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Time was when the presence of a funeral brought a tear of sympathy to every eye. In this modern age, however, we seem to be too busy to bother ourselves with the sorrows or care of our neighbors. This is rather a regrettable condition of affairs. Death seems to be the natural end of every man, without any favors to rich or poor, and consequently sooner or later will visit every man. There is no greater consolation that can be offered on such occasions than the presence and sympathy of one's friends and acquaintances, and seeing that every man's turn will surely come, it might be well to revive a little of that ancient custom of paying the last respects to the departed. It may also prove like that proverbial virtue that blest him that giveth as well as him that receiveth.

The Saturday Evening Post has an article in a recent edition on the late elections in Sweden. On reading it one would think that they were referring to the last Dominion election. The tricks of the jingoes seem to be much alike all over. Read the following and be convinced:

"An unusually brisk canvass preceded the recent general election in Sweden for members of the lower house of parliament. The Liberal party urged some constitutional reforms and the supremacy of parliament in the government of the country—matters whose discussion obviously requires some study and thought; but the Conservatives were happily spared the bother of discussing them seriously, making the campaign practically on the sole issue of national defense, which means an army as large as the country can conveniently support. And one wing of the Liberals joined the Conservatives in treating de-

fense as the most important question. Naturally it was rather expected that the Conservatives would win.

"There are many urgent modern social and political problems that the conservative mind invariably finds confusing or irritating; but in several countries nowadays it is spared the bother of considering them by meeting all demands for reform with loud shouts for more regiments and battleships. So long as politics can be reduced to a simple matter of waving a flag and blowing a trumpet, the conservative can compete in it on rather more than equal terms. Militarism, the world over, is conservatism's most important and only dependable asset."

The Borden government went into power under the grossest kind of misrepresentation. An individual who does such a thing gets a term in the pen. Yet this party inflamed the country over a foolish Yankee scare and is still allowed to be at large. The whole campaign in the last election was one of misrepresentation and falsehood, and since that time the people have got "wise." It will be difficult for them to repeat the "gag." Especially is this true since the Borden government has not made good. Hard times have stared the people of Canada in the face ever since the Conservatives came into power. It will require some explaining to show that the government is not largely responsible.

The provincial Conservatives have boasted all along that Providence supported them by giving the country prosperity under their rule. Suppose we accept this, does it not look as if Providence has forsaken them at the present time?



MR. CHARLES E. ROYAL

Of the Royal Players, who will open an engagement at the Empress theatre on Saturday night.

LIBERAL LEADER DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN NORTH

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stances of the city, Boss Bowser had said they must not have it and had placed them under the workings of the municipal act. Had the Liberals on their behalf succeeded they would have had a free and unrestricted access to the waterfront, but the government had given this all away to the railway and shut the people out from it. All these things were ranking in the minds of the people of Prince Rupert and the government's neglect of their interests would yet be brought home to it.

Land Question

Following in along the splendid track of the G. T. P., the first stop had been made at Terrace, situated at the entrance to some fertile valleys, but with a beautiful crop of stakes of speculators on the ground. One of many was a Seattle speculator who had bought land from the government five years ago for one dollar an acre and was now getting from \$105 to \$150 for it. There, as well as at every other place visited, it was found that every good bit of bottom land, every fine patch of hillside, was held in the name of some speculative syndicate, and the man who wanted to farm had to pay toll to them or else go elsewhere.

On the way out through the Cariboo homeseekers by the hundred had been met going in, and it was inevitable that a great many would be disappointed and come out again to "knock" the country when they found that all the land adjacent to the railways was staked by the speculator and that the only land for the pre-emptor was miles back where it would be out of the question to expect roads or trails for years to come. A count made at Hazelton showed that of one hundred landseekers who had gone there only two had been able to

get land and the others had all turned to something else.

Provincial Police

In speaking of the visit to the Hazeltons, Mr. Brewster mentioned the great contrast afforded there as to police efficiency between the provincial police of British Columbia and the R. N. W. M. P. of the prairies, and the necessity the people had been under to take the law into their own hands as against bar robbers. But the inefficiency of the police was not the only complaint the people in the north had to make against them. Bootlegging and connection with blind pigs were alleged to their discredit.

"I have often accused Mr. Bowser's force of being lacking in efficiency," said Mr. Brewster, "but I did not think of them as being corrupt in their administration of the law. The people in the north country, however, assured us that while the police are not much as agriculturists, they have taken to raising blind pigs with great success up there. In one of our meetings, when we had been accusing the police of grafting in connection with the social evil, a gentleman stood up in the audience and stated that he and a friend had walked into one of these blind pigs a few days before and found behind the counter, acting in the capacity of bartender, the provincial constable for the Fraser Lake district. And that officer, sworn to administer the law, served them with Scotch whisky, and took the money for it. Men cannot be expected to be efficient when they have the hand out for graft, but if anything said to them up there they turn round on their critics and ask why they should not do it as well as the others higher up. The northern country wants a change, and from the temper of the people as we saw it they will have it, too."

What everyone should know: People of discriminating taste dine at the G.T.P. Cafe. 831f

Shop Girl Is Heiress

Boston, Mass., May 12.—Like the story of Cinderella runs the romance of Mrs. Frances Skinner of Dedham, once a Boston shop girl, who, through the death of her husband at sea, becomes possessor of an estate valued at \$10,000,000. Mrs. Skinner was Sarah H. Carr, daughter of a Boston tailor. She met her husband at Marblehead in 1899 and after much opposition from Mr. Skinner's parents they were married.

Vancouver Wants Elevator

Ottawa, May 13.—It is learned that the grain commissioners recently made a report to the minister of trade and commerce with reference to the question of the establishment of a terminal elevator on the Pacific coast. No announcements have yet been made by Hon. G. E. Foster as to the nature of the report, but there is reason to believe that it is not unfavorable to the claims of Vancouver as the proper site for this elevator.

THE WEATHER

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