

THE ACADIAN.

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Dr. Eaton in Toronto.

"If I should forget Canada, the land of my birth, where my forefathers have lived for centuries, may my right hand forget her cunning," these were the words of Rev. Charles A. Eaton, D. D., of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, O., and a graduate of Acadia and well known in Wolfville, who delivered the university sermon on Sunday last in Convocation Hall, Toronto. His text was from Acts ii, 22, the subject being "Jesus of Nazareth a Man." Continuing in the above patriotic strain, the eloquent Nova Scotian said he was prouder of his native land to-day than ever before, on account of her progress in righteousness. He had lately read that the English and Foreign Bible Society of Canada had printed Bibles in 70 different languages. Canada could repeat these words, "My hour has come."

The subject of specialisation came in for some observations, which the students could appreciate especially. Men to-day are weak through specialisation, and to that extent men are weaker. There was no thought of the eternal seas in such matters. Research and special effort were so prodigious and so diversified that men hadn't time for more than one thing, but in spite of this, men had time to enjoy the next world, we must be broader in this.

Speaking of sectarianism, Dr. Eaton stated that if a man were only a Presbyterian then he prayed God would help his poor sibilized soul; if he were only an Anglican and nothing more, he would that he might be led into a broader way of thinking; if one were a Baptist and only a Baptist, such as one had not realized the teaching of Jesus Christ. But if a man were a true Christian, then he would be a proper kind of Presbyterian, or Anglican, or Baptist. It was always a matter of importance to learn of a man's ancestry, if we would know the man more fully. Tracing back the ancestry of Christ, God was His Father. This wonderful relationship explained the power and triumph of the Son. Christ was the manifestation of God's love to men. Continuing on the theme of love, the reverend speaker said that the modern pulpit needed to-day the heart power. Few men came to church through their love of it. Habit mostly brought them. Many of these were weary of life, had their secrets and needs locked up in their hearts. Theology was useless in such cases. The day was coming when men would look upon creeds as scientists now look upon pre-historic shells.

Important amendments to the Canada Shipping Act are expected to be made at this session of parliament. Among other changes it is expected that there will be a change in the law relating to certificates of masters and mates. At present all vessels of from one hundred to two hundred tons must have a master with certificate, and those above two hundred tons both master and mate with certificates. In the United States neither master or mate needs certificate on vessels up to five hundred tons, and the present conditions make it hard for Canadian owners. Frequently they are compelled to take inefficient old men as mate, because no other with a certificate can be secured. Not only is this the case, but another result has been the transfer of registry of Canadian vessels to Barbados, where there is no restriction whatever as to certificates.

The horse show at Kentville on Friday last attracted a large gathering, and it was estimated that fully 2000 people were in town. Dr. Standish, who acted as judge, delivered a most interesting address. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Class 1, pair matched horses—1st, A. H. Westcott, Melancon; 2nd, A. C. Strong, Brooklyn Street; 3rd, J. D. Moore, Kentville.
- Class 2, pair matched draft horses—1st, D. B. Collins, Port Williams; 2nd, W. W. Pines, Waterville; 3rd, J. G. Byrnes, Kentville.
- Class 3, single all-purpose horse—1st, A. Ellis, Billtown; 2nd, J. E. Kinsman, Centerville; 3rd, Ross Fullerton, Grand Pre.
- Class 4, single carriage horse—1st, Alex. Crowe, Kentville; 2nd, Judson Miller, Gasperova.
- Class 5, single roadster—1st, D. M. Doherty, Kentville; 2nd, G. A. Burgess, Upper Dyke Village; 3rd, Kenneth Moore, Berwick.

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The Country Robbed.

Great interest is being manifested throughout Canada in connection with the exposure before the Public Accounts Committee at Ottawa. Exposures of graft, trickery and downright robbery, such as no one could have possibly believed possible.

Take the Interior Department as a sample. It is presided over by E. M. Frank Oliver, the Minister who succeeded Mr. Sifton, that Prince of "get rich quick" Canadian Ministers. The opposition sought to have the original papers in connection with the grants of timber lands, brought down for examination. This was resisted for weeks until finally the government were informed that not one cent would be voted for supplies, unless these papers were produced, and then came the flood.

From these original papers it was ascertained that one man, a Mr. Burrows, M. P., brother-in-law of Mr. Sifton, who was the Minister at the time the grants were made, had secured from the government, at merely nominal prices, under all phases of bold trickery, no less than at least 1,236 square miles of the finest timber lands in all the Canadian west. Just think of it, not one square mile or ten, but 1,236 square miles. One lot that he paid \$500 for he at once advertised for sale at \$500,000, and much of this land that he paid \$1.00 for per acre, he sold for \$10.00. It was proven and then admitted before the Committee, that as Theodore Burrows he got 550 square miles, as "Imperial Pulp Company," 117, as "Big River Timber Company," 250, as A. W. Fraser, 120—a total of 1,037 square miles—a good many times over larger than the whole Annapolis Valley, and gotten for less money than it would take to buy one good farm.

The government which had fought against the production of the original documents, in order that the facts might be kept dark, found that it was impossible to conceal the truth longer, and for this reason A. W. Fraser, former president of the Liberal Association of Ottawa, was put in the box to tell the story. This gentleman frankly admitted that Burrows, M. P., was one and the same as the companies named.

