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ROBLIN AND SAMUEL.

The good knight, Sir Rodmond Roblin, is much worked up over Mr. Samuel's impressions of Manitoba as delivered to a Montreal audience. Here is what he said in his cultured way to a meeting at Minnedosa on Friday night:

"When you see meddlesome, impudent, slanderous Samuel, who by accident holds a portfolio in a British government, making false statements at the dictation of a small Grit coterie, who stuffed this jelly-bag of an Englishman to such an extent that he was willing to make a statement in the city of Montreal which he knew to be false, you will know how to treat him.

"I can assure Mr. Samuel, if he ever visits Manitoba again he will be hauled before the bar of public opinion and made to swallow his falsehoods."

Sir Rodmond is quite obviously "a perfect, gentle knight." What he means by "jelly-bag" is a little obscure. But whatever may be thought of Premier Roblin's intelligence, or his use of English, or his accuracy of information and statement, there can be no doubt as to his courtly manners. It is no Philistine with whom the British minister has to wrestle.

No doubt Mr. Samuel was imprudent to say anything about Manitoba's educational backwardness. He might have known that Sir Rodmond could not help fitting the cap on his own head, both personally and premierly. A statesman, but without light, he was bound to feel the force of Mr. Samuel's observations. Long and steadily refusing to allow a compulsory school system to corrupt the simplicity of his Manitoba flock, he must regard any comment on their illiteracy as a personal attack upon himself. As a cabinet minister of Great Britain Mr. Samuel ought to have avoided a contentious subject. It may be said in extension, merely that as a member of a progressive government he could not quite realize that compulsory education might at this date be a party issue in a civilized community. Far from underestimating the civilization of a western Canadian province and viewing it as a seat of barbarism and savagery and wild savagery, the mistake of many English travellers, Mr. Samuel made the error of forgetting, for a moment, in a burst of surprised and indignant feeling, that the premier of Manitoba is the avowed opponent of book-learning for the masses.

There is no doubt of the justice of Mr. Samuel's strictures, and probably Premier Roblin would be glad to lay hold of the educationists who showed their loyalty to the British visitor. Mr. Samuel was appalled at the conditions under which thousands of Manitoba children are growing up in illiteracy, and without a knowledge of the English language. The existence of these conditions an article in the October University Magazine amply proves. And yet Mr. Samuel might better have said nothing about it.

As for Sir Rodmond Roblin, under his fostering care Manitoba has strangely become a by-word for corruption and stagnation. His grateful way of inviting Mr. Samuel to come back again will, however, make that Daniel come to judgment in a different spirit, and completely alter his views as to the state of education in Manitoba.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

It has been proposed in the United States to abolish the franking privilege so far as members of Congress are concerned. Instead of being allowed the free use of the mails to carry not only their private correspondence, but everything else that can be sent by mail, each senator and representative will receive an allowance of stamps based on an estimate of what should be sufficient to cover the average congressman's correspondence. This arrangement will not be perfectly fair, because some members of Congress will have ten times as much letter-writing to do on public business as others. Still, it will doubtless result in a great saving to the Government.

In Canada, the franking privilege is abused, not to the same extent, but proportionately so. It is only available to members of Parliament and from Ottawa while the House is in session. But during that period they can use it as much as they desire. Probably the worst use to which it is put is in carrying campaign literature. When an election is pending this stuff is sent out under the franks of members to an unlimited extent. Not only Government documents, reports and blue books, but all the literature that is provided by the central committees of political parties. Of course, this

is not confined to the party in power at the time, though that one may have somewhat the advantage. All parties avail themselves of the privilege. The country is put to the expense of carrying tons of material for which it is not paid.

Naturally, this privilege is highly valued by members of Parliament as well as by political organizers. The fact, however, that it is the privilege of all parties might make its abolition more palatable to those who are interested. No one would have any advantage over the other; all would suffer the same privation. And if all the material that goes free now had to be paid for it would certainly result in much profit to the Government, and would be a decided saving of the people's money. There would not be nearly so much of it dispatched; but we do not think that would do the members of Parliament very much harm. What he thought absolutely necessary in his own interests and in the interests of his party would go, and would be paid for, and it would probably be read instead of being thrown in the waste-paper basket.

Of course, a member of Parliament may claim that if he has to write to one of his constituents on public business, or if he wants to send him some material that will benefit the country (which means the party), he should not be expected to pay for its transmission. But there is no reason why this extra expense should not be connected with the regular outlay connected with his position. He has to give his time and his labor, and he has a number of incidental expenses which he would not have were he not in public life. He does not expect to be paid for these; why should he want to be paid his postage bill? It is only because this privilege is an inheritance from the past that we accept it as a natural thing. When one more reason for the reason, there is no more reason than there would be if a member put in his bill to the paymaster of the House for expenses incurred in providing refreshments for his visiting constituents.

