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The Boys.

Independent of any political consideration, the meeting of young liberals has suggested to many minds the questi n: "When does a man cease to be young?" It is a question not easy to answer satisfactorily. In this respect it resembles the problem: "Where is Out West?" Which has a different answer in New York from what it receives in Chicago or in Omaha. The boy of ten regards the lad of sixteen as well up in years. The youth of twenty looks up n the man of thirty five as antiquated. The man of thirty five cannot understand why he old chap of sixty should lag superfluous upon the stage. Some one has said that it is the heart and not the face that really grows old. When the heart ages, says this philosopher, a man is old, whether his years be counted by decades or by scores. But we think it is the stomach that really does the business. The young man is practically the man who has an able bodied stomach, capable of digesting three or more meals per diem, in all kinds of weather and all sorts of luck.

Gray hairs or baldness does not always indicate advanced years. Many a man young enough to go to a convention of youths and help save the country is as gray as a November afternoon, or as bald as a bladder of lard. We saw some such yesterday, and were delighted with their youth and innocence. Some of them we esteemed unsophisticated that they actually had to be shown the way to Shaftesbury hall.

Bless the boys! May they all get home safe and happy, and with plenty of city presents for their grandchildren. No young man of spirit forgets to buy something for his grandchild when he comes to town.

No. You cannot call any man actually old until he is dead. Then he becomes subsequent. As for the girls, they never grow old. There are too many dentists for that.

Very Like Ingratitude.

The case of the Rev. Dr. Leonard, the prohibitionist candidate for governor in Ohio, is affording a good deal of amusement to that portion of the press opposed to his peculiar views. The story of his experience is simply this:

No sooner did he accept the nomination tendered him than he was charged with inconsistency and hypocrisy because, it was alleged, he had been known on divers occasions to imbibe strong waters. The reply to this was that upon an occasion when he was seriously ill his physicians prescribed whisky. This he refused to take, until one of the doctors produced a bible and read from it this passage in Proverbs: "Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts." The reverend gentleman yielded, took the proffered scriptural "horn," and lived. Later on he was attacked by dyspepsia, of which he was cured by a diet of toast and ale. These facts are testified by his medical advisers, thus exonerating him of the charge of drinking beer and whisky as a beverage.

But the question arises: Is the reverend doctor not ungrateful when he seeks to drive from the land the "good creature" which saved his life upon one occasion and cured him of a painful disease upon another. There is a nice moral question involved here, to which we draw the attention of philosophers and casuists. Some may commend him for his self-abnegation in seeking to wipe out what may at any moment become necessary to the prolongation of his life, but the majority will affirm the principle that it is a mean thing to speak ill of the bridge that has carried one over.

A prominent resident of the northern lakes writes to say that he agrees with the Globe that it would be cruel to hang Riel, and proposes as a mitigation of sentence that he be put in the senate.

A question being discussed in a Boston paper is: "Are women handsomer now than they were a hundred years ago?" Some women are, especially those who were born about twenty years ago. But we do not think the widow Butler has grown a bit prettier during the century last past.

The World regrets to observe that many of its esteemed contemporaries have fallen into the affected habit of using the new word "sheol" when they wish to be emphatically expressive. The word has nothing to commend it save its novelty. We were present the other day when an able journalist sat down on a tack, and he did not say "sheol."

The Montreal Times rises to explain that the opposition organs are not called upon to either favor or oppose Riel's execution. Well, then, why don't they shut up? The objection raised to their course is that they censure the government for alleged submission to French domination, and at the same time assure the French Canadians that Riel is not the proper party to punish. Our charge is that this is a dishonest and unpatriotic course, and they know that it is.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher favors high license in preference to prohibition. If he lived in Canada he would soon have to confront the bell, the book and the candle. But no matter how high the deluge rises Beecher is always safe in a boat of his own.

We learn from the Star that a Montreal mean man has billed the corporation for $240 for having kept a fire alarm key at his house for twelve years. It is curious that the hog cholera should be raging in Essex instead of in Montreal.

Because the Globe sneered at London's reception of the governor-general, and because Mr. Withrow talked in a narrow vein at the opening of the Industrial fair, the London Free Press has had an attack of village jaundice. In a column and a quarter of frothy flapdoodle the Carling farm organ describes the people of Toronto as "a greedy lot" Even if they are, it requires no wealth of words to make the charge. The F. P. ought to know better than to hold everybody in Toronto responsible for the mistakes of an individual or a newspaper. We should be sorry to hold every Londoner to account for the F. P.'s hebitudinosities. The visit of "his nibs, the gov." seems to have turned its little head.

