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WILSON'S INAUGURAL

"This is not a day of triumph; it is a day of dedication. Here must be the forces of party, but the forces of humanity. Men's hearts wait upon us; men's lives hang in the balance; men's hopes all upon us to say what we will do. Who shall live up to the great trust? Who dares fail to try? I summon all honest men, all patriotic, all forward-looking men, to my side. God helping me, I will not fail them. If they will but counsel and sustain me."

In these striking sentences President Woodrow Wilson closes his inaugural address, which is remarkable for its brevity as well as its lofty tone. President Wilson does not leave anybody in doubt as to his intentions. He admits with a feeling of pride, no doubt, as an American citizen, that his country has accomplished great things, and he pays tribute to the genius of those who have made the life of the nation greater; but, he says, "the will has come with the good and much fine gold has been corroded." Then he goes on to speak in plain words of the changes that must be made in accordance with the new vision of the people. Former generations yearned to succeed and to be great, and it made them to some extent heedless and cruel. Now has come the sober second thought, and "the determination to square every process of our national life again with the standards we so proudly set up at the beginning and have always carried in our hearts."

Coming down to definite statements, President Wilson points out the need of tariff reform, a better banking and currency system, a better industrial system, improvement of agriculture, and a policy of conservation. The American people have been great, he says, as producers, but have not paid sufficient attention to cost and economy, nor to the great task of safeguarding the health of the nation. The new president also makes it clear, however, that he proposes to advance step by step, and not in a reckless way, the purpose being to restore and not to destroy. Of course this political philosophy, differently interpreted by different people, according to their political affiliations, but outside observers will regard it as an eminently statesman-like utterance, worthy of a man who has been chosen for the highest office in the gift of a great nation.

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

A delegation of two hundred persons representing all parts of the province appealed to the Ontario government last week for legislation providing for the care of the feeble-minded. There is a provincial association for the care of the feeble-minded in that province, and it is fully convinced that the legislature should take action without further delay. About 800 idiots and imbeciles are cared for in an institution at Orillia, but there are also about 5,000 feeble-minded persons abroad in the province, of whom from 1,500 to 2,000 are children of school age. It is said that the whole 5,000 are feeble-minded as to be unable to take care of themselves and to earn a living except under supervision. It is estimated that about 200 children are born of feeble-minded mothers every year in Ontario. The association asks for a more strict examination at entry ports to keep out of Canada mentally defective immigrants. It asks that the provincial government establish a bureau to keep a record of the mentally defective. It would increase municipal responsibility in the matter of the issue of marriage licenses, and would have legislation to prevent the marriage of mental defectives. The association asks the legislature to provide institutions in various parts of the province for the care of the feeble-minded, each municipality being required to pay for the maintenance and care of its wards up to the age of twenty-one years, when, if they require further care, they should become wards of the provincial government. The deputation stated that seventeen cities and towns were prepared to take care of their feeble-minded if the government provided the institutions, while three city councils had expressed their willingness to take the matter up individually. The association feels that it is not a matter for individual action, but for the inauguration of a provincial system. Thus, in Ontario, as well as in Nova Scotia, this very important matter has been brought to the attention of the government.

REDISTRIBUTION

The Montreal Witness presents figures which it contends are ample proof that Western Canada should now have twenty-five more members than it actually has in the house of commons. Up to 1900 the west had actually a greater representation than it was entitled to. After 1900 its population grew rapidly, and between 1900 and 1911 the Liberal government increased its representation from seventeen to thirty-five members. It was given twenty-eight in 1904 and thirty-five in 1908. This number should have been further increased in 1911, but there was a change of government. The witness contends that the number should have been increased in 1911 to fifty-six, and that it ought now to be increased to sixty-four, whereas the number remains at thirty-five, and the Borden government appears to be in no hurry to bring down a redistribution bill. Under the circumstances there can be no

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, MARCH FOURTH.

Two prominent Canadian newspapermen observe their birthdays today, Senator William Dennis, proprietor of the Halifax Herald and Mail, was born in Cornwall, England, on March 4, 1836. He entered the employ of the paper which he now owns in 1853 and within short intermissions, which he worked on the Winnipeg Sun, has been constantly associated with it. He has always taken a keen interest in public affairs and has used his paper to raise money for several causes. He was appointed to the senate in 1912.