BRITISH BY-ELECTIONS.

Ever since the general election of December, 1910, the Unionists have been building hopes on by-elections. More than once the tide seemed to be running irresistibly against the Government, but following a series of defeats would come a Liberal victory, which turned back the current and drove the Unionists into angry despair. It was a Liberal triumph last year in a Lancashire by-election, after a succession of Unionist gains, that caused an insurrection in the party against the food tax proposal and compelled the leaders to drop it.

The Government's subsequent good fortune has been disturbed by the by-elections last week in Reading and Linsithgow. Reading has been for many years a closely-contested. Even Sir Rufus Isaacs, now lord chief justice, had a majority of only 99 when he appealed for re-election as attorney-general not long ago. The Unionists now capture the seat by a vote of 5,144, the Liberals polling 4,013, and the Socialists 1,063. Undoubtedly the Socialist candidature cut into the Liberal vote, but the Unionist had a majority of 68 over his two opponents combined. If, as reported, the Socialists intend to contest many ridings as a protest against the imprisonment of Larkin, the Dublin labor leader, the Liberals may suffer considerably from their intrusion. Larkin's punishment, in contrast with the immunity enjoyed by Carson and the Ulster agitators, is resented by English sympathizers, perhaps with some reason. The Socialists, who are making these reprisals on the Government, are not the members of the Independent Labor party, the Socialist wing of the trades union movement. They are the revolutionary group, led by Hyndman, which bitterly opposes the alliance of Liberals and Laborites, and decries the opportunist and reform policies of the Independent party.

The drop of 1,500 in the Liberal majority in Linsithgow, Scotland, is partly explained by the non-resident vote. The Liberal vote fell only 220, but the Unionist vote increased by 1,229. In a by-election all the non-resident vote can be polled, and it is mainly Unionist in every riding, as it represents only property-holders. The Liberal candidate was a stranger in the riding, while the late member, Mr. Ure, who has gone to the bench, was one of the most popular and progressive public men in the country, an ardent champion of land reform. Still, the result is a rebuff to the Government, as in Reading. The other by-elections, which are to follow, may further strengthen Unionist hopes. But it is unlikely that any by-election reverses will swerve the Liberal party from its resolve to pass the home rule, Welsh disestablishment and plural voting bills in the ensuing session. By that time Lloyd George's land campaign may again turn the tables.

After Premier Roblin's reply to Mr. Samuel, Premier Whitney has better look to his laurels.

Sir William Lever, the soap king, will erect a model city near Vancouver. What's the matter with Vancouver?

Our local contemporary describes Hon. W. T. White as "Canada's Great Financier." He has been forgiven for taking the platform against the hydro-electric project.

In England the revolutionary Socialists and the militant suffragettes are helping the Conservatives. In Canada the Nationalists are the allies of the Conservatives. In politics, ex-

tremes often meet. In fact, they generally do.

The grocers' early closing movement should have public support. The abolition of the late Saturday night delivery would be a boon to man and horse.

Over 300 residences have been built in London this year, and the population has increased faster than for years. Citizens must marvel at this progress, when told that London is strangled by railway and other corporations, and that an expenditure of a million on the L. and P. S. R. is a matter of life and death. Perhaps the alarmists were only romancing.

REDUCED TO ABSURDITY.

[Toronto Star.]
It is solemnly announced that the Conservatives in South Africa lost German votes and Catholic votes. But how did the red-headed vote go? And how were the bald-headed men and the whiskered men divided? We need a most searching analysis.

NO SYMPATHY FOR HIM.

[Pittsburgh Dispatch.]
That man in England who went on a hunger strike and died as a result, if he can observe the effect of his strike, is undoubtedly disappointed. The judgment is practically universal that he was a simple case of fool.

HARD LINES.

[Judge.]
Mariana—Why don't you like him? He wrote a poem to you.
Mabel—Yes, and called it "Lines on Mabel's Face."

ONTARIO'S GREAT NORTH.
[Christian Science Monitor, Boston.]
It cannot be long before the great north country of Canada will be known as widely as the Canadian west of today. The opening of the Hudson Bay route to the Atlantic will be certain to create an interest in the silent land that lies far beyond the Nipissing and the Algoma. It is Ontario's problem even now to look to the welfare of the thousands of adventurous and industrious men who are, year by year, encroaching upon what was once supposed to be an uninhabitable territory.

