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## MONTAGUE CHAMBERLAIN

To the younger generation of St. John people the name of Montague Chamberlain does not recall memories of old friendship, but the older folk have not forgotten the St. John naturalist and bird-lover of whom one writer declares no higher authority on birds has appeared since Audubon. Montague Chamberlain, who died in Boston yesterday was born in St. John in 1844. Engaging in mercantile life he gave all his leisure time to the study of birds, and was soon recognized as an authority on ornithology. A close student and patient observer he acquired a vast amount of information, and obtained international recognition. Leaving St. John, he was assistant secretary of Harvard University from 1889 to 1893, and secretary of Lawrence Scientific School from 1893 till 1900. Thereafter, while still associated with the University, he gave his whole attention to the study of birds. As early as 1870 Mr. Chamberlain published a book on Canadian Birds. In 1887 he issued a Systematic Table of Canadian Birds. Other books or bulletins were on Birds of Greenland, Some Canadian Birds, A Maliseet Vocabulary, and The Penobscot. A prolific writer, he added much to the general knowledge of ornithology. He was a member of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick, the Boston Society of Natural History, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Boston Folk-Lore Society and the Indian Industries League. His revised and extended Nuttall's Ornithology was published in 1891 and again in 1896. Those St. John people whose memory goes back nearly forty years remember Mr. Chamberlain as a man who was more absorbed in scientific studies than in business. The value of these studies was not perhaps recognized as fully as it might have been until Harvard discovered in this St. John citizen a man who deserved to be encouraged and the fruits of his labors given to the world. It is quite too often the case that merit is not recognized by those who are familiar with its possessor, and that he or she must go abroad to find deserved appreciation. Montague Chamberlain was one of a group of men who in different branches of scientific work won a fame that spread far beyond the bounds of their native province of New Brunswick.

## A PROGRESSIVE WARNING

The Grain Growers' Guide has issued a warning to the Liberal Government at Ottawa that it must not listen to the cry of the protectionists. It reminds the Premier that the loss of Halifax and Kent places him in a minority, and says his Government is weakened by the loss of the active laborers of Mr. Gouin and Mr. Fielding. Hence he must have some support from outside the Liberal Party, and it is natural to assume that this must come from the Progressives. Two years ago, the Guide says, Premier King "made a half-hearted move to win the co-operation of the Progressives, but without result," and it expresses the hope that now, "without the aggressive personalities of Mr. Fielding and Sir Lomer Gouin at his elbow," he may take the reins into his own hands and make genuine Liberalism his policy. Then it goes on:

"If Mr. King is prepared to adopt a genuine low tariff policy, reduce expenditures and taxation, give the National Railways a fair opportunity, inaugurate an adequate system of agricultural credit, and institute satisfactory banking reforms, he can undoubtedly secure Progressive support. The Progressive members and those who elected them are not seeking the glory of office, nor are they interested in playing politics merely for the excitement of the game. They are interested in results in the shape of legislation which will be equitable to all classes in the community. The Progressives have never been extremists nor 'whole hoggers,' but they are firm adherents to certain stated principles which they have advocated freely in the House, and which have widespread support throughout the country. A recognition of and adherence to these principles, which are in spirit not very dissimilar to the spirit of the Liberal platform of 1919, must be the course of the Government to earn Progressive support."

This is sufficiently emphatic, but it happens that the Liberals are not the only ones who are in a dilemma. The Progressives could not hope to be able to carry on a Government if the Liberals were defeated, and recent developments within their own party do not encourage a belief that a general election they would carry the country. They have much more in common with the Liberals than with the Conservatives, and would not desire the return of the latter to office. Nevertheless the ultimatum of the Grain Growers' Guide is a matter the

Government is not likely to overlook, and it adds much to the interest of the whole political situation.

