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MR. COCKSHUTT'S SPEECH

Elsewhere in this issue the Courier quotes from Hansard a speech on the naval debate which Mr. Cockshutt made in the House of Commons on Friday last.

It was in many respects a most important contribution, and his forcible explanation of the Australian proposal as compared with that of Canada throws a lot of new light upon that phase of the matter.

He showed conclusively that when the Laurierites were talking of the Australian plan of local coast defence as applied to Canada it would involve an outlay of at least \$440,000,000. In this regard it might be mentioned that the Dominion possesses a fifth of the coast line of the entire British Empire.

Mr. Cockshutt closed with a patriotic appeal for the Liberals to join hands, but that, of course, fell upon deaf ears.

Sir Wilfrid and the rest of his lieutenants still labor under the silly hallucination that their defeat in 1911 was a fluke, and all that they desire is to force a needless appeal to the country in the vain hope that by some mysterious procedure they would again get hold of the flestepots.

TO DO AWAY WITH EXAMS

Inspector Putman of the Ottawa Public School Board is known as a man possessed of a liberal allowance of common-sense.

He has just shown this once more by issuing a circular, in which he recommends that the examination curse should be removed.

He asserts that the past method of promoting from one grade to another by means of such tests has not only proved unsatisfactory, but also positively dangerous. He further declares that said examinations place an undue strain upon the children and are most distinctly not a success in weeding the fit from the unfit.

Mr. Putman is unquestionably on the right track.

How often it is that scholars upon whom teachers have placed the most reliance fail in their exams, while some happy-go-lucky youngster of not nearly so much real ability scrambles successfully through. The reason, no doubt, is mainly that the careful and conscientious little student becomes unduly wrought up at that time, whereas the indifferent kind are not bothered with apprehensions and anxieties.

It is said that the Ottawa Board are likely to adopt the change, and it might also well be tried in Brantford. The vast majority of parents everywhere would certainly vote for such a healthy and beneficial system.

THE NEW MARRIAGE LAWS

The new marriage laws for Ontario are, of course, primarily aimed at Windsor, the so-called Gretna Green of Canada.

Gretna Green, it may be recalled, is situated on the border of England and Scotland, and in the old coaching days this was the most convenient spot for runaway couples to have the nuptial knot tied. The English Marriage Act of that period required the consent of parents and guardians, publication of banns and the presence of a priest—all of which involved considerable publicity and inconvenient delay.

All of this was got rid of by contracting parties going to the Green, as the Scotch law held that marriage was legal if the man and woman made a mutual declaration in the presence of witnesses and without the attendance of a minister. In addition it did not matter whether those exchanging such vows were simply minors. The declaration of marriage having been made, the contracting parties could at once return to England, and, strange to say, said unions were held ever after to be valid there and the world over.

Needless to say, there are many romantic stories attaching to the place.

Windsor has not been a Gretna Green in the sense of allowing a mere exchange of words to make two people man and wife, but it has, in a marital sense, been the scene of altogether too hasty ceremonies. In fact, ministers there have made handsome yearly incomes by the performance of hundreds of rush weddings from the other side.

Now this will be stopped, and very properly so, too.

Marriage, in the opinion of both the Church and State, is too solemn and far-reaching a contract to be lightly entered upon.

REFORM THE SENATE

The wind-jamming Pugsleyites have at last realized that their unseemly game of trying to obstruct public business has come to an inglorious end.

Attention is now centred on what the Senate may do. They have the power to throw out the bill holus bolus, or to amend it beyond recognition, is not and cannot be denied.

Laurier, before he acquired office, made loud boast that if returned he proposed to reform the Upper Chamber, and he immediately did so by filling it up with Grits as often as the opportunity offered, so that now he has a party majority there of about twenty-five. Hitherto they have been obedient to his nod, and may again bow subservient to his command regarding the navy matter.

If so, they are likely to simply hasten the general feeling that it is about time to put members of the Senate upon an elective basis—to make them feel and realize that for all their votes they will sooner or later have to come before the people.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

For a backward stunt the present Spring has any circus acrobat beaten to a frazzle.

Toronto has appointed a woman constable. She ought to be a dabster at putting on the bracelets.

It is quite likely that the National Art Gallery at Ottawa will be thrown open to the public on Sundays. And why not?

The powers having landed a force in the place, that fact means that the spelling is Scootari as far as the Montenegrins are concerned.

Says the Toronto Star (Liberal): Hon. Isaac B. Lucas, the new Provincial Treasurer, strengthens the Whitney Cabinet. He is recognized by both friends and opponents as a man of ability and character.

It is announced from Ottawa that when the supplementary estimates are brought down there will be an item in them helping to make provision for the family of Explorer Scott. This grant will be generally approved.

Premier Borden announces that he has received "hundreds of letters from Liberals in various parts of the country, who say they are disgusted with the conduct of the Opposition and will work and vote for the Conservative party next time." And by the same token, Brantford has many members of that side who feel the same way.

Oh, to think That Cleopatra Never wore a modern hat. —Jacksonville Times-Union.

Oh, to think That Raleigh's kind Never wore the Bow behind. —Nashville Banner.

Oh, to think No Queen of France Ever did the Tango prance. —Savannah Press.