SOMEONE COMMON-LIKE.

[James Whitcomb Riley.]
Someone 'at's common and good
And plain and easy understood;
Someone 'at folks like me and you
Kin understand and relish too,
And find some sermunt in 'at hits
The spot and sticks and benfitts.

We don't need nothin' extr'y fine;
'Cause take the run o' minds like mine,
And we'll judge more on good horse sense
Than all your flowery eloquence;
And we'll ledge best of honest acts,
By nature's statement of the facts.

So when you're wantin' to express
Your misery or happiness,
Er' anything 'at's with the time,
O' tellin' in plain talk or rhyme,
Jest sort o' let your subject run
As ef the Lord was listenin'.

BALL AND MUFFINS.

[Baltimore American.]
"I suppose when you said you were going to make a home run and put one over the plate, you were thinking of that big baseball game?"
"No, I wasn't. I was thinking of the hot muffins for supper."

ORDERS.

[Life.]
"Henry," called Mrs. R., over the partition in the voting booth, "how are you going to vote on Amendment No. 2?"
"Yes," she said. "No, you're not; you're going to vote 'no'; I have changed my mind."

THE PROBLEM.

[Detroit Free Press.]
"Isn't it a fright what wages servant girls expect nowadays?" "It certainly is. It's got to the point where it's hard to tell whether our servant girl is working for us or whether we're just working for our servant girl."

THE ANSWER.

[Puck.]
Cogan, the customer—There's as much nourishment in a pint of peanuts as in two pounds of butter. But there's no gravy, an' nothin' for 't' cat, an' no has the next day.

AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT.

[New Orleans Picayune.]
We are glad to hear that Mr. Kotumortio Saka, of Bhownagar, has been selected by the Jam of Nastari for the post of Deyal. This appointment will give great satisfaction to his numerous friends in this country.

HAVE YOU NOTICED IT?

[Simcoe Reformer.]
Has anyone noticed any deterioration in Canadian loyalty during the past few weeks. Has no word come from those inspired pocketbook patriots, Z. A. Leach, Sir Edmund Walker, and the other members of the "Noble Eighteen" who two years ago told the poor Canadians that if our trade moved north or south the Union Jack would soon be blotted off the map of North America? From every side come reports of immense shipments of meat, cattle, fish, dairy products and other necessities of life to the States, with resultant higher prices for the Canadian consumer.

"MY STOMACH IS FINE"

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ABE MARTIN



Some fellows never begin to figure till there's no more to add. Keepin' a marriage a secret must be a good deal like hidin' a bass drum.

who gets what is left. Yet when the Duke of Connaught came back on the 25th of October he was given just as loyal a greeting as though not an extra chicken had been shipped to the States. The silence of the flag-flappers just now is only equalled by the demands for relief from the consumers, and the grain growers, both eager for wider markets.

WARNED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"The Middletons had a house warming last night."
"What was the occasion? They haven't been building, have they?"
"No, Middleton dropped a lighted cigarette into a waste basket."

CLOTHES.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
If girls are slim it seems to me, No matter what the style may be, They haven't any cause to fret; The slim girl in a silhouette Is just as lovely as before. And even if the women were The hoops their grandmas used to wear The slim girl wouldn't need to care; They'd have the same old easy chance To make the fellows turn to glance; The girl that's slim could wear a shroud.

And still seem lovely to the crowd, But when a woman's fat, by jing! She can't look good in anything.

IMPORTANT ISLANDS.

[Washington Star.]
"What are the most important islands on the globe?" asked the geography teacher.
And without hesitation the boy from New York answered, "Ellis, Manhattan and Coney."

QUERY FOR QUERY.

[Puck.]
"Why is it that the man with the squeaky shoes always comes in late?"
"I don't know. Why is it that the man with the late always wears squeaky shoes?"

THE DIFFERENCE.

Mark's—What is the difference between lunch and luncheon? Park's—Well, my idea is that "lunch" is masculine and "luncheon" is feminine.

BIG MEN TO ADDRESS TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Professor O'Shea, of Wisconsin University, To Be Principal Speaker.

For the first time in the history of the London Teachers' Association the teachers from the separate schools of the city will co-operate with the public school, Collegiate Institute and Industrial School at the annual convention that will be held at the Normal School on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13 and 14. Professor Martin V. O'Shea, of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., will be the principal lecturer of the convention. He is regarded as one of the foremost educationists of the American continent, and is one of the "biggest" men in his chosen profession ever brought to London.

