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Time for an Explanation

If the manner in which the election of the City Councillors was conducted is considered unsatisfactory, it seems at least to have had the effect of arousing public interest in civic affairs, and the numerous cases of disenfranchisement have helped to impress upon the voters, even if they made no attempt to exercise that privilege, the necessity for taking precautions to make certain that their names are registered.

In a general election the most scrupulous care is exercised in the handling of the ballot box, or at any rate, that is the general impression, but in the recent contest the loss of one box, and a report that another was not turned in at the time appointed to start counting, would make it appear that the method of procedure left much to be desired.

With regard to the persons who found, upon going to the polls to mark their ballots, that their names were not registered, there has been no explanation forthcoming, although many of them are citizens of long standing and several, the owners of old established firms. The fact that they were supplied with certificates by the Secretary of the Council proves that these persons were not in arrears, but that they were not automatically registered as citizens upon payment of their taxes can only be regarded as an inexcusable omission.

The most serious result of this omission was that the very persons who desired to exercise the franchise were thus prevented in many cases from so doing, as they did not have the time at their disposal to proceed to the Council office and procure a qualifying certificate, and since the final count showed that but a few votes separated the elected from the defeated candidates, it is quite possible that if all those entitled to a vote and who were desirous of marking their ballots had registered their votes, the result might have been different.

Considerable time has elapsed since the poll was declared, but no explanation has been offered by those in charge of affairs, although several communications have appeared in the press protesting against alleged irregularities. The matters complained of are too serious to be passed over in silence, and as they concern some four thousand citizens there is ground for demanding that an explanation should be forthcoming or an investigation held.

Preliminary Enquiry

The preliminary enquiry into the death of Andrew Turner of the Top-sail Road was continued at the Magistrate's Court this morning when Mr. W. Noel of the Crown Lands Department was called to the stand. His cross-examination, which was begun yesterday by Mr. Brian Dunfield, concluded after one or two questions had been asked and answered.

Inspector General Hutchings was next called, and examined by Mr. C. J. Fox and cross-examined by Mr. Dunfield, after which adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning after the usual court business is concluded.

Meeting of St. Patrick's Parishioners

A meeting of the Parishioners of St. Patrick's was held at Holy Cross School last night and a large gathering was present. Mr. John Barron presided. The business of the meeting was to consider the fitting observance of the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, by his appointment as Domestic Prelate. On Sunday next, at High Mass, Monsignor Kitchin will be installed in his new office.

For Christmas—Hand-Dipped Candles in Red, Rose, Yellow and Orange, only 15c. each at TEMPLETON'S.—dec17.31

"The Merchant of Venice" To-Night

The annual distribution of prizes held by St. Bonaventure's College at the Casino last night was preceded by one of Shakespeare's famous plays "The Merchant of Venice." In another column will be found details of the distribution. Here we wish to state that the play was of the highest order, and called forth from the immense gathering most unstinted praise. Surprise and delight are the only words that can adequately express the sentiments of all who witnessed this fine exhibition given by the students. Their success was great in the same degree that the undertaking was difficult. No one would have thought it possible that such an interesting and clever interpretation of a Shakespearean play was within the capabilities of a troupe of College students. From the time the curtain rose there was not a dull moment; frequent bursts of applause betokened the appreciation of the audience. A more striking personation of the famous character, Shylock than that given by P. W. Donnelly was never witnessed in local circles. Portia was played by P. McNamara, which is the same as saying that the part could not have been taken with more skill and grace. Bassanio and Antonio were ably presented by B. Kennedy and W. Kendall, respectively, and so of each of the well-known characters that make up the cast. There was special admiration for Nerissa and Jessica whose make-up and acting were so real as to create doubt as to whether they were really male characters. Tonight the play is being repeated at 8.15 for the benefit of the Christian Brother Novitiate, and indeed we might add for the benefit of those amongst us who are glad to support and encourage a high standard of art and literature among the young people of our city. Reserved seats can be had at Hutton's.

