

SENATOR TASSE'S SPEECH.

AT THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR.

The Position of Canada Most Eloquent-ly Defined; Faith in the Grand Future of Our Country; An Oration to be Remembered.

Senator Tasse, the eloquent Commissioner from Quebec, was received with loud cheers, at the 'British Empire' day festivities at the World's Fair. He began his address by relating the story of a Roman lady, a great woman, a great patriot, who was requested one day to show her jewels, and in answer she exhibited her three sons, the three Gracchi, three men who, trained by such a mother, were destined to shed lustre on their country. 'I have no doubt,' he said, 'that if Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Queen of Great Britain and the Empress of India, than whom there never was a nobler woman on the throne, was called upon to show the jewels of her crown she would point, not only to the three famous islands, the mothers of so many nations, but also to their vast dependencies, scattered throughout every continent. These dependencies and their riches are fittingly represented at this exhibition of the universe, and their delegates all proclaim that, although separated by long distances, in many cases by the seas, whether they come from Great Britain, from India, from Australia—a continent by itself—from the recesses of Africa, or from the other side of the lakes,

THEY ARE ONE

in their feelings, in their aspirations, in their determination to consolidate the greatest empire that has ever existed. In former days a Roman citizen could not claim a higher distinction than that of saying: 'I am a Roman citizen—Civis Romanus.' With greater pride can we say: 'I am a British citizen—an empire upon which the sun never sets, an empire which covers an immense portion of the earth, an empire of more than 345,000,000 inhabitants, an empire which includes peoples of all origins, of all colors, of all creeds, an empire which has unfurled the flag of freedom upon the remotest lands, from the north to the south.' (Great cheering.)

CANADA A GREATER BRITAIN.

'Comparisons being generally invidious, I will not venture one, but I can assert with legitimate pride that Canada, which is the greater half of this continent—a Greater Britain, as it has been styled—and which alone forms a large part of the whole British territory, has nothing to fear from a comparison with other parts of the Empire. With the same assurance I will add that no nation enjoys a greater sum of happiness, of prosperity and liberty, of true Christian liberty, than the Dominion of Canada. The section feuds which existed are fast disappearing. We have learned to become brothers. On the old rock of Quebec stands a monument to the memory of the brave—Montcalm and Wolfe—who fought in former days. This monument symbolizes the new era, the era of peace to all men of good-will. Do not believe that the French-Canadians are discontented, restless, or eager for radical changes. We are a happy lot; we are full of hopes. These hopes have become realities in many instances. We have large families, and a great deal of our exuberant blood runs through the Republic. But, interested as we are in the welfare of our powerful neighbors, we have to stand by Canada first. (Applause.)

CANADIANS SATISFIED WITH THEIR COUNTRY.

'I think I am voicing the feeling of the great majority of my compatriots in saying that they are fully satisfied with their country, with their institutions and with their laws; that they find in the folds of the British flag all the protection which they would wish for their rights. In building up a new nationality on the American continent with the sons of England, Scotland and Ireland, and they are worthy sons, for all that I know of, too—we are but repeating the history of England herself. We are but rebuilding that majestic structure which has stood the test of years, which was the work not only of the Saxon, but also of the Briton and Norman. The Briton and the Norman were our ancestors and they have made France also; and France and England are two of the most powerful factors in human progress. They are the men

also who centuries ago wrote the Magna Charta, which has become the paladium of all free peoples.

CANADA CANNOT BE BOUGHT.

'I saw the other day in the Chicago papers—and I may say in passing that they are great papers, worthy of a great city—a proposal made by some one that it would be proper for the United States to secure the purchase of British Columbia at a price of \$100,000,000, and that if the rest of Canada were willing to be bought that \$300,000,000 could be added. This may not be the time for the American treasury to empty its vaults, but even if it were, I must say that Canada is not in the market, that it does not intend to make an auction sale of its territory. We have neither a province nor an inch of soil to sell. (Loud cheers and cries of "Never.") We are not a purchasable commodity. That soil is ours; that soil is sacred, and we intend to keep it for all intents and purposes. British Columbia is our bulwark on the Pacific coast, and in her case, as well as in the case of any other Canadian province, we shall always say, "No surrender." (Great cheering.)

'DIEU ET MON DROIT.'

'Mr. President, I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet. I do not know what the future of Canada will be; no one does. It may continue to be an essential portion of the British Empire; it may become an independent nation. This continent is large enough for more than one set of stars, but whatever may be our political faith, I feel confident that it will be a beneficial one. We Canadians are not a nation of infidels; we are a nation of believers, of Christians. God has been good to us. He has taken care of us in the past and we can safely put our destinies in His divine hands; but God helps those who help themselves—Aide toi et le ciel t'aidera. men of the British Empire, men of the north or of the south, men of the east or west, let us remain.

TRUE TO THE SUBLIME MOTTO

which is inscribed on our banners—Dieu et mon droit—God and my right. Let us protect our rights, but let us respect the rights of others. Liberty is a divine institution and it cannot be a monopoly. Let us rise to the height, to the grandeur of the situation; let us unite for a common, a great, a sacred cause, that of spreading throughout the world the most advanced ideas of civilization, and whatever may be the length of our alliances, of our combined efforts, let it be such that it will leave a glorious and everlasting imprint on the sands of time.

'Ladies and gentlemen, let me say in concluding: God save the Queen! (Cheers.) God save the members of the Royal Family and God save the great statesmen who have to conduct the great British Empire. (Loud applause.)

