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### LOYALTY AND DISUNION.

Bourassa, whom the Conservatives were denouncing a few months ago as a traitor to the British Empire, is now hailed as the hope of their party in the province of Quebec. He is eulogized as the personification of patriotism, simply because in the course of his late tour of the province he has joined with Mr. Monk in a denunciation of the naval policy of the Laurier government, which he described as destined to involve Canada in the "maelstrom of European militarism." Bourassa, the unspeakable, has been taken to the bosom of the party as the very incarnation of patriotism. And in the meantime Mr. Monk, Mr. Bourassa's convert and ally, writes a signed letter to a Quebec newspaper describing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whom Mr. Barnard and Mr. Cowan have accused of lack of loyalty to the Empire, as "a stupid and servile tool," who has destroyed the birthright of the people by the creation of the Canadian navy. Yet this tattered remnant of a party, whose members in the various provinces of the Dominion are pulling different ways and preaching antagonistic doctrines, rages and fumes in the knowledge that it is making no progress towards gaining the confidence of the people. It realizes that Laurier "holds the country in the hollow of his hand," and that while he lives the door of hope is closed against it. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that the tour of the Prime Minister throughout the west, where he has been received with a greater enthusiasm than was ever exhibited towards a public man, past or present, has aroused a very bitter feeling in all Conservative circles in the east, and that the action of Premier McBride in according Sir Wilfrid a cordial welcome in the name of all the people of this province is resented none the less deeply although it has been permitted to pass for the most part silently. If the government of the country were not in such capable hands, it would be almost pitiful to think that the Conservative party has learned so little from the teachings of experience. It does not yet realize the necessity of unity, nor does it understand that a party without aim or policy save the possession of power can never successfully appeal to the people against a government with a strong policy, an able leader and a record of unexampled achievements.

### SOMETHING MR. MCBRIDE SHOULD KNOW.

Now that Hon. Richard McBride has performed his part, with grace and courtesy, in welcoming Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the province of British Columbia and has completed another "semi-political" tour of a part of the province, there is a domestic matter of some importance to which we believe his attention ought to be directed. Mr. McBride represents two constituencies in the Legislature. He sits in one of the seats reserved for Victoria's quartette of representatives and he fills the place which ought to be occupied by a member for Yale. We do not suggest that either of the constituencies suffers severely because of the dual position of the Premier, but at the same time there must be a purpose in providing that constitutionally the Legislature shall be composed of a given number of members and that the membership shall be apportioned to the province in a certain ratio. There is a principle at stake which cannot be violated without harmful results in some respects, surely. If the Premier is capable of discharging the duties of two members, as he did throughout the last session of the House, and as he appears to be inclined to do during the coming session, what is to prevent other members from doing the same thing and the Legislature being reduced to twenty-one members where there are now forty-two? If twenty-one representatives can attend to the legislative business of the province, why incur the heavy expense of electing and paying salaries to forty-two? The Prime Minister of Canada, as all who follow the public affairs of the country will remember, was at one time elected to represent both Ottawa and Quebec East in the Dominion Parliament. Sir Wilfrid did not relinquish his position thought would have been right and seemly, and he was assailed quite severely by the leaders of that party for his alleged dilatoriness. In the Prime Minister's case there was an excuse. The machinery of Parliament did not provide for a specific course of action under such circumstances. But on the initiative of Sir Wilfrid all obstacles to immediate action have been removed. Now a member chosen by two constituencies must relinquish one of

his seats within a reasonably time, probably not more than two months, after the date of his election. Mr. McBride may not be violating the letter of the constitution in spreading himself over two seats, but he is unquestionably contravening its spirit. He ought to immediately elect whether he is the representative of Victoria or of Yale. If his government were supported by a narrow majority we could understand his motives in retaining two seats, but he has at least a good working majority in the House, and there is no excuse for his violation of the principles of the constitution except fear of displeasing some of his supporters who are out of the House and insist upon an opportunity to get into it. That may be an excuse, but it is not an explanation likely to prove satisfactory to the people or the authority which represents the people.

Then there is another matter to which the Premier might give his attention now that he may be presumed to have some leisure. His government is incomplete. What we have said in regard to the necessity of providing the number of members of the Legislature required by the constitution may be repeated with emphasis in respect of the constitutional requirements governing the cabinet or executive. There is provision for a given number of ministers. There has been no Minister of Finance since the lamented death of the late Captain Tallow. It is true Hon. W. J. Bowser is the titular head of the financial department, but every one knows the Attorney-General is merely Finance Minister in a Pickwickian sense. No one takes him seriously as Attorney-General, a position for which his training may be presumed to have given him some qualifications. But as Finance Minister he is a joke—and a joke should not be permitted to hold a position for an indefinite period simply because the leader of the government is embarrassed by the wealth of material thrust upon him for the portfolio. The interests of the province should not be permitted to suffer because Mr. McBride hopes that death—sometimes the clever political manipulator's dearest friend—or some other agency may intervene and relieve him of his embarrassments. Therefore, as the constitution requires that the executive shall be composed of a given number of members, and as the Premier has had ample opportunity to comply with the provisions of the constitution, it is high time that some one should authoritatively call his attention to some of the acts of omission of which he has been guilty.

