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POVERTY.

Different views are taken of the causes of poverty, just as varying theories are advanced for its solution. Everybody is agreed that poverty is an evil, and that it is more or less avoidable, and therefore a restriction upon our modern civilization. The conflict of opinion arises when an attempt is made to analyze the causes leading to poverty. A certain school of economic thinkers find the reason for so many people being poor in the fact that a few people are so rich. This is the view taken by many of our leading local Socialists. All the poverty the world knows is the result of the present industrial system. All the evils that spring from poverty, the vice and crime, are equally to be traced to the effects of the modern commercial system. Change the system and you abolish poverty and at the same time change mankind. In the view of this school of thought environment and heredity determine character and make the man. Diametrically opposed to the Socialists in their views and philosophy are the Individualists. They want the least possible interference with individual liberty, their idea being that the salvation of the whole people shall come in and through the regeneration of the individual. It is, of course, manifestly absurd to charge any system with the full responsibility for the poverty existing in the world. This is not to say that there is nothing wrong with the system. There are conditions prevailing in all the European countries which are a disgrace to civilization and to humanity. These conditions may be considered as a result of the competitive system of production, but they are maintained by the people of the country as a whole. Neither does the abuse of a system bespeak its condemnation. It has to be established that such weaknesses as have been disclosed in the system are incapable of remedy, before the system itself can be properly held to call for extinction. And when every possible allowance is made as to the responsibility of the system, some consideration has to be given to the factor of human character. The great weakness in the whole Socialist theory of mankind is the small cognizance it takes of man himself. How many today are suffering in poverty and traveling the devious paths of sin and crime, who started life with every advantage? These men represent not the inequalities of our social system, but the inequalities in human character. And it is a fundamental mistake to assume that environment will eradicate these human vagaries. The wealthy and the nobility contribute their quota to the human deficits of crime and poverty. Then again it has always to be remembered that there are varying degrees of poverty. In addition to those condemned to living in slums and unable to purchase the bare necessities of life, there are millions who live on the verge of poverty. In other words so long as conditions are normal and work is steady these people know no actual want. In a broad sense, this is the condition of the great mass of workers. The question is, can this condition be materially altered by the adoption of any system of industry. If all the wealth in the world were evenly distributed among the people of the earth no very great difference would be wrought in general conditions. It may well be doubted if any cut-and-dried system will accomplish the ideals of the social reformer. Progress, in the last resort is a matter of education, and depends as much as on anything else upon the development of character. These are considerations which the modern agitator with his half-baked theories always overlooks. It is indeed a further curious tangle in an already tangled subject that these demagogues are themselves a very prolific cause of poverty in others. The condition of Nanaimo today is a case in point, and the experience of Nanaimo is only the experience of hundreds of other cities and communities.

An art dealer in Montreal has been lured into court for exposing in the window of his store some statues of Venus, modelled after a famous example of Grecian art. The judge, before whom the case was brought, sent the defendant up to a higher court. Since creation, after the fall of man, said the learned judge, it had been declared that all should dress. This is surely a remarkable dictum, arising out of a remarkable case. Supposing the art dealer is found guilty what is the legal standing of people who have made statues in their homes? Paintings and lithographs would also come under the same ruling. It would then be up to the courts to decide how these statues should be clothed and how the paintings should be dropped. An American city once carried its horror of the nude to the point of draping the legs of tables and chairs, and Montreal is in a fair way to make itself even more supremely ridiculous.

Premier Botha now knows what he has to expect from the labor organizations of the United Kingdom. Unless he consents to receive back the men he deported Messrs. Tom Mann, Ben Tillet, Kier Hardie and Jas. Larkin will themselves journey to South Africa and carry the war against the government to an issue. Just how Premier Botha would regard the invasion of four such famous syndicalists cannot be predicted with much certainty. It is, however, hardly likely that he would be seriously dismayed by such an event as this. He gives the expression that he is capable of looking after his own business, and has his own way of dealing with meddlers. His action in the case of the nine deportees has just been sustained in the Assembly by a vote of 72 to 15, which is some presumption that he has the country behind him. Meantime their departure from England might ease the situation there. The meeting at which this decision was taken in London went on record as saying nothing for the Empire. This is also the view of the four self-appointed knights of labor. A good place for them therefore would be a place outside the empire.

NEW MARK SET FOR THE 200-YARD SWIM.
Guelph, Ont., March 3.—Fitzpatrick, the South African swimmer, set a new record for the 200 yard swim at the annual aquatic meet held in the gymnasium tank at the Ontario Agricultural College yesterday. His time was 2 minutes, 16 seconds. The previous record was held by R. J. Davis, and was 41-5 seconds slower.

