

MR. SIMPSON AND THE TEMERE DECREE

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Why the country was discovered by Catholic preachers before that Saint of God, Martin Luther was privileged to wear pants. Is Mr. Simpson aware that one half our population is Catholic? That every northern county, including Northumberland, has a majority of Catholics, and that some of them are overwhelmingly so, and yet we are unashamedly told that this is a Protestant country?

To read his references to this "great and good Reformer" we must conclude that Mr. Simpson's pabulum is still Fox's book of "Martyrs," or as Cobbet used to put it—"Fox's lying book of lying Martyrs." I would remind Mr. Simpson that history is now being written, that history is no longer hearsay, that it has, for the most part, ceased to be what that great French writer, DeMaistre called it "A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE TRUTH" that the archives of London, Berlin, Paris, Rome and other great capital cities are being searched, and that the result of that search is a condemnation of what Mr. Simpson and the Orange men of Tabusintae so much admire and glory in. When reading Mr. Simpson as he dilates on, or refers to, Luther, Henry VIII, the Landgrave of Hesse and other famous gentry, we must be pardoned in asking from which of the English villages did he come.

But to revert to the "Ne Temere" Decree which aroused the wrath of our Douglstown friend.

Why has he been so scyophantly crouching at the feet of the omnipotent state? Does he recognize on this point no authority save that of the state? Has he forgotten the command of Christ when pharisaically asked if tribute must be paid to Caesar? "Render," he said, "to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Has he never paused in admiration over the heroic answer given by Peter and John to the Princes and ancients and scribes gathered at Jerusalem who forbidding the Apostles "to speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus," received as their answer—"If it be just in the sight of God, to hear you rather than God, judge ye; for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Why, may I again ask, is it that, of all others, Presbyterians and what is known as the Non-conformist body, are so very anxious that the state ALONE should make laws with reference to matrimony? Has Mr. Simpson forgotten history? Does he know, or did he ever know, that the Presbyterian body suffered much from the marriage laws of the land? Those laws in Ireland denied the validity of marriages not performed either by an Episcopal Rector or a Catholic priest and Presbyterian elders were prosecuted in the Bishops' courts for living in fornication with their own wives? What did Irish Protestants do in that case? Many of them rose and fled across the Atlantic, and brought with them a deep detestation of British rule and prelatic courts which bore fruit in the revolution. Others of them stood their ground were married by their own ministers according to Presbyterian usage and defied the law. Had the Rev. Mr. Simpson's father or grandfather lived in Ireland under such laws, Mr. Simpson would have been legally declared a bastard. Only in the reign of Queen Victoria did the whigs pass a retrospective law to legalize these irregular Presbyterian unions. This law is known as the Marriage Act of 1836. But at present the "law of the land" is so degenerate that some degenerates that will recognize nothing else. After to 1836 scoundrels who were married by Presbyterian ministers repudiated their wives, were legally married to other women by the Rector of the parish, and the latter had more decency than the law and refused. Now the "law of the land" must be considered. Mr. Simpson recognizes no author-