Rev. R. W. Norwood, rector of the Crown Memorial Church, will deliver the opening exercises and address at the inaugural meeting on Thursday morning. He will be followed by President James Kirkwood, principal of the Empress Avenue school, who will deliver the annual president's address. The minutes and ed.

BRALEY'S POEM TODAY

PROPHECY.

When I am old I shall be through with dances,
With romps and gallops of my younger days;
I shall not joy in a maiden's roguish glances,
Which now will set my youthful heart ablaze;
The music of the players will not stir me,
Who now am full of tunes and gay and bold,
The weight of years from action will deter me,
When I am old.

When I am old I shall not seek for glory,
I shall not trail Adventure to its lair,
But sit, with nodding head and locks grown hoary,
Dozing and mumbling in my easy chair;
I shall not care for fun or fight or drinking,
Or any of youth's follies manifold—
I shall sit quiet by the hearthside, blinking,
When I am old.

When I am old I shall not care for pleasure
Or dreams or fame or honors, great or small;
But now Life offers me a brimming measure
And I would know the savor of it all;
Of work and fight and love—so that hereafter
When age comes on and all the songs are sung
I shall recall how life was full of laughter
When I was young!

Stephens'

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- pours perfectly

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MR. McEVY SUES
GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

Auto Driven by Son Was Struck at Clarence Street.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy has issued a writ against the Grand Trunk Railway for damages as a result of a crossing accident this summer, in which his automobile was badly damaged.

The auto, which was being driven by his son, came into collision with a yard engine at the Clarence street crossing of the Grand Trunk, while a party was returning late one evening from Port Stanley.

The auto came off second best in the encounter, but none of the occupants were injured. Mr. McEvoy alleges negligence on the part of the company in not properly watching the crossing.

INGERSOLL PUPILS
EARN A HOLIDAY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Nov. 10.—Pupils of three rooms of the Central school here are ready to earn a bonus of a half holiday for regular attendance and punctuality. This was a plan introduced by Principal Stalker, and immediately approved by the board of education. It was pointed out by the principal that the inducement of a half holiday would doubtless have the effect of keeping the pupils at school and bringing them out every day on time. This has been the case. The standard to qualify for the bonus was 91 per cent, but at least one of the rooms exceeded this, being credited with 95 per cent. The three rooms had their first half holiday on Friday afternoon, and needless to say the children are enthusiastic over the new plan, and they at the same time are making greater advancement with their studies.

The request on the death of the late Frank Henderson, whose body was found in a creek on his farm, will be resumed at Kintore this evening at 8 o'clock. Coroner Neff and Chief Fish will be present, and it is understood that a number of witnesses will be examined.

The congregation of the Baptist Church listened to able and interesting sermons by a former pastor on Sunday. The speaker was Rev. M. C. McLean, who was stationed here for several years previous to going to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Routley, of Berlin, are guests of friends in town.

Mr. D. J. Gibson, of Toronto, spent Sunday with friends in town.

VANDALS AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Nov. 10.—Another outrageous sacrilege was committed some time during the latter part of last week at St.

GAINED ENTRANCE TO
SCARLET FEVER WARD

Frightened Child He Thought Was His Own By Waking It.

Some little commotion resulted in the scarlet fever ward of Victoria Hospital last Thursday night, when a man who had a little girl in the hospital suffering from the fever, gained access to the ward through a side door, and in a mistake awakened another child whom he apparently mistook for his own.

The child screamed, and the nurse in attendance, rushing into the room which she had left only a minute previous, had the man ejected and the frightened child, whose illness was fortunately not seriously affected, although she was very badly frightened.

Suffered Intense Agony
With His Back.

Kidneys Were The Cause.

Weak back is caused by weak kidneys, and on the first approach or evidence of kidney trouble Doan's Kidney Pills should be used, and serious trouble avoided.

Doan's Kidney Pills go right to the seat of the trouble, cure the weak aching back, and prevent any further complications arising.

Mr. John Briggs, Whitewood, Sask., writes:—"I am sending you this testimonial out of pure gratitude, as I am not a believer in patent medicines, but I got so run down, that I became quite willing to give anything a trial. I paid a visit to our local druggist, and told him I was suffering intense agony with my back. He told me I had kidney trouble, and handed me a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, saying it was the best thing he could possibly give me. I tried them, and the effect was certainly marvelous. They are worth \$10.00 a box of anybody's money, and I would not be without a box by me. I certainly owe my present condition to Doan's Kidney Pills."

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