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OUR BEST PROVINCIAL ASSETS.

Quebec last year received \$1,463,000 from her lands and forests, as compared with \$1,200,500 in the year preceding. This result places that province ahead of Ontario, which has not in any year received from a similar source more than \$1,447,000. We are not concerned here with the amount of the proceeds realized here as to which of its public lands; but we are reminded by the comparison just drawn that in the forests of New Brunswick resides our chief provincial asset. These other provinces get a higher stumpage than we do, and, in that connection, two things are suggested: First, the importance of conserving what we have so as to maintain it as a source of revenue; and second, the possibility in proper time of bringing the earning power of our forests up to the Quebec and Ontario standard. These are matters which we know are receiving the careful consideration of the provincial authorities, and with them the problems involved may be safely left for solution.

MARLOTS OR PATRIOTS. The Canadian ministers in London have been evidently looking after the interests of this country. A Philadelphia paper denounces them as marlots because they "are credited with making any agreement on the part of the British government to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty without first obtaining for Canada some consideration of its claim to a part of Alaska."

We fancy their efforts in this direction will be encouraged by every Canadian, no matter what may be his political leanings. Our American cousin can scarcely expect the Canadian ministers to sit idly by while the United States is seeking the abrogation of a treaty, the continued existence of which makes impossible the great Nicaragua water-way between the Atlantic and Pacific states of the union. No better time could be taken to press home the settlement of the much vexed Alaska boundary dispute.

The Toronto Mail and Empire, the leading Conservative organ in Canada, puts the whole matter in very few words. As we are not often able to quote that paper, do so on this important question. The Mail and Empire says:

"If the Canadian ministers are doing this they will have the support of their country. Canada claims that the Alaskan line leaves Skagway, and in fact the head waters of the Lynn canal, within Canadian territory. Our neighbors claim that the line takes a curve around the Lynn canal, and thus includes Skagway within Alaska. The point is one for arbitration—just such arbitration as was involved in the case of the Venezuela boundary dispute. But Washington, which insisted upon arbitration for Venezuela, resists arbitration in a case concerning itself. It

has two rules of conduct—arbitration where British interests may possibly suffer and no arbitration where United States claims are concerned. If the United States will not arbitrate why should Britain voluntarily give up her rights in the case of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty?"

WRANGLING PROHIBITIONISTS. "Lack of harmony" is the significant way in which the Toronto papers refer to the convention of the Dominion Alliance, and the reason for this is seen on reading the published reports. The Dominion Alliance this year, as in all previous years, is made up of Grit prohibitionists and Tory prohibitionists. Each side accuses the other. The Tories accuse the Grits of being too ready to defend the government, and the Grits accuse the Tories of designing to use the alliance as a means of gaining a party advantage.

Each side claims to be the only legitimate prohibition party, and in that spirit they sat during the convention, openly warring against each other.

Then, there seems to have been another cause of trouble, which the Toronto Mail and Empire speaks of in these terms: "The great difficulty which the alliance has to contend with in its fight against the 'Demon Drink' seems to be that almost every member has a private and special method of his own for throttling it." This would rather indicate that any unity of purpose which prevailed applied more to the end than the means of attaining it. A parallel case would be that of a dozen doctors called in to heal a child of smallpox. They all agree as to the disease, and the need of a cure; but while one says "cut off arms and legs," another says "you must pack him in ice," and a third shouts, "no; you must apply a hot poultice."

The conflict of opinion appears to have reached an acute stage over the report of the electoral committee. That report declared that nothing short of total prohibition would be accepted as a settlement of the liquor question, and that only such candidates should be endorsed who pledged themselves to work for the suppression of the traffic. It was urged that a convention of prohibitionists be held in every constituency for the purpose of securing the nomination and election of a prohibition candidate. This declaration drew out a considerable hostile criticism. It was said by some of the speakers that it was useless to go on passing such resolutions year after year, while temperance people continued to support their respective party candidates, without regard to prohibition.

