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"BEFORE LONG."

Several announcements are creating a stir in provincial political circles. A convention of the supporters of the local government from all parts of the province is to be held in St. John on July 16. "The object of the convention," says the announcement, signed by Premier Veniot, "is to lay the foundation for a permanent provincial organization, and to discuss questions of vital importance to the province." A political meeting is to be held in Sackville on July 2, where Premier Veniot will address the electors of that place and the surrounding parishes, expound his policies and give an account of the Government's work since he succeeded Hon. Mr. Foster. In referring to the meeting, the Sackville Tribune says: "All good Liberals, all good Farmers, all good Conservatives, and generally all good fellows, will be cordially welcome." Hon. Fred Macdonald, and Messrs. Reid McManus and Fred L. Estabrooks are to speak.
 Hon. Dr. Veniot, at the annual dinner of the Canadian Good Roads Association at St. Andrews last evening, in responding to the toast to "Our Governments," made some cryptic references to the elections, saying: "Governments go and governments come; governments are good and governments are bad—it is up to the people to make the choice. Before long in this province a choice will have to be made—I leave it to them." He was asked later of his words meant an election this year, but he declined to enlarge upon what he said at the dinner.
 Both the Government and the Opposition forces are organizing. When are the elections coming? "Before long." That is the most definite answer available at present, and comes from the man who has it in his power to name the day of battle. A wink is still as good as a nod.

GUNBOAT LAW.

Both the British and the Americans maintain gunboats in Chinese waters to protect their nationals from pirates and bandits. The British have gunboats of both light and heavy draft, while the Americans are lacking in vessels which can go far up some of the rivers. There appears to have been a sort of working arrangement between the two forces, and that probably resulted in a British commander taking action which of course would have fallen to an American gunboat at Wanshan, a little town upon the Yangtze river, where an American was killed by Japanese. The British commander is reported to have compelled the Chinese town authorities to execute the murderers of the American and to respect that the American flag was duly respected at the funeral of the victim. American newspapers are giving praise to the British officer, and are suggesting that even if his course was unusual it is not without precedent. The Boston Transcript mentions more than one famous occasion on which representatives of the British and American navies have stood together. It recalls that in 1859 the incident occurred in connection with which Commodore Tatnall of the American navy made his famous remark that "blood is thicker than water." The Transcript says: "He had offered the services of some of his surgeons to the British who had been wounded in the attack on the Taku forts, but some of his men who had accompanied him, he found, had served one of the forward guns of the British flagship. This was clearly a breach of international law, but Tatnall did not regard it as more than technical. All knew what was the action of the British in Manila Bay when he ran his ship between Dewey and the Germans. It was an operation that did not take very long, but its consequences have lasted to this day. Here in the case that has just been reported was an American who died far away from home. Where the incident occurred there were few to honor the last rites to this stranger in a land where funeral ceremonies have a peculiar importance. It would appear that the Chinese military authorities intended by their omission to show disrespect and the British Navy men, in dealing with pirates or bandits, or in safeguarding the lives or property of helpless people, whatever their flag may be, these officers are given much latitude, a course long justified by their wisdom, courage and good judgment."

TRADE GROWTH.

Although Canada has a population of only nine millions its exports last year were equal in volume to one-fourth of those of the United States. While Canada exported to the value of \$113 per capita, the United States per capita figure was only \$87. The Toronto Globe tells another story, for the

previous twelve months. The imports increased by \$32,000,000. Agricultural products and paper contributed most of the great increase in exports.

A maximum pension of \$20 a month for needy Canadians over seventy does not sound very revolutionary. Parliament will scarcely get along to it this year, but the committee which has been dealing with the matter has decided to recommend the old age pension to that extent.

After the Council has built a handsome and substantial fence around the Old Burying Ground it will be time to talk about further improvements. Possibly the fence may be built before May 18 of next year, but not probably.

Press Comment

SAFETY SLOGAN.

