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THE EMPIRE

At a time when the relations of Canada and the mother country with respect to mutual defence are the subject of universal discussion, the address of Mr. A. J. Dawson before the Canadian Club of this city is of timely interest. Speaking as a newspaper man, about an empire newspaper, he led his hearers out of the narrow groove of provincialism into imperial channels of thought. Listening to his simple, straight-forward talk—for such it was—one found himself quite naturally seeing things from the viewpoint of a citizen of the empire, rather than of one of the group of states forming the empire.

With regard to the Standard of Empire, the particular journal which owes its inception to Mr. Dawson, and which is the pioneer in its class, it has done and is doing good service. Not the least part of that service is the impetus given to other great home newspapers to pay more attention to news and views from the overseas states. The result is that the people of the old country are becoming vastly better informed concerning the resources of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and realize more fully not only the value of the imperial connection but the opportunities presented to home-seekers under the flag. It was a fine tribute to Mr. Dawson, and significant evidence of the loyalty of St. John people to the broad principles of imperialism, that busy men crowded the dining room at White's at a mid-day luncheon to hear his message.

It is worthy of note that not only daily newspapers but magazines are giving special attention to the overseas states. For example, the Strand Magazine in its April number includes an "overseas empire supplement," which is heretofore to be a regular feature. This supplement of sixteen illustrated pages contains an article by Sir Charles Tupper on The National Evolution of Canada; a second by Mary Gault on Australia of Today, and a third by James Burnley on The New West (Canadian), An Awakening and a Lesson. Each of these articles is admirably written, comprehensive, and of absorbing interest. We cannot better convey an idea of the motive of the Strand Magazine than by quoting a portion of its introductory statement, as follows:

"The important addition to The Strand is introduced at an especially opportune time. Britain and the overseas empire grow into closer relationship year by year. Distant as the colonial possessions are from the mother country, and widely separated as they are from each other, the sense of distance has been greatly diminished by an all-embracing strengthening of the ties of kinship, and a fuller recognition of that unity of interest which is fundamental to all real progress. Recent years have witnessed a marked solidifying in this respect, and the change has been brought about mainly by the dissemination of a more intimate knowledge covering the widespread countries, their rich and varied resources, and their different conditions of existence. But much as has been done in this direction, much more remains to be done before the people of the homeland can adequately realize what the overseas empire really stands for, what openings it offers, of what an endless variety of careers it gives the choice. In the good work of spreading the better information The Strand can perform useful service, and by devoting this section, which will be extended as may be demanded, to overseas empire subjects exclusively, it will afford its readers month by month unequalled opportunities of learning the present-day stories of the different colonies in their more interesting phases and aspects. The vigorous colonizing spirit which has served to bring so many races and countries under the swelling flag of England has in later times been augmented and invigorated by a nationalizing spirit which is fast linking together all the better elements of the empire in an ennobling patriotism. This newer patriotism is capable of satisfying

both the loftier ideals of empire and the legitimate aims of material progress."

These closing sentences remind us of a stanza by Tom McInnes:

I never saw Britannia carved in stone,
Or figured out in bronze, but loyally
I've thought what merits shall be all her own
In that great Brotherhood that's yet to be—

The diamond Empire of Futurity—
Whose equal citizens, all throned elate,
And treading each a sovran destiny,
Shall count it yet their pride and best estate
To steadily for commonwealth co-operate.

Turning from Tom McInnes and the Strand and Mr. A. J. Dawson to the pages of Cassell's for April, one opportunely finds an article by Mr. J. S. Willison on Goldwin Smith in Canada, which, while it is of intense personal interest, reminds us of the passing of that dream which saw the British North American colonies annexed to the United States. Mr. Willison traces in an interesting manner the development and decline of the Canada First party, the failure of the commercial union campaign and the final fading of that dream of political union which had been the dream of the Master of The Grange before Confederation, and for many years thereafter. Instead of drifting away toward independence or annexation, Canada has drawn closer to the mother country, until the prime minister, speaking in the parliament of Canada a few days ago, could say amid the hearty applause of men of all parties:

"If the day should come when the supremacy of Britain on the high seas is challenged, it will be the duty of the daughter nations to close around the old mother land and make an effort to ward off any attack."

