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The influence of Religion on the moral fibre of the nation is one that has long been recognized. Civilization in its highest form has always followed in the wake of the world's best religion. Another striking tribute to the value of Religion is found in tracing the evolution of churches. Religion from its very nature appeals most to the struggling masses. The early church received its followers from the poor. The Protestant Reformation began with the starving peasants. The Methodist Church at its inception was filled with the poor of England. The Salvation Army a little later filled its ranks with the dwellers of the slums, and every religious movement of any importance still goes back to that source as its fountain head.

The curious thing, however, is to watch the evolution of these bodies. The early church soon developed into an aristocratic body that boasted of an emperor in its ranks. The peasants of Germany soon included a band of nobles and now a kaiser is its head. The Methodist Church instead of being a band of poor and suffering humanity, is a body of cultured and refined people and there are even signs that the Salvation Army is moving up the ladder.

The only conclusion therefore that can be drawn is that the influence of religion transforms a people and elevates them from the lowest to the highest strata of society.

The attitude of a certain section of the modern workingmen and others toward the church would seem to be foolish in view of these facts. Perhaps certain sections of the church is filled with people of aristocratic leanings but because of that why exclude themselves from influences

that history has shown to be the world's greatest civilizer? In these modern days there is a diversity of creeds and views and even the most sceptical can get a sympathetic hearing. Find the church that best suits your point of view and cultivate those influences that make for the upbuilding of character.

A few years ago, Liberal incompetence and mal-administration in the handling of public contracts was a favorite theme with opponents of the Laurier cabinet. There were insinuations of rake-offs, graft and middlemen. There were assertions that contracts were given to favorites and that the interests of the country suffered in consequence. It was charged that men and firms were given contracts which they were not competent to handle. That was the Conservative story in the years preceding 1911.

There is another story now. It is told by no less an authority than a member of the Borden government.

"When we took office," declared Hon. Sam Hughes, in speaking of work under his department, as reported in the Unrevised Hansard for June 6 last, "we became virtuous and tried to change the contractors but we met with loss and delay and all sorts of trouble on the part of contractors and failure on the part of the men who, in the course of years, would probably have become as expert as the employees of the old contractors. The old men have been doing this kind of work for years and can do it much more satisfactorily and therefore we are still giving from the contracts."

The government has found that the best work was done by the contractors who were employed by the former adminis-



AFTER THE LAUNCHING OF THE FOURTH CHALLENGER BY SIR THOMAS LIPTON FOR THE NOW AMERICANIZED YACHTING CUP

The Countess of Shaftesbury, Sir Thomas Lipton, Mr. C. Nicholson the designer of the new "Shamrock," Mr. Marconi and Lady Henry, photographed at Gosport after Shamrock IV had been christened by the Countess of Shaftesbury and safely launched in Portsmouth Harbor.

The new challenger is a big boat which will carry enormous sail, her mast being some 120 feet long and costing, so we are informed, \$3,000. Sir Thomas is making yet another noble attempt to lift the cup, with all the disadvantages on his side as usual—the long trip over the Atlantic for one, not to mention the fact that the Americans are at liberty to build three yachts and select the best, while Sir Thomas can only rely on one. Cup-lifting is a very expensive hobby, but it shows a sporting spirit, and for that reason the public will wish the latest "Shamrock" better luck than her predecessors.

It cannot have found that there were improper acts on the part of these contractors in other years unless it is to be assumed that Premier Borden and his colleagues are prepared to trust the business of the country in the hands of men whom they know to have been guilty of wrong doing. The fact is plain—and it is emphasized by the admission of Colonel Hughes—that under Liberal rule contracts for public business were awarded only to competent men and firms and that the country received a dollar's worth of value for every dollar paid. Slander cries were used by Mr. Borden and his allies in gaining power. The Government's acts expose the slander now.

Gusher Is Developed

Calgary, July 4.—When the news reached the city that Dingman Discovery Well No. 4 had developed into a gusher intense excitement prevailed. It was on last Saturday afternoon that the well was uncapped in the presence of the managing director, Mr. A. W. Dingman, several prominent Californians and a newspaperman from Minnesota. A stream of gasoline oil, four inches in diameter, rushed out of the well, and so great was the pressure behind it that the fluid shot up over the top of the derrick, which is 84 feet in height.

Mr. Churchill Will Not Fly.

London, July 4.—Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, according to The Daily Mirror, has yielded to the repeated appeals of his wife and has agreed to make no aeroplane flights this year.

Mr. Churchill's enthusiasm for daring aerial flights has been the cause of much anxiety on the part of the British Government and his personal friends.

* **SKEENA CROSSING NEWS** *

(From The Chalcopryite)

R. L. Gale, of Telkwa, who accompanied the Seber Hunter Basin shipment of silver copper ore to Trail smelter returned on Saturday. He says the result of the first shipment will be known this week. Here's hoping she will be good and fat.

B. H. Hill and wife, of Port Townsend, Washington, arrived at Skeena King last Saturday. Mr. Hill is one of the engineers at the new power plant of the Montana Continental Development Company. They will live at the plant on Juniper Creek.

J. S. Kelly, one of the owners of the Zeolitic Group at Smithers is in Hazelton adjusting a difficulty regarding his surface rights. He says they have about 200 feet of work done and have opened up a big body of ore averaging \$35 per ton in silver and copper.

"Arizona" Smith is selling out at the "Big Ship" rooming house New Hazelton. Says this is the biggest and best mineralized area he struck since he left Arizona, but there's something wrong with the system where the man who lives by virtue of the prospector won't take an equal chance and help out the industry. Smith is a valuable addition to any man's country, and we venture to say the district will miss him. British Columbia needs her live ones, especially those friendly to mining.

Bill Guiney recently came down the line from Decker Lake and has proceeded to Fiddler Creek, being interested with Jack Burns in a promising group near the Brandford, which adjoins the

Panama and Knauss' Fiddler mountain group.

The Brandford group, owned by Burns, Quinn and Williams, adjoins the Panama and Fiddler mountain on Fiddler Creek, and has a tunnel driven 140 feet on ore. It is understood that considerable development work will be done this summer.

Captain John Irving and Harry Howson have been examining the Knauss property with a view to a purchase. The properties on Fiddler Creek are all within four miles of the railway at Doreen and six miles from Lorne Creek.

Some fine specimens of bornite ore were brought in from Driftwood River yesterday by J. P. Thorkildson, locator of the pioneer claims of that district. Mr. Thorkildson has had some work done on his group lately, with most encouraging results, having, according to his report, uncovered a very large showing of ore. He had some of the mineral assayed, and states that returns were 41 per cent copper and \$16 in silver to the ton. Negotiations for a deal on the property are under way, and the owner expects to take a party to the claims next month, for an examination of the showings in the interests of the prospective buyers.

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But he has a chance to get in a syndicate—The Prince Rupert Building and Investment Company—an association of investors with small capital whose pooled resources makes it one of the most active and prosperous business organizations in the city.
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