

THE CANADIAN P. P. A.

ITS PRINCIPLES, MEMBERSHIP AND POSITION.

What Politicians say-Inquiry to be Made-Questions to be Asked-About Mayor and Aldermen-School Trustees Looked After.

[It is understood that two prominent officers of the P. P. A. are members of the Mail staff and the following may therefore be regarded as authentic. Every one just now wishes to know what the Protestant Protective Association is.]

(From The Toronto Mail, Nov. 24.) The society known as the P. P. A. has of late come in for a good deal of attention in the United States and Canada. At the annual meeting of the Toronto Reform Association, held on Tuesday last, Mr. J. D. Edgar, M.P., and the Mayor of the city made a bitter attack on the association.

The politicians in the United States unite in declaring that the P. P. A. is a Canadian society, organized by British residents within the United States, and that its influence is used to defeat the Republican or Democratic party, as the case may be, and to help elect Americans. In Canada the politicians, with equal vehemence, affirm that the society is an importation from the United States, and is controlled by residents in "frontier" territory. The society operating in the United States was organized by a man born under the Stars and Stripes, who fought all through the Civil war, on the side of the North. It was in operation nearly two years before the formation of the Canadian society.

A motion is now before the House of Representatives at Washington for an investigation into the affairs of the society, on the plea of its being "an organization detrimental to the interests of the American people." A charge of conspiracy to prevent honest Canadian securing work has been made against the Buffalo officers of the American society, and the case should come up for trial at the next session in that city. If the Washington inquiry and the Buffalo case are both proceeded with, the truth about the American Protective Association will doubtless soon be made public.

The Canadian Protective Association really arose out of the Equal Rights agitation, and has received its greatest support from members of the Orange Order, who rightly or wrongly believe that the Canadian men were being dragged at the heels of a party for the purpose of securing comfortable berths for the most successful wire-pullers. At one time there were joint meetings of the supreme bodies of the Canadian and United States societies, but the sight of the Union Jack and the singing of "God Save the Queen," said to have disgraced with the United States delegates, and they refrain from attending meetings of the Canadian association.

Its Principles. Considerable talk has arisen as to the objects of the Canadian order, and from an official document just issued by the supreme body the objects and declaration of principles of the Canadian association are set forth as follows:

1. Nationality is not a bar to membership. We ask no man where he was born.

2. We attack no man's religion, so long as he does not attempt to make his religion an element of political power.

3. We unite to protect our country and its free institutions against the secret, intolerant and aggressive efforts that are being put forth by a certain religious-political organization to control the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and destroy our blood-bought civil and religious liberty.

4. We are in favor of preserving constitutional liberty and maintaining the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

5. We regard all religious-political organizations as the enemies of civil and religious liberty.

6. It is in our opinion unwise and unsafe to appoint or elect to civil, political or military office in this country men who owe allegiance to any foreign king, potentate or ecclesiastical power, and who are sworn to obey such power.

7. We are in favor of maintaining the principle of one general unsectarian free school organization, and will oppose all attempts to supplant it by any sectarian institution.

8. We are opposed to all attempts, local or national, to use the public funds for any sectarian purpose.

9. We are in favor of laws taxing all church property.

10. We are in favor of changing our immigration laws in such a manner that they will protect our citizens and laborers from the evil influences of cheap pauper and criminal labor, which, through the instrumentality of European propagandist societies, and in this country by the aid of unscrupulous and the subtle influences of priests, are rapidly supplanting our free and educated Canadian citizens in every line of industry.

11. We believe there should be an educational qualification for the elective franchise that will require every Canadian citizen to be Canadianized.

12. We are in favor of putting into effect honest and true patriots who are best qualified to fill the position, regardless of political parties.

13. We are willing to be governed by these principles in our future political action.

14. Our mission is to awaken free Canadians from their lethargy, indifference and apathy, and to secure for them the rights of liberty, by the Protestants of the Dominion have ceased to be vigilant, and are either indifferently chasing the almighty dollar or quietly doing while we swiftly drift toward a more tremendous and terrible crisis than this country has yet known.

In view of the near approach of the provincial and municipal elections a series of questions will be submitted to all candidates, and only those who reply satisfactorily will be supported. These questions will be placed before every candidate, and it is generally understood that where satisfactory answers are given no candidate of the association will be brought out, but where there is a refusal to answer satisfactorily or a disposition to hedge, a zealous supporter of the C.P.A. will be nominated. The questions are as follows:

Legislative Candidates.

1. Are you prepared to do all you can to abolish Separate schools?

2. Are you in favor of Separate school trustees being elected by ballot?

3. Are you in favor of placing every elector upon the roll as a Public school supporter, subject to his right to appeal therefrom?

4. Are you in favor of one qualification for all teachers of Public or private schools?

5. Will you insist that the same text books be used in all schools?

Municipal Candidates.

6. Will you vote against granting public funds to any sectarian charitable institution?

7. Will you vote against any alterations in the assessment rolls of this city after they have been finally revised and sworn to?

School Trustees Only.

8. If elected will you promise that no Roman Catholic will be employed by the Public School Board?

Question 8 will also be put to candidates for the Local House.

It is explained with reference to question 7, that, after the assessors' rolls have been finally completed, sworn to, and declared to be correct, notably that of Toronto, have gone behind those rolls, and in an illegal manner voted hundreds of dollars to the Separate school trustees, and that this was done as part of a political bargain by certain parties for the purpose of securing the granting of money to Separate school trustees has gone on for some years, and the tax on the property in this manner from city taxes being, it is said, over \$2500.

