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MR. MEIGHEN'S CREED.

"More than any other country, Canada needs a protective system. She is a young country mostly undeveloped. She lies alongside a great big country tremendously developed. The United States has every advantage that Canada has and tremendous advantages besides. It surely follows, to the mind of every reasonable man, that to abandon the protective system in Canada would be simply to invite the absorption of Canadian industry in the far vaster industries of the United States. The principles of the protection of Canadian industry have been proclaimed by practically every statesman who has shouldered the responsibility of government in Canada. They are sound and they are right and the vast mass of the people of Canada know that they are sound and right."

—From Premier Meighen's Portage Speech.

THE WINNING TICKET.

With two such representative citizens as the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Col. Murray MacLaren as their candidates, the Liberal-Conservative party in this constituency go into the fight under most satisfactory conditions. Both of them are gentlemen who possess the full confidence of the vast majority of the electorate, and their return at the head of the poll should be a foregone conclusion. And it will be, if their friends put their whole heart and soul into the conflict; but if any slackness is allowed to creep in, any disposition to let the other fellow do it, then the friends of the party will have no one else but themselves to blame if instead of victory, defeat should stare them in the face. There is absolutely no reason whatever why these two candidates should not win by substantial majorities.

It will not be sufficient to rely upon the disorganized condition in which the Opposition party in this constituency finds itself; while that of course is an asset to the Government candidates, it is an asset that must not be relied upon to too great an extent. The fact that the Opposition is experiencing great difficulty in finding two citizens of any standing in the community willing to come forward as candidates may be evidence to the outsider of the weakness of their cause, but they'll find some one to make a fight just the same. The fact that Dr. Pugsley did not think the party's chances good enough to make it worth his while to become a candidate, tells its own story; but that must not allow Government supporters to lessen their efforts to put the success of their candidates beyond doubt.

Neither Dr. Baxter nor Dr. MacLaren needs any recommendation to the people of St. John-Albert. Few men are better or more favorably known throughout the length and breadth of the constituency than they; both have done some good service in the interests of the people in the different fields wherein their activities have been exercised. Dr. Baxter as St. John's representative in the Government, was of course a logical candidate anyway; and then Dr. MacLaren the electors could not have selected a more capable, and in every respect satisfactory, running mate for him. The thing for the Liberal-Conservative party to do now, is to turn to and work for their return and leave no stone unturned to bring this result about.

TIME TO GET TO WORK.

Now that his candidates have been nominated, possibly supporters of the Liberal-Conservative party will feel sufficiently sure that an election is about to take place, to justify some preparation being made for it. Polling is to take place on the 6th December, and ordinarily about the first of the month would be regarded as time enough to begin to organize. May we suggest that it may be well under the present circumstances to anticipate this a little? Elections are not won by prayers; and even if they were, we are unable at this writing to call upon the names of any members of the party sufficiently powerful in that respect to trust to. Therefore the only thing to do is to work.

Take Mr. Meighen himself. He is a worker, and a tireless one at that. He has thrown himself into the discharge of this part of the electoral campaign which falls to his lot with a zeal that certainly should be an example to his followers. In his tour of the Maritime provinces he has charmed and convinced his auditors. He has been especially designed to interest

aroused the latent spirits of old workers. He has attracted hosts of younger voters who love a fair and keen fighter. He has persuaded many whose inclination was to be against him to become fervent admirers and supporters, and by a happy combination of modest demeanor and rare intellectual power, he has emphatically demonstrated that he is indeed a great leader, destined during many years to come to hold the affection and confidence of the Canadian people. His powerful presentation of public issues shakes out every doubt and leaves the minds of hearers in possession of a thoroughly clear understanding, and their hearts filled with trustfulness.

The ground is therefore well prepared in these provinces for the men and women at the Prime Minister's back; and if they are as sincere and earnest in the cause of good government as he is, and half as diligent, there should be a very satisfactory result to the campaign.

But friends of the Prime Minister and of the candidates have got to work and work in real earnest. As the Halifax Herald puts it, "sitting around committee rooms, smoking and gossiping will not bring the desired results. There must be real work. There must be real organization. There must be systematic workers, systematically and effectively, into touch with the great body of voters whose minds are still fluctuating on the important issues to be settled."

Organization and work, and again organization and work, must be the watchwords.

Not a day should be lost. Every hour counts.

The only safe policy is to assume that the friends of the Prime Minister are confronted by opponents who will leave nothing undone to bar his onward march.

Therefore, let the forces of the Liberal-Conservative party in this province be marshalled, instructed, directed. Let them be thoroughly organized in mass and in detail, so that the propaganda of Canada's National Policy shall be carried into every home and every workshop.

There must be no hesitation, no halting, no letting-up, until the last ballot is in the box, and the Prime Minister will be crowned with victory.

WHAT YOUNG WOMEN READ.