Ecclesiastical Changes at St. Hyacinthe.

The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe has made the following changes in his diocese: Rev. J. A. Gravel, cure at Belœil; J. Jodoin, cure at St. Gregoire; L. B. Boivin, cure at Acton; T. Guertin, cure at Dunham; R. Desnoyers, cure at Bedford; N. Angers, cure at Adamsville; F. Coderre, cure at St. Alphonse; J. C. Blanchard, cure at St. Ignace; J. N. Nadeau, cure at St. Mathias; G. Gaudreau, cure at St. Sebastien; P. Boulay, cure at Clarenceville; L. A. Dutilly, vicar at La Presentation; J. H. Beaudry, vicar at St. Pie; P. E. Noisieux, vicar at Sorel; F. Labonte, vicar at Ste. Marie; S. Caron, vicar at St. Athanase; J. H. Lariviere, vicar at St. Hilaire. The Rev. Messrs. C. Poulin and A. D. Limoges have retired from the ministry on account of ill-health.

Scotch umpire at a village match to batsmen who are disputing as to which was run out: 'I'll no have any argument about it. I'll ge ye both out, and then I canna make any mistake.

SMILES.

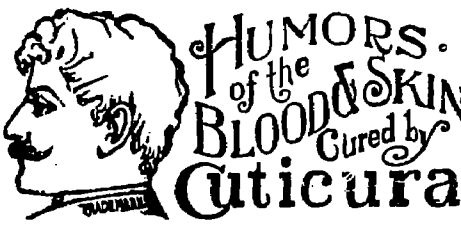
She: Have you ever seen my friend Miss Dashaway? He: Only at a distance. She: Then you have seen her at her best.

A: What prompted you to ask Miss Giddey to be your wife? B: I think Giddey herself prompted me more than anybody else.

"Please give me a penny to buy something to eat with," said a beggar. "To eat with?" ejaculated the person accosted. "What's the matter with your mouth?"

Hill: MacShorte has sold a poem to Scribblers entitled, "Ode to a Fair Lady." Hulls: Has he? Well, he is more competent to write verses entitled "Owed to a Landlady."

Harry: Well, I never heard but one speech that moved me. Cecil: Who made it? Harry: My landlady. She said I'd have to pay in advance or move—and I moved.



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THE WORLD AROUND.

The Vigilant defeated the Pilgrim and won the Astor cups on Tuesday.

The House of Lords is to take up the Home Rule bill on September 5.

The Valkyrie sailed from Southampton, on Wednesday, 30th, for the United States.

Turkey has established five days' quarantine against vessels arriving from Russian ports.

Mrs. Shann, charged with the murder of her son, was acquitted at Trenton, N. J., Monday.

The coal miners' strike in South Wales is so serious that thousands of troops have been ordered to the scene.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha is dead; the Duke of Edinburgh has taken the oath as his successor.

Siam has deposited the guarantee of three million francs required to insure the payment of French indemnity.

It looks as if Senators from silver States intend filibustering when the repeal bill is considered in the Senate.

A traveling man from Lafayette, Ind., received an 1804 dollar from a hotel clerk at Davenport, Io., and sold it for \$855.

Governor Boies was nominated by the Democratic State Convention of Iowa on Wednesday. The convention adopted a compromise silver plank.

A blasting explosion occurred in the King Ludwig coal mine at Berlin, Germany, in which seven miners were killed. Six were seriously injured.

The statue of Abraham Lincoln erected as a memorial to the Scottish-American soldiers of the American civil war was unveiled at Edinburgh on Monday.

Prince Bismarck, in a speech at Kissingen, said the principles of the Constitution were being undermined by advocates of the centralization of the imperial power.

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation has called a meeting of commercial bodies for September 12th, at Washington, to urge the repeal of the Sherman law.

The Kaiserstuhl coal pit at Dortmund, in Westphalia, was the scene of a terrible mining accident Saturday. An explosion of fire-damp occurred in the pit, killing fifty persons and injuring many others.

While en route from Buffalo, westward, the steamer Oneida, Capt. T. E. Black, owned in Bay City, Mich., was burned in Lake Erie, last Sunday week. Loss, \$50,000. Her captain and crew of nineteen men got safely ashore.

There are nearly 200 immigrants at Ellis Island who will be sent back. Nearly all are excluded under the provisions of alien contract-labor law. They were brought here by six different steamships, and are from all parts of the world.

President J. S. Clarke, of the Mobile and Ohio Road, has issued a circular notifying employees that a reduction will be made in the compensation of every officer and employee of the company whose compensation exceeds \$50.00 a month. Reductions will run from 7½ to 20 per cent., and will take effect on Sept. 1.

Surgeon-General Wyman, of the United States marine hospital service, has received a cablegram from Consul-General Edwards, at Berlin, stating that there are no further cases of cholera there. The disease was introduced through cucumbers procured from infected districts in Russian Poland.

A steam mangle, 42 by 84 inches in size, exploded at 2.30 last Thursday afternoon in the Hell Gate Steam Laundry, at 248 East 104th street. Nine girls and one man were at work in the room at the time, all of whom are more or less injured. Four girls are so badly scalded that they will probably die.

Advices from commercial centres show that Russia is feeling the pinch of the tariff war severely. Throughout Southern Russia the prices of all grains are falling. The chief provincial treasurers have been summoned to confer with the directors of the Imperial Bank of Russia on measures to assist distressed landowners and farmers.

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