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GROWING ENTHUSIASM

The great Liberal meeting in the Opera House last evening must have heartened the candidates, Dr. Broderick and Mr. McEllan, and imparted new energy and enthusiasm to all workers for the Liberal cause. The crowds, the deep interest and enthusiasm which mark all the meetings in the Liberal interest show that the people are becoming more and more alive to the grave importance of the issues in this campaign, especially as they relate to the city of St. John. The silence of the government speakers on the question of port development, in the face of the fact that so much Canadian traffic is going to Portland, Maine, makes it clear that St. John has nothing to hope for from the Meighen government, while the work begun and carried on at this national port by the Liberal government when Hon. William Pugsley was minister of public works, is a guarantee that the return of the Liberals to power will bring a restoration of the Liberal policy of port development and the diversion of Canadian trade to Canadian channels.

The audiences who listen to the Liberal speakers are also impressed by the revelations showing the autocratic nature of the Meighen government, which not only declined to appeal to the people until warned to do so by the results of by-elections, but which without the consent of the people saddled the country with enormous railway burdens. The same government, after pledging the people a tariff "in black and white," now appeals to them for authority to revise the tariff as it may please the big protected interests—for that is really the Meighen policy. The more the whole subject is discussed the plainer it appears that the interests of St. John and of the maritime provinces call for the defeat of the government.

St. John is vitally interested because now is the time to strangle the policy that would make Portland, Maine, the Canadian winter port. The present state of affairs in relation to transportation is not due to what the Laurier government did more than ten years ago, but to what the Borden and Meighen governments have done or failed to do in ten years; and especially to what the latter did without the people's consent when it took over the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk. To vote against Dr. Broderick and Mr. McEllan is to uphold a policy under which St. John has suffered and is suffering today. The campaign is drawing to a close. A momentous decision is to be made by the people of Canada on Tuesday next. There is no doubt in the public mind that the government will fail to get a majority over the other parties. What is most important, therefore, is that the Liberal party should get that majority. St. John-Albert, remembering the fruits of Liberal policy in the past, should have no hesitation as to its duty in the matter.

THOSE LOCOMOTIVES

The more the Conservative press and speakers attempt to contradict statements made by the Liberal press and speakers, the more clear it becomes that the latter have hit the mark. For example, the Standard this morning says: "One of the opposition candidates in the city with characteristic extravagance made the following statement: 'Do you know that in the railway yards at Moncton there are twenty-five locomotives not turning a wheel and rented for \$100 a day? And who owns them? Sir William Mackenzie, the man behind the railway mess.'"

Now comes the contradiction, as follows: "The true facts are as follows: There are no locomotives idle in the yards at Moncton except those undergoing repairs. The number averages about twenty. There are five locomotives in good repair scattered over the division, but they are held for emergencies."

That is to say, there are, as the opposition speaker said, twenty-five locomotives not turning a wheel. This is admitted by the Standard. But what about the charge that \$100 per day rent is being paid for them? Is it true or not? On this point the Standard is entirely silent.

If, as the Standard says, Mr. Hanson will only split even in Fredericton, what possible hope can he have of election? The counties at large will certainly give Osborne a majority.

The more the Conservative candidates talk about the tariff the more they direct attention to what the tariff and the excessive railway freight rates have done to the maritime provinces.