A canvass was recently taken of one of the American colleges—Radcliffe College to be exact—with the view of ascertaining what part of the daily newspaper the women students preferred. Out of 600 young women in the college, twenty-four, or four per cent., only admitted a preference for the "women's pages."

Whether this same proportion is true of the sex as a whole, may be a question, but if it is, it is rather a kind of them, for such pages are made especially for them and if they don't read them, it is quite certain that no one else does.

Practically every daily paper of any size in the country carries a page devoted to matters supposed to be exclusively of interest to women. Responsible for them was the idea of publishers and editors that, women not being interested in sports and only to a limited degree in public affairs, a paper ought to have some department to attract them to become subscribers.

When women were given the vote, the question was raised by several editors whether there would be any further use for the women's department. If women were going to vote, it was pointed out that they should naturally become interested in public affairs and politics, a class of news, which it had been generally assumed they had ignored, and that therefore there would be no need of devoting a special department to them.

It was an interesting point, but it did not seem to make a very strong appeal. At any rate no paper, so far as we have observed, has since eliminated its women's page.

Whether the question will be raised again after the vote taken by the Radcliffe girls remains to be seen. If it is, it may be argued in behalf of the women's page that female college students are less likely to be interested in such topics as household hints, recipes, keeping a husband and the like than is the sex as a whole, and that a better way of acquainting the readers of the department would be to channel the homes rather than the school departments.

But if the women's page was given rather a staggering blow by the Radcliffe girls, the society column suffered even more at their hands. Out of the 600 canvassed, only twelve, but two per cent., would say that they were interested in the society news. This was another department that has been especially designed to interest

the gentler sex and if the young women students at Cambridge value the views of their sisters the editors have been laboring under another misapprehension.

A majority of the girls expressed a preference for the newspaper editorial page. Thirty-five per cent. stated that they prefer it to any other and 42 per cent. said that they read the editorials regularly and were interested in them.

But the editorial writer may not cultivate too great a sense of his own importance by reason of this showing for if any of the female sex are to read editorials, it would naturally be educated girls.

At any rate the editorial writer will have to share honors with the sporting editor for next to the editorial page the Radcliffe young women admitted that they preferred the sporting news. Fourteen per cent. of them voted for sports.

All of this is perhaps rather a shock to settled ideas, and may prompt the defenders of the society and women's pages to have canvasses made among girls and women other than college students.

The selection of Col. Boyd Anderson as the candidate of the Liberal-Conservative party in Westmorland is an admirable one, and the party is to be congratulated upon having the services of so estimable a man placed at their disposal. Apart from his excellent record as a private citizen, Col. Anderson made a great reputation for himself overseas; and he certainly deserves, and doubtless will get, the hearty support not only of the friends of the Meighen Government, but also that of a large number of people who have not hitherto been prominently identified with any party. Mr. Copp, of course, being in possession, has a certain amount of advantage, but this can be overcome readily enough if Col. Anderson's friends will only rally to his support in a proper manner.

There are some people kind enough to say that "The Standard never has any news, but I notice that when the general public wants to know anything it is the Standard's phones that are turned to. A few evenings like last, and we'd need a new set of bells—and ear drums."

The Toronto Globe seems to fear that by permitting shells to be imported into this country, Canada is inviting the United States. The idea is absurd of course, but even if it were as The Globe fears, who cares?

Reports of the recent schooner race, says the Ottawa Journal, read like lessons in anatomy. Blunness showed her heels; then didn't somebody spanker?

I see in the financial reports, that a dollar is reported to be worth 105.00 Soviet rubles in Moscow. That sounds like a lot of money, but I think I should be inclined to look at my dollar even if I was in Moscow.

A Maine woman who founded a religion died a few days ago in the Middle West. It is quite likely that she did some good, although at all times there has seemed to me to be religions enough to go around.

If ex-Emp. Charles should be told that his attempted comeback flivvered he probably wouldn't know what it meant. But that's the United States of it.

THE LAUGH LINE

Mistake, No Sin.

One of the stories told by a clergyman concerns a lady who sent word to him, just before he was going to the pulpit, that she must see him. He promised to see her at the close of the service.

When he joined her, after the rest of the people had left the church, she confessed that she was worried over a matter of conscience.

"Vanity, I'm afraid, vicar," she told him, "is my besetting sin."

"Tell me more, my child," he exclaimed.

"Every morning, vicar," she continued, "I yield to the temptation of gazing at the reflection in the mirror, and thinking how pretty I am."

The clergyman gazed at her fully for a minute, and then replied:

"If that is all, my daughter, go in peace. For to make a mistake is no sin."

THE MISSING EMBLEM.

At the fishing docks of a large seaport town the rather remarkable coincidence was noticed of three steam trawlers berthed side by side, their names being respectively, Rose, Shamrock and Thistle.

"What a pity that Wales is not represented," remarked a visitor. "That would have completed the coincidence."