(E. W. Howe's Monthly.)
 Someone suggested this as a sign to be erected at railroad crossings, "Better Stop a Minute Than Forever."

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

(New York Tribune.)
 A protest of New York citizens against the automobile, which has taken the form of stoning automobilists, has led Commissioner McAdoo to send a letter to William Maxwell, city superintendent of schools. He asks Mr. Maxwell to have teachers point out the danger to the children themselves that might lie in the injury of any one driving an automobile in a crowded East Side street.

THEY HANGED HER.

(Adolph Lewisohn in Boston Transcript.)
 From the official report of the "Old Bailey Experience—Criminal Jurisprudence," published by James Fraser, London, in 1883, I quote the following: "Merely, speaking of a bill which was passed to punish with death, stealing in a shop, or lifting anything off a counter with intent to steal, relates a case which is too remarkable to omit. He says: 'Under this act, one Mary Jones was executed, whose case I shall just mention; it was at the time when press-warrants were issued, on the alarm about Falkland Islands. The woman's husband was pressed; her goods seized for some debts of his, and she, with two small children, turned into the streets begging.' This is a circumstance not to be forgotten, that she was very young (under nineteen) and most remarkably handsome. She went to a linen-draper's shop, took some lace from the counter and slipped it under her cloak. The shopman saw her, and she laid it down; for his she was hanging round his neck. He had the trial in his pocket, 'that she had lived in credit, and wanted for nothing, till a press-gang came and stole her husband from her, but since then she had no bed to lie on; nothing to give her children to eat, and they were almost naked; she had been a good deal of shop-lifting about Ludgate, an example was thought necessary, and this woman was hanged for the comfort and satisfaction of some shopkeepers at Ludgate street.'"

NURSES AND BOBBED HAIR.

(Toronto Globe.)
 A protest against the bobbing of hair, so far as nurses are concerned, has been made by the Superintendent of the General Hospital. According to her there must be no bobbed heads on the nursing staff of the General, and if, by any chance, a nurse should have made the mistake of applying the shears to her locks, then she must wear a switch and a net until such time as her hair grows again. From the superintendents of most of the large hospitals there came an emphatic pronouncement against this popular fashion. When approached yesterday by the Globe, the Superintendent of the Sick Children's Hospital there is a rigid rule against the nurses bobbing their hair, and out of a staff of 108 only two have violated the regulation, these two having been dealt with accordingly. "Bobbed hair makes a nurse look very unprofessional," declared Miss Pantton, the superintendent, "and gives her a frivolous and flippant appearance."

"We don't admit probationers with bobbed hair," was the answer from Grace Hospital. "The nurse's work is very serious, and she is expected to look capable of doing it. Bobbing the hair not only gives her an untidy appearance, but it takes from her dignity."

"I am not in favor of bobbed hair for nurses in hospital," said Miss Matheson of the Isolation Hospital, "and I don't accept them here if their hair is clipped. More time is required to care for short hair than for long, and it is apt to get untidy. Then it gives one such an undignified and unprofessional appearance. I am decidedly opposed to this fashion so far as nurses are concerned."

GIFTS PRESENTED LOCAL MUSEUM

Spear, Sea Shells and Dutch Skates Included in the Collection

From Miss Ella Henderson 9 Coburg street, the Natural History Society has received some welcome gifts of articles used by the natives of South Africa, a collection of sea shells, an Indian fish spear and a pair of old skates used many years ago in Holland. Each article in the collection will help to make more perfect some of the various museum exhibits.

