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LAXITY OF ONTARIO'S MARRIAGE SAFEGUARDS.

A new feature of Ontario's laxity in the matter of marriage safeguards has been brought to light at Windsor. Some time ago, Dr. P. H. Bryce, deputy registrar general of vital statistics in Ontario, sent the Windsor registrar a list of 100 couples to whom marriage licenses had been issued in Windsor, but of whose marriages no record had been received. The local registrar was asked for an explanation. He has replied that in 43 of the cases the registration has been made, and that the majority of the others may be accounted for by the fact that men bring girls over from Detroit and induce them to believe that the securing of the license constitutes marriage. He suggests that the provincial authorities instruct local issuers of licenses to furnish him with duplicates of the monthly returns sent to the Government, so he may keep a check between the licenses issued and the marriages recorded.

Just how this is going to stop the evil we cannot see. The issuing of the license should be made to constitute a civil marriage and one responsible official in each municipality should be appointed to do the officiating.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH ON THE IRISH.

The result of the Queen's visit to Ireland has been just what any one who knew the Irish would have foretold that it would, says Prof. Goldwin Smith in the *Bystander* column of the *Toronto Sun*. She has been received by the Unionists with enthusiasm; by the Nationalists, that is the bulk of the population, with perfect cordiality and respect. The idea that a royal lady visiting Ireland would be treated otherwise than respectfully, much more the idea that her person would be in the least danger, would seem preposterous to any one who understood the Irish heart. Not only a royal lady, but any Englishman unconnected with the agrarian war, might at the time when that war was raging most fiercely have traversed Ireland from end to end, without the slightest danger of violence or insult. On the other hand, the Irish can hardly be expected to think that a tardy act of grace cancels half a century of cold and persistent neglect, or to fail to understand the special circumstances in which the act of grace has been performed. The Irish regiments which scaled the heights of the Alma under the murderous fire of the Russian batteries had earned a right to wear the Shamrock fully as good as that which has been won by those who have been fighting against the farmers of the Transvaal. Nor has there been anything whatever during the last fifty years to explain or excuse the unhappy disregard of an easy and gracious duty, the performance of which is understood to have been constantly pressed on the wearer by the faithful advisers of the Crown.

THE IMPORTATION OF SMALL-POX FROM MICHIGAN.

The Planet has more than once called attention to the fact that this western section a continually being made the victim of outbreaks of smallpox due to the importation of the disease from Michigan. Dr. Bryce, the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, now calls the attention of that body to the same thing and suggests quarantine precautions. He says:

From October, 1898, smallpox has been brought into the province from Michigan, directly or indirectly, as follows:—

1898—Kent—Camden 1, Chatham 1, Walkerville 1, Sandwich 1.
1900—Essex—Amherstburg town 1, Malden township 1, Mersea township 1, Sandwich East 1, Walkerville 1.
1900—Middlesex—Carleton place 1, Sarnia 1, Moss township 1, Lobo township 1.

It thus appears that within a period of 8 months fourteen distinct introductions of the disease into Ontario from Michigan have taken place, occasioning outbreaks in 20 municipalities. What some of these outbreaks have cost is illustrated by figures obtained from returns made by the local boards of several municipalities. A rough estimate would place the expenditure of these several municipalities at \$10,000.

While it is satisfactory to know that the disease has, with so many opportunities to spread, been stamped out in so many outbreaks, and that with the exception of cases introduced from the west coast causing outbreaks, there is no smallpox at present in the province, it is apparent that inasmuch as our border municipalities must always bear the brunt of such outbreaks, and their consequent expense, the question of what part of the quarantine authorities might perform in preventing such outbreaks, or of not preventing, at any rate supplying hospital facilities as at the seaports for caring for them, is a pertinent one. The seaports quarantined are fully organized and equipped, while Customs' officers are charged with nominal powers as quarantine officers at various ports of entry.

It is understood that a quarantine medical inspector is quartered at Emerson, the entrance to Manitoba, for dealing with

cases of smallpox; but so far Ontario receives no assistance, although the danger from the number of travellers is manifestly much greater than in the West.

It would seem proper that the matter should receive further attention through the proper official channels, should the board so recommend.

The board adopted these clauses of the report, and the matter will be urged upon the Director of the Public Health at Ottawa.

Politicians in the United States ponder to every nationality except ours. Yet there are millions of Canadians over there. Are they too poorly constituted to make themselves felt?

Satirists figure out that the United States is paying at the rate of \$270 per minute, or \$350,000 a day for maintaining its military establishment, not including the navy. Glory comes high but they have to have it.

A well-known Chathamite, who has a son in the States, was more or less wrothy when he read about the Democratic Mohawk Club in Detroit tearing down the British colors at the Bryan reception. His son, like most Canadians on the other side, happens to be a Democrat. The Chatham man at once sat down and wrote him as follows: "If you ever vote for W. J. Bryan never darken my doors again as long as you live."

In the estimation of the Honorable the Minister of Militia for the Dominion of Canada, General Blyden may not be fit for the command of our volunteer forces, but for all that Lord Roberts seems to think him quite capable of leading the British advance through the heart of the enemy's country. He is the man whose colonials forced the Vei river, and the general whose mounted troops are now scouring the country miles ahead of the main British army. In fact, for an officer whom the Laurier Government drove out of Canada as unsuitable for his office, he seems to be doing quite well in South Africa.

