

# THE ACADIAN.

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## Drummond and Arthabaska.

The baser element in the Liberal press is working overtime in its highly subsidised columns, to make the Conservatives, and R. L. Borden in particular, responsible for their awful defeat in Drummond and Arthabaska. The malicious attempt to drag Mr. Borden into the quarrel between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Henri Bourassa, or between the Liberal party as represented at Ottawa and the wing of that party led by Mr. Bourassa, will utterly fail. The quarrel was purely a family one, and the more they spit fire and roll out oratory the more amused the audience becomes.

For the past ten years in Quebec, no man has been allowed to remain in the Liberal party who would not swear by Laurier. 'Vote for Laurier,' they would say, and 'if you won't, then get out.'

The by-election just held has broken the one man tyranny forever. It is absolutely dangerous to the well being of the whole people for any province to be under the personal rule of any one man.

The power gained at first by Sir Wilfrid was by unworthy means and methods, and he has maintained himself in power ever since by similar methods.

In 1896 when the Conservative government asked for \$3,000,000 for rifles and field pieces of decent quality, the present Minister of Marine went down to the province of Quebec and under Laurier's orders traversed Quebec, using identically the same arguments as used by the nationalists in this by-election. They drew harrowing pictures of young babes torn from their mothers' bosoms and sacrificed on the war altars of the empire, until women shuddered as they listened and men became strong to defend their babes and young men. These young men were present and helped their fathers forge weapons to protect themselves against empire builders like 'Old Tupper' and the Conservative party, and they are using these weapons against Sir Wilfrid and his Minister of Marine.

Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Monk demanded that before we went into the navy business, the question should be submitted to the people of Canada. Mr. Borden and the Conservative party protested most successfully against the navy scheme of the government, upon the ground that it could not possibly be of any service to the empire and should be first submitted to the people. And so Mr. Borden and the Conservative party can set back and laugh at the frantic quarrel among those Liberal non-navy builders.

Mr. Bourassa has been from the first most straightforward, while the government have pursued a shifting, double faced, unworthy policy. Sir Wilfrid campaigned his province in 1896 with a cry against the Conservatives that was magnified and worthy, that they were forcing the country into a wasteful and needless military expenditure, against which the great French Reform leaders protested with as much eloquence and in the same style of argument as has been so successfully used by the nationalists. The party that initiated that style of political warfare years ago can now gain all the comfort out of it that is due them.

Mr. Percival, the defeated Liberal candidate, who by the way was selected by Sir Wilfrid himself, appealed to electors of Drummond and Arthabaska on the separation platform. He said, 'Our fleet is not, and never will be, imperialistic. It is a step towards the independence of Canada.' Mr. Beland, M. P., another shining light among the straight Liberal orators, delivered several speeches and the point of his orations was an attack against Mr. Borden and the Conservatives, and that if Mr. Borden had had his way the country would have been committed to a contribution to the navy of Britain. He argued against turning out the Laurier government because the party of Mr. Borden were frangemans and haters of their race. The Liberals raised the race cry, introduced religion, and promised separation from the empire, and in all respects were as strong in language, and as violent in sentiment as the nationalists who defeated them. Let it not be supposed that the Laurier Liberals were defeated because they represented a pro-British policy. The reverse which they have met is to a large degree because they preached separation, and the Quebec Liberals are not disloyal but appreciate an honest man and policy.

There is no more conscientious gentleman in Canada than is Henri Bourassa, and while we do not agree with all his sentiments and leadings, we recognize in him a true man, and a patriotic Canadian citizen. Sir Charles Tupper has, for years, advocated identically the sentiments and policy of Mr. Bourassa in regard to a Canadian navy. The Liberal press seems to have the notion that Conservatives should be shaking in their shoes for fear something may happen to the Ottawa government. We do not imagine that any further vacancies will occur in Quebec, but that the close season for the present month. We trust that Mr. Monk, M. P., will prove a more docile follower of Mr. Bourassa than he was of Mr. Borden. There is an independence after all about the Quebecers that is refreshing, and all to raise.

Alfred's Livingest Cures Dead.

