

CANADIANS LACK NATIONAL IDEALS

Rev. Dr. Bland Says That the People Think Too Much of Money.

COUNTRY NOT UNITED Likens It to a Ship Drifting Helplessly to Destruction.

Canada's most urgent need, said Dr. Bland, speaking in Broadway Methodist Tabernacle last night, was a national ideal. Without this no people had ever reached greatness.

"A main factor in the amazing part of the history of Greece had been the common Hellenic consciousness. Despite the rivalries of the little city states the ancient Greeks were united and inspired by the consciousness of their distinctness from the surrounding peoples who were not altogether untroubled in designing barbarians, the consciousness of this political freedom, their intellectual and artistic activity, their pursuit of physical and mental perfection," said Dr. Bland.

"To ascribe," he continued, "the vast and wonderfully enduring empire of ancient Rome to mere brute force or lust of conquest would be unjust. The greatest factor in the building up of that empire was the Roman ideal, that patriotism and self-subsidiarity that impressed the quick-witted and artistic, but less disciplined Greeks with a kind of awe; a reverence for law and order, and a sense of justice only surpassed by the similar traits that in a kindred race in modern times have built up even a vaster empire, a consciousness of a divine mission to establish these on a warring and disorderly world."

"It was a common consciousness that united and inspired the great days of Elizabeth. Englishmen felt they were the world-champions of civil and religious freedom against the blighting bigotry and tyranny of Spain. England, they felt, stood for something heroic and unspeakably precious. But no movement in history, perhaps, shows more strikingly why a national ideal counts for a people than the French revolution. The tremendous enthusiasm that started, and almost subjugated Europe was born of the stimulating men to intoxication, of being the first of peoples to win freedom, and of a sacred mission to help other nations to cast off their tyrants."

"Nothing explains so well the distinctive worth and achievements of the United States as the saying, often on the lips of the people that has been this common consciousness which has lured men to her from all lands, enlarged and inspired them, and filled them with a passionate devotion to the country which gave them liberty."

"The noblest example, however, of a nation with a national ideal for a people is seen in the history of Israel. A little people, distinguished neither intellectually nor artistically, of negligible military prowess, and commercially insignificant, has won the supreme place in history by its consciousness of being the people of the one true God, Jehovah."

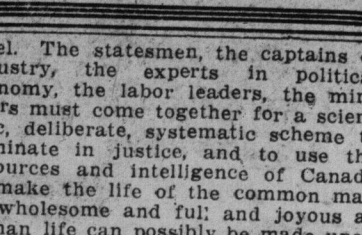
"If no people, then, has played a great part in history, if no people, indeed, has attained nationhood, that has not been vituperated and inspired by a national ideal, it is with the deep interest we ask what is the Canadian ideal? Is there a Canadian consciousness? Why should there be a Canada? Would the world miss anything if Canada were submerged in the neighboring republic and the very name forgotten?"

"So far as I have been able to learn very few Canadians have any national ideal that is not expressed in population, business of wheat or millions of export."

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level. The statesmen, the captains of industry, the experts in political economy, the labor leaders, the political leaders must come together for a scientific, deliberate, systematic scheme to eliminate in justice, and to make the life of the common man as wholesome and full and joyous as human life can possibly be made upon the earth.

LABOR NEWS

UNIONISM SHOULD ACT INDEPENDENTLY

That trades unionism should bear the responsibility of independent political action was the theme of an address by Fred Bancroft before an open meeting of the Independent Labor Party of Toronto, Sunday afternoon, at the Labor Temple. "It is however, an unfortunate fact," said Mr. Bancroft, "that labor men who endeavor to champion the cause of their fellows in the house of commons, are subjected to more vilification and abuse than even the ordinary party politician. Imagine to yourself, Bill Jones, who thru years of the midnight canvass, has light and integrity, finally attains to honor as a representative of the people, and then a slight deviation from the path or some slight error, and vituperation meets him on every side. This is a regrettable fact."

Continuing, Mr. Bancroft expressed the opinion that for the man whose class consciousness is prevented him from joining the ranks of trades unionism, there was little hope. "His class consciousness was very elementary in its nature. The trades union movement was undeniably sound at heart. Its leaders had not only changed conditions materially for the better, but had themselves been thru the fires of bitter experience. This was the only movement which was clear upon the basic needs of the workers. It was very clearly shown that labor leaders had gained their spurs upon the field of economic warfare. If Jim Jones or John Doggett, or Bill Longdon were good enough for places around the arbitration board, why then, would they not be good enough for the political arena? Politics, said the speaker, was a business of importance, not a mere electioneering vista of hand-shaking. C.M.A. representatives had fought well for their kind in the commons and in the senate. So should the representatives of labor. The manufacturing interests had again and again tried to have a well regulated old age pensions act passed. Too much extravagance was the cry of the house. Oh, yes, but the easy passage of a bill to pay \$10,000,000 to the Mackenzie and Mann interests was merely good business."

