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WHITE'S PHILOSOPHY

Among the lame arguments adduced by Mr. White against free wheat was that of the necessity of preserving to the transcontinentals the carriage of wheat till we were more certain of the result of the western grain growers, of the opening of the competitive routes by the Hudson Bay and the Panama Canal. On what a sea of contingencies, we are embarked. If the Hudson Bay and Panama carry off the wheat trade, what will become of the three transcontinentals which have cost us hundreds of millions to construct, and whose purpose, Mr. White avows, is to carry the grain of the west to the markets of the world? If the Hudson Bay and Panama do not carry off the wheat trade, what will become of the grain grower? There is another contingency, if it be not rather a certainty. Suppose the west insists on free wheat, or the American congress grants it without condition, then, too, we presume, the hundreds and hundreds of millions, hitherto expended by constructive statesmanship will be a sheer loss. There would seem to be two chances to one of a thumping loss in transcontinentals, not to speak of "the vast sums we are spending on the Pacific coast to be prepared for the opening of the Panama Canal."—Weekly Sun.

The Toronto News says the liberal newspapers have developed in the past two years "a most amazing capacity for bold and cunning misrepresentation." The Whig has thought that the conservative papers have triumphed in this respect. No paper can surpass the News in its caustic and libellous dealing with the names and motives of the liberal leaders.

THE CHEESE MEN WORKING

The cheese men of the district are holding a session to-day and for a discussion of their mutual interests. They are wise in calling into their counsels the best of men, for the business, according to all accounts, needs their closest attention. The best market for cheese—the best for many a day, and secured on the merits of the goods—is England, and it has been successfully invaded by the New Zealanders. These got their pointers in this business from Canada, which seemed to have a place securely hers in the British market, and great is the surprise which these too apt pupils have displayed.

The New Zealanders have an advantage which the Canadians cannot study too seriously. They are largely organized. They appreciate the nature of the market. They realize what the people of the old land, in quality of cheese, in boxing, in shipping, in general care, need, and are providing it. It is simply shameful the way some Canadians, and of this district, are shipping their cheese in flimsy boxes, which will not stand the handling they get in shipping, in boxes which do not fit, and, becoming wrecked in the trip from Canada to England, expose the contents to unnecessary and serious damage.

It is time that the cheese men of this district were waking up to their new interests, and realized the need of co-operation, of carefulness in packing and shipping, of using all the machinery that has been placed at their disposal in order to elevate and improve the trade. We expect to hear of a great improvement in the business as a result of this rally of the cheese men to-day.

The Standard is entitled to all the sympathy it is being extended in the loss that has come to it by fire. The people of Kingston are interested in their newspapers, which have represented the city so actively and unitedly when their service has been required.

TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION

The teachers of the province expected to hear something definite this year respecting a superannuation fund. But they were doomed to disappointment. It is too much, at any time, to expect that Dr. Pyne will

give any evidence of mental strain and capacity. Dr. Colquhoun, the deputy minister, and the man who does the thinking for the minister, and would make something of the department if only relieved of its dull routine, had a message with regard to superannuation. It was this:

"I have consulted my colleagues, and we have decided to offer a measure dealing with superannuation of teachers at the next session of the legislature. This measure will necessarily be affected by three considerations at least: A certain amount of public indifference on the subject; hostility on the part of a portion of the teaching profession itself; and the existence upon the statute book of the old fund.

"Subject to the limitations imposed by these conditions, we shall try to frame a measure just to the teachers and acceptable to the public. Any legislation of this kind must necessarily receive the endorsement of the great body of the parties affected."

Could anything be more indefinite? The three considerations which have been recited do not represent any new difficulties or experiences. The old scheme was very incomplete and inadequate, and like the federal civil service superannuation scheme, had to be suspended. It may be merged into the new scheme, without affecting the interests of the old teachers, and present beneficiaries. Any new scheme will have to be made more expensive for both the province and the teachers.

It can be made effective, however, and without delay, by remitting to some expert the development of it, after discussions with the teachers, as the Workman's Compensation Bill was developed by Chief Justice Meredith after he had debated every feature of it with the employers and employees.

