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HON. DAVID LAIRD: ONE OF CANADA'S NATION-BUILDERS

(Toronto Globe.)

It has not been given to many Canadian statesmen of the stormy Confederation period to witness the splendid evolution of a two-thousand-year-old Canada from the inchoate aggregation of colonies that preceded Confederation. This has, however, been the good fortune of the Hon. David Laird, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Manitoba and the Northwest. At that time Mr. Laird had, as the first Minister of the Interior in the Mackenzie Cabinet, already successfully organized Federal administration of this immense unsurveyed region. He had worked strenuously putting this department into shape, bringing to his work all the genius of painstaking ability, healthy optimism and patience. He had personally visited the west to negotiate a treaty with the Indians, and realized that the governing of these uncivilized tribes was the first requirement in the organization of the Territories.

So when it was decided to give the Northwest a local government that choice of an executive head naturally fell upon Mr. Laird as the one man eminently qualified for the responsibility. Mr. Laird accordingly left Ottawa in 1898 with his secretary, Mr. Amodeo Forget, now Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. In the following summer his wife, accompanied by her children, was conducted across the long prairie trail to Battleford and installed in the new Government House there as its first and very charming resident.

Mrs. Laird, who as Miss Owen had been a favorite in the Colonial-English society of the old port of Charlottetown, brought with her to Battleford a clear knowledge of the duties of the wife of a Government official, as for several years before Mr. Laird had taken a prominent part in politics in his native province, Prince Edward Island. A son of the Hon. Alexander Laird, who had been for many years a member of the Executive Council of the Island, Mr. David Laird upon graduating from the Presbyterian College at Truro, N. S., had soon evinced his inherited love for political questions, and before long he had entered public life as a member of the House of Assembly. He was soon after elevated to the Executive Council.

In 1873 the Premier, Mon. Mr. Haythorne and Mr. Laird were sent to Ottawa to negotiate with the Government regarding the terms upon which the coy island colony would enter Confederation. In the light of previous but it was successfully carried through, and a few months later the island became a part of the Dominion. Mr. Laird was once elected as a representative to the Federal House, and arriving there was selected by Hon. Alexander Mackenzie as the man he was looking for to take charge of the west. When a few years later he was made governor Mr. Laird had, together

with his executive duties, direct control of the Indians, being still superintendent general of Indian Affairs. The Indians, with traditional skill in character-reading, soon bestowed upon him the enviable sobriquet, "The man whose tongue is not forked," a name which is in itself an eloquent tribute to his straightforward speech and dealings. When they discovered that to truth and honesty Mr. Laird united a long-suffering patience which would listen for hours to tedious presentations of claims, an amiable understanding between the chiefs and government was assured.

Mr. Laird made treaties with these Indians, purchasing large tracts of their land for the government in consideration of an annuity still paid the tribes. He assisted, too, in settling these improvident children of nature upon reserves, and personally encouraged them to exchange the bow for the scythe.

One spring the buffalo suddenly became extinct, this and being hastened, it is believed, by Sittling Bull's band of fugitive American Indians. Gaunt starvation walked among the tents of the Indians on the reserve, and the Indians confidently struck the trail for Battleford, pitched their tepees near the home of their new friend, the man of straight speech, and, as they expected, they were fed. Nor were those forgotten who had remained behind in their village, for Mr. Laird had extra supplies of flour and bacon for the next winter, and this critical phase of the plains-Indian existence was safely passed. Passed, too, without a single head of cattle belonging to the settlers' herds being stolen for food!

With the extinction of the buffalo the old-time Indians listened more readily to the governor urging them to take up farming. He introduced farming instructors on the reserves, and, with much patience the ground plan of a system that has in a quarter of a century won the admiration of the world in western India.

For today comfortable farm houses and "huggles," wheat fields or corn fields are rapidly taking the place of the old tepees and scattered bronchos. In 1881, on the expiration of his term as governor, Hon. Mr. Laird returned east, and, retaining control of the Post, the paper he had established in Prince Edward Island, became a leader of the Liberal party there, commanding thorough respect in public and private, the esteem of both supporters and opponents.

A figure of imposing height—an atmosphere of the calm that belatedly

poverty—a fresh-looking face surrounded by silver hair—clear, honest eyes and determined mouth; a man devoid of affect, just in his judgments, broad and kindly in his sympathies. This is the Hon. David Laird, nation-builder and Christian gentleman, who, as another Prime Minister, Mr. Laurier, in the development of the nation's wards, and in the fulfillment of his early promise concerning the Territories, of which he used to speak to his friends quaintly and with justice as "my parish."