J. S. Bierley, president of the Montreal Herald Publishing Company, was born in London, Ont., in 1838. He started as a printer's devil in the London Free Press office and since then has had a varied experience, first as a printer and then as a journalist. He became managing editor of the Montreal Herald in 1898, the same year that he held office as president of the Canadian Press Association. He is regarded as one of the leaders of the Canadian press.

This is also the birthday of Frank Ford, for several years deputy attorney-general of Saskatchewan, now a prominent lawyer in Edmonton. He was born in Toronto forty years ago. He had his start in the office of Dalton McCarthy, to whom he was private secretary. He later served as private secretary to the late Premier A. S. Hardy and Hon. J. M. Gibson, now Sir John Gibson. He was appointed solicitor to the treasury of Ontario in 1902 and in 1905 went to Regina as deputy attorney-general.

It is a happy sign of spring when one can hear a robin sing. But it's a sorer sign, some say, to hear a street hand sing any day.

Bank (who has invited his friend home)—Well, what do you think of my little apartment?—Dan (who is representing old chap)—I should call it a compartment.—Boston Transcript.

Owner of restaurant—Is the new janitor experienced?—Agent—You bet he is. He went on the job half an hour before all the bells and speaking tubes were out of commission.—Life.

When the English suffragette is suffragette. It's then we get some ripping cable news; When her tomahawk and scalping-knife she's whetting, When at a judge's head she throws her shoes, When the leader of the anti she is trapping, When she's out chasing Mr. Asquith's goat, And the kiddie of her enemies kidnapping, She's proving that she's qualified to vote.

She's a militant and champion window-breaker. The laws of man she utterly condemns; If she caught the Chancellor of the Exchequer She'd pull his hair and throw him in the Thames; She'd put the English males in consternation, It's very interesting, too, to note, That she's set the English mails in consternation. Thus proving that she's qualified to vote.

When upon the Lords or Commons forth she rallies, Then English politics begin to hum; You can see the members champing down the alleys, For who would care to argue with a woman? While the danger to the cabinet increases, California and Torquemada gloat; They have nothing on the female of the species. When proving that she's qualified to vote.

Oh, old England's skies of politics are lit now and then by axon's ruddy glow! Her, her women would be safer out in Turkey, Or equally secure in Mexico! Oh, old England has some problems for solution, But most of them 'were better she forgets. Till she settles this new-fangled revolution of militant Apache suffragettes!—New York World.

The members of St. Stephen's Guild heard a very instructive lecture last evening. D. R. Jack spoke on the trip through Germany, Austria and Turkey. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views and splendid scenes were shown of Dresden, Vienna and Constantinople. During the musical programme between the talks, the Austrian national anthem was sung by a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Macneil and Mr. McArthur, a piano solo was rendered by Miss Borden, and a vocal solo given by Mr. Knight. Against Miss Minnie Donovan, Pond street, Miss Kate Lacey, Pond street, Mrs. Finning, Brunel street and Mrs. Frances Macdonald, Brunel street yesterday were made clergies of selling cigarettes or beer on Sunday. Stanley Titus, who made the report on behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance, gave evidence. E. S. Ritchie, representing Mrs. Finning and Mrs. Macdonald, cross-questioned the witnesses. In reply to Mr. Ritchie's enquiries, he said that his reasons for going to these stores was that his conscience prompted him to do it. The matter was adjourned until the afternoon.

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At a meeting of the Amherst board of trade last Friday G. K. McKee discussed the proposition of establishing a paper bag factory in Amherst. Mr. McKee had gone into the matter very carefully with the assistance of a committee appointed by the council of the board of trade. Sir Robert Perks, who is interested in the New Brunswick Pulp & Paper Company had given assurance that he would be willing to take \$3,000 stock in such an industry and the officials of the New Brunswick Pulp & Paper Company had also indicated that they would take some stock in the concern.

It was finally resolved that the board of trade endorse the report of the committee as favoring the establishment of such an industry and E. L. Miller, G. A. Lashby, Blair McLaughlin, W. A. Fillmore and G. K. McKee were appointed to correspond with an English broker relative to the raising of a certain portion of the stock.

Another committee was appointed to confer with representatives of the Peaches Mill Co. of Kentville, who desire to locate their plant in Amherst. F. R. Wolfe of Mahone's N. S., also sought to establish an industry in the town and this matter was referred to the manufacturing committee.

A joint committee of the city council and board of trade has reported in favor of erecting two school buildings, one of eight and one of five rooms, and purchasing a site for a third, as the school population of Amherst is growing rapidly.

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