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EDITORIAL

Agricultural Representative in Every County

Fourteen years ago the first Agricultural Representatives in Ontario were appointed by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. Only seven counties were supplied at first. Gradually county after county has been furnished with qualified representatives, and the last county in the province was placed in commission last summer. Their work and worth have developed until to-day they are regarded as indispensible. It is seven years since Halton was furnished with an agricultural representative.

Canada is Against the Use of Submarines

The people of Canada will, with a large degree of unanimity, endorse the position taken by Sir Robert Borden in registering an indignant protest at the Armament Conference at Washington last week against the use of submarines. Sir Robert declared that the five great powers should pledge themselves not to use the submarine at any time to prey upon commerce, or to bring about the slaughter of neutrals and non-combatants. He instanced cases during the late war, and one notably, where a ship was submarined with twenty Canadian nurses on board.

Grain Shipments by the Pacific

Ever since the opening of the Panama canal the proposal of shipping grain from the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia has been a moot question. The success of initial export shipments of Canadian grain from Vancouver to all parts of the world the past season, leaves no shadow of doubt as to the great future of this port, being so convenient to the Western granaries, as an outlet for a portion of their annual crop, the success of shipment through the Panama canal to Europe is fraught with significance to the Dominion grain export movement. Every year a certain amount of congestion occurs with the enormous product of the Prairie Provinces flooding the terminal elevators and export shipping points at the same time. The heavy increases in annual production which will undoubtedly continue in greater proportion in the future, will tax the eastern ports of outlet to a yet greater extent, and the success of shipments via Vancouver will considerably relieve the situation as well as substantially augment the importance of this British Columbia port of Canada.

The Privileges of the Public Library

On New Year's eve the Public Library opened to the readers a large addition of new books, just catalogued and placed upon the shelves by the librarians. Acton library is well patronized and the books are in demand. There are numbers of citizens, however, who evidently fail to realize the opportunities the library offers, and miss the benefits it gives by its privileges. The free use of the library aids materially in completing the educational equipment of the young people and giving permanent value to the work of the schools. It gives the children of all classes an opportunity to know and love the best in literature, by minimizing the reading of vicious literature in the community, thus promoting mental and moral betterment. It effects a real saving of money to every reader in the community. The library is the application of common sense to the problem of supply and demand. Through it every reader in town can secure at a minimum of cost hundreds of times the amount of good literature for reading and study as could afford to be purchased individually. The library really adds to the material value of the property of the town, because of its privileges to all householders. Appealing as it does to all classes, sects and degrees of intelligence it is a strong unifying factor in the life of a town. The Public Library is the one thing which every town, however small or isolated, can have, and with it literature as inspiring as the greatest city can possess. It invariably raises the intellectual tone of the community. The Public Library is free to all.

Our Waterworks Development

In addition to their multifarious routine and general duties the new Council has before it important matters for immediate consideration and intelligent action. The prompt development of the waterworks system is absolutely necessary if revenues commensurate with the large capital expenditure made are to be secured to meet cost of maintenance and the annual payment of principal and interest. Unless development is accomplished at the earliest possible date the hoped-for reduction of our high rate of taxation will not materialize. Steps should be taken forthwith to make connection with the water system of the Grand Trunk Railway, to supply the 40,000 gallons already contracted for. Further, all possible private services should be installed. A total of between four and five hundred services are said to be available for installation in town. The supply of water is ample. As yet only about two hundred services have been put in. Competent and experienced men should be engaged for this work so as to ensure expedition and satisfaction in the matter of installation. Few will question the advantage of transferring the administration of the waterworks to a commission of business men, who would give undivided attention to this one utility. The appointment of a commission to handle the Hydro-Electric business has already proved the advantage to be derived from this form of operation. The Council is composed of busy business men, who will be giving all the time that should be expected of them when they conduct the general affairs of the town. The handing over of the administration of the waterworks system to a carefully selected commission would be a real relief to the members of the Council; and would also be of advantage to the town.

