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TOO MANY CHURCHES.

S. H. Blake does not usually ask the sympathy of any one when he comes into collision with the representatives of church or state. He is a man of marked independence. He is a vigorous thinker and a still more vigorous debater. He has one dominating feature in his personality. When he reaches a conclusion he is clearly outspoken, and does not let any one booh-pooh his views and presume to push him aside.

Just now he is the subject of intense criticism because he does not see the wisdom of maintaining churches in places where they cannot grow or even exist except at unreasonable cost. So he would will some of them, and taking new centres, develop the church attendance and activities of those residing within their orbits. By this means in the city of Toronto nine churches would be substituted for fourteen now in use, the expense of their maintenance would be diminished, and, probably, "better results would flow from better manned churches."

His judgment will not be judgment of the synod. Already he has been charged with issuing slanderous statements in connection with this church consolidation scheme. The clergy predominate in the synod, as the clergy predominate in other religious bodies, and they are not sometimes actuated by business instincts. The fourteen old churches will not be sold, and the nine new ones will not be built. The church (speaking of those who compose it), does not move like the business firm; which has no hesitation in changing its plans when there is reason or occasion for it. No captain of business or industry would keep open and in operation fourteen branch houses, or factories, inconveniently located, if nine, in different places, would answer all requirements.

The church should be governed by similar principles. It should seek to get at the people to invite their co-operation or support, to guide them into service. If they will not go to the church the church must go to them. In any community there is this waste of labour, of energy, of money in church enterprises. There are too many places of worship in Kingston, and the man who acts like Mr. Blake, and in candour suggests a reduction of the number, by the sale of two or three, is at once attacked and his motives questioned. And this unnecessary and useless carrying of burdens will go on—how long? Until the people who supply the money rebel. The church appeals to the laymen to help in the direction of church affairs, and when they respond they have, like Mr. Blake, a very unpleasant experience.

CRITICISING THE BISHOP.

The Bishop of Ontario has very greatly offended the Toronto Mail, and it takes occasion to criticise him in an article of considerable length. His lordship, in an address to the synod on Ontario, referred in passing to the trade agreement, and expressed his surprise that so much bitterness was engendered over it, seeing that reciprocal relations in matters of trade had been sought by successive governments in Canada for many years. He was amazed that disloyalty should be charged against any one, in this connection, that annexation should be suggested where it was not, that it should be suspected the crown depended upon a shuffle in tariffs.

The Mail is shocked over the bishop's performance. It cannot imagine how he came to "stray into the confines of current politics," and having done so he must have seen that he was "venturing where angels fear to tread." The church is invited, as the representative of all that is pure and sweet and good, to do what it can to clean-up things politically, and it has been incidentally warned that the job is a dirty one. In this respect it may be demeaning, and that angels and good men, avoid it. Still the bishop is quite equal to a little house-cleaning when it is necessary.

Our contemporary admits that ecclesiastics may assert themselves when the national spirit is in danger and when righteousness is at stake; but when they open their mouths it should be "for the edification of the masses." Is that not Bishop Mills' mission? People are raving like madmen, and accusing their fellows of offences of which they are not guilty, and doing their best to sow the seeds of distrust and discord, and he calls them to account and gently chides them. The Mail is horrified. It cannot imagine how he could be such a partisan, and why he should address the disturbers as "professional politicians." It is a tribute to the forbearance of the man

that he was able to clothe his thoughts in language as mild as that which he employed. What some men want is flaying.

Finally, the Mail does not understand why the bishop should say that the people can be trusted, and at the same time disagree with those who want to appeal to "the loyalty of Canadians." The bishop is not discussing the question of an early dissolution. That is another consideration. There will be an appeal to the people soon enough. It is evident that the conservatives do not want it for a while. Mr. Borden does not want the issue "forced upon him," and he has been trying to sample public opinion. Of this gentleman the bishop says nothing, and, therefore, the pertinence or pointedness of this remark is not apparent: "A bishop is at least expected to make sure concerning the things he affirms as matter of fact. How could he be misled into believing that Mr. Borden refuses to take any notice of the political bearings of the pact and confines his criticism to the economical phase?" What is the chief organ of the conservative party trying to say anyway?

CANNOT DESERT THE POST.

Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, gives a late and graphic picture of the great Rosebery in the house of lords. Like Chamberlain this statesman has had his changes of thought, and change of party. The men of intellectual power must be progressive, and so it needs be that they will have new ideas, or revised ideas, on current events from time to time.

