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THE FRENCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK

One of the most interesting facts in connection with New Brunswick is the relative increase in citizens of French extraction. This is due to two causes. One is the higher birth rate among our French fellow citizens, and the other is a movement from Quebec into the northern portion of this province. There is also the fact that fewer of the French speaking citizens migrate to the United States. They take up land and raise large families of thirty sons and daughters who for the most part remain in the province and take up more land.

As an illustration of the relative birth rate, that in Madawaska, which is practically all French, is over forty per thousand. In Kings County, wholly English, it is about twenty-one per thousand. From last year's figures a comparison was made by Dr. Melvin, chief medical officer, between a wholly French, a partly French and English, and a wholly English county. These were Madawaska, Westmorland and Kings. Madawaska showed a rate above forty, Westmorland a little more than thirty, and Kings a little more than twenty. Speaking generally, the birth-rate of French citizens is about double that of the English. About a third of the people of the province are of French extraction. At the present rate of relative growth, how many years will elapse before the French speaking people are in the majority? There is something very interesting about the manner in which the area of French settlement is enlarged. The families do not scatter themselves over the province among the English speaking people, but advance as a wave, gradually absorbing more farms or advancing new settlements, so that they remain together. Thus their schools and their language go with them, and they retain their racial identity.

There is nothing in history more remarkable than the increase of the relatively few thousands of French people who were in Canada at the time of the conquest to the more than three millions now in the Dominion and the eastern states. They have not been absorbed, but have retained their language and racial characteristics to a marked degree. While the great majority have learned English they have not abandoned their native tongue, and have remained French with a tenacity of purpose that may almost be described as a religion.

The Acadians and settlers from Quebec in this province are thirty folk who contribute largely to the wealth of the province. Their representatives are found in every profession, in the Legislature and on the bench, and today an Acadian is the Premier of the province. In a minority today, they are moving steadily forward to the time when they will constitute the larger element in the population. What other changes may occur in the intervening period is an interesting subject of speculation. There can be no doubt whatever as to the change that is taking place in the racial complexion of our population. The birth-rate tells the tale.

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

New Brunswick is still the only province or state in the British Empire which has a Minister of Health who devotes his time to the one department. There are now some other Ministers of Health, but in their case two portfolios are combined. Such will be the case in Ontario, where a measure to provide for a Health Ministry is announced.

New Brunswick has every reason to be well satisfied with her public health act, which is regarded as a model, and has attracted attention all over the continent. Whatever cause for criticism there may have been at any time, the reduced death-rate, the control of epidemics, and the fact that the Rockefeller Foundation has thought enough of our adventure in public health to offer what, if fully taken advantage of, will amount to more than \$200,000 for its promotion, must convince every citizen that we are on the right track. What has been accomplished since Hon. Dr. Roberts set out to draft a public health act is a record without parallel on this continent. The Legislature may have felt some misgivings in regard to expenditures, but the Rockefeller Foundation gifts have made possible much that with the limited revenues of the province might have been regarded as beyond our means.

Everywhere greater attention is being given to public health measures, and this province has yet to do much in extending the public health nursing service, dealing with mental deficiency, and carrying on a more effective campaign for social hygiene and against tuberculosis. We are, however, on the right track, and popular sentiment in favor of organized effort to prevent and combat disease is constantly increasing as the fruits of intelligent action are observed.

Press Comment

MODERN CAVE MAN.

(Macan Telegraph.)

A Topika, Kan., lover who saw his fiancée making goo-goo eyes at another man handed her a wallop in the nose that put her down for the count. He's evidently determined to make her act like a lady or find out why.

NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER.

(Boston Club.)

The value of sport is not in winning. It is in participating. That this confusion should confound our athletic games when we do so by no means strange. But it is well to remember that the value of any activity lies more in the process—which means growth—than in the result—which means success, unless it is made merely the starting point of fresh effort. A human society which understood this point and made a practice of it would be a vast improvement on any that we have now.

"DR." PRICE BEGINS HIS PRACTICE.

(Toronto Star.)

Mr. Drury states that Hon. Mr. Price by his alarming statement about a financial deficit is like a doctor describing the serious state of a patient "in order to get credit for performing a miracle." There are, of course, tricks in all trades. A story is told of villagers giving a farewell dinner to a youth who, having graduated in medicine, was going away to start practice. Among the eulogistic and admiring speeches was one from the landlord of the local hotel in which the dinner was held. "It's easy to succeed as a doctor," he said. "The first patient you get," he went on, addressing the young doctor, "is a guest of the evening. Look at his tongue, feel his pulse, look serious. Then shake your head and say he is going to die. Then all you got to do is to see that he does die, and your reputation will be made." The young doctor at once decided that the chair doctor had received advice enough.

THAT ST. JOHN INVENTION.

(Vancouver Sun.)

