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THE FLAG QUESTION

The correspondence between the Winnipeg Canadian Club and the city theatres respecting the use of the American flag on the stage does not excite admiration in this province, and we believe that if there is a place in Canada upon which the impress of Americanism will be stamped it is Saskatchewan, because we are getting the larger share of the immigration from the south. Yet we do not apprehend any danger from our adopted cousins. On public occasions they hoist the Stars and stripes, but the only colors seen in their schools are the Union Jack and the Ensign, and where they are in the majority in any school district they display the national flag much more than our people and make the same use of it here as they did of the Stars and Stripes in their own country. In the town of Halibute on 13th of December, 1905, many polled their first vote in a Canadian election, and a band of national school men, hoisted the American flag and the Ensign and put out a streamer bearing this exhortation: "Sons of Uncle Sam, Vote for National Schools." Our flag could have unfurled alone in the breeze and the warning of the homestead inspectors would perhaps have prevailed had not the last call to duty come from a source which they well understood.

We are not afraid of the use of the American flag, for the deep springs of loyalty cannot be polluted by Stars and Stripes of the States. The Americans have just as much respect for our flag as we have, and they use it more than we do, even if they also use the Stars and Stripes occasionally. The sight of the American flag and an appeal for the kind of schools which Sir Wilfrid Laurier denounced, enlisted strong support for Mr. Haultain, while government officials tried hard to make a treacherous use of the homestead privileges under the Union Jack.

REPELLING INFLUENCES

Leading Canadian papers have been advocating that the Newfoundland bait question which is such a source of annoyance between the mother country, the Island colony, and the United States, could be best disposed of by Newfoundland coming into the Union.

This advice is all very well from our standpoint, but the old colony is jealous of her autonomy and after having perfect freedom in legislation the same as the Dominion has, the people there are not easy to persuade that they would be better off as a province of the Dominion of Canada. Were they to enter confederation, if they were to have their provincial rights curtailed they would cause some trouble at Ottawa, such being the nature of the people. If Newfoundland were a province of this Dominion and were used by Ottawa as Saskatchewan were treated under the terms of the Autonomy act, there would be only one party down there and that would be the party of the whole people for the rights of the island.

In advocating that Newfoundland should enter the Dominion confederation we must not forget that Canada is driving the island farther from us every year. The fact that in this province it became necessary

to fight our first election on provincial rights issues, and that it was necessary in the interests of the province for one of the great parties to abandon old party lines to meet men of conviction of another party on common ground, is well known in Newfoundland and they realise that under these circumstances their present, independent position is much preferable to our existing status. The people of Newfoundland know that Premier Whitney has raised the provincial rights cry in Ontario, and they also know that their Premier, Sir Robert Bond, while recently in London met Premier McBride of British Columbia, demanding at the foot of the Throne the rights of his province under the British North America act. Those who talk of the admission of Newfoundland into the Union should urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of getting from each of the provinces a certificate of good conduct. Contentment among the existing provinces would go a long way in influencing Newfoundland to consider the confederation scheme, but with coercion rampant at Ottawa; and with a test case before the privy council from Saskatchewan; and British Columbia and Ontario up in arms for provincial rights, the best thing for the Canadian papers at present is to leave the Newfoundland question alone, for they are not helping it any with the people of the old Island colony.

THE WHITE PLAGUE

It is now the opinion of some of our most eminent bacteriologists that medical science will in the present century extirpate that dreaded disease which almost decimates the human race annually—the malady commonly called consumption.

It is now known to competent physicians, and it should be known to every human being, that consumption is produced by a specific organism which may be reached and destroyed. It is the extirpation of this germ that the brightest minds in the medical profession are now bent on.

There are obstructive forces of course. There are multitudes of ignorant people who will not accept the germ theory, and who will resist the attempts to subject their sick folks to what seems discomfort and suffering.

Sooner or later in spite of the halting and obstruction supplied by ignorance and prejudice, the battle will be almost wholly won. Two hundred years ago smallpox was a more dreaded scourge than consumption is now; but the disease was mastered by science, so that in our day it does little harm.

That was science in the raw. The achievement was performed with half knowledge and in a dim and uncertain light. In our day we have hold of the inner facts. The source of consumption is definitely known. It can be seen; it can be tested; it can be destroyed visibly, before the eyes of any man who will take the trouble to look through a microscope. We have, therefore, a right to expect that that which has been done with smallpox shall be more victoriously accomplished with consumption. Long before the century ends it should have disappeared from civilised communities.—Butte News.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Toronto Globe says it will be to the utter discredit of the Ontario government if they do not reach the Hudson's Bay first, with a railway. If it is so much in the interests of Ontario to get an outlet on Hudson's Bay, how much more urging is it needed? The Canadian Northern have built nearly a hundred miles of the line, but we do not know how long it will be till they reach the water. The Dominion government has promised to construct a road and they will probably make a specific announcement in the next election campaign, especially if the Opposition take a definite stand on this question. There are three political leaders however, in the west, both sides of politics in Alberta, and Mr. Haultain in Saskatchewan, who urge that

the western provinces unite on this issue, and the way the scheme is dragging along it looks as if nothing will be done from this end until it is taken out of the hands of the Dominion.

Certain eastern papers are making the most of our late spring, but it will be a sorry day for Ontario and Quebec if there is a poor crop this season. The eastern houses will have to economise and that will mean many men out of employment. Big crops in the west mean manufacturing night and day in the east, and without the industries, which we out here keep going, there won't be enough life left in the east to enable them to make a kick.

This is the weather we all sighed for when there was no coal and the thermometer was frozen up.

The wheat fields have now taken to "the wearin' of th' green."

