

A PAGE FROM THE LIFE OF A GREAT MAN



1 Arises at break of dawn. Takes cold shower bath, and, with the view of saving precious moments, also takes breakfast and listens to the morning news being read at same time.



2 Takes a rapid constitutional round Government buildings preparatory to days work



3 Issues departmental instructions to heads of departments.



4 Settles fairly down to departmental work



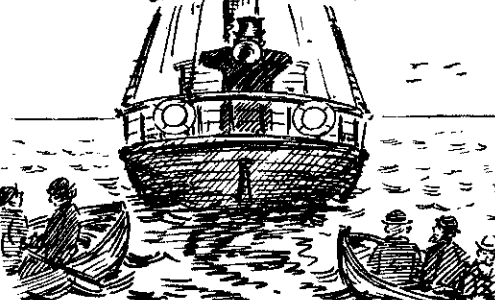
5 Receives deputation from Trades and Labour Council, whomish to know if Govt. will take over all the public-houses and run them on strictly Liberal and Cooperative principles. Explains that he has to catch steamer but will keep the question steadily in view.



6 A rush to catch steamer: No time for proper lunch but manages to squeeze urgent errands with penny bun and bottle of soda-water (the latter in deference to the Prohibition party.)



7 Steamer just left wharf; but by a prodigious effort-worth of the man - manages to save his passage. Disappointed Deputation of Unemployed, left on wharf.



8 Deputation unemployed follow in boats Address them through speaking-trumpet from stern of steamer: Urges upon them necessity of supporting Liberal platform. Deputation convinced but not satisfied.



9 More departmental work. (urgent)



10 Arrives at Nelson just in time to turn first sod of 'The Liberal Cemetery'. Proceeds somewhat tame owing to absence of any conservative Corpse!



11 Is hurried off to banquet. Makes most brilliant and florid speech lasting two hours Audience somewhat inattentive towards the end



12 Makes his escape from banquet, and with assistance of plentiful supply of net towels resumes departmental duties, i.e. sends off account of 'Brilliant Liberal Banquet' to all leading newspapers. Retires at 3.50 am

The above is suggested by a recent article in a Southern Contemporary

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