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HON. DR. PUGLEY

The speech of Hon. Dr. Pugsley at last evening's ratification meeting, of which a report is given on another page of today's Times, fulfilled the expectations of his friends and made more clear the wisdom of the Liberal party in their choice of the standard bearer. The meeting also emphasized a fact to which this time would be purely fortuitous and against the best interests of St. John. Dr. Pugsley has stated with great clearness his views regarding the duty of the government and the country at large, in relation to St. John as a mail and freight port, and the terminal of several transcontinental railways. These views are the views of the citizens of all parties, and in this respect, therefore, he represents the whole electorate. Not only so, but he is the one man available who, by virtue of ability, political experience, personal force and influence, and genuine devotion to the interests of his constituency, can most effectively champion its cause at Ottawa.

Dr. Pugsley stands for the assertion of St. John's rights as a freight port, and a mail port as well. He would divide the mail service, having the Empire steamers to sail direct to and from St. John in winter, cutting out the wholly unjustifiable call at Halifax. This is the course the Times has persistently advocated, and it will be the sooner adopted by sending to Ottawa him who is today recognized as the ablest man in our provincial public life.

It will be noted that Dr. Pugsley is convinced that St. John must secure a large share of the traffic of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and of Mackenzie & Mann's transcontinental railway. He is the way to that no barriers be placed in the way to prevent this port from securing the traffic to which by geographical position and other advantages it is justly entitled. He looks forward to a great development of trade through this port in the next decade, and his optimism is shared by the people. It is the more necessary, at a time when trade is finding its channels, and real interests are being promoted, that St. John should have as its champion the ablest man to be found. Recognition of this fact explains the enthusiasm with which Dr. Pugsley has been nominated by the Liberal party, and received the support of so many Conservatives.

In the course of his address the premier reviewed with admirable clearness of expression the great development of Canada, which points to a still greater growth in the future, in the benefits of which St. John, by virtue of its position, must share. It is to be remembered, however, that in a time of universal expansion each locality is largely absorbed in its own affairs, and pressing its own claims upon the government, and hence arises the necessity of adequate representation of each in the councils of the country. This is especially true of St. John, because it is so far removed from that western region where the greatest growth is manifest, and where a new influence and a new power is coming into being, to stamp its impress on the legislation of the future.

The very best service the people of St. John can do themselves and their business interests at this time is to elect Dr. Pugsley by acclamation, and send him to Ottawa with all the prestige of such an endorsement.

A LESSON FOR ST. JOHN

In an interview in London, on the subject of the imperial conference, Hon. Mr. Brodrick directed attention to a fact of vast significance to the empire. We quote from the report of his remarks:

"The fact that it had been decided to make the conference a meeting between governments, each government meeting on equal ground, would be more highly appreciated by Canadians after contrasting former conditions under which the colonial secretary called together the colonial premiers, presumably as subordinates, to talk over matters with him. This decision showed the true status of the self-governing colonies, and would do a great deal to strengthen Canadian regard for the mother land."

In other words, it is no longer Britain and her colonies, but a group of sister nations in conference, through their chosen representatives, to draw closer the bonds of sympathy and common purpose.

"I, that write these lines," said Prof. Leacock, in his recent article on Greater Canada, "am an Imperialist, because I will not be a Colonial. This colonial status is a worn-out, life-gone thing. The sense and feeling of it has become harmful to us. It limits the ideas, and circumscribes the patriotism of our people. It impairs the mental vigor and narrows the outlook of those that are reared and educated in our midst."

In London, within but a few weeks after the writing of that article, the colonial status is quietly put away by common consent, as a thing of the past, and the imperialist emerges, with the rallying cry of imperial unity joined to local liberty, and with an outlook as wide as the bounds of a world-wide empire.

