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## McGrath's Outburst

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

**DEAR SIR,**—I think there is a usage in law that if you cannot beat the other party to the argument—then abuse him.

The Hon. editor of The Herald seems to have adapted it to journalism, for a few nights ago he denounced me as an "idiot" while in his reply to my letter of Tuesday, printed in Wednesday's Herald, he tells me I have made a "show" of myself and uses up a column or so of his valuable space in a labourer attempt to do this.

Well, judging from recent happenings here, more than your humble correspondent have made a show of themselves. If I mistake not the Hon. P. T. has always regarded the "back fyle" argument as an irrefutable one.

For months past in England the Northcliffees have been conducting a violent anti-patriotic campaign, and The Herald has not alone persistently copied these articles from their journals, but has acted as their apologist, justified and defended them, and The Herald fyles are there to verify my assertions.

The Hon. P.T. is a "patriot" of that I'm sure, and after saying in his effusion of last evening that "we have no brief for Lord Northcliffe," he in the next breath glorifies these detested reactionaries and gives such a lengthy category of their virtues and the assistance they have rendered to the Empire, that his readers must wonder what would have happened the Empire if M' Lud Northcliffe had been, say up at Grand Falls, with the incorruptible Herald editor at his heels spying out more timber and land claims.

Special correspondents sometimes give evidence of "nerves" as well as Mr. McGrath and others and see "grey" and it is not because they send Jereminds to the Canadian papers that we must conclude that all Great Britain looks for the immediate collapse of the Dardanelles campaign.

By the bye, P.T., you seem to have a predilection for and place great faith in the Canadian press. I do not suggest that this would involve the advocacy of a warmer feeling from your fellow country, but it looks significant. But there are other English papers as well as other Canadian papers who do not give up the Dardanelles movement yet.

After all it will take more than the interested utterances of the "Daily Wail," as The Daily News aptly designates it and the Northcliffe press, as well as correspondents with an axe to grind to funk old John Bull in the Dardanelles or elsewhere and this again impels me to respectfully but nevertheless firmly ask the Censor to stop your further featuring of the Northcliffe seditions and to give all the newspapers a square deal, irrespective of political affiliations.

I notice there is an absence of the mirth which my facetious friend displayed in his last letter and may I hope this is due to a recognition of the dangers of the position he assumes, or "tell it not in Gath"—can it be that the Censor has gently whispered in his editorial ear. Well if I am safe in assuming that the latter is the case then it affords me pleasure to know that my efforts to put the Honourable Editor in his place were not absolutely futile.

Your championing of the Northcliffees who are detested by their anti-British attitude by three-fourths of the English people will no more make for "harmony and mutual co-operation" here than the role you have assumed as to the other "grievances" you refer to; for it is unpopular, ill-advised, unfair and unmanly; and you, Mr. Herald editor, will soon have cause to realize that I tell you the truth.

With an au revoir to the abettor of the Northcliffees and a word of

thanks to your good self for the courtesy of publication.

—ANGLESEA.  
St. John's, Oct. 28, 1915.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

**DEAR SIR,**—I wish to take exception to the recent outbursts of the editor of The Herald re his efforts to arouse sectarianism in connection with our soldiers.

I think myself as good, if not a better, Catholic than P. T. McGrath, even though I haven't a front seat in the Church; but I must tell you, like many others of the congregation at last last mass on Sunday, I felt the mortification of seeing him leave his pew before any of the congregation stirred, and walk down the centre aisle with the expression and desire to have all think that he was the all powerful being who was championing our cause.

I must say, Mr. Editor, that I am seriously expressing the truthful sentiments of the many at the Church on Sunday last, as when the subject was debated in our club rooms that morning this same McGrath was referred to in a manner not very complimentary, as a good faithful Catholics remember his dealings with the late and much respected Archbishop Howley when I recall all that has happened I honestly feel ashamed of the new champion of our religion, and I leave it for my fellow church people to think best.

McGrath's name was enrolled with much contempt by loyal Catholics during the past ten or fifteen years by the thousands of many admirers, both Catholic and Protestant, of the late Archbishop. And this is the same man who has profited for himself knifed every one, even his best friends, so much that to-day his friends can be numbered on the fingers of our right hand.