The eminent Roman catholic scientist, Dr. St. George Mivart, declares in the Nineteenth Century that the battle between evolution and theology is practically decided in favor of the former by the admission of the church itself. Dr. Mivart has long been a powerful controversial champion of Roman catholicism, and when he can reconcile his religion with his science the professors of less conservative creeds should find no difficulty in doing the same.

This is a strange story that comes from England of a blunder or a trick in the franchise bill, wh reby two millions of the two and a half millions of men intended to be enfranchised are deprived of the right of registration. It is alleged that the bill excepts from the voters' lists every man who lives upon the premises of his employer, which is the case with thousands of clerks and the like. This technicality is held to also exclude the chief officials of asylums and other institutions, who reside upon the property of the government which employs them. There is room here for a large sized suspicion of either tory trickery or liberal stupidity. One might almost imagine that Sir John had been giving his English friends the latest wrinkle in the fine art of "dishing the whigs" and "hiving the grits"

The Prince of Wales ornaments honorary military positions which require him to own seventy different uniforms. No wonder the unfortunate man is in debt. It is his uniform practice to owe his tailor.

The New York prohibitionists are also women suffragists, and in assertion of the latter principle have nominated a milliner for governor. She makes a sew-sew sort of a candidate.

For the fourth time in its history Chicago is wrestling with the water and sewage problem. Only a few years ago the city's waterworks were the pride of the citizens and the wonder of visitors, but it is now found that the vast sums then expended have not secured a supply of wholesome water, and there is a clamor for further improvements Few cities regard this question of pollution by sewage with the easy contentment that Toronto does. Some day certain people will be rudely aroused to a perception of the fact that our water supply is of more importance than our whisky supply. But it will be too late then to save funeral expenses.

A PROPOSITION TO THE YOUNG LIBERALS.

BY NOBODY.

Let us sketch out a policy for the young liberals. Now, in the first place, it is not a straw's worth whether they adopt it or no, for if they or theirs do not govern the country on this mode, why, some other will. But this is what Canada wants. If they want power, here lies the way to it. If they only want to pat their leaders on the head, what are they here for? That could have been done at home.

In the first place, for it is the most important question, have they nothing to say about the largest undertaking any people of our numbers ever attempted, the grasp we are laying on half a continent, those almost boundless and undoubtedly fertile regions between us and the Pacific? That territory is being monopolized by land-grabbers. It should have been by this time the home of a large population—we have had it many years. It is the home of a small one. We have formed a ring round it; we have seized each one all we could; we have kept up the price against the settler; we have driven him elsewhere. Is this to continue? If so, this land will be given into the hand of a people worthier than we, for Providence sleeps not. There is but one way, and that is to provide that, in any future grant of land, the holder shall be bound to sell any portion, as soon as any actual settler offers a dollar an acre cash, till he himself shall have no more than 500 acres left, which he may select at first. That would settle all, for, notice, that it would bring the present grabbers down to the selling point. Enact this, and you will need no immigration agents, and your immigrants will not clog your towns and cities. In five years you would have three millions there. But you will never do it.

In the next place, why not say something in real earnest about your views on the treaty-making power? Why be perpetually supposing that you can have your cake and eat it too? If you want to remain as you are, with the protection of Britain's great fleets in every harbor, and her consulate offices open to your sailors to give aid and advice, sympathy and comfort to them if sick or needy, do you think you are to get off without paying for it? I can tell you you will not. If you wish the right to make a treaty with Brazil, with the States, with France, with anybody, to serve your own interests, surely you know those interests will often conflict with those of Britain. If you do not, you should be at school instead of holding meetings. Britain will not give you the treaty-making power, nor anything like it, nor the remotest real approach to it, while you are colonists. If you wish to cut loose, she will gladly let you go, for she is this good while rather annoyed that an offspring of hers should be so wanting in spirit as to stay with her so long. Why do you not take the plunge? The Yankees have no wish to attack you, and if they had, were there never throats cut as good as yours? You must take your chance. Are not your chances as fair as those of Sweden, Norway, Mexico, or three-fourths of the small nations of the world? What should you think of Mexico if she ran back to Spain? Or to France? Are you not doing the same?