A new election is in prospect this year, and Dr. Pyne simply wants to dodge the issue, meantime humbugging the teachers or putting them off with a vague promise which, next year certainly, he does not hope to redeem.

The National Association of Fire Protection has issued a pamphlet a copy of which should be placed in the hands of every one. It should be made the subject of the closest study result of mishaps which, with forethought, could have been avoided. The fire insurance companies, like the life insurance companies, have an educational work to do.

THE CONSERVATIVE DODGERS

The discussion of the temperance question in the legislature, originating with the resolution of M. Rowell in favour of the abolition of the bar, and incidentally all treating in hotels and clubs, was as warm as usual. It served to emphasize the stand of the respective parties for and against the liquor law as it is now enforced.

The speech of Mr. Rowell was a masterpiece. It accentuated two points, and in language at once direct and conclusive. The demand for advanced legislation was not of a partisan character. It rested on the resolutions of several church bodies—the General Synod of the Church of England, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and the annual meetings of the Baptists and Congregationalists.

The Dominion Alliance had formulated their demand, as a result of the referendum of 1902. Mr. Hanna reproached the liberals for ignoring the result of this referendum, but he forgot to say that the liberals had had their experience. The temperance men joined with the conservatives in defeating the liberal government, and Mr. Hanna must see, if his vision is not affected, that the present government, on the license or bar question, is tempting the fates.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The farmers are surely paying their share of the cost of good roads, in contributing \$18,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 which it is proposed to spend upon the highways. The autoists by the way, clamour most for these good roads, and are now kicking against the tolls or taxes which are being placed upon them.

One little varnish factory at Port Hope, says the Weekly Sun, can have Fuel oil put upon the free list, for its benefit, but the great farming industry, which affects thousands of people, cannot get their favours. The reduction of duty, by a few cents, on their agricultural implements, represents a sham in political service of which the finance minister should be ashamed.

Those Toronto University men ought to be ashamed of themselves for the seeming slight they have shown one of Canada's greatest men in refusing to allow the picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to appear in the year book. As one who had served the university during the year he was entitled to the recognition he has been refused because some persons thought the local government would not like it. Small, isn't it?

America is now aroused with regard to Mexico, and Uncle Sam has decided to subdue the rebellious natives. The United States government has been for months quite undecided what it should do, though presuming to be the regulator of all America under the Munro doctrine, but it did not take up its manifest duty until the rebel general Maas declined to salute the flag. Maas et al must now be spanked. Nothing else will do.

PUBLIC OPINION

Men in Demand: Toronto Mail. Chinese classes in church Sunday schools should be taught by men. The instruction of Chinese men is not work for young women.

In Big Business: Ottawa Free Press. Hamilton has appointed a manager for the hydro plant who may have five per cent. of his time for private work. Possibly it means he will have time to mend his own electrical fixtures.

System of Work: Montreal Star. The attempt to wreck the electric chair in Sing Sing shows that the "system" is not dead yet, and that Mr. Whitman may have a harder battle than he imagines to convict Becker on his new trial.

Dull a Rarity: Part Arthur Chronicle. Hon. James Duff refuses to appoint an agricultural commission on the ground that one appointed thirty-three years ago did no good. This confirms the general impression that he is thirty-three years behind the times.

The One Mission: Toronto Star. G. W. Stephens, who was defeated for the mayoralty of Montreal, talked English, French, German and Italian in his speeches to his constituents. Being a millionaire, however, perhaps the electors thought that he ought to have let his money talk.

Conflict of Interest: Montreal Herald. The Georgian Bay canal would cost far less than the Welland-St. Lawrence one, and it would give by far the shortest and quickest route to the head of the Great Lakes. If the Welland-St. Lawrence despatching is proceeded with, then no matter what the Georgian Bay commission may say, Canada will not be able to afford to build the Georgian Bay ship canal. Moreover, to build two deep water routes for ocean steamships from Montreal to the head of the Great Lakes would be as ridiculous as it would be ruinously expensive.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO

The Midland Fair Association will sell their lots outside the fair grounds. C. Martin, sign painter, will accompany the Montreal fence painters to New York. Prof. Macgillivray, of Queen's, will spend the summer in Germany. He goes to publish his work upon which he received the degree of doctor of philosophy at Leipzig.