LITERARY CANADA

Mr. J. Murray Gibson, president of the Canadian Authors' Association, has given us a new point of view in relation to Canadian literature, its place in the national development, and its message concerning Canada to the world at large. The appeal he makes for the reading of Canadian books is so well based that it should meet with a general response in this part of Canada. He does not forget maritime province authors in his review of literary Canada, but to how many of our own people do the names of Rev. H. A. Cody, Bliss Carman, Roberts, L. M. Montgomery, Marshall Saunders, Basil King, Grace McLeod Rogers and others of our own authors bring up recollections of pleasant hours spent in the enjoyment of the product of their genius? The Canadian Authors' Association, which has its headquarters in Montreal and already has branches in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria, with St. John and Halifax branches to be formed, and doubtless one in Charlottetown, can be of immense service to the Dominion. Far too many of our writers have been compelled to seek publishers and readers in the United States. It is estimated that of five millions of English speaking people in Canada, fifty thousand, or one per cent, are regular book buyers. This is a very poor showing. We are told of one Canadian writer who was wholly unknown in her own country while her book in the United States was running into a sale of two hundred thousand copies, being dramatized and running for a year in New York and London, and being translated into French. There is no excuse for neglect of Canadian authors. They should find encouragement at home. St. John will have a branch of the Canadian Authors' Association and it should be the centre of a literary life that would bring its members and the public into closer touch with all that is best in Canadian literary development.

Col. Black did yeoman work in connection with the resuscitation of the St. John Standard. Col. Black is now a senator. There appears to be between a tory newspaper in St. John and the Senate at Ottawa an interesting relationship. Senator George E. Foster was once editor of the St. John Sun. Senator W. H. Thorne was long the chief owner of the St. John Sun. Senator Daniel was an active director of the old Standard. Senator Black is the good fairy of the present Standard. What these four good men and true find the dulness of the Red Chamber unbearable they can repair to a cosy corner and swap experiences in the great and exciting task of running a tory newspaper in St. John. But where is Mr. Wigmore? Is he not to join that high company as senator for Nova Scotia—or something like that?

Those who can recall the election campaign of 1896 recognize today the old tory tactics in use again. At one of Mr. Meighen's meetings in Ontario he was preceded to the stage by a man bearing the Union Jack, a direct implication that those who were not Conservatives were disloyal. There is the old cry about the country being in a dreadful danger, and the old appeal to every prejudice likely to turn a vote. But those who remember 1896 also remember the golden era of Canadian prosperity which followed the victory of the Liberal party, and they now learn to that party in the full assurance that its policy will once more make Canada prosperous and happy.

Moncton Transcript: "As Premier Murray of Nova Scotia observed, the older men who formed the bulwark of the once great Conservative party, are retiring and the rising generation is turning to the Liberal party as being more representative of their ideals. The apostrophe of this observation is patent in New Brunswick. With Col. Baxter as leader and B. Frank Smith and Geo. B. Jones as standard bearers, the party cannot expect to appeal to the younger men and women who are not bound by partisanship."

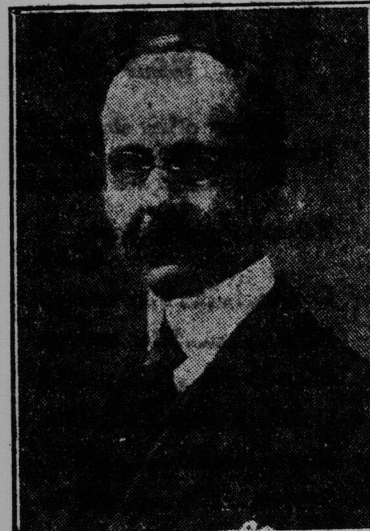
Halifax Chronicle: "The first work of the Liberals when returned to power will be to revise the tariff in the common sense way in which it was done by Hon. Mr. Fielding in 1897, so as to protect the interests of all concerned, consumers as well as producers. Then no workers will be idle, trade and commerce stagnant or industries stopped."

Is St. John to benefit from the large expenditure for hydro-electric development at Musquash? That is a question the citizens are asking, and it is one that calls for the most serious consideration.

DRUGGED AND HIS MONEY TAKEN; NOW IS DEAD

Moncton, Dec. 2.—George Busby, thirty, of 34 Leguachet street, this city, died today from what is believed to be alcohol and morphine poisoning. It was also found that he had been robbed of \$25. He was picked up in Craig street. His wife says he was not a drug addict.