If you have a friend at Corner Brook or in England, send a Wembley Nfd. Souvenir Book. Over 130 illustrations of Newfoundland and Wembley. A large picture of Corner Brook on centre page. For sale at Dicks & Co., Ltd.—dec17.11

Magistrate's Court

A resident of Foxtrap named John Delaney was charged with breaking and entering the house of Eli Batten at Foxtrap on the 28th and 29th August last, and stealing therefrom a quantity of household goods to the value of \$50.00. The accused elected to be tried by the lower court, and entered a plea of "not guilty." Owing to the case for the prosecution being not ready, the accused was remanded to the Penitentiary for eight days. Const. Efford, who is stationed at Mahels, rounded up the accused at Bell Island, and brought him to the city at 5 p.m. yesterday.

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 A Friend, per Jonas Barter ... 5.00
 Mrs. W. B. Bailey ... 1.00
 Colonel T. Cloud wishes to acknowledge receipt of the above donations with thanks.

Victim of Burning Accident Passes Away

The victim of a burning accident on Thursday morning, Robert, the 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kins, Duckworth Street, passed away at the General Hospital this morning. Bobbie was a bright little fellow, and the parents will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Won't Permit Lock-up

TO BE MADE A BOARDING HOUSE

This morning at the Magistrate's Court when the case of a woman who had applied at the lockup for shelter, came up for hearing, the Inspector General took the opportunity to protest against the police lockup being made use of as a boarding house. He said that night after night, the woman with her three children, thrusts herself on the police, who give her lodgings and breakfast, but this had to discontinue as she was making no effort whatever to procure a house to live in. His Honor said he was pleased that the matter had been brought up, as it was the fourth time she had appeared before him. He was aware of the fact that the Probation Officer and some charitable ladies had interested themselves in the case and had secured a home. The Inspector General replying, said that the woman's husband had been working all the summer on the dock and because his wages were attached for debt, he had gone to Sydney to work. His Honor said he would dismiss the charge of vagrancy and he would acquaint the Poor Commissioner of the case. Probation Officer Noseworthy being called, said he had already laid the matter before the Poor Commissioner and that whilst willing to give pecuniary assistance he could not undertake to get a house for the woman.

It appears that the house which was procured for the woman by those who interested themselves in her case did not suit her and when her previous landlord took her back last week, she left again because the children could not agree.

Free! At Smallwood's!!—Buy your Hockey Boots from us and we will attach your skates free of charge.—dec17.11

Express Not Due Before 7 p.m.

The Caribou which arrived at Port aux Basques yesterday morning, brought over a large shipment of goods for Corner Brook, Deer Lake and Humbermouth, consequently the express was delayed four hours in leaving there. The train which is made up of eight cars and a double header has been delayed considerably while enroute owing to the number of passengers and the quantity of goods to be discharged along the line, and is not due to reach the city until 7 o'clock this evening. A large number of passengers are travelling second class on the train, returning to their homes to spend the Christmas season.

The sale of Xmas Gifts at the Misses Fitzpatrick's, 81 Quiddi Vidi Road, will continue every afternoon and night until Xmas, dec17.11

Government Boats

Argyle left North Harbor 1.30 p.m. yesterday, inward.
 Caribou left Port aux Basques 9 p.m. yesterday.
 Clyde left Twillingate 2 p.m. yesterday, inward.
 Glencoe at Hermitage, coming east. Home arrived Lewisporte 10.45 p.m. yesterday.
 Kyle left port yesterday on Cook's Harbor service.
 Malakoff left Salvage 7 p.m. yesterday, inward.
 Portia left Gaultois 1.30 p.m. yesterday, going west.
 Prospero left Herring Neck 12.20 p.m. yesterday, going north.
 S.S. Suez left Lunenburg 9.50 a.m., going north.

Ladies' and Gent's Signal Rings in various designs, from \$4.00 to \$15.00, at TRAPNELL'S.—dec17.31

Shipping

S.S. Ceuta sails this afternoon for Sydney.
 S.S. Sylvia sails at noon to-morrow for Halifax.
 S.S. Hothpool is due here on Monday from Boston and Halifax.
 S.S. Emperor of Montreal has arrived from Corner Brook with part general cargo for Hickman & Co.
 S.S. Urter, 3 days from North Sydney has arrived to W. B. Fraser, coal laden.

