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Daily Whig.

DEFECTS IN LEADERSHIP. When on the evening of November 4th the returns indicated a signal defeat for Mr. Bryan, he was silent. He said he would have to reflect upon what he desired to say to the American people. He has had time for calm reflection, and he is moved to remark that he is not discouraged, and that the democratic party should not be cast down. It stands for principles which are bound to receive recognition. Indeed the party in the last twelve years—three successive congressional terms—has accomplished more out of office than in it. In other words the things for which the democrats have contended have been accepted by the republicans, and this, in Mr. Bryan's opinion, "is a sufficient reward for those who fight for a righteous cause."

He reflects that perhaps some of his political allies may not look at results in that light, and so he adds: "It would have been pleasant to have been able to reward worthy democrats with official positions, but the most worthy are not looking for official positions; they are looking for good government, and they labour unselfishly for the promotion of good government." As for Mr. Bryan he will not worry about defeat, but join issue with those who are democrats on principle, and who will march on in true patriotic spirit, in perpetuation and in defence of the right.

Some of the reforms which Mr. Bryan advocated, are, he says sure to come. They may—some day. But that day is not at hand. The democrats of the United States are like the conservatives of Canada, "without a winning leader. Mr. Bryan is like Mr. Borden in many respects, able, high-minded, honorable, but not magnetic. Neither in the late elections had the confidence of the people, and great parties are dependent more than they admit upon the personality of the men who presume to lead them."

THE STRAIN OF STRIKE. The Whig feels like saying a word for the labor leaders. They occupy generally very responsible positions. In crises they carry heavy burdens. They know the feelings of the men who are associated with them, who look to them to advocate certain remedial or reformatory measures, and they know the difficulties of securing these because of cross or antagonistic purposes. They are usually zealous, but not always successful.

Sam Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labour, was not exactly the ally of the democratic candidate in the late presidential election. He favoured Mr. Bryan's election, however, and took pains to have this known, though he was acting in an unofficial capacity. Gompers has long been of the opinion that the labour element must swing its influence politically if it would increase its power in public life. He has not been able to impress this idea upon the labour party. Similarly in Canada the Political League is a very weak affair, and for the reason that the labour men will not forget or cannot forget, that they are politicians. Labour leaders cannot rush results. They can come only through education reasonably founded and rationally conducted.

John Burns needs to offer no apology for any conclusion which he may reach. He has risen in power and influence upon his merits. He is a man of marked individuality and independence. The labour party which he represents has had reason to thank him for many reforms for which he has sweated blood. Battersea is the home of democracy, as it has been designed by labour-men. It is the centre of some fads, some economic failures, and only recognized as such after an honest attempt has been made to give them success. Burns has the manliness to say what he thinks, and he has condemned the waste of the poor man's money in drink. He has been engaged in great schemes looking to the occupation of the unemployed, and can fairly differ with the premier with regard to them and still hold his self-respect. The suggestion that he resign because he cannot see eye to eye with Mr. Asquith is absurd. The man of influence will stay where he can serve his people best, and it will be time enough for Mr. Burns to leave the government when his usefulness is gone. Meanwhile, he will be misunderstood. It would be amazing if he were not.

The representatives of the C. P. R. in the recent strike are in great disfavour because they agreed to a settlement which has not satisfied many of the men. It is admitted for them that they were free from any consideration save the interest of labour,

but it is held that they should have consulted the union membership before they capitulated, and should have stated the only terms of peace, seeing that these involved so many serious sacrifices. The subject has been for some time under review by a special committee, representing the various labour organizations, and so irritating has been the procedure that the retirement of Bell Hardy, chairman, and J. H. McVeity, the secretary of the strike committee has been demanded. Their weakness is said to be a faulty judgment, and the verdict may be a correct one. Yet it is recalled that these men stood up for labour under great disadvantages, that they stood for strike as long as they could, that they saw the cause failing under the great distress of those who were interested in it, and that they surrendered when there seemed to be nothing else for them to do. Their judgment at fault! And punished for it? This may not be the better way of developing in the labour ranks the leaders who can be trusted to do the best they can in great emergencies.

