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TOMORROW'S VOTE.

The electors of St. John county will decide tomorrow whether they prefer to support the Foster government and its record of progressive and beneficial legislation, or a party which has put forward no policy; whose leader is himself not a member of the legislature; and which is still controlled by the influences responsible for the crown land scandal, the Valley Railway scandal, the patriotic potato scandal, and other misdoings that disgraced the province. The choice should not be difficult. The opposition charges the government with extravagance and waste but does not produce evidence. The government does not deny that it has made very large expenditures, but is able to show that it made a great improvement in the method of collecting revenue, and that the people have got value in better roads and bridges, better forest protection, improved educational facilities, better health laws, improved agriculture, the inauguration of a hydro-electric policy, and a more honest administration of the public finances. It has challenged the opposition to expose wrong-doing in any department and the challenge has not been taken up. General charges and insinuations are the opposition stock in trade, with some additional canvasses that do not impress the thoughtful citizen. In Mr. Bentley the government party has a candidate of high character, whose worth as a representative is recognized by all. To defeat him would be decidely against the best interests of the constituency, and his election should be a foregone conclusion.

HEALTH ACT UNDER FIRE.

In the city of Toronto the annual expenditure for public health is $1.65 per head of population. In New Brunswick it is about twenty cents. We hear now and then a loud protest, emanating from sources opposed to the Foster government, against the taxes levied for public health purposes. A comparison with Toronto ought to silence them forever. When Dr. Hastings, medical health officer, went before the Toronto board of control with his estimates, calling for in expenditure of $800,000, or more, he was reminded that in this period of depression all expenditures should be cut as fine as possible. Dr. Hastings heartily agreed with the principle, but reminded the board that what he asked was not an expenditure, but an investment. He pointed out that if the death rate had been as high last year as it was ten years ago, when the new health crusade began, there would have been two thousand more deaths in 1921. Estimating the value of these lives at the very low sum of $1,000 each, and adding the doctors' and nurses' fees, undertakers' charges, and the cost to the community of caring for families whose breadwinner was taken; and adding thereto the loss of time and money through illnesses which would have occurred but for better public health conditions, Dr. Hastings was able to show that there had been a saving made, compared with ten years before of more than $2,000,000. When he had finished his argument the board passed his estimates. He had the facts and they knew it, and they had personal knowledge of what the health department, including its industrial section, had done for Toronto.

What we need to learn in New Brunswick is that money expended in the public health service is an investment, and that in this province we have been starving one of the most valuable of all the public services. Hon. Dr. Roberts has been handicapped from the beginning because the force of the argument for investment in health and reduced death rate has not been appreciated, and he has also been compelled to face attacks made for purely partisan purposes by persons who value their partisanship more than they do the welfare of the people. In Kings county today a virulent campaign against the public health act and its administration is being carried on for purely partisan purposes. The people should register their disapproval of such a course by rolling up a large majority for Mr. J. D. McKenna.

This is Boys' Week in Toronto. It began last Saturday with a parade of eighteen thousand boys. On Monday addresses were delivered by prominent men in all the city schools. The value of the school, the doing of every task well, the qualities needed to make a good citizen, the four-fold ideal of physical, intellectual, social and spiritual life, the part of home, school and church in a boy's life, the ills that follow wrong ideals, and the importance of remaining in school until sixteen or even eighteen years of age were all presented with earnestness and force. The purpose of the whole week's programme is to rivet attention on the importance of training all boys for useful citizenship, to the end that they may get and give the most out of life. In every community there is need of more attention than is given to the needs of the boys and girls.

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All crop reports in Canada and the United States are of a most hopeful and cheering nature.

THE HIGHWAYS.

Quoting an article from the St. John Globe in praise of the Westfield highway, the Fredericton Mail says:

"As a matter of fact New Brunswick never had a decent rural highway prior to the advent to power of the Foster administration in 1917. The old government spent many thousands of dollars on the roads, but there was no real value given for the money. The class of roads constructed was passable for autos in fine weather, but if a wet spell came the motorist had either to remain at home or take a chance on getting stuck in the mud. Today the province has hundreds of miles of gravelled highway, quite the equal of any to be found on this continent. So far as this class of road is concerned it makes no difference whether the weather is fine or stormy, because the road was built under the direction of competent engineers and provision has been made for drainage. In the class of highway built by the present government the motorist is given value for the money he pays in licenses fees, and the farmer is benefitted both going and coming—he has good roads to haul his produce over and the value of his farm property is considerably enhanced."

