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THE SCOTT BANQUET

Tuesday night's pleasant and successful function at the Union Club served two purposes. It enabled leading Conservatives to honor fittingly the former editor of the Sun as a citizen of sterling worth and a newspaper man whose conspicuous literary gifts had long been devoted to the furtherance of his party's cause; and it gave opportunity for imparting fresh impetus to party interest and party organization through the agency of Conservative oratory.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ORATORS

Political orators who go in for impressive protests as to the purity of their motives and their effort to attain to the ideal of public conduct might with advantage take a leaf out of the book of John Butin Moran, Boston's demoniacal attorney, who is now making the race for governor. At the conclusion of his impassioned peroration at Tuesday's great ratification meeting in Boston, Mr. Moran exorated in the arms of his anxious lieutenants. There was a climax for you. And Mr. Moran abhors the commonplace of campaigning. He not only plays a lone hand but he plays it along new lines. There is, for example, his latest declaration, that if elected he will appoint no man to office, judges excepted, unless he has the man's resignation in his pocket to be used if the office-holder does not measure up to his standard of conduct.

JUST FOR A CHANGE

Some little time ago when our fishery patrol considers were shooting at American poachers on the Great Lakes the dispute with our neighbors over the fish in those waters began to wear a very ugly face. In this possible country there were a considerable party which protested vehemently that the Canadian government was incurring fearful risks, and that all the fish in the world were not worth the peril of war, let alone the reality. Another party, more numerous, argued that if we were to patrol our waters we must make it clear that poaching would not be tolerated, even if it were necessary to shed some blood in the course of justified police duty.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

The following London cable forcibly suggests the well-worn saying that there is nothing new under the sun: "The interesting discovery is announced at Aljustrel, Portugal, of a bronze tablet recording the decree of Hadrian controlling the management of the Imperial copper and silver mines which were farmed out to individuals and companies under severe regulations. Work must commence within eight months of the lease, and must not be interrupted for more than ten days, under penalty of forfeiture. Provision was made for government inspection and for the maintenance of repairs and safe working conditions.

AID FOR EDUCATION

Interviewed on the result of the Ottawa conference, Premier Tweedie takes strong ground against the suggestion that the provinces make a sort of raid upon the federal treasury. Life reviews the case and shows that New Brunswick's cause is in reality a very strong one. After all, considering the size of the federal revenue at present, the addition to the expenditure due to the settlement agreed upon will not be large. There was little in the contention that the provincial governments had not a right to spend the money of the provinces according to their own wisdom and without supervision or aid from the Dominion. When they made united appeal for justice at Ottawa they could scarcely be denied.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Perhaps to no country under the sun is technical education a subject of so great importance today as it is to Canada. At this stage of our development, considering the work ahead in the development and utilization of the country's superb natural resources, considering the industrial expansion in sight, forecasting the rapidly increasing demand for skilled engineers and artisans, the announcement that as a result of the recent conference the movement for technical schools is likely soon to assume practical and definite form is one of far-reaching interest.

CHURCH AND PRESS

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst preached a sermon last Sunday in which he intimated that the newspapers were not a bit better than they ought to be. Also he was disposed to regard them as attempting to usurp the functions of the pulpit. He said: "The press is as definitely and as conspicuously a money-making scheme as is brokerage or manufacture, and that it registers it as an eternal principle that no man ever does a great thing while counting its cash value or while standing with his finger in the till, with the eye on the ground the other ear open to the cries of stockholders screaming for dividends."

THE PUBLIC AND THE CORPORATIONS

A prominent corporation attorney, speaking yesterday of the verdict against the New York Central railroad for giving rebates, expressed the opinion that it is now almost impossible to select an American jury that will treat a great corporation fairly. So much has been published about corporation methods, he feels, the public mind has become prejudiced against the public service companies to an extraordinary and injurious degree. This lawyer has put his finger upon one of the most noteworthy developments of the day. Much that he says is true—and the corporations themselves are to blame for it. The unjust exactions of the great companies, their defiance of public opinion, their direct or indirect bribery of legislators, has caused a widespread revolt against them.

NO ELECTION

The many gentlemen who have been willing away the time by proving, to their own satisfaction, that the local elections would be brought on this fall, will be interested in several remarks made Thursday by Premier Tweedie. There were at least one more session of the legislature (probably a very interesting and important one) before the government appeals to the country. Before the Legislature shall meet again there will be the forestry convention at Fredericton. This meeting, if the lumbermen and the public generally rise to the opportunity presented by the government in calling it, should exert a powerful and highly beneficial influence upon the future of New Brunswick. All who recall Premier Tweedie's presentation of his advanced forestry policy last winter will hope that at the next session; and in some measure as a result of the coming forestry convention, the future of the lumber industry.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND BRITAIN

Some extremely plain words appear in many Canadian journals just now dealing with Newfoundland's complaint that her interests have been sacrificed by the British government in the process of satisfying the aggressive and hungry statesmen at Washington. It may be that some of these utterances will have their effect in London. There is, for example, this broad statement by the Toronto Globe: "The Pall Mall Gazette, speaking of the Newfoundland modus vivendi, says that possibly, even with the Dominion at her back, the island province might not have found the imperial government staunch, because Canada herself had been subordinated to higher interests before now."

NOTE AND COMMENT

And still the wail goes up from Newfoundland.

BURNS AS A RELIGIOUS MAN

His honor next spoke of the poet as a religious reformer and prophet, waxing very eloquent at times. He described Burns as a greater religious reformer than many who appear in splendid vestments and profound sounding doctrines as if they were heaven's messengers. "If Burns visited a barroom," he said, "he never lied about it nor did he enter by the back door. When he knew a man was a hypocrite he scorned him and 'may God help us to scorn such men.' He was not present to say that Burns' life was perfect, yet he needed no apology at his hands. He feared God, loved his neighbors and did that which was honest and fair."

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(Continued from page 1) spoken and written concerning him. One thing that must strike every observer, however, was that no man ever did call on the enthusiastic heart-worshiper of the world that Burns had done. He would not say that he was the equal of Milton or Shakespeare, but his works, like a silver fountain, are ever bubbling up. He has certainly done more for the world than the immortal Britons he had named. The governor next spoke of social conditions in Scotland in Burns' time and remarked that they must be understood by those who would understand Burns. He had often wondered what would have been the fate of Burns had he been privileged to live in the free land of the mighty United States. He had often wondered what would have been the fate of Burns had he been privileged to live in the free land of the mighty United States. He had often wondered what would have been the fate of Burns had he been privileged to live in the free land of the mighty United States.

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