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THE SKATING MEETING—GIVE THE RIGHT DECISION.

The skating meeting has all the elements of immense success, but delay—fearful delay—in giving a decision as to the mile race, a decision which should have been given last night and made known to the public early this morning at the latest, has introduced an element of doubt and of public indignation.

Unless there is a correct decision early today, one completely satisfying public opinion, there will be a cloud over this championship meeting, and not over future contests of the same kind, for complete public faith in the straightforwardness of all events is the most important element making for the success of these enterprises.

The sporting public is told—and the record backs it up—that Donovan was unplaced in the semi-final. With that established, he had no right to contest the final, and whether his appearance in the last race was due to an oversight on the part of officials, or to some other cause which it might be unpleasant at the moment to discuss, the public's inevitable conclusion is that he should have been given no official recognition in the final. The facts give no warrant for having the race skated over, and it must be very evident that should he be given a win in the mile, or any place in it, all legitimate scoring of points for the meeting, so far as the senior speed skaters are concerned, would be dislocated and based upon no defensible system of award.

Donovan, as the record shows, is a fast and formidable contender, and the skating public rightly desired that he should have the utmost fair play—but nothing more.

The circumstances are so extraordinary that it is quite natural that they have aroused a very strong public feeling, and the situation demanded that public confidence be restored by a decision at once prompt and decisive, and based upon the known facts, which point only one way. This commitment is made prior to a decision, which it is said will be made known before this afternoon's races.

There should have been no such hesitation for a majority of the ruling officials should have been quick to recognize that the square deal in sport counts above every other consideration, above local or national feelings, above the fortunes and desires of individuals, whether they be local or come from afar. Ninety-nine per cent of the skaters themselves, we feel sure, are of one mind and desired nothing more than complete equality of opportunity to do their best, followed by official rulings in line with the highest traditions of sound sport.

This community wants the best man to win, regardless of everything else, and it certainly is demanding that this matter of the mile race be cleared up in the right way, not only in the interest of good sport in the future but also in order that the remainder of the meeting may go through with the enjoyment of complete public confidence, unclouded by any doubt as to the events of yesterday.

It is too great a meeting to be shadowed by any irritating or unpleasant uncertainties. We have a superb field of skaters and a great attendance, and the eyes of the winter sporting world are fixed upon Lily Lake. Let it not be forgotten that far more than the championship itself is now at stake. Even though belated, a just decision will clear the air. Lack of a just decision would be a catastrophe.

A TARIFF BOARD.

In Parliament on Monday night Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, made the announcement that the proposed federal tariff advisory board will be appointed in a few days, and at the same time he said that the Government does not propose to increase duties on coal at the present time, which latter statement will not be pleasing to some interests in Nova Scotia which are pressing for increased tariff protection against American coal, on the theory that reasonable success for the Nova Scotia coal industry depends upon an enlargement of its market in the St. Lawrence area. It would be a mistake to assume that the people of Nova Scotia are a unit in seeking higher coal duties, but the movement to that end has gained considerable force there and elsewhere.

According to Hon. Mr. Stewart the advisory tariff board will have as its chief duty the work of investigating present conditions in Canadian industry and advising the Government and Parliament as to what duties should be imposed. The board will have no power over legislation, but presumably will have a considerable influence upon it. The tariff-making power must remain in the hands of Parliament, for the House of Commons itself is the real tariff commission, and for any changes in the schedules the Government of the day, whatever its complexion, must take full responsibility. The very question of the duties on

coal, in itself, is an example of a case in which a tariff board might provide useful information, but in which the general principles which are to be applied must be threshed out in Parliament. In the matter of the use of domestic fuel much more is involved than the condition of the mining industry in the Maritime Provinces or in Alberta or British Columbia, important as these industries are in themselves. The case has a national aspect in the larger sense, because it is desirable not only that our native industries should flourish but that we should be able gradually to make the country self-sustaining in the matter of fuel, thus retaining many millions which now go to purchase imported coal, and also guarding against fuel scarcity or excessive prices which arise from strikes in the United States.