## MUST USE THE AXE

The Financial Times sees cause in a return brought down by the Finance Department at Ottawa, for the ten months of the fiscal year up to the end of January, for rigid economy on the part of the Government. We quote:—"The return shows that the anticipated increase of revenue is not continuing in the later months of the year, as it did in the earlier months, either in customs or in these special forms of taxation included under the head of 'Inland Revenue.' The latter total is up \$19,300,000 over the corresponding period of last year, and Customs returns have brought in \$3,400,000 more, and Excise, \$2,000,000 more. On the other hand, Business Profits Tax is down \$7,200,000 and Income Tax \$5,200,000, a total decrease in the two of \$12,400,000, reducing the net increase in the other items to barely \$10,000,000. Ordinary revenue for the period was \$387,000,000, or less than \$9,000,000 above the previous year, while ordinary expenditure has been cut by only \$1,500,000. Indeed, lately, expenditure has been creeping up on last year, and for the month of January was over \$22,000,000 ahead of January, 1923."

This showing, says the Times, "seems to indicate that the anticipated increases in revenue, due to extra taxation, will not be realized, and that expenditures are gradually getting out of hand again, and will show little decrease for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1924," and it adds that "the situation calls for a most drastic pruning on the part of the Government in the estimates that it will submit at the coming session of Parliament."

From all parts of the country comes a demand for lessened taxation and greater economy. On the other hand the Government will be confronted with demands for large expenditures in all parts of the country, and these will make the task of pruning difficult, with the certainty that there will be dissatisfaction where the demands are not met. The business in hand will therefore call for courage on the part of the Government and a determination to make a better financial showing.

Some interesting facts about the difference between what the first seller and the consumer pay were brought out at the meeting of the Niagara Growers' Association last week. For 18 cents for an eleven-quart basket of plums, for which the consumer in Toronto paid 50 cents. The in-between was transportation and commission. The grower got 26 cents a basket for peaches, for which the consumer paid 60 cents. This is a great spread in prices when we consider the comparatively short rail haul. The varying rates of the transportation companies were also a subject of criticism. For instance, the rate to small places close to Montreal is \$2 a hundred pounds, whereas to Montreal it is only 95 cents. This was described as an example of the general situation. In all cases the producer appears to get small consideration, while the consumer pays an exorbitant price. Transportation and distribution agencies get the benefit.

The Government of Ontario will introduce a bill to provide for a Minister of Health, and says:—"The co-ordination and unification of the various activities of the province directed to the conservation of life will doubtless tend to increase efficiency and usefulness." Ontario is following the example set half a dozen years ago by New Brunswick.

In the Ontario public works and highways department there were sixty-five engineers employed. The present Minister has decided the department can get along with fourteen. That is certainly a very drastic cut, apparently prompted by the large deficit which confronts the Government of that province.

The Manitoba Legislature wants the Dominion Government to contribute a portion of the cost of relief of the unemployed of that province, claiming that it is a national problem. The request is not likely to meet with favorable consideration in Ottawa at present.

## Press Comment

### WAR OR WOMEN?

(Stratford Beacon-Herald.) It is pointed out that in thirteen years the manufacture of cigars has increased 663 per cent, while cigars have increased only 27 per cent. The natural inclination is to blame it on the war, but there are those who hold that the increase in the use of cigars is largely due to the increase in the number of women smokers.

### THE WRONG SLOGAN.

(Ottawa Citizen.) Leather makers are conducting a big advertising campaign with the slogan of "Nothing takes the place of leather." But judging by the contents of some shoe soles, it is quite evident that something is taking its place. The leather makers should have stuck to the good old slogan, "There's nothing like leather," which is not only true but has the punch.

### APATHY IN ELECTION.

(Kingston Whig.) Testimony from various places seems to indicate that public interest in municipal affairs is falling off as compared with other days. One explanation is that there are too many other attractions these days. In the old days a municipal campaign afforded amusement and often excitement, and the fighting spirit seemed to be much stronger than it is now. And it is hard to beat the drawing power of a good fight.

### TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY.

(Halifax Recorder.) At last night's meeting of the city council, Ald. Power and Finlay moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the tax exemption question, and prepare draft legislation to be submitted to the city council for concurrence. The suggestion of the aldermen is that all exemption from taxation be abolished on all properties, including churches, local, federal and imperial properties. The motion that the mayor appoint a committee carried.

### EVERYBODY PAYS.

(New York Times.) It is the rich and poor alike who are hurt by excessive taxation, for they are consumers of, and consumers in the end pay the taxes, whether their names get on the tax roll or not. The answer to the question, "Who pays the taxes?" is thus not to be found in the tax collector's books, but in the census, or every man, woman and child is a taxpayer, or at any rate a taxpayer. The reductions proposed by Secretary Mellon are thus of concern to every individual, and not alone to those whose incomes or property are within reach of the brackets, high or low, of the tax schedules.

### THE FUTURE CANADA.

(Halifax Echo.) Dr. Norwood's ambitions and hopes for Canada should prove an inspiration for those of us upon whom devolves the work of bringing dreams true for this young nation. There is hardly enough sense of responsibility felt by each generation towards the days that are to be. To think of Canada as a noble building, to the construction of which each generation contributes a brick, is to realize how essential it is that each brick should fit smoothly into the architect's scheme for a beautiful building. Bricks that are poorly moulded, chipped or otherwise defaced, will stand out as a sad commentary on the generation supplying them. None such will be supplied where the sense of responsibility towards the complete structure is generally felt. Canada has unexcelled opportunities to build up a country the like of which has never gladdened the soul of man, and Canadians at home and abroad should keep before their minds the goal towards which they strive. She must keep alive a love of beauty, a respect for law, a seeking after righteousness, and a zeal for freedom, that will make her a bright and shining example of a democracy that generations yet unborn will hail as the greatest achievement of man.

### KIWANIS NEW BOYS' CLUB

(Ottawa Citizen.) The opening this week of the new boys' club established by the Ottawa Kiwanis Club marks a fresh step in social service in the city. It is an encouraging indication that "Every man for himself and the devil taken the hindmost" is not the guiding spirit of present day community life, and it is also an effective answer to persons like Lord Birkenhead who exhort young men to give up idealism and to follow advice of an equally selfish and retrograde character.

When the old fire station on Somerset street was vacated, it was used as a storehouse for corporation property. The Kiwanis Club, noting the fine location of the fire hall as a centre of boys' work activity, asked the board of control to allow it to be used in the manner indicated. The city fathers readily consented, and in a day or two it is to be opened as a boys' club. Kiwanis is to be congratulated on its praiseworthy enterprise. The club will be a splendid meeting ground for furthering boys' work and for promulgating the doctrine that every boy is entitled to a fair start in life. The club house will be in a populous centre, and it is estimated that a membership of three or four hundred can be accommodated. That it will mean some sacrifice on the part of Kiwanis members is shown by the statement that the club will cost between three and four thousand dollars a year to run. The fact that Kiwanis entered upon this enterprise cheerfully discloses the measure of their earnestness.

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## THE ROAD.

(A. Locheat.) There's a tang in the air from the wind-swept sea.  
There's a breath from the honey-eyed moor;  
There's a long, gray road, that is calling me—  
A road with an endless lure.  
It has led me far from the world of care  
To the peace of the hill and dale,  
And with heart as light as the pack I bear  
I follow the sun-lit trail.  
O never did skies so wondrous blue  
Break forth from the misty morn;  
O never did sun give richer hue  
To the gold of the ripened corn;  
And never did hours such peace inspire,  
When the long, glad day has sped,  
And I leave the glow of my lone camp  
To creep to my star-lit bed.  
The day is a chain of golden hours;  
The night is a silver'd dome;  
The day has its dreams 'mong wayside flowers;  
The night has its thoughts of home.  
And the voice of the wide is calling still  
Where the path winds far and free.  
O the moor and hill with their magic thrill  
And the long, gray road for me!

