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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?

One of the most insidious, as well as one of the most plausible arguments urged against the return of the Ross Government by its opponents is that the Government has been in power for 32 years and that it is now time for a change, says the Seaford Expositor; that the other fellows should have a chance, etc. Even if this argument was valid and there was something in it, it is not absolutely correct. It is true that the Reform party has been in power in this province for the length of time stated, or nearly so. But that fact should be more to the credit of the party than to its disadvantage as the province must have been well, honestly and wisely served by the party else it would not have been allowed to remain in power so long. But the Government that is in power now is not the same as was in power thirty years ago or even 20 years ago. Every member of the government of those days has departed this life. There is no member of this Government who has been a member of the Government half the time stated. The present premier, Hon. G. W. Ross, has only been at the head of the Government a little over four years, if that long. With the incoming of every premier there is, more or less, a change of policy. Just as much is this the case as if there was a change of parties. Four years, therefore, can not be too long a time to allow a Premier to perfect and carry out his policy. In fact no interest would suffer were he allowed twice this time, providing, of course, his policy is in the general interests of the province, and his opponents have nothing better to offer. That is just the case in the present instance. No person can truthfully say that under Mr. Ross' Premiership the administration has not been honest and economical and the policy he has tried to carry out progressive and in the best interests of the country. And, on the other side, no person pretends to say that Mr. Whitney, were he to come into power, would give us a more honest or economical administration or that his policy, if he has any, would be more progressive or more in the interests of the whole people. Why then make the change and discard those who are tried for those who are untried? No person would do this in their own private business and why should they even think of doing it in connection with the provincial affairs? In this connection the Mitchell Recorder puts the situation very tersely when it says: "It is never time for a change, except when something for the better is hoped for, with some reasonable promise that the hope would be fulfilled. This principle is as ancient and abiding as the everlasting hills. Centuries ago one of the greatest of philosophic minds gave utterance to it, 'Tis better to bear with the ills that we suffer than to fly to those we know not of.' That is true philosophy; and it is the practical philosophy for the present political situation. What real ills are there that we are suffering from beyond those in the imagination of the enemy? What hope for the better have we in the promises of that same enemy? This is a phase of the issue which people should carefully consider before casting their ballots on election day.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS POSTPONED.

After consulting with a number of Institute speakers as well as local officers in different parts of the province, the superintendent has decided not to hold any Institute meetings until January 31st. It was the unanimous opinion of both delegates and officers (and a great many were consulted) that a political campaign would interfere very much with the attendance at and the success of the Institute meetings. No announcements of meetings had been made for January, although all lists had been about completed. A rearrangement of the lists had been made and the same submitted to the secretaries of the various ridings. The revised dates will be announced in plenty of time to allow local secretaries to do the necessary advertising before the date of the first meetings. The regular number of meetings for each riding will be held in all the older sections of the province, but in the northern districts (St. Joseph's Island, East and West Manistiquin, Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Muskoka) arrangements will be made to hold meetings in June or July or the fall months.

SERIOUS STOMACH TROUBLE CURED.

I was troubled with a distress in my stomach, sour stomach, and vomiting spells, and was truly glad to get Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me. Mrs. T. V. Williams, Lindsburg, Mich. These tablets are guaranteed to cure every case of stomach trouble of this character. For sale by all druggists.

Romance in a Foreign Land.

"That is very enigmatic," the girl said, looking up at him with a frank interest. "Perhaps you refer to your laboratory work?"

"No, I do not refer to my work. Perhaps it might interest you to know that when I came here an old family friend entrusted me with a sad little story concerning a girl whom she had befriended and sent to school in Hamburg. For months past they have not corresponded and as it is most urgent that the girl should return to her friends in England I promised to do my best to persuade her to go home."

"And this girl? She is gone, and you have not found her?"

Gertrud's voice was low and tremulous, and under the darkness of the trees overhead, her eyes were wide and panic-stricken.

"She is gone, alas!" said the young man sadly. "No man knows where she is, and the whole affair affects me most disagreeably. As a lad I knew her father, and worshipped him in the way that a boy always worships a big, handsome fellow with a big heart and the genial manner that Jack Lissen had. Ay, if ever a man has got punished for his misdeeds, it will be Jack Lissen when he comes home and finds that his daughter has disappeared, after spending most of her young life with strangers."

"You had reached the foot of the garden, where a tiny rustic bridge crossed the meandering stream proceeding from a small artificial lake close by."

Gertrud leaned her slender figure on the bridge and bowed her striking head, a thousand questions on her lips, but held mute by an agony of terror.

A sudden cloud had sailed over the moon, leaving that end of the garden in complete darkness so that Robert standing close beside her, could not see her wild emotion.

