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A CANADIAN MAELURE

Seldom indeed has the passing of a citizen called forth such general expressions of sorrow as have been the case since Dr. "Dan" Faulkner was called to his reward.

Even in a city, the physician of large practice leads a hard and health-destroying life. In ministering to others he is called at the most unseasonable hours. No matter if he is driven to the limit of endurance, by an untimely grouping of requests for his services, he must still press on because that is his chosen life work and he must needs pay the price.

The rural doctor finds all his problems intensified by the miry roads of spring and fall, the impassable drifts of winter, the violence of the elements and by cold that pierces to the bone.

Dr. Dan Faulkner battled for forty-two years against the multiplied difficulties of his location. And through it all he never lost that greatness of heart and power to cheer that made his presence in the sick-room more potent than his prescriptions.

We talk of "paying" such evangelists of health, as this departed Foxboro physician, for their services when they have endured and suffered and agonised while they have been delivering us from the very jaws of death.

Full merited, indeed, was that exquisitely beautiful tribute by Rev. Charles G. Smith as he addressed those who assembled at the memorial service.

It was my privilege during the past decade to know Dr. "Dan" well and truly and I bear testimony today in this presence and beneath the wings of the angel of death, to his sterling Christian character, his sunny spirit and his devotion to the public weal.

As we think of this noble, cheerful, unerring bearer of balm and healing, our minds turn inevitably to that immortal character, Dr. William MacLure in the "Bonnie Briar Bush."

Surely no funeral (says the author of the "Bonnie Briar Bush"), is like unto that of a doctor for pathos, and a peculiar sadness fell on that company as his body was carried out who for nearly half a century had been their help in sickness, and had beaten Death time after time from their door.

"Weelum MacLure 'll hae the beerial he deserves in spite o' sna' and drifts; it passes a' tae see hoo they've gathered far an' near."

"It's the respect he's gettin' the day frae high an' low," was Jamie's husky apology; "tae think o' them fetchin' their wye doon frae Glen Urnach, and tolin' roon frae the heich Glen, an' his lordship drivin' through the drifts a' the road frae Muldrown, just tae honour Weelum MacLure's beerial."

"Bit wae's me," — and Jamie broke down utterly behind a fir tree, so tender a thing is a cynic's heart — "that fouk'll tak a man's best wark a' his days without a

word an' no dae him honour till he dees. Oh, if they hed only githered like this julest since when he was livin'; an' lat him see he hedna laboured in vain. His reward hes come ower late, ower late."

When the turf had been spread, Lord Kilspindie spoke: "Friends of Drumtochty, it would not be right that we should part in silence and no man say what is in every heart. We have buried the remains of one that served this Glen with a devotion that has known no reserve, and a kindness that never failed, for more than forty years. I have seen many brave men in my day, but no man in the trenches of Sebastopol carried himself more knightly than Dr. William MacLure.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

MAKE THEM PAY

The Ontario is unable to see any justifiable reason for the proposal to have travelling vendors of "amusements" come to Belleville during the Old Boys' Reunion and carry away a lot of easy money without paying any license fee into the city treasury.

If the "amusements" are of the type witnessed here last summer, we fancy the Old Boys would question the sincerity of our welcome or the soundness of our mental health.

The most of these travelling "amusement" organisations carry with them a maximum of gambling outfits and a minimum of anything bearing the remotest resemblance to genuine amusement. It is amazing that such an aggregation was allowed to ply its trade here for more than a week.

We ought never to permit such liberties with the law against gambling and public decency to be taken here again at any price.

But if any so-called "amusement" companies come this way they should be rigidly inspected and all gambling put down with the full force of the law. They should also be asked to pay to the limit for the privilege of exhibition.

GIVE BOTH SIDES A HEARING

At the public meeting held at the city hall on Friday night to consider the problem of the erection of a new public school for Coleman ward and a new collegiate institute, a number of the speakers complained of the course taken by the newspapers in permitting the opponents of the proposal to air their views in the press.

Such an attitude betokens a strange misconception of the duty and ethics of reputable modern journalism.

As the Ontario sees it, the newspaper has a three-fold function. Its first and most important mission is to publish the news, fairly, accurately, fearlessly, and as extensively as its position and resources permit. Its second mission is to promulgate policies, advocate principles, express opinions and interpret news for its readers. This second mission is discharged through the editorial columns. The editorial page is really the mind or expression of the paper.