As the Montreal Witness points out in a recent article, this conference of premiers must have a great effect upon the minds of the people of the United Kingdom, "who cannot but learn to think imperially and rise to a conception of the magnificent heritage they are called upon to share." Referring to the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and General Botha

and their cordial aid in the movement to consolidate the empire, the Witness, while admitting that there will be differences to adjust and prejudices to overcome, truly says:

"Human political wisdom never achieved a grander triumph than this. Looking back at the long struggles and furious warlike contests of bygone centuries, and contemplating the result as symbolized by two such gracious and imposing figures as those of the French Canadian and Dutch Afrikaner, who can believe that the British mission of freedom, justice and peace will not be eventually fulfilled? This is, indeed, an epoch in the history not only of the British empire, but of the world. It is the issuing of a proclamation to all mankind that political institutions which confer on all men who live under them the birthright of freedom and self-government, are the only true and lasting bulwarks of empire. In these days a page of history has been written which will shine effulgently throughout future ages, when stories of victorious battlefields will be forgotten, and men will esteem the events we are now witnessing as among the most fortunate that ever took place in the annals of human progress towards a perfected civilization."

The Canadian Associated Press gives this report of a part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the National Liberal Club banquet to the colonial premiers in London:—"Britain was the living mother of living nations, and the motto of the empire should be Imperial unity with local liberty. (Applause.) Referring to the difference in the economic conditions of the old country and the colonies, he instanced the burden of militarism under which all the peoples of Europe labored. He thanked heaven Canada was free from that burden. The forthcoming celebration of a century of peace between Canada and the United States would be an example to the world. Canada's chief item of expenditure was in the direction of the creation of development routes for her commerce."

Socialistic experiments when put to the test do not realize the hopes of the promoters. A despatch from Bellingham, Washington state, tells of the failure of another of these "equality" settlements. We quote:—"Equality, a socialistic colony established in 1897, and which for years was pointed to as a successful experiment in collective ownership and production, was wiped out of existence by a court order yesterday. Judge Jerney directing that its property be sold to pay the colony's debts. The property consisted of 600 acres of land, a sawmill, printing plant and 20 dwellings. A portion of the colonists adopted the doctrine of free love and disaster followed."

Of New York state's governor, the man who defeated Hearst, the New York World says:—"Mr. Hughes is no longer an experiment. He has already proved himself the best governor New York has had in a generation. He has shirked no duty, however unpleasant. He has evaded no responsibility, however irksome. He has played neither personal politics nor party politics. In place of a quarter of a century of uninterrupted boss rule he has re-established government under the constitution. The legislature may fail to do its duty, but nobody can say that Mr. Hughes has failed to do his."

The question of the care of sidewalks is agitating the citizens of the wellkept city of Detroit. A despatch from the state capital says: "Representative Colby reckons that the Detroit charter needs amending so that owners of property can be required to keep their sidewalks in repair. The city makes the repairs now. Colby says that if individual property owners can be held responsible for defective sidewalks there will be better walks. He has introduced a bill to amend the charter."

In view of the coming of the Dominion Parole Officer W. P. Archibald to address the Canadian Club of St. John at a luncheon next Tuesday, on the subject of Modern Treatment of Criminals in the Dominion, our readers will be interested in the account in today's paper of the method adopted in New Zealand for the treatment of juvenile offenders. The subject is one of very great interest and importance.

Hon. C. W. Robinson made an excellent impression on the audience in Berryman's Hall last evening. There has been a suspicion, perhaps due to the attitude of a portion of the press, that Moncton considered its interests closer to those of Halifax than to those of St. John. Hon. Mr. Robinson disclaims any sympathy with that view.

Mr. E. H. McAlpine's suggestion that money in St. John savings banks or far off mining ventures might better be employed in the development of St. John industries is worthy of serious consideration by citizens who desire that St. John should prosper.

Young married women, who, under the influence of champagne, go shop-lifting on a wager, as appears in a despatch from Toronto, cannot have very serious notions of the meaning and the possibilities of human life.

The affairs of the water and sewerage department continue to furnish the addressees with abundant material for profitless discussion.

Canadian credit in London is good. A loan of nearly \$10,000,000 has been made on a tight market at four per cent.

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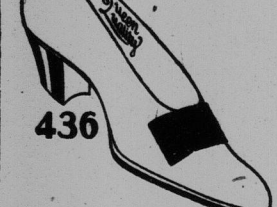
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ENGLAND'S WELCOME

At the dinner of the 1906 Club to the colonial premiers on April 17 the following ode by Alfred Austin was sung by Mr. Balfour's choir:

Welcome, welcome, welcome yet once more

Welcome unto England's shore,

Faring hither from afar,

Welcome Southern Cross and Star,

All of British birth and blood,

Linked by loving brotherhood.

