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TRUST THE PEOPLE

A Toronto Globe Expression of Opinion on the Forthcoming Elections.

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Fears of class conflict and class domination in Canada are much exaggerated by some prophets. One day we are presented with a picture of Canada ruled by farmers, with cities and towns at their mercy. Then, by way of consolation, it is pointed out that the rural districts are much over-represented, and that when this is rectified, and more seats are given to Toronto and Montreal and fewer to the countryside, the farmers will be made to "go away back and sit down." The fact is that any permanent division on such lines is a fantastic idea, which will not be realized. The present state of affairs is temporary and transitional.

It is true that the rural districts are over-represented and the cities under-represented. It is true also that recently the cities and towns suffered no practical grievance because the farmers did not use their power to elect members of their own to anything like the full extent. The proportion of farmers in the late House of Commons was far less than the proportion of farmers in the community. The proportion will undoubtedly be increased by the Farmers' political movement. But that movement will not give the Farmers a majority of the House of Commons; it will probably not even elect a House of Commons

in which farmers will be represented in proportion to their numbers. Suppose that in the next redistribution there should be an exact representation by numbers. The rural representatives would be in a majority, judging by the last census, which gives a rural population of 3,225,879 and an urban population of 1,228,968. Judging by the Ontario returns, the next census will show less difference, the cities and towns having gained at the expense of the country. Taking the population by provinces, we find that by the census of 1911 the rural population is in a majority everywhere but in Ontario and British Columbia.

If the idea of occupational representation were to prevail and grow it would hardly stop with the farmers, nor would the only division be between city and country. The workers of Canada are classified as follows in the census of 1911:

Agriculture, 933,735.
Building trades, 246,207.
Domestic and personal service, 214,012.
Civil and municipal government, 76,604.
Fishing and hunting, 34,812.
Forestry, 49,914.
Manufactures, 491,342.
Mining, 62,767.
Professional, 120,616.
Trade and merchandising, 283,087.
Transportation, 217,544.

It is not to be expected that each of these classes would seek occupational representation, but a strong Labor movement such as has arisen in Great Britain and Australia is not beyond the bounds of probability, and would be a natural development of the occupational idea. We do not, however, apprehend anything like a class conflict of a kind that would imperil either peace or progress. Farmers, for instance, would find that

their interests sometimes agreed, sometimes differed, with those of workers in cities. Nor is it certain that the occupational idea will be permanent. Not long ago it was generally agreed that the two-party idea was as much a fixity as our institutions. We have seen it displaced by the group idea, which may give us three groups not far from equality in numbers. We do not know that that will endure, or what may be the outcome of the present conditions.

We live in a period of transition. Men and women are in an inquiring frame of mind, examining new and old ideas, disposed to follow their own judgments, rather than opinions bearing the stamp of authority and tradition. We must accept that condition. The franchise has been granted practically to all men and women, and we must be prepared to see that democratic idea carried to its logical conclusion. Millions of individual judgments will determine the result of the election and the quality of the next House of Commons. Edmund Burke said that it was useless to quarrel with the people, because there was no other material to work with. With universal franchise the truth of his saying is emphasized. We must trust the people and await without fear the result of their verdict.

THE SAME OLD POSTERIOR STORY

To the Editor of The Halifax Chronicle: Sir—I went to hear Sir George Foster at the Casino the other night and while a movie show might be more exciting it was still a pleasure to listen to the eloquence of the old war horse.

About two score years ago I listened to the then Hon. George E. Foster in a political speech at Moncton and he said it was very deeply the possible results of the contest because the elections were the most important ever held or likely ever to be held in Canada. The Senatorial Knight has been saying the same thing at every election since and if the old gentleman is spared, as we hope he may be for other elections yet to come, no doubt every one of them will be the most important in the history of the Dominion. He must therefore not be taken too seriously.

All must agree with him, however, that the elections in 1896 were the most important ever held because they resulted in the return to power of the Liberals and the introduction of the most prosperous era in the history of our country. Hon. Mr. Foster was replaced as finance minister by Hon. Mr. Fielding, whose political opponents even grudgingly admit was the greatest, the ablest, the most successful finance minister that ever held that office since the inception of the Dominion. The general public realize that Fielding is essentially a safe man and they almost universally desire to have him back on the job, doing business at the old stand, and getting Canada out of her present slough of despond. When this comes to pass it will be the dawn of returning prosperity.

BLUENOSE.

B. C. MAY HAVE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 25.—The establishment of an iron and steel industry in British Columbia is imminent, according to Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, who yesterday said a representative of some British interests of thorough reliability was en route to Victoria to discuss the matter. Proposals were to be submitted to the government in this regard.

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CENTRAL W. M. S. CRUSADE DAY

The W. M. S. of the Central Baptist church held its annual Crusade Day yesterday, observing the occasion with a social meeting in the afternoon and an open meeting in the evening, when Miss Martha Clark and Dr. Zella Clark, returned missionaries from India, were the speakers. Miss Edith Allen, the president, was in the chair at both sessions. Refreshments were served in the afternoon and the mite boxes were opened. In the evening Mrs. F. H. Bone, the pastor's wife, was on the platform with the president. The two missionaries

spoke very interestingly of their work in India and special music was enjoyed. Songs were sung by D. Thorne and Miss Nita Brown.

A pleasing incident of the evening session was the presentation of life membership certificates to three new life members by Mrs. F. H. Bone. Those who received the certificates were: Mrs. George Scaplin, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. E. Ellison. The mite box receipts and the collection taken totaled \$35.55.

CAPTURING A NEW MARKET.

Canada's flour is the standard of the world. This is pretty generally admitted. One citizen of the United States, an every visit he makes to Canada, comes

home, under strict instructions from his wife, a number of loaves of bread, she claiming that no bread obtainable in the United States can approach that made from Canadian flour. As an instance of the increasing popularity of Canadian flour, it is interesting to note that Dr. A. H. Stafford, born in Winnipeg but for some time past domiciled in Jamaica, recently said that until the steamships "Canadian Forester" and "Canadian Fisher" of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Service came into Kingston last spring, every pound of flour used on the island came from the United States. Now it all comes from Canada. This very valuable

market for Canadian products has been captured by three ways, Dr. Stafford affirms: First, the fact that Canada had ships to deliver it there; Second, the quality of the flour itself; and Third, the fact that the people of Jamaica desire closer commercial and social relations with the people of Canada.

There was a slim attendance at the Conservative meeting held last night in the Manor House at Glen Falls, owing to bad weather conditions. The chairman of the meeting was J. P. Clayton and the speakers were Colonel Murray McLaren, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Harrison and S. W. Palmer.



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SATURDAY MORNING ONLY 108 pairs Men's Fine American Worsted Dress Pants; faultless in every respect. Priced to \$5.75. Saturday from 9 till 11 they go at \$2.19	ANOTHER HOT ONE Men's Fine Negligee Shirts. Perfect in every detail. Saturday from 10 to 12— 98c	BREAKS ALL RECORDS Ladies' High Cut Boots—From 10 till 12 Saturday in the most sensational price crash in years. \$2.95	COME AGAIN, MEN Men's Fleeced Lined Underwear clearing less than the mill price. We mean just that. Get yours Saturday. 75c
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