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE WAGE QUESTION

Mr. Editor.—There is one phase of the wage question I would like to place before our citizens. That is, the injustice of so-called bosses in making exorbitant profits out of the mechanic or laborer.

In olden times the co-called boss charged at the rate of \$4 per day for his overseeing the work. He never thought for a moment of making money out of the poor laborer's day's pay. Doing this was always called taking blood money. But now boss masons will charge 30 cents per hour in some cases for laborers they only pay 15 cents per hour. Why they should make a profit out of the poor old carrier I cannot understand. The days of slavery are done away with, and he cannot own him, therefore, he has no moral right to charge a profit on his toll.

The same state of affairs exist in the carpenter trade. The boss carpenter hires all kind of help from \$1.25 per day to \$2.00. Although in most cases he will not recognize the union, he will see to it that his charge is made out for \$2.50 per day, and at the same time he will give his deluded customers to understand the injustice that is being done by the labor union.

Not over one-third of the carpenters in St. John were members of the union last year or received \$2 per day, union wages, yet it is safe to say all citizens were charged \$2.50 per day for carpenters. I would like to see a law passed making it a criminal action for any person to charge more than he pays for his labor. If we had such a law it would stop the talk you hear about labor being so high that you cannot build houses. Let the bosses charge whatever their own time is worth for overseeing any work done, and they will honestly earn their daily bread by the sweat of their own brows.

CARPENTER.

HIS DAUGHTER DEAD TO HIM

Father Announces Her Demise When She Married—Defied Him by Elopement

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 5.—Because Miss Louisa Burger eloped and married against her father's will, he declared she was dead to him, and inserted in a Baltimore newspaper the following death notice:

BURGER.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1907, LOUISA BURGER, aged twenty years, Chicago (Ill.), York (Pa.) and Norfolk (Va.) papers please copy.

Funeral at Portsmouth (Va.) "Yes, I put it in," said he, "I wanted her and everybody who knows us to understand that she is dead to us to all intents and purposes. She can never come home. I will never see her again."

A copy of this notice I mailed to her at Portsmouth, Va., where I know she has gone, with the information that it was a wedding present from her parents. I did not know there was anything wrong about doing that. It doesn't make any difference to those who give him deluded customers to understand the injustice that is being done by the labor union.

CARPENTER.

TO LET.

TO LET—Flat of nine rooms, modern improvements. Inquire at 79 Hassen street. R. B. HOLMES. 5-2-1f

TO LET—Fine store and business stand in North End, in brick building No 558 Main street, one of the largest and best stores in North End, with large cellar, occupied by former tenant 23 years. J. L. GORDON. 5-2-6

TO LET—Two small flats No. 5 St. David street. Rent low. Can be seen Tuesdays and Fridays. 5-2-1f

TO LET—Flat No. 127 Mill street. Can be seen Tuesdays and Fridays. Inquire of HUSTIN & FRENCH, 109 Prince William street. 5-2-1f

TO LET—From 1st May, the handsome suit of offices in the Bayard Building, 123 Prince William street, now occupied by Edwin K. McKay. Steam heated, large vault, all modern conveniences. Apply to E. T. C. KNOWLES, 62 Prince street. 5-2-1f

TO LET—Flat to let No. 7 Germain street. W. E. Beautifully situated, overlooking the bay and Battery's bathing beach. Large veranda, patent closets. Bath floors in dining room and kitchen. Apply to R. W. CAR-SON, 502 Main street. 2-6-1y

TO LET—A fine store No. 11 King Square, north side, now occupied by Robt. Garnett. Apply to LOUIS GREEN. 4-2-6

TO LET—Flat 95 Elliott row, hot water heating and modern improvements. Also 101 Elliott row, modern improvements, hot water heating if required. Seen Tuesday and Thursday. Apply to MISS FOWLER, 30 Summer street. 4-2-1f

TO LET—House 33 Garden street, eight rooms, bath and basement. Moderate rent. Apply to J. L. GORDON, from 3 to 5.

