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CANADIAN EDITORS AND POLITICAL FREEDOM BY THE OBSERVER

If there is any place on earth where quick, accurate and sympathetic judgment might be expected, upon the claims of another country to political freedom, surely it is in Canada. We have in Canada political freedom in a fulness which stops short only at total independence-And when another country; especially one within the Empire, formulates its claims, we need only consider those claims in comparison with what we ourselves posses ; and ask curselves the questions: Do they ask more than we have ? Would we be content - would we even remain in the Empire with only what they have now?

Canadian editors are eloquent champions of free democracy. When Canada is in question, their championship of free democracy is practical. When, however, they come to decline to apply it to the concrete

In general, the Canadian press is land. Canadian editors in general deny this. Within a few years past, they have come to admit the theory of self government in the case of refused to admit even the theory. But now, they are almost all agreed the theory. Even amongst English Tories it is no longer fashionable to say, flatly, that Home Rule is unsound in principle.

But where do Canadian editors in general stand now? Do they favor actual self-government for Ireland? Let us see. Ireland is divided into 32 counties; and that is the only division. Geographically, historically, politically, commercially, and legally, Ireland is one country; and has been so treated and so governed always. There is no division of the country into provinces. The historical names of the old Irish kingdoms are yet preserved; but they have a merely historical significance. Not for political, or electoral, or taxation purposes; nor by any law, nor for any legal purpose, nor for any municipal or local or national, or for any purpose of any kind whatsoever, save only the "purposes of history; and, we might add, for the purpose of takery on the platform or in the press, is there any division of Ire-

land today by provinces. But, we still read in Canadian papers solemn editorials about Ulster" as though these editors had fooled themselves or were bent on fooling others, into believing that when in any country, you find five or six counties which have a county majority in religion and politics. differing from the religion and the politics of the majority in the whole country, you must then consider that

country as two countries. This is the position into which Canadian editors have been put by their being forced to recognize the principle of self-government for Ireland before they were ready to consent to its practical application. And, it is very interesting to note how far. in such a case, people can carry themselves in trying to hold an absolutely untenable position. How far have the Canadian editors been prepared to go? As far as rebellion, sedition, and treason, and civil war.

Look over a file of almost any Canadian daily paper, from September 1913, to July 31st, 1914; that is, from the last introduction of the Home Rule Bill, up to Carson's last treason. able yell before the Kaiser took the job out of his hands; and what do you find ?

Two things: Theoretical admission of the right to self-government; and, secondly, frantic applause and army and his treason, and his intimidation of the Parliament and Government, his defiance to the King; of

in all Canada, some honorable exceptions; but that is just where the great majority of our Canadian editors stood.

Mark you now, they admitted all the while the principle of self-government for Ireland. What, then, was their justification for rebellion and "last ditches" and all the rest of it? Why, a new discovery in the science of geography; namely, that when 6 counties in a country vote against self government, and the other 26 vote for it; and when the principle is admitted to be sound; the 6 counties must be taken to be one country and the 26 to be another; and the 6 counties are not to be bound by the majority vote of the whole 32 counties; they are to be kept separate and apart; and the fact that, in setthem half a million who vote with the national majority, but who have been unable to carry the counties they live in. This is the case for "Ulster."

Search the Northcliffe press from 1912 to date; search the Canadian echoes of the Northeliffe press, from Catholic party riot against nonconsider the case of others, though Sydney to Vancouver; and this is Catholics they still announce the theory, they all you will find. Someone cocasionally suggests that there is a religious "Ulster;" a non-Catholic "Ulster." opposed to self-government for Ire- of Presbyterians in the 9 counties commonly called "Ulster" are Home will, of course, and do, indignantly Rulers. There is not even a political 'Ulster;" prior to the last elections, which were abnormal, of 31 M. P's. from the 9 counties, 16 were Home Ireland. Not many years ago they Rulers; and even 1 of the M. P's. for Belfast was a Home Ruler. The 9 counties have about a million and a mills were paid a miserable wage half of people; and of these, in round until just recently a strike was that it is no longer possible to deny half of people; and of these, in round figures, 900,000 are Protestants and 600,000 Catholics.