The following is an extract from the report of the Social Service Department at a Methodist conference in Montreal last week: "The outstaanding feature of the report of the Social Service Department was the vehement denial by Secretary Rev. Guy Campbell that prohibition had in any way increased the drug evil. The charge that the use of drugs had grown rapidly during the past few years applied, he stated, from the authority of statistics which he quoted, only to the year 1919. In that year the increase of addicts had been tremendous, resulting in a total of 1,195 convictions for offences against the drug regulations. Since then, however, a decline had been registered, until last year the number of convictions had declined to 836. Of this number of offenders, furthermore, 315 had been from British Columbia and 237 from Quebec, the two non-prihibitionist provinces."

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So much that is of vital interest has been crowded into the sessions of the Health Congress that time is required to classify and fix in the mind the mass of valuable information given out in the various addresses and discussions. It is very gratifying to learn that this has been the most successful Health Congress ever held in Canada, and that so far as the social side is concerned the visitors testify that nowhere have they ever received a warmer welcome or found so much done by the citizens to provide pleasurable entertainment.

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The tributes that have been paid to Hon. Dr. Roberts and the New Brunswick Health Department and Public Health Act by distinguished visitors to the city this week are gratifying, but these will not compensate if the people of the province, who will reap the benefit in all the years to come, do not also show their appreciation of the minister of health, his colleagues and their work, and heartily co-operate in making the general health policy effective to the greatest possible extent.

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St. John county has nothing to gain by opposing the Foster government. Every thoughtful elector, when he asks himself what the opposition has to offer except its old bad record, must realize this fact. Partisanship should not be permitted to over-ride a regard for the public interest.

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With a remarkable unanimity the opposition speakers in St. John and Kings avoid any reference to the record of the old government in regard to the crown lands, the Valley Railway and the patriotic potatoes. The electors, however, have not forgotten.

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The section of the washed-out embankment at Musquash will be restored this week and the wood-stave pipe next week. What will Mr. Potts say then?

MAY RENEW THE ARRANGEMENTS ABOUT NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY

St John's, Nfld., June 9—A meeting of the Newfoundland cabinet was held last night to consider the railway situation. A second shutdown of railroad and steamship systems is threatened for next Monday, when a compromise arrangement entered into on May 22 between the government and the Reid-Newfoundland Co. will expire.

It was intimated that the compromise arrangement will be renewed until June 30 when the government's twelve month guarantee to contribute towards operating deficits on the Newfoundland railway will terminate.

SMUGGLING LADIES CAUGHT ON RETURN TO KINGSTON

Kingston, Ont., June 6—Smugglers are being closely watched and several were caught on the steamer Waubic on the return trip from Cape Vincent. They were all ladies of Kingston, who took advantage of the opportunity to visit Watertown, N. Y., where they made numerous purchases. After all were fairly on board and the boat returning to Kingston, a woman customs inspector, who had been among the passengers all day taking notes, disclosed her identity, and on reaching Kingston assessed the legal duty against all who had goods.

THE ATHABASCA TRAIL.

My life is gliding downwards; it speeds swifter to the day
When it shoots the last dark canyon to the Plains of Far-away.
But while its stream is running through the years that are to be,
The mighty voice of Canada will ever call to me.
I shall hear the roar of rivers where the rapids foam and tear,
I shall smell the virgin upland with its balsam-laden air,
And shall dream that I am riding down the winding woody vale,
With the packer and the packhorse on the Athabasca Trail.

I have passed the warden cities at the Eastern water-gate
Where the hero and the martyr laid the corner-stone of State,
The habitant, coureur-des-bois, and hardy voyageur—
Where lives a breed more strong at need to venture or endure?
I have crossed the Inland Ocean, lying golden in the sun,
But the last and best and sweetest is the ride by hill and dale,
With the packer and the packhorse on the Athabasca Trail.

I'll dream of fields of grain that stretch from sky to sky
And the little prairie hamlets where the cars go roaring by,
To girdle stately Canada with gems sea to sea.
Mother of a mighty manhood, land of gleamor and of hope
From the eastward sea-swept islands to the sunny western slope,
Ever more my heart is with you, ever more till life shall fail
I'll be out with pack and packer on the Athabasca Trail.

—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Years of Discretion.

"I asked you to send me young lettuce."

"Yes, ma'am. Wasn't it young you got?"

"Young? Itt's almost old enough to wash and dress itself."

Both in the Swim.

"My daughter sprang from a line of peers," said the ardent father.

"Well," said her feller, "I jumped off a dock once myself."

Began With Him.

"Has your wife started her spring cleaning yet?"

"Yes, she's cleaned me out buying her spring clothes."

"If I lend you ten dollars, what security will you be able to give me?"

"The word of an honest man."

"All right, bring him along, and I'll see what I can do for you."

TOO BUSY AS WAITER TO RECEIVE CROIX DE GUERRE

Hammond, Ind., June 9—Joe Fox of Hammond was too busy to go to Chicago and have a Croix de Guerre pinned on his chest by a general sent by the French government for that purpose. Fox is a waiter in a cafe. He worked right along changing tablecloths for the dinner rush, and will be too busy to heed the citation.