It is claimed, with reference to question 8, that at one time, if not even now, there were teachers in the pay of the Public School Board who were Roman Catholics, and it is further alleged that a number of Roman Catholic scholars are being taught in the night schools, at the present moment, at considerable cost to the Public School Board, and of non-payers of the same.

It is known that some of the Toronto

lodges have made desperate efforts to secure a candidate for the Mayorality pledged to their platform, but hitherto their efforts have been futile. It is known that a great difference of opinion exists among the members as to the wisdom of bringing out a Mayorality candidate of their own, many of the cooler heads advising the adoption of the best man who may be in the field, others several lodges have by resolution declared their readiness to support a good man, even if he should not be officially endorsed by the association.

It is asserted that aldermanic and school trustee candidates in Toronto are almost, without exception, freely answering satisfactorily all the questions, and that so far only four out of the two scores or so of candidates announced have not replied to the satisfaction of the order in the city. It is no secret that in some of the wards, notably the Second and Fifth, a great deal of wire-pulling was indulged in to secure the society's support for certain candidates with whose liabilities, has been mercilessly exposed.

What the voting strength of the order may be in parliamentary or municipal elections is exceedingly difficult to ascertain, because the official who are the only persons in possession of such information, absolutely refuse to speak. There are in Toronto, however, about 27 lodges, with an average, it is claimed, of about 120 members each, or a total membership of nearly 3000. The total number of lodges in Ontario a few weeks ago exceeded 330, but no idea of membership could be obtained. It is, however, certain that outside of Toronto, Hamilton, London, and a few other cities, the membership of the lodges is small, and it is not at all likely that the total members exceeds 45 or 50 thousand.

Such are the history, the principles and the position of the Canadian Protective Association.

James L. Hughes on the Order.

Editor World: You are entirely in error in regard to the objects of the A.P.A. in the United States. The society has not the slightest objection to foreigners as such. The only foreigners to which it objects are those who will not become loyal subjects of the United States.

Those who will be true to the constitution and government of their adopted country are welcomed to membership in the society, whether they are foreigners or not.

I had the pleasure of hearing the founder of the A.P.A. in Chicago on July 12, and his theme was: The defense of the "Little Red Schoolhouse" against the attacks of the emissaries of the Pope.

Those who are determined to destroy it, and the duty of every true American to stand on the side of civil and religious freedom and against any party that sells itself to political Romanism.

I understand that the P.P.A. in Canada has similar aims. Its members, I believe, will recognize the rights of Roman Catholics as citizens, but they refuse to recognize the right of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to rule Canadian politics.

Their aim is not to cause strife, if I am correctly informed, but they are not afraid of strife for justice and liberty, and equality, if they are forced to boldly and vote uniformly to save their country from the emissaries of the Pope.

They feel that if others have the right to vote uniformly against equal rights and true freedom, they have quite as much right to vote uniformly in favor of their blessings.

and the other end that causes disturbance by demanding rights that Protestants can not obtain, and by demanding the overthrow of the Public school system.

JAMES L. HUGHES.

An Unstable Boundary Line.

"You have heard of smuggling, I presume," remarked a guest at one of the hotels the other day. "What," he continued, "I ran against the most stupendous scheme in that line last summer I ever heard of. You are doubtless aware that ordinary every day smugglers are content to transport their goods over the line from one country to another, the object being, of course, to evade the payment of the customs duties. The people with whom I came in contact were superior to such common methods, which might do for not for a live, wide awake Yankee, and especially a Canadian Yankee. They don't move the goods. They move the line."

"Up in the furthest easterly part of Maine there comes a place where Maine stops and New Brunswick begins. That is the boundary line between the two countries. This is also where the Canadian Yankees spoken of have their homes. They are naturally given to farming, some of these people, and even if McKinley did put a duty on grain, poultry and other things, it didn't make any difference with some of the sturdy reemen who live alongside the line. The publication of the news of the passage of the tariff bill didn't cause them a moment's uneasiness. They simply went on raising their Canadian wheat and their Canadian oats. At the same time they kept their eyes on the boundary line-what they could see of it."

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Before the Daybreak.

Before the daybreak shines a star
That in the day's full glory fades;
To some bright light in the dawn
That her pale gleaming lamp upraises.

Before the daybreak sings a bird
That with the sun's first light;
Too loud for her is the day's air,
The woodland's thousand-longed delight.

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A light wherein no trader eers;
And rich the prize to rank divine
Among the world's best characters.

But I would be that paler star,
And I would be that lonelier bird,
To shine with hope while hope's alive,
And sing of love when love's untried.

—F. W. Boardman.

Red Hair and Health.

A superabundance of iron in the blood is the theory put forward to account for the vigor, the elasticity, the great vitality, the overflowing healthy animal life which runs riot through the veins of the ruddy-haired; and this strong sentient animal life is what renders them more intense in their emotions than their more languid fellow-creatures." Whether the writer is a Scotsman or not does not appear; but we are at liberty to assume that he is among the "corroty," for the pains he is at to excuse on the same assumption the "freckles on the peculiarly clear white skin which always accompany red hair."

—Fall Mail Gazette.



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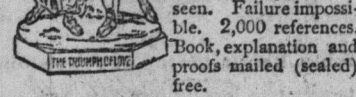
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