The Ontario has always accorded to its readers the utmost freedom in the use of its columns to put forward their views on public affairs. We consider it a valuable privilege and one strictly in accord with Anglo-Saxon liberty. It is a privilege that required many centuries of bitter fighting to win. These letters we consider a valuable feature for a newspaper. They are often read with avidity.

The Ontario imposes three restrictions upon the publication—we must know the writer's name, the letter must bear upon a subject of interest to a reasonable proportion of our readers, the writer must keep within the bounds of fair debate.

We have sometimes permitted contributors to abuse the Ontario and its editor but we do not permit contributors to abuse one another or to indulge in personalities except in a very modest way.

We have allowed letter writers to discuss all kinds of subjects from flooded cellars to spiritualism. We have not excluded religion or politics. The opinions put forward have been most diverse. Many of them have been diametrically opposed to the opinions held by the Ontario. Some of the views presented we have considered foolish and illogical. Sometimes the statements of fact have not been altogether accurate. Occasionally the writers have appeared narrow, unreasonable and ill-informed.

But, taking them all in all, our contributors have shown a broad-minded conception of public affairs and have treated a wide variety of subjects with fairness and marked ability. We have welcomed, and will continue to wel-

come, letters of this latter character.

We can understand the annoyance that may be felt by those who have set themselves strongly to the task of erecting at Belleville a new collegiate institute, when they hear opinions or read letters in the press sharply at variance with the project that is dear to their hearts. Such a feeling is very natural. Both in opposition and the statements put forward in opposition may appear ill-founded and nonsensical but they are none the less exasperating.

While all that may be true, The Ontario can conceive of no greater injury to the cause of a new collegiate than to stifle or forbid public discussion.

Suppose The Ontario were to announce that it would refuse to publish letters from those who were opposed to the erection of a new collegiate, would that be likely to bring about a public opinion favorable to the project?

We believe in the fullest and the freest discussion possible for this and all similar public questions. In publicity there is safety.

If the opponents are putting forward weak arguments, we will be glad to furnish space for a reply, that the weakness may be exposed. Exposure, we consider to be far better than suppression.

It might not be amiss, right here, to state that both papers in Belleville have given generously of their space to publish the propaganda of those favoring the erection of a collegiate. The papers do not expect anything in the nature of gratitude for this and similar gifts but they do look for reasonable consideration when they try to exemplify British fair play by giving both sides a hearing on public questions.

While we believe that those who voiced criticism of the press at Friday night's meeting did so thoughtlessly or in the heat of debate, we have considered it necessary to make this somewhat extended explanation of proper newspaper policy in order to prevent similar misconceptions arising in future.

WHITE, THE BOURBON.

Sir Thomas White represents the element in Canada which, Bourbon-like, has learned nothing and forgotten nothing since 1878. In the House of Commons the former minister of finance, speaking on behalf of the interests which he so plainly represents, calls for the old national policy just as if nothing had happened in the meantime that could possibly affect the situation today. He predicts, probably with his tongue in his cheek, that on that policy Sir Robert Borden can sweep the country at the next election. What he really means is that if the interests he represents can so far make the people forget all the real questions of today that they can be deceived by old party shibboleths it matters not whether it is Borden or who else that leads.

We question if the people of this country as a whole are as ardent admirers of high protection as the ex-minister of finance. He has spent his whole life in the company and service of the interests that fatten on the high tariffs. Protection has been a fine thing for Sir Thomas White and his friends and it is quite to be expected that they should clamor for a continuance of the conditions that made them rich. But there are those who will differ with them as to the extent to which protection that was accorded in the past should be continued in the present. Industries that were only finding their way twenty or thirty years ago are today, in many cases great and powerful. Having reached man's estate, when they might be expected to stand more and more on their own feet, we find them instead asking more and more protection. Just at present they are

enjoying a war tariff in addition to the pre-war rates. The barrier against foreign goods is 7 1/2 per cent higher than ordinary. Will anyone say that the cost of manufactured goods in Canada has not been increased by that amount or even more irrespective of cost of production? In many lines competition is almost an impossibility. The tariff defeats its revenue purpose entirely since no goods can possibly be imported at a profit. The only one who benefits is the highly protected manufacturer charging more for his goods. It would be difficult to find many ordinary lines of manufacture where the cost of production in Canada is 42 1/2 per cent higher than in the United States. But the consumer has to pay the difference in most cases.—London Advertiser.