Fox was a member of the Second Division in France. Questioned regarding what he had done to merit the citation, he said:

"Oh, some foolish stunt, I guess," though he finally admitted breaking up a machine-gun nest of Germans. "But I got these tablecloths to clean up now," he parried.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

(Moncton Transcript.)

J. D. Palmer, the opposition leader who lacks a seat in the Legislature, says the only issue in the by-elections is the record of the government. Premier Foster replies that his government is quite satisfied to be judged on its records, but he pertinently adds that the record of the Murray-Baxter administration, of which Mr. Palmer was a leading spirit, must be taken into the account, because what the opposition leader seeks to do is to give over to the same crowd, including himself, the administration of the affairs of the province.

The premier does not intend to let the people forget that the opposition has not yet shown any compunction for the misdeeds of its former leaders. Some people who find it hard to follow the tortuous ways of the Opposition have wondered why Mr. C. D. Richards, who acted as house leader, was deposed. The premier says bluntly that the reason was that Mr. Richards "was not looked upon as belonging to the right wing of the party, or in other words he was not in the ring that controlled affairs previous to their defeat in 1917." Mr. Palmer is known to belong to that wing of the party familiarly known to the public as the old gang. The election of Mr. Palmer was engineered by Geo. B. Jones, who was prominently identified with the Valley Railway and patriotic potato transactions, and was a prominent and interesting witness during the investigation into those transactions."

EXODUS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

The St. John's News of May 31 prints the following under the heading "Where Is It Going to End?":—

That a general exodus is on was clearly demonstrated yesterday when numbers of young men from practically every settlement in Conception Bay boarded the incoming Carbonear train to join the outgoing express at Brigus Junction. So great were the numbers who left that the train was delayed picking up the passengers and was four hours late reaching the city. It is estimated that more than 150 were in the lot who came from around the Bay and the greater number had through tickets for Boston. So great was the traffic that a train special was despatched from the city in advance of the express to pick up the outgoing passengers along the line, and the Sagona when she leaves Port aux Basques tonight will be taking the largest number of passengers to cross the Gulf at one trip. It is understood that another big batch is to sail on Friday, and the question being asked on all sides is "Where is it all going to end?"

CHICKEN, LIKE TABLE, LEG AT EACH CORNER

Fort William, Ont., June 9—A four-legged chicken was hatched out here by a Red Wyandotte hen belonging to J. Macdonald, 119 East Gore street. The bird has a leg at each corner, arranged so as to scamper around on all fours like a cat, and is apparently quite normal otherwise.

The Firemen's Mutual Relief Association has received a check for $50 from the St. John Opera House Company, in recognition of the good work accomplished by the firemen at a recent fire in the building.

HEIRESS AT 80 TELLS HER PLANS FOR SPENDING

Charity will Get It, Says Mrs. Ellis, Victor in Fight for a Name—Glad to Help Hospitals.

New York, June 9—Seated in the parlor of the Arlington Hotel, 18-20 West Twenty-fifth street, where she has made her home for the last four years, Mrs. Louise C. Ellis, eighty years old, told of the fight she has waged and won to establish her right to be buried in the same plot in Greenwood Cemetery with her parents and to establish that they were her parents in law as well as in fact. This victory, the dearest ambition of her life in recent years, means more to her than the prospect of a fortune which she won with the decision. Through the decision she expects to obtain a life interest in one-half of the fortune of $300,000 or more left by her father, George M. Chapman, fur merchant, and she told what she hoped to do with the money.

"The money comes almost too late," Mrs. Ellis said in a voice vigorous for one so old. "Some years ago I could have used it to very good advantage, but there are remaining for me but a few more years, and all that I can do with the money is to give it to charity. You know, all things come to those who wait—until they don't want it. But I am glad that now I can do what I have so long wanted to do—put some stones on the graves of my father and mother in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn."

Then Mrs. Ellis told how she had become interested in the Memorial Hospital, 2 West 106th street, about the time Mme. Currie was in this country. She was there for treatment for what she called a skin cancer on the nose. Through the use of a radium the cancer disappeared entirely. A fund was being raised to purchase $100,000 worth of radium for Mme. Currie.

Will Reward Hospital.

Mrs. Ellis expressed to the physicians at the hospital her regret at not being able to contribute a large share of that $100,000 in appreciation for what radium had done for her. She promised the physicians in charge at that time that if she ever came into possession of any money from the suit which she had instituted that she would buy some radium to be used at the institution.

Mrs. Ellis said last night that she still felt that radium was one of science's most useful agencies and that she would certainly remember the Memorial Hospital, even though she does not actually come into possession of any money during her lifetime. She said that she would remember the hospital in her will in the event the litigation is not settled before her death. The physicians and nurses of the hospital won her unstinted praise for their attention to her.