Acton's Fire Insurance Rates

One of the leading arguments used by the promoters of Acton's waterworks system was that with the installation of an adequate system of waterworks the rate of fire insurance would be substantially reduced. It is now over a year since the water was turned on. It is over three months since the unreasonably tardy official test was made by the officers of the Canadian Underwriters' Association. The test proved conclusively that all the property in town, under insurance risk, is vastly better protected under our splendid waterworks system, than under the protection afforded by the steam fire engine, yet the rates still remain the same as for years past. Numbers of other towns have had a reduction of ten per cent. in rates lately, and there is no good reason why our rates in Acton should not be similarly reduced. It is the plain duty of the Council to follow up the matter promptly and secure from the Underwriters' Association the reduction in rates justly due. A reduction of ten per cent. in insurance rates would go a long way in meeting the amount of the extra taxes required from property owners to pay the annual charges for our waterworks' installation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Progressives have been generously dealt with in the formation of Premier King's new Cabinet. Four farmers have been given portfolios.

The Labor interests have been magnanimously dealt with in the new Cabinet. There are but two labor men in the house, yet labor is given a representative in the Cabinet.

In the opinion of the New York Herald, England is right, "splendidly right," in her fight to have the submarine utterly abolished, and the United States is wrong in taking a passive attitude upon the matter.

The smaller ministry in the new Cabinet at Ottawa will without doubt govern the country just as effectively as its larger predecessor. Mr. Meighen's Cabinet numbered twenty-two; Mr. King's has only eighteen.

Hon. George P. Graham's title in the new Cabinet is Minister of Militia and Defence, and Minister of the Naval Service. Why not shorten up decently and call him the Minister of Peace. Canada wants no more war-like terms and titles.

In summing up the final results of the general elections Hon. Bob Rogers said that after all he believes in an out and out Conservative Party. The votes polled throughout Canada would indicated that the electors believe the same thing.

The Sinn Feiners of Ireland have a new reason for being prohibitionists. They declare it to be absolutely necessary for every member to be a sober man because of the many secrets they carry. It's the old story: "When liquor's in, wit is out."

At the next session of the Legislature Oakville will make application for power to remit the first year's taxes on all new houses built in that town. A similar movement by Acton Council would, no doubt, encourage the building of more homes; and they are greatly needed.

The lawyers predominate again in the Cabinet of the new Government at Ottawa, but not to such a wholesale extent as in Mr. Meighen's recent selection. There are in Mr. King's Cabinet seven lawyers, four farmers, three newspapermen, two manufacturers, a labor man, a business man and a physician.

A seat has been found for Hon. Mr. Meighen in Grenville County, Hon. J. D. Reid's riding for years. The by-election will be held on the 26th inst., and the ex-Premier will therefore take his seat, if elected, when Parliament meets. Canadians generally will be glad to see Mr. Meighen re-enter the House of Commons.

"Uncle" Nathaniel Vermilyea, of Thurlow Township, near Belleville, holds the laurels for long time service as Reeve of his township. At the recent nominations he was elected by acclamation for his 47th consecutive term as Reeve, forty-two years by acclamation. His township is considered a model of municipal government.

The directors of the Commericial Travellers' Association express the belief that the wave of depression is now to some extent passing and that the Canadian people may look hopefully into the coming year. There is no body of business men in the Dominion with better opportunities of arriving at a sound conclusion as to the trend of trade.—Globe.

Although a military man, high up in military circles, Lord Byng, Canada's new Governor-General, is evidently not tied up with red tape. When he swore in the members of the new Cabinet last Thursday he introduced an innovation in the ceremony by presenting each Cabinet minister who took the oath, the Bible upon which he had sworn, in which was inscribed his name and the signature "Byng of Vimy."

In its main items of policy the new Liberal Government can count upon Progressive support. Across the main field of politics the two groups travel pretty much the same road towards adjoining objectives. But in some matters the Liberals occupy a central position with the other two groups on the right and left extremes. If either side pushes the centre too hard, the resistance of the other comes into play.—Toronto Star.

The name of Hon. W. S. Fielding as Minister of Finance will inspire general confidence, and we may expect that the work of tariff revision will be well and thoroughly done. Direct taxation on a large scale must be continued for a long period, and to adjust it so as to be as little burdensome as possible will tax all the ability of Mr. Fielding and his associates. His long experience will, however, be a decided advantage.

