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THE ETHICS OF ROBBERY.

Toronto Globe.

The argument made some time ago by the Duke of Devonshire that the disendowment of the Church in Wales would be a "robbery of God" has resulted in a remarkable controversy involving the ethics of robbery. How long is it necessary to retain possession of stolen land before it becomes the legitimate property of the person who stole it, or of his heirs?

It will be remembered that Lord Hugh Cecil came to the defence of the Duke of Devonshire when Mr. Lloyd George began to expose the origin of the great English estates. On him the Chancellor of the Exchequer turned, and said "that the very foundation of his fortunes was laid deep in sacrifice and built on desecrated shrines and pillaged altars. His ancestors robbed the poor. They robbed the dead. And when we try to recover some part of this pillaged property for the poor, their descendants accuse us of theft—they whose hands are dripping with the fat of sacrifice."

Lord Hugh's reply is a most extraordinary one. He says:—"I honestly was not aware of it until this controversy arose, but there appears to have been a gentleman named Richard Cecil in the Court of Henry VIII., who, like the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was of thoroughly unsound opinions about the sanctity of Church property. He did receive from Henry VIII. a considerable quantity of the land round Peterborough, which was taken from the Abbey there."

So he continues:—"If the Government were bringing in a bill to compel the Duke of Devonshire to return the land to whatever abbey it was taken from—(a voice: 'Would you support it?') No, I would not support it, but it would be quite a different bill from this bill; it would raise quite a different question. I think it could be shown that after you have had property for 400 years, although you may have been given it by a King of very bad character, at any rate you are entitled to keep the property."

Here we have an admission by Lord Hugh Cecil that a certain Richard Cecil four hundred years ago acted as receiver of certain lands taken—the proper word of course should be stolen if Lord Hugh's theory of the sanctity of Church property holds good—by the King from Peterborough Abbey. The land is still in the possession of the descendants of the "receiver," and because of the length of time that has elapsed since the theft Lord Hugh asserts that they are entitled to keep the property. That does not look like good logic or good ethics. It does look like dodging the issue.

There is but one solid foundation. The land of England four hundred years ago did not belong to the abbey, or to the nobles, or to the King. It belonged to the people of that generation for their use. They had no right, and the King acting for them had no right to alienate it for all time to monk or lord. And in like manner the land of England to-day does not belong to the Crown, or the Cecils, or the Church in Wales, but to all the people of the present generation for their use. To say, as Lord Hugh Cecil says, that robbery ceases to be robbery after four hundred years, is to argue that possession is the essence of title in land. Such an argument cannot be permitted to stand against the superior law of nature which makes land necessary to man's existence, and therefore vests the title to land in each succeeding generation possessing and using it, and not in the few landlords who four or five hundred years ago happened to be the favorites of a bad King.

The Fall Fair.

The list of special prizes for the Fenelon fall fair contains a prize of \$10 given by H. A. McIntosh for the best six dairy cows exhibited, to which the attention of owners of this class of stock is directed, as the date of the fair is earlier than usual, and some preparation

will be necessary. There are other good special prizes, among them a prize given by Miss Washburn for the best single driving outfit, the horse, buggy, harness and gentleman driver to be considered. In the regular list, a third prize of one dollar has been added to Durham cattle, and the first prize raised to three dollars. Class 16 (fowl) is slightly amended. Exhibitors will confer a favor on the secretary by forwarding a list of their entries as early as possible before the day of the show. This prevents a rush on fair day, and gives the exhibitors and the secretary more time for other work and enjoyment.

Women's Institute.

The regular meeting of the Fenelon Falls branch of the Women's Institute was held on Friday afternoon, July 19th, at the home of Mrs. Dr. Gould. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Jas. Lamb, president, occupied the chair, and the meeting was opened in the usual way. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The roll call brought out many excellent recipes and household hints, among the former being recipes for cake and tarts. Of the latter one was a formula to get rid of the housefly, and the directions read:—Mix together in a soup plate, teaspoonful of formalin, 1 teaspoon sugar, half a pint of milk, half a pint water. Place a small piece of bread in the centre of the mixture. This is worth trying. An excellent reading was given by Mrs. Lamb, the subject being Franklin's Table of Virtues. A motion was carried to the effect that the Institute endeavor to have for next meeting a practical talk on banking, to be given by one of our local bank managers. The next meeting was held in Dickson's hall on Friday afternoon, Aug. 16th, the subject to be "Humility." The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and tea were served by the hostess.

Civic Holiday.

The curling club, which will celebrate the annual civic holiday this year, appointed committees a few days ago, and the committees are at work getting a programme ready that will ensure a good day's enjoyment. The date will be the 14th of August. The curlers will do their best to make this celebration exceed all former ones, and a first-class time may be expected by all who turn out that day.

Personal

Miss D. Hopkins and Miss Doreen Jordan of Lindsay are the guests of Mrs. Walter Jordan this week.

Rev. Wm. Farncomb and Mrs. Farncomb of Toronto arrived on Tuesday.

Mr. John McArthur, Lindsay, was in town this week.

Mrs. Noble Ingram of Toronto is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Martin.

Mrs. Thos. Staples of Toronto is visiting relatives in Verulam.

Miss Lillian Terrill is spending a few weeks with Colborne friends.

Among the successful pupils in the recent Toronto Conservatory of Music examinations are noticed the names of Miss Lillian Corbett, who has passed the Intermediate piano examination, also Miss Gertrude Powles, who was successful in Junior piano. Both are pupils of Mr. C. C. Forsyth of Lindsay.

Mrs. Thos. Johnston and daughter Wilhelmina are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith at Orangeville.

Mr. Thos. Fell of Kinmount is visiting relatives at the Falls.

