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CAUSE OF THE LOSS.

"It is safe to say," says the Montreal Star, "that the liberal party has lost heavily in public esteem in the last two years through these public scrambles for the good things of power."

The public protests against the partizanship and partiality of public officials are scrambles, eh? They could be called by another name, and one more expressive, but it would wound the supersensitive soul of the aforetime independent Star.

The generosity of the liberals has been sadly misunderstood. The disposition of the liberal government to deal fairly with every official, even those at headquarters and enjoying the confidence of the ministers, has been construed as a license to them to play the dictator, to usurp the functions of their superiors. And that sort of thing has been going on for five years, and it is that sort of thing that has injured the liberal party. The members of parliament have done the proper thing in calling the government's attention to the matter, and if the government is not impressed nor profited thereby it will be to blame and it alone.

The Star is dreadfully afraid that some of its tory friends will suffer by this protest. Only in so far as they deserve it. The conservatives, as Sir Frank Smith, a tory, warned the senate, must be made to realize that for the time being the liberals are running the country.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal, for March, writes an article on the Sunday school which is, as Banks would say, an "astonisher." Mr. Bok may not have been doing any practical Sunday school work of late, but he has presumed to discuss it as if he knew all about it. He is under the conviction that the Sunday school is decaying, that it is not what it ought to be, that it must either be reformed or become a thing of the past.

Mr. Bok is clearly mistaken in his facts. There never was a time when more interest was taken, generally, in the Sunday school, when greater efforts were made to keep it abreast of the times, when there were so many teachers and officers and schools, when the methods of collecting and imparting information were so advanced.

This is the general experience. It is not universal, of course. It never can be such. But the churches that are alive to the education of their young people, that are eager that this education should be as efficient in religious as in secular things, are having no difficulty in holding the children and in developing their usefulness.

Some good is done by a slashing attack upon our cherished plans and ideas. Mr. Bok is wrong in a great many of his conclusions. He is as clearly wrong in many of his theories. How far he is out may be determined by anyone who is familiar with Sunday school affairs, and who reads his article. But he has done good in drawing attention to the Sunday schools and making them the study of the churches. In short he has stirred up some people and made them willing to do something worthy of the great cause they represent.

JUDGES SHOULD DISCRIMINATE.

The libel law in Ontario, under its permanent revision, has worked so admirably the last few years that newspaper men have little to complain of except the adverse feeling of some of the judges. It must be frankly admitted that the press is not perfect in personal treatment of men, but the major portion of the fraternity publish highly respectable newspapers, doing a succession of kindly acts, filling useful places in the community by assisting every moral, religious and charitable work and avoiding strong personality or vindictive feeling. It is, therefore, only just that judges, seeing in some newspapers a tendency to infringe on the rights of the public to fair treatment, should confine their feelings to that portion of the press and not extend them to the more respectable element. The Canadian judiciary there is every reason to be proud of, but judges seem to imbibe with their office strong feelings, unconsciously perhaps, against an independent speech such as they themselves employ quite freely. Notably was this the case at Chatham the other day, when the Planet was sued by the county attorney for damages for libel. The judge's charge was very strong against defendant, yet the jury came back within an hour with a verdict for the defence. This was a strange incident of jury trial. It is clear a trial by jury is one of the cherished rights of a British subject. Memory is not taxed very deeply to remember a similar case in Kingston when the trial judge charged just as strongly against a newspaper defendant and when the jury merely turned around after leaving the court room and came back and gave a verdict for the publisher in direct opposition to the judge. Newspaper editors or publishers transgress the law sometimes with malice aforethought but more often through receiving false telegraphic or local information from persons whom there is every reason to trust. It is not to be expected that they will escape punishment, but for the cleanliness of their columns as a rule, for their desire to do what is right they have a claim to the sympathy of the judges, certainly to the kindest possible consideration of their cases.

PERMANENT PASTORATES.

