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TWO SHINING EXAMPLES.

Every student of politics in Canada remembers the Laurier protestations prior to 1896 that, if successful in the elections, he would ring the knell of boodling and bribe giving which had, he declared, become intolerable under Conservative rule. Everyone knows, too, that at the very moment of making these pledges he was making corrupt promises, and offering bribes of place and emoluments and benefits right and left.

One of the most notorious of these was the written promise he made to one Francois Langelier, a supporter from Quebec, who had shown some propensity to kick over the party tracks for purposes of revenue. To secure his steadiness and support he made him many promises. Francois wrought steadily and succeeded in being himself re-elected, and contributed generally to the return of other partisans of his chief. Once back he pressed for his reward and when it was not forthcoming he kicked more vigorously than ever.

Then Sir Wilfrid wrote the following letter and sent it to him by a personal friend:

July 5th, 1896.
"My dear Francois.—This is what I propose. The position of Lieutenant-Governor will be at our disposal at the end of 1897, and if from now till that time you are not appointed Judge, I propose to place the Lieutenant-Governorship at your disposal."

He also wrote Mr. Langelier's brother, Charles, saying:

"Tell Francois that I do not wish there should be any misunderstanding. I wish that my promise may be considered sacred."

With this letter in his pocket Francois passed on to two sessions as a doubly paid partisan, getting one indemnity from his country, and a promissory note from the Premier, payable in Dominion funds, for either a governorship term, or a life tenure on the Supreme Court Bench. The judgeship materialized first, and for many years now Francois Langelier has been dispensing justice under the aforesaid conditions and dutifully drawing his payments of \$7,000 yearly with expenses from the Dominion treasury.

Now he is given the Governorship of Quebec in order to round out the payment at the rate of \$10,000 per year, and a free house at Spencerwood. Laurier purchased political support and Francois gave it. The Dominion pays the bills. When the Governorship term is over it is dollars to doughnuts that Francois soon thereafter retires on the pension of a judge for the remainder of his life.

Another instance is recalled by another recent appointment to the Senate. A certain Mr. Forget of Conservative leanings happened to be a clerk in the Indian Department and in 1896 experienced a sudden change of heart and became a Liberal. On the retirement of Mr. Macintosh, Governor of the North West Territories, Mr. Forget became the fortunate occupant of the position of honor at a salary of \$7,000 per year and a free house. Thus quickly does the fruit of reward follow the budding of conviction and conversion.

When the new provinces were organized a governor was found in the person of this same Mr. Forget, who conveniently forgot all constitutional precedents, and at the wink of Laurier passed over the Prime Minister of the Territories, who had long headed a non-partisan government, and who possessed a large majority in the Legislature and in his place called upon a partisan of the Federal House to form the first government under the new constitution. Mr. Forget got a second appointment as governor, and now is made senator for life, and in this case as in the former the country pays the bills.

Verily, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a shining example of humbug and hypocrisy.

COAL MINING IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The present season is witnessing greater activity than ever before in the coal district of Queens and Sunbury. A few years ago the mining of coal in this Province was carried on in the most primitive and wasteful manner. Five years have witnessed a wonderful improvement, not only in the method of mining, but in the quality of coal delivered to local consumers. It has been proven that New Brunswick coal when handled with as much care as other coals is as clean and possesses as good burning qualities as competing coals from other sections of the Maritime Provinces. Practical tests have demonstrated that New Brunswick coal possesses a larger number of heat units than any of its near-by competitors and is therefore a cheaper coal to use for steam production. This has been demonstrated in a dozen instances, notably at the Fredericton Water Works and in the pulp mills at St. John. It is also a good coal for locomotives and for domestic purposes where closed stoves are used.

From present indications the long delayed and much hoped for development of the Queens and Sunbury coal areas is soon to take place. An act was passed at the last session of the Legislature empowering the Government to guarantee the bonds of a railroad from Gibson to Minto, a distance of about 20 miles, and while no official announcement has been made there is a strong probability that the guarantee will be taken up. One of the features of this legislation is that 100,000 tons of coal must be raised annually for transportation over the new railway. This is more than double the quantity of coal carried over the New Brunswick Coal and Railway line last year, which had the record of the largest tonnage since the road was opened to Minto. As the business required for the new railway would be new business it would mean the raising of three times as much coal as at present and the employment of three times the number of people.

The people of New Brunswick have been slow to realize the vast wealth which is buried under the surface of Queens and Sunbury counties. It is estimated that the coal area in this district contains 154,000,000 tons of coal and of this vast quantity there has not yet

been moved the first million tons. Coal can be raised in this Province at less cost per ton than in almost any other district. It lies close to the surface and after the first excavation has been made to obtain a tunnel and a cross drift the dirt covering the coal is simply moved back as the coal is taken away. The question of drainage has also been easily solved and there is no great expense for lumbering, while the simplest of hoisting gear is all that is necessary.

The construction of the road from Gibson to Minto will open up the whole Province as a market for Grand Lake coal and would necessarily further increase its consumption. In the interests of the whole Province it is greatly to be desired that an arrangement for the early construction of the Gibson and Minto Railway will be effected.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING.