> One wonders how Lord Rathemere would have gone about making his island. A contemporary recently credited him with the unconsciously humorous proposition in regard to the 6 counties which vote anti-Home-Rule: "Let us make a sort of island

Well, if he cares to try that, of one that he can count on the enthusiastic applause of nearly all the editors in Canada. Unless, of course, the Home Rulers should turn Protestant in the meantime. That would have geographical and other effects.

## MEXICAN WOMEN OPPOSED

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN IN DIE YEARLY OF MALNUTRITION

Mexico City, Dec. 23.-Resolutions of protest against projected philanthropic intervention in Mexican affairs by the recently formed "Childhood Conservation League of the United States" were passed at a meeting of the Mexican Feminist Council today. The league, which, it is said, "proposes, with the financial backing of a group of the largest and best known magnates of the United States, to spend from two million to four million dollars annually on charitable propaganda in Mexico, said to be a "far-sighted scheme to bring about ultimate intervention in

Mexican affairs." Senora Elena Torres, General Secretary of the Feminist Council, today gave the following statement

to The Associated Press:
"Mexican women hold Mexico itself to be best able to judge its own needs and to find a way to satisfy them in due time. Outside aid, however, well meant, is entirely unin-

Those desiring to spend money to relieve temporary strictures in Mexico incident to the ten-year revostrictures in lution may find means through Mexican institutions already organized for that purpose. Above all, before seeking external objects of charity, those benevolently inclined United States citizens desirous of relieving suffering had best take care of those 8,000,000 to 6,000,000 children which the 1919 report of the Children's Bureau at Washington declares are dying annually in the United States

from hunger and malnutrition. "The Mexican Feminist Council also holds that, aside from the gratuitous nature of the proposed philanencouragement of Carson and his thropic intervention, there is under lying a more sinister motive than the projected foundation of hospitals, churches, asylums, and schools in every Mexican State—as is revealed his arming and his drilling and his by the fact that those persons finanimporting of German rifles (in the cially supporting the movement are ship "Fanny" from Hamburg; see London Times, March 31st, 1914,) the same individuals who have aginated most insistently for intervention and curtailment of Mexican war, show Belfast assessed at sixteen war, show Belfast assessed at sixteen

hood Conservation League are those bankers, oil barons, philanthropists, and notable men who figure most prominently in societies and associations for the protection of American rights in Mexico.'

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IRELAND SEEN THROUGH IRISH

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NUTS OF MR. COOTE TO CRACK While the Orange M. P., William Coote, and the parsons are touring America telling their tale of the woes that the poor innocent Orangemen are going to suffer if England leaves m to the tender mercy of their Papist neighbors, no one has yet thought of asking them the pertinent question, "Which city in Ire-Orange Belfast or Catholic ting them apart, you set apart with Dublin, Cork, Galway, or Sligo, is notorious for its party riots ?" and the supplementary double-barrelled 'Can you name any overwhelmingly Orange town in the Northeast that does not indulge in Orange party riots against Catholics, and can you name any single Catholic town in the East, South, West, or Midlands, of Ireland, that ever raises a

After they have cracked these few nuts, if they have any whole teeth left standing, there may be tendered to them a final one which will take There is none. Scores of thousands the last of their teeth—especially of Presbyterians in the 9 counties Coote's. In Mr. Coote's Parliamentary constituency is a village called Caledon noted for its woollen mills which are owned by good Loyalists, and whose output has been patriotically supported by the terrible Sinn Fein people—whose money always smells good, no matter how odious be their principles, and their characters. The operatives in these organized amongst them-organized, moreover, by a good Protestant from the North of England, supported by a good Orange foreman of their own. The operatives, both Catholic and Protestant, struck to a man, and forced the niggardly proprietors to advance their wages. Then the one-half of the workers, who were Protestant, were taken back. The other half, who were Catholic, were refused work, and in their stead Protestant operatives with their families imported from elsewhere. thing he may be sure; and that is, Not only were these imported ones given the jobs of the Catholics but the latter were notified that the houses in which they lived were required for their Protestant successors; and those Catholics who did not voluntarily resign their houses are now being evicted. No single Catholic has been spared. Every last one of them was turned down, and given order to go-to get out of the mill and to get out of Caledon. Hell or Connaught" became once more the order of the day for the

Catholics of Caledon. When Mr. Coote, M. P. for this weeping salt tears over the imaginary fearful mistreatment of Orange lambs by Papist neighbors in a future free Ireland, he might be asked to come down from imaginings of the future to actualities of the present, and explain away Caledon. And when he has explained away to that particular one, there are hundreds of cases of exactly the same kind throughout the Orange constit. uencies that will keep him usefully busy explaining till morning.