In the South African collection there is an assagai or spear of solid brass. It is about five and one-half feet long and, being of solid metal, is fairly heavy. Two necklaces, one of brass strung on leather thong and the other of crudely made black and white beads, are also included in the South African articles. The long necklace has curious central ornaments shaped like lion's claws. The imitation claws have been carved from horn, probably they were worn as a native charm against evil. The Indian fish spear is a particularly handsome specimen of a weapon of a kind similar to that still used by the Indians to catch salmon or eels. It consists of a long pole which ends in three sharp wooden prongs. The prongs are so shaped that they have sharp points at the tip and sharp points about three inches from the tip on the inside where they nearly touch. An iron point between the two strong twine. The fish is caught between the two wooden prongs and with the force of the blow it is split apart and the iron spike stabs the fish in the back. When the spear is lifted the wooden prongs spring open and the fish is securely held. The spear that has been given to the Natural History Society has ornamental bands of metal on the long pole handle and is of considerable age.

The collection of shells contains many beautiful specimens taken from many waters.

PRESBYTERIAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the St. John Presbytery will be held in Grand Falls this year and will be in session on July 8, 9 and 10. An interesting programme has been prepared for the meeting and a large number of delegates in attendance from all parts of the Presbytery district. The delegates will be entertained in Grand Falls. The present officers of the Presbytery are as follows: President, Mrs. R. J. Miller, Grand Falls; recording secretary, Mrs. T. S. Craig, Stanley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Z. Carvath, Riverside, Albert county; treasurer, Miss Janet Sinclair, West St. John; home missions secretary, Mrs. B. J. Jamieson, St. John; Young People's Missionary Societies secretary, Miss W. Adilla Henderson, Stanley; Mission Band secretary, Miss R. J. Jamieson, St. John; literature secretary, Mrs. A. W. Petch, St. John; deaconess, Miss Cora Sinclair, St. John; auditor, Mrs. C. B. Allan, St. John.

FOR BRIDEGROOMS.

A series of resolutions for bridegrooms to sign on the eve of marriage was suggested by Father Degen at Coalville, England. Among the resolutions were: Never to go to a dance unless accompanied by his wife. To take his wife with him for week-end trips and other holidays. To devote at least half an hour every evening to his Christian education of the children. To eat hard-boiled potatoes and burnt chops with a smiling face as a penance for his sins, and never to say to his wife: "My mother was a better cook than you." To deposit spent matches and cigarette ashes in the ashtray, and hand up his hat and coat instead of slinging them down anywhere. Never to argue with his wife. Take it for granted that she is constitutionally illogical. If he wants her to be as fascinating and as kaleidoscopic as a miniature Wembley, give her enough money to make it possible for her to approach his ideal of feminine perfection. To carry forward to married life the lover-like ways of the courtship period. To honor his wife by taking her to his confidence and consulting with her as to his business and other projects. To go with his wife to church if possible twice every Sunday. Father Degen suggested that resolutions similar to these should be framed and placed permanently near the husband's shaving mirror.

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THIS HILL

(Louis Driscoll in N. Y. Times.)
 This hill is shaped as if some wind had caught a cloud and curled it up. Making a valley like a cup. Up at the top the water is thin and sharp on the sky. It hardened there. Grew old and cold, and up the side Green laurel climbed and fronded ferns found the safe places where they hide. There's hardly soil enough for roots of any tree but the low pine. That sends its root out like a vine finding the cracks in which they creep. Only pretending to go deep. The wind upsets them, you can tell. Where the winter blasts have been. The trees lie overturned, obscene in revelations. I like best this thicket of young birches. Here When the first tender leaves appear Like small green moths that flock to find. The honey in the bough, I look For pale hepatica that comes Before the honey bee. I bide Little wreath of these with some Of their own shining russet leaves And lay it in the sun, and say, "Greeting, O Wind that catches clouds! I like your little hill. I pray Good hunting for you!" The wind goes Tossing my wreath. I think he knows. The hill is shaped as if the wind had laughed and made a thing in play And then run on and left it there Irregular and wild and gay. With shallow-rooted green things where Foxes can hide and wild bees find Juices to make their honey sharp. And sing like loose strings on a harp.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

And So It Goes.
 Eminent Specialist—"So you went to a general practitioner. What fool advice did he give you?"
 "Oh, he told me to see a specialist."

