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A TORY CHALLENGE

The St. John Standard says:—
“Ever since 1908 the Liberal party in New Brunswick has been losing ground.”
Do the Liberals of St. John and the province generally accept this statement as true? It is an open challenge to them to prove to the Standard and those for whom it speaks that the Liberal party is quite as able to hold its own as ever in the past. The proof can be submitted on the 20th of June. If the Liberal party is true to its traditions it will accept the challenge, and on that day roll up such a majority for the Liberal candidates throughout the province that Mr. Copp will be the next premier, and the St. John Standard and the St. John Globe will receive the answer they deserve.

Is the Liberal organization in St. John as well perfected as that of their opponents? If not, the next two days should be devoted to organization work of the most thorough character, so that on Thursday the Tory workers may find themselves matched at every point. The prestige of the Liberal party is at stake in this campaign. A victory for the Tories here would be unfortunate; for the rest of the province will endorse Mr. Copp, and the progressive policy for the rebuilding of New Brunswick which he is pledged to carry out. It should be the proud privilege of the people of this city and county on the night of June 20 to send a message to the new premier telling him that these constituents heartily approve of him and his policy. Every Liberal should feel a personal interest in the work to be done. The Conservatives are well organized. They have had ample funds for the purpose, because they have behind them two governments. But neither their funds nor their organization will count for anything in this contest if the Liberals are in earnest.

“WOE UNTO YE, HYPOCRITES”

Is Mr. J. W. Keirstead a political opportunist, and is the Rev. W. R. Robinson a disappointed office-seeker? These gentlemen are so designated by a correspondent of the Globe, who is an humble and a conscientious man, and a temperance man of recognized standing. We know he is humble and conscientious, for he boldly admits the fact, and, moreover, he does not sign his name to his letter; and we know he is a temperance man of recognized standing, because the Globe says so, and because he also signs himself “Temperance.” Moreover, the Globe says he is a “leading layman in the Baptist church.” With such varied credentials he unquestionably commands consideration and respect, and anything else that may be coming to him. But he has still another claim to distinction. He says the Globe is “the only People’s Newspaper we have during election campaigns.” A gentleman of such discernment has special claims upon us all.

The substance of his charge is that a portion of the temperance people and a few ministers are being made a tool of by one of the city candidates, backed by a certain minister. Mr. Keirstead and Mr. Robinson are not named in the communication, but from the context there was no doubt in the Globe’s mind, or in the minds of the Globe’s readers, as to who were meant by the reference quoted. Last night on the two are described as “a political opportunist and a disappointed office-seeker.”

Grievously oppressed by this and contradiction, as an humble and conscientious citizen naturally would be, and yearning for utterance, we can readily understand the unhappy condition of this leading layman and recognized champion of temperance. He might have spoken from the public platform, or published a statement over his own signature; but neither of these courses would appeal to an humble and conscientious man, prominent in temperance and religious work. We can easily picture this earnest reformer, pacing the floor of his chamber far into the night, with intervals of fervent supplication, seeking the path of duty under such distressing circumstances, that he might forthwith walk therein and not falter, looking neither to the right hand nor to the left. After pausing to shed a tear of sympathy we can follow him through days and nights of travail and of torment till at last his prayers are answered and he hastens, with a soul at peace with itself, and a holy joy in his consciousness, to put an anonymous letter in the Globe. Where else could he go, but to “the only People’s Newspaper,” the “leading Liberal paper in New Brunswick,” the journal of high ideals, the St. John Globe?

And the Globe “received him gladly.” It had been waiting for him. By some premonition it knew of the travail of the soul of this leading Baptist layman, this temperance man of recognized standing, this citizen well known and respected; and it made room for him on the editorial page, among live matter, with the stamp of editorial approval on him and all his works.

Opinions differ as to the distance this pilgrim had to journey before he reached the goal. Some believe he travelled a whole block, some more; and some that he was already in the Globe office when the moment of inspiration came. Be this as it may, he arrived, and his consciousness is once more void of emotion. He has done what he could. The villainy is exposed, and Mr. Robinson is exposed, as well as the stupidity of a portion of the temperance people and a few ministers, and there does not seem to be anything more to be said. It is true that some wily persons object to anonymous at-

tacks, and Monsieur Brann, in a recent sermon in New York, described an anonymous writer as “an assassin who, like a midnight assassin, wraps about him the cloak of anonymity and stabs his defenceless victim,” but such opinions are not to be quoted as having any reference to a prominent layman and temperance man of recognized standing, who holds a brief for the Flemming government and is vouched for by the Globe.

