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LORD GREY ON CANADA.

Lord Grey has been making an eloquent and optimistic speech at Toronto on the great and responsible future before the Dominion. Canada's position is a happy one to-day, she stands higher than ever before in the estimation of the historic centre of the Empire. Never before was the devotion of Canadians to the Empire more general. Happily also, the revival of good feeling between France and Great Britain is calculated to give an added touch of cordiality to the relations of English-speakers and French-Canadians in the Dominion. And at no previous time have Canada's relations with the United States been more satisfactory. It is worth remembering, that the Monroe Doctrine would make the United States logically and actually the powerful ally of Canada, were any European nation ever to entertain the idea of aggression.

REDISCOVERY OF CANADA.

There is now a great deal of intercommunication between certain classes of Canadians and Great Britain via the Atlantic. Great Britain has begun to rediscover Canada, and to manifest that rediscovery by a certain individualized cordiality that was by no means so much in evidence say a quarter of a century ago. According to Tolstol and universal experience, cordiality begets cordiality; there has been thus added to Canadian attachment to the Old Land a gratified sense of being at length better appreciated as the future hope of an ancient Empire.

BRITAIN AND POSTAGE.

Great Britain is our political model in most respects, though with modifications. Three-fifths or more of the population of Canada speak English; that proportion will be increased as our Great West and our Great North gradually fill up. Public opinion in Great Britain has much influence in Canada. It would have more, had British statesmen the insight to bring their postal rates on British daily, weekly or monthly publications down to the lowest possible minimum.

We are glad to see the present able Postmaster General intends to do what he can to make it easier for British publications to enter Canada, and not quite so easy for the trashier and yellower of United States publications to get in. Good!

INDUCTION AT TAVISTOCK.

Tuesday, Nov. 27th, was a red letter day in the history of the Presbyterian church, Tavistock. The day was the occasion of the ordination and induction by the Presbytery of Stratford of Rev. Isaac H. Woods, B.A., into the pastorate of Knox church. Rev. S. M. Whaley, of Burns church, presided. The ceremony of ordination began at 2.30 p.m., and was witnessed by a large congregation. The service was a very solemn and impressive one. The moderator put to the candidate the various questions on life and doctrine, which, being satisfactorily answered, the Presbytery, by the laying on of hands, solemnly ordained Mr. Woods to the Christian ministry.

Beautiful was the ordination prayer offered by Rev. S. M. Whaley, the moderator. On its conclusion, Mr. Woods was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox church. Rev. T. J. Thompson, of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, preached an excellent sermon from the text, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavily laden and I will give you rest."

Rev. Mr. McVicar addressed very appropriate words to the newly inducted pastor, and Rev. P. J. McLaren, of Shakespeare, addressed the congregation, impressing upon the people some sound advice on how to make the most use of their minister. Excellent music was furnished by the choir. Tea was served in the basement from 5 o'clock to 7.30, when an excellent programme of speeches and music was rendered.

Addresses overflowing with wit and honor were given by Rev. T. J. Thompson, of Stratford, Rev. P. J. McLaren, of Shakespeare, and Rev. J. S. Hardie, of Listowel. The part taken by the choir was very much appreciated, and the speech given by Rev. Isaac H. Woods, the new pastor, created an excellent impression.

A hopeless message does no good, has no mission; nobody wants to listen to it. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; that message helps because it cheers.

THE ANTIDOTE TO CANADA'S DANGER.

In a previous issue of this journal we pointed out some of the dangers to Canada growing out of a period of long continued prosperity:—(1) Forgetfulness of the fact that material prosperity is a blessing given us by the Creator; (2) that long-continued prosperity may lead to prodigality, extravagance and waste, culminating in the sins of licentiousness and corruption; and (3) that we may be in danger of losing sight of the fact that it is righteousness which exalteth a nation.

What, then, shall we do with our prosperity? If material prosperity is a blessing bestowed upon us by God, we may be assured that He does not design that it should be a danger and a curse to us. If we accept the teachings of inspiration we cannot fail to recognize that we are the stewards of God's bounty—that the prosperity resulting from our wise utilization of the great resources with which He has endowed our country are designed to be sources of blessing to ourselves individually, blessings which we are bound to pass on to our fellow-men as we have opportunity.

The teachings of the scripture make two things unmistakably plain as to the responsibility which material prosperity imposes on us: (1) as Stewards of God's bounty, we are under obligation to give back to the Lord, for the promotion of His cause and kingdom in the world, a substantial proportion of the wealth He has bestowed upon us. See Proverbs 3:9, 10—"Honor the Lord with thy substance," etc.; and Malachi 3:9—"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house," etc. (2) As stewards of God's bounty we are under obligation to do what we can to promote the welfare of our fellow-men, especially those who are not abundantly blessed with the comforts of this life. See Matthew 19:21 and Luke 13:22.

These teachings of God's word are not only clear and definite in their bearing upon our responsibility as recipients of God's blessings, material and spiritual, but they are also wide and far-reaching in their appreciation. They touch the hearts and consciences of Christian men and women at every point in their lives, and more, whether they recognize or repudiate their responsibility, these teachings apply to the heart's and lives of men who refuse to see that they are stewards of God's bounty. Refusal to recognize this responsibility does not make the responsibility any the less. The teachings of Scripture as to the responsibility of men and women for the use they make of the material prosperity with which God has abundantly blessed them are so unmistakably clear and plain that there is no excuse for wondering in dangerous or forbidden paths.

The point we wish to make is that if the people of Canada, and especially her rich men and women, recognize their responsibility as "stewards of God's bounty," striving to make a wise and beneficent use of the wealth which by His blessing they have acquired, our country will be safe-guarded against the dangers which so often grow out of periods of long-continued prosperity. In doing so we shall maintain that righteousness which exalteth a nation.