TO LET—Self-contained flat, five rooms with bath, hot and cold water, hot water heating. Apply at 98 Wright street. 4-2-6

TO LET—A first class business stand, from May 1st next. Storne corner Camden and Simonds street. Also flat now occupied by O. S. Dyson. Rent moderate. But the bar. Apply to MRS. A. GIBSON. 4-2-2

TO RENT—Two houses to rent, No. 6 and 8 Charles street. Apply MRS. GILLIS, 109 Union street. 5-2-6

TO LET—Flat containing eight rooms. Also small flat with patent closets, 286 Pitt street, can be seen Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Apply on premises. 4-2-6

TO LET—From May 1st part of a store suitable for a woman. Very central. Address "Business," care Star Office. 2-2-1f

TO LET—Self-contained house, 221 King street east. Modern improvements. Apply MISS MERRITT, 120 Union street. 5-2-6

TO LET—Some self-contained flats from seven to ten rooms, with modern improvements. Apply to WILLIAM HUMPHREYS, 115 St. James street. 2-2-1f

TO LET—A large self-contained house, seven rooms, modern improvements. Can be seen Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Inquire of HUSTIN & FRENCH, Solicitors, 109 Prince William street. 5-2-1f

TO LET—Two flats, 739 Spring street. Modern improvements. Apply on the premises. 31-1-6

TO LET—Two small self-contained houses, 391 Haymarket square. 2-2-1w

CITY CENTRE.

Garden street—Self-contained house, 10 rooms, bath, furnace, modern plumbing; no basement rooms; rental \$20; north side street. Self-contained house, 9 rooms; rental \$30.

Pitt street—Small, self-contained house, 7 rooms; rental \$18.00. Also, with modern plumbing, rental \$17.50. St. James street—Two self-contained flats; 7 rooms, with modern plumbing; rental \$18 and \$19 per flat.

British street—Two self-contained flats, seven rooms; rental \$18 and \$19 per flat. Next door John Tongue property.

Leinster street, just off Sydney street—Cosey self-contained house, modern plumbing, seven rooms; north side of street; rental \$20.

CITY, NORTH END.

Victoria street—New self-contained flat, five rooms; modern plumbing; rent \$3 per month.

CITY—WEST SIDE. King street—Two self-contained uper flats, one with eight rooms, bath, modern plumbing, rental \$18.00. Other, modern plumbing, modern plumbing; \$8 per month.

For terms, etc., apply to ST. JOHN REAL ESTATE CO., LTD., L. P. D. TULLY, Solicitor, Canada Life Building. Applicants who have already left names kindly call at once. 5-2-6

CHILDREN IN BUSINESS.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The school children of Hildenborough, Kent, who formed a profitable bee-keeping company recently, have now started a canteen, which has proved equally successful. A cup of good cocoa is sold for a farthing.

TICKETS BY WEIGHT.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—The committee charged with the organization of the congress, in Austria, charged for entrance tickets according to the weight of the visitors. Sixpence per stone, the rate fixed, and a weighing machine was set up at the entrance.

CHAMELEON CHURCH.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Bishop of Barking dedicated a church at Grays, Essex, yesterday, which was built a few years ago by the Baptists, was transferred by them to another denomination, and was recently bought at auction for the Church of England.

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SITUATIONS VACANT—MALE

WANTED—A steady, experienced fireman, also workman at Fertilizer Works, Crouville. Apply to Supt. 5-2-1f

WANTED—Workmen at the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Works, Crouville. Steady work for good steady men. Apply at once to the Superintendent. 4-2-1f

WANTED—Boy wanted at PADDOCK'S Drug Store. 4-2-1f

WANTED—At once, custom coat makers. SCOVILL BROS., Ltd., Oak Hall. 2-2-1f

WANTED—Tinsmith for sheet iron and furnace work; also workman for application to CONNELL BROS., Ltd., Woodstock, N. B. 31-1-6

WANTED

WANTED—Upper flat of 5 or 6 rooms, modern improvements, for family of three adults. State location and price. Address PLAT, care Star Office. 4-2-1f

WANTED—On May 1st, a heated flat of seven or eight rooms, in central location. Address GEORGE W., care Star Office. 4-2-1f

IF YOU WANT male or female help or a better situation in St. John or Boston, try GRANT'S Employment Agency, 69 St. James street, West side. 5-2-1f

WANTED—A man with good business experience, wants a partnership in an established manufacturing or wholesale business. Can furnish capital. Apply to "PARTNER," P. O. Box 311, St. John, N. B. 31-1-1f

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One set light driving harness, one barber's chair, both slightly used. Apply BARBER SHOP, 9 Rodney street, West End. 5-2-6

FOR SALE—House, 115 Prince St., West Side, formerly occupied by late Robt. Hamm. Apply on premises. 2-4-1w

FOR SALE—Horse 5 years old, about 90 lbs. Sound and kind in every way. Sell cheap as I have no further use for him. J. W. HUNTER, 33 Millidge Ave. 31-1-6

FOR SALE—One electric motor at the 2 Barkers, Ltd., 109 Princess St. SPEEDY SALMON BOAT FOR SALE.—That remarkably speedy salmon boat, built to the order of P. G. Spencer, last spring. A strong, roomy, and slippery craft, with specially made sails. Only one season old. Present owner is leaving city. Apply "SALMON BOAT," Star Office. 21-1-1f