Reports from St. John indicating a new and valuable discovery of a method for hardening copper are of national weight to the contention that facilities for smelting and refining our native minerals must be established at once. It is a discovery of the kind which Columbia miners are to yield their profits to British Columbia people. This discovery, purporting to make copper at least as hard as steel, will, if proved successful, increase the demand for copper in world markets tremendously.

Not only will it increase the demand for copper, but it will increase the profits that one ton of copper can reasonably be expected to yield by at least 30 per cent. Whether that increased profit potential in British Columbia copper will go to British Columbia industry or to foreign industry will depend upon the rapidity with which facilities for refining and smelting the metal can be established here.

With such facilities, every discovery of new uses to which our minerals can be put means more money in B. C. pockets. Without such facilities, every discovery of the kind simply means that foreign industry will be given new and greater opportunities to exploit us.

PROGRESSIVES, LIBERALS AND TORIES.

(The Progressive, Saskatoon.)

"Progressives, get behind the Liberals. If you don't the Tories are going back at the next election and where will you be then?" This is the cry of a cry which is being re-echoed throughout Canada at the present time. The Tories, of course, take to it with great gusto, and so long as they are the only people who join in the shouting, little attention need be paid to it. But one or two trusted friends of the Progressives, whose sincerity cannot be doubted, have recently given expression to a similar view. There are many good arguments against this specious advice. We have pointed out a few of them in these columns from time to time; we shall have occasion to mention them in the future, but here and now we do not intend to go very deep into the matter. On one point we wish to touch. The possibility of Arthur Meighen becoming prime minister of Canada is a very real and very serious matter to the Progressives as it is to the Liberals. It is hardly necessary to say that the Progressive cherishes no love for the policies of the Tory party or its leader. The narrow vision of shortsighted conservatism has been a bar to progress in every country in the world and has been a prolific breeder of sectional discord and class hatred. For this reason we would not like to see Arthur Meighen and his followers in the seats of power at Ottawa. On one point we wish to touch. The possibility of Arthur Meighen becoming prime minister of Canada is a very real and very serious matter to the Progressives as it is to the Liberals. It is hardly necessary to say that the Progressive cherishes no love for the policies of the Tory party or its leader. The narrow vision of shortsighted conservatism has been a bar to progress in every country in the world and has been a prolific breeder of sectional discord and class hatred. For this reason we would not like to see Arthur Meighen and his followers in the seats of power at Ottawa. On one point we wish to touch. The possibility of Arthur Meighen becoming prime minister of Canada is a very real and very serious matter to the Progressives as it is to the Liberals. It is hardly necessary to say that the Progressive cherishes no love for the policies of the Tory party or its leader. The narrow vision of shortsighted conservatism has been a bar to progress in every country in the world and has been a prolific breeder of sectional discord and class hatred. For this reason we would not like to see Arthur Meighen and his followers in the seats of power at Ottawa.

DENBY'S RETIREMENT.

(Boston Post.)

Although Secretary of the Navy Denby quits the Cabinet of President Coolidge under fire, he and his friends can have the satisfaction, scant though it may be, of knowing that the country does not feel that his honor has been impugned, or his integrity as a man even suspected. The view of his offending is taken from a different angle entirely. Mr. Denby was not dishonest, but he was negligent. On his own admission he did not know exactly what was going on between Secretary Fall and the Sinclair and Doherty interests. He called the transactions "technicalities," and in his easy-going, good-natured way, he let Fall "get away with it," as the slang phrase is. He made a serious blunder, too, by stating the other day that everything he did was perfectly correct, and that he would do the same thing over again, were circumstances similar. That was good for several additional votes against him in the Senate. But, poor as his judgment has been, he is not smirched as former Secretary Fall is by the revelation of money transactions with the very men who received the governmental favors in oil lands. But, becoming a heavy liability to his party and to the administration, Mr. Denby was doubtless induced to see

that his retirement was necessary in order to relieve the President of an embarrassing liability. The Executive was splendidly loyal; he paid no attention, except to report that it was out of the Senate's province, to the resolution practically directing him to dismiss his Navy Secretary. He probably would never have demanded a resignation; so far as any action by his chief is concerned, therefore, Mr. Denby goes out voluntarily. But the pressure of circumstances has proved too severe for him.

GOOD BUSINESS.

(N. Y. Evening Post)

In advocating the admission of Germany into the League of Nations, Mr. MacDonald is carrying on the policy of his predecessors. The British position is at bottom based upon a conception of practical self-interest. Germany as a member of the League would have commercial rights in the mandated territories accorded only to the member nation. She would have no trouble competing her low wage scale would help, and she has always dealt effectively with backward peoples. Her manufacturers would find an outlet for Africa and Asia Minor, and Great Britain would not have to fear "dumping." Germany would thus be enabled to pay for British goods and to help find her favorite market opened once more.

A LABOR GOVERNMENT

(Presbyterian Witness.)