A prominent officer of the Methodist General Conference is credited with the statement that the Methodist church is moving steadily and surely towards permanent pastorates.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a remarkable change has come over the spirit of the people in this respect during the last few decades. About eight years ago the agitation for it began in dead earnest. Four years ago the period during which a minister could be retained in a parish or church was lengthened to five years. Special reasons had to be assigned therefor, and it is notable how many cases of this kind have been reported. Now it is thought that the church, through its general conference, is nearly ready for another departure.

"The discussion upon it," says the despatch, "will be coloured by those likely to have the ministerial plums kept further out of their reach by the adoption of the proposal." It is largely a ministerial question. The laymen figure in the general conference to some extent, but the clergy are in the majority and they can do practically as they like. Strangely enough the older ministers are wedded to the itinerant system, as a matter of education and principle, though a fixed abode, pleasantly, would be more contributory to their comfort.

The Presbyterians have been referred to by the Methodists as possessing the ideal ministerial system, of calls, and to permanent pastorates, and yet there are those on either side who envy the privileges of the others. The Methodists like the Presbyterian way of selecting pastors, and copy it as far as they can by giving conditional calls, and they talk of permanent relations. The Presbyterians, on the other hand, or some of them, like variation and so long for the itinerant system.

So the feeling alternates as circumstances and experiences alternate. Men are always wanting something, something in the way of change, in the church especially, and they will never be altogether satisfied.

Narrow Escape From Death By Fire.

Madoc Review.

The dwelling of W. H. Nugent, of the township of Wollaston, was burned last Thursday. They lost all the contents except what was in two rooms down stairs. Their eldest son aged four years, had a very narrow escape as he had gone upstairs and was asleep and when they missed him they had hard work to get to him. The bed he was in was on fire and his clothes were commencing to burn. It was his mother that rescued him; she missed him first and, by making a desperate dash, saved his life.

Inherited Wealth.

Bobcaygeon Journal.

Lord Rosslyn is a young man who blew in $100,000 a year for seven years after attaining his majority and an estate. Now he is earning $10 a week at a small theatre. Would it not have been better had the state confiscated the estate in death duties? The young profligate had no right to it whatever. The only pretension to a right was the mere accident of birth. The estate was taken from the state and held by the laws of the state and to the state it should have returned.

CHURCH PARAGRAPHS.

News From All Denominations—Filling of the Pulpits.

To-morrow will be Passion Sunday, the forerunner of holy tide.

The Anglican bishop of Ossory was enthroned in the cathedral of Leighton on St. Patrick's day.

Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, Port Hope, has asked leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

In 1896 in England $2,459,385 was subscribed for Anglican home missions and $3,468,355 for foreign missions.

The congregation of the Presbyterian mission, Portsmouth, will sing from the new hymnal for the first time to-morrow.

The brotherhood of St. Andrew was introduced to England during the Lambeth conference last year. Now forty chapters are in operation.

The Main street Methodist church, Picton, has extended an invitation to Rev. J. R. Real, Woodville, to the pastorate for the ensuing year.

Rev. W. A. McKenzie, Brockville, has been nominated by the presbytery of Quebec for the moderatorship of the synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

T. S. Cole, provincial Y.M.C.A. secretary, will preach at Bethel Congregational church to-morrow morning at 11 and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

A cot has been placed in the children's hospital, Great Ormand street, London, in memory of "Lewis Carroll," author of "Alice in Wonderland."

The bishop of Norwich, England, in a lenten pastoral, declares emphatically that impurity and not intemperence is the predominant sin of his diocese.

Rev. Canon Baker, late rector of Bath, is much improved in health, although at times he is exceedingly weak. He has removed from Marden to Guelph.

Rev. J. G. Dunlop left to-day for Hamilton, where he will preach missionary sermons to-morrow. A week from Sunday he will preach at St. Catharines.

Last year in England a visitor from the United States offered $10,000 for a cracked tea-pot once used by John Wesley, but its Methodist guardian prized it too highly to accept a price.

