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AN IMPARTIAL OPINION.

There has been much difference of opinion in the Canadian press on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour of the West. His own organs profess to regard the event as a triumphal success, the like of which Canada had never witnessed. The opposition press dissent from this view, and even dare to suggest the ominous word "frost" as a more accurate description. Under these circumstances the views of an impartial observer have additional interest.

The Outlook, which numbers ex-President Roosevelt among its editorial contributors, and is a journal of the highest standing in the United States, has the following comment on Sir Wilfrid's experiences:—"Hitherto, when a Dominion Premier or political leader of first rank went on a speech-making tour, he delivered his addresses, and resolutions of confidence and congratulations on the English model were all that followed. There were new and wide departures from this mode of procedure when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in the West. It was in no sense a triumphal progress with eulogy all along the line, that the Premier made from Ottawa to Vancouver.

"Crowds there were at every place where the Premier's special train was brought to a halt. But there was very little of the enthusiasm that greeted Sir Wilfrid Laurier when between 1887 and 1896 he went into the constituencies, urban and rural, east and west of Ottawa, as the trusted and esteemed leader of the Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons, and as the most vigorous and fervid opponent of the National Policy of the Conservatives. Complaint and criticism and expressions of disappointment, for the most part bluntly stated, were awaiting the Premier from his own party all the way from Winnipeg to Calgary.

"No Premier in any British country ever had to listen to more outspoken criticism outside the walls of the House of Commons than was addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the numerous spokesmen of farmers and grain-growers' associations as he travelled through Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This strong and unexpected criticism of the Premier arose out of the feeling that the Liberal party since 1896 has been false to its pledges with regard to the tariff, and false to the Liberal programme of 1893, on which the Liberals now in control of the government at Ottawa, climbed into power."

"THE ETERNAL WOMANLY."

Mrs. St. Clair Stobart contributes an article to the Fortnightly Review entitled "The Eternal Womanly" which is calculated to make mere man sit up and take notice. Not only do we learn that man is an inferior creature, but there was a time it seems when the ladies, so to speak, were monarchs of all they surveyed. Man hadn't begun to exist. He was merely added as an after thought of nature.

Mrs. St. Clair Stobart tells of her discovery as follows:—

"God had made us womanly for His purpose; man had made us feminine for his. The inferiority of Woman is in respect of her Man-made femininity, not of her God-made Womanhood. Woman is equal to the Man as touching her Womanhood—only inferior to the Man as touching her femininity. Male and female created He them—not masculine and feminine. In Nature there is neither masculinity nor femininity. Woman has been judged by that which is only a fringe tacked on to the real garment of Womanhood—by her femininity. This has become dragged out of place, of service mainly for the attraction of dust and dirt. But it is detachable, and Womanhood is still unsullied. It was not of femininity that Goethe dreamed when he wrote "das Ewig-Weibliche treibt (sic) uns hinan!" Not the eternal Feminine! Gott bewahr! But the eternal Womanly! This mistranslation has been almost as misleading to a true understanding of Woman's destiny as has been the rib-theory of her creation in Genesis.

"The womanly characters are those which are essential for the preservation of the species; they are concerned only with the primary functions of sex itself; they have been evolved; they are of germ-cell origin, and are inheritable in that sex only to which by Nature they belong; they are half-marked by God for creative purposes; they are, in a word, the primary qualities of sex. The instincts of Mother-love, of self-sacrifice, of usefulness—these are in Woman essential for the fulfillment of the Idea of the species, without them the race would die—these are inheritable, ingrained elements of Womanhood. The feminine qualities have not, on the other hand, been evolved by God, they have been inculcated by Man for purposes of an artificial social life."

Before making this discovery Mrs. Stobart had been studying Lester and Geddes and others as to the evolution of sex. From them she had learned with emotion that the female is, indeed, "not only the primary and original sex, but continues throughout as the main trunk, while to it a male element is afterwards added as a mere afterthought of Nature—a variation of the original female sex. Pursuing her studies still further she found that by feeding frogs well, nearly all their tadpoles were female, and in moths also if you want males you starve the caterpillar."

"If higher and lower degrees of nutrition are symptomatic respectively of higher and lower grades of evolution, then the sex which is the result of the better nutrition which produces the higher grade must itself be long to the higher grade. If it be true that superior

conditions produce—other things being equal—superior results, surely it must be true that the result of superior conditions, even though this result may be female, will be something which is superior to the result of inferior conditions—even though this result may be male."

A further study of the characteristics of sex in the lower creation led her to this discovery:—"For I found that throughout nearly or quite the whole of the invertebrates, and to a considerable extent among the vertebrates, the male has remained an inferior creature. It is difficult to identify any qualities which by their universality of application to one sex alone can be recognized as fundamentally characteristic of that sex. Even such habits as those of incubation and care of the young—usually regarded by Man as inherent functions of femaleness—are not by any means so regarded by Nature. It seems clear, therefore, that many so-called characteristics of sex are not truly characteristic of sex at all, but are the result mainly of predominating habits due to circumstance and environment."