## The Reviewer.

DOES THE BIBLE MEAN WHAT IT SAYS.

All Christians should earnestly desire for the restoration in the Church of to-day, of the faith once delivered to the saints—that faith which was the joy and comfort of the Apostolic Church and which has continued to be the strength and support of a little flock through many trials and tribulations even to this day. Surely it cannot be denied that many of the doctrines now taught by a majority of the Christian sects are entirely different from those promulgated by the primitive church, and if so, why so? One main cause for the continuance of error is the lack of thorough bible study divested of educated prejudices.

Another is an obstinate refusal, induced by false teaching and training, to believe the Word of God and to believe that it means just what it says. Many bible students no doubt fail to get at the real pith of the matter by confining their attention principally to the new testament, with a cursory glance here and there at the old testament; while others skip Proverbs to Matthew, take a look at Jude and comfort themselves with the belief that they have searched the scriptures.

Such students would feel sore if Luke 24:25 were applied to them. Gibson in his 'Ages before Moses' remarks that there is an Apocalypse of the past as well as of the future, and that the proper way to obtain an intelligent comprehension of the book of books is to begin at the beginning and continue to the end.

The bible is a progressive history of the development of the plan of redemption, that wonderful plan which was formulated by Divine wisdom before the foundations of the world were laid, has been developed section by section from generation to generation, in accordance with the economy of the ages, and the ability of the world to receive it.

To-day we are living in one of the last stages of development and are watching and waiting for the return of our Lord, and the establishment of David's son on David's now vacant throne.

Many of the preachers of to-day never preach on the important living points, which were so often inculcated by Christ himself and His Apostles, viz.—The Second Advent, the First Resurrection, the destruction of Anti-Christ, and the restoration of the Jews to their own land. Everything is spiritualized until one fails to recognize what is scripture and what is guess work. You hear preachers pushing the word 'church' to the rear and 'kingdom' to the front. Everything gathers about the spread of the kingdom, 'building up the kingdom,' 'bringing in the kingdom.' It is needless to say that no such terms are found in the new testament. All these expressions concerning 'the kingdom of God' assumes that this kingdom is here and now, established on earth. Jesus spoke of going into a far country to receive a kingdom and to return to subdue his enemies and to reward friends.

Many, too many, of the teachers of this generation, some of them being shining lights in the world, have been carried away by cunningly devised fables and now preach the doctrines of men, instead of the plain truths of the bible.

'He that hath my word let him speak my word plainly' is the Divine command. But one of the most serious delusions of the spiritualists and one which is a grievous hindrance to the spread of gospel truth at home and abroad is the unwarranted proclamation, often repeated in church, prayer and missionary meetings, that the world is to be converted and universal righteousness is to reign on the earth during this age or dispensation. The teachers of this egregious error have been challenged to produce a single passage from the scriptures which favors such an idea, and notwithstanding their inability to respond successfully they still continue to reiterate this false dogma. That the world shall be converted, that all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, that all shall know him from the least to the greatest, 'that all things of the earth shall bow' to the sceptre of King Emmanuel, are facts which are sustained by Holy Writ, but they are facts which will be fully developed after the second coming of Christ and the first resurrection and not now.

The most learned and devout men, both living and dead, teach that the scriptures mean exactly what they say. These men are neither ignorant nor fanatical but are thorough bible scholars, and their opinions are entitled to the highest respect. Their theology rests on the literal interpretation of the scriptures according to the common use of language and by the comparison of scripture with scripture. Our Saviour spoke seldom of His sufferings, humiliation, and death, and then only to His disciples. But of His triumphant return in glory He spoke often and to multitudes in public. It was one of the principal themes of Paul's teaching and was held up continually and prominently, during the whole course of his ministry, because He well knew that until the coming of the Lord, and the special resurrection of the saints, the great plan of redemption would not be completed. Yet in the face of all these facts it is not strange, passing strange, that gospel teachers ever refer to such subjects? And if they do happen to speak of them, it is only to class them with 'those things hard to be understood,' or to consign them to the sceptic's domain of non-essentialism. Some well-meaning preachers and pastors say, that they have no

time to study these intricate subjects, all they could do was to preach salvation.—More Anon.