Oh, to think That Cicero Never saw a "Girly" show. —Birmingham Age-Herald.

Oh, to think That good Queen Bess Never wore a Side-slashed dress. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Oh, to think That Antoinette Never smoked A cigarette. —Detroit Free Press.

Oh, to think The Apostle Paul Never saw our City Hall. —

CRICKET SHOES Just arrived, our big stock of Cricket Shoes, white canvas \$2.00, buckskin \$3.00, prices include spikes. The Roberts and Van-Lane Shoe Co., 203 Colborne Street.

Wants Assessment Mr. T. J. Barton has asked Township Clerk Smith for a copy of the assessment of the various properties on both sides of the Hamilton Road from the city limits to Echo Place. He believes that properties which have been sub-divided and sold are still assessed as farm lands. Mr. Barton wants each lot assessed to its owner.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

Uncle Sam and the Japs

Buffalo News: Great Britain is the one close ally of Japan and yet the anti-Japanese laws of the British colony do not excite either protest or comment; in fact it is assumed as a matter of course that such laws shall be passed and, on the other hand, Japan has laws to the same effect with reference to land owning by foreigners within her dominion.

It is a little hard to understand why there should be any real discussion over the subject as it has now turned as the facts have become known. But the prevalence of the "Jingo spirit," the determination of some citizens to get us into trouble with Japan, has made the Japanese somewhat sensitive about legislation in this country that touches themselves. That appears to be as near to an explanation as can be had. In any event the question in dispute can be settled by the courts to which it can be taken if anybody cares to do so.

Opposition Neck

Guelph Herald: Listen to this from the Globe report of the Ottawa doings: "Momentarily Deputy Speaker Blondin rose. Mr. Carvell ordered him to sit down. 'We have now had enough of this farce,' declared the New Brunswicker." Only a ninstance to show the feeling that animates the Liberals of attempting to control Parliament through an Opposition.

Graceful Act

Woodstock Sentinel Review (Liberal): It was a graceful act on the part of the Conservative members of the House of Commons to present the wife of Premier Borden with an electric brougham. It is too seldom that the services rendered by the wives of public men are recognized in a public way. One reason, of course, is that while much of this service is public in the best sense, because it is for the public it is not rendered in a public way, and does not get into the newspapers. Yet in a general way it is known to all who know anything about such matters that much of what is best in the public service of public men is due to their wives.

It Would Be Popular

Toronto News: If it becomes necessary to recognize the senate, a halfway measure should be adopted. There are considerations in favor of an appointed senate, although these have been immensely weakened by every fact of Canadian experience since confederation. Probably complete abolition of the upper chamber and the substitution of an elected senate would command the support of a great majority of the people.

Reform the Senate

London Free Press: The navy bill will shortly be on its way to the Senate of Canada. What will happen to it there is problematical, but this much the country already knows: the treatment to be given to the measure will be partisan. Either it will be endorsed because by its indorsement the Senate believes it can thereby do the least serve to the Borden administration or it will be vetoed for the same reason.

Military Notes

The recruit class drilled at the armories last night and will drill again to-night. All recruits will be passed through for inspection by Capt. Ballachee on Friday night. The B. C. I. Cadets had a good drill at the armories yesterday afternoon. They will likely be inspected Monday afternoon by General Lessard and Capt. Barkar. An invitation to attend the church parade of the Duffin Rifles on Sunday, May 19th, is extended to the Veterans' Association. The members attending should wear badges of medals.

SATAN AT THE APOLLO

In presenting "Satan," the \$200,000 Ambrosia masterpiece, the management of the Apollo are to be highly complimented, as this wonderful drama of humanity has been endorsed by press, clergy and public as being the greatest pictorial sermon ever produced. The tremendous cost of production makes this film a very expensive attraction to secure but as Mr. Monte says, nothing is too good for Apollo patrons.

The film is in four parts, the first taken from Milton's "Paradise Lost," showing Satan in his desperate effort to overthrow Heaven, the temptation of Adam and Eve, the building and destruction of the Tower of Babel, and other familiar Bible stories. The second part opens in the streets of Jerusalem and pictures in an awe-inspiring and reverent manner the Life, Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Saviour. The third part deals with the invention and after results of the demon Alcohol. The final part in two reels shows Satan in his daily work among the classes and masses, in a gripping story.

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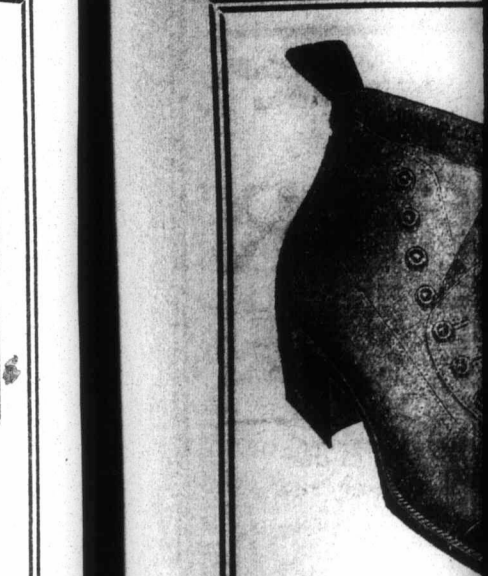
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