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A MISGUIDED PROPHECY

Rev. Canon Scott, the post-pracher of Quebec, has assumed the mantle of prophecy, and with all the fervor of one of the prophets of old has pronounced the doom of Canada. Her fate, he says, hangs in the balance. Unless she continues to bow the knee to the god of high tariffs, she will be despoiled by the worshippers of "Real who live south of the border."

Canon Scott is a gifted poet and an amiable personality. He is intensely Canadian in his opinions. He makes the mistake, however, of believing that loyalty runs with trade currents. His assertion that the adoption of the trade agreement with the United States would result in annexation is really, though he apparently does not see it, an insult to the nationhood of Canada. No Canadian proposes to sell his patriotism for American dollars. This country has given a trade preference to the mother country, has adopted a naval policy which will make it an integral part of the navy of the empire, and has proved at every stage of progress its desire to remain within the British empire. It cannot force England to change her fiscal policy, and the British government today sees no danger to the empire in the step proposed by Canada. Lord Elgin, over sixty years ago, said he believed reciprocity between Canada and the United States would prevent annexation. The conditions have greatly changed since then, but the foremost British statesman of today sees no danger to imperial interests in the growth of more friendly relations between this country and the United States. Canon Scott is much better as a poet and preacher than as a prophet.

THE CHAMBERLAIN'S REPORT

The statement submitted by the city chamberlain shows that better business methods prevail in that department. There has been some reduction of city debt, and the departmental expenditures have been kept within the income. There is no prospect, however, of any lowering of taxes, and though the tax rate cannot increase the valuation must go up. At the present time the city is facing a large expenditure in connection with the ferry service, and in other departments. The finance department is to be credited with a gratifying measure of success in the collection of the revenue from various sources. Nothing could be farther from the truth, however, than to assert that because the city has not indulged in over-expenditure during the last year the people have therefore received value for what was expended, or that the present system of city government is satisfactory. The expenditure of the year was large, but it was not always wise. There was too much waste. The increased cost of public services has not been accompanied by increased efficiency. There is great need of the application of business principles to the affairs of all the departments. The chamberlain's report does not obliterate the record of the council for the year. That record shows far too many instances of careless administration, needless delays, and such affairs as those of the Hasman pavement, the country market, the west side transfer and others with which the people are but too familiar. The finance department has been improved. A thorough-going business system of city government would put all the departments on an improved basis.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The argument that good men cannot be elected as commissioners under a new plan of city government in St. John is the old wall of despair. It is uttered by those who cannot or will not see that a change has come over the city, and that the people will not only adopt a better system but see to it that the system is put into successful operation. If it had been stated a couple of years ago that the present activity in real estate and the present prospects for extensive building operations in St. John would now exist, the pessimists would have ridiculed the prediction as the veriest folly. They would have said the like had never occurred before in this town, and that nothing could change the conditions. The change that is taking place in St. John affects not only material conditions but public sentiment. The people realize that a new era has dawned and they desire to meet the new conditions, opportunities and responsibilities with adequate equipment. Hence they will not only adopt a

better system of city government, but will have it carried out. Moreover, let it be repeated once more that under the commission plan of government the very same men who fail to produce the desired results under the city council system would give the city a much better administration. There is no mystery about city government. It is a plain business proposition. A small group of intelligent men, faithful to their duty and giving their whole time to the task can do infinitely better than a larger group giving to the city's affairs only a small portion of their serious attention. But are we to be guided by the pessimists, or by those who have faith? Are we to be always subjected to conditions against which we continually protest, because we lack the courage to reach out for something better? Surely not.

Says the Montreal Herald:—"We read that from Vermont many detonations are heard, but that the people are not showing any alarm. It is a perfect image of St. John and the House of Commons." Because a certain device was not employed or purchased at a high price by the public works department, the St. John Standard makes a loud noise. The public understands the situation. It is quite evident from the repeated acts of burglary and petty crime that there are too many persons of criminal tendencies in St. John, and that they have very little fear of having to pay any severe penalty for their offences. It has been discovered that Mr. Sherman, who will speak tomorrow evening comes from a city in the United States. If he were selling gold dollars for ninety cents nobody would care a fig where he came from. The suggestion that no good thing can come out of Nazareth has been heard before, but it is usually quoted in scorn of those who regarded it as an effective argument.

A resolution supporting the medical and dental inspection of public school children was passed by a large meeting of the supporters of this idea in Ottawa last week. "And, why not?" asks the Journal. "This proposed inspection is already in many large American cities, and is found to have admirable results. The out-of-door classes in New York city for pupils of tubercular tendency is said to be a direct result of this system of inspection."

The Ottawa Journal says—"One answer to the argument—it can scarcely be an objection—that the new Canadian-United States tariff is chiefly for the benefit of the Canadian farmer, is found in the recent statement in the House of Commons that of Canada's eight millions, three and a half millions, or forty-four per cent of the population win their living directly from agricultural pursuits, and in the assumption of most political economists that the farmer's prosperity is the basis of most national prosperity."

G. P. R. WINS CASE WHICH MEANS MILLIONS

London, Feb. 4.—The judicial committee of the Privy Council yesterday handed out its decision on the appeal of the Province of Alberta vs. the C. P. R. from a decision of the Canadian courts on the question of taxation of C. P. R. lands in the province which the railway had secured by its charter from the Dominion. The Canadian courts had decided in favor of the company's contention that the lands were not taxable. The Privy Council yesterday dismissed the appeal without costs. It held that unoccupied C. P. R. lands are not taxable until twenty years after the actual grant of letters patent, even if there be delay of many years in taking the letters out. It also held that C. P. R. land sold on the installment plan is not taxable until all the instalments are paid. Millions of dollars in taxes were involved in the case, which was heard last summer. The case was divided into two parts, the first regarding the taxation of unoccupied land, and depended on the interpretation of the phrase "twenty years after the grant of lands" in the C. P. R. charter. The C. P. R. contended that this meant after the patent was granted, and the province of Alberta contended that it meant after identification. The second point hinged on the interpretation of the word "sold" in reference to lands granted by the Dominion to the C. P. R. in the taxation of which the province was interested.

ENGLISH SOCIETY WEDDING

London, Feb. 5.—In St. Margaret's church last week, took place the brilliant wedding of Hon. Hugo Charters and Lady Violet Manser. The bride wore ivory satin chaperone, covered with old English lace, and a train of white and gold brocade velvet. Eight bridesmaids were arrayed in gowns copied from a Botticelli painting. Seven of them were relatives of the bride and bridegroom, and the remaining one was Felicity Tree, Sir Herbert Tree's daughter. Among the gifts displayed at the Duchess of Rutland's reception were two crayon portraits of the bride and bridegroom, drawn by Sargent and presented by relatives. There's always room at the top—and still more at the bottom. When trust magnates fall out the common people come into their own. A soft answer is apt to encourage the book agent.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

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