This is the significance of the original documents fight. The government knew that the documents, if brought down, would give Burrows, M. P., a good name. Frank Oliver and Sir Wilfrid Laurier tried to bluff parliament out of the rights to see these documents. The opposition suspected that these papers would expose the graft, and they did to a most sensational point.

The exploits of Mr. Burrows, M. P., have landed him, in half a dozen years, as a blooming millionaire, and he and his secret friends own one-third of all the best timber in all the great Canadian west, and no one will believe that Mr. Burrows, M. P., is the only fortunate one. These are critical days at Ottawa. Since parliament has been in session the country has heard little else but graft. For years the government has been distributing its favors. Now the opposition is with much difficulty exhaling the facts. There are "take-offs" and "middle-men" everywhere. If anything is bought, there is a politician to take toll upon the transaction. If anything is sold, a middleman is placed between the government and the purchaser to get the profit. Where a contract is made, there never failed to be an acceptor of "graft" not far away. The public domain is being distributed among a few friends at a song. One man got 200,000 acres of the finest land in the west, for less than \$1.00 per acre, and sold the whole block to a company for \$2,000,000.

Now, the danger of the whole west being stolen, cannot be averted, the great wrong cannot be eliminated, the country cannot be placed in so good a position again morally or financially, unless the people, the best citizens, the independent citizens, take action. The whole independent press of the country is sounding the alarm, and to these the people are confidently looking to save Canada.

Acadia's victorious debating team was given a grand welcome on their return from Halifax on Saturday evening. On the arrival of the train the debaters, Messrs. McCutcheon, Warren and Keirstead, with Mr. A. B. Balcom, who in the four preceding years led the team to victory, were hustled into a barouche, triumphantly with Acadia banners and banners. Headed by a band and bodyguard of students dressed in military uniform, with four mounted chevrons, the debaters were driven by students through the principal streets to Chipman Hall. Large crowds of town people turned out to witness the pageant. The procession halted opposite the residence of Dr. Hutchinson and demanded a speech, to which request the president responded in a very appropriate and felicitous manner. Further on another stop was made and a rousing speech elicited from Principal DeWolfe. Driven up before the Seminary, in response to loud and peevish roars, the debaters heartily thanked the student body, particularly the ladies, for the support given the team of Friday evening, when 150 Acadia students were present at the debate in Halifax.

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The Debate.

Halifax and Halifax citizens learned last Friday that Acadia University was an institution of some considerable importance, and in spite of the Herald's golden silence about it over 200 students visited her city. During the afternoon the blue and garnet was everywhere in appearance in the city streets. The debate was to begin at 8 o'clock, but we had heard that the hall was small and that the congregation would be large, so that by 6:30 the Acadia colors began to show up around the Blind School. When the doors opened at 7:15 a solid phalanx of Acadia students were ready to rush for first place. We captured the main gallery, with our Halifax supporters numbering about 230 strong. Dalhousie, numbering about 50 strong, took up their position in two small side galleries.

Acadia had her special songs and she soon began to make the Blind School ring with her martial music. Until about 9 o'clock the programme was a variation of mighty choruses from Acadia and sprightly solos from Dalhousie. The contagious Acadia spirit was spreading, and at last "Fight! fight! fight!" "For we'll win to-night, Acadia for ever more," served to raise the speakers to their proper standard of excitement necessary for the ensuing bursts of eloquence.

The speakers for Dalhousie were, Messrs. McKelgan, Sinclair and Calder; for Acadia Messrs. McCutcheon, Warren and Keirstead. The Dalhousie boys were good speakers, and had their subject well in hand. The oratory of Mr. Keirstead was granted to be the best. Mr. McCutcheon outdid himself on the rebuttal speech. The style of Mr. Warren was most effective. Indeed, each of Acadia's men surpassed the standard that their fellow students had set for them. The few minutes between the end of the debate and the giving of the decision were almost breathless, (except for sonorous breathing of the Cape Bretoners on Dalhousie's gallery.) At length, his Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, rose and read the decision as follows: 1st judge, 'Acadia wins on argument and delivery'; 2nd judge, 'Acadia wins on both'; 3rd judge, 'Acadia wins on both argument and delivery.' Then the restless tide of vociferous emotion which Acadia had so long held back broke forth with a roar that drowned Dalhousie six times over. The judges at the debate were Mr. Justice Landry, Mr. Justice Lawrence and Mr. McLennan.

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Of Marie Zimmerman the best soprano Wolfville has heard note the following:

New Haven Evening Leader, May 7, 1905—The Program Committee made a wise choice of soloists. Mrs. Marie Zimmerman sang the leading role of "Aida," in a manner which captivated the audience. Her voice was as clear and resonant as a bell, and there seemed no limit either to its scope or power. She sang the tender passages with infinite skill, and far surpassed her work with the Society a few years ago. She had a great deal to do, and naturally had limitless opportunities to display all the skill she possessed. "Aida" is one of the favorite operas in the repertoire of famous singers, and is a splendid test of ability. Mrs. Zimmerman was accorded rounds of applause for her interpretation of last evening and richly merited all that she received.

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