The Government of New Brunswick is meeting with great success in obtaining a desirable class of immigrants from the Motherland. In spite of the inducements of booking agents on the other side, who are paid a bonus by other provincial governments on domestic servants and farm laborers routed to their distributing centres, there has been a very considerable immigration into New Brunswick, although no bonus is paid the booking agents. It is too soon yet to give figures because immigrants are still settling and others have announced their intention of coming. Those that have arrived so far are of a very desirable class, and will no doubt make good in this country where there is a decided shortage of farm laborers and domestic servants.

Besides these classes a large number of well-to-do persons have arrived in New Brunswick, looking for farms on which to settle. These are the class of newcomers that are most welcome to this Province. Many of those who have come this spring have secured farms and are now preparing them for crops. The immigration department have most encouraging reports from immigrants who took up land one and two years ago. So far as heard from the people are contented and prosperous.

They have found the soil productive and the method of working it not materially different from what they have been accustomed to. Vegetation is very rapid in this Province, and the span between seed time and harvest is much less than it is in the Old Country. The local markets have been found easily available and the prices obtainable for all kinds of farm produce satisfactory. The reports these people will send to their friends "at home" will no doubt induce others to come to New Brunswick. We have made a good start and there is every indication of a large increase in the immigration figures each year.

THE ONLY TREE IN SHETLAND.

Up a little lane of Lerwick's one street, says the "Fruit Magazine," there is a garden. At least, it is an inclosed space. In the middle of this space there is a tree. It is not a very tall tree; you could, in fact, toss a biscuit over its branches, but still it is a tree—the only tree in Shetland. And Shetland is proud of it. Children who are brought for the first time to see the wonders of one-streeted Lerwick are shown this tree. This is not fiction. It is the only tree in Shetland.

As there are no trees in Shetland, there are no birds, except, of course, the sea gulls, which you can number by the thousand. The sea gulls are the sparrows of Lerwick, and, as such, they have a greater share in the town's life than the sparrows of London. In the morning-time you will note that a seagull sits on every chimney pot. Seagulls swoop and hover over every roof in the town.

The air is full of their strange, high, plaintive, haunting cries. Their sad, shrill, long-drawn cries are to Lerwick as the chattering of sparrows or the cawing of rooks are to us. Every house has its own familiar seagulls and every street its own band of seagulls. They never mix. The children in each house have a pet name for their own particular seagulls, and, having called them by those names, they feed them every day. And each seagull knows what is meant for him.

No seagull attached to one house ever seems to eat the food scattered from the house next door. He does not dare; the other gulls would kill him. So all day long the seagulls hover and call over the roofs of Lerwick. The people of the town, if they come across a little pile of rice laid upon the roadway, step over it with care. They know that it is placed there for some seagull. And at night the seagulls leave their own appointed chimney pots and fly gracefully away to their resting places on the rocks of the Isle of Noss.

TAFT'S WEDGE.

That section of the Canadian press that favors reciprocity fights severely shy of President Taft's now famous declaration that the forces making for closer union of the Empire will derive an impetus from its rejection. Conversely the president evidently believes that reciprocity will prevent that movement and bring Canada within the sphere of influence of the United States.

The president is not accustomed to speak at random and there is not the slightest doubt that he believed and meant precisely what he said. Perhaps, as the Toronto World suggests, in his anxiety to conciliate United States sentiment he forgot that his desire to checkmate the forces at work to make Canada part of an imperial, commercial band reaching from England round the world to England again, might not be equally effective in the Dominion. But again his disclosure acquires all the more significance on that account.

With its accustomed effrontery the Toronto Globe doubted editorially the other day whether President Taft really uttered the words attributed to him in its own report of the American newspaper men's banquet. He has had ample time to contradict any misreport and he now stands on record as responsible for a policy designed to separate Canada from the Empire, toward which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his colleagues, his party and his press profess absolute loyalty.

Current Comment

(Bangor News.)

Bangor has suffered a severe fire loss, and she will rebuild. It is now up to the City Government to see that every new building, and every addition on every old building within the fire district, be made according to the restrictions laid down by the city ordinance. Let none escape, make no exceptions, do not make the first break. When you make the first break you are gone and the fat is in the fire. Live up to every regulation, and let no man, whether he has money and influence or not, break through. Do your duty to your city and fellow citizens.

(Montreal Star.)

If a woman is given the work of a man to do and she can do it as well, she should receive the same pay that would be given a man. If physical conditions enter into the question, it would seem just as reasonable to give a man five feet high less money for doing the same work a six-footer does no better. No general principle controls the salary which men of different ages receive for doing the same work except the intelligence with which it is done.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT MOUNT ALLISON

The Official Programme for the Year 1911 as Arranged—Commences May 25th and Continues to 31st inst.

Thursday, May 25, 8 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Concert by the Bostonia Sextette Club assisted by Madam Clodius, soprano.

Friday, May 26, 1.30 p. m., Beethoven Hall—Exhibition of work of Household Science students. Inspection of Household Science room.