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Badly Needed

M. Morey & Co., Ltd., received by the "Pontiac" 1,000 tons of Welsh Anth. coal. When in Wales, Mr. H. J. Wyatt selected this coal at the mine so that the purchaser is sure to get the very best quality. The coal is regular in size, free of slack and is guaranteed to give the best satisfaction.—dec15.31

CONFEDERATION LIFE.—nov23.11

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

GERMANY ALSO EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY IN CABINET MAKING.

BERLIN, Dec. 17. Dr. Erich Koch to-day notified President Von Hindenburg of his inability to form a Cabinet. The action had been not forecasted by the decision of the social Democratic party that it could not take part in a coalition Government.

WAY OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS. LONDON, Dec. 17.

The most hopeful view taken here regarding the situation growing out of the endorsement by the League of Great Britain's position respecting the League of Nations circles in Geneva, despite the fact that the chief Turkish delegate at Geneva is filled with wrath over the award, and notwithstanding the report that Sabri Bey, Turkish Minister of Agriculture has gone to Russia to negotiate Russian support in the event of war.

FRANCE SHIVERING. PARIS, Dec. 17. France is suffering from the most intense cold spell in thirty years. The thermometer in Paris last night dropped to five degrees above zero.

Accepts Challenge

I will be in town for about three weeks and I defy Prof. Seeley to duplicate my feats of strength. I will also forfeit \$500 if I fail to throw him twice in one hour. Now if you are a sport Mr. Seeley, come along and show us what you can do. I have defeated you twice and can do it a third time.

(Sgd.) WALTER O'TOOLE.

O'TOOLE DEFEATS SEELEY AT GLACE BAY.

(The following clipping is from a Canadian paper.)

In the athletic match held in the Russel Theatre recently between O'Toole and Prof. Seeley, O'Toole was given the decision by the judges. Seeley failed to do some bridging and bending exercises to the satisfaction of the public and consequently the verdict went against him.

O'Toole is willing to meet Seeley at any time and any weight suitable to the Glace Bay exponent of physical culture. The match was witnessed by a large audience who received the programme with great enthusiasm. Mr. Seeley has not added to his prestige very much in Glace Bay over the exhibition.—dec17.11

Gold and Gold Filled Cuff Links suitable for engraving, from \$3.00 to \$10.00, at TRAPNELL'S.—dec17.31

Public Information.

We have been asked to mention that a large shipment of Pyrex Glassware has just been received by S. RICHARD STEELE, "The Shop with the Cup and Saucer Sign," opposite Court House. Each piece makes a useful gift and one that Mother or Sister is sure to appreciate.—dec17.11

The Peril of Popularity

"Popularity has its drawbacks," remarked Mary Pickford recently. "Many a popular actress is a butt for the curious, as was the case with Gladys."
 "Gladys was the prettiest girl in the village. She was also modest, generous, and lovable. Yet the other village girls shunned her."
 "Why, haven't you heard?" was the reply. "Gladys got more votes at the bazaar than anyone else, for being the most popular girl in the village."

Here and There

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Names That Sell

What is the selling value of a celebrity?

The people who make tea-caddies appear to think it is fairly high, for many of these useful articles are adorned with highly-colored portraits. Especially during the South African War and the Great War tea-caddies bearing pictorial representations of famous generals were manufactured in very large quantities.

Even a name, without any portrait, and the Jack Hobbs dahlia will probably be found in the gardens of many cricket enthusiasts next year. But whether the fourpenny cigar, bearing the name of George Bernard Shaw, now on sale in Berlin, will prove popular will depend on its qualities as a "smoke." Smokers as a rule, refuse to pay too much honor to a name.

In this connection a good story is told of an American negro who was given a cigar. After a few puffs, the negro looked at the band and read the name printed upon it: "Flor de President."

"Flor de President," he echoed. "That cigar don't brag none. Dis one would floor de President and de whole Congress as well."

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At the Grace Maternity Hospital, on Dec. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ches. Bowden, a son.

MARRIED.

Yesterday, 16th inst., at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 7th Avenue, New York, by the Rev. Dr. John J. Barlow, Miss Frances Morris, daughter of J. C. and Mrs. Morris of this city to Sholto Douglas Morrison, of Hazel Hill, Canoe, N.S.

DIED.