The sowing of suspicion, the undermining of influence and the creation of distrust are, unfortunately, only too easy of accomplishment. Belleville has had far too much of these unwholesome and paralysing influences in the past. We are now at a point where action means everything to us but where indecision and hesitation will leave us moribund or dead. Ignorant or thoughtless mischief-breeds can do more harm at the present time than a whole army of enterprising and public-spirited men can do of good.

The geese are reported going north, which is taken as a sign of winter's departure. But then, suppose they are acting like geese?

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

There's a gathering in the village, that has never been outdone. Since the soldiers took their muskets to the war of sixty-one; And a lot of lumber wagons near the church upon the hill, And a crowd of country people, Sunday dressed and very still.

Now each window is pre-empted by a dozen heads or more, Now the spacious pews are crowded from the pulpit to the door; For the coverlet of blackness on his portly figure spread, Lies the grim old country doctor, in a massive oaken bed.

Lies the fierce old country doctor, Lies the kind old country doctor, Whom the populace considered with a mingled love and dread.

Maybe, half the congregation now of great or little worth, Found this watcher waiting for them, when they came upon the earth. This undecorated soldier of a hard unequal strife Fought in many stubborn battles with the foes that sought their life.

In the night time or the day time he would rally brave and well, Though the summer lark was piping, or the frozen lances fell; Knowing if he won the battle, they would praise their Maker's name, Knowing if he lost the battle, then the doctor was to blame.

'Twas the brave old virtuous doctor, 'Twas the good old faulty doctor, 'Twas the faithful country doctor fighting stoutly all the same.

When so many pined in sickness he had stood so strongly by, Half the people felt a notion that the doctor couldn't die; They must slowly learn the lesson how to live from day to day, And have somehow lost their bearings—now this landmark is away.

—Will Carleton.

IN HIS MAJESTY'S SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HASTINGS

In the Matter of the Estate of George Nelson Brimnell, late of the County of Hastings, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustee Act, Sec. 86, Chap. 121, R.S.O. 1914 that all persons having claims against the estate of the said George Nelson Brimnell, who died on or about the 21st day of December, 1919, are requested to send in their claims to the undersigned solicitor for the Executors of the said estate on or before the 1st day of April, 1920, their names, addresses, and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, and will proceed to distribute the estate of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have notice. Dated the 1st day of March A.D. 1920.

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National Monument

In Honor of SIR WILFRID LAURIER Subscriptions Received at The Ontario Office

All those desirous of subscribing to the fund to erect a suitable National Monument at Ottawa to the great Liberal Leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, may leave their contributions at The Daily Ontario office, 168 Front street, where subscription lists have been opened for the convenience of those in the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Districts.