THE PASSING OF LORD MOUNT STEPHEN

Lord Mount Stephen is dead, aged 92 years. He passed away peacefully on November 29, 1921, at his residence, Brocket Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, dying painlessly of sheer old age. Lord Mount Stephen had been living in absolute retirement for many years.

George Stephen was a Scot, born in 1829 at Dufftown, Banffshire, and his educational advantages were confined to what the parish school afforded. Leaving school at the early age of fourteen, he was apprenticed to a draper and dealer in dry goods in Aberdeen. Having completed his four years' apprenticeship, like many in the northern land, he made his way to London, where he joined a well-known firm which still exists under the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral.

It was the middle of the 19th century when George Stephen, then 31 years of age, reached Canada in company with his cousin, Donald Smith

GEORGE STEPHEN
LORD MOUNT STEPHEN
FIRST PRESIDENT
OF THE
CANADIAN PACIFIC
RAILWAY COMPANY
1881-1888

(afterwards Lord Strathcona). In Montreal he entered the service of his cousin, William Stephen, who was in the dry goods trade, and three years later he went into partnership under the style of William Stephen & Company. Years of steady hard work followed. In 1862 the senior partner died, and George, acquiring the whole business, began to manufacture cloth. This proved remunerative and he soon devoted his entire efforts to it, relinquishing the wholesale trade.

George Stephen was elected a director of the Bank of Montreal, and 1876 he was chosen as vice-president and later president.

The name of Lord Mount Stephen will be chiefly remembered as being associated with the conception and the carrying to completion of the C. P. R., the pioneer transcontinental railway. He joined the small but determined and optimistic group of men who had accepted the offer of the Government to build the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was its first president in 1881, and the first annual report was printed on one sheet of notepaper and signed by George Stephen.

He should be its first president, for he had put his all into it, for one thing; for another, he had unrivalled driving power; and, again, he had genius for method and detail.

A year after the completion of the C. P. R., George Stephen was created a baronet. He built himself a magnificent home on Drummond Street, Montreal, in which he took great pride, especially in the conservatory built after the English style, as well as in his pictures, to which he devoted much attention.

In thinking of the public welfare of the community, Sir George Stephen at that period displayed great generosity.

Sir George Stephen resigned the presidency of the C. P. R. in 1888, in which he was succeeded by the late Sir William Van Horne, who consolidated and at the same time extended the service and earnings of that great corporation. Three years later, in 1891, he was created a baron by Queen Victoria, when he assumed the title of Lord Mount Stephen, and crossed the Atlantic to settle down in England. In his beautiful home Brocket Hall, Hatfield, Herts, near which the Hailsbury family resides, he for many years entertained notable personages and devoted himself to the promotion of philanthropic movements.

Lord Mount Stephen was twice married, his first marriage taking place in 1853, to Anne Charlotte, daughter of Benjamin Kane. In 1897 he was united to Glen Tufnell, daughter of the late Captain George Tufnell, R. N. There was no issue of these marriages; but Lord Mount Stephen adopted a daughter who married a son of the Northcote family in England.

It is of interest to note that although in his valedictory to the C. P. R. shareholders, Lord Mount Stephen excused his retirement on the ground of health, he lived for a period of thirty-three years thereafter, or the span of another generation.

Much regret was expressed in C. P. R. circles when the death of Lord Mount Stephen became known. All the flags from one end of the system to the other were placed at half-mast, and a laurel wreath was placed on the statue of Lord Mount Stephen which stands in the waiting room of the Windsor Street station at Montreal.

"It was a cause of great satisfaction to Lord Mount Stephen that he lived to see his 'baby' grow into the greatest enterprise Canada has ever known," said Lord Shaughnessy. "There was a great personal friendship between us," continued Lord Shaughnessy, "which deepened as the years advanced." Discussing the fact that Lord Mount Stephen was in his 93rd year, and that Mr. R. B. Angus, who had been so intimately connected with Lord Mount Stephen, is in his 91st year, Lord Shaughnessy commented: "I am only 68; quite a boy compared with them."