John Mitchell was censured by some coal miners when the great strike of some years ago failed, but no one who knew him or of the suffering he endured while he carried the strain of battle, could honestly say that he gave up too soon.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The rains may not be desired by the city people, but they are hailed with gladness by the rural population. The streams want refilling and this is now being done.

The small boy has great regard for Ottawa and Hamilton footballers. He calls them the Wolves and the Tigers, though he did not see anything fierce or ferocious in their play.

Dr. Milligan knows men who are prominent in the laymen's movement who are drawing big dividends from the poor. He does not know what they are in the church for. Isn't the doctor becoming a trifle personal?

At last one has the opinion from the west about Dan McGillicuddy and his libel suit. The feeling in Calgary is that he has "won a great moral victory." It's good he is getting something for his money.

The liberals of the province are to be called together and invited to plan for future campaigns. Opposition is the cure for the defects of all parties. It is the turn of the liberals to prepare for battle later on, and make no mistake about the plans.

In the games of this year there have been only ten footballers killed and two hundred and seventy-two injured. Of the number three killed and one hundred and fifty-three wounded were college boys. So that education does not save from bumps and bruises.

The map which helped the British war office out of a difficulty during the South African war was sent to the queen by the Kaiser. A friendly act, it is true, but disagreeably reflecting upon the antique methods of the war office. Have the geographers of the British government gone to sleep?

The Hamilton magistrate does not want the disorderly houses suppressed, especially those where there are sober and "respectable" girls, but he orders out of the city a woman who quietly let a room to a young couple who shocked the people with a crime. The philosophy of this thing is hard to understand.

HONORED BY KING. Hugh Graham Accepted Knight-hood Conferred on Him.

No honor has been better deserved, seeing that public spirited philanthropy is a frequent recommendation to the favor of the king, than that bestowed upon Hugh Graham, of Montreal. His work in promoting the Indian Famine Fund, whereby \$100,000 was subscribed by 100,000 citizens of Canada, attracted attention in England. He personally promoted the Patriotic Fund, subscribed to by 150,000 children, sent to Queen Victoria for the families of soldiers stricken in the war. After a critical stage in the Boer war, when New Zealand and other colonies had sent their quota of troops, Canada stood faltering. When the New Zealanders were on their way to South Africa, a cablegram came from London to Canada announcing the fact, Mr. Graham repeated this message to the mayor of cities, towns, villages and municipalities throughout Canada, and to the militia officers, coupled with the request that they should wire for publication their views as to Canada's duty in the crisis. Replies poured in from every part of the dominion, urging Canada to act. Pages were filled with the replies. Within forty-eight hours a movement was on foot for the sending of a Canadian contingent. As an incentive to prompt recruiting for the regiment, it was announced that the men of the contingent would be insured against death and accident in policies aggregating one million dollars. The name of the person who paid the premiums remained a secret, but it is known that it was Hugh Graham. It is known, too, that Queen Victoria expressed great appreciation of the act and that it was desired at that time to confer an honor in recognition of it. Mr. Graham did not see his way to accept as long as he was manager of his various newspaper enterprises. Having relinquished active journalistic work this year, he felt himself free to accept the knighthood which has been conferred on him by King Edward.

NEGLECT OF COUNCIL

IS CAUSING A VERY SERIOUS DELAY

In Regard to Road Paving and Macadamizing—Not Enough Aldermen Present Last Evening to Pass Paving Report.

Through lack of a sufficient attendance of the city council members at last evening's special meeting, the question of road paving received a set back. To pass the city engineer's report recommending the construction of paved roads in the chief business section, fifteen votes were required. There were only fourteen members present, owing to Ald. Angrove being unable to remain, and one or two of them might have voted against the paving proposition. The question of building of further macadam roads also received a set back, as the engineer's recommendation on this matter will depend entirely upon the acceptance or rejection of his paving recommendation, so the two questions had to be shelved until a full meeting of council can be secured. It is now very late in the season and it is doubtful if the paving scheme can be handled next year, as certain excavations have to be made in the street before winter comes.