At this juncture Hon. S. C. Biggs, who will be remembered as former counsel for Mr. Cook, who figured during the recent Senate inquiry, said something about cut and dried resolutions being sprung on the convention, to which the secretary of the electoral committee retorted that "the honorable gentleman measured matters by the political caucus he was in the habit of attending." This incident had no sooner been got over when a somewhat acrimonious discussion ensued over the proposition to have a paid organizer and a campaign fund. Mr. A. R. Hazard suggested that the work of propaganda be left to the churches and kindred societies; but his judgment seems to have been superseded, and the motion to have a paid organizer went through.

Apart from these phases of the meeting, it is clear from a reading of the various newspaper reports that a good deal of complaint was expressed against the action of the government with respect to the plebiscite. This criticism was particularly characteristic of the president's address, and there was also considerable fault found with the administration of Ontario liquor system. The gravest charge was made by the president, who declared that members of the dominion government had gone through the province of Quebec, stigmatizing prohibition as a Protestant measure, and telling the people that mass could not be observed if this law were passed. Not having heard of this charge before, we trust the names of the ministers referred to will be given.

PROMISE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT. One of the famous financiers of modern times is reported to have advised his boy on entering business to "make money honestly if you can, but make money."

The Liberal Conservative party in Nova Scotia has adopted the same principle as applied to winning the next local elections, if the platform adopted at the recent party convention be any guarantee of their purpose. With a disintegrated local party, the Conservative leaders in the neighboring province have apparently determined to win the general elections for the Nova Scotia House of Assembly if promises will win them. Promises by the score we were about to say, but we must be exact in such a matter and the number is fourteen. However, those fourteen pledges cover the whole ground of politics, and every trouble in or out of reform. Our Conservative friends are very spendthrifts in promises, and if reforms were as easily accomplished as promises are given by the party out of power, model republics would be the order of the day.

The thing that impresses one most forcibly about the promises contained in this "curé all" platform adopted by the Nova Scotia Conservatives is the glittering generosity of it all. Take the first pledge: "We pledge ourselves to use every effort * * * to prevent corrupt acts at elections." We are not hopelessly pessimistic, we trust, but we would like to see how many of the Nova Scotia Conservatives are going to stand up to the test of this pledge.

Prof. S. J. McLean, who has been appointed by the dominion to investigate the railway transportation charges in Canada, met a committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Toronto last week, and heard their views on the question. The report of Secretary Russell, which was prepared rather hurriedly, set forth the complaints of the business men generally.

The report claims that the railways discriminate against Canadian manufacturers and farmers in favor of outside shippers and manufacturers. In support of these statements the report contains an interesting table comparing the rates from Liverpool to Winnipeg and Vancouver and from Toronto to these points. The following is the table:

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They have not promised to shun the evil example of their Tory predecessors in provincial or federal office. They have not promised to give as honest, clean and progressive government as their political opponents have done. They have evidently forgotten that the people of Nova Scotia naturally compare their past record as a party with the record made by the Fiddling and Murray governments, much to the advantage of the latter. They might have saved time by promising not to promise anything. The Liberal-Conservative party in Nova Scotia is not likely to be in a position to carry out a single promise. That may have been the safeguard which prompted them to promise everything in sight.

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Prominent People. The Municipal council of Havana has passed a vote of thanks to Captain James Young, captain of the port, for his recent display of promptitude and resolution in saving lives threatened by the overboiling of the Alameda River.

The late Baron Fitzgerald enjoyed the distinction of having served twenty years on the bench without once imposing a capital sentence. This record is eclipsed, however, by that of Lord Morris, who was a judge for twenty-two years without sending any one to the gallows.

The Earl of Erroll, who succeeds to the Knighthood of the shire, left vacant by the death of Lord Bute, is the nineteenth possessor of one of the most distinguished titles in Scotland. He is also the twenty-third holder of the office of Lord High Constable of Scotland.

M. de Bloch, member of the Russian Imperial council of state, and of the War Ministry, and the man who is said to have suggested the peace conference to the czar, has been lecturing recently in London on the subject of "The modern conditions. M. de Bloch began his life as a peddler. He is now a nobleman and a millionaire.

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