

## "The Gospel of Thrift"

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"One of the most practical Gospel sermons delivered in Hamilton for many a day, and it was not by a regularly ordained preacher either, was heard in Wesley Church last night.

"The preachers tell us every Sunday how to live so that when we lie down to die we may have a safe passport into the glories of the world beyond, but Dr. Samson, the lecturer of last night, preached a Gospel of thrift that will make men and women better citizens, and provide for the days when old age comes upon us and we are not able to earn even the necessities of life. The pulpit and the press should unite their forces in teaching the doctrine of a thriftier citizenship, and for the time, at least, let the question of politics and the judgment to come have a rest. Once get men and women educated up to the standard of saving and economy, and the moral tone of society will become higher and purer. It is the extravagance and recklessness of our daily lives that is responsible for the low state of morals the world over. Educate the rising generation to be thrifty, industrious and economical, and the boys and young men will have no time to squander their weekly earnings in the bar-room or in studying the dope cards of the race track. There is more money wasted every day in Hamilton in the saloons, gambling rooms, betting on the horses, and the smoking habit than would provide an annuity for every one of the victims if it were properly invested, payable after he reached the age of fifty-five years.

"With all its sins of wrongdoing the Laurier administration has done one act that will rebound to its credit for all time in the future. While the British Government is providing for Old Age of its thrifless citizens and placing a perpetual tax on the industrious with which to pay pensions, the Canadian Government comes in with a new Gospel of self-help and presents a plan whereby every man and woman can provide an annuity for the days when they are not able to earn a living. The British plan educates pauperism by providing pensions for the improvident who live from hand to mouth 365 days in the year, spending their earnings without one thought of the morrow. The Canadian plan begins with the youth and educates the boys and girls to lay by even as small a sum as 25 cents weekly so that when they reach the age of 55 or 60 years they will have an assured income that will at least make them independent of the charity of the world. It begets a spirit of pride instead of dependency. And the larger the weekly sum saved the larger will be the annuity. The plan of the Government provides that no annuity less than \$50 a year can be paid, and the highest sum that anyone can receive is \$600 a year. It depends upon the persons themselves how much to provide between the higher and lower amounts. Once a person begins to save money by opening an account in a savings bank the habit becomes so fixed that every pay-day finds him or her at the bank making the weekly deposit. Once begin saving for an annuity at the time of life when we need a fixed income and everything will be made to bend to that purpose.

"The plan is simple and easily understood, and the name of Sir Richard Cartwright will be a blessing in every home where advantage is taken of the annuity. It is to explain it that Dr. Samson, of Windsor, has been commissioned by the Dominion Government to spend part of his time in the field to educate the people up to the new Gospel of thrift as a provision for old age. Evidently the churches are not yet converted to it, for Dr. Tovell, Pastor of Wesley Church, is one of the first

ministers to open his pulpit to Dr. Samson, and the people who attended Wesley Church last night were profited and well repaid for the hour no more spent. Dr. Samson is an earnest speaker, and he tells his story so eloquently that that the hearer cannot but be convinced that the Canadian Government has hit upon the right plan to educate the people that an independent annuity, earned by one's own thrift, is preferable to a pauperizing pension roll."

## Twenty Thousand In Three Years

Bishop D. E. Harris of Cardston, with Mrs. Harris and little girl were in the city during the early part of the week, the little girl underwent an operation upon her throat. Mr. Harris is a man of wide experience and previous to coming to Alberta spent sixteen years in business in Mexico. It was a little over three years ago that a visit to Alberta convinced him that it offered better, and bigger opportunities for himself and family than Mexico or any other part of the continent, so he sold the large holdings he had in Mexico and from that time he has centered all his interests in Southern Alberta, and particularly in the Cardston district.

Speaking of Lethbridge the other day, Mr. Harris said: "There is no doubt that Lethbridge is the coming metropolis of the south half of the province. As a most conservative estimate I expect to see a population of twenty thousand people in Lethbridge in the next three years."

## Water Works

Taber, Aug. 2.—Word was received in town today that the C. P. R. had accepted the town council's terms to supply water for the city so in all probability waterworks will be installed before winter.

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## FAIRS FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER

Cardston will hold a two day's fair this year on Tuesday and Wednesday Sept. 28th and 29th. Below is published a list of the majority of fairs to be held this year, together with their dates. Three of these are held by exhibition associations, Edmonton, Calgary and Fort Saskatchewan. The others are held by agricultural societies:

Olds August 6  
Claresholm August 3  
Macleod August 4-6  
Lethbridge August 10-12  
Leduc September 21  
Daysland September 22-23  
Sedgewick September 24  
Innisfree September 27-28  
Vogreville September 29  
Lloydminster September 30  
Vermilion September 30-Oct. 1  
Taber September 30  
Nanton September 20-21  
Pincher Creek September 22  
Magrath September 23-24  
Raymond September 16-17  
Cardston September 28-29  
Irvine October 1  
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