Trollers for Owen Sound: Owen Sound, April 16.—The town council is negotiating with a group of Toronto and Montreal capitalists, who are ready to build a street railway in Owen Sound and an electric line to Meaford, twenty miles distant. They want a twenty-five-year franchise on the streets of Owen Sound and are ready to build eight miles of track or the streets. The line to Meaford would be equipped for either steam or electric traffic. It is understood that several men connected with big railway interests are in the proposition. The town will be asked to guarantee part of the bonds of the company.

John R. Thompson, of Chicago who has sixty-seven restaurants, will head a \$6,000,000 corporation to own two hundred dining-rooms in the United States and Canada. Harry French of Burlington was fatally scalded through falling into a vat of boiling water while at work at a basket factory there.

Wise and : : Otherwise

One way to get to heaven—or the other place—buy an aeroplane ticket, and use it.

A quip may be a man with a wonderful instinct for discovering the sore spots of his superiors.

Horses have hair and no combs; roosters have combs and no hair—yet they say that nature never makes mistakes.

The photographer has to do a lot of retouching in order to convince a woman that her portrait is a good likeness.



Is Payne original? Very; he never describes himself as a live wire.

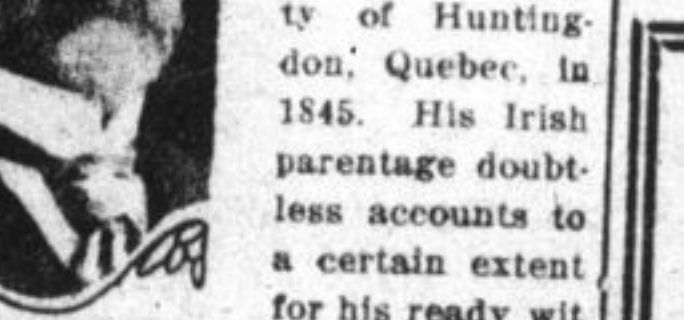
Pop Explains. Tommy-Pop, what does the Bible mean by the people who swallow a camel and strain at a gnat? Tommy's Pop—Oh, I suppose it means the people who swallow a fish story and choke to death on a fish bone.

Money on the Side. "I see the government proposes to value all the railroads, an enormous task." "Something like taking the census, eh?" "Exactly. Hundreds of computers will be required." "It might help actors to earn a little money on the side." "How so?" "Counting ties."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THURSDAY, APRIL SIXTEENTH

Birthdays Note

ANDREW BRODER, who has been a member of Parliament for Dundas since 1896, and who is one of the most popular men in the House of Commons, has a birthday today. He is now sixty-nine years old, having been born in the county of Huntingdon, Quebec, in 1845. His Irish parentage doubtless accounts to a certain extent for his ready wit and his fame as a story-teller. When he was collector of customs some years ago in Morrisburg, he had several amusing experiences in connection with the discharge of his duties. On one occasion a woman stepped off the ferry, carrying a fine, large rooster, which she had bought over in New York State. She went to the customs office to tell her story and see if she could not get the bird through duty free. Mr. Broder questioned her exhaustively and then announced that he would let it come in on one condition. Being asked the condition, he stated with the utmost gravity, "That you do not permit this Yankee rooster to grow over a Canadian barnyard."



COURAGE. No man can be brave who thinks pain the greatest evil nor temperate who considers pleasure the highest good.—Cicero.

Remember to be calm in adversity.—Horace.

In great straits and when hope is small the boldest counsels are the safest.—Livy.

Courage conquers all things. It even gives strength to the body.—Ovid.

If we must fall we should boldly meet the danger.—Tacitus.

Do not yield to misfortunes, but meet them with fortitude.—Vergil.

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