MR. COOTE'S STRONG POINT

A strong point that Mr. Coote is making in all his speeches, and that his predecessors in Orange propaganda have been making for years gone by, is the wonderful progress of Belfast, as compared with Dublin-Belfast which passed Dublin's population and now exceeds it by more than eighty thousand-Dublin, hay ing a population of three hundred thousand, while Belfast has three hundred and eighty-six thousand. In contrasting Belfast and Dublin Coots and his kind always forget to tell their audiences that Belfast made its extraordinary increase in population by the simple expedient of trebling its area in 1896 and sweeping into its arms an extra one nundred and fifty square miles with all the population therein contained. If Dublin city did the same and took in just its immediate suburbs, which naturally do belong to it, it would increase its population by one hundred and seventy-two thousand. and lead Belfast by almost a hundred thousand.

BELFAST'S WEALTH

When they talk of the wealth of Belfast, too, they strangely forget to tell that the immense wealth is concentrated in the hands of the very few who grind the faces of the hundreds of thousands of miserably poor. And by a happy accident they forget to quote figures that would prove comparative wealth of the communities as a whole-income tax

pounds per head—more than twice the figure for Belfast. What a happy thought of the missionaries to let their memories lapse upon those comparative figures.

another index of the comparative wealth and comfort of the inhabit-ants of Belfast and of Dubin is afforded by the numbers of domestic servants employed in both cities. The Government returns Dublin city and suburbs with a combined population of 447,000 people, employing a few less than 36,000 domestics. While Balfast with its population of 380,000 employs a few more than 11,000.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

In the statistics Belfast beats Dublin in just one point-namely, the numbers of its millworkers. The returns show that 73% of the population of Belfast is engaged in industrial pursuits, while only 54% of the inhabitants of Dublin are so engaged. But 17% of the inhabitants of Dublin city are engaged in commercial pursuits against 13% only in Belfast. And, as gauge of the intellectual measurements of the two peoples—13.6 of Dublin's popula-tion is professional, while the great, wonderful, wealthy, and progressive city of Belfast, model for the world, has 6% of its population professional! Wondering readers who might have taken with some doubt the state. ment of Professor Long worth (quoted some weeks ago in this column) that the great and flourishing and model city of Belfast had just one bookshop may, from these figures, glimpse the

WEALTH FOR THE NEW Belfast is a city in which billions of money is made by the few: and a bare existence is made by the miserable, toiling, many. In Dublin there are vastly more people of moderate means who know what it is to live in comfort, and who think there are greater things in the world than big mills, and more vital things in life than money-getting. The two peoples are modelled in entirely different molds. In Belfast, with the exception of a very small, almost insignificant class of thinking people, neither rich or poor read nor cultivate the higher things. In Dublin, rich and poor are both spiritual and intellectual. And there, the most miserably poor in point of world wealth, have their hearts warmed by some glowing

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

his home in a romantic house on the lakeshore in Connemara, so situated years, if not for centuries. that he can fish from the window. mysticism—of a sort. His wife prostrate on the ashes of her former makes a cult of astrology. So, it is like the Tuatha De Danaan days cent it has been—covered with the come again in Connaught. Yeats took the leading part in lectures and debates upon physical research, which were held in the Abbey Theatre on the Sunday evenings of last winter. Mr. Yeat's next visit to America will meant panacea. She is not so patient under the affliction as Job. late of the weird, unexplainable, and published in the North Express, February 19, 1881. not see, by the shores of his Connemara lake. His sisters, the Misses Yeates, are still conducting their fine tapestry weaving and embroidering industry at Cuala, a few miles outside the city of Dublin. His brother, Jack Yeats, charming artist, is residing at Donnybrook where he rallies round him a good deal of literary and artistic society.