With regard to the statement of Mayor MacBride of Brantford that he had been called upon to move to Toronto to take up work in connection with the labor movement in the Queen City, local leaders of the Independent Labor Party professed ignorance of any such request. "Mind you," said James H. Ballantyne, president of the Independent Labor Party of Toronto and affiliated branches, "I can speak only for Toronto. I am not a member of the provincial executive. So far as such invitation was issued to the mayor of Brantford."

Looters of Summer Cottages Receive Stiff Jail Terms

Parry Sound, Ont., March 9.—The trial of Medd Matney and W. M. Rowe, caught looting cottages and houses while the owners were temporarily absent, was held here this morning. Rowe looted the summer cottages of Benjamin Allen, of Toronto, at Bolger Lake, and the two of them looted houses in town and in the township of Foley. At the trial, Matney pleaded guilty to robbing from four houses and was sentenced to one and a half years, in Kingston penitentiary, the sentences running consecutively, making six years in all which were perhaps the longest in the history of the province. Arthur reformatory.

JAMES T. GUNN GOT SEVERE HECKLING

Braves the Open Forum and Speaks to Members on "Democracy."

James T. Gunn of police fame braved the terrors of the Open Forum on Sunday afternoon. He said a number of hard things about socialism. Not that he was billed to attack socialism; his subject was "Democracy." But Mr. Gunn found it impossible to speak on that subject without exposing some of the weakness of socialism in practice.

A meeting of the Open Forum for the average bread-and-butter citizen is an extraordinary thing, both to see and hear. One realizes how cosmopolitan the city is growing and how complex Canada's politics has become.

Some even complain that the chair is autocratic, but the chairman, Professor Alfred DeLury, has announced that he will defend the right of the chairman to be autocratic to the last ditch.

In opening his address, Mr. Gunn said that socialism was an organized movement based upon democracy, which had failed to achieve its purpose, owing to oligarchic tendencies and conditions which had developed in the movement. This had especially been the case in Germany, where a member of the socialistic party put up with a discipline almost military, and had no freedom of thought or action. So much had this been the case, that Carl Marx, on one occasion, had appended the names of two British delegates to a manifesto without even consulting them as to their ideas on the matter. Starting as democracy, the organization had degenerated into a dictatorship.

Because men and practice, socialistic ideas it did not follow that they put them into practice, said the speaker. He said that a group of syndicalists in the French chamber of deputies, who refused to give one-fifth of their salaries, each three thousand dollars per annum, for the benefit of the party cause, and who had reached that position as representatives of the party.

"Expediency and not democracy has been the ruling factor in an organized Socialist movement," said Mr. Gunn. "Expediency and opportunism in every form."

"The permeation of capitalistic society with Socialistic ideas has resulted in advanced legislation of the philanthropic type, which has fastened the shackles of exploitation on the worker more securely than ever. If democracy meant anything, Mr. Gunn continued, it meant control by the many. The majority must have spiritual freedom, liberty to speak and act for themselves. The Socialist movement would increase the power of the state machine and might result in all sorts of bad things forced upon the community."

The half hour that followed was a warm one for Mr. Gunn, but he survived. Some claimed that he had simply touched the weak spots of something which was not a movement, but a social science. One said that Socialists wanted spiritual freedom more than anything else; also the liberty to make things for use and not for profit.

BIG INCREASE TO USE OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY

The use of books in the Toronto Public Library for the month of February, 1919, was remarkable. While in February of last year the increase over corresponding month of the year previous was 5400, in February of this year it is over 15,000 over that of last year. The increase in the use of books by boys and girls was alone over 4000.

The notable increases were: College, 1500; Queen and Leger, 1200; Western, 1000; Deer Park, over 1200; Figgs Park, 600; Wyckwood, 700; Dovercourt, 1000; and in the children's library at Earls Court, 1750, while something happened at Church street with an increase of 1800, of which 800 was among boys and girls.

Altogether the use of books for this short month was 131,554. The children at the library should have a better chance than the members of the board can give them in the little back room of the "shack" called a library. There were 288 books used by these children during last month. As the children's room is opened only until 6 p.m., it can easily be calculated that in Earls Court there must have been 33 books given out each hour, or a book given out every two minutes.

In College street this is exactly doubled, as a book a minute is given out during all the time the children's library is open.

