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THE HIGHER NOTE IN POLITICS.

In this age of "practical politics," when success so largely depends, or is supposed to depend, upon manipulation, upon the judicious distribution of patronage, upon the expenditure of money in public works where it will do the most good, upon appeals to local prejudices, and upon many other things the advantageous use of which in carrying elections is understood by the leaders of well-organized parties, the address of Mr. Martin Burrell at the Conservative meeting on Friday night is rather refreshing. In the old days Conservatism stood in the public imagination for all sorts of political abuses. For ways that were dark and articles that were vain, the Conservative politician was regarded as peculiar. He afforded the "horrible example" for the Liberal preceptor, who cried himself hoarse in public places, and thanked his Heaven that he was not as other men were. We all remember too well the homilies that were delivered upon pure politics, and the everlasting dwelling upon "practical politics." In time, as a consequence, the Conservative party stood in the estimation of the more innocent and well-meaning of the people as the terrible ogre with which mothers in olden times frightened their children into obedience. The Liberal-Conservative party had been a long time in power, and it is needless to say that its policy was understood by the administration. Men of long time in office began to regard the country as their peculiar property. Their leaders did not sufficiently appreciate the changing conditions and recognize the newer elements. Even had they been immaculate, the country, sooner or later would have demanded a change. There were some grounds for legitimate criticism, there were there those unsatisfactory conditions which come of years of power. The Liberal-Conservative party, however, while vulnerable in details of its administration, as many party governments become in time were departed from the great ideals of Sir John Macdonald with the coming of the Imperial Union, Canadian consolidation, commercial expansion and other features of that broad policy for which the name Conservative has become synonymous in our history. The greatest complaint that has been paid to the political genius of that party was the adoption of its policy, although when they came into power, although in opposition they had condemned almost every phase of it. Mr. Fielding, in admitting the wholesale assimilation of Conservative principles, took credit for improving upon them and carrying them to a greater and a more logical conclusion than would have otherwise been possible. However true that may be in some particulars, it is certainly true in others, for not only have the Liberals adopted as their own all the good planks of Conservatism, but they have put into wholesale practice as well all the abuses and evils, which in opposition they so sweepingly and persistently condemned. In Dominion politics, and in a striking degree in Ontario and Quebec politics, the result of their administration has been the lowering of the moral tone of public life to such an extent that Canada has been compared with the United States as fittingly illustrating the evils of politics in the new world, under democratic forms of government.

Mr. Borden, when he became leader of the Conservative party, recognized that placing his policy upon the lowest possible plane, it was necessary for success to give to political life a higher moral tone. His object has been to give new aspirations to the party, to place certain standards conspicuous in Great Britain before the people, to accept defeat rather than to attain office by the sacrifice of principles, or by methods that could not be approved of as measured by the properties of private life. A man of unimpeachable character himself, who had always governed his public conduct by certain ideals, he was especially well qualified to undertake the lines in which the nation on well-defined lines, in which graft, election corruption and all the usual unclean methods should, as far as possible, be eliminated. He recognized that the better element of both parties were tired of methods which have brought politics into disgrace on both sides of the line on this continent, and were prepared, when the man before unskilled laborious tasks would lead the campaign of genuine reform. This the people of Canada are prepared to do just as soon as they are satisfied that he is sincere and that his professions are not for the purpose of obtaining power, only to be thrown aside when their immediate object has been attained. The people want the man, or the government of the party that will put into force after being elected what was promised before—strong enough to defy unpopularity if necessary, and to turn down the importunate followers who only for the "loaves and fishes" sought

strong enough to reward friends legitimately entitled to consideration when legitimate rewards are available, and not to attempt to placate enemies by the giving of political gifts.

Ontario struggled along for years under a government that hung on to office contrary to the manifest feeling of the people by divers methods of manipulation. Finally the reaction came, when the whole electorate rose up and cast it off as a garment itched in its raw and unlit for use. Premier Whitney came before the people a man pledged to clean government and honest administration. He was never personally a popular man even with his own party, but he gave the impression that he was strong and honest. He stood for something the people wanted, and they elected him. Mr. Whitney organized a government which has given satisfaction, and of which he himself controls. After one session of the Legislature he is stronger today than he was the day of his election, because he has so far carried out his programme to the letter.