ALD. BAXTER'S BLUNDER

Greatly to the surprise of the citizens it was learned this morning that an effort is being made to drag the Conservative party as such into civic politics, and that Hon. Dr. Pugsley is to be made an issue in the campaign. The Standard this morning begins an article on civic politics by charging that the Liberals have introduced federal issues; but the charge is only made to give an excuse for a most bitter attack by Ald. Baxter, in an interview, upon the Liberal party, and the minister of public works. The course pursued by the Standard and by Ald. Baxter will have the very opposite effect to that which they seek to produce. The citizens of St. John desire to strengthen and not to weaken the hands of the minister, who has done and is doing so much for the development of the port. He is not seeking the votes of the citizens in the civic contest. There is no excuse for dragging his name into the discussion. There is no reason for the assumption that it is necessary to bring out a whole tide of lies in order to weaken the hands of Ald. Baxter, or that his defeat is the only matter under consideration. The alderman has committed a blunder, which is made ridiculous by the silly black type display of the Standard. In short, Ald. Baxter has lessened his chances of sitting in the next council. He was unwise to listen to the counsels of an eager partisan sheet that is casting about for excuses for its existence.

On the subject of naval defence the Canadian Courier says:—"In his address in the house last Monday Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the same and sober position. The programme for Canada, which he outlined was based on reason and calm judgment, absolutely unclouded by the bombastic outbursts of the feverish monomaniacs. He admitted the rights and obligations which rest upon Canada as a daughter nation. He admitted that it was our duty to provide for defence by land and sea. While the expenditure for land defence has been trebled in a few years, the question of sea defence was one which should properly be considered more seriously. Training ships, coast defence vessels, submarines, torpedo boats and docks are needed—not Dreadnoughts. These should be provided, not because of a temporary excitement, but because of a deliberate policy and settled conviction."

The discovery of the money stolen from the murdered pedler, Edward Green, adds another to the series of sensational incidents connected with this remarkable case. Interest will now centre on the question whether sufficient reliable evidence can be adduced to connect with the crime the three men accused by the two already condemned.

The Franco-Canadian treaty is causing some disturbance at Washington. The fact will not lessen Canada's appreciation of the value of the treaty.

The local option campaign began in earnest in this city yesterday, for the four wards where the vote is to be taken.

BROTHERHOOD HEAD ADDRESSES MEETING

A. R. Mosher, Grand President of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway employees, addressed a well attended meeting of members in Foresters hall yesterday afternoon. He announced that a new schedule of wages for the I. C. R. men would be taken up at Ottawa on the 13th. The committee in charge of the schedule will have an interview with the Minister of Railways and his deputy.

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An epitaph recording but our names: A puppet-stage where joys and griefs and shames

Furnish a demon jester's carnival: A plan without a purpose or a form; And men like madmen through calm and storm

Till, die to build a branch of fossil trail, And add from all their dreams, thoughts, acts, belief.

A few more inches to a coal-reel:—Christopher Pearce Grant in Boston Journal.

IN LIGHTER VEIN DRUGGERY.

Money may be a drug on the market, but some of us have got to wait a long time to get our prescriptions filled.—Ohio State Journal.

WHAT LIE WISHED.

Cook (extracting folded paper from an envelope)—I wish that this bill from my tailor was like a glass of muddy water.

Book—"What's the explanation?"

Cook—A glass of muddy water settles itself if allowed to stand.

DEFINITION.

A woman's club is an organization designed to syndicate the secrets of its members.—Charleston News and Courier.

THAT KIND OF A MAN.

The Georgians of Augusta are chuckling. Mr. Tatt, it seems, drove out one afternoon, a very old woman, takes no interest in public affairs, and who did not recognize the party guest.

"What did you think of that gentleman, Martha?" the planter asked, after Mr. Tatt had driven off.

"Well, sir," old Martha replied, "I can't say as I saw nothin' particular about him. He looked to me like the kind of a man as would be pretty reglar to his meals."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

PRINCE OF WALES MAY TRY FOR THE CUP

Report That His Royal Highness May Send a Fast Yacht After America's Cup—New York Yachtsmen Would Accept Challenge

New York, April 4.—Commodore Arthur Currier James, of the New York Yacht Club and other leading yachtsmen read with interest today, a report coming from London that inquiries had been made here on behalf of the Prince of Wales as to how a challenge from him for the America's cup would be received. None of those seen, however, knew to whom the request inquiry was made.

"We certainly wish the prince would challenge," said Commodore James. "It would be the greatest thing for yachting that could happen. You can say positively that every member of the New York Yacht Club and the members of every other American yacht club would heartily welcome such a challenge. It would further cement the friendship between the British and Americans."

"I do not know to whom the inquiries mentioned were directed, but whoever it was who received the communication could return but one answer—that such a challenge would rouse us all to joy."

OBITUARY

James McDade

General regret will be caused by the announcement of the death of James McDade, which took place in this city yesterday morning after an illness lasting nearly four months. He was the eldest son of Michael McDade, the well known newspaper man.

