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### SALVATION FOR THE WRECKS.

The moral and physical wrecks about us. What of them? The natural disposition is to let them go. Why concern one's self about them? Then gradually the consciousness dawns that all men are of a great family, and that it is incumbent upon one to help the other. Some will go down again and again and rise if they are helped.

This bit of philosophy follows an experience with a peculiar case. This week there turned up in the city an obnoxious character. He was obnoxious because of his wretched and besotted condition. He was not old nor untalented. He had an occupation at which he could make a good living if he could content himself. But all his earnings went to liquor, and saturated with it, he became a wreck. A slave to strong drink!

"I don't want the thing," he whined, speaking to the representative of one of the local charities, "but I can't keep from it. If I had \$5,000 it would all go in the accursed stuff." He wanted relief, or protection. He was not in the form to go anywhere, among other people, for a time. With this man dissipation, gross and

exhausting, is a disease. It cannot be treated in a prison or a charity but in a sanitarium. Which raises an issue that has often pressed for attention. If there are institutions in which men can be cured of drunkenness, places in which they may be weaned completely from their appetite for alcohol, why cannot the province have one, under public direction and for the reclamation of unfortunate derelicts?

Jail, with its depressing gloom, will not make men sober. It will not strengthen moral fibre, and restore the sense of right and wrong, the desire for dignity and repose, which so often desert the tippler. The private sanitarium, with its physicians and nurses, can largely remake the morals and manners of the individual. Why cannot the public institution do the same thing?

The case referred to is one of many in Ontario. The duty comes to those who are untempted to aid the tempted, and the temperance cause will get a mighty uplift when there are the agencies at work which save the wrecks, which offer the helps so many who are in perilous ways.

### VOICE OF AN ANGEL.

In the New Testament, (Acts xii), it is written that Herod was displeased with the people of Tyre and Sidon, but they mollified him and, through the king's chamberlain, intimated that they desired peace. So upon a certain day the king, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, "It is the voice of a God, and not of a man."

Because he accepted of the homage due to Deity, Herod fell into a painful disease and was consumed of it. We are reminded of this historical incident, by reading in the Montreal Gazette, the New Testament of the conservative party in Quebec, during the election campaign, that Henri

Bourassa stood at Ste. Rose (in Laval county) before men who had come to bask in the sunshine of his presence and listen to his words of wisdom. He had scolded the grits without limit and had reached climax when he said: "Men pass away, but the law will remain, and if you do not vote against Laurier, the sin will remain upon your heads."

Then it was that out of the crowd came the solemn declaration, "It is not a man who speaks, but a living angel." The analogy with scripture is not complete. It is not recorded that the man who accepted this divine homage fell over in a faint. Bourassa accepted all that was coming to him, and must hereafter be regarded with amazing awe and reverence.

### COST OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Some years ago a great deal was said about school books and with good reason. They had become a burden to many parents. The Whitney government claimed and received credit for its redress of a serious grievance. Soon after it was formed it appointed a commission whose enquiries and report led to the cancellation of all the contracts for public school books, to the editing of a new series of readers, and to the awarding of a contract for the printing and distribution of them under very advantageous terms.

The people appreciated this devotion to duty on the part of the government, but the people had reason to expect further favours. It was not intended that the reforms should end with one special act, however commendable and with one set of school books. All along the high school books have been as vexatious in their changes and cost, and it was understood that as soon as possible there would be relief. And there is great need of it now. One parent has, to the Whig, narrated his experience. He has had several children follow each other to the institute, and for each one he has had to buy a complete outfit.

Not a single text-book has he been able to utilize a second time and with a second scholar. He wonders at this. So do others. It is not possible—and the idea must not be entertained—that the frequent changes in books are made in the interest of the authors and publishers. Yet the thought will arise, and because these books are the work of teachers, and upon their merits, are authorized.

The education department cannot afford to have this feeling continue. Sooner or later it must take up the question of editing and issuing high school books, like the public school books, as a public enterprise, and with the assurance of two things, (1), that the annual or frequent changes will be avoided and (2) that the cost of the books will be materially reduced.

The re-opening of the institute has occasioned a good many heart-breaks among the parents, some of whom have not \$7 or \$8 they can hand out freely from a slender purse for the purchase of books. There is a chance here for the Whitney government to give the people a benefit, and there is a chance for the opposition to do what the government neglects.

### GREATLY ENCOURAGED.

The campaign of R. H. Fair, the reciprocity candidate in Frontenac, is moving along finely and there is great encouragement in connection with the work. The farmers are being seized with the real facts in regard to reciprocity and are being convinced of the advantages to be obtained by the endorsement of the pact. They recognize that the United States is a market close at hand and that all classes of produce can find a ready sale there, with the prospects, with the increased consumption, the Canadian farmer may till a greater area than before, and thus enhance his

profits to a large extent. Mr. Fair has been spending the past week in the northern part of the riding and has won many friends. He stands for reciprocity and all the commercial advantages it offers. Mr. Fair is a progressive farmer and fully alive to all the benefits that will accrue to him, and to the scores of his fellow farmers by the endorsement of the reciprocity agreement. Next week he will spend some time in the middle parts of the riding and will there, as in the north part of the county, find many men who recognize that they are to vote not for politics but for their best business interests.