Story Bits About Canadian Authors



ALFRED FITZPATRICK.

From missionary work among the red woods of California to supervising educational work in construction camps and industrial establishments in Canada, is perhaps not such a long step. Mr. Fitzpatrick discovered early in his work that lumbermen, miners and construction men needed something more than sermons and he has gone on to develop what is now termed the Frontier College, to which whole-hearted university students give their time during the summer and some during the whole year, to working as laborers during the day with the foreign navies, and giving their services as teachers at night.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's literary work has lain largely along lines which would help this propaganda. His first book "Handbook for New Canadians," is a rather extensive primer for the students of Frontier College. His second, "The University in Overalls," is a further development of the theme of the university man in this form of practical missionary effort.

THE PICTURE GALLERY ON THE FENCE

The Conservatives develop an artistic and intense. They're having decorations, now, on each convenient fence. It's not High Art, and yet, it may be worthy of inspection. For they intend it as a means of winning the election.

There's Mr. Meighen (life size). See how pretty, when he looks at you. Or when he leads his country from storms to the rocks. They consider Mr. Baxter an attraction, it would seem. With his smile so bland, like Pussie's when she's just been stealing cream. The Doctor's in poor company, because it is no new. That he is really a good man, mistaken in his views.

Another illustration plainly shows, where all may see. How the Conservative beaver dams the stream of industry. That stream is dammed all right. We'd call that damming evidence. Or would be, if we could believe those pictures on the fence.

There's a huge poster that displays a lot of figures, showing The factories, mills, and things, that Mr. Meighen has kept going. And how this great prosperity would surely come, straightaway. If we should choose Mackenzie King upon election day.

Now, people of New Brunswick, are these pictures on the fence. A tribute or an insult to your own intelligence? For all the Liberal candidates could have their portraits shown. If they wished to be elected for their beautiful looks alone.

That revision of the tariff would bring ruin, is the cry. Of capitalists who desire to keep the prices high. Whereas, if properly revised, the real results would be. Some competition, brisker trade, and greater industry. If times were now so good we could not wish to have them mended. That Yankee bogle might provide the scare that was intended.

Two reasons I would not accept the teachings on the fence:— First, Liberal manufacturers are not devoid of sense. And, second, the immense amount of freight of various sorts That Canada now sends across the line, for foreign ports.

F. R. PATTERSON.

Belated Indignation.

Manuel, a negro with a record hitherto clean, was arraigned before a country Justice of the Peace for assault and battery. "Why did you beat this man up, Manuel?" questioned the Squire. "He called me sumpin', Judge." "What did he call you?" "He called me a rhinoceros, said—rhinoceros!" "When did this occur?" "Bout three years 'go, Judge." "Three years ago? Then how did it happen that you waited so long to report it?" "Why, Judge, I ain't never seen no rhinoceros till dis mawinin'."—Everybody's Magazine for December.

QUEBEC APPLIES MISSED CHANCE AT LONDON SHOW

Montreal, Dec. 2.—It developed at the annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec held at MacDonald College yesterday, that a large consignment of Canadian apples sent to the Imperial Fruit Show in London reached their destination, but were never placed on exhibition, on account of some mistake.

POLISH JEWS DETAINED IN HALIFAX MAY PROCEED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 2.—A party of Jews from Poland who have been detained here for about six weeks because their passports were not in order, will be allowed to proceed to their destinations in Canada today.

"Last Post" Queries Candidates.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—The Last Post Fund yesterday issued a manifesto to federal candidates asking if they would support the principle of extending to all honorably discharged ex-naval or military persons the post-war provision already guaranteed to ex-service men and women to ensure them respectful treatment.

SCOTLAND GETS READY FOR AN EARLY ELECTION

Candidates are Being Chosen — Look for Contest Soon After New Year's.