ity but that of Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. He must get his authority from him (of course Mr. Tweedie is expected to appreciate the compliment and send a donation.) Yet the Lieutenant-Governor is the last man that should have been referred to in this connection, for he suffered in his domestic circle from the madness and recklessness of the Protestant minister, very probably, of a Presbyterian. Mr. Simpson's immediate ancestors would have turned away in angry contempt had they been obliged to listen to such Erastian language. Did John Knox place "the law of the land" above every thing else when he rose against the established law of Scotland, and set on the wheel to burn down churches and convents? Did Andrew Melville place "the law of the land" above everything else when he told King James that he was nothing more than a vassal in the kingdom of Christ, meaning the Kirk? Did the Covenanters think "the law of the land" was above everything else when they fled to the moors and the mountain to worship God in a fashion of their own? If the law must be supreme in the contracting of matrimony, what will prevent a parliament of infidels or atheists from so legislating that the most fundamental rules or principles governing society will be completely done away with or ignored? What will become of the Levitical impediments? Suppose a parliament ordered or permitted a man to marry his grandmother or some still nearer relative? Of course, Mr. Simpson and his admirers would judge it all right, for it would be the law of the land." I may say that the Catholic church welcomes the action of the State in settling matters of inheritance, the rights and responsibilities of husband, wife and children in such matters, the duty of publishing Banns or procuring license so that everything may be done in an orderly manner and for the benefit of society at large. The Catholic priest is not, in accordance with the usage of his church, permitted to marry anyone and everyone who may present himself. He must confine himself to the members of his own flock, and within the limits of his jurisdiction. Who ever heard of a priest marrying two Protestants? Should Protestant clerical gentlemen confine themselves to their own flock, the "Ne Temere" or other Decrees of the Catholic church would worry them very little. If our friends would only bear in mind that this now famous Decree has been issued to secure a proper publicity and regularity in the performance of the marriage contract, that it expressly excludes all interference with the marriage of Protestants, declaring that they are nowhere bound to observe the Catholic form of espousals or marriage, they would not, in the words of a leading Protestant lawyer at one of those meetings, "be making a laughing-stock of themselves to the Catholics of Canada." It would be well were some of our 12th of July orators to try to understand that long before the issuance of the "Ne Temere," other cases were decided. The Hebert case, to which so much prominence has been given, was not decided by the "Ne Temere." It was settled canonically by the Tridentine Decree "Tametsi" and judicially by the law of the land. The Hebert case is not the only one decided on the civil law of Quebec. There is Larame vs. Evans, Globensky vs. Wilson, Durocher vs. Dugre and many others. Mr. Simpson's reference to the Catholic church's action re the Hebert case is misleading and reckless. The Archbishop of Montreal decided a case on its merits as did the civil courts. They did not encourage "a self-confessed seducer and adulterer to abandon the woman he had deceived and her child. They, on the contrary would have done everything possible to reunite them. Mrs.

Hebert was not deceived. She well knew in the beginning of the full nature of her actions and their probable results. All this fuss on the part of certain clerical gentlemen is silly and shows, if anything, the depths to which the ordinary Protestant minister has been descending. He has gradually lost faith in the divinity of Christ and the truths of Christianity, as the Rev. Dr. Workman, former Professor of theology in the Methodist college of Montreal, testifies. The members of the congregation are for the most part, it is to be hoped, still Christian; but their so-called spiritual guides are no longer Christian, with a few honorable exceptions. This is a sad fact which cannot be denied and hence all the silly prattle about "the law of the land." Is it not time to put the ministers the question put by Christ to His Apostles? Whom do you say that I am?

Mr. Editor, I wish to thank you for the space allowed me in your valuable journal and at the same time wish to say that as controversy is not conducive of good feeling among neighbors, nor does it bring about conversions, I have finished, and shall take no notice of any additional writings which may appear in this connection.

P. W. DIXON.
Newcastle, July 24, 1911.

MAY BE DELAY IN SIGNING TREATY

Desire to Have Three Nations Join at the Same Time.

Washington, July 21—Events are shaping so that it would not be surprising if the delays arising in the closing days of the negotiations in the general arbitration treaty would make it impossible to conclude them before President Taft leaves for his summer home in Beverly Massachusetts. Although the British government has already practically given its assent to the treaty, it is the wish of the President and Secretary of State Knox that this important agreement be given a truly international character, which can be had only by the adherence of more than two of the great powers. This desire has been made known to the French government, and Amosadcr Jusserand, who is in Paris, is laboring to induce his foreign office to give assent to the adherence of France. If this is assured in the immediate future it is entirely possible that the ceremony of signing the treaty will be deferred long enough to permit M. Jusserand to hasten to America to place his name upon it.

WHEN SUMMER COMES GUARD YOUR BABY

The summer months are the most dangerous of the year for the little one. The complaints of this season come so quickly that often a precious little life is beyond aid before the mother realizes baby is ill. Colic, diarrhoea and cholera infantum are all life at this time. The mother must guard her baby's health every minute. She must be careful of his food and careful that his stomach is kept sweet and his bowels move regularly and freely. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets—they are mother's best friend at all times of the year, but more especially in the summer, when, if given occasionally, they act as a preventive of those dreaded summer troubles, or if they do not come on suddenly the Tablets will just as quickly remove the cause and baby will soon be well again. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

TOO ONE SIDED

Having labor to buy and goods to sell, says the Toronto Globe, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association naturally wants the obstruction on the importation of labor relaxed while objecting to the pending relaxation of the obstructions on the importation of goods. The men with labor to sell and goods to buy were at one time deluded into taking a similar attitude, but are growing wiser.

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CANADA'S ARMY AND NAVY

Organization Scheme of General French Now in Force—Navy to be Built at Halifax.

