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## THE TRAGEDY OF LIFE

The tragic ending of the life of Mr. George W. Allen has stirred throughout the province a profound feeling of sorrow. Of distinguished family, a lawyer of exceptional ability, successful in politics, respected by the people, and beloved by his personal friends, it seemed to the casual observer that life had given much and promised more to Mr. Allen. For he was yet in the prime of life, and only recently it was known that political preferment was within his grasp had he but consented to accept the offer made. Unhappily his health had broken down, and mental anguish at last prompted the act of self-destruction. Another is added to the grim tragedy of human life, inscrutable in its mystery, and a province mourns the passing of a son who seemed born to eminence, but went untimely to the grave. Scarcely has the community been more deeply shocked, or moved to more poignant sorrow than by the news flashed over the wires last evening from the provincial capital.

## A P. E. ISLAND VIEW

Discussing the agitation for the introduction of a prohibitory law in this province the *Charlottetown Guardian* says: "It is an important truth that the politicians have greatly over-estimated the extent and influence of the liquor vote. This has been proved here in Prince Edward Island. Prohibition once enacted made that clear. And such a policy (in New Brunswick) judging by the results here, would be the basis of enduring popularity for the government. It is not a new thing. More than fifty years ago the border state of Maine, on one side, adopted prohibition and has since tenaciously clung to it. Prince Edward Island on the other side has no more popular law on its statute book than the prohibitory law which was enacted seven years ago. Prohibition is not discredited by age; rather it is now accredited. It is making rapid headway in both hemispheres, in Finland, New Zealand, Australia and in state after state of the greater American Republic. Here in Prince Edward Island the rum power has been paralysed and discredited by prohibition as it could never have been by any other form of law."

## A NATIONAL PLEA

The plan of Earl Grey to convert the battlefields of the Plains of Abraham and Ste. Foy into a national park, and to erect on the Citadel rock a colossal statue of peace, was launched at Ottawa yesterday in so happy and successful a manner that it will be heartily embraced throughout the Dominion. The meeting held last evening in the Russell Theatre was addressed by several of the foremost men of Canada, whose official position gives added weight to their words, and whose eloquence will quicken in the hearts of the people that national sentiment, of which indeed Canadians have become very keenly conscious, and which will make this great memorial a truly national symbol. It was a happy thought which prompted Earl Grey to enlist the support of the Canadian Clubs in this monumental work, since it will strengthen and unify the clubs as well as assist in carrying out his plans at Quebec. Canada, like Kipling's ship, has been finding herself; and there is no more significant evidence of the universal consciousness of nationhood than this united resolve to commemorate in fitting form the epoch-making struggle at Quebec, and the subsequent blending of the contending races into one nationality.

## RESULT OF PARTISANISM

The city of Hamilton, after an experiment in electing its city council by vote of the city-at-large, has followed the example of St. John and returned to the ward system. The vote in favor of this course was overwhelming—6,000 to 1,700. The *Ottawa Journal* gives the reasons, gleaned from Hamilton papers, for a return to the system of ward elections, as follows:—

"So long as the ward system prevailed, partisanship did not entirely dominate the municipal elections. Ward considerations, ward circumstances, personal popularity in particular wards, prevented the party discipline being paramount. When the experiment of electing all the aldermen by a general vote of the city was decided on in Hamilton the extreme spirits in the respective party machines got busy. They organized tickets on party lines. The first consequence was a straight party fight in each municipal vote. The second consequence was unsatisfactory civic administration. The third consequence was public disgust with the system of election of aldermen by the city at large. The fourth consequence is a return to the ward system."

This, adds the *Journal*, is one of the several forcible illustrations in the recent municipal elections in Ontario that the sensible people of the province object to partisanship in municipal affairs.

Here are some ideas for senate reformers, quoted from an exchange:—"In concluding a letter on Senate Reform, Dr. D. Hogg of Brampton makes a novel suggestion. After pointing out that a senate chosen from the senators of a board of control or commissioners to act as an executive committee of the city council, to administer the affairs of the city; and that the candidates for aldermanic office be asked to pronounce themselves on this question; also that the legislature be asked to make such changes in the civic charter as would enable us to carry out this resolution."

At a meeting of a business men's committee in Montreal last week the question of a board of control for the city was considered and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That this meeting endorses the constitution of a board of control or commissioners to act as an executive committee of the city council, to administer the affairs of the city; and that the candidates for aldermanic office be asked to pronounce themselves on this question; also that the legislature be asked to make such changes in the civic charter as would enable us to carry out this resolution."

Without endorsing all the views expressed in the letter of Mr. Scanderson in today's *Times*, it may be stated that next to absolute prohibition the course he suggests is one that would be entirely in the public interest. What he says about adulterated and spurious liquors, and their effect, and the justice that should be dealt out to dealers in them will be endorsed by every thoughtful citizen.

The directors of the Exhibition Association assume that they will get a city grant this year. It is not well to take too much for granted. In the present state of the finances and the money market generally the disposition of the city council will probably be to forego to the fullest possible extent the pleasure of voting grants for exhibitions or anything else.

