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The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 6,280; for the past three months, 6,213; for the past six months, 6,158.

NO DIFFICULT CHOICE. The temperance people have requested the four candidates for provincial political honors to be present at their meeting tomorrow night.

That petition, it will be remembered, asked first of all for the passage of prohibitory law in this province.

The government refused petition to consider prohibition and, while it gave non-committal expressions of opinion in favor of a few of the least important reforms requested, it negated practically all that tended to reduce directly the sale of liquor in this city.

Now Mr. Lowell in the county and Mr. Skinner in the city are nominees and supporters of the government.

If elected, they will be elected by the votes of men who approve of the government and will go practically pledged to endorse every measure of the government.

Mr. Skinner, especially, is bound not to kick over the traces under any circumstances, for he, more even than Mr. Lowell, is the nominee of the government machine.

What can these men say in response to this request for an expression of opinion on the temperance question except to repeat the already expressed opinion of the government?

If they have convictions that agree with those of the workers for reform, why are they asking voters as supporters of the government, which has bluntly refused to grant any real reform?

And no matter what they may say in quest of votes—regarding their personal sympathy with the temperance cause and their intention to do all in their power—stated emphatically but very indefinitely—to further the good work; what can the temperance people expect of men who are frankly supporters of a government which has so unmistakably showed its determination not to consent to any expression that would lessen the receipts of its adherents in the liquor business.

Leaving the personal records of the various candidates out of the question, it is hard to see how an honest, consistent temperance man need hesitate long in choosing between men who support and men who oppose the present government.

MAKE THIS A CLEAN ELECTION. If the two pending St. John by-elections cannot be conducted without corrupt and illegal practices it is vain to hope for pure and honest elections.

No contest is possible in which there is less excuse for the corrupt use of money. The government has a majority equal to half the house, and therefore is not threatened with loss of power.

The opposition cannot obtain the ascendancy by the election of their candidates. No great excitement prevails. A great majority of the people, and these the best citizens, would like to see this election carried through without bribery.

In many ways they have given expression to this desire. If their request is refused the persons responsible will have much to answer for. It is known that the leaders and the organization of one of the parties to this contest have proposed an arrangement which will ensure a pure election.

It is equally well known that influential members of the other party are strongly in favor of such an agreement and confident that it can be enforced. It is understood that the proposition is still under consideration, and perhaps will be until the attorney general and George Robertson, M. P., may be consulted.

There is no question that the arrangements can be made and carried out. If it is not made, we shall know that a few persons in authority in one party have imposed their veto. Should that unfortunate course be taken, and a corrupt election take place in St. John at this time, a gratuitous choice of the basest method will have been made.

We do not look for such an event. The people generally are looking for a method for something better, and they should not be disappointed.—Sun.

The report comes from St. John, N. B., that persons doing business with the government are being asked to subscribe towards the purchase of a ten thousand dollar house in Ottawa for the Minister of Railways and Canals.

The presentation to Stratton was defensible, because he was retiring from office, and seeking to exercise patronage—Belleville Intelligencer.

Says the Montreal Gazette:—The crisis in the fortunes of the Liberal party in Ontario has wrought some wonderful transformation of opinion.

Where are Liberal journalists now who write as if the saloon was a more useful social institution than a temperance lodge. The prohibition vote has evidently been weighed in the balance against that of the liquor trade.

The same sentiment is strikingly evident down here. Until recently the local government tried nobly to keep in with both the temperance people and the liquor dealers. Forced to a definite choice, they did not hesitate long.

The Toronto Globe now calls the Russell-Blair-La Presse incident, "the Tory conspiracy." Just as it denounces the bogus ballot box scandal in Hastings as a "Tory plot." The Tories had nothing to do with the family quarrel that promised a bomb and ended in a bombast. However, if the Globe is convinced that it was a "Tory conspiracy" it will do nothing to demand an investigation and that is what the country is waiting for. Go it, Russell! Go it, Globe!—Ottawa Citizen.

Defend us, Lord, from every ill; Strengthen our hearts to do thy will; In all we plan and all we do Still keep us to thy inspiring true.

O, let us hear the inspiring word Which they of old at Horeb heard; Breathe to our hearts the high command, "Go onward and possess the land!"

FREE KINDERGARTEN. Christmas Closing Takes Place Friday—Contributions Collected.

The Free Kindergarten will close for the Christmas vacation on Friday, 26th. A Christmas tree will be donated by one of the private kindergartens.

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travellers' guide. Passage service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 25th.

DEPARTURES. By Canadian Pacific. Express for Boston, 7.00 a.m. Express for Fredericton, 7.05 p.m. Express for Montreal, 6.00 p.m. Express for Boston, 6.15 p.m.

By Intercolonial. Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney, 7.00 a.m. Express for Moncton, 6.30 a.m. Express for Chatham, Pictou and Halifax, 12.15 a.m. Mixed for Moncton and Pictou, 1.15 p.m. Express for Quebec and Montreal, 1.35 a.m. Express for Boston, 6.00 p.m. Express for Fredericton, 7.15 p.m. Express for St. Stephen, 7.15 p.m.

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By Dominion Atlantic. S. S. Prince Rupert leaves St. John Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.45 o'clock, arriving from Digby about 5 p.m. By Eastern S. S. Co. Steamer St. John at 8.00 a.m. on Monday and Thursday for Lubec, Eastport, Portland and Boston. By Grand Mann S. S. Co. Leave St. John (Turnbull's wharf) at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesdays for Grand Mann, Campbellton and Eastport. Returning leave for St. John on Mondays at 7.30 a.m. Star Line—St. John River. Leaves St. John daily, except Sunday, at 8.30 a.m. for all points up to Fredericton. Returning, leaves Fredericton at 8 a.m., due in St. John at 8.20 p.m. Belleisle Bay. Steamer "Beatrice Warin." See advertisement on page 6. Hauptstadt Steamship Co. Steamers Elaine and Hauptstadt run to Wickham, Oak Point and Hauptstadt. For time table see advertisement.

Oregon Queen is said to be the largest three-year-old in the world. She stands nineteen hands, weighs 2,350 pounds and is perfectly formed. She was bred and raised in Oregon.

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