In Manitoba the people tired of Liberal rule because it failed to fulfill the hopes of the people when the support of the Liberal administration. The Roblin administration has been strong, and has been free from political abuse. In the Northwest Territories the new electorate in Alberta will look to Premier Haultain, whose record is before them in years of successful control of the government, as a man qualified to complete the work he has begun. Saskatchewan will look to the example of Alberta, and so from the Ottawa river to the Pacific coast we shall have a series of Conservative governments who are standing for more than office and accomplishing that whereunto they were sent by the electorate. Conservative rule stands for a reality in the making of reforms and practical statesmanship. With the example of Ottawa and Quebec and Ontario before them, with which to compare, the people of Canada are revising their opinions of Conservatism. It is not to them the ill-omened bird it was so long represented to be.

Considering the lines upon which the new Conservatism is shaping itself, because now that the great policy of a nation's development has nearly worked itself to completion, capable and clean administration is quite as important as constructive effort, the address of Mr. Burrell is particularly interesting. There are many persons who laugh at the suggestion of high ideals in politics as so much buncombe, pleasant as a topic with which to pry the monopoly of discussion, but impractical. No one expects to see a political millennium in the compromises and expediency will have no place but there is a line to be drawn over which public men should not be permitted to go and still retain the confidence and respect of the electorate. Mr. Burrell has pretty fairly indicated when that line should be drawn.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE "YELLOW PERIL."

Amplifying the contentions advanced in the article published yesterday referring to British Columbia and the matter of Japanese immigration, in which we took the position that the people of this Province are not acting unreasonably in attempting by legislative enactments to prevent the disastrous competition of Orientals in the province, we think it can be clearly established that a similar policy to the Japanese and Chinese would be manifested by the whites of any district on this continent were their association the same. The people of Montreal and Toronto, for instance, cannot understand, as we in this Province do, the danger which threatens our own people by being brought into competition in the labor market with the Orientals. How long, however, would it take them to understand the matter thoroughly if this happened in one of the two cities mentioned. A boot and shoe factory employs, say 100 men, making an average wage of \$2 daily. These men are married and maintain a family. They are a steady body of labor, and their presence in the discharged white men have a grievance? We think they would. If they have, what is their remedy? Anyone who can successfully answer that question has solved the whole problem involved in the threatened "yellow peril." The whole situation is that of the whites as they are, and the case is to endeavor to keep the labor market as it is, and to prevent any laborer from leaving it fairly well, and apart from securing those desirable results which are the result of a steady body of labor, there is no necessity to go into the highways and byways of Europe to get settlers to come to the country. There is no necessity for an indefinite campaign of advertising. Now that the movement has commenced it will increase of itself, and it is not for a steady stream of people for the next twenty-five years, so great, indeed, that the present problem of the United States in interrupting it will become our own.

CO-OPERATION AMONG FARMERS.

The Farmer's Advocate has been publishing a series of articles on co-operation among farmers, some of which have been referred to and summarized in the editorial columns of the Colonist. In the last number to hand the writer, using the words of the editor, publishes the final number, in which he summarized the chief remaining problems. These are grouped as follows: 1. Sale of eggs, poultry, home-made butter, etc. 2. Operation of canning factories for disposal of vegetables, various fruits, etc. 3. Sale and purchase of seed grains, etc., and the sale of other crops in bulk. 4. Ownership and operation of threshing machines. 5. War against noxious weeds and insects. With reference to the first, the example of the Danish co-operations is referred to, and it is stated that the writer is of the opinion that the first essential to success in this kind of co-operation is uniform quality by regulations, penalties, individual markings for tracing violations, and a trade mark on all products sold. The second problem referring to the operation of canning factories of various kinds is a one of unusual importance, and one which deeply affects the

tion; hence they are very quick to denounce the efforts of the Government of British Columbia, to protect its people.