"Did her father do something wrong?"

"His voice broke the silence in a low quivering whisper."

"So they say," answered Robert, "but I don't believe a word of it. My theory is that he was so cut up at his wife's death that he quitted the country, leaving his child with Lady Steyne and believing she would be well cared for. It is the easiest thing in the world to get into bachelor habits, and Jack Lissen was always a wanderer. I can understand how he would get out of communication with the old country, away at the other end of the world; and when he comes home I hope I shall be able to welcome him home to England."

"There was the sound of the wind whispering through the trees and there was the sound of a low sob from the convulsed figure at his side. But Robert was only conscious at that moment that he had been talking of things which concerned other people and ignoring his own chances. Could any moment be more opportune than this? The very air whispered of love this glorious June evening."

"How stupid of me to worry with other people's affairs!" he began blunderingly, hoping that she might lift her head and give him a little encouragement.

"When is the girl's father coming home?" asked Gertrud faintly. And she turned towards him fearful lest she should lose one word of his reply; "I believe he will arrive next week," said Robert.

"Then you will be there to welcome him and tell him that you believe in him in spite of everybody?"

"Yes, please God, I will," was the reverent answer.

The same moment Gertrud lifted her face and looked full at Robert Sloan, and the look had a certain hero-worship in it that puzzled him. For the rest she was white to the lips, and full wide-eyed sorrow.

"Fraulien, you are sad and homesick tonight. My dearest, be silent no longer. Come home with me, for I love you—I love you."

She put out her little hand beseechingly.

"I must go indoors now," she whispered faintly. "It is too much. Oh, please take me in."

He caught her swaying figure, and her unconscious head fell upon his shoulder.

"I have nearly frightened her to death," murmured Robert tenderly. "Poor darling, how I have frightened her!"

He bore her in his arms to the little stream, and bathed her face with the reviving water, and at last, with profound relief, he saw the eyelids quiver into life.

"What is the matter," asked Gertrud wonderingly. "Oh, yes, I remember. I think I must go indoors, Mr. Sloan; it must be quite late."

"But, my darling, will you go without giving me one word of hope?" cried Robert, in an agony of fear. "I have frightened you, fraulien, dear one; but I am now content to wait if you will only give me hope. I shall return to Frankfurt in a week, when my affairs are settled, and then will you give me your answer, dear one?"

She would fain have given her answer at that moment, for had he not brought her her crowning joy that night, and was he not to her a hero as great and good as the mythical heroes of her beloved Wagner? But there must be no shadow on the name of the woman who would claim Robert Sloan's love and homage. She must come to him with a name as sure and proud as his own, said Gertrud to herself, as she lay panting in his arms, her heart thrilling with fear lest the future should disappoint her.

"Fraulien, is it that you love me, but that something keeps you back?" he murmured very tenderly.

Gertrud lifted her head and gently, disengaging herself from his arms, she stood in front of him and answered him, with a passion that thrilled him to his very soul.

"Yes," she cried, "it is that I love you; but there is a barrier. I promise you that next time we meet I will give you my answer. Till then, good-bye. My best beloved, good-bye!"

Her words seemed to give her strength and courage, and standing there, with all her love in her eyes, and the hidden drama of her life stirring her woman's soul, she appeared so grandly proud and so divinely beautiful that the man who loved her had no words wherewith to answer her.

"Before he could realize it she was gone, her white dress gleaming in the far away darkness until it vanished in the old dim house."

"Oh, God," groaned Robert Sloan, leaning on the bridge where she had heard his moving story—"oh, God, will thou be good, new scenes and barriers and give me my beloved, Amen."

He found his way through the garden, groping blindly, for his eyes were misty with tears, and his heart was full of doubt and pain. A long journey lay before him, new scenes and new duties awaited him and all his heart's desire was in the old white house he was leaving behind him.

CHAPTER V.

Jack Lissen.

"It is really the very worst thing that could have happened," Robert said, Lady Steyne, her proud face quivering nervously. "Jack will never forgive me."

Robert Sloan, pacing the floor of Lady Steyne's dressing-room, came to a sudden standstill before her ladyship's chair, feeling a profound compassion for the woman who was realizing so bitterly her mistake.

"If we could only see into the future how much less rash we would be," he thought, as he leaned his elbow on the mantelpiece and looked down at his old friend sadly.