## LIGHTER VEIN.

At The Motor Show.  
Salesman—"How's that car behaving that I sold you last year?"  
Owner—"Well, the way it uses gas shows that, while it may be weak in spots, its appetite's all right!"

## Dodging Them

Ted—"There must be lots of excitement in those high-speed cars. I wish I owned one."  
Ned—"Don't feel that way, old man. They furnish you more excitement when you don't own one."

## It's An Ill Wind

Crawford—"I saw him when his car got smashed up. He seemed to take it very philosophically."  
Crawford—"Yes, he told me that it didn't matter much, for there was a new model out."

## Just Like Reggie

"Father named his new foxhound after you, Reggie."  
"I wonder what put that idea in his head."  
"He says the dog doesn't know enough to keep a scent when he's got it."

## Overnight or Neglect.

It was a sleepy sort of day, the class was about half the usual size and the professor was calling the roll in a half-absent manner. To each name some one had answered "here," until the name Sam was called. Silence reigned supreme for a moment only to be broken by the professor's voice.  
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## CUT OUT THE TALK.

(Montreal Star.) There is another stream of waste that Parliament can stop. That is the high cost of its own sessions. Parliament is by far the most expensive vaudeville show this country supports—as well as the most entertaining. But we cannot afford to pay so much for our fun in these trying days that call for drastic compilation of campaign matters. The leaders on special occasions could be given more leeway; but the dreary compilation of campaign harangues, while the Hansard reporters ploddingly record them at our expense, should be entirely eliminated. The Parliamentary session could be cut down to one-third or one-fourth, and the money saved could be taken off our taxes. How many of us would willingly pay an extra tax to enable the average member of Parliament to speak twice as often or twice as long?

A Russian mining expedition reports the discovery of 4,000 sq. miles of coal deposits in northern Siberia.

Balsa wood from South America is being used as a substitute for cork, on account of its lightness in weight.

## VISITING MINISTER SPEAKS.

Rev. R. W. Ferguson, of Rockwell, Conn., conducted the services in the Waterloo street Baptist church yesterday. In the morning his subject was "The Unchangeable Law of the Word of God." Miss Sylvia Mills was the soloist at the morning service. In the evening Mr. Ferguson took his text from the 97th Psalm, verse 30. He said the world was seeking wisdom, and it would not be found in men's philosophy, but found in the righteousness. The Old Testament had said, "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," but the New Testament said, Christ is made unto us wisdom. Mrs. J. M. Patterson sang the solo "Fear Ye Not O Israel." Large congregations were present both morning and evening.

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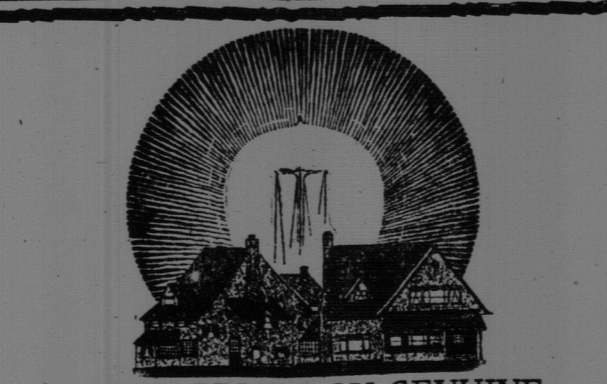
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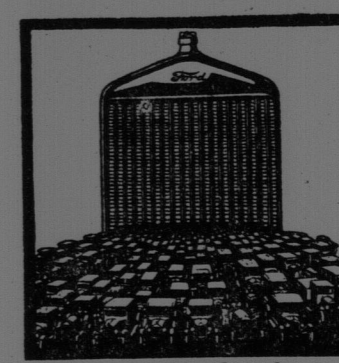
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