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A LATER APPRAISAL

The general assumption is that the boundary line deal of the federal government has been to the great advantage of Manitoba. It all depends upon how one looks at and especially the kind of spectacles through which one views the result. "The province of Manitoba," says the Winnipeg Free Press, "as enlarged is to get \$562,000 a year in lieu of lands. It already receives \$100,000 on this account, which makes the gross increase granted by the Borden government \$462,000. There are, however, some annual deductions to be made from this amount; \$15,000 yearly on account of university lands, transferred to the province twenty-six years ago; and \$124,630, as an annual offset due to the swamp lands which the province has already received and

sold. This makes the net annual increase in the grant in lieu of lands, \$322,370. This is what the province gets. What it gives up includes all the natural resources of the added territory, and the right which the province now has to swamp lands within the boundaries of the present province of Manitoba, to an estimated amount of seven or eight million acres." From this the deduction is that the result is not so satisfactory. The promise of Mr. Borden has certainly not been fulfilled. The farmers are not even given the control of their natural resources. Hon. Mr. White, in one address, said he was sure the premier would redeem all his undertakings, but for the time being he makes no sign in this one significant direction.

QUESTIONS OF TAXATION.

The city council will be looking for sympathy in its desire to prepare a budget which shall meet all the demands in the public treasury and not advance the rate of taxation unduly. "Everything is rising," said a public man. And he describes the situation in a few words. The police, the firemen, and the school teachers are already assured of an increase in their salaries. The city hall staff may not be moving in a body, but it would not be surprising if they did. There should not be any discriminations, and the way to avoid them is for the finance committee to take a bold and comprehensive view of the civic service and deal with it in a fair and impartial way. It is fortunate that Kingston has an efficiency that is more modest than the representatives in Montreal. There the civic employees insist that they shall be organized at the expense of the people, a pension fund that it shall provide generously for those who cannot continue actively in the city's service, and they should be sent into comfortable retirement. The council does not look favour-

ably upon the proposition and, lo, a committee from the officials hies off to Quebec to try the matter before the legislature and to induce it to legislate upon the same. Will the legislature act? Hardly. It is not its duty to move in questions of this kind at the request of the individuals and without reference to the public interests. Some pernicious legislation has been passed, detrimental to the civic cause, but that legislation originated usually from a source that cannot be ignored. Members of the provincial parliament will hesitate about imposing upon the people, in the way of taxation, without a request from the council. "There could hardly," says the Montreal Gazette, which is usually temperate in its criticism, "be a more mischievous precedent set than that the legislature should undertake to fix or augment the amount of pay to be given to men in a municipal service. The proposals so unwisely pressed should be checked by the legislators refusing to consider them."

ONTARIO'S LONG FISHING POLE.

Sir James Whitney was in his usual calm and judicious mood, as Mr. Rowell termed it, when he charged that the opposition in the Ontario legislature had been influenced from Ottawa when it moved on the boundary line question. It was a petulant and ungracious statement and quite characteristic of the King Hal nature of the premier. Recall for a moment the fact that Sir James had been dreaming of sleeping all the time that the Manitoba ministers were alert and active and insistent in their demands. Recall the further fact that when he did awake finally and discovered that he had been sold out between the Ottawa and the Manitoba governments he did not go for Mr. Borden but for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid had originally asked Mr. Roblin and Sir James to discuss the port question in a neighbourly manner and they had joked about it. Now Sir James thundered and scolded. Mr. Rowell, at the earliest opportunity, and while the matter was still pending in Ottawa, moved his resolu-

tion. The opposition was willing to support the government in any demand, which would secure it a Hudson's Bay port. Sir James evaded the issue. He refused to discuss it in detail. He refused to let any one else do so. All the while he was in touch with the Ottawa government, about the easement for the provincial railway, and all the while he was hickering for a deal which was not satisfactory. And he charged the opposition with being influenced by a motion which was discussed before Mr. Rowell went down to the capital, as he had a right to do, and to abrogate with the "heroes of South Renfrew." The vote in Ontario is over. Ontario, through Sir James Whitney, is satisfied. It gets the use of a strip of land through the new north towards, but not to, the Nelson river. He has what a cartoonist has likened to a long pole—one five miles long—with which he can fish in a harbour he cannot reach except by the permission of another province, whose premier has got the best of him by very long odds.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, tells the story of his dash for the South Pole. But it's a tame recital compared with Cook's dash for the North Pole, and it was all in his mind.

Pelletier, says the Montreal Star, flayed the opposition, and Mr. Lemieux flayed Pelletier. So that there are a lot of people in Ottawa with a sore skin and the sores of them all is Pelletier.

The Telegram says Mr. Bourassa does not represent Quebec, and his power is gone. Looks like it when the government surrenders to him on the naval question, and side-steps on the school question.

By order of the medical officer. He's a wise man. The cups are a menace to the people. They do more than any one can imagine to spread disease.

If all the demands on the council are met there may be an addition of three mills to the rating. With the greatest economy, and with every committee paring down its estimates to the lowest possible amount, the increase will be two mills on the dollar.

Hon. Mr. Foster has promised his constituents in North Toronto that the health of the senate will improve as the years go by. It may, but the new blood will have to be of better quality than the new government has been adding so far.

The Presbyterian church (in a general sense), is not as favourable to union as it was expected to be. Will union be imperilled thereby? Some think so. They are disposed to think that a scheme of such far-reaching importance cannot wisely be consummated by a narrow or small majority.