Miss Stevens of Cobocok is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thos. Austin.

Mr. Neil Robson is home from the Soo for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. Nelson and Miss Nellie Thompson of Peterborough spent Saturday with relatives here.

The Misses Irene and Marjorie McDougall of Ingersoll are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. L. Robson.

Mr. Norman Martin returned on Saturday from Huntsville and Gravenhurst.

Mrs. Coleman and daughter of Bowmanville are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Jewell.

Miss Marion Arnold is spending this week with Sturgeon Point friends.

Mrs. Sinclair and daughter of Toronto are guests of the Misses Potts at Sunny Brae farm.

Peterborough Band Coming.

Peterborough Silver Band, which visited Fenelon Falls last summer, and delighted everyone with its music will pay another visit on Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11. The band, as before, is coming under the auspices of the local corps of the Salvation Army. A grand musical festival will be held in Dickson's hall on Saturday evening, and there will be three meetings on Sunday, led by Col. and Mrs. Chandler of Toronto. Full particulars are given in posters.

Daring Hold-up in Lindsay.

Post:—A hold up of the wild and woolly west type took place on St. Paul street, East Ward, Saturday night.

Babeock's delivery wagon was proceeding along that thorough fare in charge of a youthful driver when five men surrounded the outfit. The driver was powerless in their hands and the gang lost no time in cleaning up the consignment of groceries. They were apparently not satisfied with what they found as they immediately proceeded to destroy the goods.

Unfortunately there is no clue to the perpetrators. If they are apprehended it will certainly go hard with them.

Lindsay's New Auto Industry.

Post:—The last consignment of machinery for the Fitzsimmons automobile industry has arrived in Lindsay and is being placed in position at their temporary quarters.

The Post had a conversation with Mr. W. J. Fitzsimmons, a member of the firm, last evening and was informed that men were already making automobile bodies at the old Union School, and it is expected that next week the industry would be in full running order. The firm had a large number of orders on hand and the delay occasioned in moving the plant had put them behind considerably.

During the past few weeks desperate efforts were made by the city of Peterborough to steal the industry, but they ended in failure. The firm was satisfied with Lindsay's advantages, notwithstanding the extravagant inducements offered by the Electric city.

A Popular School.

Among the Commercial Schools of the Dominion, the Peterborough Business College, Peterborough, is freely acknowledged to hold the foremost position. It is the largest and most widely attended Business College in Eastern Ontario and is affiliated with the Commercial Educators Association of Canada. The management of this chain trained last year over two thousand young people and placed them in excellent positions. We have had thirty years experience; consequently, ambitious young people, who are desirous of securing a business education and taking a good position, would do well to write at once. Hundreds of young people are studying at home preparatory to entering Business College next fall or winter, and they are paying for their course at their own convenience.

TAKING HOLIDAYS.

The regular weekly visits of Mr. Fulton, of McLaughlin, Peel & Fulton, to Fenelon Falls, have been suspended during the holiday season, but will be resumed about the middle of August.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The Rev. V. McClinchie, M. A., of the Dutch Reformed Presbyterian Church, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. McClinchie will also preach in Bury's Green at 2.30 p. m.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE.

Officers and members of Corona Lodge No. 398 I. O. O. F. are hereby requested to meet at the Lodge room on August 4th, at 4 p. m. for Decoration. Lodge meetings suspended until Sept. 6th, except first Friday in August.

BAPTIST EXCURSION.

The Fenelon Falls Baptist Sunday School will run an excursion to Buckhorn on Wednesday, August 7. There will be a good programme of sports and a ball game. Steamer Stoney Lake leaves Fenelon Falls wharf at 8.30. Tickets 50c. and 25c. Come and have a good time.

NEW THRESHING OUTFIT.

Mr. T. H. Elliott of Fairbairn has recently purchased from Mr. F. Kelly a complete threshing outfit, manufactured by Geo. White & Sons. Mr. Elliott will no doubt be well patronized by the farmers as a result of his enterprise in purchasing a strictly a first-class and up-to-date outfit.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION.

The Epworth League of the Fenelon Falls Methodist Church will run their annual moonlight excursion to Bobcaygeon per str. Stony Lake, on the evening of Monday, August 5th. The boat will leave the wharf at 8 p. m. Returning will leave Caygeon at 11 p. m. The orchestra will be in attendance and will add much to the pleasure of this excursion. Everybody welcome. Tickets 35c., children 25c.

BEEBLE EATS BUG.

Mr. Robt. Quibell noticed in his potato patch a few days ago a small beetle, apparently eating a young potato bug; and after watching the insect a while, found that it was actually killing and eating the bugs. The beetle is rather a handsome specimen, in color black with a deep red triangular mark on its back, and is about the same size as a full grown potato bug, but built on much more graceful lines. It is probably one of the species that was discovered two or three years ago, but which has not become numerous enough to check the work of the potato bugs.

GOOD FISHING.

Mr. Mills, one of the expert fishermen who spend their summers at Fenelon Falls, landed a fine 18 pound lunge on Monday morning, while out with guide F. Lodge, near Green & Ellis's old mill. The other fishermen are also having good sport. Mr. Webster, on his last cast on Monday evening, in the upper lake, lost his bait and part of his line, and had his rod broken by a big fish of some kind—probably a large lunge. Fine strings of bass are coming in every evening.

FINED.

On Saturday Magistrate Moore imposed a fine of \$5.00 and costs on a young Verulam man for driving up the sidewalk on Colborne street at a furious rate on the night of June 28th. Two others were fined \$3.95 each for disorderly conduct the same evening. There have been one or two cases of reckless auto driving recently, but no action taken, but Chief Jones has his eye on the offenders, and intends to prosecute in any further infractions of the law regulating the speed of automobiles.