I make the assertion honestly, that he is the most unpopular man in Newfoundland to-day, an assertion which will be backed by the people of all creeds and religions. He has realized the depths into which The Herald has fallen and now to have it swim sensationalizes at the expense of our church and religion.

Regarding the Volunteer question, I know Lieut. Kevin Keegan to have stated to a prominent newspaper man in this city on Monday evening "McGrath is wrong, ill-advised, and has made things very nasty for us." He also purposely forgets to mention the names of Sergeants Murphy, Bell Island, and H. Power, of this city; but we'll let this matter pass over.

I was at the railway station on Tuesday to see my brother off and I did not hear anyone hooting Capt. Montgomery, but I did hear people condemning McGrath, who seems to have the wrong side of every thing and to be a noted crank, that even his relations admit.

McGrath in his nasty state of mind would not make mention of the presentation to Capt. Montgomery, the same as the other papers did; no, this would only show the sentiment that prevailed with our brave soldiers and the thoughts entertained by them and Lieut. Norris for the Captain when they made some pleasing references to his ability.

But I will leave all this to our readers to think over and judge for themselves if what I have stated is not correct.

—CATHOLIC LAYMAN.  
St. John's, Oct. 28, 1915.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

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(Editor Mail and Advocate)

**DEAR SIR,**—I must congratulate you upon your exposure of that sectarian firebrand McGrath, in The Herald, in his despicable attempt to arouse a sectarian feeling amongst a section of his readers; using the "Montgomery incident" as a blind to bolster up the liquor traffic.

This sort of thing might suit at one time, but it is not good enough for the 20th century. Fancy an educated man using such a heading as "No Irish Need Apply," and that in the personal organ of the Premier of Britain's Oldest Colony at such a time as this.

The trouble about McGrath's Vapourings is this: that because there happens to be some forty-six Protestants holding commissions in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment, representing some five or six denominations, "Patsy" is clamouring for commissions for forty-six Roman Catholics.

It is indeed regrettable that we have such a blatant Boanerges among the journalists of this city capable of stirring up religious strife at a time when the Empire is engaged in the struggle of a European war, and it is regrettable furthermore, that a literary journalist of the twentieth century is prepared to arouse the dying embers of religious strife for the sake of sectarian warfare of a dubious character, emanating as it does from such a source.

—BRITISHER.  
St. John's, Oct. 28, 1915.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

**DEAR SIR,**—I would like to ask if Hon. P. T. McGrath is to be considered (as he thinks he is) the great champion and defender of Irish Catholicity, why is it that since the war began he has been so ardently upholding the Northcliffees, whose hatred of Ireland and opposition to Home Rule is proverbial?

Isn't P. T. placing himself in a rather false position? Does he think we Catholics have such short memories?

How long ago is it since he grossly insulted every Irish Catholic in Newfoundland by his ugly utterances against a deceased and reverend prelate.

When he answers these one or two questions, I may propose a few others.

—IRISH CATHOLIC.  
St. John's, Oct. 28, 1915.

We advise trappers to send their furs to Newfoundland Fox Exchange.

## Change Islands Appreciates Dr. Geisel

(Special to Mail and Advocate.)  
CHANGE ISLANDS, Oct. 28.—Dr. Geisel was at Change Islands last night. There was a crowded hall, over 600 being present to listen to a lecture of wonderful vividness and power, on "The Blood." The audience was spellbound, as Dr. Geisel dealt with the subject, which was rendered intelligible to everyone present, and was particularly applicable to Change Islands in view of the now waning epidemics, as was her elucidation of the causes, treatment and prevention of typhoid fever. With wonderful power, she showed the destructive effects of alcohol on the various parts of the human organism, and in doing so, rendered service of the most valuable kind to the cause of Prohibition.

Experience, gained from many fields, from exacting practice and close observation and under the best masters, has convinced her of the complete uselessness of alcohol for medical purposes.

The Chair was taken by the Rev. J. Prescott, who was supported by Mr. H. J. Crowe, Rev. L. E. G. Davies, and S. Roberts, J.P.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Geisel for her lecture and to Mr. Crowe, whose munificence made it possible, the whole audience concurring enthusiastically.

Steps are being taken for the formation of a Health Committee among the women of the place, as a result of Dr. Geisel's visit.

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