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Neither Canada nor the empire is in any danger. The cause of all the sound and fury is the desire of Conservatives in Canada and in the United Kingdom to climb into power.

by that the arrangement guards preference to Britain which may be increased by Canada without violation of the reciprocity arrangement.

This remark, made by Mr. Ernest A. Sherman in an interview in today's Telegraph, is commended to the attention of St. John people at the present time. As the local campaign progresses, those who oppose the commission plan must come out in the open, and it will be found that Mr. Sherman's remark applies in St. John as well as in other cities.

There should be a very large attendance at the opera house this evening, to hear Mr. Sherman's address. He has been a member of a city council and also of a commission. He knows his subject. A city in Canada has the same problems, the same public services, the same desire for good government, as a city in the United States. The character of the people is not so different that one may not learn valuable lessons from the other.

The St. John Standard recently sought to convey the impression that the Des Moines' plan did not work well in Des Moines. It quoted certain alleged authorities. The Telegraph this morning printed a reply by Mr. James G. Berryhill, who had more than any other single individual to do with the adoption of the plan in that city. He shows that one of the Standard's authorities was a disgruntled official who was legislated out of office by the commission plan.

Mr. Berryhill very effectively replies to the Standard's misrepresentations, and declares that "since the adoption of the commission form in this city the interest of its citizens in municipal affairs has increased enormously." He adds:

"The commission form of government is better calculated than any form ever devised to stimulate the citizen to the highest standard of civic duty and to enable him with the necessary information to enable him to act with intelligence and ripe judgment. If the proposition were submitted anew to the people of Des Moines, we believe that it would be approved by nine-tenths of our voters. I can safely say that the system is thoroughly entrenched in our community and that under no circumstances would our citizens relinquish the splendid opportunities presented thereby of improving themselves upon their municipal government."

The Standard wants the board of trade to try its political game. The trick is too transparent.

Ruward Kipling, like Canon Scott, is worried about reciprocity. Where is Alfred Austin?

Mr. Sherman's statement of what the commission plan of government did for Cedar Rapids, as given on another page of this issue of the Times, should be read by every taxpayer.

The Conservatives in Great Britain are sorely in need of a policy. They can do no better than attempt to make an imperial issue of a mutually beneficial trade agreement between Canada and the United States. It is the proverbial case of the drowning man catching at straws.

If the Conservative party in Canada base their hopes of getting into power on the ability of Hon. "Bob" Rogers to set the leather on fire, they are doomed to a long period in opposition. The man from Manitoba may as well return to the prairie province.

The Toronto Telegram (Conservative) makes these remarks, which are commended to the St. John Standard:—"There is no question at all as to the blamelessness of Hon. W. S. Fielding's private life and the integrity of his public life. Critics of Hon. W. S. Fielding should assault his policies and leave personality alone."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley has been caught red-handed in another grave political crime. The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Gazette tells the story as follows:—"The House spent the day in supply, and during the whole of the sitting Mr. Pugsley was engaged in the task of explaining to the little group of Manitoba Conservative members why the government apportioned only 30 cents per man in that province on public works, while in Nova Scotia \$2 per man was expended, and in the Northwest own political preserve of New Brunswick \$4 per man was the allotted portion."

For some reason Mr. Crockett and Dr. Daniel do not appear to have taken part in the discussion on this point.

Every death and every birth in a small town causes approximately 300 extra telephone calls, according to figures just issued by a telephone company in Columbia, Mo. The calls resulting from the births are more trouble, says the report, because these are limited to women, and the conversation occupies much more time than in the case of a death.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The St. John river valley is to have a railway from St. John to Grand Falls, built up to the standard of the Grand Trunk Pacific in this province. It will be operated as part of the Intercolonial system, and will have through connections. It will give the people of the valley local and through services with competitive rates. It will greatly stimulate the development of the rich region traversed.

A resolution now before parliament at Ottawa, introduced by the minister of railways, makes provision for the leasing and operation of the road as part of the Intercolonial system, on terms which, if the Hagen government does its duty in the matter, will result in the early construction of the whole line.

Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell have labored earnestly to secure for the people of the St. John valley the railway service they so much need, and the resolution now before parliament is the evidence of their success. They have kept their pledge to the people. There can be no excuse for any attempt to construct an electric railway between two points on the C. P. R. Having before them the proposals of the federal government, backed by the vote of parliament, the people will insist upon such action by the provincial government as will ensure a railway that is up to the standard in construction and equipment, and that will give them through connections.

The Telegraph's Ottawa despatch states that "the promoters of the project have given the government assurance that they can carry through the undertaking with the pledge of parliament as now proposed."

Thus the way is clear for action. Those who sought to excuse the provincial government by asserting that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell were not in earnest in this matter have been silenced. It will not be the fault of the federal government if the valley railway is not soon under construction from Grand Falls to St. John.

The building of this road means much for the city of St. John as well as for the region traversed. It will bring the city in quick and constant touch all the year round with one of the richest agricultural sections of the province, and in summer with the most delightful of locations for summer homes. The traffic of the line would rapidly increase. From every point of view it is desirable to press forward the work of construction. The way has been cleared by the action taken by the federal government, in response to the strong arguments presented by Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell.

SOUND AND FURY

Some Conservative papers are growing quite hysterical over the question of reciprocity. Wild appeals are made to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to save the country, and the spirit of Sir John Macdonald is invoked to arouse the people. There are Conservative papers, however, which refuse to join this political outcry to behalf of the people. The Ottawa Citizen is one of them. It says:

"One of the chief objections to the ratification of the proposed reciprocity agreement by certain sections of British and Canadian newspapers and by political leaders at home and abroad is the implied danger to the British preference and the British connection. Invariably this issue is introduced in arguments against the agreement. We are solemnly warned by such eminent authorities as Sir Gilbert Parker, Right Hon. Geo. Windham, Max Aitken, M.P., and other statesmen of today that the imperial tie is in grave danger by the Canadian acceptance of the new schedule, while the Montreal board of trade considers the agreement but the first step towards cutting the painter. The Duke of Argyll, who is probably better versed in Canadian conditions than all the rest of the politicians now voicing their opinions in the British press, does not, however, overlook the main point and the point Mr. Fielding emphasized when introducing the agreement to parliament, namely:

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The full sweet word that lies within our reach Beneath the common ground of common speech.

Then out of sight and out of reach they go, These dear familiar friends who loved us so.

And, sitting in the shadows they have left, Alone with loneliness and sore bereft.

We think with vain regret of some kind word That once we might have said, and they have heard.

—James Russell Lowell.

KIND WORDS

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SERVING TIME

TOO GREAT A TASK

TALK SAVING

SYMPATHETIC

HOME LIFE

ARMCHAIR REFLECTIONS

By H. L. Spencer

He cried, "The Friends of my Youth, Where are they?" And also answered, "Where?"

It is one of the penalties of the years to leave those who survive their comrades too long, as much alone in a great city as in a great desert. Of the companions of my early boyhood, I know not of one that still lives. Of the friends of my later youth, perhaps a dozen survive, but I have not met one of them during the last forty or fifty years; and they are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico almost to Hudson Bay. Between those and myself letters pass not infrequently. These letters are full of pleasant memories of long ago, but it is only at rare intervals that my correspondents dwell at any length on the recent past. It is the early impression that lasts—a truth that is too often forgotten in the home and the school. Some of these letters that I receive are permeated by the spirit of youth, though the hands that write them are wrinkled and tremulous. The writers forget, for the time being, that we are old, and that the harvest only awaits the sickle, and that, as old Omar says, "Time is on the wing." But blessed be those letters; they bring me messages from my boyhood and youth; they are like messages from the dead—from another sphere.

I have before me a letter, (a valued letter), from Little Laura, in which she writes: "Since you can never meet me young again, I hope you may yet live twenty happy years." I thank you for your wish, Little Laura, but it is impossible of fulfillment. Nobody, except in books, ever lived twenty consecutive happy years. Yet I look forward wistfully and picture you in my mind, as I hope you will be two decades hence, a cheerful dignified and honored woman of 27 years, loved by your neighbors and the sun.

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