

CANADA'S UNIQUE POSITION.

A PATRIOTIC UTTERANCE BY
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The Story of Canada's God-given Advantages—Annexation Traitors—The Duties of Canada's True Sons and Daughters—Canada and the Empire.

Rev. E. H. Burgess, of St John's Kirk, Stellarton, N. B., recently preached a sermon to Englishmen at that church, the eloquence, fire and patriotism of which have attracted wide attention. From a report of the sermon, to which we are indebted to the New Glasgow, N. S., *Enterprise* for some of the most notable passages. The text was, "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God."—I. Samuel X: 12. After preparatory remarks referring to the birthday of Confederation and the nation, the rev. gentleman continued:

Canada's position is a unique one. She is a country of 3,500,000 square miles. She has the best wheat lands in the world and the most extensive forests. Her ground is pregnant with minerals and her waters with fish. Besides her rivers and her immense inland seas, she has an ocean on either side, making her one of the

LEADING HIGHWAYS

of the world. She is populated chiefly by those who have in their veins the blood of the noblest people on earth; and she is part of that vast empire alongside of which the empires of Assyria, Babylonia, Greece and Rome lose their greatness. A wonderful heritage, indeed, that God has given to us Canadians. But along with this comes a danger. To the south of us is a nation, which though finally destined, I believe, to hold only the second place on the continent is at present far ahead of this Dominion in population, wealth and national development. The policy of that nation has always been the

ABSORPTION OF CANADA.

More than once have we been invaded by her armies, more than once has she striven to force us into acquiescence by shutting out our products. And never did she seem more anxious than now to accomplish her purposes. And because of this I stand up before you this evening and say, "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God." We met their assaults before, and were helped by it. Let us not flinch now. Just as in 1803 the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty which was hoped would force us into annexation, helped to bring the British American colonies together under one federal government, and gave to our people such a stimulus that trade was opened in other directions to our profit, so let the legislation which has recently been directed against us in order to

WEAKEN OUR ALLEGIANCE

to Great Britain but cement us all the more firmly and give us the energy which is born of opposition and upheld by inherent greatness. Let us say to our powerful neighbor, we delight in fraternity, but ours is a great country, and we possess the indomitable spirit of our fathers; therefore we can do without you. We wish to be friends; but we can neither be flattered or frightened out of the great birthright which God has given us, of being citizens of the British empire.

But what about those in our own country, many of whom for selfish reasons or because soured by failure, would seek also to disinherit us? I will not deal with such at this time as my feelings dictate. Being Sabbath evening I want, not to kindle your indignation but rather to stir up feelings of religious loyalty—a loyalty that takes God into account. But this I would say, and I think I but voice the general sentiment, I do not care how high may be their position, though Canada is indeed a large country she has only room for

TRAITORS TO THE OLD FLAG,

six feet under ground or overhead. But there is something more dangerous than this attempt to draw us from the increasingly magnificent position we hold in the British empire. For contemptible as it may be on the part of the United States, and still more contemptible on the part of those of our own people who have espoused that cause, and dangerous as it might have been to the country if we were of less noble blood, that agitation has been over-ruled by the God of nations to draw us closer to the mother country. The people of Canada and of Great Britain have had forced upon them the necessity of

TIGHTENING THE BONDS

that bind us together. And I am per-

suaed that sooner or later it will result in such imperial legislation as will do much to give us ultimately, if we be but true to ourselves and to our God, the leading position on this continent. Therefore I say there is something more dangerous than this attempt to transfer our allegiance. And this is the persistent way we are being slandered by some who call themselves Canadians and are themselves partakers in the general prosperity. All the more unfortunate is it that some who do this occupy high positions, and at their back a portion of the press of Canada prostrates, I had almost said, debases itself. What shall we say of such? Men may differ honestly on the general policy of the country, and we admire their integrity. They can fight in a manly way their political opponents, and be loyal to Canada. But when persons slander their own country, their own mother, what shall we say of them? As we mention their names what

DEPTH OF CONTEMPT.

of loathing would be appropriate? But the danger lies in the fact that such slander is hindering us at home and abroad. It not only tends to keep desirable immigrants from coming to us but it sends away many of our own young men. It hinders capitalists from coming in among us to develop our resources; for what stranger can we expect to have confidence in our country until we show we have confidence in it ourselves. Therefore we should stand up against this. We should be "of good courage, and play the men for our people and for the cities of our God." We should be strong to defend the country's reputation. I appeal to true Canadians, have respect for the good name of your mother, Canada. I appeal to the independent and loyal portion of the press of both parties to use their mighty influence on behalf of her rights. Oh, that the patriotic spirit of the Hon. George Brown but again swayed the sceptre where once he was chief! I appeal to

THE WOMEN

of this Dominion. I appeal to the mothers. Let the children be nursed on the milk of loyalty, so that our rising generation will not so much as contain one person but whose every pulse beat will be for Canada and a united empire. I appeal to the pulpit, that sacred place where the ambassador of Christ though not always beyond the reach of censure, should be true to duty uninfluenced by praise or by blame. I realize indeed that it is the gospel that should be preached in our churches, and you know that I myself strive faithfully to fulfill this obligation. But to stand up in defence of one's country is not only compatible with the preaching of the gospel, but is one's

SACRED DUTY.

