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A WINTER EVENING IN ST. KITTS.

"Now stir the fire, and close the shutters fast. Let fall the curtains, wheel the sofa round, And while the bubbling and loud hissing urn Throws up a steamy column, and the cups That cheer but do not inebriate wait on each."

When Cowper wrote these expressive lines, nearly a century and a half ago, and left them for school boys to memorize on penalty of staying after four if they didn't, he must have had a vision of two things. One was of the year 1920, when the snow gathered itself in heaps three feet deep and the nose-huggers high priced furs to keep warm, and the other of a quiet evening before a crackling fire place when the front part of one's anatomy can keep warm even if the back part stays chilled.

More than this the prophetic poet must have had in mind the purified age in which we, as twentieth century men, live—the age when the cups that the maid brings around on a tray may cheer but certainly cannot inebriate. It was easy enough, of course, for Cowper to write in this vein for he knew quite well that a blow on the dinner gong would bring in a cup and more that would loosen the strings to the heart of conviviality. Not so now! The best that could be hoped for, up to the recent suspension of war orders in Gagnell, was a glass of grape juice made by the housewife out of the vineyard remnants of last autumn.

But when a man gets his feet up on the fenders before a ruddy glow he is liable to dream and write anything. One could almost imagine Conan Doyle finding a new theory by which he would deduce the actions of an apparently innocent man into the deeds of a clever criminal. It is possible also that Sir Oliver Lodge might see spirits that grow whiskers as long and white as his own. Indeed in our own land we might forgive H. F. Gadsby for penning a tribute to such an idealist as his frequent subject, Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, or Peter McArthur might honor the memory of the Red Cow that broke through the fence last summer and ate all his table corn, while it would create no surprise whatever if Stephen Leacock were to forget the humor of life and create a thesis on the beauty of the alliance between Labor and the United Farmers. Indeed, anything is possible from the literary and artistic temperament when the atmosphere and environment are suitable. A newspaperman might even imagine that in another month or so, with a good stroke of luck, he would have no creditors and that all his subscribers would pay without being billed. But to get back to Cowper that remark of his about cups that "do not inebriate" has a familiar sound. The name of Sir William Hearst must

have been conjured up in his mind as a hazy form that would take shape in later times and tell the people of Ontario that it would set a ball rolling which would not stop till all the moral reformers that Toronto can turn out had a go at it.

And just as he may have dreamed, away back in the hazy past, Cowper wrote truer than he knew. When the quiet of evening settles down, even though the cold may be creaking outside, and when the tea kettle is singing its wordless melody, the thoughts of a reflective person travel far and pleasantly. The problems and tasks of the day are forgotten. The hopes of tomorrow—for one of the saviours of humanity is tomorrow—are magnified with satisfaction, and father can smoke his pipe lazily while Mary thumps the piano and mother reads the society gossip. It used to be different, so Burns tells us in his "Cotter's Saturday Night," for he pictured father getting down the big family bible, while blithe Jeanie and other bairns "came drippin' in" and "The Mother, wi' her needle an' her shears, gars and cles look amass at weel's the new."

"But generations change. And so today we settle down in the evening to a fat newspaper with all the news of the Sinn Fein devilries in Ireland, the outrages of the Bolshevik in Europe, and the round up of the foreign "Reds" in the United States. Then, too, as a sort of sweet treat we have the latest speculations on how Hon. Mr. Drury is going to camouflage the workmen that farmers are not capitalists when their pockets bulge with bills and the trust and loan companies have to go back into their dusty files to discover former mortgages. The next page over relates how Hon. Mr. Raney is going to legislate so that no one can possibly travel on any other road than the one leading straight to heaven. The moral reformers are reported to be starting a campaign to keep depraved men from smoking tobacco and the respectable leaders of public opinion are working out a code of ethics for the millions to follow that will make Buddha and Mahomet seem back benchers in comparison.

Thus, with the shutters drawn, the fire glow warming our souls, the goddess of fancy on our lips and the cup that cheers, and also burns your tongue, if you are not cautious, sitting on a ready server at our side, we spend the evening just writing nonsense and yet the strongest we have taken in our lives is black tea, three spoons to the quart of water.

PROHIBITION AND GENIUS.

According to a lecturer in the United States, prohibition will deprive the world of the achievement of genius, because alcohol has given "psychic impetus" to the great masters of literature and art.

A. W. Hartmann lectured last week near New York on "Great Men With Whom I Have Imbibed," and "Has Prohibition an Aesthetic Value," and the theme of his address was that the inspiration of great works always comes from some stimulant, be-

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cause the subconscious mind is incapable of rising to any great endeavor unless influenced by the will or to say that alcohol has given this "psychical impetus," or in less exalted terminology, this "kick," to the masters of art and literature.

In support of this contention Mr. Hartmann tells of his meeting with Swinburn and of spending time and money with the poet at an inn. The sequel was that when Mr. Hartmann left Swinburn "late that night" the latter sat down to write a poem for which a syndicate, represented by Mr. Hartmann, gave him a thousand dollars, and the work "has since been classed as one of his greatest achievements." It would be interesting to know which of Swinburn's poems this is, and what Mr. Watts-Dunton, Mr. Edmund Gosse and Mr. Thomas Wise would say about it.

Another illustration given by Mr. Hartmann was Edgar Allan Poe, who is said to have written "under the inspiration of King Alcohol." The lecturer also mentioned Whitman and "learned from him something of the uplift of the soul that comes from the grape." But when Mr. Hartmann mentioned "living notables" with whom he had taken of the "cup that cheers and inebriates" it is tantalizing not to be given their names so that we might judge from their works of the soundness of the lecturer's thesis.