The table of comparative international statistics reports Methodism with a membership of 7,085,400; Baptists, 4,608,402; Presbyterians, 3,770,077; Anglican communicants, 3,122,526; Congregationalists, 1,161,273.

The meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa synod, which will be held next May at Brockville, will be made the occasion of synodical conferences on subjects of special importance to the church, and which are being prepared by a special committee. The conferences are expected to prove of exceptional interest to the fathers and brethren.

Rev. R. Harkness, a returned missionary from China, has been inducted to the charge of the Presbyterian church in Admaston. At the ordination Rev. Mr. McLean presided and addressed the minister. Rev. Mr. Woodside preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Mr. Rattray addressed the people.

Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, St. Mark's church, Deseronto, will at the end of April remove to Kingston to accept the position of curate in St. James' church. By this change Deseronto will lose the services of a faithful clergyman, says the Tribune, who brought unwearied devotion to the discharge of all his duties in that parish.

A Celibate Clergy.

Within the Anglican church of New York a discussion is taking place upon the benefits of the celibacy of the clergy. It is a growing movement and many in Canada hope it will be accelerated. Of a truth the Anglican communion is suffering from continuance in their positions of many clergymen who are paralyzing the work of the church to a large extent. These clergymen could be induced to move about and thus enable many a parish to rise to its full duty were they not anchored down by a large family who have to be provided for. A single man can often pull up stakes and battle with the world, when a married man must stay until a new place is provided because of his responsibilities. The celibacy of the clergy would change this and be one of the sterling reforms of the day. Meantime many a congregation pleads for relief, for a chance to do its full duty, in which duty they are too often hindered by the pride and obstinacy of their spiritual leader. No truer words were ever spoken than those of the bishop of London the other day: "The clergy are the most self-centred, undisciplined and difficult people I ever came across." There are many clergymen of lovely character in the ranks, but they cannot be a complete antidote.

Church Services.

Sydenham street church—Rev. J. E. Starr at both services.

Queen street Methodist church—11 a.m., Rev. J. Grenfell; 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Ryckman. Subject, "Jonah."

Confirmation service at St. Mark's church to-morrow at eleven o'clock. Archbishop Lewis will confer the rite and address the candidates.

Brock street Methodist church—Rev. Dr. Ryckman at 11 a.m. Rev. J. Grenfell at 7 p.m. Subject, "Does It Pay?" Good music. Sabbath school and pastor's bible class at 2:30 p.m.

"Brotherly Love," subject at Christian Science church Sunday morning 11 o'clock, Sons of Temperance hall. Sermon delivered by a male and female readers from "Science and Health" and the bible. Large open meetings every Friday night.

A rally of Sunday school officers and teachers is called for to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Queen street Methodist church. Object, to arrange for a Sunday school convention next month. Invitation to all Sunday school workers.

Workingmen's Meeting.

Joseph Bawden will wind up the present series of the workingmen's meetings by a suitable review, WHIG hall, 3 p.m., to-morrow.

MEETING HIGH COURT OFFICERS.

Grand Lodge Officials of the C.O.F. Fraternally Visit.

There was a large turnout last evening of members of court Stanley, No. 199, Canadian Order of Foresters, to greet grand lodge officers, R. Elliott, H.C.R.; T. White, H.C.S., and E. Gartung, supsrintendent of organization. Ten new members were initiated into the mysteries of Forestry. The floor work won words of praise from the grand officers, who addressed the members, giving words of encouragement and reporting the order as taking rapid strides of advancement. Organizer Doig was complimented upon the zeal he had displayed.