ST. JOHN AND THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The people of St. John have a vital interest in the construction of the Valley Railway all the way to Grand Falls. They must, therefore, have been startled on Saturday to receive confirmation from the columns of the St. John Standard of the assertion that the Flemming government a year ago had no intention of pushing the line through to Grand Falls, but was bitterly denouncing Dr. Pugsley because he insisted upon this course. Here are the Standard’s words:—
“The road if extended to Grand Falls would run through a narrow strip of territory between the river and the international boundary already served by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and except as a connecting link with the trans-continental would be valueless.”

The Standard’s article printed in June last, along with a map of the proposed route, declared further that just as soon as the railway act was changed by Dr. Pugsley to permit of construction from a point on the international boundary in the Parish of Andover the contract would be signed and the work begun.

That was the attitude of the Flemming government less than a year ago. Is not that also the attitude of the Flemming government today, despite its assurances given for election purposes, that the road will be built all the way to Grand Falls? This government has only provided sufficient funds to build the road to a point in the Parish of Andover. It is a cruel and good friend the Canadian Pacific Railway will be subjected to competition if the line to Grand Falls is constructed.

The exposure is complete. The people of St. John know perfectly well that if this railway, which is to cost some nine million dollars, is to be of the greatest benefit possible to this port, it must be pushed through to Grand Falls and operated as part of the intercolonial system. The whole history of the proceedings, so far as the Flemming government is concerned, indicates that they do not desire to have the line to Grand Falls section constructed.

Mr. Copp, on the other hand, is pledged to construct the whole line, and comply with the conditions which will make intercolonial operation a certainty. In their own interests, therefore, the citizens of St. John should support the Opposition leader and the policy which will help so greatly to build up the port of St. John.

Two more days for an active canvass and to perfect the ward organization. Make them tell for better government.

Mr. A. B. Copp stands for a square deal, and for policies that will build up the province of New Brunswick.

The last days of the Flemming government are marked by weather portents of the most gloomy and depressing character.

A wearied people find some comfort in the fact that the wild yells of the Standard will only last a couple of days longer. Thursday is polling day.

Mr. P. A. Guthrie says that Mr. Grimmer backed down “when Flemming and Harry took the grip.” Whose grip was it that squeezed Flemming and Harry?

The Globe says that the C. P. R. is “the most satisfactory road we have in New Brunswick.” What about the Intercolonial? And why this praise at this time?

Read the report of the great Liberal meeting at Sussex on Saturday evening, especially the speech of Hon. C. W. Robinson on the record of the Flemming government.

The Globe expresses the hope that the C. P. R. will get control of the Tropicana Railway. Will Mr. Flemming echo this expression? He is heading other lines in the direction of C. P. R. control.

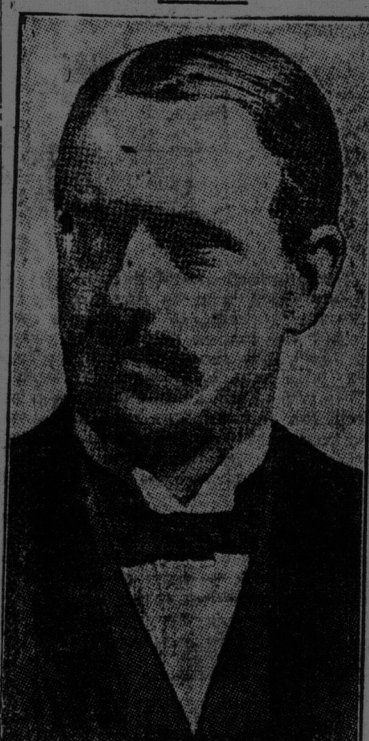
President Curry of the Canada Car Foundries, Ltd., a strong Conservative, says that the road between St. Andrews and St. John is “actually dangerous,” and the worst he had seen between here and Montreal. What has Mr. Flemming to say about it?

The successful work of Mr. Copp as leader of his party is the greatest surprise of the campaign to his opponents. They are not jeering any more. The Liberals are correspondingly cheerful over the situation.