"And," she added, "you know they actually cut something off my bill. I did not ask them to do it and was able to pay the amount agreed upon; but of course I was very glad to have the bill shaved down."

Then Mrs. Ellis told of another institution that will receive aid from her. It is the hospital for Joint Diseases at 1,919 Madison avenue. Mrs. Ellis fell a few years ago and injured her hip, and she said she received wonderful treatment at this hospital, the attendants and physicians were all so kind and thoughtful. She was so much impressed with the scores of poor persons who came there to be treated that her heart instantly went out to them and to the institution. She decided then that if ever she got any money the Hospital for Joint Diseases would get some of it.

Will Help Legal Aid Society.

A third agency that is deserving and will not be overlooked by Mrs. Ellis is the Legal Aid Society. She considered this organization as being invaluable to the poor people of the city—those who cannot afford to pay a lawyer for legal advice. She said the institution was especially servicable where employers refused to pay their workers. Often a single letter from the Legal Aid Society to the employer would be the means of the worker receiving the wages due. Mrs. Ellis said that it was terrible for a working man or woman not to get money for which they had toiled.

Mrs. Ellis said she had enough money to live comfortably for the remainder of her life, but she was overjoyed at winning her suit.

"I never live beyond my means," she said. "I have always made it a rule never to buy anything that I could not pay cash for. It is the only sane way to do."

MAJOR BROOKS BELIEVES IN SPENDING MONEY

(Moncton Transcript.)

Mr. Brooks, the opposition candidate in Kings, who is or was a school inspector, finds fault with the school system of the province. Of course the school system is far from perfect; and there may be much room for improvement. Nevertheless the following from a report of Inspector A. J. Brooks, published in the annual report of the schools of New Brunswick, is of interest:

"While overseas I had an opportunity of observing educational conditions in other countries and particularly noting the interest taken by the general public in this most important work. I am certain our system compares very favorably with any I have seen, but I do not believe our people, in general, take the same interest in education as the people of the old countries. As, for instance, you would not find in those countries, rate payers electing as trustees men whose sole interest in school work is to make it as cheap as possible and in many cases neglecting to employ teachers unless absolutely forced to do so. This condition does not prevail only in a few, but I am sorry to say, in a number of districts. 'Anything is good enough for the school as long as our taxes are kept down' is too often the sentiment. The public needs to be educated up to the fact that money spent for educating the children of our country is by far the best investment that can be made."

RUSH FOR THE FERRY ONCE A GRAND MARCH

Captain Philip Reybold, who operated a passenger steamer—The Admiral—on the York River, between West Point, Va., and Baltimore, following the Civil War period, describes in a southern paper the enormous difference between boarding a ferryboat then and now, especially for ladies. It was an old custom of the region for lay passengers to wait to be escorted on and off the steamer.

When the boat made a landing the ladies would gather in the saloon of the main deck and wait until the captain came down from the pilot house to lead them to the dock. He would approach the eldest lady of the waiting group and walk with her down the stairway to the landing place, she leaning on his arm. The rest of the ladies would follow, servants with luggage bringing up the rear.

APPLY THE GOLDEN RULE.

"The hardest thing any executive ever has to do," declares Frank R. Chambers, chairman of the board of the Rogers Peet Company, in Forbes Magazine (N. Y.), "is to get his people to carry out the policies established by the heads of the organization. Not because they are not willing to, or lack the desire to do what is asked of them, but because they often find it difficult to interpret that fine sense of good feeling which he wishes to pass on to the customer in his desire to render service. There is an intangible element in making people feel you want to do all you can for them, which is impossible to explain to a man in words. You can't tell him how to do it, but you can show him. If he lives in that atmosphere long enough he is bound to absorb it. He understands by actual experience just the part he is expected to play, and to act that way becomes second nature. We like to have every salesman put himself in the customer's position and frame of mind and then serve him just as he himself would like to be served under those conditions. We don't want to over-preach the golden rule, but the golden rule is good business."

A meeting of the creditors of Herbert E. Dobson, grocer, Marsh bridge, who made an assignment recently, was held in the office of the Canada Permanent Trust Company, authorized trustees, yesterday afternoon. I. H. Northrup was appointed inspector and the meeting authorized the inspector and trustees to dispose of the assets to the best advantage.

DELEGATES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS

You are cordially invited to be present at the opening of the BARNET Refrigerator by His Worship the Mayor at 4.30 p. m. today.

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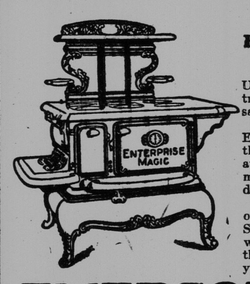

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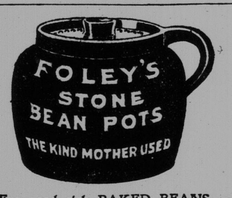

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