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WHY SO MANY CHURCHES?

A delegation of British Congregational Ministers have been touring Canada for the purpose of discovering what can be done to improve the standing of that particular denomination in the Dominion, and while they no doubt found many things upon which they can report to those who sent them, the fact that seemed to strike them with greatest force is the plethora of churches in sparsely settled districts, comments the St. Thomas Journal.

The leader of the delegation, Rev. A. W. Rowland says: "It is difficult to understand why every sect and denomination should consider it absolutely necessary to get in every place that has any kind of population without thoroughly realizing whether the congregation that can be secured will be sufficient to support it."

If Mr. Rowland had lived in Canada for fifty years he would have learned that in the past religious bitterness has been as marked as political animosities. That accounts for the large number of church edifices throughout this province particularly, that are kept open in order to maintain, as the members and congregation think, the dignity of their particular sect.

If Mr. Rowland should return to Canada twenty years hence, he will find a different condition of things. The division walls erected by our forefathers are rapidly crumbling, and we believe that before two decades have passed, the spirit of union will prevail to such a degree that there will be fewer churches and larger congregations in Ontario, and more missionaries for the Northwest. What Mr. Rowland noted has been deplored for many years by the best and most thoughtful men in all the denominations, but it has been a difficult thing to combine congregations which had slight disagreements in doctrine. Our own Mr. Young says he feels union in the air, and predicts it as a consummation in the near future. When the time arrives that Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists and Disciples can unite in worship under one roof, and under the direction of one minister, a distinct step will have been taken towards that happy condition of which preachers tell when all men will be united in Christ.

FRIENDS ONCE, CRITICS NOW.

The retirement of Mr. Tarte from the Laurier government has set the tongues of many of his former admirers wagging. When Tarte was in the cabinet he was the greatest Minister of Public Works that had ever served the Dominion. Now we are told by the organ of Sir William Mulock that Tarte was a poor administrator, that he did not keep abreast of his work, and that he lacked system in the conduct of his department. From another Liberal journal comes the opinion that the ex-minister was extravagant; that he promised too much and that many of his recommendations had to be rejected by his colleagues.

The Globe has abstained from a critical analysis of the ex-minister as an administrator, but it suggests that his Paris speeches were not just in line with true British sentiment. By and by, possibly in the near future, we shall be given pen pictures of Tarte by the Liberal newspapers that will make us all wonder how Sir Wilfrid tolerated his busy lieutenant for six long years.

Meanwhile there are strengthening indications that if Tarte has the ministers against him he has a considerable section of the rank and file of the Liberal party with him. Certainly the strongest card Tarte played while in the cabinet was the one which caused him to leave it. His is not only the right view but it is the popular view. While he

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continues, as he has been doing, to advocate higher protection he must prove an important factor in the development of a more thoroughly Canadian policy, and one that will redound to the country's benefit.—Guelph Herald.

THE GOSPEL OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Men need encouragement to-day more than they need cheap beef or a full coal bin. These things feed the body, but by encouragement the spirit is kept from fainting and made to hope for the best. And by that hope we are saved. The harvest may wither in the field, the cattle may die in the stall, riches may take wings and fly away, but the man who yields not his spirit to despair and keeps life's best things untouched and untarnished does more than hold his own. And what matters all material good if man sinks in the scale and becomes but a maw-cramped beast. To believe in right and honor against the whole world of what men call facts is to stand erect and to overcome.

And at this moment the voices are loud in the street that make for discouragement and despair. On all hands and in nearly every department of life the things are many which chill enthusiasm and draw the nerve of high endeavor. Each new day brings some new story of betrayal of trust or low-bred corruption, or, worst of all, some stupid scoundrelism pretending to be righteous. It would seem as though the power were taken out of the hands of the constituted authorities and centered in the self-seeking underling who is skilled in the profane arts. And this is the time for men of undaunted courage

to preach the gospel of heartening. The people need it, and their leaders need it most of all. To utter the "cui bono" of politics, to say that nothing can be done to relieve the present distress; to lower the standard of political morality to suit the behaviour of the self-seeking and the corrupt, is to offend against a whole generation.

So, too, when we survey the social, the industrial, the educational, or the religious field. At every turn may be seen the things that dishearten—the entrenched social evil, the heartless industrial oppression, the burdensome educational fetich, the deadweight of religious formalism—and everywhere men who should be in the forefront are sinking to the rear with the slaves. This is not the time for doleful jeremiads. What is needed is the clarion voice of the prophet of better things, the apostolic gospel of encouragement.

And weak men cannot catch the accent of the prophet of encouragement. At such a time as this it is not the easy gospel of an endless summer afternoon the shallow message of a cheerful disposition that is needed, but the firm-voiced word born of high conviction that rings clear against the grey of autumn skies. The encouragement we need is based on the assurance that above us and around us in the universe there is "a Power not ourselves, making for righteousness." We have read history badly if we do not see the increasing purpose running through the ages, and we but badly understand what we see if we catch no beckoning, encouraging, heartening, foreign of "That far-off divine event, To which the whole creation moves." J. A. M. in Toronto Star.

TARTE AS A BIRD.

Hamilton Herald.
 Perhaps Mr. Tarte, like the cuckoo, was crowded out of the nest because he had grown too big for it.

PUTTING HIMSELF ON A WAR FOOTING.

Hamilton Spectator.
 For a little while Mr. Tarte will be quite busy sharpening up a large and varied selection of knives.

NOT A WHIT TOO SEVERE.

Brantford Expositor (Grit).
 The Comments of Mr. Justice Street upon the methods employed to procure evidence in behalf of the petitioner in the South Oxford election protest, were not one whit too severe. It is a great pity that a man of Mr. Jackson's standing should have lent himself to a course of conduct for which no justification can be found.

A CHEAP VOTE GETTER.

Montreal Gazette.
 The Laurier Government's—Labor Gazette blazons on its pages the resolutions of the Trades and Labor Congress condemning the calling out of the militia during strike riots and advising workmen not to join the force. The cheap minister who runs the publication as a cheap vote getter probably insults more men in this matter than he propitiates, and those he insults are the best men.

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