The engineer's report as published in Saturday's Whig was presented to the council for adoption. This report recommended that council by a two-thirds vote of those present that certain business blocks named by him be paved. Ald. Elliott wanted to know why corporations or non-resident property owners had been consulted. Had the Board of Works enough signatures without them. Ald. Graham replied that it was difficult to get at them. However, the council according to law, were allowed to authorize paving on a two-thirds vote, without consulting any property owners. The Board of Works, Ald. Graham said, had simply brought in the report of the city engineer, and asked the council to decide on the question.

McCann thought the council would be perfectly justified in acting on the recommendation of the city engineer, for those who had not been consulted represented a very small proportion of the whole number. He said the city engineer produced a letter from the city solicitor which explained that road paving could be proceeded with in the same manner as permanent walks—viz., on a two-thirds vote of the council without the request or agreement of property owners. Ald. Carson said that when macadam roads could be built for twenty cents a square yard, he didn't see the use of spending \$275 a square yard for paved roads. He advocated the macadam roads could not be constructed along the street railway line for twenty cents a square yard. The cost would be much there.

Ald. McCartney favored pavement. It didn't matter to him what kind of pavement was selected, but paving should certainly be done in the business section. The city solicitor's letter stated that to pass the engineer's recommendation a two-thirds majority of the members present would have to vote on the affirmative, and that three-quarters of the council would require to vote for the by-law.

It was found that there were only fourteen members present, owing to Ald. Angrove's retirement. Hence the matter could not be voted upon. Ald. Nicke pointed out that he had opposed holding a special meeting for the street paving question. He said that he considered at the last regular meeting of council, as it had already been shelved since Sept. 28th. Some of the members who wanted the special meeting were now absent. It wasn't fair for them to act now. The delay that would come might mean that the by-law could not be put to the people in January.

Those absent were Aids. Angrove, Clowen, Hanley, Harty, Rigney, Robertson and Toye. The discussion on the matter then closed, as it was only waste of time to deal with the engineer's report when there wasn't a sufficient number present to vote.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

"Me Too"—Laurier. Saturday Evening Post. William H. Taft, does not smoke. Not does President Roosevelt or W. J. Bryan.

Bring On Your Booms. Toronto Star. Having promised prosperity, all the republican party has to do now is deliver the goods.

This Bad Old World. Milwaukee Sentinel. Gen. Booth says that only one sin in eighty is found out. Then, judging from the number that are found out, this is a mighty tough old world.

Recount Not Asked. A conservative candidate at the recent election in Quebec, has been presented with a trip. The papers are also announcing that he is asking for a recount.

A Different Way. Belleville Intelligencer. In Boston two men who made improper profits out of a municipal contract have been fined \$1,000 each and compelled to pay back to the city \$5,000, which represented their illegal gain. Different countries have different ways of dealing with grafters. In some places they are discouraged.

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Ontario's Good Part.

Collier's Weekly. "There can be no doubt that every available prejudice was brought into action against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the fact that Ontario stood up so well is beyond praise."

Hard Lives. Ottawa Free Press. How would you like to be ice man? Not much, when the ice man's name is C. W. Morse, rated a year ago at \$20,000,000 and to-day a convict under sentence of fifteen years.

Make a Note Of It. Ottawa Free Press. Kingston is celebrated for having been a meeting place of the parliament of Old Canada, and for being the birthplace of John A. Macdonald. Hereafter it will be known as the place where the football championship was won in 1908.

WHAT IS TOLD.

(Continued from Page 1). The gate receipts of the Hamilton Ottawa game here on Saturday were \$1,360. Each team received \$550.

