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THE MATTER OF THE MAYOR'S SALARY.

There is hardly a mayor in any city worth while who has not a hard enough row to hoe, and no matter how much a newspaper may have to express the dissatisfaction of a community with any mayor, most critics whether newspaper writers or not, appreciate the principle that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." There has been criticism in council, and criticism in this paper regarding the matter of the mayor's salary. It has been shown that according to the letter of an imperfect act of legislation the mayor of Prince Rupert is not legally entitled to a salary at all. But it has never been urged that the mayor is not morally entitled to pecuniary recompense for the worries he shoulders when he assumes the responsibilities of the civic control. Mayor Newton has been bothered enough about that paltry salary business, and Ald. Clayton knows it. It was unnecessary last night to put the mayor to the further worry of justifying himself once more in the matter. The citizens, when they elected a mayor, knew very well they did not desire his services for nothing. Even if an error in the framing of a law makes it illegal for Prince Rupert with its present population to pay Mayor Newton by the ordinary method, and even if a majority of the community believe that Prince Rupert might have had a more efficient mayor, the city is not going to shirk the fair and square remuneration of the present mayor for his term of office. Nor is it necessary for anybody to harp on the salary string to vex an already harassed executive to the further test of his power to think constructively.

RUPERT AND THE THEATRE.

Citizens of Prince Rupert are keen theatrical critics. Arrived as they are from many great centres of the American continent and the Dominion, they have seen the best, and the theatrical manager who brings a second-class show here is liable to lose. An editorial in Canadian Colliers is interesting in view of the com-

ing to Prince Rupert tomorrow of another theatrical company. It says: "Rumors and whisperings indicate the coming of a new era in history of the theatre in Canada. A Canadian who has been managing a stock company in a small but important Eastern city plans to tour Canada with a Canadian company, and, if possible, a Canadian play. An English concern claims to be completing arrangements to bring a good English company to our theatres in the hopes of replacing Broadway companies. We must always be glad to hear the great productions from Broadway, but we can at least supply some of our own dramatic needs and begin to reduce the influence of the American theatrical company in Canada."

NEW USE FOR STRIKES.

Keir Hardie, the great labor leader, is reported to have enunciated a mighty plan to prevent war by having labor in countries opposed declare a revolutionary general strike at the same time as war is declared so that the troops which would otherwise be out to slay each other may be compelled to stay at home and quell disturbances so as to keep industry at least alive. This is too vast an idea for the average community to appreciate. The obvious criticism crops up that the best strike to prevent war would be simply the refusal of the soldiers to fight. But that would be mutiny, and the very thought of it is repugnant to every true citizen of any country whatsoever, and most of all to the Briton. Loyalty is a mightier passion than even the passion of the laborer for better conditions, and realization of the fact that internal conflict has usually spelt destruction and conquest for the nation indulging in it in time of crisis and conflict coming from outside, the great probability is that Keir Hardy's latest labor innovation would herald the downfall of the least loyal nation. The enemy would unite to annihilate it. This new use for strikes commends itself to the Daily News as little as does the time-worn one.

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Mr. Asquith has very remarkable intellectual gifts. Rarely has there been on the treasury bench a mind more rapid, broader, more penetrating. You are always sure of Mr. Asquith. The attack upon him and his policy may be effective; for the moment even it may seem devastating. And yet you have only to look at him, with his easy smile, his scornful shrug of the shoulders, to be reassured; you know that the answer will come the moment he rises, complete and triumphant, through probably serene in temper, easy in language, quiet in delivery. His is essentially a masterly intelligence.

It is an intellect, however, which has the most useful of all House of Commons qualities; it is at the service of the moment with extraordinary promptitude. The right word, the essential argument, the guiding fact, issue from his lips with the ease and spontaneity and the limpidity of a mountain stream. Mr. Balfour is subtle and adroit, and a great debater; but he hesitates for his words, he is often confused, he never could make a successful exposition of any bill. With Mr. Asquith the speech comes forth—to use another metaphor—with the almost deadly regularity and readiness of a splendid machine.