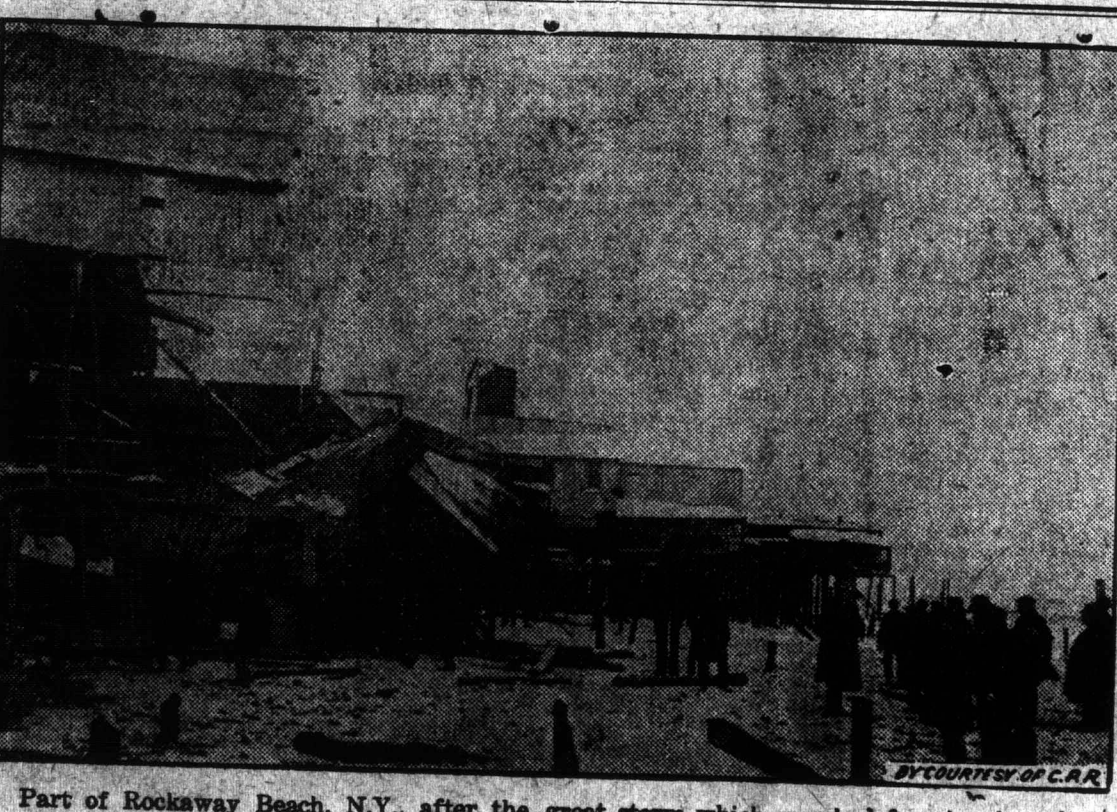
Any amount, from 10 cents to \$5 will be gladly received. No subscription larger than \$5 will be accepted from any one individual. Lists will finally close on Wed., March 17th, 1920. These subscriptions are being taken up all over Canada and it is hoped by March 17th to reach the objective of \$100,000. The campaign opened on Dec. 17th last and a large part of the desired amount is already in hand. It is to be hoped that the most ardent admirers of the Great Chieftain in the community about Belleville will record their admiration in this practical manner. Parties who so desire may send their subscriptions direct to Mr. H. H. Horsey, P.O. Box 540, Ottawa, Ont.

A Pill That Is Priced.—There have been many pills put upon the market and pressed upon public attention, but none has endured so long or met with so much favor as Parmentier's Vegetable Pills. Widespread use of them has attested their great value, and they need no further advertisement than this. Having firmly established themselves in public esteem, they now rank without a peer in the list of standard vegetable preparations.

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Part of Rockaway Beach, N.Y., after the great storm which smashed four hotels and several iron piers, doing about \$2,000,000 damage.

ESTABLISHED General Look Council and Meet Sup Moving P

Representatives of all and of the Chamber of Commerce will meet the committee regarding the railway track in Pimlico street. The meeting will take place on Monday, March 22nd, at 8 o'clock. The committee will be represented in the Chamber of Commerce. The City Clerk has received a letter from Mr. J. W. Holmes, City Clerk, Belleville, regarding the proposed pavement on Front Street. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd, at 8 o'clock. For your information.

Protestant Bishop Makes An Usher

Episcopalian Minister in St. Patrick's Church in St. Patrick's Church, Rev. J. Gratton Mythe, the American Episcopalian and Right Rev. Bishop Western Orthodox Church, visited Ottawa and a national freedom.

Rev. J. Gratton Mythe, the first speaker, said that if a man not an anyone become anti-British the greatest respect for things the Anglo-Saxon accomplished, but I won't the British flag fly over people who have ch and no other." Mr. Mythe declared that question is not one of political freedom, in Protestants and Catholics united in their desire once more to become. He showed by figures election that the count from which the opportunity was more than half of religious denomination that England stood things and lose nothing Ireland her friend, in ing ter for an enemy.

65 Sinn Feiner From Que

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch Press Ltd) QUEENSTOWN, IN 24—Sixty-five Sinn Feiner under heavy military brought by motor lor fall to this city this m they were put aboard a which set sail presume land. The sloop was ac two destroyers. Prison publican songs and re wells to the watching vessels left the harbor.

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(Special 4 p.m. Despatch Press Ltd) NEW YORK, March exchange rose on the this morning to strength being attribute that Great Britain's now nearly at the pre that continental country buying British bills. Callars advanced to 91.43

How many good people? And how few we see