"I was first associated with Lord Mount Stephen in 1882, nearly forty years ago, shortly after the construction of the Canadian Pacific had been commenced by the company, but my relations did not become at all close until the end of 1883. From that time until he retired from participation in the company's affairs we were very close personal friends. Indeed, our very warm personal relations continued to the end.

"Lord Mount Stephen was a man with imagination and initiative, coupled with probity and courage.

"During the construction of the trans-continental line he had many anxious hours, and there were times when his personal fortune, as well as that of his colleague, Lord Strathcona, was placed in jeopardy in loans to the company in its dark days.

"To Lord Mount Stephen beyond all others may be attributed the successful completion of the railway.

"During the last 25 or 26 years he had lived in England, but he followed Canadian affairs with the keenest interest.

"In view of the part that he played in the first and most important enterprise connected with Canada's progress, I am sure that the name of Lord Mount Stephen will always be cherished by Canadians, and, indeed, throughout the world."

"My most intimate connections with him were in 1884 and 1885, when the Government, after the first loan, were loath to provide any more money. It was during that emergency that he and Lord Strathcona furnished the requisite funds from their own fortunes, at a considerable sacrifice, no doubt, because they had to sell other securities that they held to raise the money. Finally the Government did make a further loan of $5,000,000, which saw the company through, and enabled it to get along until Lord Mount Stephen, or George Stephen, as he was then, had succeeded in selling the company's first mortgage bonds through Baring Brothers.

"Just as soon as the company received payment for its bonds, the whole debt to the Government was paid. He had said he would repay the loan, and did so. But if he had adopted modern methods he would probably have tried to borrow more money instead."

WHY WE DO THINGS

Men's acts are open to us. We can see where they go and what they do in every detail, if our eyes are keen enough. We hear their voice in all its wayward tones and subtle inflections. What is there behind the words and the actions? What are the motives that lead men and women to act and speak as they do? Of all the forms of human knowledge and investigation this is the most important and the most difficult. We are always divining the secret, always vaguely and vainly guessing at the impenetrable working of other men's hearts. All our own action has to be founded upon such guessing and divining. Yet, with our very best effort, the matter too often remains hopelessly obscure.

"Sometimes we conjecture the motives of others from what we take to be our own, attribute to them our own hopes and struggles, our own petty weaknesses and occasional lofty ideals. Because of the essential oneness of humanity, such guesses are often fortunate. They are often misleading, because the complex mixture of human needs and aspirations appears in strange and unexpected ways. Sometimes we judge others by standards altogether different from those which we apply to ourselves, standards derived from hearsay or reading or theory. We supply others with motives of lofty idealism and practice, of high devotion to duty, that we should like to think prevailed in our own lives, though we know, alas! that they do mean and cruel things that we know very well we should not do ourselves. It is astonishing how ready we are to attribute base motives for simple actions, actions that we ourselves are performing every day with no such motive. The safest test here is to stop and consider whether we should really do such things for such an object.

Yet if we are ignorant of the motives of others, it is amazing how ignorant we are also of our own. Most of us act daily by instinct, with no real appreciation of the deeper springs from which such action flows. Even the wheest and most thoughtful act first and when they come to study their actions are astonished to find from what unexpected principles they emanate.

The first lesson of these considerations is that we must study motives more and more carefully, in spite of our blunders and ill success. And the second lesson is one of infinite charity. Only the ignorant and the vain pretend to judge motives with positiveness. The wise recognize that man's action springs from strange sources as it leads to strange ends, and the older they grow the more they live in the spirit of the largest charity the world has ever known: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Exchange.

RIDDLES

When is a picture like weak tea?
When it is not well drawn.

What is the difference between one who looks up and another who walks up the stairs?
One steps up the stairs and the other stares up the steps.

Why are stockings like pipe?
Because they are always in pears (pairs).

What bed is it that never has any clothes on it?
A flower-bed.

What is that which will go out even if locked in a room?
The fire.

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Why should a magistrate be very cold?
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