IRISH PEAT

Now that the fuel is so scarce, Irish peat is figuring large. Ireland has great wealth of peat-yet she is pouring out money for foreign coal. Four and a half million tons of coal, as was said, are imported to Ireland every year. And she burns about six million tons of her own peat. Yow two tons of well dried peat are the equivalent of one ton of coal. So, if Ireland substituted peat for coal, in every possible place where it can be substituted, she would use annually fifteen million tons of peat Sir John Griffith says that the Irish peat deposits are so enormous that, consuming fifteen million tons a year, the supply would last for three Under pressure from Irish Boards, the English Government consented to appoint an Irish Peat Committee a length of time ago. This Committee sent in its reports in February and in July of 1918. And by the English Government the reports were officially buried. silence of the tomb has settled over the matter, officially. The interests of the mine owners of England must not be interferred with, for the trivial purpose of lessening the Irish money drain. And anyhow if Ire-land grew financially strong she would be apt to beget conceited notions of commercial independence.

IRELAND PROSPERING

But Ireland has been prospering

Tory Orange Bank Railway Office list of patrons of the so called Child-lobbers' combination. There were, hood Conservation League are those pounds, and Dublin at thirty-six money in the hands of the people. that whilst of old the very few who gathered money were inclined to hoard it, now moved by a new spirit, they are putting it to good use. Ideas of enterprise that had long been crushed out of them, are reasserting sway. And financial experts predict that this is only the opening of Ireland's long deferred era of prosperity. So thoroughly and so long has the field been lying fallow, that the fruits which can be resped by initiative energy, and labor, are now vast. Recognition of this big fact is an added incentive to the big English companies, to buy up everything in sight, in Ireland—and to buy them, too, at many times their present worth. It is devoutly to be hoped that private commercial interests in Ireland will show enough patriotism to refuse the tempting bribe, and to save the Irish field for Irish exploitation.

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#### THE LLOYD GEORGE OF OTHER DAYS

SCATHING DENUNCIATIONS OF RUTHLESS REPRESSION. THE TRUE BRITISH CONSCIENCE

In view of British methods in Ireland now under the Lloyd George-Long Shortt - Carson - French - Mac-Pherson regime of coercion, the fol-England when he was an aspiring Liberal will be read with interest:—

SICK OF BATON AND BAYONET RULE'

"Recent by-elections prove that the country is sick and tired of Mr. Balfour's baton and bayonet rule in Ireland, and of his desperate attempts to repress by martial law legitimate aspirations of a generous nation. I come before you as a firm believer in and admirer of Mr. Gladstone's noble alternative of Justice to Ireland."—Lloyd George's election address, March 24, 1890.

"HISTORY DOES NOT AFFORD ONE EXAMPLE"

"I believe it to be a fact that his tory does not afford one example of a whole nation persistently complain-ing of an alleged grievance if there Talking of the intellectual, reminds one to remark what perhaps many do that is, so far as dealings between not know that William Butler Yeats man and man or nation and nation is now a married man. He has made go. And yet this is what the Irish nation has been doing for scores of

that he can fish from the window. "At present the Irish nation's con-dition is like unto Job's. She lies probably be in the character of a How can she be? She recognized no reincarnated Lugh Lam fada, or an Redeemer that now liveth and will ancient Druid at least. He'll have not stand in vain for her."-Lloyd some fascinating experiences to re- George in an article written by him and published in the North Wales

THE END OF TYRANNY AND THE

VICTORY OF JUSTICE "What is to be done? Here is a serious state of affairs. We have a law which either drives men to be traitors or act the assassin at the mandates of tyranny. Let the British Parliament hold no parley with tyranny, but do its duty without fear or favor, affection or ill will, and pass a measure which will proclaim with trumpet sounds the acclamations of the world-that tyranny shall be no more. Then there will be a swallowing up of grievances in the victory of Justice, and a resurrection of life, prosperity, and happiness for Ireland."-Lloyd George in an article written by himself in the North Wales Express, February 19, 1881.

"AN ANTIPATHY SAVAGE IN ITS

"What makes the result all the more significant is the prejudice, racial and religious, which the Irish had to overcome. They had to beat down an antipathy which was positively savage in its intensity."-Lloyd George in a speech October,

"SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM HAS BURST

ASUNDER PRISON DOORS' "The spirit of patriotism has been like the genie of Arabian fable. It has burst asunder the prison doors and given freedom to those who were oppressed. It has transformed the wilderness into a garden and the hovel into a home, whether it be the remarkable struggle of Irishmen in the West or the still more striking resurrection of oppressed nationalities in the East."—Lloyd George in a speech at Cardiff, October, 1894.

TRIUMPHED OVER ABJECT POVERTY

London Times, March 31st, 1914,) tion and curtailment of Mexican and generally of all the acts of the liberties. Financiers heading the pounds per head of the population, both public and private, say that and potatoes, and even after that.—Old Curiosity Shop. "In the West of Ireland the culti-

being reduced to that state of abject poverty they require a corps of police, backed up by a company of hussars, to drive them out of their miserable hovels with baton and sword."— Lloyd George in a speech at Aberystwyth, December, 1896.

"WHAT HAS IRELAND ASKED FOR

What has she (Ireland) asked for centuries, asked when her voice was choked with blood, asked from the prison, asked from the scaffold, asked on the battlefield, asked when she was dying from starvation? She asks but one thing.

What a moraes its history is of racial, religious, personal misunderstanding, ruthless oppression, savage vengeance, frenzied crime against the law—yes, and by means of law—legal wrong, lawless justice; and myriads of men, women and children, from generation to generation, sunk and struggling in it, and yet clinging with unutterable devotion to the woe-stricken land that bore them. The tardy, but true, British conscience has been awak-ened."—Llody George at Belfast, February 8, 1907.

### CANADIAN HISTORY

LLOYD GEORGE WRONG ON FACTS ALLEGED PARALLELISM ABSURD

To the Editor of The Globe Canadians must have read with astonishment the British Prime Minister's effort to draw a parallel between the political developments lowing utterances of the Premier of in Canada following Lord Durham's report on the causes of the rebellion in 1837.8, and the divergent views between Ulster and the other parts of Ireland in relation to Home Rule. The verbatim report of his speech

> Lord Durham's attempted plan to force Quebec and Ontario to join Upper Canada in the same Parliament had to be abandoned. Separate Parliaments had to be given them, and it was only after that was done that Confederation became possible. At the beginning by forcing them together you simply created antegonism. The moment you had separation in the course of time Confederation developed and came about.

The actual facts in regard to this matter are in direct variance to those suggested by the British Prime Minister. To begin with, there was no question about forcing "Ontario and Quebec to join Upper Canada." In Lord Darham's time there was no Ontario and Quebec. These names were only applied to Upper and Lower Canada in Confederation thirty-six years later. Previous to Cardinal Kakowski, Archbishop. the Imperial legislation which fol-lowed Lord Durham's report Upper and Lower Canada had separate Parliaments. Following his report Upper and Lower Canada were united one Parliament un Russell's bill of 1840, each Province Poland will participate in the cerebeing given equal representation, although at that time the population in Lower Canada was largely in excess of that of Upper Canada. The French majority accepted this situa-tion. They placed implicit trust in the English-speaking Protestants of Upper Canada. It was only in later ears when the population of Upper Canada had largely increased by immigration that George Brown's agitation for representation by population or the demand for an increase in the representation of Upper Canada in the Legislature became an important political issue. and which eventually developed into the agitation for Confederation.

The actual occurrences in that early period of Canadian politics furnish a much more powerful argument for Home Rule in Ireland than the misconception of facts enunciated by the British Prime Minister. The Catholic majority of Lower Canada or Quebec was always tolerant. It is singular also that the Ultramontane wing of the Church of that Province invariably voted at the polls in support of the Parliamentary representatives of the Orange Order in plans; and it is estimated that a the other Province represented by Ogle R. Gowan, Mackenzie Bowell and Clarke Wallace. Appeals to international, because every country Nationalism in Lower Canada have is to contribute its chapel and claim ever failed. Following Louis Riel's it, too, in the event of any future execution, Girouard and Bergeron possibility of the Turks or any antionly secured twelve followers in 1887. Henri Bourassa, with ample funds supplied by the Tory party to carry on his campaign scarcely divided the Province in 1911. Ernest Lapointe's election in Quebec East gave Nationalism its final quietus. These are historical facts which British statesmen would be wise not to ignore when they desire to draw a parallel from Canadian history in the east, and covers an area of 11,000 support of their policies in connecting and area of 12,000 square miles. Its population is caltion with Irish politics.