London, Dec. 2.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Opinion in Scotland that a general election may take place early in the new year is hardening and the long parties are hurriedly selecting candidates. This is particularly noticeable in Glasgow, where the independent Liberals are most active. The latest proposal from that camp is to urge Annie Swan, a novelist, to contest one of the city divisions. The coalitionists are preparing for a big rally a fortnight hence when the Scottish Unionists will hold their annual conference.

Ex-Premier H. H. Asquith is due in his Paisley constituency on Wednesday, and other big meetings are anticipated. The Labor group is exceptionally active and say they are prepared to put a nominee in each of Glasgow's fifteen divisions. Already nine are assured and a conference will be held soon to review the whole political situation and select other candidates.

RIVAL CANDIDATES STUMP TOGETHER

Excitement Keeps Yukon Audiences from Freezing in 40 Below Weather.

Dawson City, Y. T., Dec. 2.—(Canadian Press).—Campaigning side by side in Arctic weather, Captain Geo. Black and P. T. Congdon, K. C., government and Liberal candidates in the Yukon, are holding joint meetings in the city tonight. They have held the platform together, going into national and local issues and replying promptly to charges which the other has made. Each is permitted to interrupt the other to keep up a point, while the audience is kept on its toes. There has been no lack of criticism, but also no rancor between the candidates.

An unusual spell of forty below weather has made the going pretty cold. Black Frost-Bitten.

Capt. Black broke through the ice on Stewart river recently while coming from Mayo by dog team. He had to change his clothes on the river bank, but by doing so avoided serious freezing, although his face and hands were frozen before he reached Dawson. Mr. Congdon has traveled the camp trails, totaling hundreds of miles.

THINK CITY WAS HIT BY TORNADO

Wild Scene in Vienna as Mob Wrecks Hotels and Luxury Shops.

Vienna, Dec. 2.—The inner city of Vienna today looked as though it had been struck by a tornado, as the result of widespread rioting yesterday, the worst since the downfall of the monarchy. All the chief hotels and restaurants and many of the shops dealing in luxuries were wrecked and the streets are cluttered with debris. A trouble started in a demonstration before the parliament building by strikers. They sent to Chancellor Schoner demands for abolition of the stock exchange, confiscation of foreign securities and more effective food control.

His answer they regarded as unsatisfactory and the rioting began and spread to all parts of the inner city. The empty stock exchange was stormed, the hotels partially wrecked and the guests robbed of their belongings, and well-dressed pedestrians in the shopping district were stripped of furs, jewels and money.

PRAISE WORK OF CANADIANS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Ben Deacon, staff correspondent of the Canadian Press).—The important part which Canada is playing in the Washington Conference was emphasized by a representative of the old country delegation in an interview last evening. High praise was also given to the delegation from the other British dominions for the aid rendered the statesmen from Great Britain in the discussion of the important questions which are being considered here.

It was declared to be Mr. Balfour's opinion that the work of the delegates from Canada and the other self-governing units of the empire has been invaluable. "I don't know how I should get along without them," he was quoted as having said.

"DANCING GIRL" DEAD AT GREAT AGE OF 114

Winnipeg, Dec. 2.—Manitoba's oldest woman, Nakastah of the Swampy Cree tribe of Indians, is dead at the age of 114 years. Nakastah, whose name means "dancing girl," was born at Moose Factory, on the Hudson Bay, and was among the first Indians to welcome Anglican missionaries to the province. During the last few years she was blind and unable to walk.

DEATH OF MAN WHO COMPILED INTEREST TABLE

Toronto, Dec. 2.—E. B. W. Murray, who compiled the "Murray Interest Table," a book which had won favor as being for years used as interest calculations by banks and financial institutions and who for nearly half a century was in the accountants' department at Osgoode Hall, died yesterday of pneumonia.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Mildred Klinger, of New York, has been appointed superintendent of the Provincial Memorial Home, Weir street, and will take up her new duties next week. Miss Klinger has an enviable reputation in social service work.

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