## The Next Census.

The appointment of 221 census commissioners will be begun very shortly by the Government. One will be chosen for each electoral district of the country and recommendations are now being considered. The commissioners will get a lump sum for expenses in proportion to the size of the constituency and a stated sum per head of population for revision of the enumerators' returns. As previously announced, there will be no provincial superintendent, the supervision being directed from Ottawa.

It is estimated that the cost of taking and compiling the census will amount to \$1,000,000. One hundred and fifty extra clerks will be required for the department at Ottawa. They will be chosen by competitive examination under the Civil Service Commission to be held at the usual places on the second Wednesday of February. Candidates must file their applications at least 30 days prior to said date.

## Intolerant.

Recently the Roman Catholic school commission of Montreal dismissed five teachers, who were alleged to belong to the Free Masons. The teachers appealed to the Courts and got justice that had been denied them by the commission. Referring to the case Le Pays, a well-known French newspaper of Montreal, says: 'Judge Lafontaine merits the thanks of the community for his courageous stand in this matter. It is such injustice and such abuse of power, and such an iniquity against the conscience, that have brought in France, Portugal, Spain and other Catholic countries such violent reactions against those who practice ostracism against free thought and wisdom.'

This attitude on the part of this French newspaper is pleasing. It shows that there is in Quebec province a section of the community influential enough to have a month piece, which is not disposed to permit the church to do its thinking for it.

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Speaking of the Drummond Arthabaska election the Montreal Herald (Reform) says Sir Wilfrid's vanity was greater than his judgment, and adds: 'He overestimated his own strength; he threw down the gauntlet to the wrong man; he egregiously failed. Quebec never had such use for a defeated champion. A young man might overlive defeat—quite another thing; an old champion cannot outlive the downs of yesterday.' Pretty severe salting of fresh wounds to come from a Quebec paper that owes more to Laurier than possibly any other Grit paper in the whole Dominion. But such is Quebec gratitude.

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## Drill in School was Criticised.

Owen Sound, Ont.—The second day of the annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Union, was marked by a report of work amongst soldiers by Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon spoke of Lord Strathcona's offer of \$10,000 per annum for the encouragement of military drill in the Dominion schools and the plans of Sir Frederic Borden on the matter. It was not thought the union should encourage this work, which was preparing for war, while the W. C. T. U. stood for peace. The Boy Scouts it was not thought should be considered in the same light, as they were pledged against liquor and tobacco in all forms, and for good living. At the report was presented upon the question of narcotics it showed that an active campaign along the line of fighting the tobacco habit amongst the boys and young men of the province was in progress.

## Good.

You have read the story of a young woman living in Washington, the capital of the United States, offering by advertisement \$200 in cash to any lovable man who would take her for better or for worse for the short space of twenty-four hours. The uncle of the woman died recently in Hungary, leaving her a fortune on condition that she marry within a certain time. She had offers galore from almost every state in the union, and a few from Canada besides. She got her man; he got her money, and the two separated at the matrimonial altar. The girl left at once for Germany, and the man began to blow in the money for thirst quenchers. An enterprising reporter got the man's picture and printed it with his story of the wedding. A woman living in Brooklyn saw the picture and recognized it as her worthless husband, who had deserted her and two children. 'When the story gets over to Hungary, as it will before the woman who has gone after the fortune, it may knock her out on account of the illegality of her marriage.'

## Mystic Shriners.

At Toronto a special session of the Ramesses Temple of the A. A. O. mystic shriners was held this week at the Temple Building, upwards of 500 nobles attending. The ceremonial work was ably rendered by Illustrations Patented W. P. Ryrie and the officers of the Temple. About forty prominent and representative Masons crossed the burning sands of the desert in their pilgrimage to the ancient and Holy City of Mecca, Potentates from shrines in New York, Rochester, Buffalo, Detroit, Ottawa, London and Hamilton were present. A party of fifteen nobles came from Picton and brought five brethren for initiation. At the banquet which followed, the hospitality of Ramesses Temple was worthily upheld.

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