It has been said that if Mr. Asquith were woke up in the middle of the night to answer some attack, his speech would issue with the same deadly and almost automatic accuracy. The sentences are occasionally lengthy; there is a certain stateliness in their sequence, as though it were a procession of words, such as De Quincy was fond of creating; but you may always be certain that the sentence, when completed, will be perfect in construction, without a loose end, in grammar as faultless as though it were the carefully revised language of the writer instead of the impromptu utterance of the orator. There is on further and even rarer quality in the oratory of Mr. Asquith: it is extraordinarily terse. Even on great occasions he seldom exceeds twenty or thirty minutes in his speech; but what a vast quantity of thought he can compress into this short output of words! Twenty minutes of speech and you feel that nobody could add anything more. This marvellous gift he shows alone among all the great parliamentary speakers heard in the last forty years.

A serenity of temper, a reserve of language, an absence of everything that is personal, make him the ideal spokesman of a government, and of a great and contentious measure. Never were such qualities more necessary than in the conduct of a measure like the parliament bill. It was a measure which made one of the greatest constitutional changes in the history of England; it marked one of the longest steps ever made in the evolution from feudal to democratic England. And yet you would search in vain throughout all the speeches of Mr. Asquith for a word that was violent or provocative.

With the rise of Mr. Asquith to his present supremacy, not so

much of station as of intellectual mastery, there has come a subtle change in his personality. No man has been so much misunderstood; no man lends himself so much to misunderstanding. He is an Englishman to his finger tips; he is a Yorkshireman. That means that he has more than even the usual reserve of his countrymen. Reserve is often the mask for shyness, and shyness lends itself to misunderstanding. Yet when the reserve of many Englishmen is penetrated it is found that it covers not a want but an excess of strong feeling.

Even if he wanted to, Mr. Asquith is incapable of making advances—especially to those whom he thinks misunderstand him. For a period this very reserve stood as a barrier between him and the Irish leaders. But when once they came into actual and personal contact the whole situation changed, and the real Asquith was revealed. In all the conferences which took place the Irishmen agreed in saying that Mr. Asquith was the most satisfactory and even the most generous of the English advocates of home rule. Clear sighted, logical, a Liberal and a Democrat with principles thought out, Mr. Asquith not only did not shrink, but

anticipated the full concession of the Irish national demands. Sitting for the most time silent and vigilant while discussion was proceeding between his colleagues and the Irish leaders, Mr. Asquith spoke at last; and his words were always a masterly summing up of the points at issue, and the final judgment was always on the side of the utmost concession to Irish feeling. And the Irishmen, who had not known it before, then realized how generous a spirit lay behind his apparently cold and reserved exterior.

There was one other impression, and it is an impression which Mr. Asquith conveys to every man of every party in the House of Commons, and that is his inflexible loyalty to his word. You can assail his policy or his purposes and leave him unmoved, but once suggest that he has been guilty of personal want of faith to his word and you offend and you hurt him. These are the reasons why today Ireland follows her leaders in taking Mr. Asquith to her heart, and places him there by the side of Fox and Gladstone and Morley and many other great Englishmen who have lifted their voices in her favor and toward her coming emancipation.—By T. P. O'Connor.

ANOTHER VISITOR IS SATISFIED

Mr. Ladd, a prominent corporation attorney of Detroit, Mich., is a visitor to the city, arriving on Saturday on the Prince Rupert. Mr. Ladd, who is a close personal friend of M. J. Hobin of this city, after having been shown over the townsite and its features of interest, expresses himself as greatly impressed with all that he has seen. His preconceived ideas of Prince Rupert and its possibilities in no way suffered upon personal investigation.

DUKEDOM FOR YOUNG PRINCE

London, Sept. 7.—The Pall Mall Gazette this evening stated that Prince Arthur of Connaught would receive the honor of a dukedom on his return from his visit to Japan, where he represents the King at the coronation ceremonies.

Manager of Fish Plant.
A. W. Carter, manager of Sir George Doughty's big fish plant at Skidegate, returned to his headquarters Sunday.

British Cabinet Ministers are protected by police and detectives. They dread "the female of the species."

Too Bad.
Neighbor (to woman whose husband has fallen off a sea-folding): I 'ope yer good man is gettin' on orl right, Mrs. Bangs?
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