Apart from a revolution nothing more extraordinary or unique in the political history of Great Britain could have occurred than the inauguration of a Labor Government at Westminster. The one thing that has reconciled the local Tories to the advent of the new regime and created a general disposition to give it a chance is the moderation and the high character of its leaders. There are a few radical socialists in the Labor party, but the party is not dominated by these. The destiny of the nation is probably as safely in the hands of men like Ramsay MacDonald, John Robert Clynes, Viscount Haldane, Arthur Henderson and their colleagues as in those of out of which it has just passed. In any case the new administration cannot introduce any radical measures without the consent of the old parties, which could easily unite to defeat it on issues deemed inimical to the best interests of the nation. The remarkable feature of the first Labor Government is the preponderance of men who are not manual workers or even trade unionists. Of the twenty members, not half a dozen are wage-earners or have been with their hands for a living. Chelmsford, Buxton and Trevelyan belong to aristocratic families. Lord Haldane and Lord Parmoor, the former a Liberal, the latter once a Conservative, are great jurists and experts on constitutional law. Colonel Wedgwood is a famous captain of industry and laborer. But the new Government has a distinguished colonial administrator and a protégé of Joseph Chamberlain. Sidney Webb is a writer on economic subjects. The Prime Minister himself, the son of a poor farmer, has earned money for years only by his pen. Even the former schoolmaster, General Henry Slesser, though he has never been in parliament, has specialized on trade union law.

IMMIGRANT BOYS.

(Toronto Star.)

From the latest annual report of the department of immigration and colonization at Ottawa it appears that in the last official year the number of children received in Canada was 1,184, and that the department had 17,005 applications from people in the various provinces desiring homes for such children. As the department puts it, only 7 per cent. of the demand for such children could be supplied. G. Bogue Smart in this report, says: "We can now count hundreds of boys and girls whom the department has been unable to place in homes. The general feeling at this time is that the Province of Ontario should accept the responsibility and not only accept it, but assert it—of supervising the welfare of boys and girls whom foster homes are secured in the province, and all juveniles who, through either provincial or federal authority, are apprenticed to farming. It is a very real record of boys and girls in the province, the country and the township, that unfit persons shall not be given imported orphans to enslave. When it occurs the neighbors may hate to interfere—it may be unsafe. But the community should feel its responsibility, and a provincial organization with a local foothold could maintain a supervision that would be effective in those frequent cases where it is really called for."

THE CHAIN.
(Elizabeth Scollard.)
Life fashions every man a chain
Whereon he strings his beads,
Some may be gifts from others, some
Are his own deeds.

I once knew one who gave me tears
To hang upon my chain,
Daily I strove to take them off,
But strove in vain.

There came another who too soon
Me beams from out the sun,
I did not know the worth of them
'Till all was done.

When they were strung upon my chain
I could not find a tear,
Instead a thousand rainbows gleamed
Irradiant and clear.

Each one of us who walks earth's ways
May scatter sunbeams too,
To tint his brother's beads of tears
With rose and blue.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Had Some Effect
Mary—"Did you take father apart
and speak to him?"
John—"Not exactly, but he almost fell
to pieces when I spoke to him."

The All-important Question
Caller—"Well, well, so your old man
has gone away since I was here
last. Where's he gone to?"
Office boy—"There ain't no clew yet
sir."

His Painful Duty.

In the court house of an Eastern city
is a melancholy attendant who, when
asked to direct people to the bureau
of marriage licenses, inquires lugubriously:
"Do you insist?"
"Well, yes."
"Third door to the right."

Hard to Please.

"Boys," said the master, impressively,
addressing the Fifth Form, "if I
stand with my back to the sun at mid-
day, what have I on my right hand?"
And truthful James, from a far corner
of the class-room, logically answered,
"Fingers." And yet he got into trouble
over it. Some folk are never satisfied.

Too Close.

A negro went into a bank down South
to get a check cashed. He stood in line
a long time and finally his turn came.
Just as he got to the window the teller
put up a sign: "The Bank is Busted."
The negro—"What do you mean, the
bank is busted?"
Teller—"Well, it is, that's all. It's
busted—didn't you ever hear of a bank
being busted?"
The negro—"Yes; but I never had one
bust right in my face before."

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ARE TO CONSIDER PROVINCIAL ISSUES

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special).—There will be a conference here on Monday next between the Provincial and Federal authorities, when representatives of the provinces will confer with Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister, and Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines, on ways and means for the more closely co-ordinating the Provincial and Federal Department of Mines in order to eliminate some overlapping and effect some economies. Hon. C. W. Robinson, of New Brunswick, will be one of those present. Further proposals for bringing coal from Alberta and the Maritime Provinces to Ontario will also be considered.

Switzerland has built a sun school high in the Alps for the treatment of ailing children.

who hobbles along with the aid of a stick, set down while the ceremony was being performed. "I'm not as young as I used to be," he apologized.

Weds at 83.
Plymouth, Eng.—He is 83 and she is 67, but William Hayden and Mrs. Elizabeth Gloyne have just embarked upon a journey of marital seas.
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