ROBERT ROLSTON PASSED AWAY

Yesterday's Ladysmith Chronicle says:

"A telegram from Vancouver to Mr. William Rolston, announced the death in that city at 2 o'clock this morning of Mr. Robert Rolston. While time no one anticipated immediate death, and the announcement came in the nature of a shock to his many friends in this city. "For more than a year deceased had been under the doctor's care. After the Christmas holidays he was confined to his room for several weeks, and in the hope that a change might benefit him, he was ordered to Kamloops a month ago. From reports received from there it was believed that he was holding his own, and word was received here a few days ago, that he would start for home, remaining over a few days at Vancouver, and would reach here this morning. It is evident that the change came suddenly after his arrival at Vancouver.

"In the death of Robert Rolston it can be truthfully said, Ladysmith loses its foremost citizen. While he was never a candidate for public office, he was a leader in everything that had for its object the advancement of the city. So well was this public spirit recognized that for many years past, he was elected without opposition to the office of President of the Board of Trade. In politics he was a Conservative, but never at any time bitterly partisan. For years he held the office of treasurer of the Conservative Association, and never missed a meeting.

"Robert Rolston was a man of generous impulses. He preferred to take a charitable view of the weaknesses of his fellow-men. Under no circumstances had he an unkind word to say of a neighbor, and all who were fortunate enough to enjoy his close companionship will feel deeply the loss sustained by his death, and all citizens will join in extending the bereaved wife and relatives their heartfelt sympathy.

"Deceased was born in Killylea, County Armagh, Ireland, fifty-five years ago. He came to Dunsmuir, Ontario, in 1876, and several years later came west to Winnipeg, where he engaged in the hardware business. Ten years ago he organized the Ladysmith Hardware Company, Ltd., a business which under his management achieved marked success.

"He was married in 1886 to Miss Helen Harrington, of Port Elgin, Ontario, and leaves besides his wife to mourn his death, three brothers and one sister, Walter, at Wellington, another brother in Vancouver and a brother and sister in Ireland. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed."

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have pleaded guilty to both charges preferred against him, provided the Crown would have recommended him to the mercy of the court. Whether Haddow, the accused, grabbed Connor not counsel for the crown would have entertained the idea is not known, but it is understood that the proposal did not get that far. President Foster of the Vancouver Island district of the United Mine Workers of America who is a permanent decoration of a chair at the barristers' table on the left of the counsel for all the accused, is said to have sat down hard on Haddow's plan to plead guilty. The prisoner was informed that he really didn't understand what he really didn't understand "not guilty" when the charge was read and less than three hours later he was taken back to jail convicted on two counts of having had a hand in the most serious strike riot yet heard of from Nanaimo in the special assize court, while Mr. Foster left the city for a holiday till court reopens Monday morning.

The evidence against the accused was strong and dealt with more violent scenes than have been described in court since the Nanaimo trials opened. The occurrences referred to in the evidence are listed as riot number three and took place between 3 and 6 o'clock of the afternoon of August 12 last.

The testimony produced by the crown's witnesses related that three working miners, Johns, Stobart and Booth, started to the number one shaft of the Nanaimo mine on the afternoon of the day in question to go to work at 3 o'clock. They met a mob of strikers, among whom was the prisoner; Booth was knocked down twice and finally escaped to his home and Johns also had to run for shelter. Stobart managed to get to work. Special Constable Bridges was knocked down and kicked and later

was hit with a stone as large as his two fists and he too had to be escorted to his home by the police. Haddow, the accused, grabbed Connor not counsel for the crown would have entertained the idea is not known, but it is understood that the proposal did not get that far. President Foster of the Vancouver Island district of the United Mine Workers of America who is a permanent decoration of a chair at the barristers' table on the left of the counsel for all the accused, is said to have sat down hard on Haddow's plan to plead guilty. The prisoner was informed that he really didn't understand what he really didn't understand "not guilty" when the charge was read and less than three hours later he was taken back to jail convicted on two counts of having had a hand in the most serious strike riot yet heard of from Nanaimo in the special assize court, while Mr. Foster left the city for a holiday till court reopens Monday morning.

Marion Bridge, C. B., May 30, '02. I have handled MINARD'S LINIMENT during the past year. It is always the first liniment asked for here, and unquestionably the best seller of all the different kinds of liniment I handle.

NEIL FERGUSON.

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Dated at Nanaimo, B. C., this 15th day of January, 1914.

J. W. BLACK.

LIQUOR ACT, 1913. (Section 10.)

Notice is hereby given that, on the 3rd day of March next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a licence for Nanaimo District for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as "Silver Spring" situate at Nanaimo city, British Columbia, upon the lands described as West Half, Lot "D" Section on Five (5), Block twenty-five (25), Nanaimo City, Province of British Columbia.

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