The report of the Conservative annual meeting, which appears in the Times of yesterday, is filled with mis-statements as to what occurred. Mr. Mable did not address the meeting with respect to appointments or any other subject, and Premier McBride did not criticize the association or blame it for "alleged" or any other offences. There was no foreboding of general elections. In fact, the whole tenor of the report is misleading.

IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

An estimate based upon the present rate of increase gives the United States a population of 100,000,000 in ten years. This remarkable augmentation illustrates the effects of a movement of population, once started. Ever since the United States entered the Civil War, Great Britain, Ireland and the continental countries of Europe have been pouring their people into the United States. The great province is the best advertisement a country can have, and with the gradual, and the rapid, development of the Atlantic States—there were unexampled opportunities for the immigrant, and with prosperity came. Samples of our sisters and their cousins, their friends and their neighbors, and the relatives of the immigrants, are now being sent to the United States in a better position to obtain pure seed than the merchants of the United States. A "Pure Seed" advertisement is now being sent to the United States in a better position to obtain pure seed than the merchants of the United States.

co-operative ownership of threshing machines is not a subject which interests British Columbia so much as some of the other subjects, although it is a subject which might be profitably considered and operated in this way, such as, for instance, the purchase and stumping and draining machines. Not the least important of the subjects to be dealt with is the war against noxious weeds and insects. In reference to fruit pests and diseases the Horticulture Board of British Columbia has issued a pamphlet which carries out most effective measures of prevention and remedy, but we have not seen it. The extent to which the farmer is a loser by pests is shown in a statement published by the Department of Agriculture, in which the States in which the annual loss by reason of certain insects is given as \$298,000,000, and divided under various crops. These are so enormous as to sufficiently emphasize the great importance of rigid inspection and preventive methods. It is suggested by the writer that the Government should do something to remedy matters, and it is suggested that the Government should do something to remedy matters, and it is suggested that the Government should do something to remedy matters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed, or by correspondents, in this column.

THE YUKON AND THE MINING CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the American Institute of Mining Engineers will be held at Victoria, B.C., on June 20th. The institute comprises some 600 members, and the list of names is a long one. The convention is of great importance, and the attendance is expected to be large. The convention is of great importance, and the attendance is expected to be large.

A MINERAL EXHIBIT.

Upon my return from the Yukon I visited the Lewis and Clark fair in order to look over the mineral exhibit. The exhibit is a fine one, and it is a pity that the fair is so short-lived. The exhibit is a fine one, and it is a pity that the fair is so short-lived.

FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK.

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Interests of British Columbia, as in the near future, when the supply of small fruits and vegetables is sufficiently extensive and cheap, we may look for the establishment of factories on this coast, having in view the supplying of the interior.

Co-operative ownership and operation of these industries would, when the proper conditions had been obtained, make them as profitable to the farmers as in the case of cheese factories in Eastern Canada, and the writer thinks it would be a great advantage to the province. The sale and purchase of seed grain, and the marketing of other crops, are subjects which should be considered and operated in this way, such as, for instance, the purchase and stumping and draining machines.

TOYAMA'S CHIEF SCOUT A CANADIAN.

Toronto Globe. It will be interesting to Canadians generally, and to Torontonians in particular, to learn that the chief scout in the Mikado's grand army in Manchuria is a Toronto man, no other, in fact, than Lieut. W. M. Collette, of the 10th Regiment of Canadian Mounted Rifles, but who was refused because he was below the regular height. The scout is a Canadian, and he is a very young man, and he is a very young man, and he is a very young man.

GREAT DAY FOR ENGLAND.

Toronto Telegram. Every British victory is explained to the disadvantage of England by suggestions that the victory was won by Irish generals and Scottish soldiers. England's just cause for pride in Toyo's victory cannot be explained away by such suggestions. England's just cause for pride in Toyo's victory cannot be explained away by such suggestions.

PERSIAN MANUSCRIPTS FOUND.

It is not often that ancient Oriental manuscripts of undoubted authenticity figure among the miscellaneous articles of a police auction of recovered but unclaimed plunder. This rare spectacle, however, is now to be witnessed in Paris. The manuscripts are of great value, and they are of great value, and they are of great value.

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