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LONDON, TUESDAY, JULY 2.

MR. ROWELL'S GREAT ADDRESS.

Mr. Rowell's speech was admirable in both manner and matter. Many in the audience had heard him many times, but few could say they had heard him to better advantage. His address had the quality that lifts public speaking into oratory. Mr. Rowell is always eloquent, but in his deliverance yesterday there was a new touch, an air which comes of increasing confidence in himself and his cause, and his greater familiarity with his work. He has "got into his stride." It was a grating test to be called suddenly to lead the Opposition without experience of the Legislature. Happily, his political education began with his boyhood, and his political campaigning with his early manhood, so that he went into public life no novice. The first session brought him face to face with his opponents in the thrust-and-parry of debate, and it was generally conceded that before the close they had little to teach him in the art of parliamentary fence. It was a brace school and the art scholar learned his lesson so well that before the session closed he was forcing the hand of the Government, who were almost in a state of panic. The audience yesterday caught the point instantly when he ironically remarked that he had sat at the feet of Sir James Whitney, taking lessons in good temper and courtesy. He has profited by Sir James' example; he avoids it. Not a syllable in his speech yesterday could have given offense to a sensible Conservative. He was courteous and persuasive, and kept his argument on a high plane.

For the most part, Mr. Rowell's address was a fervent, lucid and logical exposition of his temperance policy. It is fully presented in the news columns of this issue. Mr. Rowell paid his audience the compliment of discussing first principles. He could be didactic without being dull. A scholarly mind like his would naturally relish Lord Hugh Cecil's book on Conservatism, but only a very clever speaker could weave so abstract a thesis into a popular address, and apply it to practical questions in a clear and entertaining manner. It was a triumph of forensic skill.

Altogether, Mr. Rowell's speech was worthy of the highest traditions of Canadian politics. It was worthy of the man, of his position, and of his cause. It was a splendid opening of a campaign fraught with lasting consequences for the moral and social welfare of this province.

THE REGINA CALAMITY.

"Out of the South cometh the whirlwind; and cold out of the North."—Job.

The disaster in Regina brought a cloud over a beautiful Dominion Day. The Sabbath quiet closed in loud calamity. In a few hours the whole country quivered at the news, and the principal concern of the holiday for thousands was to learn the details of what had happened.

There is perhaps a greater horror in this event as we have thought of our country as peculiarly exempted by nature from such things. In spite of some minor exceptions, like the cyclone at Merriton, and one in this county only last year, it seemed that the prayer of the Litany for deliverance "from lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence and famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death," had been signally granted in the case of Canada. Our country seemed a thing that could not feel the touch of those destroying tornadoes which range the American states westward from the Mississippi River.

Straying from this habitat, however, a cyclone of unusual violence has visited our own prairie. The calamity should call forth the active sympathies of all Canadians. There may be need of a helping hand and if men gave liberally for the San Francisco sufferers, for the Chinese famine, the Titanic affair or the overthrow of Messina, Canadians will not be found wanting in such generous assistance as may be needed by fellow-citizens at Regina.

Doubtless the city will rise from its ruins like other cities similarly stricken. It will receive no prolonged setback, and there seems to be small probability of such an occurrence again in a century's time at the same point. Those who have lost friends or relatives have the sympathy of Canada equally with the sufferers themselves. Men feel more their frailty than "inconstant stay" in this world, and the mysteries of existence in these sudden and awful events.

ONTARIO AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A western contemporary reminds Ontario that she may have to contemplate the approach of a time when her representation at Ottawa will not exceed that of Quebec. That time will come only if Ontario fails to realize her opportunities. The decline of 52,000 in her rural population between 1901 and 1911 explains the loss of four seats in the House of Commons which Ontario will suffer in the next Parliament. Industrially, Ontario can hold her own. The population of her cities and towns has grown as rapidly in the past decade as the urban population in Quebec, in spite of the higher birth rate there. Agriculturally also, Ontario is superior to Quebec, and capable of sustaining a far larger number of people on the soil.

The provinces will be represented in the next House as follows, compared with their present representation:

	Present Member-ship.	After Redistri- tion.
Ontario	82	78
Quebec	65	65
Nova Scotia	18	18
New Brunswick	12	12
Manitoba	10	10
Saskatchewan	10	10
Alberta	10	10
British Columbia	7	7
Prince Edward Island	4	4
Yukon	1	1

Total

Ontario, therefore, will have in the next House exactly the representation she had just after Confederation—82.