After adjournment of the court the brethren supped together at the City hotel in number about seventy-five. Ford Webster, ranger of Court Stanley, presided, supported by high court officers. After the supper had been thoroughly enjoyed the chairman proposed the health of the queen, and this being duly honored, Bro. Hopkirk in graceful terms toasted visiting officials. High chief ranger Elliott responded, speaking chiefly upon the advance the order had made in numbers, greater even in other places than Kingston, till the membership was now 30,000. This spread and the confidence of the public were duly warranted, since the affairs of the high court have been most energetically, as well as judicially and economically, managed. For successful administration it would yield to no fraternal order in Canada. The reserve was now $603,000, not invested in any doubtful security, mortgage or otherwise, but in first-class financial institutions, subject to almost immediate call. Not only was the financial administration a strength, but the medical department, superintended by the one man since the start, sixteen years ago, had been most careful and beneficial. The death rate had been exceedingly low. A good sign was that the young men were flocking to the order, showing that confidence in continuance of this successful administration was general.

High secretary White, of Brantford, spoke eloquently upon the patriotic and sturdy character of Canadians, attributing much to the success of the order to confining its operations entirely to Canada, chiefly to Ontario. He dwelt upon the duty every man of family owes to insure his life and not leave those dependent upon him destitute after his death.

Grand organizer Gartung followed in an interesting account of the establishment of the Canadian order, giving reasons for its separation from the old order of Foresters, and clearing up some points not generally understood or known. J. B. McKay gave two entertaining humorous recitations, in which he was heartily applauded.

For the press and the guests Edw. J. B. Pense responded, complimenting the order upon one of the best financial showings in a short career ever presented and commending fraternal insurance because of the brotherly character of the courts and lodges. Many a person was induced through the fraternal attraction to provide for the future who could not be induced to take insurance on the old plans. The successful high court was a feather in the cap of Brantford, equally with that of the success of the Oddfellows' relief association in Kingston. There was double proof that such institutions can be carried on more economically outside Toronto than within it, and that the efforts continually being made to gather them into Toronto hands were uncalled for. The fidelity of administration shown by the chief ranger made the test of the numbers all the more pleasing, because he had done credit to the fourth estate and proved that newspaper men were often among the most useful and provident of the community. The high court officers were very warmly received in Kingston; their popularity must benefit the Canadian order materially.

James Payne, the novelist and journalist, is dead.

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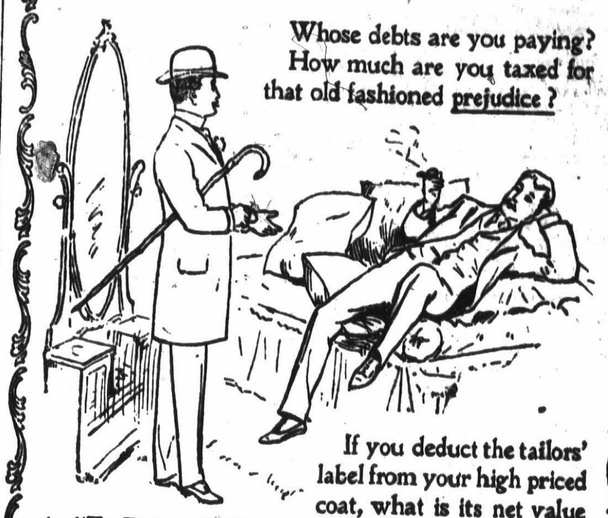

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A lawyer this morning expressed the opinion that the city should urge for the establishment of a naval reserve, to be under the control of the militia department at Ottawa. With an equipped boat and a good officer in charge, Kingston could easily form a corps two hundred strong. The lawyer thinks that a marine corps would be far more popular than a volunteer militia corps.

Ottawa has $435,580 of uncollected taxes, accrued during the past four years.

Harry Robinson, son of Isaac Robinson, Thurlow, died in Rochester on Thursday of brain fever. He was twenty-one years of age and employed in the Eastman kodak works. He went to Belleville four years ago and for three years was an employee of Haines & Lockett.

Election protests were fyled yesterday in the case of South Toronto, North Essex and Brockville, making five protests so far fyled.

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