Ottawa Journal: The beating "Varsity" gave Queen's came as a big surprise to the majority of sports. It was Queen's first defeat this year. Said "King" Clancey, the Ottawa coach, who has put all his brains and his best efforts into developing the Ottawa team: "It was at least as great a game as that played by the same teams in Ottawa last Saturday and that I considered the finest football I ever witnessed." Professional hockey in Manitoba cannot be said to be booming. A meeting of the league was held Saturday evening, and only two teams were represented, Maple Leafs and Winnipeg, both of this city. Kenora, Brandon and Portage have dropped out. Winnipeg will have as a nucleus of a team the famous old amateur club, which has decided to enter the professional ranks.

Paul Akosee, the Alberta Indian, who won the holiday five-mile race at Winnipeg in the slush and almost record time, is looked upon as a wonder in the west. The road was covered with slush and mud and full of holes, and to do five miles in twenty-seven minutes and twenty-six seconds is a feat that must not be regarded lightly. This is exactly what Akosee accomplished, as in spite of all serious drawbacks, he came within a minute and twenty-six seconds of the Canadian record.

At a meeting of the new Interprovincial Amateur Hockey League on Saturday, the Montreal Hockey Club were received into membership. Their resignation from the E.C.H.A. was somewhat of a surprise, but they were welcomed by the new body. The amateur league for the coming season will comprise Victoria, Ottawa, T.A.A.C. and Montreal. The new league will be known as the Interprovincial Hockey Union of Canada. The officers elected were: President, Blair Russell, Victoria; first vice-president, Percy Quinn, Toronto A.A.C.; second vice-president, A. Sutherland, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Enves, Montreal; executive, F. J. Eveleigh, Montreal.

Says Valentine, of the New York Globe: "If Longboat takes part in the proposed Madison Square Garden race it will be a great struggle between him and Shrubbs. The others do not figure with the Indian and Alfred in a race over a smooth track. Shrubbs would go out all the way, and before ten miles had been covered he would be half a mile ahead of Longboat and miles ahead of Dorando and Hayes. The real race would come from the fifteen-mile point to the finish. After fifteen Shrubbs' strength might start to ebb, as he is not used to going so far. Here, too, the Indian would consider at every stride and it would be a great struggle between the two through those last eleven miles."

MORTON MATTERS.

Budget of News From This Canal Village.

Morton, Nov. 16.—Robert Foley's condition remains about the same. Mrs. Con and Mrs. Marsh drove to Kingston last week. While in the city they were the guests of Mrs. R. H. Somerville, Nelson street. The steam-barge Mary Louise has laid up for the winter at Jones' Falls, where she will undergo improvements. It is expected considerable lumbering will be done again this winter as W. W. Brown has purchased a large piece of timber from William Green in Leeds and will haul some to the mills here, where it will be sawed into lumber. R. H. Somerville, Kingston, is in the village for a few days. Miss Horton, of Soperston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Elber Young, Robert M. Somerville, after spending the summer making cheese at Kinburn, has returned home. F. S. Harrison removed two large loads of dry-goods from his store here to his store in Smith's Falls. Miss Johnston spent Thanksgiving day at her home in Athens. Mrs. Wesley Johnston is visiting friends in the village. Charles Dawson and family are moving back to the village after a successful season spent at Jones' Falls. Mrs. Wells is having her dwelling painted, which greatly improves that street. Thomas Welsh, of Lyndhurst is doing the work. J. C. Judd, of Toronto, spent a few days of last week in the village visiting friends. R. Somerville, of Queen's College, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church, Sunday, of last week. The many friends of Miss Jennie Somerville are pleased to know that she is improving. The cement walks have greatly improved the conditions in this village. It is intended that when spring opens these walks will be further extended from the village to the water front, also up Main street. William Booth, Clark Henderson and Bertram Tope, attending high school in Athens, spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes.

At Winnipeg on October 10th the marriage of Miss Florence Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mitchell, Bloomfield, Ont. to R. Mollis, took place. They will reside at McLeod. Stewart Gray and Charles Campbell were sentenced to six and seven years in the penitentiary at hard labor, for recent burglaries committed at Brockville. Suits cleaned and pressed. My Nels.

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