Ottawa, July 21—The plan of military organization recommended by General French has been adopted and is now in full operation throughout Canada, divisions having been substituted for the old system of districts. As part of the reorganization, and to give it full effect, eight British officers have been obtained to perform staff duties for some time. Their duties will be chiefly educational, as they will supervise and carry on the scheme of training. Each division will have one of these officers assigned to it. The officers who have been secured for work are Major L. N. Phillips, King's Royal Rifles; Capt. L. J. Lipsett, Royal Irish Regiment; Capt. J. C. Gordon Hall, Yorkshire Light Infantry; Capt. R. J. F. Hayter, Cheshire Regiment; Lieut. Colonel C. E. English, R. E.; Lieut. Col. T. B. Wood, R. E.; Major W. J. Robertson, R. E.; Lieut. Col. C. Wilkins. The last name will be attached to the headquarters staff as first grade staff officer in charge of mobilization. Each of the others will be assigned to a division for the performance of second grade staff duties. Most of them have arrived and all will have reached Canada before the end of next week.

Halifax, N. S., July 21—A despatch from Sydney states that it is reported there that Swan & Hunter have been awarded the contract for the construction of the Canadian navy, and that the shipbuilding plant is to be located at Halifax. Correspondents are unable to secure confirmation of the report. Those who ought to know would not be surprised if such an announcement is made when the contract is finally awarded, but do not look for an announcement for some time to come.

NEW LAWS FOR NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb., July 7.—Many of the laws passed at the recent session of the Nebraska Legislature went into effect to-day. One prohibits any person under the age of 18 years using tobacco in any form. Another prohibits all public exhibitions of hypnotism or mesmerism. Another provides heavy penalties for persons concerned in the "white slave" traffic and makes it competent for a wife to testify against her husband in such cases.

BED-RIDDEN 15 YEARS.—"If anybody wants a written guarantee from me personally, as to my wonderful cure from rheumatism by South American Rheumatic Cure I will be the gladdest woman in the world to give it," says Mrs. John Beaumont, of Elora. "I had despaired of recovery up to the time of taking this wonderful remedy. It cured completely." Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy—

RETURNED TO CHATHAM JUNCTION

G. W. Ward, Station agent at Jct., for 23 years and who recently supplied a few days at Fredericton, has returned to the junction.

TOWN COUNCIL

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into each fireman's home for \$3.00, the megneto in police station would cost \$5.00, and wiring, etc would not cost over \$50.00 \$100.00 would cover whole expenses. The Telephone co would operate alarm free, but would assume no risks. The Mayor and Aid Kethro complained of disc harrows, etc being hauled over roads cutting them up.

Ald Stuart gave notice of intention to move at next regular meeting an amendment to Bye-Law 21 to cover said abuse.

The Mayor complained about the Street workmen piling on the streets the material they shoveled out of the gutters instead of having it hauled away.

Ald Kethro said it was being hauled away, but there was no place to get stone. Money was lacking—only \$400 left of Highway appropriations.

Ald Stables said that mud was being simply taken out of ditch and put on road. It was no good.

Ald Butler complained of systematic waste of time on all public works. The spirit of the age seems to be for workmen to beat their employers. It was an organized system of stealing.

Ald Kethro said it was difficult to get men to work on the streets.

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DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

Intercolonial Railway—Improvements at Halifax—Further Extension of Time.

The time for receiving tenders for Piers and Sheds has been further extended from Monday, the 31st day of July, 1911, to Thursday, the 10th day of August, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon. By order,
L. K. JONES,
Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, July 17th, 1911.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

his way to visit his parents, Aid. and Mrs. Scott of Dalhousie.

Miss Thelma Wyseman and Master Harold Somers, of Moncton visited Mrs. W. H. McLean last week. Mrs. Hare, of Whiteville, was also the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. McLean.

Master Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Major Robinson of Boston, and Master Benson and Miss Mona Robinson of St. John are visiting their grand mother, Mrs. John Robinson, at "The Pines."

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when on board the cars or steamships. Post sale by all dealers.

Miss Winnifred Whalen, recently graduated as a nurse in the City Hospital, Jersey City, N. J., arrived on the Limited Monday to spend a three weeks vacation with her brothers James P. and John P. Whalen of Hotel Miramichi. She is accompanied by Miss Hitz, Superintendent of the same hospital. On their return they will visit Quebec City, Montreal and Niagara Falls.

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