Earl Rosebery was handicapped as the premier of England, the successor of Mr. Gladstone in the direction of a liberal government, because he was a peer. He was out of close touch with the common people. He did not understand their mutterings. He does not understand them now. He has swung to the extreme of aristocratic partisanship and presumes to ignore their clamourings. The editor of the Globe sketches his appearance when, on a certain day, and lately he stood up to discuss the bill that means so much to the lords. This is the bill which Lansdowne has launched, the bill that invites so many of the venerables to commit political suicide.

"Rosebery," says Dr. Macdonald, "at his best is the best there is. In the old days, and indeed even yet, he speaks the carefully prepared sentences, with their historic sidelights and sudden thrusts, as though they were the unexpected outbursts of the moment's impulse and inspiration. But on this day it was hard for him to kick against the pricks. He sacrificed his old friends in the government, and bemoaned the degradation of the house of lords and the destruction of the ancient constitution which this measure would make inevitable. He galled and declaimed and implored now in tones that rang through the corridors, now soft and wooing as an evening breeze. He mocked at the notion that under the proposed reconstruction the house of lords would be either dignified or useful. In a voice almost of pathos he spoke what he frankly called his farewell."

And is this the last of this great man, the foremost public speaker of England, poet, orator, statesman, who has lived in the limelight of recent years and in turn been such an illumination in public life? Surely not! He may be cast down and disappointed, but he must get back into touch with the people, or into such touch as he had, and abandon the idea that they do not care about the lords, its future or its fate. Were he not invited to express their opinion upon it? Was the budget not made the means of testing its popularity? And was Rosebery not responsible for the suggestion that Lansdowne assumes to execute, namely, that the upper house needs reforming? No fight left! It is incredible.

The leaders of the lords, including Curzon, Milner, Northumberland, and the rest of them, must face a serious and difficult duty. They cannot evade it. They cannot desert the cause they have espoused.

This is no time for the rural battalions to drill. The men are too busy. They rise with the lark—in accordance with daylight bill they have always observed—in order to keep up with the crops. Men are scarce. Their time comes high, and the government has not adjusted the scale of pay according to the scale of living.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A crisis is on in the conservative party of Lennox county. Likewise in Frontenac county.

Halifax went emphatically liberal in the local election. Mr. Borden had his ear to the ground and left suddenly. He must have heard something personal.

A vote on Wolfe Island just now, while the people are worked up on the trade question, would reveal surprising results. A parliamentary "farmer's" abuse of the pact did not change any votes.

The Toronto News is sure that the trade agreement is turning multitudes against the Laurier administration. What about the multitudes that are turning against the opposition because of its attitude in this question.

The Halifax Herald (Borden's paper) demanded that the people should give the federal government a bit of their mind on the reciprocity question. And they did. As a result Mr. Borden will probably look for a new seat in the next federal election.

Poor old Michael Fraser. His marriage in old age, and when he had lost in mental powers, has cost a pretty penny. The law suits, so far, to determine his competency, have run up accounts to the extent of \$15,000. A warning to all the wealthy hachelors. Better marry when young and spend the \$15,000 in a honeymoon tour.

J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, got \$129,000,000 for successfully organizing the steel trust. So that Mr. Carnegie is not the only one that made more money by the deal than he knows what to do with. It was understood that Morgan & Co. were patriots. So they are. Patriots, with the capital, in more senses than one.

Medical experts of the church mission, in New York, declare that all the wayward girls are feeble-minded. There should be houses, where they may be scientifically treated. Dr. Macdonald, of Toronto, will find in this later declaration material in support of her long felt and eloquently advocated public institution for the feeble-minded. She is living ahead of her time.

A woman ratepayer objects to the raise in taxation. She has an idea. It is that the city wants a real woman's council. What would it do? asked a friend, who heard her declaring, "Do?" she answered, "It would practice economy. There would be no trips of the aldermen or alder-women abroad." The city fathers will please take notice.

EVOLVED CROWLESS ROOSTER.

Nature Improver—Puts Muffler on Barnyard.

Kansas City, June 17.—"The crow must go." This is the edict of Missouri. In this day of alarm clocks the people of this state have looked in vain to be shown the use of the rooster's crow. They admit that the rooster himself is a necessity, so F. L. Welborn, of Kansas City, who is a sort of Luther Burbank of poultry, has set out to eliminate the now useless crow. He has determined to evolve a crowless rooster.

Already he had produced a well nigh wingless chicken, which must necessarily stay on the home side of fences which would not halt even a hickory-legged army veteran for a mere moment. When Welborn had achieved this wingless victory, his neighbors were strong for recognizing his services by the presentation of a medal. The hen scientist told them to wait a while and he would show them a real boon in the shape of a silent rooster. They declare that if he is able to produce this sleep producer, they will not stop until his manly bosom is adorned with the Carnegie hero medal.