The census of 1891 gave her 92 members, but she lost 10 by the census of 1901, and is still losing, solely through the decline of the rural population.

When the tide turns and Ontario agriculture begins to come into its own again, Ontario will maintain her lead over Quebec.

Champ Clark made a fine start, but he is not so fast on the home stretch.

Despite its subject matter no one can say that Mr. Rowell made a dry speech.

Will "Citizen," who writes on the Sunday card question, please send in his name?

Mr. Elliott, M. P. P., and Dr. McQueen, M. P. P., acquitted themselves admirably in their prefaces to Mr. Rowell's speech. It is easier to make a long-winded and tiresome speech than a brief and pungent one. Messrs. Elliott and McQueen achieved the latter feat, and instead of tiring the meeting gave it a zest for the main item on the bill of fare.

There is little doubt that the British Government has determined to bring in a bill for the taxation of land values. Idle land was untaxed in Britain until two years ago, and even today nearly all the taxation on tangible property falls on the buildings.

This may suit Sir James Whitney, but the British masses will not tolerate it much longer.

SEVERAL ST. MARYS PEOPLE IN REGINA

No Lives Lost, But Financial Loss Will, It Is Feared, Be Heavy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, July 1.—The cyclone disaster at Regina has caused considerable anxiety to many St. Marys homes, as a great many former St. Marys citizens are residing there. Up to last night no report had been received of any loss of life amongst St. Marys friends, but several have suffered financial loss in buildings and business. Will Peart's beautiful private residence was blown to pieces.

Dominion Day passed off quietly. Many took advantage of the ideal weather for an outing and fishing and boating and picnics and garden parties were the order of the day. Flags were on all the public buildings and many private residences, and the general business houses and factories were all closed down. Excursions to outside points were all well patronized. Both town bands had musical engagements outside of the town.

At the last session of the college institute board three new teachers were appointed to the staff. Mr. W. R. Bocking, of Port Arthur, was appointed to the mathematical master at a salary of \$1,300 per annum. Thomas T. McGuire, of Billings, Bridge, Ottawa, was appointed commercial master, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, and Mr. Helen I. DeForest, of Minto, specialist in moderns and history, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

RUNAWAY DASHED IN FRONT OF EXPRESS

Buggy Was Smashed to Kindling, but Horse Escaped Quite Unhurt.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Forest, July 2.—A rig belonging to S. J. Rawlings was struck at the crossing here last evening by the incoming express and was smashed to kindling wood, and dashed across ahead of the train. The rig was caught squarely, but the harness broke and the animal escaped unhurt.

Yesterday passed very quietly here. The principal holiday attraction was a double-header ball game between Forest and a special team from London. The morning game was a ragged one, and London lost 19 to 1. In the afternoon the Forest City boys turned the tables by applying the whitewash brush and winning 5 to 1.

The Boy Scouts ball team attended the K. O. R. M. games at Cambridge, and in a fast match were trounced 13 to 10.

Famous Pastor - Vs. Famous Pagan

[By Special Arrangement With the Winnipeg Telegram.]

When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug-of-war. Rev. R. J. Campbell, of London, England, has run full tilt against George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, egotist, socialist, pagan. Mr. Campbell sympathizes with Shaw in some of his extravagances, for the famous preacher of the City Temple hates to be imprisoned within the fetters of any ecclesiastical or social creed. It is particularly interesting, then, to behold one apostle of liberty go after another apostle of free thought. Mr. Campbell made his attack upon his fellow-socialist in a sermon which dealt with this theme, "Jesus and the Life-Force." He quoted Mr. Shaw's play, "The Superman," to show that the dramatist believed in a "Death-Force." The passage that he held up as containing the Shavian creed was the following:

"Life is a force which has made innumerable experiments in organizing itself. The mammoth and the man, the mouse and the megatherium, the flies and the deas, and the fathers of the church, are all more or less successful attempts to build up that raw force into higher and higher individuals, the ideal individuals being omnipotent, omniscient, infallible, and withal completely, undelimited self-consciousness; in short, a god."