Chief Clark may have seemed to the hockey players to be a rude person, who ought to be suppressed, but in the interests of clean and manly sport it is sometimes necessary to suppress a hockey player. The chief warning is better given before a head is broken than after that event.

Mr. Morse says the G. T. P. may come to St. John. His lack of enthusiasm suggests that his company would like to be coaxed. Also, it throws a dash of cold water upon the fine optimism of Dr. Pugsley. If these hard-headed railroad men would only be quiet the politicians would have a much more easy task.

A Winnipeg dispatch says that following the example of the Manitoba government, which is purchasing the Bell Telephone company, it is rumored that the city will seek to buy out the electric street car, lighting and power system now held by Mackenzie and Mann interests.

Premier Roblin says the G. T. P. must pay a good price for the Central. If the people are to get back their money the premier states the plain truth. They paid a good price.

## FLOUR MILL BURNED

Maple Leaf Company's Plant at Kenora, Ont. Destroyed—Loss is \$400,000.

Kenora, Ont., Jan. 15.—The immense 5,000 barrel mill of the Maple Leaf Flour Mills Company was destroyed by fire last night, together with its large packing house. The fire started in the cleaning department in the fifth story from an unknown cause but likely either from friction of pulleys or from defective wiring.

The total loss will exceed \$400,000. The large elevator and bins, almost filled with flour, were saved.

There was a pleasant assembly held by the C. M. B. A. Branch 134, in their hall last night. There was a large attendance. Mesdames Harrington, McIntyre and McGuire were chaperones.

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St. John, Jan. 16th, 1908.

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## THE BRIDGE OF CLOON

A boy in the splendor of June

Stood on the Bridge of Cloon;

He watched the trout in the pool,

The children passing to school;

The patient husbandman go

With grist to the mill below;

Returning by horse or with wheel,

Each bringing his burden of meal.

The river swept downward in glee,

To meet the incoming sea;

Beyond, rose the woods and green swards

And the opulent beauty of Ards;

The thrilling song of a thrush

Came from a neighboring bush;

The faithful miller now fast

Rejoiced in that sun-lit hour;

Earth and heaven brought joy

To the sensitive heart of the boy.

As he stood, in that far-off June,

And dreamed on the Bridge of Cloon.

By the light of the winter moon

He stands on the Bridge of Cloon;

He watches the trout in the pool,

To him make all things strange;

Can this be the river he knew,

The mill and the old-time view?

No more the great wheel groans,

No sound of the circling stones,

Mill roofes—all ruin and rust,

The faithful miller now fast;

In the chapel yard with the dead,

And a faded cross at his head!

Patrons at rest—father and son,

Sowing, reaping and grinding done.

And of all the numberless host

Not even a fitting ghost!

While from out the spectral sky

Comes a wild bird's desolate cry.

Dark shadows on mountain and lea

And the wall of a distant sea—

And under the pitiless moon

He stands on the Bridge of Cloon!

—James N. Johnston, from Donegal Memorial.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HUNT.

"What's the matter, Algy?"

"Why, dash it all, that big girl over

yonder don't you know she asked me if

I had a powder rag with me!"—Louis-

ville Courier-Journal.

UNMANAGEABLE PEOPLE.

"You can't do nothin' with some

folks," said Uncle Eben. "If you do

you level best to mak 'em hav a good

time dey simply turns up deir noses an'

thinks you is tryin' to show off!"—Louis-

ville Courier-Journal.

IT'S NATURE.

"This shirt is too small for me now,"

said Dubby. "It's funny how wool

shrinks!"

"Oh! it's not strange," replied his wife.

"You told me it was lamb's wool, and

you know what a timid creature a lamb

is."

DIED ONLY ONCE.

A lumbering old stage was winding in

and out over a remote road in the Adir-

ondacks. There was only one passenger,

and he had chosen to sit outside beside

the driver. Several times he had tried

conversation, but had met with so little

encouragement that he had given up and

was silently watching the landscape.

Presently they came to a tiny moun-

tain burying ground, containing a few

grave-stones and a few unmarked graves.

The passenger looked at it, struck by its

air of loneliness, which seemed to stir in

him a fresh desire for human inter-

course. He turned again to the driver,

pointed toward the graveyard, and ob-

served: "People around here don't seem to die

very often, do they?"

And without turning his head,

"Jest once," said the driver.

## PEOPLE OF NOTE



Roy A. Knabenshue.

Roy A. Knabenshue, the famous aviator who became prominent in 1903 at St. Louis by making an airship about the Exposition Grounds, is a native of Toledo, O., where his father was both well-to-do and prominent. Knabenshue is now 31 years old and is married and has four children, the oldest being nine years of age. Knabenshue since boyhood was devoted to balloons and built himself one when only 15 years of age. He was first engaged as a professional aviator by Professor Baldwin, of California. Knabenshue never drinks nor smokes and says much of his success is due to his abstemious habits. He is slender, weighing only about 130 pounds. He flew over New York city in 1905 and created a national sensation, millions of people thronging the roofs and streets to watch the course of his airship.

The county council is to meet in the court house on Tuesday next at 2:30 p. m.

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