"I can't believe yet that he married that opera-singer," continued the lady, vainly seeking to excuse herself. "And you can imagine my disgust when I found that Jack had saddled the child on me. Then it was so bitter that this little while should be so much admired and noticed, and my own Leonora ignored. I can assure you, Robert, that it was a horrid business all through; but when Jack wrote to say that his funds were getting low, and that he should like his child educated for a position in life, and not for a society girl, was it not natural that I should grasp the first opportunity to send her away? And now she is probably on the stage, as you say, and we may search the whole world over and not be able to find her."

"I presume that Jack's child was allowed to grow up in happy ignorance concerning your doubts as to her parentage?" said Robert, gravely.

"Again that nervous quiver passed over Lady Steyne's face, and at sight of it the young man drew his eyebrows together in decided vexation of spirit."

"Don't you think you are making things harder by your doubting good old Jack's honor?" he said at last, speaking softly. "It would be so much easier to believe in him than to doubt him, and if you had only believed in him from the very first there would have been no trouble now. I may appear unwarrantably rude in this proposition, but in your own matter," he said gravely, "but I cannot help speaking a word for the man who was the hero of my boyhood. I believe in Jack Lissen now as thoroughly as I believed in him then, and only wish I could tell this poor child the same thing. It might comfort her, who knows?"

A vision of the white school in the park at Homburg rose before his mental vision, and the Frau Becker's severe face and disparaging words filled his heart with pity. But it was not safe for Robert to indulge in dreams of Germany in those early moments of his return for invariably his mind reverted to the absorbing vision of the old Frankfurt

blaze in a brewery.

330,000 Fire in Cosgrave's, Toronto, On Wednesday Night.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The fire department was up against its first battle of this winter, and in a heavy gale and frigid atmosphere did creditable work at a blaze which caused some \$30,000 loss to the Cosgrave Brewing Co., Limited, at Queen and Niagara streets. The fire occurred just after 6 o'clock, and although when first seen the blaze was at its incipient stage, the slight time elapsing between the giving of the alarm and the arrival of the firemen was sufficient to give the fire good headway.

The fire was confined to the manufacturing plant and malt kiln, the malt house, offices, barley houses and new ice plant being untouched. The loss is made up of \$10,000 on hops, \$10,000 on malt damaged by water and \$10,000 on buildings. The machinery damaged is not expensive, but the company will be shut down for at least a month. Other breweries, were quick last night in proffering assistance.

WORKMEN AND APPRENTICES.

Gurney Company's Estimate of Those Enticed From Its Service.

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Bought Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Sent It to Friends.

Mrs. F. W. J. Fletcher, a druggist in Victoria, Australia, says: "A customer of mine was so pleased with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which she had used for her children when suffering from colds and croup, that during a fortnight's time she obtained at my shop nine bottles, which she sent to her friends in different parts of the state, telling them how much good it had done and advising them to give it a trial." For sale by all druggists.

WHIRLED TO DEATH

J. Jamieson's Clothing Caught in Mill Shafting. MISTOOK HIM FOR A RABBIT

Willie Denoon Shot His Comrade Ed. Barrie in Bush Near Peterboro—Another Victim of Montreal's Christmas Fire—Byron Moir Ran Into a Train and His Injuries Proved Fatal.

Baden, Dec. 29.—A young man named Jacob Jamieson, whose home is near Moulton Station, West York County, was killed about 3.30 yesterday afternoon at Sheik & Snider's mill, where he was employed as a miller. His clothing got caught in the shafting, and he was whirled to death before assistance could be rendered.

Shot His Comrade.

Peterboro, Dec. 29.—While Ed. Barrie and Willie Denoon, two boys, were out shooting rabbits Tuesday, Denoon mistook Barrie, who was in the bush, for a rabbit and discharged his gun. Barrie received five shots in the body and had a narrow escape. He will recover.

Another Fire Victim.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Another victim has been added to the list of the dead as a result of the fire in Percival lane on Christmas morning, in the death of Ida St. George, who was taken from the building so badly burned that there was no hope for her recovery. The victim was 19 years of age.

Death Followed Operation.

Fergus, Dec. 29.—On Monday morning Byron Moir, about 19 years of age, eldest son of Forbes Moir of West Garafraxa, was going across the railway track to look after some stock on another farm, when, owing to the dense fog, he started to cross the track but was struck by the step of the hind car a few inches above the knee. After consultation it was found necessary to amputate the leg. The shock was too severe, as at midnight he died.

Christmas Present Kills.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—Grace Sullivan, aged eight years, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday by her brother, Daniel, aged 12. He was about to show her how an air- rifle which he had received as a Christmas present worked, and not knowing that it was loaded, pointed it at her and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered her left eye and lodged in the brain.

He Played With a Revolver.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—John Farmer, aged 15, was brought to the General Hospital from Clarendon yesterday. While toying with a revolver, he got a bullet in the right thigh.

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