### CHURCH UNION.

Now that the Methodist General Conference has completed its labors, with results which will doubtless have a far-reaching effect in Canada, it may be opportune to point out that this is not the only portion of the Empire in which an important question of denominational union is being seriously considered. Three of the most powerful churches of the new South African federation are considering a similar proposition. But in their case the Methodists stand aloof. The Presbyterians, the Baptists and the Congregationalists are drawing together, with every prospect of an organic union being speedily consummated. In this country it is the Baptists and the Anglicans who, while they have given some consideration to the question, have reached the conclusion that the fields are not yet ripe for a union of evangelical forces. Yet the case is not hopeless. Few of us who have spent a couple of score of years in the world, but can remember the time when the Presbyterians and the Methodists were as wide apart in sympathy, in polity and in methods as the Church of England and the "dissenters" are to-day. But the forces of prejudice are breaking down; the advantages of union and co-operation are being recognized; opportunities for work are broadening; the great fields of the west are ripe for the harvest, and the demand for laborers exceeds the supply. The time has come for concentration of forces in order to produce the best economic results. Several years must pass before the union resolutions passed by the Methodist General Conference can be put into practical effect; and by that time some of the other denominations may be knocking at the door for admission. This is a day of organization. The churches cannot afford to ignore the signs and movements of the times. The Methodists are to be congratulated upon the broad and tolerant spirit with which they approached the vital question of Church Union.

### AN ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED.

We are pleased to see that the Colonist still manifests some interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of Victoria. Still we do not think it is of great importance whether the people of Vancouver, doubtless with malice aforethought, describe the Chamber or the Charlotte to travellers as the "Victoria boat." Such things ought to be too petty to be discussed in the columns of a newspaper or the pretensions of the Colonist. We can, however, tell our contemporary of one or two matters that are really worthy of its most serious consideration. One or two great railway magnates will presently discuss with the Premier their plans for railway extension with

in this province. Some six months ago members of the provincial government, of whom the Hon. Richard McBride is chief, stated that active work upon the Vancouver Island section of the Canadian Northern Railway would commence within ninety days of the ratification of the contract by the legislature. The stipulated period has long since passed. Will the Colonist, which knows all about the doings and the intentions of the corporations and the government, kindly inform us whether active construction work upon the island section of the Canadian Northern Railway has begun or will soon begin? It has already told us that construction is being prosecuted upon the mainland section and has expatiated at length on the great benefits the cities across the gulf are likely to experience therefrom. Now we are delighted to hear of the brilliant prospects of the neighboring cities, because we realize that their prosperity will react upon our business circumstances. But we are directly concerned in our own affairs, and it might prove reassuring if the Colonist, speaking as usual in the name of the Premier, who is our representative, would tell us something definite about the prospects for the commencement of the work of construction upon the Canadian Northern Railway on Vancouver Island. An assurance that the work of the surveyors is proceeding with all diligence and that the plans of the company contemplate a great deal more than is nominated in the bond will hardly be satisfactory. The people expect something more tangible than words at this stage.

### COMRADE HAWTHORNTWATHE'S PRINCIPLES.

Comrade Hawthornthwaite has been holding forth in his usual forceful fashion on the inequities of the capitalist system, with special emphasis upon the evils of blind political obedience. Which recalls the time in Mr. Hawthornthwaite's own political career when he was more than blindly obedient, when he was actually subservient to Premier McBride, although that leader had given plenty of evidence then, and has given more since, that he is absolutely dominated by "capitalistic" influences. In point of fact, but for the support of the Comrade and his followers at a critical period Mr. McBride's triumphant political career would have received a jolt from which it might not have recovered for a long time. But the Comrade proved a true friend in need. His support tipped the government, over the crisis. Then the good times which Mr. McBride did not lift a finger to bring about dawned. He became associated in the public mind with an era of prosperity with which every thinking person knows he had nothing whatever to do, and has gained a prestige which his followers are striving to weave about his head as a halo. Mr. Hawthornthwaite's denunciation of capitalism is purely of the abstract variety. It is manufactured to suit his own personal and political ends. When he has had opportunities to give practical expression to his avowed opinions, he has invariably shirked responsibility. He is not above taking advantage himself of such opportunities as the "capitalistic system" offers. But his followers will not condemn him for that. They are all frankly committed to a similar line of action. Until the day of the Socialistic Millennium dawns they will sink their principles and fatten to the best of their abilities upon the less fortunate victims of "the system." If Premier McBride had required the services of Comrade Hawthornthwaite and his party for the purpose of passing the Canadian Northern Railway bill through the Legislature, does any one suppose that the votes of the Socialists would have been at his command? If anyone does believe such a thing, the history of the party led by Mr. Hawthornthwaite in the Legislature has been written in vain.