The prohibitive postage rates on American publications entering this country is not fair to the American residents of the west. Fifty-eight thousand people came over from the United States last year, and although the immigration from the south has fallen off a little during the last month, the climatic conditions of the whole country accounts for the ebb in the tide for the time being. But so long as there are cheap lands and free homesteads in these provinces, the settlers who can enjoy privileges which their own country cannot offer, will come to make their home. These people when they do settle among us want to keep in touch with their home land, but cannot do so under such an embargo as is imposed by the new postal law. We believe that the government has made a mistake in imposing these conditions which are a manifest injustice to the Americans who cannot be expected to sever all home ties after getting the first breath of our prairie air. If we want to keep the American immigration coming we must not impose such restrictions as those contained in the latest postal regulations.

The turnover of every business house in Regina exceeded last month what it did a year ago; the freight returns are larger in volume, and the Dominion express Co.'s returns show a remarkable increase. Money, however, is tight as there is so much of year's crop in the country yet that business is consequently tied up. It will keep the railways busy cleaning up the wheat of last year in time to handle this crop. Notwithstanding the stringency of the money market the prosperity of the country continues and the settlers are pouring in and taking possession of the vacant lands. Every train is loaded and the hotels are full all the time; the business houses are busy, and the carpenter's hammer beats time in the march of progress.

From the editorial comment of the Calgary Herald it appears that the question of the university site is not yet settled, and the hope of Calgary is based on a recent statement by Hon. W. H. Cushing, their member that the people of Calgary should cry out till they are hurt. The Herald comment concludes: "Mr. Cushing is a great strength to the government of Alberta—how great, he perhaps does not himself realise. The present preponderance of government members in the legislature cannot be expected to continue past the next election, and with the shifting proportions will come a great increase in the influence of southern Alberta and also of Mr. Cushing. The government has been laying up trouble for itself in this part of the province. It has displayed a singular lack of foresight in its treatment of Calgary and the Calgary district; and it will need Mr. Cushing when the day of reckoning arrives."

"Everyone knows that Calgary was promised the university as partial compensation for losing the seat of government. The action of the premier and those who supported him in endeavoring to shift it to Strathcona was a breach of faith to this city. The fight is only at its first round and there is, as Mr. Cushing says, 'much to happen yet.' It is evident that Mr. Cushing is in the fight to stay till it is won and Calgary will back him up, irrespective of politics, in the firm belief that he can carry his point in the end."

BACK TO HEALTH AND PUBLIC LIFE

St. Raphael, France, May 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, who have been sojourning here for some time past, are returning to England in a few days. Mr. Chamberlain is much improved in health, but it is probable that a considerable time must elapse before he can re-enter public life.

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The last filled page, face downward by his side.

The weary hand lies still upon that breast.

Where sleeps the heart that fortune sorely tried.

Shall we, who stay, proclaim his weakest, best?

What use? He wrote his copy large and wide.

Himself, with pioneering pen upon the west!

The pity is to end it he has died—But not the Editor of All will test.

And point the words wherein a brave soul cried!

MRS. MCKINLEY GONE

Canton, Ohio, May 26.—Mrs. William McKinley, wife of the late president, died here at noon today.

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PREDIC DOLLAR W

Big Miller Says no Wheat Acreage Trade—Prices t

Winnipeg, May 25.—S. president and general manager Western Canada Flour left for the east last night. An interview saw west on May 1 principal into crop conditions and have spent a good deal different parts of the think that although the later than usual the seed such perfect condition the thing like good weather time on a reasonably e may be looked for.

"As far as the acreage concerned, there will be decrease in wheat, and a very heavy increase of coarse grains. As previously assuming higher are likely to continue do will be more money in crop this year, than the in any bumper crop in the country.

Asked as to export to Mr. McGaw said: "I think is only beginning. The from Canada is rapidly favor both in China and account of its strength, the flour consumed was the weak white wheat of the coast. As far as of concerned we have sold to all the low grade flour, sibly manufactured in the months. So far as our Britain is concerned, their flour do not as yet equal for wheat, but their pr vancing in a cautious w the meantime their stock depleted. Prices of United States will proba export and the trade mu the Canadian miller, for dian wheat market tod the cheapest in the w world's wheat shortage b based on the most reliab can get is four hundred els, and it looks to me as open buyers will have to prices. I expect to see \$ Winnipeg before the sea though it may drop low is at present before it re pints."

THROUGH GETHSE

Emmerson Makes Bference to his Case fidence Resolutio Qualified

Moncton, N.B., May 23. land Liberals in convent have tried Hon. H. R. and found him abundan Yesterday they passed a accepting his denial in and reiterating their co him.

Part of the preamble to union said: "Whereas the tive opposition members failing to substantiate any corrupt or improper adm of any department or me presided Dominion govern passed from general and ges of improper admini insinuations of improper individual public men in capacity."

A mass meeting was evening, when addresses w ed by Senators Gilmour le, Turgeon, Loggie and al members spoke. Mr. re passing through the Ge his political life, but the he had gone into polit was a lie and the truth him.

He further said that familiar with cabinet m ing ejected from hotels, that when general refered in parliament he did not he was the one referred quently when the charge in an obscure newspaper upon Sir Wilfrid Laurie at home from the Imp one will this matter was decided, to resign to give freedom and also that he ter fight his traders help of God" he would w

INDIAN LAND

Fifty-six thousand ac Crooked Lake reserve w on the market and sold by the Dominion shortly, ors are now at work of The Inspector of Indian. H. Graham, was in week on business connect office. He could not say the sale would make pl angements are being ma as soon as possible.

This land is part of a tural area and its devel greatly affect the town of which has shown cons ness activity since the respecting the sale. T not fall into the hands of as it will be sold in qua

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