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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 unthinkingly to the grave. Seldom 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 Charlotte-town 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 which had the moral courage to grapple boldly with the liquor evil. We fail to see why our New Brunswick friends in and out of the government should fear to make a trial of prohibition. 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 states after state of the greater American Republic. Here in Prince Edward Island the rum power has been paralyzed 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 at 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 PARTYSIM

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, partysim 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 partysim in municipal affairs.

Here are some ideas for senate reformers, quoted from an exchange:—"In concluding a letter on Senate Reform, Dr. D. Haggie of Brampton makes a novel suggestion. After pointing out that a senate chosen from 'the senators of the different universities, from recognized boards of trade, and from legalized farmers' guilds,' would save 'brains, business and ballast,' he concludes: 'There is still another plan, which has never, I believe, been suggested—the commons to be elected by men and the senate by women; but I hesitate to press this very advanced remedy. The other plan, however, deserves, I believe, our most serious consideration.'"

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. Scanders 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 full extent possible 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.

The strength of the socialist element in Germany is shown by the statement that one night last week thirty-five socialist mass meetings were held in the city of Berlin, and next morning thousands of socialists paraded before the parliament buildings.

A Winnipeg despatch 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 Robinson 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 simple truth. They paid a good price.

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 G. M. B. A. Branch 134, in their hall last night. There was a large attendance. Mesdames Harrington, McIntyre and McGuire were chairwomen.

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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 wards And the opulent beauty of Ards; The thrilling song of a thrush Came from a neighboring bush; The miller and tree and flower Rejoiced in that sun-lit hour;

By the light of the winter moon He stands on the Bridge of Cloon; 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 roofless—all ruin and rust, The miller no more 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 flitting dove; While from out the spectral sky Comes a wild bird's desolate cry. Dark shadows on mountain and sea And the wall of a distant sea— And under the pitiless moon, His alone, on the Bridge of Cloon! —James N. Johnston, from Donegal Memories.

IN LIGHTER VEIN HURTI.

"What's the matter, Algy?" "Why, dash it all, that big girl over yonder, don't ye know, she asked me if I had a powder rag with me!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

UNMANAGEABLE PEOPLE.

"You can't do nothing with some folks," said Uncle Eben, "if you do, you level best to mak 'em have a good time dey simply turns up deir noses an' thinks you is tryin' to show off!"—Washington Star.

IT'S NATURE.

"This shirt is too small for me now," said Dubley. "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 Adirondacks. 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 mountain 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 fresh the desire for human intercourse. He turned again to the driver, pointed toward the graveyard, and observed: "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, the famous aeronaut who became prominent in 1903 at St. Louis by sailing 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 aeronaut 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.

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