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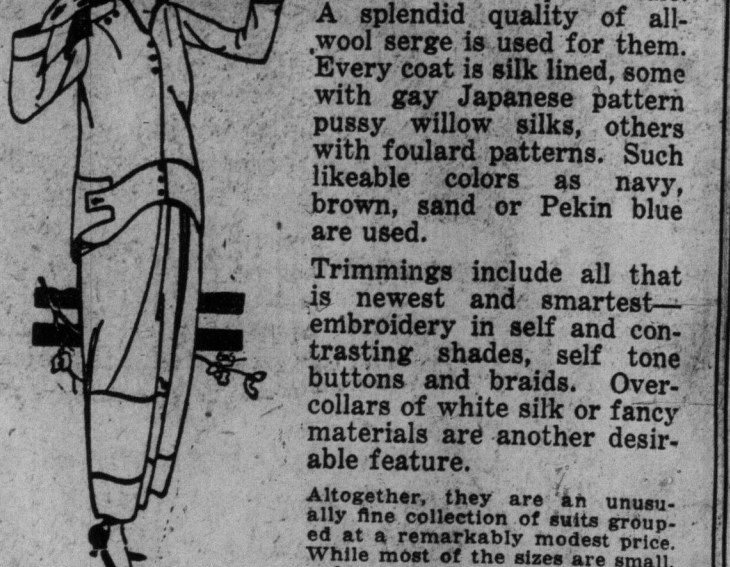
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A Linen Replenishing Sale for Housekeepers

Throughout the week a special feature in the Linen Room will be a wonderful sale of such household needs as tea towels, roller towels, kitchen towels, flannelette dusters, chamois check dusters, scouring cloths, sponge cloths, and the dozen and one other cloths every housekeeper needs. A large shipment of all these has just arrived—now is your opportunity to replenish your household stocks.

Tea or Glass Towels—plain, check, or red bordered. Cotton, union, or all linen. Each from—	\$1.25 to \$2.00
Sponge Cloths for drying and cleaning all kinds of woodwork. Strong, even mesh. Per dozen—	\$2.50
Dish Cloths of all kinds. Fine or loosely woven. Per dozen—	\$1.25 to \$2.00
Roller Towels, plain or with red borders. Union or linen. 2 1/2 yards long. Each—	90c to \$1.25
500 only White Bath Towels, double ribbed weave. Size 20 x 38. At less than present mill price. Each—	49c

Wells and Joe Beckett in the heavy-weight division. These contestants had to be so evenly matched that they have been signed to meet again, and the bouts are creating a tremendous amount of interest in England. In the former contest, the decision was rendered against the little Englishman, and many of the onlookers took exception to the judge's decision. The pictures of this bout are very good, and it will give the Toronto boxing enthusiasts an opportunity of judging for themselves whether or not the judge was right in giving the verdict to the American sailor.

Wonder What an Eleven Months' Old Baby Thinks About : By BRIGGS

(TIME—ABOUT TWO A.M. AND SOUND ASLEEP)

"WONDER WHAT THAT NOISE WAS THAT WOKE ME UP? IT SOUNDED LIKE THE CLICK OF THE LATCH TO THE OUTSIDE DOOR. SOMEBODY IS COMING UP THE STAIRS—THE FLOOR CRACKS AWFUL"

"I'LL START OFF WITH A LITTLE WHIMPER—JUST TO SEE IF I CAN'T ATTRACT A LITTLE ATTENTION. I'LL BET THAT WAS MY DAD JUST CAME IN—WELL NOW FOR JUST A NEW WHIMPER—MP-MP-MP-BEH-H-H"

"OH! SUCH TERRIBLE LANGUAGE I NEVER HEARD. I THINK DAD IS SORE ABOUT ME WAKING UP. HE'S ALWAYS KINDA CROSS WHEN I CRY AT NIGHT. IF HE DOESN'T GET A MOVE ON I'LL LET OUT A YELL"

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MY FATHER AND MOTHER ANYHOW? WHY DON'T THEY BRING MY BOTTLE? I'M NEARLY STARVED—WELL I'M GOING TO CUT LOOSE AND WAKE UP THE NEIGHBORS—HERE GOES—YOW-OO-OO"

"TEE HEE—I HEARD DAD TELL MOTHER IT'S HER TURN TO BRING MY BOTTLE—BUT I NOTICE DAD IS ON HIS WAY. I HEAR HIS DEAR OLD GRUMBLE. BLESS HIS HEART HERE HE COMES"

"OH YOU DEAR OLD BOTTLE! JUST LISTEN TO POP GRUMBLING—HE GAVE ME AN AWFUL NASTY LOOK BUT I SHOULD WORRY, I GOT THE BOTTLE DIDN'T I?" (ASLEEP)

World's Greatest Boxers To Be Shown at Massey Hall

Motion pictures of the famous British and American services boxing tournament, which was held at Royal Albert Hall, London, will be shown at Massey Hall all this week. This tremendous array of boxing champions from the British and American armies and navies were brought together in competition for the King's trophy, which was subsequently won by the British army team.

Never in the long history of boxing has more first class exponents of the sport been brought together in one ring. Champions from England, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the United States were the cleverest in the world, and one of the chief means of keeping soldiers in condition and under competent instructors, many good boxers were developed.

Out of the eleven bouts, the two which were perhaps the most interesting are the ones between Jimmy Wilde of England and Pal Moore of the United States; and Bombardier