You have, I hear, much to say about the senate. Young men, the senate is naturally a useful body; but when a body is dead it becomes offensive. What you need is life. Come, it may not be dead yet. Let me sketch the use of a senate. It is not well that a country should be governed altogether by a popular vote. The reasons are long. I think you know them. If, then, you have some means of getting together a body of wealthy men, too independent to be swayed by hope of place or salary; add to them men of large landed property; add men of rank in literature, of known ability in science, or of broad general knowledge; add again men retired from the various businesses or professions, distinguished for honor and activity therein—if, I say, you can have all these drawn together independent of any popular vote, you have a body which may well act as a counterpoise to your popular one—may be an adviser more valuable than your press—a body respected for its power, and powerful through its respect. But you have nothing like this. Now for my part, if I had a tree whose apples I did not like, yet which was so well rooted and fixed that wall and garden must suffer if it go, I would graft some fresh fruit on it. What do you think? I fancy I know men in Canada would change your senate for the better, if there. It does not take much leaven to benefit the whole mass, but it has not apparently got there yet. Have faith in yourselves, your country, your people. These men are not all so bad. There are good fellows there. Get some in with heart, soul, mind, to stir up the embers, and you would soon see a senate John A. could not order around.

Then there is the tariff—all these fiscal arrangements. Now, if we look for a policy here which will carry the country, we must neither shout free trade nor protection. What is to be said is simply that as we must raise a large revenue by the imposition of duties, those duties should invariably be put on the classes of goods we can well make here, so that our industries may benefit, and we not lose. For if, while paying taxes we must at any rate pay, we can help our own workers, so much the better for us all round. No one, either free trader or protectionist, can object to this. But in addition there is an excellent opportunity of protesting against the many adulterations, such as shoddy in cloth, which are permitted in our manufactures; and there is, too, this to be said, that our present tariff seems to have been drawn up by incompetent hands, and to let in free, to serve certain companies and individuals, many articles which should bear a duty if any do, while a good many other articles bear duty, though we could by no means make them here. A complete revision of the tariff, if we could get it by good hands, would do much.

Then, there is the question of commercial union with the States. I am sure you have studied this subject sufficiently to know that this must be total or none. The States will not have it, unless we let their manufactures in. A reciprocity treaty like the last they will not agree to; nor would, indeed, all Canada like it. It would not suit us now. Well, if we grant and get total commercial union, we would have the high duties we now have on British goods, none on American. This would be a discrimination against Britain she would not allow. The answer would be from Britain as before—"You may do so when you are independent, not otherwise." You should look this in the face, argue it, discuss it, and say what you would do in it if you had the power. Surely, among so many young Canadians there are plenty able to state the whole ins and outs of a plain matter like this. But it needs decided utterance—something to make folks know what you really mean—not one of those milk and water ways of saying a dozen things at once and nothing after all.

There are many other topics open to discussion. But the lines I have marked out are such as would obtain the support of many outside of party lines. If you could base a line of action on these, well drawn up and well advocated, the party yen act with would carry the next elections.

Thanks.

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A Boom in Picture Framing.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, Sept. 15.

The sales on the Toronto exchange today were: Federal 10 at 96½ reported, Consumers Gas 1 at 161½, Northwest land 50 at 40½, Canada landed credit 13 at 124½, 110 at 124¾, Imperial S. and L. 11 at 111½.

Cox & Co. received the following from Chicago; Wheat less active; New York longs sellers; some country buying; crowd generally bearish on some late easier cables and foreign selling New York and here; export demand reported decidedly slacker at New York; one small lot worked here; weather in Northwest favors threshing; present outlook rather weaker; favor buying however on weak spots. Corn dull and biding lower; more western selling; reports generally show crop maturing well. Provisions almost lifeless, prices steady. 75 cars wheat, 255 corn, 110 oats to-morrow. Fleming & Boyden.

Oil opened at 100 and closed 99½ bid; highest 100½, lowest 99.

Hudson bay was £19 in London to-day and Northwest land 32 6d.

Consols opened at 100½ and dropped to 100⅛.

The transactions in Montreal this morning comprised only 3 Molsons at 123 In the afternoon 25 Passenger sold at 116¼.

Visible supply, Chicago computation: Wheat 43,167,183, as against 43,284,381 last week; corn 5,319 918, as against 5 749 268; oats 4,082,868, as against 4,326 537. Visible supply, New York computation: Wheat 42 248 202, as against 42 120 602; corn 7,153,963, as against 7,703,407; oats 5,720,856, as against 5,463,679.

Business failures: D. M. Billings, general store, Sutton; Shaw & Masterman, commission, Winnipeg; Cardinal & Corriveau, tobacco, Montreal.

Toronto Stocks.