### COMPARISON IN LIVE STOCK.

Average price of export steers in Toronto in the six years ending 1911 ..... \$5.51  
Average price of prime steers in Buffalo in the six years ending 1911 ..... 6.48  
Average price of hogs in Toronto in the six years ending 1911 ..... 6.96  
Average price of hogs in Buffalo in the six years ending 1911 ..... 7.35

## PUBLIC OPINION

**All Traitors.**  
London Advertiser.  
Asquith, Lloyd-George, Burrell, Morley and Huxton, rulers of the mother country, favor the reciprocity pact. Traitors all!

**Nesbitt Still Lingers.**  
Ottawa Free Press.  
Doc. Beattie Nesbitt, good tory that he is, doesn't seem to fear annexation since he still lingers in the vicinity of Detroit.

**A Confession.**  
Belleville Intelligencer.  
We hesitate not to affirm that all parties benefit when farmers get good prices for all they have to sell, and citizens and laborers have plenty of work and remunerative wages.

**George Falls Off.**  
Hamilton Herald.  
No doubt the Hon. George E. Foster, who predicted that reciprocity would make the American industries already established in Hamilton "hike back across the border," will be greatly puzzled to account for the fact that another big American industry is about to be established here, without regard to reciprocity.

### ARE WE OF SUCH STUFF?

The Kingston Standard (conservative) remarks: "Is free access to a great market like the United States not as desirable to Canada as access to any of the other markets for which we have so long contended? If our farmers can sell more goods at higher prices than ever in their history, is this privilege to be denied them merely because it is offered by our next-door neighbor? Are we so skeptical of our own loyalty to Great Britain that we cannot trust ourselves to enter into closer commercial relations with a neighbor, lest thereby we be weaned away from the mother country? Is it of such stuff as this we are made, that it is feared we will sell our birthright for a mess of pottage?"

### BOURASSA IN BAD TEMPER.

One gets a better view of Mr. Bourassa as the campaign proceeds. He seems to adapt his language or his fire to suit the locality in which he speaks. Among his compatriots, the people who can be influenced by appeals to passion, he is intensely French. He has certainly dazzled or deceived them with loud talk of conscription, of British and foreign wars, and the sacrifices which they invite to the sons and grandsons of his people.

Everything goes well with Mr. Bourassa when he is surrounded by the Nationalist guard, which he takes with him everywhere he can, and by the aid of which he becomes bombastic or abusive. He has been lauded for his dignified demeanour, and he only exhibits it occasionally. When antagonized, or called to account, as he has been by Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Ethier, he loses control of himself. After the conflict at St. Scholastique, he was knocked out for several days. He will not have another assemblé contradictoire if he can avoid it.

At Hull he declined to discuss the navy or reciprocity, with Mr. Devlin, the liberal candidate, and he suffered a heckling which made him mad. At Buckingham he again declined to meet the liberal candidate and said some nasty things because "certain men in the audience chaffed him."

At Ste. Rose he undertook to conduct a Nationalist meeting, contrary to the arrangement which had been made by the conservative and liberal candidates, and because he was heckled assumed a threatening attitude. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he said, was returning to Quebec, and two could play the disturbing game, and what a regrettable thing it would be, in the eyes of the world, to have the prime minister howled down!

Finally, when some one suggested that he change his theme, and dwell upon the good the premier had done, he snarled: "It will be necessary, at the last judgment for some people to be near the mouth of hell to render judgment on the just who enter Paradise."

Which fairly indicates the state of mind of this divinely patterned grand son of the great Papineau in this year of grace, 1911.

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Montreal Herald.  
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**CAMPAIGN NOTES.**  
The Nationalist programme is petering out. Its leader will not meet the liberals in debate or in what is called the assemblé contradictoire. The savagery of political war has passed away.  
What is the aim of the Nationalist party? To set up a second French republic in Canada? Does Mr. Bourden approve of this? It is assumed that he does since he accepts the help and homage of the Bourassa party.  
Mr. Northrup, like some other talkative members of parliament, and some conservative papers, finds it impossible to repudiate his speeches in favour of reciprocity. He did not expect it to go through. How he fooled himself!

There are too many converts to reciprocity from the conservative side to note them all. And they are not looking for notoriety. In this respect they differ from the liberal hollers who happen to be high tariff men.  
The Montreal Gazette says the late Sir John Thompson set a precedent in dealing with men of besmirched reputations. Yes? And were not some of his colleagues and successors in office the men whom Sir Mackenzie Bowell called the "nest of traitors?"

### AN AMERICAN REPORT ON PRICES.

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