SUFFRAGE IN KANSAS
The Community Welfare League of Kansas City, Mo., has entered the campaign for equal suffrage. Petitions have been drawn and sent to sub-chairmen all over the state for the purpose of getting voters’ signatures. The Kansas City Journal says: “Locally the movement is receiving much encouragement from the most influential men and the same support seems to be evidenced all over the state.”

The annual report of the Cunard Line for 1911 shows that the net receipts for the year, including \$301,600 brought forward amounted to \$4,491,760.

A ROOSEVELT BOOMER



Big Bill Flynn, the Pittsburgh Roosevelt supporter, who was sent along as reinforcement to the forces of Senator Dixon at the Chicago Convention.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
Vicar’s Daughter—“I’m sorry you don’t like the vicar’s sermons, William. What is the matter with them? Are they too long?”
William—“Yes, miss. You curate’s says, ‘In conclusion,’ and ‘do conclude.’ But ‘t vicar’s says, ‘Lastly,’ and ‘do last.’”

North-country Visitor (to friend, also North-country)—“Come on, it’s too quiet here; we’re getting no value for our money.”
Friend—“No value! Why, man, I can hear three hands at once!”
Full Size—Customer—I want a ton of coal.
Dealer—Yes, sir. What size?
Customer—Well, if it’s not asking too much, I’d like to have a 2,000-pound ton.—Brooklyn Life.

Exactly—Did her wedding go off without a hitch?
Dealer—Indeed—the lady who was going to marry didn’t show up.—Brooklyn Life.
More Than One—Jack—Are you going to the big fight?
Mack—Do you mean Las Vegas or Chicago?

No Time—Why doesn’t Jabez Jones go to work and get prosperous?
“Because,” replied the loyal friend, “he’s a patriot who never neglects his duty as a citizen. He has been a member of the petty jury three times, a member of the grand jury twice, a delegate to four conventions and has gone unreluctantly to the legislature frequently. What time has he had to himself?”—Washington Star.

“Yes,” said the veteran, “at one time we were within an inch of freezing to death. Luckily, however,” and he gazed reflectively at the ceiling—“we had the goodness of mind to fall into a heated discussion.”
There was an old soldier, who said to a friend—“My wife does look after me well. She even takes off my boots for me.”
“When you come home from the club,” the friend asked.
“No, when I want to go there.”

Rich—“Are you going abroad this year?”
“No. You say, I can afford to stay at home.”—Baltimore American.
Miss Oldstyle—I don’t think that a college education amounts to much.”
Mr. Sparrow—“Don’t you? Well, you ought to pay my boy’s bills and see.”
“What started the riot at the performance of ‘Hamlet’ last night?”
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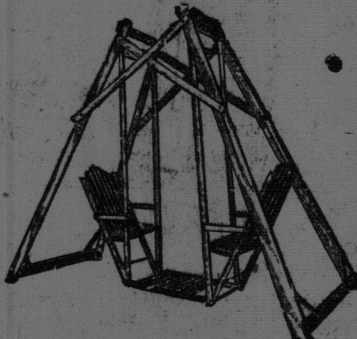
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SCENE FROM MISS ANGLIN’S PLAY “GREEN STOCKINGS”

An interview in the New York World, in describing Miss Anglin recently, said in part:—
In forming a mental picture of the individuality of Margaret Anglin, it is very necessary to emphasize her Irish descent. You must also put out of your mind any thought of the Zira’s, Mrs. Danes, and Helen Ritchies—those emotional roles in which Miss Anglin earned the reputation of being America’s greatest emotional actress—tearful, sobbing, dramatic roles. It is impossible to be in her company two minutes without discovering that she is a critically vivacious individual, with a refreshing Irish tendency to say exactly what she thinks. She is quick in her movements and exceedingly quick of speech. To illustrate her meaning, she will grab the nearest article to hand, whether it be a powder puff, a faucet, or a chocolate éclair. I think the great emotional roles, although they made her famous, have been getting on Miss Anglin’s nerves, and she seems to be genuinely and impressively glad to have the delightfully humorous, sparkling role she is now acting in “Green Stockings.”
The coming of Margaret Anglin is, without doubt, going to bring much pleasure and satisfaction to the thousands who will see and hear her Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

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