Closing prices: Montreal 201¼, 200¼; Ontario 108, 107½; Toronto 187, 186; Merchants, 116, 115; Commerce 127 126½; Imperial, sellers 127; Federal 97, 96; Dominion 202½, 202¼; Standard 116, 115½; Hamilton, buyers 125; British America 76, 70; Consumers' Gas. 164, 162; Dominion Telegraph, buyers 88½; Northwest Land Co., 40¾ 40½; Canada Permanent, sellers 203; Freehold, buyers 166¾; Western Canada, buyers 190; Canada Landed Credit, 125, 124½; B. and Loan Association, buyers 105; Imperial S. and Invest., 112½, 111; Farmers' Loan and Savings, buyers 113; Lon. and Can. L. and A., sellers 143½.

Montreal Stocks.

Closing prices: Montreal, 201, 200½; Ontario 108, 107½; Molsons xd, 121, 117; Toronto 187, 185½; Merchants' 116, 114¾; Commerce 127⅞, 126; C. P. R. 46½; Montreal Telegraph xd, 127, 126, Richelieu 59½, 59; Passenger 117, 116½; Gas 189½, 188¾ xd, 184, 183½; Canada Cotton 60 45; Dundas Cotton 50, 40; Northwest land 42, 40.

The Fruit Market.

At Lumbers' fruit market the offerings in fruit were larger to-day than any previous day this season. Every variety of fruit was freely offered and as a consequence there was a general decline in prices. The following are the prices paid:

Apples—Duchess of Oldenberg, per barrel, $2.50 to $3; Gravenstein, $1.75 to $2.25; Red Astrachan, first class, $1.80 to $2; second class, $1.30 to $1.80; sweet Bows, $1.20 to $1.30; crabs, per basket, 20c to 30c; per crate, 25c to 35c.

Plums—Small blue, damaged, in 14 qt baskets, 15c to 20c; sound, 35c to 55c; per crate, 55c to 75c; large blue per basket, 45c to 55c; small green, 35c to 45c; Lombards, 47½c to 80c; Bradshaw, 65c to 70c.

Peaches—First class, per basket, $1 to $1.25; second class, 65c to 85c; inferior, 55c to 60c.

Pears—Bartlett's, per basket, ripe, 40c to 55c; per barrel, $3.25 to $3.60; preserving per basket, 40c to 50c.

Grapes—Champion, 3c to 3½c per pound; Concords, 6c to 6½c per pound.

Grain and Produce Markets by Telegraph

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Cotton firm, unchanged. Flour—Receipts 17,000 bbls., shade stronger; sales 16,000 bbls. Wheat—Receipts 195,825 bush., exports 100,120 bush., spot, ⅛c to 1c higher, closing heavy; export demand light; sales 5,912,000 bush. future, 148,000 bush. spot and arrive; No. 2 red 95c. No. 2 red September 94c. October closed 94⅞c, November 95⅞c to 97⅛c. Corn Receipts 348,800 bush., firm and quiet; sales 488,000 bush. future, 138,000 bush. spot; exports 77,000 bush; No. 2 49c to 49⅛c, No. 2 white 52½. No. 2 September 49c to 49½. October 49⅛c to 49⅞c, November 49½c to 49¾c. Oats—Receipts 217,600 bush., shade easier; sales 460,000 bush. future, 159,000 bush. spot; No. 2 28½c do. white 29c to 29½c, mixed 25½c to 32c; white do. 31c to 43c, No. 2 September 29½c to 29¾c.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Flour unchanged. Wheat active, closed ⅛c under yesterday; sales ranged: Sept. 80⅛c to 81⅝c, closed 80⅞c; Oct. 81⅛c to 82⅛c, closed 81⅛; Nov. 83⅛c to 84⅛c closed 83½; May 92⅛c to 93⅝c, closed 92½c; No. 2 spring 80⅛c to 80½c; No. 3 spring 70c to 71c, No. 2 red 81c to 84⅛c, No. 3 red 82½c to 83c. Corn quiet and firm, cash 43⅝c to 43¾c; Sept. 43½c; Oct. 42½c; Nov. 39½c. Oats quiet and steady; cash 23½c to 25½c; Sept. 25⅛c to 25⅛c, October 25c to 25½c, May 29c to 29½c. Mess pork steady; cash $8.70 to $8.75; October $8.70c to $8.72½; November $8.62½ to $8.65. Lard quiet and steady; cash $6.20 to $6.22½, October $6.20 to $6.22½, November $6.10 to $6.12½. Boxed meats steady; dry salted shoulders $5.75 to $4, short rib sides $5.60 to 5.62½; short clear sides $6.05 to $6.10. Receipts—Flour 13,000 bbls., wheat 42,000 bush., corn 112,000 bush., oats 152,000 bush., rye 8,000 bush., barley 29,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 11,000 brls., wheat 202,000 bush., corn 156,000 bush., oats 167,000 bush., rye 5,000 bush., barley 12,000 bush.

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