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MR. COCKSHUTT'S ADDRESS

Intense Canadianism was the keynote of the address of President Cockshutt of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday.

He had been, he said, three times around the world, and visited nearly every British colony, and his love of Canada was but intensified by knowledge and experience.

His address was the address of a young business man who is able to look broadly upon questions of national and imperial concern.

He was opposed to provincialism, or sectionalism, and in favor of that spirit which has regard for the interests of the whole country.

He would nationalize the great ports, and call a halt in the railway extension in Canada until the present lines can handle all the traffic offered them.

With regard to the relations between capital and labor, he declared for the principle of friendly co-operation and the peaceful adjustment of differences by men who appreciated each other and recognized no class distinctions.

His reference to the port of St. John and its future was in line with the views of the citizens. Speaking as a manufacturer, he was able to show by a simple statement of figures how important a part industrial activity plays in the life of Canada; and his assertion that the refusal of orders which could not be filled in Canada should go by preference to other portions of the empire, rather than a foreign country, was heartily applauded.

He saw, as all thinking men must see, the vast opportunities in Canada, and pleads that in working out a great destiny the Canadian people have regard for truth and righteousness.

The address was good in itself, for what it said, and for much more that it implied.

The Canadian Club is doing a good service. It brings men of trade and men in the professions together in a friendly way, and focuses their attention for a time upon the larger matters of national concern.

It was intensely gratifying to see so many citizens gathered together for an hour in the course of a busy day, listening to an address and applauding the sentiments expressed by a leading citizen of another province on a subject of national importance.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

Of the temperance legislation just introduced by the government in the Nova Scotia legislature, the Halifax Chronicle says:

"For the most important temperance legislation ever placed upon the statute books of Nova Scotia is promised in the government temperance bill, which was introduced in the house of assembly by Attorney General Piper. The bill, which is drafted on the lines indicated in Premier Munro's speech in the recent prohibition debate, is designed to be practical temperance legislation, which takes into account existing conditions. It is stringent in its provisions and severe in its penalties. It is designed, so far as the local legislature has power, to protect the Scott Act and no-license counties, and to prevent licensed dealers in Halifax from selling outside of the licensed districts, and it is throughout a drastic measure. Supplementing this bill, and in fact, a part of the government's temperance legislation is the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. McPherson, reducing the number of licenses in Halifax to not more than 90, instead of 120 as at present. The government is, therefore, dealing drastically not only with the province as a whole but with the city as well."

LORD CROMER

The resignation of Lord Cromer, British chief representative in Egypt since 1883, terminates an administrative career that has commanded the admiration of the world. There were turbulent times in Egypt when Lord Cromer was appointed to the post of British agent and consul general at Cairo.

The revolt of Arabi Pasha occurred in 1882, and the French government declining to co-operate, a British expedition was sent to re-establish the authority of the Khedive. In January, 1883, the dual control was abolished by the Khedive and British control of the financial administration became a fact in Egyptian policy. In 1883 also occurred the revolt of the Mahdi. Gen. Gordon was sent to the southern provinces, and in 1885 was killed at Khartoum. The world is familiar with the story of the re-capture of Khartoum and the subjugation of the southern provinces. Meanwhile the work of internal reform was carried on. Railways were built, the system of agriculture improved, the finances of the country placed upon a sound basis, and an era of great prosperity has succeeded the troublesome period when Lord Cromer first began his career as Britain's plenipotentiary on the Nile.

He has taken rank as one of the greatest administrators ever sent out by the British government, and the happy and prosperous Egypt of today is a monument to his foresight, ability and integrity. Lord Cromer saw the re-conquest of the Sudan provinces by Kitchener, and signed the convention which defined their extent and laid down the principles upon which their administration was to be based. He found a small and distracted Egypt, torn by rebellion and financially embarrassed; he leaves it a great and prosperous territory, with British influence paramount in the councils of the government. His successor, Sir Eldon Gorst,

has been with him for twenty years, and is well qualified to take up his work.

The session of the board of license commissioners yesterday afternoon was enlivened by a somewhat heated discussion on the subject of law enforcement.