Mr. McDade gave promise of a brilliant future and the sympathy for the bereaved family will be widespread. He was born in this city and received his early education in St. Malachy's and the high schools.

Later on he took a great part in the opening of the survey of the Transcontinental Railway in this province, he accepted a position on the engineering staff, which he held until taken to his bed in December last. His duties brought him in contact with a large number of people in the different parts of the province, and he enjoyed great popularity among them.

Besides his father, three brothers and three sisters are left to mourn. The brothers are Edward F. with Whitehead Bros., G. T. P. contractors at Grand Falls; George M. on the Daily Sun writing staff, and Robert, at school. The sisters are Molly E., Nan E. and Rita, at home.

Mr. McDade is at present at Grand Falls, but will reach the city this evening accompanied by Edward F. McDade. The funeral will take place from the late residence, 19 Cliff street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

William Hogan

William H. Hogan, of this city, died suddenly yesterday morning in his boarding house in Richibucto, in which town he had made his home for the past ten years as bookkeeper for Richard O'Leary. The news of his death was scarcely credited at first. He was a young man of great physique, who apparently enjoyed the best of health. Where it was known, however, that for a long time he had been troubled with an affection of the throat, it was surmised that this must have, in some way, resulted in his death, and later reports substantiated this opinion.

Mr. Hogan had not been feeling as well as usual for a couple of days, but nothing serious was thought of it. During Saturday night, or about 3.30 o'clock on Sunday morning, he awoke with the throat trouble distressing him greatly. He sought relief and was aided by a young man who had been keeping him company through the night, but their efforts were of no avail and he passed suddenly away.

To Mr. O'Leary, but arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as Mr. Hogan's mother and sister are out of the city. They have been visiting relatives in the States and the sad news must have been a great blow to them as there was no intimation of Mr. Hogan being ill.

Mr. Hogan was 31 years of age, the elder son of the late Michael Hogan, of St. John. For ten years he had been bookkeeper for Mr. O'Leary and had become more than that, as he managed Mr. O'Leary's business during the latter's absence. He was one of the best known young business men of the province, an expert accountant, and enjoyed the good wishes and respect of a great many friends, and seemingly had

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Mr. Hogan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia A. Hogan, 283 Princess street, three sisters at home, a brother, Dr. Frank Hogan, in the States, an uncle, James E. Hogan, of this city, and other relatives in the United States. To all many friends will extend sincere sympathy in their great loss.

Tertellus T. Ketchum

Tertellus T. Ketchum, one of the best known of the older residents of Carleton Place, died yesterday at the home of his son, 119 Water street, aged 88 years. Mr. Ketchum had been in failing health for the last six months. He had been for the last eighteen or twenty years district commissioner for Guys ward.

During the palm days of shipbuilding on the west side, Mr. Ketchum worked at his trade as a ship carpenter. In his younger days he took a keen interest in aquatic sports and was the last member of the old whaleboat crew which in the old days contested for the honors with Halifax as well as with other local crews.

Mr. Ketchum, who was all his life a staunch Orangeman, was one of the few survivors of the York Point riot of 1849, and was rather roughly landed in that disturbance. At the time of his death he was an honorary member of the Carleton True Blue Lodge.

Mr. Ketchum, who was a brother of the late Charles Ketchum, varlet of the old penitentiary, is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are James, of Galveston (Texas), and Isaac W., of the west side. The daughter is Miss Katie, a trained nurse, at Coconut Grove (Fla.). A funeral

Mrs. William J. Shaw

But a few days after the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Shaw, wife of William J. Shaw, of J. & W. Shaw, bakers, died early this morning at her home, 109 Hazen street. Her mother was Mrs. James H. Jones, who died a few days ago after a brief illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Shaw was prostrated by the shock of her mother's death and had been confined to the house since. Nervous prostration was the cause of her death.

She is survived by her husband and by two sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Mrs. James Shaw and Miss Ella J. Jones, of this city, and the brothers J. Harry Jones, of New Britain (Conn.), and Willard B. Jones, of St. John. In their bereavement they will have the sympathy of many friends.

In one of the Basque provinces of Spain there is a prison which opens the doors every morning and the prisoners go into the town for housework, gardening or some trade. In the evening they quietly return at the appointed time to the prison, and the jailer most carefully identifies them before withdrawing the bolt to their admission.

Experiments made in Germany prove that the germs of cholera or typhoid may endanger not only those who live below stream, but also those who live above the polluted point, as fish carry the germs upstream.