The sad conclusion drawn was that "prohibition will deprive the world of art and letters of many a song from the soul from which the umbra might be lifted by the warmth that comes from imbibing."

It is no wonder that the report of this lecture speaks of the "audience of the thirsty who drank in every word." The marvel is that anyone could express and any people could be found to listen to such astounding utterances. But probably the hearers were highly amused at these wonderful opinions, and, as the newspaper adds, they doubtless asked themselves "where Mr. Hartmann had found the inspiration that had fermented the work of genius" shown by the lecturer, comments the Toronto Globe.

GOOD ROADS

The Dominion Government has approved the new highway policy of the Provincial Government in its entirety, and nothing remains but to get the multifarious details into shape and push ahead with the work. Under the scheme outlined by Hon. P. C. Biggs, Minister of Highways, 1,600 miles will be brought under the jurisdiction of the Provincial administration, on which the Federal Government will grant 40 per cent. of the cost. Of the remaining 60 per cent, the Provincial Government provides 42 per cent. and the municipalities 18 per cent. Mr. Biggs explains that it is the Government's intention to build these roads of the materials best suited to the districts through which they pass. At the start about one hundred miles of concrete, construction will be undertaken. Macadam roads are to be kept in constant repair—which is a very important point.

All who have travelled over the fine stone highways of Britain and parts of the European continent know how completely satisfactory they are from every point of view, when the proper care is devoted to their upkeep. The trouble with the country roads in this province has been, as Mr. Biggs points out, the neglect which they have met with from the responsible authorities. An effort will be made to remedy this state of things. On March 1st all county road engineers will be invited to a meeting in Toronto, when instruction will be given in matters of supervision. The proposal is to have stone dumps at convenient intervals along the roadside, with a section man ready to fill in all hollows as they appear, just as is done in European countries.

One especially gratifying feature of Mr. Biggs' statement is his promise to expedite the construction of the new roads in every possible way. "Before the snow comes next fall," he told the Ottawa board of trade, they would be travelling over the Ottawa-Prescott road "as fast as the law allowed or safety dictated." With regard to the criticisms which have been made by the mayor of Ottawa

concerning this particular highway, Mr. Biggs has previously explained that "it would be folly to build it of concrete until it was fully settled," but where water-macadam would not stand, a more durable substance would be employed.

The Provincial Government's good road policy is now launched. It provides for essential trunk roads and their necessary feeders. The matter is of such great importance to the whole community that no party considerations—political or personal—should be allowed to stand in the way of carrying out these urgently needed undertakings, says the Hamilton Spectator, and goes on to say that good roads are a benefit to all, and that, all, therefore, should unite to support the Government in its progressive policy. The townsman equally with the farmer will profit by the building of these "feeder" roads, and the farmer equally with the townsman will benefit by the construction of the main arteries; both will be brought into more direct relationship with each other, to their mutual advantage.

Mr. Biggs, as Minister of Highways, seems to be the man in the right place, says the Spectator. It is most unfortunate that the truck purchasing incident should have occurred at this time, to engender a spirit of criticism and suspicion, but Premier Drury has endorsed the action of his Minister in the matter, finding the transaction perfectly regular. In these circumstances it would be extremely regrettable were any prejudices to creep in and weaken the hands and hamper the action of the Government in pursuit of its improved highway policy.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Thinking men must have a full consciousness of the need in St. Catharines of more and better railway facilities. What we have are good, as efficient and modern in most respects as any system of which we know on the continent for a population of equal numbers with this city, but what we want is more. The public must some day come to the view that government ownership of railways can only be a success if there is public support behind them and ample service is furnished by them.

The high heels and political doctrines of the U.F.O. are cleverly though ironically paraphrased by Mr. Gadsby in Toronto Saturday Night when he interprets the letters to mean "Us For Ourselves." So far as clinging tight to their seats and to the sessional indemnity is concerned the United Farmers can give a lesson in fidelity to the oldest political party of Canadian ancestry.

Even the giants fall. Clemenceau has been defeated by an old antagonist.

Admiral Sims let a cat out of the bag in his evidence before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee at Washington, but the color of his eyes and hair were not unfamiliar. Even if the United States did win the war Canada helped a little although it didn't say much. We must remember too that the great war of 1914-1917 wasn't one two three with the scrap at Manila Bay.

When the new Council sits it should resolve that pre election pledges and programmes will be taken up at a special meeting to be called on December 22nd, 1920, providing some member anxious to get away home doesn't move the adjournment.

POSTMEN MAY STRIKE

Ottawa Letter Carriers May Give Short Notice.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—The letter carriers of Ottawa may go on strike at short notice. That such action is contemplated is quite obvious from the attitude of the officials of the local branch of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, who declare they are "fed up" with the promises of the Government in the past, and are determined to secure an increased wage scale without further delay.



The New Electorate The Women of Canada

CHANGING conditions have given the Dominion a new electorate—the women of Canada.

Canadian womanhood, to take full advantage of its prerogatives, to take its proper place in the management of Canadian affairs, must keep informed on the questions of the hour—must have the knowledge of events that will be the foundation of definite opinions on public questions.

Women Must Read the Daily Newspaper

The extension of the franchise to women was the fulfillment of a policy consistently advocated by The Globe in season and out of season.

But this is only the beginning. Womanhood must serve as well as vote. They must advocate reforms that are badly needed.

There must be legislation for the aged, as well as for the young; pensions for mothers, educational improvements, unemployment and sickness insurance.

These are some of the questions on which the womanhood of Canada will now have to take sides. Therefore, in this respect, The Globe has a

special appeal for progressive, right thinking Canadian women.

The Globe is not a political organ. It never has submitted to outside dictation. It supports progressive liberalism, because it believes that true liberalism draws its inspiration from the needs of the people.

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