So, while a tariff advisory board may be of material assistance in presenting the facts of the case to Parliament, the level of the duties to be applied against foreign coal is a matter for the judgment of Parliament itself, and it will necessarily have to give thought to the effect upon the general consumer. It is Parliament that must work out a national fuel policy, which, presumably, will include practical steps to encourage the manufacture of coke on an extensive scale in many of the larger Canadian centres.

Extensive tariff changes are not to be expected as the situation now stands at Ottawa.

A few days ago Sir John Martin Harvey, the eminent English actor, in speaking before the Canadian Club in Montreal, declared that the best legacy of nations was that of the British Empire. He roused his audience by reciting some verses by Shakespeare, "Hymn of Hate." At the conclusion of the applause, Sir Martin remarked quietly the best of the point was that the verses were written by an American—Christian Science Monitor.

Many in Saint John will recall hearing Sir John recite those verses when he was here a few years ago. None who heard can forget that occasion. It was the performance of a great master.

Odds and Ends

Slightly Mixed.

(Everybody's Magazine)

A story was circulated in Miller's home town that he had cleaned up a fortune in Florida real estate. The word was excitedly whispered about that he had made a profit of \$65,000 after holding a property in Miami for two months. The small town editor, getting wind of it, and sensing it as good for a column or so, hastened down town to the office of Miller's father.

"That's great about your son cleaning up \$65,000 in Miami in two months," exclaimed the editor.

"It was St. Petersburg instead of Miami," replied Mr. Miller, "and they've got the time mixed a little. It was two years instead of two months."

"Well," replied the editor, still full of enthusiasm, "that doesn't make much difference. It's the figures that count."

"Yes, and they got them wrong too," added the old man. "It was \$6,500 instead of \$65,000 and he didn't make it—he lost it."

The Dream.

(Sully Prudhomme)

"Make your own bread" in mine ear the ploughman hissed.

"Linger I'll feed you not; scratch earth and seed," the peasant cried; "Make yours yourself!" and lo,

The mason: "Take this trowel in your fist!"

Wholly abandoned by my race to wrath of their anathema implacable When I asked pity from the heavens, none fell,

But sudden lions fell in every path. Dawn broke upon mine eyes with doubtful pang.

Hark! the bold masons on their ladders sang!

The trades went humming by, the sheaves were twined.

And I knew my own good luck; and thank the fates.

No man can boast he does without his mates.

Nay, since that hour I have loved humankind.

Let's Be Doing

(La Patrie)

If all ranks of society will put their shoulder to the wheel of progress; if we have one sole ambition, we shall soon see Canada one of the most flourishing and prosperous countries in the world. It is for us to continue to serve the country with courage and devotion, and consecrate our spirit of initiative, our labor and money to the development of our Dominion's natural resources and industries of every kind.

Gem of Thought.

The essence of love is kindness.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Secure Riches.

To be content with what we possess is the greatest and most secure of riches.—Cicero.

Are There Any?

(Toronto Telegram)

None of the men who would make perfect husbands are married.

The Worst of Faults.

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.—Thomas Carlyle.

Just Fun

A COLLEGE is an educational institution that puts more emphasis on sports than education.

FAINT heart never won fair lady, and this is as wise Nature intended it to be, for it certainly takes courage to live with most of them.

THERE is some co-operation among wild creatures. The stork and the wolf usually work the same neighborhood.

"YOUR husband is ill," said the doctor to the wife.

"Dear me," she replied, "I do hope it is nothing trivial."

LOUD talk, like loud laughing, may be discounted about one hundred per cent.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

ON A TOMBSTONE in a cemetery near Ozark, Ark., is this inscription: "Here lies the body of Jane Smith, beloved wife of Thomas Smith, marble cutter. This monument was erected by her husband as a tribute to her memory and as a specimen of his work. Monuments of the same style, \$250."

THE married man who insists upon his rights usually gets the rights and sometimes a few lefts thrown in for good measure.

