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RESPONSIBILITY

In current political discussion much is said of the influence of promised public works, or other pledges of a material character, in an election. The Times a few days ago, referring to the statement that the promise of a bridge or an elevator or some other public work would cause the electorate of a constituency to disregard more important matters, expressed the view that such influences were losing their power over the people. They are none the less to be condemned, by whatever party they may be used, and Liberals as well as Conservatives will agree with these remarks made by the Toronto News (Independent) in its comments on the assertion that the Liberal candidate in East Northumberland is pledging public expenditures in the constituency if he is elected. We quote:—

"Every decent elector in the division should repudiate the system of whole sale bribery. The young men particularly, who are just assuming public duties and responsibilities, should cast their votes in condemnation of this degrading species of politics. In their hands rests the future of the country. They should determine that no man who bargains with public money for a seat in parliament should represent any Canadian constituency. We should distribute public buildings and public expenditures according to the needs of the various communities, and not according to their political preferences. The public revenue is contributed by the whole people. It is not the private hoardings of ministers of the crown. It is not the personal income of one set of politicians, to be disbursed in making 'patronage' and buying constituencies. It should be made impossible, therefore, for any man who seeks support through promises of public works, railway aid or public buildings to get a seat in the house of commons. It is time we put our after dinner oratory into effect, and set the seal of emphatic disapproval on indecent politics and corrupt elections."

In a St. John pulpits last evening, discussing the responsibility of Canadian citizens, the preacher declared that if money is a power in politics it is our own fault, and asserted that the time will come when the man who can be bought and the man who will buy will alike be regarded as disgraced and worthy of severe punishment. Yet, he said, in the next election here there would no doubt be money paid to herd slaves to the ballot box, and that money would be handled by men we meet in society and who are called respectable. The conditions, he went on, cannot be remedied by throwing mud. We must look them in the face. The responsibility is on the man who does not take up his load as a citizen and help to apply the right remedy.

This is a true witness. Whether it be the purchase of a vote with a few dollars or the bribery of a constituency with the promise of public works the responsibility lies upon the so-called respectable people who do not use the power they possess to make it unprofitable for any politician or party to offer a bribe.

CHOOSING CANDIDATES

The opposition convention in this city this evening will have the opportunity to name what should be a winning ticket in this constituency, not merely because the other party is weak in available candidates and the government unpopular in St. John, but because from the list of men who it is known would accept a nomination a ticket could be made up of experienced and capable representatives, of high standing in the community. Neither personal ambition nor any feeling of prejudice should prevent the opposition party in St. John from giving Mr. Hazen a ticket which would not only be approved by a majority of citizens but would favorably impress the people of other constituencies throughout the province. The task to be performed is an important one, and should be approached in a serious mood, and in a broad public spirit.

The last issue of the Labor Gazette makes these interesting statements about the increased cost of living:—"As a result of the high price of hay and other fodder, the price of milk will advance at a number of points throughout Canada. At Montreal 10 cents per quart was asked,

and in several other localities the price was higher than ever before reported. Coal advanced by 25 to 30 cents per ton at several points. Flour and bread are up. It is estimated that in the city of Montreal alone an additional expenditure of over \$400,000 would be entailed by the advance in bread, milk and fuel during the coming winter season, bread being one cent more per loaf, coal 25 cents more per ton, and milk three cents per quart more than at the same period in 1906."

The question of the ability of the C. P. R. to handle western traffic with despatch during the coming winter is one of general interest. Mr. F. W. Peters, assistant traffic manager of the eastern lines, states that the company has fifteen thousand freight cars in the west this fall which are gradually being put into the grain carrying service to the great lakes, and the movement of coal to the distributing centers. There are 11,500 box cars which will soon be all in active use in bringing the grain east, and 3,500 composite cars in the coal service in Alberta and British Columbia. This gives thirty per cent. more cars than were available for that service a year ago. Mr. Peters believes that this ample supply, combined with the shrinkage in wheat shipments, renders the contingency of either a car or coal famine remote.