Friday, May 26, 3 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Concert by Bostonia Sextette Club assisted by Miss Lucia Fyde, contralto, and David Blapham, baritone.

Friday, May 26, 8 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Concert by David Blapham assisted by Bostonia Sextette Club.

Saturday, May 27, 9 a. m., exhibition by Anna Class.

Saturday, May 27, 10.30 a. m., College Lawn—Physical culture drill students of Ladies' College.

Sunday, May 27, 2 p. m., athletic grounds—Sports of Mount Allison Athletic Association.

Sunday, May 27, 7 p. m., closing reception, by Academics.

Sunday, May 28, 11 a. m., Methodist Church—Annual sermon before the Theological Union. Rev. George A. Ross, Fairville, N. B.

Sunday, May 28, 3 p. m., Memorial Hall—Farewell meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday, May 28, 7 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Baccalaureate address by D. Allison, LL.D., president Mount Allison University.

Monday, May 29, 10 a. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Concert by Conservatory students.

Monday, May 29, 2.30 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary exercises of the Academy.

Monday, May 29, 4.30 p. m., University Library—Meeting of Senate.

Monday, May 29, 7.30 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—Anniversary exercises of the Ladies' College.

Tuesday, May 30, 9 a. m., Memorial Hall—Annual meeting of Theological Union with lecture before Union by Rev. Alban Daniel, Bear River, N. B., subject, Modern Thought and Extremes in Religion.

Tuesday, May 30, 9 to 12—Engineering shops in the Science Hall open to visitors.

Tuesday, May 30, 11-12, Gymnasium Hart Hall—Basketball contest.

Tuesday, May 30, 2.30 p. m., Memorial Hall—Business meeting of the Alumni Society.

Tuesday, May 30, 2.30 p. m., Ladies' College—Business meeting of the Alumnae Society.

Tuesday, May 30, 7 p. m., Charles Pawcett Memorial Hall—University convocation.

Tuesday, May 30, 9.30 p. m., dining room Ladies' College—Annual banquet of Alumni and Alumnae Societies.

Tuesday, May 30, 10.30 p. m., University Library—Annual meeting of the Board of Regents.

HOTELS

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IN THE COURTS

In chambers yesterday morning His Honor Justice McLeod made an order sending up the A. E. Hamilton Co., Ltd., and continued Thomas H. Sonerville as provisional liquidator. On Friday next at eleven a.m. his honor will appoint a permanent liquidator. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., representing Ald. Russell and others, mortgagees, informed the court that several of the creditors doubted that the mortgage was bona fide. Mr. Baxter asked his honor to investigate this, as it would be the means of saving the costs of a suit in equity to set aside the mortgage.

His Honor thought it would be better to wait until a permanent liquidator is appointed.

The estimated value of the property is \$35,000, and the liabilities about \$28,000.

H. A. Powell, K. C., and H. A. L. Palmer appeared for the petitioning creditor, W. H. Thorne Company, Ltd.; Mr. Baxter, K. C., A. A. Wilson, K. C., and S. B. Bustin for the mort-

HOW HAMPTON SCHOLARS OBSERVED ARBOR DAY

Much Work Done on Consolidated School Grounds Preparing for Flower Garden Later.

Hampton, May 12.—This is Arbor Day in the public schools and it was most interesting to visitors to the consolidated school and passersby on the highway to note the energy and zeal displayed by the two score boys and girls who were at work all the morning on and about the lawn, walks and gardens, with spades, hoes, rakes and wheel barrows and so efficiently did they labor under the general direction of Principal DeLong that by noon the spacious front of the building presented a most agreeable appearance, kindling hope in many hearts for an abundant flower display later in the season. Other pupils were engaged in laying out and preparing their school sections of the garden while the younger children, flower or plant in hand eagerly sought the teachers, and their tongues, or spring beauty, and planted their seeds in the window boxes of the respective rooms, under the guidance of the teachers. A copy of the school there were base and basketball games and a sale of ice cream by the senior girls of the domestic science room.

There will be a group of from seven to ten candidates for normal school entrance examinations this summer from the Hampton consolidated school.

Mrs. Kenneth Raymond (nee Fairweather) of Bloomfield, will be at home to her friends on Friday afternoon, May 19th.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, KING'S BENCH DIVISION

In the matter of "The Winding Up Act" being Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and Amending Acts, and in the matter of A. E. Hamilton Limited.

Upon the hearing of the Petition in this matter the Court DOTH ORDER that notice be given to the creditors contributory shareholders and members of the said company A. E. Hamilton Limited, that a winding up order has been made in this matter and that on Friday, the nineteenth day of May A. D. 1911, at the Judges Chambers, Piquette Building in the City of Saint John in the Province of New Brunswick, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, an order will be made appointing a liquidator or liquidators of the said company AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that publication of a copy of the order in a daily newspaper published in the City of Saint John in the issues thereof published on the fifteenth day of May A. D. 1911, and from thence until the nineteenth day of May A. D. 1911, shall be sufficient notice to the creditors, contributory shareholders and members of the said company.

Dated the Twelfth day of May, A. D. 1911.

E. McLEOD,
Judge of the Supreme Court.
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