FOR SALE—Framers 5c up; Hockey Skates 4c up; Acme Skates 5c up; Pocket Knives 5c up; Children's Snow Shovels, 1c; Men's 25c. Everything marked in plain figures at DUVALE'S, 17 Waterloo St. 6-12-1f

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagons, 2 coaches, and 2 horse carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front, coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first class coach very cheap; also three second-hand carriages, best place in the city for painting and general facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGECOMBE, 115 and 129 City Road. 6-12-1f

GASOLINE ENGINES.—The Toronto Gas & Gasoline Company, having consolidated with The Defence Iron Works of Chatham, Ont., makers of the Defence Marine Engines, and now known under the new name of The Canadian Gas Powers & Launches, Ltd., are in a position to fill orders for stationary, portable and marine engines. Stationary engines for dough mixers, cement mixers, grain grinding, threshing and other uses. Parties wishing to purchase a Marine Engine will please call and inspect our Solid Brass Engines, especially adapted for salt water, at 57 Water street, St. John, N. B.—CANADIAN GAS POWERS & LAUNCHES, LIMITED. 6-12-1f

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WANTED—Good costmakers, steady work. A. GILMOUR, 68 King St. 4-2-1f

WANTED—Competent and experienced book-keeper and stenographer. Must have first class references, no others need apply. Apply to J. SHANE & CO., 71 Germain St. 26-10-1f

WANTED—A young girl for general housework. No washing or ironing. Good wages. Apply at 176 King street east. 5-2-1f

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Small family. 7 Paddock street. 4-2-1f

WANTED—Respectable and capable person for general housework. Apply 55 Elliott row. 5-2-6

WANTED—Pantry girl at the VICTORIA HOTEL. 23-1-1f

WANTED—An upstairs girl and a cook at the UNION HOTEL. 5-2-6

WANTED—At once, a kitchen girl. Apply at the Victoria Hotel. 5-2-6

WANTED—A competent stenographer, at once. Address A. B., care Star Office. 4-2-1f

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply MRS. THOS. A. LIVING, 17 High street. 4-2-6

WANTED—Two sales ladies, must have experience. Also boys to learn the dry goods business. Apply at P. A. DYKEMAN and CO'S. 5-2-1f

WANTED—Kitchen girl. Apply DUFFELIN HOTEL. 4-2-3

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WANTED—A girl capable of keeping books and tending shop. State salary. Address "B," care Star Office. 2-2-3

WANTED—Good general girl. Apply MRS. W. GREEN, 164 Duke. 2-2-7

WANTED—A girl. Apply at the PUBLIC HOSPITAL. 1-2-1f

WANTED—A maid for general housework in family of three. No laundry work other help kept. Apply at 101 Carmarthen street. 29-1-1f

WANTED—Dining room help. Apply at HOTEL EDWARD. 20-1-1f

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to MRS. J. D. HAZEN, Hazen street. 2-2-3

WANTED—A woman to assist with housework in the country. Also general girls. High pay. MISS HANSON, Employment Office, 138 Charlotte St. 2-2-1f

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. R. T. LEAVITT, 52 Queen street. 23-1-1f

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QUARANTINE RAISED AT SPRINGHILL

By County Health Officer Dr. Clay—The Disease Being Stamped Out Through The County.

(Amherst Telegram, Feb. 5.)

We had a direct report from Dr. H. P. Clay this afternoon regarding the small pox situation in Cumberland County, Springfield having been quarantined some time ago and grave fears were entertained for its ultimate business. However with a general waking up and careful precautions taken, the spread of this disease was not only stopped but the health officer was able to raise the quarantine at Springfield this afternoon.

Parrsboro and all the shore around by Port Greville and Advocate and to Macan is clear of the disease. At Chignecto mines the quarantine was raised some time ago. There is one case at Rodney, but this will be terminated in a few days. There are three houses under quarantine in Middleboro District and two at Pugwash River. There is one new case at Westchester but we understand there is little danger of it spreading. The residence of the Baptist minister and the Baptist church at Wentworth are to be fumigated this week as the disease is just about stamped out in the county.

From the enquiries throughout the county we understand that the health officer, Dr. H. P. Clay, has been most persistent and painstaking in the discharge of his duties and to his efforts of organization, the county is in a large measure indebted for the present state of affairs which are most satisfactory.

TO TRUNDLE CARTWHEEL 1700 MILES.

PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 5.—A blacksmith, named Hayes, started from Portsmouth