A Toronto paper states that the general board of temperance and moral reform of the Methodist church in Canada at its annual meeting last week passed resolutions against the bringing in of inferior immigrants, commending the Ontario government with regard to the enforcement of the liquor laws, favoring the reduction of hotel licenses throughout the dominion wherever practical; recommending the formation of men's brotherhoods in all congregations for the purpose of dealing with questions of social import, and recommending that sociality be taken up in the Methodist universities.

Supporters of the provincial government express the belief that Mr. McKewen will be made attorney-general and Dr. Radcliff port physician, the latter appointment being made not because Dr. Radcliff ought to be made port physician, but because Mr. McKewen would prefer to run in St. John county. While this little arrangement might suit both of the gentlemen named, there are others who would not regard it with unmixed satisfaction. Still, the premier must find an emergency, and the task has had its difficulties. And after finding him there is the task of getting him elected.

Shortly after ten o'clock last evening three men in an advanced stage of intoxication boarded a north-bound street car at Paradise Row corner. On the return of the same car from Indiantown an intoxicated man got on board near the depot. The law against Sunday selling in St. John is grossly and continuously violated.

The death of Rev. Dr. Dobson, president of the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island, deprives that church of one of its clearest thinkers and most eminent ministers. Many who were not of the Methodist communion derived intellectual profit and spiritual gain from his pulpits ministrations.

Fear of political consequences seems to have something to do with the solemn silence at Ottawa and Halifax in relation to the state of affairs at Springfield and the fuel department of the Intercolonial.

Messrs. Turgeon and Boursa encountered a snowstorm in Belchasse yesterday, but the real "snowing under" will take place on a later date.

General Booth's tone in the United States has overtaken his physical strength, but his indomitable spirit is not dismayed.

MR. HUGH GRAHAM'S LETTER

(Montreal Gazette.)

Mr. Hugh Graham has written a letter in reply to statements made about his connection with the parliamentary campaign of 1904. What he says fairly covers the ground. He declares that he did make contributions to the Conservative campaign fund, and quite large ones. As has before been stated, he had a right to make them. The money he gave was his own. It had not been granted, nor gathered from public contractors, who would expect to be repaid out of the national treasury for the levy upon them, nor was it the contribution of subsidy seekers or the gift of those who had received land grants at lower than bottom prices. If election funds must be raised, Mr. Graham's contribution was of the kind that no one should object to. So with the purchase of La Presse. The paper and its business were for sale and he and his associates bought it, with their own money also. They had a right to do what they did, just as any other person has a right to buy what is legitimately on the market. The third subject dealt with is the Blair resignation, which certain people have spoken of as part of a plot. Mr. Graham says he knows nothing of a plot and knew nothing of the resignation till it was publicly announced. He further alleges that he knows nothing of the alleged conspiracy to purchase Liberal candidates on the eve of polling and so denormalize the government forces. All this is categorical and explicit. If those who talk and write about the plots and conspiracies mentioned cannot come forward with proof to controvert it, they should cease maligning the dead as well as the living.

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THE FLIGHT OF TIME

The months have had wings, not feet, this year! The beautiful summer has sped away, and brown October has hurried here. Oh, things were far if they would but stay; And if life were long It were full of song!

We have had our summer of light and song, And our fields and orchards filled with food; If the days are shortened they have been long, And God has covered the land with good. Oh, give Him praise For the summer days!

My life is like the October time! The prodigal season is past and gone, And over forever the wealth and prime. Of the long, glad day when high deeds were done, And quiet and rest Are for me the best.

And I cannot afford to lose an hour Of the shorter day that is left to me, Nor carelessly fritter away the power Of heart or of hand, since there soon shall be No moments here Of my life's short year.

—Marion Farnham, in the "Christian Herald."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"Yes," said Stormington Barnes, "I'm going to retire to private life." "You'll be missed when you leave the stage," responded his friend, Walker Ties. "That's just the reason I'm going to retire," explained Mr. Barnes; "I'm tired of being hit."

