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## WHY THE RADIALS STAY OUT.

What is the history of the struggle for the radial to enter Toronto and what has been and what is the position of the city? Is it true that the city is barring them out?

In 1901 the Metropolitan Railway, then an independent company, wanted to come in. The city extended a cordial welcome, but, as the law then stood, the consent of the Toronto Railway Company was essential, and that consent was not obtainable. A similar situation arose in 1902 and there were negotiations and correspondence covering months between the city authorities and William Mackenzie as president of the Toronto Railway Company. It was Mr. Mackenzie who broke off the negotiations and they have never been resumed, although the city has repeatedly declared its anxiety for the radial to come in.

In 1906 the legislature passed the Ontario Railway Act. By its terms the radial was empowered to enter Toronto with or without the consent of the Toronto Railway Company upon terms to be fixed by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. More than two years have passed, and the radial has made no attempt to invoke this statute passed for their benefit and indeed at their request.

Why not?

The explanation is to be found in the fact that since 1903 Mr. Mackenzie and his associates, who control the Toronto Railway Company, have acquired control of the radial railways. They do not avail themselves of the Railway Act, because that act forbids the board to grant any franchise "for a longer period than the unexpired term of the franchise held or enjoyed" by the Toronto Railway Co.

This is not what these gentlemen want. They are after a perpetual franchise for the radial, hoping thereby to found a claim in 1921 for holding on to the streets of Toronto after the present franchise of the Toronto Railway Company has expired. In the meantime they and their satellites are busy creating the impression that it is the city which is refusing admission to the radial railways, and they are breaking ground for a new agreement which will result in the franchise of the Toronto Railway Company being extended.

Let the people remember that the city has no desire, and indeed no power, to keep the radial out. They remain out because they are making no effort to come in.

People who are anxious for radial to the St. Lawrence market need lose no time in addressing luncheon or writing editorials. William Mackenzie and associates can bring the radial in, and they, and they alone, are keeping the radial out.

## AVOIDING THE ISSUE.

Prior to the meeting in Massey Hall in support of the license reduction movement The World ventured to suggest that it is the duty of those who are pressing for the withdrawal of forty licenses to give reasons and arguments based upon ascertained facts why the people should vote for the reduction. Sentiment and appeals to sentiment are out of place at the present juncture. Talk about the evils of intemperance and lurid pictures of the homes and graves of drunkards is not called for in a discussion upon license reduction. The people have a right to demand that those who advocate this measure shall furnish reasonable proof that it is at least likely to lessen intemperance.

It is proposed to reduce the hotel accommodation of the city, none too great now, and on occasions entirely inadequate. We are asked to put out of business forty men and practically confiscate the capital they have lawfully invested. We are asked to adopt a measure which will seriously affect other lines of business and throw hundreds of people out of employment. We are asked to wipe out the value of securities held by banks and others, and by doing so run serious risk of causing considerable business embarrassment.

Surely it is not unreasonable to ask the men who propose this to submit proof that the measure supposed to do this is something more than an experiment which certain good-intentioned people hope will turn out well.

As The World pointed out Toronto has had experience of license reduction in the past, and the police records are available for the purpose of showing whether that reduction was the temperance-promoting measure its

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advocates expected. Certain American cities have experimented with license reduction; the records are available to show whether the results are satisfactory from a temperance point of view. It was not unreasonable, surely, to expect that when the advocates of reduction engaged the largest hall in the city and put forward their abject platform advocates, these would have come provided with such statistics and would not have treated these matters as the license reduction were an untried experiment of which they had a right to ask the people to make trial. Yet the one remarkable thing about all the speeches was the careful avoidance of data. There was oratory, and there were some few attempts at more or less cogent reasoning from assumed premises, but not one attempt to prove by the experience of Toronto of any similarly circumstanced city that reducing the number of hotel licenses would promote temperance or lessen inebriety.

But this is the question the citizens are called upon to decide. It is not whether the bar room is or is not evil or unnecessary. It is not a question of prohibition or license. It is, shall the number of hotel licenses be reduced by forty, and, we repeat, the men who ask the people to vote "yes" are bound to quote facts and advance arguments based upon facts. Suppose every statement made by the speakers on Friday night could be admitted and every one of their arguments accepted, it could not be said that even a probable case had been made out in favor of license reduction. Indeed, the principal speaker, Rev. Canon Cody, with a candor and honesty entirely creditable to him, frankly admitted that upon the question of whether license reduction would reduce the aggregate consumption of liquor, there is room for difference of opinion. But if this admission does credit to the rev.

canon's honesty, it is fatal to his contention; for surely the people should not be called upon to confiscate property, for would they be justified in confiscating property, besides crippling the city by lessening its hotel accommodation, depriving men of employment and inflicting business, merely to try an experiment of the success of which there is room for difference of opinion, and which is of problematical advantage from a temperance standpoint.