The Tardy Boob

Boob—"Say, you're late again. Don't you know what time we start work?"
 Mr. Green—"Nopes, they're always busy when I get there."

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A NATIONAL ART FOR DOMINION

Praise for the Exhibit of New Brunswick Pottery, in England

The Broadsheet issued in connection with the British Empire Exhibition contains this highly complimentary reference to Miss Helen Mowat's exhibit of craft-work and pottery from St. Andrews: "In a modest case in the corner of the Canadian Pacific Pavilion, there is a display of craftwork and pottery which is the work of the women of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. It is one of the most sincere efforts in the Exhibition to give the character of an overseas corner of the Empire, leaving that character true to its natural habitat, and without the influence or conditions of the old world. Miss Helen Mowat started the work among the wives of the farmers some years ago. They felt that they were new people in a new world, and that they must produce pottery and weaving which would express their own landscape and the spirit of their own pioneering. Thus, the women of New Brunswick have created a national art for Canada—a great achievement when one considers that the art of practically all the Dominions and Colonies is made up of the art of the old world modified to the requirements of the new. Their pottery and rugs seem to have sunshine imprisoned in them, and the personality of the landscape lives around the jars and on the plates which these women have sent to show the right hand of the Empire that the left hand is not idle."

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CLOSING HELD AT RANDOLPH SCHOOL

The closing exercises at the Randolph School held yesterday afternoon under the direction of Miss Irma Schofield, the teacher, were attended by about 40 of the parents and friends of the children and were admirably carried out. The school-room was nicely decorated with ferns, lilacs, honeysuckle and roses. The programme opened with an animation on school work as follows: Grade I, printing; grade II, arithmetic; grade III, spelling and grades IV and V, geography. Recitation and songs followed. Those taking part were as follows: The welcome, Maud Fitzgerald; chorus, "Queer Little Roses," the school; recitation, Verma Williams; recitation, Gertrude Wallace; exercise, "Spring Flowers," grade V; recitation, Dora Gogan; chorus, "List to the Bluebells," by the school; recitation, "What did they teach the little girls," Elsie Melanson; recitation, Emma Walker; recitation, Lottie Boyd's exercise, "Vacation," Grade II. God Save the King.

HARNESS AND WAGON DAMAGED.

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THREE CLAUSES OF UNION BILL PASS

Duff Proposal to Refer to Courts Defeated in Committee.

Ottawa, June 27.—The principle of the church union bill was approved in the House of Commons at 1 A. M. Friday, when the Brown amendment to clause two, providing that the bill would come into force on June 10, 1925, carried in committee vote, 110 to 58. Clause two was defeated. It is the Duff amendment asking that the courts be asked to rule on the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Assembly to present the bill and of Parliament to enact it. Nearly two days' discussion in committee had resulted when the House rose tonight, in the adoption of the first three clauses. The vote came at the end of a sultry debate which saw members of the various parties divided against each other. Government and Conservative leaders indicated that every member of the House was committed to no opinion but his own. The Prime Minister and his senior member of the cabinet, Hon. George Graham, took opposite sides. In the vote, however, Messrs. Meighen and Forke supported the Brown amendment, as did the whole Progressive bloc. Premier King voted against it, having in mind his amendment to clause 28, which suggests the reference of the question of jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.

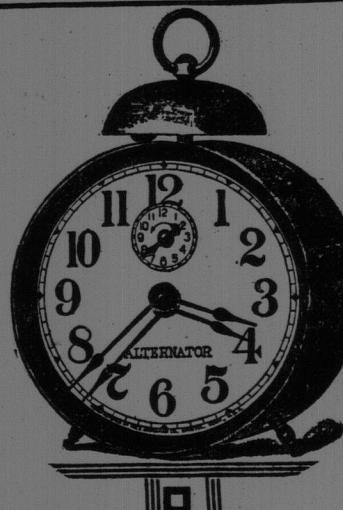
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