### LEGISLATIVE BRIBERY.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Charles H. Simmons, a new witness in the trial of Lee O'Neill Browne, charged with legislative bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate, sprang a sensation at the hearing yesterday. Simmons testified that he saw Brown and State Representative C. A. White in the lobby of the Briggs House and that he saw Brown hand White five \$100 bills. White was recalled to the stand and was asked if he had received \$500 from Brown at the Briggs House. He replied that he had not. Catherine Wood, owner of an East St. Louis cigar stand, testified that White told her he was writing a history of the Illinois legislature and that he wanted money sent by the "know the reason why." She testified that she warned him he would get into trouble and that White replied he was taking care of himself. She also testified a negro and a white man in Tennessee.

### PASTOR HAD BODYGUARD.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 31.—Deputy Sheriff Mark Freeman has begun his new duties as bodyguard of Rev. Louis Miller, pastor of the Orilla Roman Catholic church. The officer is detailed for the work at the request of the priest, who fears that William Cochran, a rancher living near the church in Orilla will carry out his threats to kill him. Cochran claims that the church has taken unlawful possession of a strip of land belonging to him.

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Then came the bride, wearing an exquisite Paris gown of pink embroidered silk, and a most becoming picture hat, and carrying a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. She was followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Bone, a pretty white silk with silver trimming and white picture hat. Miss Andrew Grey, a stylish mauve gown with Persian trimming and becoming picture hat. Mrs. Mitchell in a lovely white lace over ottoman silk with becoming picture hat.

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#### Child Banned to Death—Drowned in Great Central Lake—Pottinger's Death

Alberni, Aug. 31.—The four-year-old son of Ernest Woodward, McCoy lake, whilst playing with some matches, set fire to his clothes and was severely burned about the body before his screams attracted the attention of his parents, that he died within a few hours of the accident on Sunday, 21st inst. Dr. Morgan was hastily summoned and did all in his power to save the life of the young lad, but he was beyond human aid. The funeral took place on Monday the 22nd at 3 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. The remains were interred in the cemetery.

While discharging freight at Alberni Harry Pottinger, a member of the crew of the steamer Tees, was caught in the cable and dragged around the wharf before the machinery could be stopped. Pottinger had several bones badly crushed and it was soon learned that his injuries were likely to prove fatal.

The injured man was taken to the home of Andy Watson, where a temporary hospital was provided and Dr. Hutton did all that was possible to relieve the injured man's suffering. He remained in a state of semi-consciousness from the time of the accident until his death, which occurred on Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. The remains were shipped to Victoria on the Tees.

Joe Ross, proprietor of Joe's restaurant, Alberni, was drowned in Great Central lake last Monday afternoon, Ross, in company with Master Ralph Greenard, was trolling for trout in a Peterboro canoe, with a sail up, and a rope was suddenly striking them, capsized the frail craft and precipitated both into the lake. The boy seized hold of the canoe and held on. Ross was apparently struggling to reach the canoe, but he was unable to make it. It was afterwards discovered that he had become entangled in both trolling lines, which prevented him from reaching the shore. The canoe, which was held below the surface of the water by the held to the lines and finally drifted ashore. The lines dragged heavily and thinking he had a big fish in tow, the lad pulled them in, bringing the body of Ross to shore.

On Friday night, August 26th, the annual meeting of the Alberni Football Club was held in the court house, where President E. M. Whyte in the chair. After the reports of the retiring officers, showing the club to be in a prosperous condition, with a good balance in the bank, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. H. Poy; vice-president, F. H. Bishop; secretary-treasurer, D. J. Stoney; advisors, committees, E. M. Whyte, S. H. Poy and D. J. Stark.

Delegates to league meeting, F. H. Bishop and D. J. Stark. Six new members were added to the club's membership list. Election of a club captain and vice-captain were left over until after the first practice, which has been called for Wednesday, the 31st inst.

Harry Bridgman, Vancouver, is a visitor in Alberni, the guest of G. A. Spencer.

J. P. Motion returned on Wednesday from a visit to Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert.