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MR. BRYAN'S PLEA

Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State in the Wilson Cabinet, and practically boss of the Democratic party, has created a mild sensation among our neighbors by accepting a contract to go on a lecturing tour.

In explanation, he states that he cannot live on his salary of \$12,000 a year, and that the lectures will afford him some necessary pocket money.

On the other hand, his critics aver, that he has too important an office to look after without gallivanting over the country for private gain and most people will be inclined to think that there is some show of reason in that.

Mr. Bryan is a very fine type of man, few would deny that, at the same time it does look as if under existing circumstances he should avoid the lecture platform.

Of course he knew what the job was worth when he took it, and like Borden and Macdonald, and Laurier, who in the legal profession could easily make far more than in public service, he should have either decided to face a financial sacrifice, or else refuse the position. In addition, he is estimated to be worth, in a private sense, at least \$500,000.

And at that our neighbors so generous, in other matters, are mighty stingy with regard to the emoluments of their public men. For instance Presidents hitherto have been so inadequately paid that they have had to be in debt when leaving office.

In the latter respect, there is now of course, a pension fund. U. S. Ambassadors form another illustration; their pay is so scanty that it takes a man with large private means to accept those posts.

Meanwhile it may be safely affirmed that a man of the important calibre and position of Secretary Bryan, should pay enough attention to the discharge of his public duties without having to supplement his earnings by platform work. He and his position, to all intents and purposes, rank very close to first in the great Republic.

SOME GRIT CANT

The Montreal Witness, which for three quarters of a century, was Liberal but independently so, recently passed into other hands. It is now known as the Telegraph, and is an out and outer for that side.

The first number under the new regime contained a leading editorial on the "Meaning of Liberalism" and the Toronto Globe quotes the article with every indication of unctuous approval. Here is a sample of the dope:

"It is never the purpose of Liberalism to obtain office—it is always the purpose of Liberalism to secure power. And power—to Liberalism—means only opportunity to serve the people. But Liberalism except when it be perverted by the play of those human instincts which are too common to call for criticism by other human beings—will always choose to lay down power, and the emoluments which attach to it, rather than devote by a hair's breadth from the central and clear-sighted purposes for which it lives."

And to this sacred and much more rubbish of a like nature the Globe makes the comment:

It is well that Montreal's new Liberal paper should place so plainly before its readers at the very outset of its career the truth that no party success is worth while that is won by the abandonment of principle.

Liberals don't want office, and never abandoned any principle to either get or keep it, eh?

Is that why Laurier promised "Free Trade as they have it in England" and promptly clung to protection when he attained power?

Is that why the same gentleman championed Provincial rights and then robbed two new provinces in the North West of the same?

Is that why the same gentleman has violated almost every pledge he ever gave, and ended up by trying to make this Dominion subservient to Washington?

Is that why Sir George Ross, then Premier of Ontario, kept a constituency without a member for a year because he knew his candidate could not win the Riding.

Is that why the same Government

wished—nay approved—of the trip of the Minnie M. with a gang of hired pluggers on board, who were paid to vote in the names of the dead and absentees, with a stuffed bible on which to take the oath?

Is that why an effort was made to purchase a Conservative member of the Legislature?

Is that why ballots were burned, ballot boxes stuffed and all the rest of the sickening list?

Conservatives are not perfect and don't pretend to be, neither do Liberals outside of the hypocritical class represented by the two above quotations.

What's more, every great and beneficial move in this Dominion has been inaugurated under Tory auspices. Here's a partial list:—

1. Confederation, mainly a Conservative achievement.

2. The adoption of the National Policy.

3. The building of the C. P. R. and the opening up of the West.

4. The defeat of Commercial Union with the States.

5. The defeat of Reciprocity designed as Taft wrote, to make Canada "an appendage" of Uncle Sam.

In each of these instances the Liberal manipulators were on the wrong side, not because their lofty souls were above acquiring office, but for the reason that they did not care what they did in order to get it.

Borden, prior to the last election, frankly told the people of the West, that if by the espousal of "Reciprocity" he could attain power next day he would refuse to take the step.

That avowal is more true of the Conservative spirit than it has been of any Liberal party anywhere.

SIR JAMES ON THE RESULT

When interviewed with reference to the result in North Grey, the Premier of Ontario said:—

"Looking at it from every point of view our great victory in North Grey will no doubt be more far-reaching in its effect and in its results than any bye-election which has occurred for many years."

"I cannot deal at the moment with the several points of importance which occur to me with reference to it, but I will notice briefly one or two of them. The alleged victory of the Spence brothers and two or three Grit clergymen, when they succeeded in attaching the Ontario Alliance permanently to the Grit party, has turned out to be not a very decided victory after all.

The level-headed voters of North Grey have distinctly repudiated the organized hypocrisy which counted upon success by persuading men of Conservative leanings to forget the splendid record of the Government with reference to the liquor license laws and the deliberate maladministration of the same laws by the late Government, and the hearty support of the latter Government by the present leader of the Provincial Opposition. No doubt it was observed also that the Grit candidate in replying to the letter sent him by Mr. Ben. Spence carefully refraining from even alluding to the "banish the bar" policy.

"The public will also have noticed the remarkable fact that since the declaration of his new policy, Mr. Rowell, instead of embracing every possible opportunity to put it before the public, has run away from it deliberately in several constituencies. In North Waterloo, Muskoka, South Lanark and Centre Grey he did this, although he held one quiet meeting in South Lanark. In East Middlesex he refused to put a candidate in the field, although the then late member had been his supporter. Perhaps there was an excuse for his not contesting Centre Grey, but in the North Grey case, he stayed away from the riding until three or four days before the polling day. I observe that Mr. Rowell, among the other peculiar statements made by him in this morning's papers, says, 'We need the crusading spirit.' In all his life he never made a statement more pregnant with truth.

"But let us go back a little," continued Sir James. "Shortly after the general elections of 1908 the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, went about whispering that a change of leaders was necessary, and that Mr. N. W. Rowell was the man. The reverend editor was very emphatic about this, declaring that Mr. Rowell was a good Methodist, would fill the bill, and sweep the Province, and a lot more to the same effect. He held his way.

"I say finally, that the magnificent tribute offered by the electors of North Grey to the action, the record, and the policy of the Government will not be lost sight of by my colleagues and myself. We will be encouraged by it."

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What the Other Fellow Thinks.

A Startling Death Rate

London Free Press: Statistics presented by The Toronto Star indicate that the Queen City will afford a large field for work on the part of the Provincial Board of Health in its crusade against unhealthy conditions.

The Star states that the death toll of children under one year in Toronto last year was 154 to the thousand, a rate higher than that of New York City, Buffalo, Syracuse or the whole of the exercises at the Lakeside lake from Toronto, had a death rate among infants of 97.7 to the thousand; which is more than one-third less than Toronto.

First Aid

Woodstock Sentinel Review: One of the exercises at the Lakeside Scout Camp was the giving of first aid to the injured, and especially the reviving of persons apparently dead from drowning. The value of such exercises can scarcely be over-estimated. Everyone should have some practical knowledge of what ought to be done in such cases of emergency.

There is good reason to believe that many lives are lost every year that might be saved by the intelligent application of modern methods of resuscitation. Only the other day a boy was taken from the water at Hamilton apparently dead. After three hours of constant working he was brought back to life.

Early Marriages

Stratford Beacon: Statistics of crime in New York City prove that young men and bachelors are more given to law-breaking than married men of greater age. Figures covering a nine-year period show that nearly 80 per cent of the men convicted of crime were less than 30 years old, of whom 40 per cent were 20 or less. More than twice as many bachelors, as married men were found guilty of various offences. The inference to be drawn is that early marriage leads to the building up of character.

Alike in Things Temporal

Toronto News: What Disraeli understood in 1878 was not plain to the diplomats of the present generation. The difference between Christianity and Mohammedanism in the Balkans relates mostly to things spiritual. In things temporal Turk and Slav and Serb share virtues and vices in common. So a crusade has degenerated into a scramble for spoils among the crusaders, while the hosts of Christ stand by awaiting an opportunity to recapture what they have so recently lost. And Europe remains neutral because it "has no policy with which to meet the situation."

Horne Payne's Attack

Berlin Record: The Toronto Courier which seeks to become a national weekly had an article in its last issue telling its readers of a great financial success of Mr. R. M. Horne Payne, resident British fiscal agent of the Canadian Northern Railway.

Sad Death

At Church's Crossing Well Known Lady Passes Away

The community around Church's Crossing met with a sad bereavement on the morning of July 11th, when the death occurred of Mrs. Ambrose Cannell (Polly Caroline Grantham) in her 28th year, who had been sick such a very short time that her friends can hardly realize its truth. About two weeks ago she was stricken with appendicitis and was thought to be getting better when on Saturday, July 5th she was taken worse, and an operation was thought to be the only help, which was performed the next day by the two Dr. Secord's of Brantford and Dr. Mott of Mt. Pleasant, with a trained nurse in attendance. The operation was thought a success, but blood-poisoning set in and on Friday morning death came to relieve her intense suffering. A very large concourse of friends and neighbors from Harley and Cainsville, where she spent the first five years of her married life, then coming on the farm within a mile of her childhood, also friends from Brantford, Oakland, Scotland, Mt. Pleasant, and Northfield Centre, followed the deceased to her last resting place in Oakland cemetery. She was carried by six of her neighbors, T. Wright, Wm. Marr, F. Smith, J. Millar, R. Wheeler, R. Malcolm.

She was one of the brightest and kindest of dispositions, doing a good turn wherever it was possible, always leaving a word of good cheer and laugh behind her, which her friends showed they appreciated by leaving nothing undone which could be done for her in her last illness. She was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grantham, this making the first break in the family of six.

Nine years ago the 14th of next September, she was married to Ambrose Cannell of Harley, who is left with one daughter, Evelyn, 4 years of age to mourn the loss of a kind wife and loving mother.

Among the floral offerings, were: Pillow by husband, father and mother; wreath by the three sisters, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. McEwen of Hamilton and Mrs. Mordue of this place. A spray from each brother Hiram and Willie; sprays from the following: Lorne Allen, Mrs. C. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith and family; Mr. H. Mordue and Mrs. C. Smith, R. Eddie and Mr. E. C. Smith, Mr. Ferris, Jas. Scott and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. M. Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grantham, Mr. Tucker, Nellie and Jack, S. Solank, Mr. and Mrs. C. Baldwin, Mrs. B. Haviland, Mr. and Mrs. Avery.

The funeral was conducted by the Methodist minister of Oakland, who gave a splendid address to the relatives and friends, also words of great comfort and hope of meeting the bright sister in that world to come.

NORTHFIELD CENTRE

(From our own Correspondent)

The Rev. C. Gardner conducted the services here last Sunday. His sermon was on the life of David, and was ably handled by the speaker and appreciated by all present. Mr. Gardner has just come among us, and I think if we all do our part and help him in the good work, we will get along well together and make the following year a good year.

The Epworth League will be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, every week by Miss Maudie Givens. Miss Carter, the president, has been called away to a new field of labor, so that leaves that post vacant, and Mr. Gardner has consented to take the work on his shoulders, and we hope the league will continue to grow as rapidly as it has in the past.

Thursday night is league's patriotic night—a few extra songs and readings will be given. A large turnout is expected.

Harley garden party is to be held on Tuesday evening on the school grounds. A number from here intend going over.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Swift attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ambrose Cannell, of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Rena Clement spent Sunday with Miss Aletha Givens.

Mrs. Barker of Toronto is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Givens, at present.

Miss Edna Arnold of Vandecar is spending this week among relatives and friends.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Postill on the sick list.

Mrs. George Neil spent Sunday with Mrs. John Shellington.

Miss Verina and Phyllis Rush of Hatchley are spending a couple of weeks with their grandma, Mrs. G. E. Armour.

Miss Laura and Edna Hemingway have gone to Burlington for the berry season.

Mr. Harry Youngs is visiting at present, Mr. William Young, at present.

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