Welborn is something like the stage magician who puts a canary into a duck, and pulls out three pigeons, a duck, four guinea pigs and a black swan—he ain't tellin' everybody how it's done. It took him years to breed his wingless chickens and he has been at the crowless rooster for a long time. When he gets it finished, he isn't going to tell how that is done either, so that if you are not "in with" Welborn, you will still have the sleep breaker in your neighborhood.

It has been waggishly remarked that the chief difficulty which Mr. Welborn has had to face has been the opposition of the roosters themselves, who regard this effort to still their voice in barnyard politics as a hostile attempt against their franchise which many do not hesitate to say was undertaken by the scientist at the behest of suffragette hens.

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The Man On Watch.

If clemency is to be extended to prison inmates during coronation week, the Lampan is very decided in the opinion that the Wendland Canal dynamiters should not be among the number. There are in the prisons, more worthy than they. The crime of the dynamiters, included murder, besides destruction of property. Theft is far less a crime than murder; therefore let coronation clemency be extended to those who have committed lesser crimes. The public would be far safer with W. R. Travers at large than with Dullman and Nolan prowling about.

The Lampan would like to know what the school teachers of the town think of the advice given to the women teachers of Boston by one of their number who was retiring after teaching fifty years. This school marm said to them:—"Flirt a little with nice people with whom you are acquainted, be a live wire, and don't eat too much." The Lampan intends keeping his weather eye open to see if the teachers of this town will follow the above advice, especially the first part.

One would be led to the conclusion, the Lampan says, that so much preaching of the peace movement has led the young men of the province to stay home from the military camps. When there's to be peace, what's the use of getting out to train for a scrap. On Barbfield camp ground there are less than 1,800 volunteers. This number represents the rural infantry of Ontario from Cobourg on the west to Cornwall on the east, a distance of 200 miles, or nine infantry and rifle volunteers for every mile. The peace movement is extending, surely. The only hope seems to be in the Boy Scout: Let these little fellows be called out.

It is to be hoped, the Lampan says, that the town council of this year will be shamed into arranging a demonstration in honor of the Old Boys of Kingston who are coming home next month. Last year's council had no shame. Other people had to be ashamed for it, and tell the old boys that the town councilmen were a dead lot and had grown parsimonious. The Lampan would like to see his worship the mayor and Councilman John Carson arrange a demonstration for the 31st of July.

When the town council buys Cataract bridge, the Lampan hopes that the bridegroom will have lungs capable of hearing a boat whistle an hundred yards away. A few nights ago, when on a street car at Portsmouth, the Lampan could hear a steamer screaming repeatedly for entrance to the bridge. Four whistles were repeated and repeated, till some township residents, three miles from the bridge, thought the vessel was in distress.

The Lampan is of the opinion that the present wrangle in the separate school board is the best thing that could have happened in the interest of the separate schools of the town. The searchlight that is being turned upon the board's affairs will not do a particle of harm. There'll be some fite and smoke, and then better days ahead for the schools. The public school trustees have been through forms, but came up smiling, even after facing hints of grafting.

—THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

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COURT CASE AT NAPANEE.

Judge Price Got the Parties to Make a Settlement.

Napanee, June 17.—At the county court and general sessions, held here before Judge Price, only one case was entered for trial, viz., an action brought by George E. Hughes, of the township of Alton, against Willet Haines, of the township of Richmond, to recover damages for the wrongful conversion and detention of the plaintiff's goods and chattels. His honor directed the parties to try to effect a settlement which they did, on the following terms: The defendant gave to the plaintiff three promissory notes for \$50, each made by himself and a note for over \$100, which he had against the plaintiff, each party to pay his own costs.

Another of the interesting ball games between the English church team and the Western Methodist was played last evening at the driving park; score thirteen to eight, in favor of the English church.

Mr. A. H. Boyce and daughter, Sibbly, leave next Wednesday for their home in Dawson City. Mrs. George Shorey will accompany them as far as Deloraine, Man., where they will visit friends. Miss Grace Garrett, of Toronto, is the guest of Miss Marjorie Gibson.

At the chess board, yesterday afternoon, 550 boxes of white and 535 of colored were boarded. Sales: 1,129 at 11 5/16; balance sold after board at above price.

A Submarine Sunk.

Submarine A1, which was run down and sunk at Spithead in 1904, with the loss of her crew, has been again at the bottom near the same place as the result of a successful experiment with a lyddite shell. She was submerged eight or nine feet and fired at from a torpedo gunboat, which sent her to the bottom in deep water.

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