Mr. Rowell's speech must have been a disappointment to any who were expecting from him a real argument in favor of license reduction. No doubtless it was pleasing enough to those who enjoy a fairly good specimen of temperance oratory. The fact, however, is significant, that so clever a special pleader could not find one single fact based on experience with which to fortify his arguments, but was forced to assume premises in order to be able to argue at all. With the exception of the admission already alluded to, an admission fatal to the whole reductionist position, Canon Cody's address was also just a temperance lecture, while as to the other speakers—well, they filled a place in the program.

We repeat, the people have a right to expect that the promoters of license reduction would have put forward arguments in furtherance of their cause, founded on facts and supported by reasons. They should not expect, they have no right to expect, that people can be jolled into voting for a measure without having its merits demonstrated. So far the campaign for reduction has not been conducted in a way to compliment the people upon their intelligence.

## GOOD NEWSPAPERS MEAN GOOD GOVERNMENT.

If we want responsible government we must have responsible newspapers. If the two previous points are proved, this one follows logically as a matter of course. If we are governed by public opinion and the newspapers make public opinion, our government will necessarily be good or bad, according as the newspapers are good or bad. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.—President Hadley, Yale University.

## A COMPROMISE.

"Twixt Optimist and Pessimist the difference is clear. The first one thinks that life's a smile, the other one a tear. One thinks that life is wholly day, the other wholly night. And it is plain to men of sense that neither one is right. For me, as I regard my days and contemplate my crop Of cares and blessings, I'm inclined to be a Pessimist!" —John Kendrick Bangs.

## THESE BOYS SEEM ALL RIGHT.

At the Victoria Industrial School on Friday night a band was tendered to sixty of the boys, who, by their services at the Long Branch rifle ranges during the holidays, earned nearly one thousand dollars and gave the money toward building a skating rink. Among the speakers were School Trustee Levee and Dr. Bryans, Inspector Chapman, J. J. Kello, Beverly Jones and Rev. Canon Tremayne.

The funeral took place on Saturday, at Mount Pleasant, of John Ross, for 21 years headmaster of Victoria Avenue School, Hamilton, who died in this city Friday.

## University Sermon

Choosing part of the last verse of the last chapter of the second epistle of Peter, "But grow in grace," as his text, Rev. Dr. Crumphy of Bathurst-street Methodist Church delivered a spiritual sermon to the students of Toronto University in convocation hall on Sunday morning. The devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. Kilpatrick of Knox Church and the service was attended by fully one thousand people.

Dr. Crumphy, who is a forceful speaker, endeavored to impress upon the students, who were about to enter upon their life's work, the effectiveness and importance of possessing a personality. "Your success," he said, "in all walks of life depends on the personality you bring into it." Even did it seem to be the keynote of the Christian ministry and the theology of the day. Of course he pointed out that the development and strength of this personality was greatly increased when manhood or womanhood was touched by the power of God. "Your personality," he said, "is developed in Christ."

Among those of the faculty present at the service were President Falconer, Principal Hutton and Chancellor Burwash.

## Political Intelligence

The Montreal Herald (Liberal) is inclined to think that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, in disavowing any ambition to succeed R. L. Borden, went out of his way to tell the Conservatives what their duty was in the premises. The Herald says:

After all this, it cannot be wholly satisfactory to the Conservative members who will have to do the choosing to be told that Mr. Borden "is the one man available." They were told that eight years ago, and again four years ago. Surely they are entitled to ask themselves now whether it is enough to go upon for another four, or another eight, and whether they would not do better to seek some other quality than availability. If the "available" man for leadership during eight years has failed, after eight years, to surround himself with anything but mediocrity, might it not occur to his supporters that it would be a good idea to try another plan? Unanimous as he may be pleased to think the party is on the point of Sir Hibbert should be informed that some of its members are in the mind for a change, and that their gaze is fixed not on Mr. Borden, nor on himself, but on Sir James Whitney and on Mr. McBride.