As creatures were once only female, multiplying by division without variation, it was necessary for Nature to create a male to give the monotonous female a chance of improvement, so citizens being monotonously male may need the female voter to improve the race. Mrs. Stobart says:—"May not the failure of our social organization be equally due to the parthenogenetic system of government—government, that is, by one sex only—which has hitherto prevailed? When Woman is no longer set aside as apocryphal, may it not be found that she is, equally with Man, a portion of the revealed Word of God, which is, to the loss of the world, now excluded from the sacred volume on the bookshelf of the State?"

THE GROWTH OF THE EMPIRE.

A blue book recently issued by the British government shows the growth of the Empire in population and trade, the returns being made up to the end of 1908. Exclusive of India and the Crown Colonies, the growth of population in twenty-seven years is shown in the appended table:—

	1881.	1908.
United Kingdom	34,884,848	45,008,421
Canada	3,745,574	6,945,000
Australia	2,250,198	4,275,306
New Zealand	489,933	972,982

In 1881 the Empire's total population was 303,694,000, and by 1901 it had increased to 385,357,000. The area of the Empire has increased to 11,334,000 square miles. The population of the British Isles is given at 34.2 per square mile, for British India, 213.3; for New Zealand, 7.8; for Canada, 1.4; and for Australia, 1.3. Of the total population of the Empire about three-quarters is credited to India, the population of which, including the native states, is nearly 300,000,000.

It is interesting to note that as a result of the death of King Leopold of Belgium, the Empire has grown greater by the addition of a tract of land measuring some one hundred and fifty by two hundred miles. It lies at the north-eastern end of the Congo, and is described as a very rich country, though little developed. Its chief town, Lado, was founded by General Gordon.

After the Khalifa had been disposed of a Belgian expedition advanced from the Congo and occupied the district, which King Leopold coveted both for its resources and as a future outlet on the Nile for Congo trade. After some trouble with both the British and French governments, he managed to retain it for the time being; but in 1906 it was arranged that six months after his death the district should become part of the British Sudan.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Halifax Herald.)

His Grace Archbishop McCarthy, who has returned from Montreal, whither he went to attend the Eucharistic Congress, stated yesterday in reply to a question as to the sermon preached by Father Bernard Vaughan in which the latter designated Protestantism as "soulless" and a religion without a sacrifice, that the preaching of the sermon was deeply regretted by the heads of the church. "More has," said His Grace, "been made of it than there was in it, but we all regretted it. It was entirely uncalled for, and was especially regrettable because of the great courtesy and kindness which we received from the Protestant community."

(Christian Herald.)

Superstition is a long word. You cannot cut it out with your knife, but if you have a keen edge on your brain you can divide it into two words. The first half is the Latin word "super," meaning over, and the second half is "stare," meaning stand. Superstition is something that has been left to stand over. If a box came to you and you did not know it was candy you might let it stand over until it spoiled. Superstition is a truth that people do not understand and let it stand over until it spoils. Spoiled-truth is superstition.

(Montreal Herald.)

Commander Roper no doubt meant well, but he made a serious blunder when he undertook to discuss in public the merits of the Canadian naval programme. It is little wonder that Mr. Monk protests against the interference of an official of the marine department in a matter that is still at issue between the political parties. There is only one safe course that may be pursued by departmental officers, and that is to stick to their departments.

(Hamilton Herald.)

Probably the grossest blunder yet committed by a branch of the Lord's Day Alliance is the action of the Montreal branch in protesting against the use of a theatre by the Anglican Brotherhood of St. Andrew for a Sunday afternoon meeting in connection with the convention now being held in Montreal. The force of stupidity could hardly go further than that.

(Moncton Times.)

The St. John Telegraph rises from the government swill tub to remark that "for an able man it is astonishing how completely Mr. Borden fails to get the ear of the public." It is the ear of the grafter that Mr. Borden has failed to get. But when he does get it there will be some great squealing.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

Lest Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert should be too vain of the high praise Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave each in its turn, it is right to say that the premier, on his return to Ottawa, declared that "nowhere had he seen a city nature had dowered with beauty as generously as Ottawa."

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

"We believe that the administration at Washington and the Laurier ministry at Ottawa can reach an agreement that will be mutually profitable. Canada ranks third among the countries buying from the United States."

(Vancouver Province.)

If the number of men who go to bed with their boots on were added to those who die without removing their footwear there would be a perceptible increase in the mortality returns.



OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more,
When once I knock and fall to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day,
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never blind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say "I can,"
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep,
But yet might rise and be again a man.

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all agast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's page as white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven,
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell;
Each night a star to guide thy feet to Heaven.

The above was written by Judge Walter.

THEN IT HAPPENED

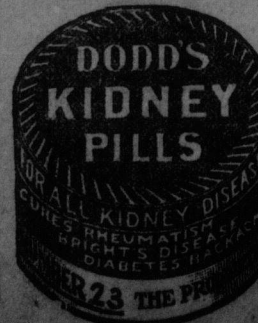


Horace Ham, the night operator at Poke Junction, could work the key tolerably well, when awake.
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Horace didn't even hear No. 84 as she rumbled past, but the special heard her, all right; a few minutes later.
(The End.)

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM SACKVILLE

Dr. Andrews Banquetted in West—Interesting Engagement Announced—Barn Destroyed at Midgic.

Sackville, Sept. 17.—The sudden death of Mr. John A. Kirk, warden of the Maritime Penitentiary, Dorchester, occurred on Tuesday evening. The deceased had been visiting friends in Guysboro County, N. S., and while there was taken ill. The fatal termination of his illness came as a great shock to his friends. Earlier in his life Warden Kirk represented Guysboro County in the Commons, after which he was Immigration Agent at Halifax for a time. His work at Dorchester has been most successful and he was held in the



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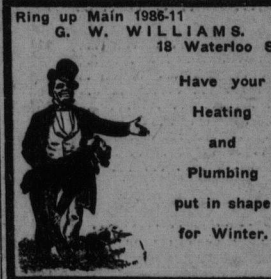
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highest esteem by all classes. Mr. Kirk was in his 75th year; his wife predeceased him by several years. Three daughters were left to mourn. Mrs. Day of Boston, who was with him at the time of his death; Mrs. Coburn, wife of Rev. Mr. Coburn of Little River, N. S.; Miss Geraldine at home, and three sons—two who reside in the West and Ernest at home.

Dr. W. W. Andrews, science professor at Mt. Allison, and Mrs. Andrews, who have been touring the West and attending the general conference, had a pleasant surprise while at Edmonton. They were banquetted at the King Edward Hotel by former Mt. Allison students. Among those present were Dr. J. H. Riddell, Judge Taylor, Rev. J. E. Hughson, E. S. McQuoid, and Principals Bailey and Clendinning of Edmonton schools.

Dorchester I. O. G. T. Lodge was reorganized this week with thirty-three charter members. Officers were elected as follows:—

C. T.—Miss Lena Buck.
Secretary—Joseph A. Hicks.
Asst. Secretary—Mrs. E. H. Smith.
Fin. Secretary—Frank Dobson.
Treasurer—A. T. Hicks.
Chap.—Edgar E. Hicks.
Marshal—Thomas Cochrane.
Dep. Marshal—Hazen B. Farrer.
Guard—Wm. Cochrane.
Sentinel—Roy Black.
P. C. T.—M. R. Dobson.
Lodge Deputy—Edgar Weldon.
Organist—Miss May Scurr.
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An engagement of interest lately announced is that of Rev. Howard W. Outerbridge, M.A., to Miss Edna Barker, on the vocal staff of the conservatory last year. The marriage will take place at the bride's home in Toronto early in October, after which the couple will sail for Japan to engage in mission work.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Hicks are rejoicing over the arrival of a little stranger at their home.

Dr. J. W. Sangster and Mrs. Sangster are enjoying a trip to Upper Canadian cities.

A pleasant social event at Dorchester last week was the Tip Top Tea and Candy Sale in the schoolroom of the Baptist church. An enjoyable evening was spent and church funds increased by \$36.

The Westmorland County Teachers Institute meets next week at Port Elgin. The presiding officer this year is Mr. A. D. Jonah, principal of the Sackville High School. Capt. A. H. Borden of the R. C. R. Halifax, will be one of the prominent speakers.

A fire that caused considerable damage broke out on the property of Mr. Edward Hicks, Midgic, on Sunday

evening. The barn which had recently been completed and stored with hay, was completely destroyed, also the outbuildings. It being difficult to obtain fire fighting apparatus it was with the greatest difficulty that the house was saved, although slightly damaged.

C. Albert Oulton, M. A., has accepted a position on the staff of the New Glasgow High School.

Make a Nickel Anyway.

In a drug store not a thousand miles from here the apprentice was filling his first prescription, and when he had handed it to the lady he told her it was a dollar and ten, and after she had gone he informed the proprietor that the dollar was counterfeit. The proprietor turned in his chair and said: "Well, how about the ten cents—is that good money?" The young man answered in the affirmative. "Oh, well the proprietor replied, 'that's not so bad—we still make a nickel.'"—Hepworth Progress.