That the license law is violated every night and every Sunday is a matter of common knowledge. Whether greater vigilance on the part of the inspector and other officials would ensure better observance of the law was the point at issue yesterday.

Perhaps, if some licenses were cancelled, and the proprietors of some unlicensed places severely dealt with, the effect might be salutary. In pursuing such a course the authorities would be heartily supported by those licensed dealers who obey the law.

As a matter of plain fact, the opposition party is not the only party at Ottawa which has not been shining in debate for some time past. It must be obvious also that there is a certain note of aggressiveness in some of the opposition speeches, which would seem to indicate a confidence that there is no great danger of certain matters being pressed too hard from the government side.

The political atmosphere at the present moment would stand a purifying process.

It will be seen from the statement on another page that the export of lumber from St. John for the United Kingdom during the three months ending March 30 was largely in excess of the total for the corresponding period last year. It was fortunate at a time when western freight was tied up by the car shortage that the steamers could get so much lumber. This is one of the advantages of St. John as a winter port.

The legislation introduced by Hon. Dr. Pugsley yesterday should have some effect in reducing the consumption of liquor in those drug stores where a supply is kept for secret sale as a beverage.

In Scott Act counties the drug store sometimes takes the place of the saloon, for the benefit of customers who may be dependent on not to give information to the authorities, which practically means every customer who drinks, and who wants to be sure of another drink.

Senator Ellis, in the senate yesterday, said he thought the government should defer the application of the preference solely to those goods arriving at Canadian ports until the day before the judgment day. The people of St. John do not agree with the St. John senator on this point. They do not share his anxiety regarding the effect of Canadian patriotism upon United States sentiment.

In view of the Hon. Mr. Fisher's letter to the mayor, St. John people will await with keener anxiety the bringing down of the supplementary estimates. Time presses, and the dredging in the harbor must very soon be arranged for if it is to be completed early enough for the construction this year of the new 800-foot steamship berth.

Premier Pugsley intimated yesterday that the question of a pension or an annuity for teachers is being considered by the government and will be submitted to the teachers' institute for consideration. A satisfactory scheme will doubtless be formulated within the next year or two, and adopted.

The horrible accident on the C. P. R. east of Fort William yesterday gives another shock to nerves already severely shaken by the long list of such occurrences in this country and the United States.

The relation of a low class of beer shops to drunkenness among mere boys is worthy of the consideration of those who grant licenses in this city.

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Long shadows slant across the silent steep. And far above the green heights pierce the blue. While wood doves toll the baby stream asleep. With softly echoing call and dreamy coo.

No voice comes near it from the world before. Telling of all its life shall dare and be. Where shining caucuses through the wild crags roar, Or where white sails go down to find the sea.

Held safe and still, the baby river sleeps afar in the mountain fastnesses apart. God's sunlight lying on its guardian steep. And God's great future hidden in its heart.

—Mabel Earle in Youth's Companion.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HIS REWARD.

A Bristol paper writes: "Major" who was married the other day to Miss has gained by his bravery both the D. S. O. and the much coveted V. C."

Punch.

PETE'S OPPORTUNITY.

It seems to be fairly certain that King Peter of Serbia is to be deposed. The manager of the Tivoli is already in communication with his majesty with a view to a song and dance—London Tatler.

FOREWARNED.

He—"But, honestly, what was your real reason for refusing her dinner invitation?" She—"Simply experience! Her cook used to be mine—a snail!"—Judy.

MEN'S MISFORTUNES.

Johnny—"What's it mean, dad, when they say that a man parades his misfortunes?" Dad—"When he takes his wife and mother-in-law for a walk, my dear!"—Ally Sloper.

HER PROUD BOAST.

Young Jones—"I notice your youngest daughter plays and the eldest one sings. What accomplishment has the other one?" Fond Father—"She never plays or sings!"—Ally Sloper.

THE THEATRES

"BLUE JEANS" A HIT

Lyceum Stock Company Scores a Success in a New Bill.