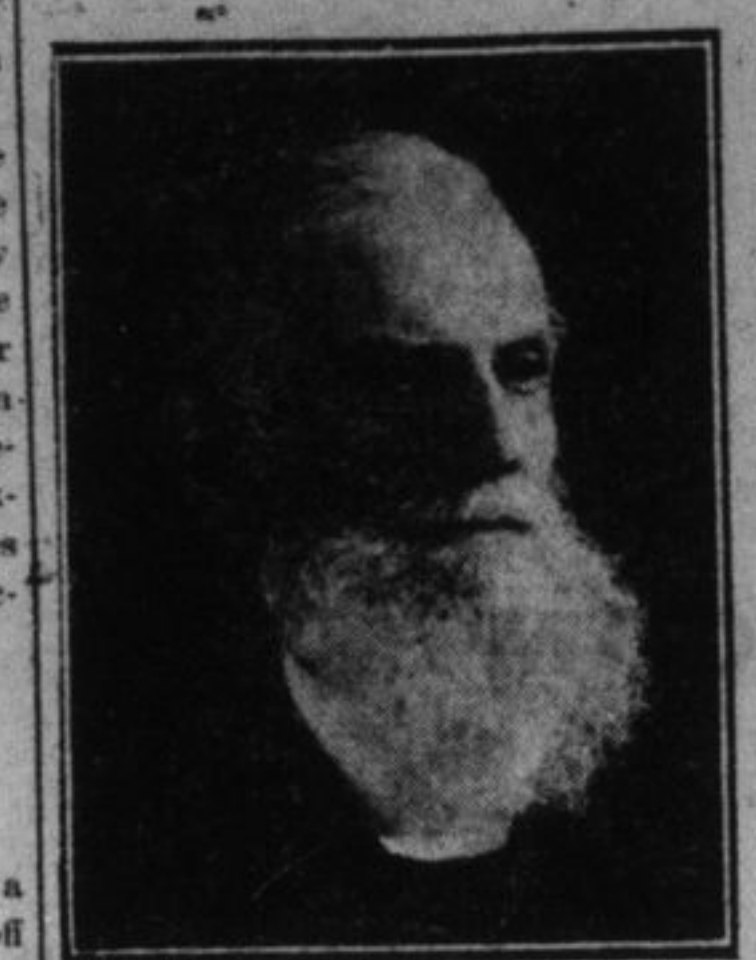
IN HIS NEW CHARGE

REV. S. J. M. COMPTON AT ST. ANDREW'S ON SUNDAY.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, Preached Introductory Sermon—The Remarks of the Pastor to His People.

Rev. S. J. M. Compton, B.D., occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church for the first time since his induction, on Sunday, and both the services were marked by very large attendances. At the morning service, the pastor was introduced by Rev. Robert Campbell, B.D., of St. Gabriel's church, Montreal, ex-moderator of the general assembly, who at the close of his sermon paid a glowing tribute to Rev. Mr. Compton and his work.

The Presbyterian officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the R.C.H.A. were present in force, and as the new minister of St. Andrew's is the Presbyterian chaplain of the per-



REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, D.D.

manent forces here, the Horse Artillery band headed the Presbyterian parade to the kirk. A number of the cadets from the Royal Military College, were also in attendance.

Rev. Dr. Campbell preached a most impressive sermon from II Thessalonians ii. 15: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the tradition which ye have been taught whether by word or by our epistle." At the close of his sermon, Dr. Campbell read a warm tribute to Rev. Mr. Compton, and expressed the hope that his pastorate at St. Andrew's would be a most successful one. He had met him abroad, at an international religious conference last autumn, and on that occasion had been greatly impressed with him. Although on that occasion, Mr. Compton was the youngest member of the party, he was the most popular with all the members of the conference. He congratulated the congregation on having secured so able a man.

Rev. Mr. Compton made a brief address to the congregation and in his opening remarks, made a feeling reference to the death of Mrs. William Nettle. On the occasion of the speaker's first visit to the church, the deceased had been one to shake hands with him, extend good wishes, and express the hope that he would return to St. Andrew's. Now her place in the church was vacant. He also made a touching reference to the death of Mrs. Campbell, wife of Rev. Dr. Campbell, whom he had met a few days before he left for his old home.

Most touching also was the young Irish preacher's reference to the death of his own father, beside whose newly-made grave he had stood the day before he left the Emerald Isle for Canada.

"I believe God has led me here," added Mr. Compton. "I am to preach, but my work in the ministry tells me that unless there dwells in our midst the spirit of Jesus Christ, in the years to come, when our work is over, we will have accomplished but little."

However, from what the speaker knew of the past, of St. Andrew's congregation, he was satisfied that he would not be allowed to shiver in his work, as in an ice-house. On the other hand, with the prayers and sympathies of the congregation, his work would be a mighty force.

A warm welcome was extended to the students of Queen's, by the new minister. The speaker wished to be regarded as a fellow student. There were many problems in life to be solved; he was trying to solve some of them, and would seek the co-operation of the students.

"And to the cadets of the Royal Military college," he added, "I express to you a hearty welcome to St. Andrew's. You come from homes scattered all over the country, but I hope that here you will be at home—that you will be able to worship and rest in peace."

The preacher also extended a warm welcome to the members of the R.C.H.A. and permanent forces. "Your men in the old land did much for the church," he said. "So be loyal and true to the church of your forefathers."

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