Criticizing this belief of Mr. Shaw in an impersonal, blind force at work in the universe, Mr. Campbell says: "This Life-Force is ever trying to do bigger things—or, rather, to do better things, to find fuller and ampler modes of expressing itself, just as an artist is continually striving to paint better pictures, and a musical composer to produce grander symphonies. But unlike artist and composer, the Life-Force has no intelligence; it does not know what it is doing; it only acts so because it must in obedience to its own nature. And therefore it fumbles, makes mistakes, blunders along in the dark without conscious purpose or goal, until through prodigal waste of material and countless failures it achieves results less clumsy, and more lasting than it could at first. It is like a river feeling its way through a morass; it forms many a quagmire, wastes its flow in many a useless side-track, and in the feeding of coarse, rank vegetation, ere at length it forces its way through, and, joined by other streams, acting in obedience to the same law of their being, passes onward in fuller, broader current to mingle its waters with the ocean, and then begin the same process all over again."

In contrast to this Life-Force, which he thinks Mr. Shaw would do better to call the Death-Force, this unwitting, blind, cruel, purposeless, impersonal something behind and through all things, Mr. Campbell calls the dramatist's attention to the teaching of the true Superman, Jesus Christ, "who lived on the super-personal scale, actuated by super-personal motives."

"Jesus gave no philosophic system," says Mr. Campbell, "but he said there was indeed a Life-Force, a force upon which men are dependent even to wrong, namely, the will of God, whose nature is love. Jesus never explained why this intelligent Life-Force has taken so many grotesque and terrible forms in the course of its earthly history, but he maintained that the apparent waste of nature was no waste, nor was it due to divine indifference. 'Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your father.' Presumably the form matters little, the life matters much."

In this way Mr. Campbell comes to the conclusion that suffering is the clue to the upward ascent of man, that the far-off divine event, the ultimate purpose of God is the justification for all the sorrow of earth, and that because he fulfilled in himself the highest beauty of sacrifice Christ is the goal of all the race, the divine super-man. We may be sure that the indomitable Mr. Shaw will not allow Mr. Campbell to go without an answer, but it does seem to me that Mr. Shaw's conception of God as a blind, unguided, creeping force is altogether repugnant to human reason.

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A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.

London's old boys in Detroit will run an excursion to the home town in August. The fatted calf market should show some activity.

Some people have vacations in the country, but most of us have to pay for our own vacations.

Are you reading how "White Hope" Flynn says he intends to wallop Jack Johnson? Neither are we.

The more a motorist blows his horn the safer for the general public.

The fact that they insist on not picking a city hall site makes it easy to write a roast in this column every day.

The plumber doesn't seem to be much of a joke any more. Other prices have come up to his standards.

Baseball idols are shattered every day, but luckily they may be remodeled.

Being a Fat Man.

We have a fat friend with whom we like to amble to a ball game occasionally. There's something restful about the company of a fat man at a ball game, particularly if you happen to get into a crowded seat. He has the same reposeful effect as a cushion, and if you get a chance to be seated between two fat men don't hesitate. Otherwise you might get spiked by the elbows of a thin fan who vents his enthusiasm by jabbing you in the hips. Anyway, in approaching the ball grounds we passed our portly companion as much as he could (as he could be missed). Then we saw the big carriage rolled back about eight feet, and saw him enter.

"It can get through that small gate," he said, apologetically, "but it's nicer to have lots of room."

Leaving the grounds it was only necessary to wait until all the people and horses and automobiles had departed before he could get started up the incline and clear the main entrance.

Sir James Whitney is not holding a newspaper for his men-chops and the temperance people at this writing.

Handsome is as Handsome Does.

About the first thing that a pretty girl learns is that it isn't always the handsomest man who gets the handsomest salary.

A Joke on the Brethren.

[Ailsa Craig Banner.]

Mr. Wm. Humble brought us in a sample of alfalfa grown in town which had attained a length of four feet four inches. Mr. Humble says he doesn't know what made it grow so long unless it was its proximity to the Baptist Church.

Welcome to Reid's Corners.

[Goderich Signal.]

Somebody sighed, "Oh, for a lodge in some vast wilderness, a town where the Corners rather follow Selkirk, who exclaimed: 'O,