Walter A. Nichol, proprietor of The Vancouver Province, interviewed by the Montreal Herald, declared that "Dick McBride is big enough for any job in Canada. He is young, however." Mr. Nichol admitted, "only about 36, and has a good deal to learn. But he can learn it. He has brains, ambition, a strong personality, is a magnetic speaker, and possesses a certain indefatigable quality that Macdonald possessed, that is, the fact that when I went, he went some twelve years ago, he was regarded as a political force in a small way in his town of New Westminster. He grew in public esteem as he became better known, and to-day is easily the most popular and powerful man in the province. Give him a few years, and he will be in Ottawa and I wouldn't like to say how far Dick McBride would go."

The Bobcaygeon Independent is always outspoken and independent. It has consistently supported many of the reforms and policies advocated by the Conservative party in Ontario. It believes that the Conservative party needs a shaking up and delivers itself upon the subject in the following breezy paragraph:

There is talk of Hibbert Tupper taking the lead of the Conservative party at Ottawa. A change of leadership would make the Liberal occupancy at Ottawa next to a permanency. Mr. Borden is a creditable, respectable leader, but what he needs is a sharp enough to rid himself of the Tupper, Foster, Haggart faction, and to take Mr. Borden into an advanced policy of government by the people for the people, as opposed to railway rule, capitalist rule, church rule. Mr. Borden allowed himself in the last elections to be influenced by the old faction and the small element when in a pool of political filth. The country is not yet so debased as to respond to that element, and it is to be hoped that it never will be, but it is ready and can be swept by a bold policy on clear advanced lines. If Mr. Borden took more inspiration from Mr. Maclean he would get nearer to the pulse of the people.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been in the city for several days. He is in excellent health, and naturally much excited over the results of the election. His policy of having the I.C.R. take over the branch lines in the maritime provinces has proved a quite popular, and the ex-minister carried away with a big majority. He is bearing with great philosophy the defeat of his former colleague, Mr. Fowler.

New Brunswick politics are even more "crazy-quilted" just now than usual. In the recent by-elections Hon. John Morrisey, one of the cabinet ministers, opposed the candidate favored by Premier Hazen. He justifies his course by saying that the Hazen government came into power as a coalition government.

Some curious misfortunes have attended the new government. Not long ago they sent a man to Kentucky to

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There is good ground for believing that the proposed closure will not be opposed to a finish at the next session. Richard Blain, M.P., is of the opinion that some changes in the rules are necessary and that in the end the closure will not help one party more than another. The government anticipates a long debate, but is confident that in the end the opposition will submit.

Don't Miss Going to Guelph. Why? Because at this city there is the best display of live poultry, etc., in America; also the finest cattle, sheep and hogs are exhibited. Interesting lectures. It will do the club city man good to visit the farmers and the handsome buildings and grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College, of which Prof. Creelman has charge. Seven Grand Trunk trains leave Toronto daily, except Sunday: 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11 p.m. The 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. also run on Sunday. Equally good service returning. Return fare, \$1.45. Good going daily until Dec. 11. Return limit, Dec. 14, 1908. Secure tickets at city office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets. Phone Main 4209.

Member of Reichstag in Hyattsville, BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The debate in the Reichstag Saturday on the Imperial

budget resulted in animated discussion of the naval program. Several speakers of various parties criticized the increased clerical in building battleships, a fact that a member of the Centre party said was taken as a challenge by other nations.

During the debate, Lieut.-Col. Goitz, a commissioner of the federal council, suffered an attack of hysterics and had to be carried, shrieking and sobbing, from the building.

## \$600 for Two Fingers.

KINGSTON, Dec. 6.—(Special).—At Napanea L. W. Maracle recovered \$600 and costs from R. Taylor, brick maker, Fredericburg, as damages for the loss of the first front finger and half of the second finger of his right hand in a machine.

## BANK TELLER'S SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—While being driven to his home in Plainfield, N.J., from the railway station at Westfield, N.J., late Saturday, William L. Murray, paying teller of the Empire Trust Company of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Churches, Immigrants and Socialism. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—In a stirring speech, which was the feature of the session of the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America, Rev. Charles Steidle of New York, declared that the churches must look after the religious and moral welfare of immigrants, in order to prevent the onward march of socialism.

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By order of the Board, Toronto, Nov. 16, 1908.

STUART STRATHY, General Manager