HIS WIFE—A writer here explains why some husbands consider their wives angels.

Her Brute—I suppose it is because they are always harping on something.

Dinner Stories

A RAILWAY director rebuked a ticket collector who allowed him to go through the gate without producing his pass.

"No matter if you do know who I am," he said in reply to the collector's excuses; "I am entitled to ride free only when I am traveling with this pass. You do not know whether I have it or not."

The collector, nettled into action, demanded to see the pass. "That's right," exclaimed the director. "Here—why—where—well, I declare. I must have left it at the office."

"Then you'll have to pay your fare," responded the collector grimly.

And he did.

SOME examples of Lloyd George's wit are now going the rounds of the press. Here are a couple of them which show the little Welshman's skill with the combs:

At one of his meetings a sullen fellow in the gallery kept calling out "Rats! Rats!" "Will someone please take the Chinaman his dinner?" was the clever and effective retort.

At another gathering a man shouted: "Oh, you're not so much! Your dad used to peddle vegetables with a donkey and cart!"

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Timely Views On World Topics

EVOLUTION strikes a blow at the very forehead of man's being, its teaching is destructive of Christian morality and does away with the aged truths of sin and atonement, the resurrection of Christ and life after death."

So contended the Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Macartney, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, in a debate with Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History, on evolution and religion.

"Thoughtful ministers and theologians deeply regret foolish and ignorant misstatements of science and scientists," such," continued Mr. Macartney. "They welcome opportunities such as this to pay their tribute of gratitude and admiration to all those who have trimmed the lamp of knowledge."

"TERRIBLE TRUTH."

"Ardent advocates of evolution often cite the opposition and excitement which arose in religious circles over the heliocentric or Copernican theory of the cosmos and over the vast extension of the age of the earth through the new geology. But the cases are by no means analogous. The new astronomy affected merely the platform of man's existence, the earth and its relation to the universe. The new geology, at the most, could raise only a question as to the time of man's appearance on the earth.

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IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH MIRACLES.

"Evolution and a living faith in God can hardly exist together. Some ev-

What The Snow Did!



Predicament of Brown, who has been told in Greens' invitation that he can't mistake the latter's house; "It's the only red-tiled roof in the row."

Poems That Live

WAGES.

Glory of warrior, glory of orator, glory of song. Paid with a voice flying by to be lost on an endless sea— Glory of Virtue, to fight, to struggle, to right the wrong— Nay, but she aimed not at glory, no lover of glory she; Give her the glory of going on, and still to be.

The wages of sin is death; if the wages of Virtue be dust, Would she have heart to endure for the life of the worm and the fly? She desires no isles of the blest, no quiet seats of the just; To rest in a golden grove, or to bask in the summer sky; Give her the wages of going on, and not to die.

—Tennyson.

The Best of Advice

—BY CLARK KINNAIRD

A WOMAN SUMS UP LIFE IN 42 WORDS.

WOMEN are the realists; men the idealists.

A woman summed up the history of all of us by summing up her own: "At the beginning, strength, ardor, ignorance."

"Midway, use of strength, realization of desire, science of life, disgust of action, fatigue, doubt, apathy."

"Then comes the tomb, which offers itself as a couch to receive the pilgrim wearied of his day's work."

This woman, who wrote under the masculine nom de plume of George Sand, observed, "We cannot tear a single page out of our life, but we can throw the whole book upon the fire."

She believed that happiness lies in the CONSCIOUSNESS WE HAVE OF IT, and by no means in the way arms, etc., and his intellectual system is always composed of the same passions—pride, anger, licentiousness, the desire for good and evil in diverse proportions—and still always dividing and disputing, the domination of man, entering him and making a moral life, like the nervous and arterial system composing his material life."

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Seeking After Truth.

If anyone is able to convict me of error in thought or deed, I will gladly change. For I seek after truth, by which man was never yet injured. The injury lies in remaining constant to self-deception and ignorance.—Marcus Aurelius.

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