HE WILL DO THAT. "Yes," said the voluble crank, "I used to be as bad as you, but I made up my mind to quit smoking and drinking, and I did it." "Indeed!" remarked Manley; "I guess a man who can quit smoking and drinking could quit almost anything." "Oh, yes." "Except talking about it."

SOMETHING WRONG. "Better send an inspector down to see what's the matter with this man's meter," said the cashier in the gas company's office to the superintendent. "Oh!" began the superintendent, "we throw complaints about meters—." "This is no complaint. He sends a cheque for the amount of his bill and says it's 'very reasonable.'"

A NEW DEFINITION. A rather cynical joke has been recently credited to Senator Platt. The Senator, on his last visit to the Manhattan Beach Hotel, allowed a pretty little girl, a western millionaire's daughter, to be presented to him. The little girl, in the course of one of her many chats with the aged statesman, said: "Tell me, won't you, Senator, what political economy is?" "Political economy, my dear child," Senator Platt is said to have replied, "is the art of never buying more votes than you actually need."

SPREADING CHESTNUTS. They sat at the edge of the wood, gazing dreamily at the rosy tawny in the sunny fields, at the scarlet poppies that glowed among the golden grain, and at each other. "Dearest," he cried, "I swear by this great tree whose spreading branches shade us from the heat—by this noble tree I swear that that I have never loved before." The girl smiled faintly. "You always says such appropriate things, Dick," she murmured. "This is a chestnut tree."

REV. DR. WORKMAN AND METHODISM

(Montreal Herald)

The decision of the board of governors of the Wesleyan Theological College, calling upon Dr. G. C. Workman for the resignation of the chair of Old Testament exegesis, has created a sensation.

Seen by a Herald reporter, Rev. Dr. Workman stated that he had no definite plans for the future, but that he would, for a time at least, make Montreal his home. He has engagements ahead that will keep him busy for some time, preaching and lecturing, and any spare time he will devote to writing.

"Are you going to leave the Methodist church?" Dr. Workman was asked. "I am not. I am a member in good standing and I intend to remain a member as long as the members of the conference continue their loyalty and kindness towards me. I have never even hinted at leaving, but have simply advocated a radical remedy. I am a Methodist of the Methodists."

"Do you not think your doctrine is antagonistic to the fundamental principles of the Wesleyan church?" "In no respect, nor did any member of my conference suggest that it was. On the contrary, I received the warmest expressions of appreciation for my doctrinal expositions."

"Do you feel that you have a good following in the conference?" "From what I was able to gather from the expressions of sympathy, and appreciation I received, I was led to believe that a large number of my brethren are in full accord both with my method of interpretation and with the conclusions I have reached."

Halifax, Oct. 27.—(Special)—Mark C. Mumford, of the commission firm of Mumford Bros., died today after a protracted illness. He was quartermaster-sergeant of the 63rd rifles, with which he had been connected since 1875. He was one of the best rifle shots in the province. He had been several times to Bixby, and at one of the matches at Ottawa took a \$500 prize. Mr. Mumford went to the Northwest with the Halifax provisional battalion in the Riel rebellion. He will be given a military funeral on Tuesday.

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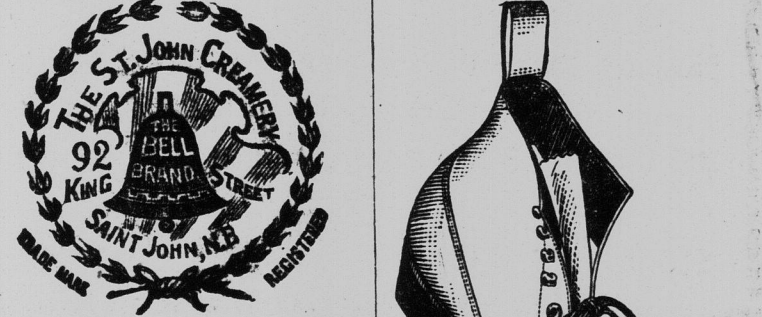
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