A German economist has recently published a statistical study that proves, as he asserts, that Russia is increasing in population more rapidly than any other European country save England; it doubles its population in forty-five years. For the same result, he says, as quoted in *Cosmos* (March 31), "65 years is necessary in Germany, 70 in Austria, 45 in England, and 110 in Italy. France would take 800 years to double its population, even if the present annual rate of increase were maintained, which, unfortunately, is not probable, since it shows a tendency to diminish. The loss of Alsace-Lorraine, with 1,200,000 inhabitants, in perhaps less regrettable, from the point of view of national power, than the insignificance of the annual increase of population. During the last five years the population of the German Empire has increased by 3,000,000 souls, while that of France has increased only by 175,000; and even this increase was due in part to foreign immigration."

WRONG IS NOW RIGHT.

Strange names occur in marriages sometimes. Over in Missouri last week, Miss Kinsale, was married to Mr. Lovegood.—*Toronto Star*.

That's about equal to the marriage once recorded between Mr. Cobb and a Miss Webb. It is said that the partner of his choice as soon as he spider.—*Brantford Curier*.

Which recalls the fact that a Miss Wrong was made all right by her marriage to Dr. Wright, of Windsor, Ont.

Young men take a noble stand in life's great work. The more nobly the young man conceives of this world, the more noble will be his life. Phillips Brooks.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Extremes frequently beget limitations.

A woman doesn't appreciate a straight tip on her bonnet.

Many an unfair woman has a light complexion.

Diplomacy is merely the art of concealing our dislikes.

Don't believe all the evil things you hear about yourself.

Some men give up solid comfort in exchange for liquid comfort.

Knowledge is power, but sometimes a man has power and doesn't know it.

A woman invariably puts her best foot backward when she gets off a car.

Unless you make up your mind to do a thing the chances are you will never do it.

A man knows lots of other men who dislike him, but what he doesn't know is why.

Unless a man has an exceptionally good memory he will never become a successful liar.

If you tell a secret to a married woman it is equivalent to telling it to her husband.

When one girl admits another is pretty she always spoils it by saying she lacks intellect.

The acme of perfection would soon be reached if people would only follow the advice they give to others.

It occasionally happens that when a man loses his fortune in the same way he got it he wants to send the other fellow to jail.—*Chicago News*.

The pay of honesty is always sure, but it's often slow.

Court a woman and she will worship you, but marry her and she will defy you.

Men are never satisfied. For every dollar a man acquires he wants two dollars more.

Some hotel clerk probably originated the remark, "There is always room at the top."

In order to succeed a man should have plenty of push—but sometimes a pull helps him out.

Adam was the only man who ever held an undisputed claim to the title of "oldest inhabitant."

Many a man refuses to do a thing he wants to do simply because some other man tells him to do it.

No man or woman can afford to be without good manners when they cost so little and are worth so much.

Give the true American a daily newspaper and a piece of pie and he will make himself at home anywhere on earth.

Every man wants a wife without a fault—but the trouble arises from the fact that every woman wants a faultless husband.—*Chicago News*.

You can never judge a man's character by the way he judges yours.

When one girl wants to make another girl mad she asks her what on earth makes her nose look so red.

FEMININE OBSERVER.

A pointed question requires a sharp answer.

Women at a bargain rush behave no worse than men at a railway lunch counter.

It's a good sign when her sex thinks well of a woman.

It is a great deal better for a man to wear boots too big for him than that he should be too big for his boots.

They say love is blind, but a woman can see a thousand qualities in a man he never possesses.

It is the money you save, not the money you make, that helps you to independence and comfort.

The heart that has passed through the deep waters of tribulation is the most tender; the voice that has itself cried with pain is the most gentle; the hand that has suffered is the most soothing ministrant in the chamber of sorrow. The best sympathizer is one who has been a partaker in the same sufferings.

The prosperous man counts his enemies; the man of adversity his friends.

Anger is best conquered by kindness. It does not take long for beautiful snarling to become beautiful slush.

Money always goes farther in theory than in practice.

In making tea, if the kettle should have boiled, pour a cup of cold water in and let it boil up again before making, and you will find the tea will be as nice again.

Few married women appreciate useful gifts from outsiders—they think their husbands should provide these.

It sometimes happens that when a man loses his mind he doesn't miss it much.

An egotist is a man who thinks himself better than his neighbors.

People are no longer lazy; they are only taking the rest cure.

As far as comfort goes there isn't any difference between marrying for money without love and marrying for love without money.

It is better to be disagreeable in a sort of way than altogether insipid.

Sometimes you hear of a perfect man. He is the fellow your wife could have married.

When a man is always bragging about the mint of money he is making, you may depend upon it that there's a good deal of counterfeit about it.

Nothing betrays a greater ignorance of the world, the human heart, and of good manners, than the assumption of a self-sufficient, dictatorial tone of conversation.

Men who suddenly begin acting foolish are really only just getting found out.

Clothes lines are made much more durable by boiling for ten minutes before they are used.

To refuse a man in order to have the fun of hearing him propose again is dangerous; he may propose again to some other girl.

Sarcasm is an attribute the really charming woman should avoid.

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