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Love is in all things a wonderful teacher. There is no school in which a pupil gets on so fast as in

# CATHOLIC NOTES

Rome, Dec. 8.—To provide work for the unemployed, the Vatican will construct a huge boarding house for visiting pilgrims, besides other build-

asks but one thing—the freedom to govern herself."—Lloyd George in speech at Belfast, February 8, 1907.
"Look at this ill-fated island (Ire-"Look at this ill-fated island (Ir The Catholics of the Archdiocese of Glasgow now number 400,000; the baptisms during 1917 were close to 13,000, while the school population is almost 75,000.

New York .- While complete figures have not yet been forthcoming regarding the success of the Knights of Columbus in restoring discharged soldiers, sailors and marines to civilian status and securing employment for them, it is generally estimated that more than 100,000 demobilized men benefited by their activities.

In a citadel at the foot of Mount Sinai is a church and a monastery that have been uninterruptedly used for more than thirteen hundred years. The light before the tabernacle has burning all those centuries. The church was built by St. Helena, mother of Constantine, and is on the traditional site of the burning bush where Moses heard the voice of Jehovah.

Upon the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop William T. Russell, D. D., Secretary of the Administrative Com-mittee, and Chairman of the Committee on Catholic Press and Literature of the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Catholic Press Associa-tion of the United States and Canada will meet in Washington on January 23rd and 24th.

The number of vocations to the priesthood has shown a marked increase in Ireland during the past few years. At present all the Irish seminaries are overcrowded. May-nooth College, which usually has slightly over 500 students, has now over 600. The Chinese Mission Society, established two years ago from Maynooth, has received this year over 300 applications from stu-

dents for its new college near Galway. In accordance with the wish of Father Serafin, O. F. M., Director-General of the Order of Friars Minor, property has been purchased near the Catholic University, Washington, by the Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name. A house of studies is shortly to be erected for students of philosophy and theology of the province and where accommodations will be provided for priests from other provinces wishing to take a post-

Cardinal Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw, and Cardinal Dalbor, Archbishop of Posen, are making arrangements for a great ceremony when they return to Warsaw January 11th. The Polish Bishops and clergy and the civil and political authorities of mony at which will be read a document from Pope Benedict expressing the Holy Father's satisfaction at being able to witness the liberation of Poland and imparting to the country his apostolic benediction

The joint Pastoral Letter of the American Hierarchy concerning the problems now confronting the Church in this country will be issued early in January. It will be the first pronouncement of its kind since the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884. The letter will be read from every Catholic pulpit throughout the United States on the same Sunday. A movement is now under way, approved by Bishops and priests, and rapidly spreading country, to have all Catholics receive Holy Communion on the Sunday when the Pastoral Letter will be read.

A great international basilica is to be erected on Mount Thabor, the Mount of Transfiguration, where St. Peter proposed to Our Lord that they build three tahernacles. The Custos of the Holy Land has already approved the million dollars will be required to complete the sanctuary. It will be Christian or anti-Catholic obtaining possession of Palestine once more.

The biblical district of Palestine now comprises Jerasalem, Lebanon, Acre and Nablus. It stretches from the frontiers of Egypt and Arabia in the south to Syria in the north, and from the shores of the Mediterranean in the west to the Syrian desert in square miles. Its population is cal-culated to amount to 700,000 souls, i. e., 475,000 Mohammedans, 150,000 Jews and 75,000 Christians. The latter are divided into 25,000 Cathoics, i. e., 14,000 Latins and 11,000 Uniates, and into 50,000 non Cathelics, i. e., 35,000 Greek Orthodox and 15,000 Oriental Schismatics and Pro-