One in heart, one in hand,

One in council and command,

Far as winds and waters reach,

One in purpose, as in speech,

Facing fearless good or ill,

One but by unfettered will.

Closer, closer, closer let us draw,

Knit by liberty and law,

Severed not by sea or zone,

Loyal to one King, one Throne,

With Imperial flag unfurled,

Proffering peace to all the world.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

A DEFINITION.

"What's this 'democratic Americana'?"

"Don't know, unless it is a brainstorm raised by an exaggerated ego in a fit of volitional insanity."—Baltimore American.

AN APT REMARK.

Nell—That girl has changed her costume at least six times today.

Belle—"She can't complain that she has no redress, can she?"—Philadelphia Record.

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THE FATAL TEST.

"Scribbler is going to write a poem on the railway eating-house sandwich."

"Has he ever eaten one?"

"No. But he intends to."

"Then he'll never write the poem."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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A CLASS IN ARITHMETIC.

"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts ten before he speaks," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other. "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."

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GOT IT ALL.

The inspector of police was before the Commissioner.

"Is there graft in your precinct?" demanded the superior.

"I think not," responded the inspector. "My impression is that I got it all."

"It was at this juncture that the axo fell."

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GREAT FRIENDS.

Tom—"Have you had any spats with your girl lately?"

Dick—"No, we're great friends now."

Tom—"How's that?"

Dick—"We've broken off our engagement."

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HIS TROUBLE.

Another Barring Clause—The Lady—"But why can't you get work?"

William—"Well, you see, lady, it's like this 'ere. I'm a poor man. If I'd got a million or two to invest in some gainful concern, I could get it as a manager, but I ain't got the cash. That's just 'ow it is."

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WE ALL KNOW HIM.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia was condemning the greed of a certain corporation.

"Really," he said, "their greed is so enormous as to be laughable. It is like the man in the barber shop."

"The barber, at the end of the shave, said to this man:

"Will you have bay rum, lavender water, eau de cologne, alum, magnesia or powder on your face, sir?"

"Any extra charge?" the man asked.

"No, sir."

"Then I'll take all of them."

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PRESBYTERIAN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Montreal Witness.)

The Presbyterian General Assembly will open in Branks Church on June 5.

The retiring moderator is the Rev. Alexander Fiddler, D.D., of Picton, Nova Scotia, and he will open the Assembly with a sermon, and constitute the Assembly.

It is impossible to predict who is likely to be the moderator for next year. Many names have been mentioned for the office, but the so-called nominations by presbyteries have no legal effect, being merely suggestions to the church.

Unlike the churches of the Mother Country, the church in Canada has no recognized leaders. In this year the church is sending up a very large number of new names both of ministers and elders. One in every six of the ministers is a new man, and the same is true of the elders. The number chosen is about 500 of both orders, but of these not more than 350 are likely to be present.

The principal theme of discussion, it is expected, will be "church union." There will probably be more than usual interest in the report on union on account of the fact that both the Anglican and Baptist churches have been invited to share in the negotiations, and their attitude towards the movement will by that time be known. The report on union between the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians, indicating progress during the year, will also occupy considerable attention.

The ordinary routine business will be considered, and the great mission schemes of the church always occupy a prominent place in the programme of the Assembly. The reports on French evangelization, on the life and work of the church, on Sabbath schools and young people's societies, will also be submitted and discussed.

The report on colleges will be of more than usual interest, especially that of the Montreal Presbyterian College, since the names of two new professors recommended by the board of management of the college, will be submitted for the approval of the Assembly.

At a meeting of the United Baptist Foreign Mission Board yesterday afternoon, arrangements were made for Rev. Mr. Higgins, of Wexford, to act as corresponding secretary of the board, as well as being field secretary.

Michael Riley, a C. P. R. trainman was run over by the Fredericton train at Gaspeaux station last night and had his hand cut off. He was taken to Victoria Hospital.

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