"Golly worry about that, guv'nor," replied the old salt, to whom the remark was addressed. "I expect there's a leak in one of them."

EGYPTIAN DARKNESS.

"Several letters have appeared in the native Press in some of which they ask me to direct, as they have done, but in an indirect way they have done but in a clear manner which cannot be interpreted two ways."

—Egyptian Gazette.

Or, so far as we are concerned, even one way.

Even.

"How do you like prohibition, Bill?"

"An even break. In the old days I felt better at night and now I feel better in the morning."—New York Sun.

A BIT OF VERSE

LIFE IS LOVE AND LAUGHTER.

Life is love and laughter,
 Life is smile and song,
 Heaven ever after,
 Heaven all along
 Joy within, without, you
 What the weather be,
 If you look about you—
 Lift your eyes and see.

Life is sun and singing,
 Life is a delight,
 Every morning bringing
 Azure after night,
 If you will but take it,
 Life is Arcady;
 Life is what you make it—
 Lift your eyes and see!

Life is loving, living,
 Life is hand-in-hand,
 Helping with the load,
 There are brothers near you,
 Sweet comrades;
 Friends are here to cheer you—
 Lift your eyes and see.

Life is loving, lifting,
 Life is hand-in-hand,
 Are you only drifting?
 . . . Do you understand?
 Love has never found you?
 Then a brother be!
 Love is all around you—
 Lift your eyes and see!

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Country Doctor.

Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, in an article in The Forum for October, on "The Passing of the Country Doctor," says that one of the most disquieting results of the raising of standards of medical training is the reluctance of your doctor to settle in rural communities. This is sometimes attributed wholly to the hardships of country life and the small income of the rural doctor.

Those influences are doubtless potent, but they alone cannot explain the situation. A doctor who has had modern training is unwilling to be excluded from laboratory and hospital. He wants to be where he can command these resources and enjoy the comradeship of his professional colleagues.

The large town and city offer him a congenial and stimulating environment.—Montreal Herald.

Same Everywhere.

One of our national shortcomings which it was hoped the war would straighten seems as much in evidence as ever. It is the foolish idea that there is anything degrading about doing manual work. Work has never been a tradition with us, as it is with some other nations. One distinguished foreign critic has attributed this fact to our laziness. Whether this is the whole truth we think is open to doubt. But there is no gainsaying the fact that much of our prevailing distaste for work is due to snobishness. We think it more genteel to pay others to do work than to do it ourselves, and vast sums of money are expended yearly in payment for services that a fool's class prejudice prevents our rendering to ourselves.—London Daily Chronicle.

Benny's Note Book

BY LES PAGE

Pop took me out to teach her how to play tennis this afternoon on account of me having him keeping on asking him, and tonight at supper ma looked glad and pop looked the opposite, ma saying, Well well jest to think, my very first time out and I best you, well well jest to think.

Holey smoke pop, did ma beat you? I sed.

Well I hardly call it that, sed pop, and ma sed, Well that's wat I call it, and I sed, Wyr, pop, wat did she do?

She batted every other ball so far that I was completely exhausted by the time I came back from chasing it and then natcherly wen she axidently got the next ball in I was all out of breath and in no condition to return it, sed pop.

The fact remains that I won, and that's the main fact I sent it, sed ma.

It certainly is not, the main fact is that I was playing tennis whereas you were trying to play golf with a idea that I was your caddy, sed pop.

Now Willyum dont be silly, how could I best you playing tennis if I was playing golf? sed ma.

That's jest it, you didnt reely best me, wat you reely did was wear me out, you jest stood there resting while I ran a distants of proberly 5 miles altogether chasing wild balls, that's wat you reely did, wat you reely did was give a correct imitation of Babe Ruth at his best, sed pop.

Now Willyum, youre contending yourself, you know perfectly well Babe Ruth is a base ball player, I've awften seen his picture in the paper with a base ball bat, so how could I be giving a imitation of him if I was playing golf, youre contending yourself right and left, sed ma.

Sippose we let the matter rest, sed pop, and ma sed, Certenly, but I best you jest the same, and pop said, You exhausted me, and I sed, G. pop, did she best you by much?

Drink your soop, sed pop.

Wich I did.

Gale Reached Velocity of 100 Miles An Hour

Lee County, Florida, Famous for Winter Resorts, Suffers Heavy Damage.

Port Myers, Fla., Oct. 26.—The fiercest gale this section has known in several years raged here for 36 hours, beginning at midnight Monday, and attaining a maximum velocity of one hundred miles an hour. Transmission service was proceated while the property loss for Lee county is expected to total well over a million and a half dollars. Reports from Sanabela and Captive Island said that water covered the entire island. Beteric Island, near here, on which two beach resorts are located, are badly damaged the cottages and other buildings being wrecked.

Local railroad officials said this city would be without transportation service for three days. The highway out of Port Myers are almost impassable and many houses in Puptarao were either badly damaged or washed away.

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