At the General Hospital, this morning, after a short illness, Robert J. Darling, child of Stuart (H.M. Customs) and Alice King, 20 Duckworth Street.

Suddenly, at the Sanatorium, at 6.30 Tuesday evening, Amelia, aged 20 years, daughter of Mary and late Gregory Turpin, St. Lawrence, R.I.P.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. W. H. Reid and family wish to thank Dr. Anderson, Rev. Brindley, Capt. Keen, Officers and Stewards of S.S. Prospero; also Drs. Parsons, Wood, Wilshusen and Nurses of Twillingate Hospital for their extreme kindness to Mr. Reid during his illness. For Wreaths—Miss Gertrude McGivray, Miss Alice Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Ewing, Miss Maud Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor and family, Mr. F. G. Chappell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brady, Capt. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Charles Cull, Mr. and Mrs. Macklin, Mr. Malcolm Stone, Monroe Export Co., Brethren of Avalon Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pippy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bastow, Messrs. Frank and Fred Marshall. For Notes of Sympathy—Mrs. Hugh Bastow, Mrs. Fred Grant, Lady Horwood, Miss Ida Bunt, Miss Edith Crawford, Miss Jessie Elliott, Capt. Jacob and Mrs. Keen, Avalon Lodge. For Telegrams of Sympathy—Mr. M. Young, Spaniard's Bay; Mr. Wm. Garland, Corner Brook; Mrs. John Wilcox, Hampden; Mrs. Roberts, Bonne Bay; also those who in any way helped in their sad bereavement.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Jas. J. Collins and family, Balsam Street, desire to thank the many kind friends who called on them or assisted them in any way both during the illness and after the death of their dear husband and father. They desire to thank especially: Mrs. Savin, Murphy and Pippy, Mrs. McDonald and Sharpe, Bro. O'Hehir, Sgt. James Fitzgerald, Mrs. Gail, Miss Eva Gail, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reardon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quigley, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hickey, Miss K. Lynch, Mrs. T. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rodgers, Mrs. J. F. Parker, Prof. P. J. and Mrs. M. Carthy, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wallace, Mrs. S. Angel and family, Miss Bessie English, Miss A. Linagar, Mrs. A. Joy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Grouchy, Mr. and Mrs. James Power, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Earles, Messrs. M. Galguy, M. Manlitz, Robt. Redmond, Graham Kelly, C. Stafford, A. Taylor, M. O'Brien, Alex. White, Phil. McGrath, Misses M. Nugent, M. Hearn, L. Counsel, G. Ryan. They desire also to thank the following for Spiritual Bonquets: The Employees of Parker and Monroe (West End) (25), John H. Devine, Graham's End, and Mrs. Wm. O'Neill, J. C. Pippy, Mrs. A. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reardon (2), Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Walsh (3), Miss K. Lynch and Mrs. Moore. The following employees of Parker & Monroe (West End): M. O'Brien, Wm. Taylor, John T. Whelan, Chas. Pearcey, T. McGrath, M. McCormack, A. Tracey, C. J. Daley, F. Walsh, J. Pichard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fardy, Carbonear; Mr. R. Nelder, Grand Falls; Mr. W. F. Billingsby, Bell Island; Parker & Monroe, Ltd., per John Parker, Employees Parker & Monroe (West End), Const. M. Grouchy, Holyrood; Capt. L. C. Murphy, Bell Island; Henry Bishop and family, Petty Harbour; Mr. K. Kelly, Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax; Miss Pauline Kelly, Howley; Mrs. M. Coxworth, City; Miss Bride Hagarthy, Aquilana; Mrs. J. Scapella, Victoria, B.C.

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Not What He Meant

Mr. William Jones was a nervous little man, especially when he was alone, and consequently, when his employer asked him home to see his wife, Mr. Jones was startled, to say the least of it, by his thanks and bravely set out on his employer.

All through the dinner Mr. Jones felt horribly ill at ease. He was not bringing himself to speak for his inability to say anything. For over three-quarters of an hour he thought he saw his employer's face in the reflection of the glass.

"What a small appetite you have," Mr. Jones' remarked to his wife with a charming smile.

"To sit next to you," he said gallantly, "would cause me to lose my appetite."

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