And if every one of our clergymen, ignoring the spirit of partyism, would but rebuke this foul assault upon Canada it would at once cease. From the press and from the forum, from the nursery and from the pulpit, and from the hearts of a noble patriotic people, let the mighty shout ascend to cheer the hearts of friends and to silence the tongue of enemies, "Loyalty to Canada! Loyalty to the empire."

The rev. gentleman then dwelt at some length on various ways and means of showing devotion to Canada, among which he advocated giving a preference always for goods of Canadian manufacture. He next proceeded as follows: Need I press upon you the necessity for striving to

LEAD NOBLE LIVES,

even looking at the question from a national point of view? No matter how large her population, how extended her trade, how great her wealth, how brilliant her statesmen, how immense her armaments, how much she may be feared, unless Canada has the strength which belongs to a noble, virtuous people, she nurtures the elements of her own destruction. Let each one therefore strive to attain to noble character, and the character of our country will be noble. Let us aim to be so upright, so honorable, so truly manly, that the words, "I am a Canadian," will be

A UNIVERSAL PASSPORT

to highest respect and confidence. As the Spartan was conspicuous for his bravery, as the Frenchman is noted for his polish, let the Canadian be justly regarded as an embodiment of unimpeachable honor, of exalted, unswerving manhood. Therefore I would urge all to give themselves right up to the Lord Jesus Christ. Because the nearer we get to Him the more we will come into possession of the Christ-like character; and only in proportion as we have that character will we be truly manly. Oh what a great thing it would be for Canada if all her sons and daughters were devoted christians. There would be no rumshops, no gambling

hells, no dens of vice. Generation after generation improving through Godly living, laziness, disease and even insanity would be largely eradicated from the blood; and poor houses, jails and asylums would go to decay unless kept up as a monument of the ravages of iniquity. What prosperity, peace and contentment would be ours, what a high sense of honor, what true nobility, if we should all get into vital union with Jesus Christ, and strive day by day by divine grace, to attain to His character. Happy? Why, we would be

THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE

on the face of the earth. For true christianity does not consist in being sanctimonious but in doing God's will—in doing right. It is summed up in the one word "Love;" love to God and our fellows. And who so happy as the one who does right and has the approval of his own conscience, who, himself, living in "the sunny south window of God's love," has his heart filled with love for every one, and feels that it is as abundantly returned. While we strive to advance Canada by all honorable means in our power, let us remember that here lies the secret of her success or failure. Therefore we should first consecrate ourselves to Christ, and not being satisfied with a mere profession of religion, strive to lead a noble christian life. We should do our utmost to

INFLUENCE OTHERS

in the same direction. We should give hearty support to our churches, doing our best to make them what they should be, a mighty agency of God in the work of saving mankind from the power and defilement of sin. We should set our faces against anything that works in opposition to christianity and therefore to our country. Liquor dealers for instance, from the distiller and brewer to the saloon keeper, should give up their destructive business for the sake of Christ and of Canada. Let us be of "good courage and play the men for our people and for the cities of our God." Let us each endeavor by divine grace to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves, and Canada will outstrip in greatness any other country the world has ever yet seen, and we will be in possession of the first fruits of the glorious millennium. For "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

The Ontario Premier on Annexation.
Sir Oliver Mowat at Niagara:

"Shall we give away our great country to the United States as some, I hope not many, are saying just now? (Cries of 'Never.') Or, when the time comes for some important change, shall we, as the only other alternative, go for the creation of Canada into an independent nation? I believe that the great mass of our people would prefer independence to political union with any other people. And so would I. As a Canadian I am not willing that Canada should cease to be. Fellow-Canadians, are you? (Cries of 'No!') I am not willing that Canada should commit national suicide. Are you? (Cries of 'No!') I am not willing that both our British connection and our hope of a Canadian nationality shall be destroyed forever. (Cheers.) Annexation necessarily means all that. It means too, the abolition of all that is to us preferable in Canadian character and institutions as contrasted with what in these respects our neighbors prefer. Annexation means at the same time the transfer from ourselves to Washington of all matters outside of local provincial affairs. Ontario's will is powerful at Ottawa. No government has been in power which has not the support of a majority of Ontario's representatives; and no Dominion Government would stand for a month without that support. If things do not go there as we Reformers should like, it is because Ontario through its own representatives, has not so willed. (Hear, hear.) But at Washington the influence of our 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 of people would be nothing, though Ontario's representatives were unanimous."

Look Before You Leap.

The British Consul at San Francisco, in his last report on California, says that settlers going to that state cannot be too careful in selecting a suitable place before purchasing land. Most of the published accounts of the large profits to be made there by those engaged in farming, and which appear in the European papers, emanate from interested parties, and should be accepted with caution. They estimate the capital required at a figure which is too low for fruit farming, and which leaves no margin should their crops not suc-

ceed in the most satisfactory manner. His advice to persons intending to engage in farming or fruit growing in California is to stay there at least a year before deciding where to buy land. They might during that time work on a farm and obtain practical knowledge as to the land, climate, marketing facilities, and the particular branch of agriculture they wish to undertake. They will then be much more likely to succeed than those who purchase without having the benefit of such experience. It must be borne in mind that the climate of the interior of the State is very warm for several months of the year, and this is especially the case in the portions suitable for raising and orange culture.

Mr. Gladstone, on hearing of the removal of the Rev. James Stark, of the Methodist New Connexion Church, Hawarden, to Stockton-on-Tees, sent him a volume, with his autograph and best wishes. The church is the only one belonging to the Nonconformists in Hawarden.

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