Blue Jeans, the pretty melodrama which the Lyceum Stock Company presented at the Opera House last night, met with a very favorable reception from the large audience that attended. There is ample opportunity for the members of the company to display their varied talents, as the piece abounds in interesting and amusing situations. The stage settings were particularly good, the second act with its poultry and sheep, trees and fence, etc., gave a realistic effect that would be difficult to improve upon. The sawmill scene, the farmyard and in fact the stage settings all through are worthy of the highest commendation. There were several occasions when slight hitches occurred, incident to a first night production, but on the whole the performance was an entire success.

Miss Eleanor Hicks, as June, the workhouse girl, captivated the audience from her first appearance, and her work was warmly applauded. Miss Goodall as Sue Eudaly, the adventuress, did full justice to the part and earned high commendation.

In the role of Perry Bascom, Frank Powell made an excellent impression, and his characterization of the part was all that could be desired. His flirtation with Sue in the first act, where a country dance is introduced, was especially well acted, and in the second act his impassioned scene with June was prettily carried out. N. L. Jelenko made the most of the burly stork of his clever character study, and he deserves great credit for his work.

By one of those peculiar misfortunes which sometimes happen in the best of companies the saw mill scene in the third act was robbed of much of its effectiveness. At the psychological moment when the hero is thrown in front of a revolving buzz saw in the hope and expectation that he will be rapidly converted into a hamburger steak the buzz saw didn't buzz. Something went wrong with the machinery and before it could be fixed the climax was lost. This while unfortunate was hardly blameable and in other respects the production was a good one.

Tomorrow's Reception

Theatre goers are much interested in the reception matinee that is to be held at the Opera House tomorrow afternoon by the Lyceum Stock Company. "Blue Jeans" will be the play that will be presented and at the conclusion of the last act the reception will be tendered to Mr. Jelenko and his clever associates. Every member of the cast has scored a hit during their brief stay here in St. John, and at the reception tomorrow, a legion of friends will greet the players and enjoy a social time. Immediately after the last act, the orchestra will render a selection, after which the audience will be invited to come upon the stage and renew their acquaintance with Mr. Jelenko and the players. Tables, artistically decorated, will be located on the stage and Miss Hicks, Miss Goodall, Miss Lee, Miss Atkinson, and Miss Hollis, assisted by the gentlemen, will act as hostesses and serve dainty refreshments. Photos of Mr. Jelenko will be given away and the popular actor will autograph them for those who desire it. "What Happened to Jones" will be the farcical comedy that will have its presentation by this splendid cast of players, and inasmuch as it served as a starring vehicle for Mr. Jelenko for two consecutive seasons, it will have a great interest for St. John. Mr. Jelenko scored an emphatic success in the leading comedy role of "Jones" the sporty drummer, and will be ably supported. Harry Hickey, who was the creator of the role of Prof. Ebenezer Goodly during the Manhattan Theatre run, will again be seen in his former role and Miss Jeanne Hollis, who was leading woman for Mr. Jelenko during his road tour, will enact her former role of "Cissy." The farce will be well staged under Mr. Jelenko's personal supervision. The company will play at Frederickton on Tuesday and Wednesday, returning here on Thursday night, producing "The Squaw Man," the greatest of all western plays, which caused such a sensation during its Broadway run. Souvenir photos of Miss Eleanor Hicks will be presented to the first two hundred ladies who attend the performance of "What Happened to Jones" on Monday night.

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THE NICKEL THEATRE

As already announced, the Keith's management have decided to replace vaudeville in their local theatre by a continuous performance of many picture and illustrated songs commencing on Monday next and those wishing to see what is admittedly one of the best vaudeville bills brought to the city must do so today or tomorrow. Certainly they will not regret it.

There is a clever comedy sketch by Earle and Bartlett and another witty comedy by Walsh and Thorne. Thomas E. Clifford has won popular favor as a character baritone and Mardo is easily the cleverest juggler seen here. A musical team of unusual brilliance are Dale and Delmont, while Valding and Davis create a remarkably good impression on the double trapeze, and in physical culture exhibition. The illustrated songs sung by

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