in Markham, Ont., was to be removed to Toronto. The removal has since taken place, and the C. F. L. B. now occupies quarters at 105 Annetto street, Toronto, Ont.

The Canadian Free Library for the Blind is attempting to reach and benefit all the blind of Canada, but it is encountering serious obstacles in the realization of this hope from the difficulty in securing names and addresses of those in need, from the necessity of canvassing for funds to defray the expenses of maintenance. The Board of Management therefore requests all readers of this journal who are acquainted with blind persons, not now enjoying the benefits of the library, to send in such names and addresses to the secretary, S. C. Swift, M. A., 80

servative. It is the classes that initiate change and introduce variation. They led the way in luxury, frivolity and vice, and also in refinement, culture and the art of living.

It is folly to suppose that the masses have inspiration or wisdom that enables them to select and initiate what is wise and good. Very often the masses are simply voting material for demagogues or food for gunpowder, or objects of exploitation. At one moment the people may be helpless and imbecile; the next moment swept away into folly and mischief by a suggestion or an impulse. But while all this is true, where is Dr. Inge going to secure a higher form of government than democracy?

It is no new thing to be told that democracy is inefficient, but it would be interesting if he were to tell us of some form that would prove more efficient. The process of government in every age has been full of violence, craft, folly, selfishness and error. It is so still. But is there not less of folly and craft and error than formerly? And if there is less, is it not from the fact of the growing wisdom and restraint of the people?

It is one of the idols of all vagaries to dream of perfect government and institutions with imperfect people. It is still more idle to hope to secure perfection by the government of a class. Humanity is as strong as the weakest link and its government is as wise as the most foolish dispenser of authority and power.

Great weather we have here in the banana belt.

That sprightly and popular lady, Princess Patricia, is to have a glimpse of St. John today on her way through to Ottawa. The whole country will give her a warm welcome.

Counting the Liberals "fired" by the new government and those who now hold office, it is easy to understand that the followers of Sir Wilfrid still constitute a majority of the people of Canada excepting Ontario. The Tory headman has slain his thousands, and the axe is still swinging.

As Parliament has adjourned, a great many Canadians, looking back over the session, will become aware that they do not yet know what the policy of the Borden-McBouras government is with respect to the tariff, the navy, the development of Canadian ports, and many another important question. Our conservative friends take a long time to roll up their sleeves and make a start.

Hon. Mr. Hazen, in reply to a query by Hon. Mr. Emerson, has promised to look into the matter of the pollution of streams by sawdust. If the Minister of Marine is ready to adopt an effective policy in this matter the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Association will be able to provide him with a great deal of useful information. At all events they should place the evidence in his hands.

POOR DEVIL!
A Kansas judge had a wretched, dilapidated prisoner before him. It was with difficulty he could get him to take any interest in the proceedings. After much questioning, the judge elicited the fact that the prisoner had no one on earth who was more closely related to him than his wife's mother. His wife was long since dead. The judge sat back and, looking at the ceiling, said:

"Poor, unfortunate, penniless, miserable, forsaken, half-witted wretch! No money, no brains, no sense, no home, no mother, no father, no kin—nothing in this earth except a mother-in-law. You are entitled to mercy, and, by Jigger, you'll have it too!"

TRIPOLI PROVERBS:
Here are some Tripoli proverbs:—"Do not run after destiny; it will find you."

"Sweet words sometimes break the mouth."

"Everything is gall to him who has biters in his mouth."

"If I expect nothing from thee in adversity, I want nothing in prosperity."

"He who obliges himself comforts a double favor."

"Death is the consolation of the poor."

"The wise man possesses humility, the foundation of all virtues."

"If the stars shot bread we should spend our nights out of doors in the open air."

"The sick man is the physician's granary."

"The partridge loves beans, but not those with which he stews in the pot."



THE PINES

How often when my faith declines,
And on my soul black doubts intrude,
Have I besought the needed pines,
To grant me balm of solitude.

To them I bring my dearest grief,
Fatigue, and throbbing brain; but these
Have not availed to bar relief,
And solace of the scented trees.

Outstretched beneath them on the ground,
With limbs relaxed and senses still,
Another being have I found,
A stronger heart, a purer will.

What the cool winds have whispered
through
Their tangle branches I have heard,
And clearer than the perfect blue,
Of heaven hath the perfect spirit's word.

Sweet is that boon the grove bequeathes
Where bitter doubt and anxiety cease
And my too restless spirit breathes
Unfathomable depths of peace.
—Leslie Pickney Hill.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.
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NOT A SUCCESS.
"Then the wedding wasn't altogether a success?"
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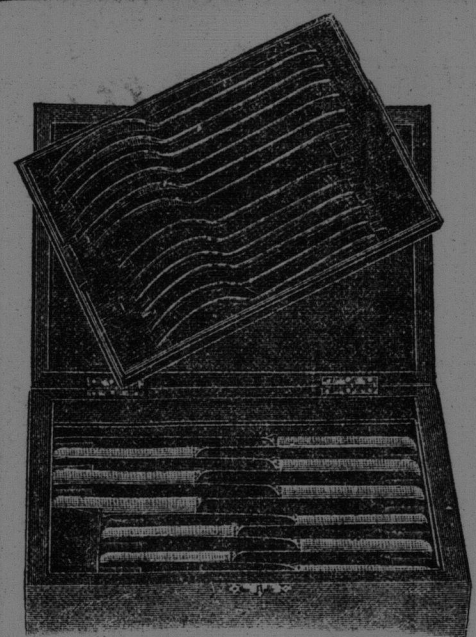
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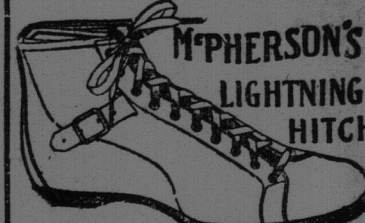
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