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THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

They had an election in France last Sunday, but the definite outcome will not be known until after second balloting on May 10th. This may sound like a cumbersome system, but it isn't, in fact, has very much to recommend it.

It may be of interest to know that their President is elected for seven years by a majority of the votes of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, meeting in common assembly. He chooses his cabinet from members of the last-named chamber.

OFFICIALS COMPELLED TO BE PARTIZANS BY LIBERALS.

Liberal papers continue to throw a number of unlimited slurs at the Hon. Mr. Rogers. They hate him because of his political activities and his habit of coming back in forcible style.

Mr. Rogers showed that the partisanship of officials had been fostered by the Liberals and by none more than Hon. Frank Oliver.

"That, whilst it is desirable that every official in the employ of the Government of Canada should enjoy perfect freedom of political opinions and the untrammelled exercise of his franchise in accord therewith, no official should be engaged or be permitted to engage in partisan work of any description in the election of a representative to a Provincial or Dominion Legislature."

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the Liberal party and degraded political life. Here is the authority Mr. Oliver vested in this notable henchman—

Memorandum. Mr. R. E. A. Leach—With a view to securing more efficient service in office and field work in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, you are hereby given authority to suspend, for cause and for such time as deemed advisable, any Dominion Lands agent, clerk, homestead inspector, sub-agent or other employee in the service of the Lands Branch of the Department of the Interior. You will promptly report to head office each case of such suspension, giving full particulars as to the reasons for the action taken, when the matter will be dealt with by the Department.

(Signed.) FRANK OLIVER. Hon. Mr. Oliver first informed his officials that they had a perfect right to participate in elections, and then gave Leach this authority so that he could see that they delivered the goods. This is the man who is now complaining that his pernicious system has not been entirely abolished.

Liberal pledges of non-partisanship of 1896, replaced by Oliver's policy of compulsory participation in elections by officials. As Hon. Mr. Rogers pointed out, any participation in elections by officials now is due to the Oliver policy laid down by him and carried out by "Thin Red Line" Leach. Mr. Leach's services in this regard were so appreciated by the Liberals that after they were defeated they attempted to enrich him out of the natural resources of the West.

Dr. Clark, member in the Dominion House for Red Deer, used to sit in the British House of Commons and he is a Free Trader of the most rabid type. Recently, Mr. Stevens, member for Vancouver, went after him during a speech on the budget in the following most vigorous style (Hansard report):

"My hon friend from Red Deer (Mr. Michael Clark) has often referred to the splendid condition of the workingmen in the old country, and has stated that there was no place in Europe where workmen were better off. What are the facts? Eighty per cent of the land of Great Britain is held by one and a half per cent of the population, and 18 per cent of the wealth by 11 per cent of the population; or 68 per cent of the wealth of Great Britain is in the hands of 12 1/2 per cent of the population. That is an indication of how wealth is distributed in a free trade country. Hon. gentlemen talk about combines, and the amassing of wealth by individuals, but there is no country in the world where there is so much poverty among the masses, and so much wealth in the hands of a few as in Great Britain. My hon friend from Red Deer may say that I am not very loyal to my native country, but one thing I do regret is that Great Britain ever adopted the policy of free trade. She is rapidly losing the position that she won under the protective policy. I have in my hand a great many figures relating to the increase of the cost of living in various countries, which I will condense as briefly as I can. These figures are given by the British Board of Trade—"

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borough Commission's report. When the hon. member for North Waterloo was quoting from that report the other night the hon. member for Red Deer sent a note over to the member for Humboldt who afterwards pointed out that the report of that commission was totally unreliable. The Gainsborough Commission consisted of workmen who visited Germany to investigate working conditions there. I shall not quote them. They carry out the statements which I have already quoted from the Board of Trade.

I wish to turn now to another phase of the question and that is pauperism and unemployment. We have heard a great deal regarding pauperism, and therefore I would like to give some figures upon this question. These again are taken from the Board of Trade and I would commend them to any hon. friend for consideration. Germany has 27,399 paupers in the workhouse as compared with a population of 64,000,000. Great Britain has 400,000 paupers in the workhouse as compared with a population of 45,000,000. Great Britain gives annual relief to 700 out of every 10,000 of the population and Germany to 300 out of every 10,000.

The Toronto Horse Show opened last evening, and Mrs. Thingamobob's hat is stated to have been very fetching, while Mrs. Muchinprint's slit skirt was a lolla palcoseram.

In an Ontario town recently Miss Lena Good married Mr. William Damm. When she gets really mad with reference to those household annoyances which are bound to occur, all she will have to do is to murmur hubby's name.

A Liberal convention took place in Prescott to nominate a candidate because Evanturel was forced to resign, for the reason that he offered his services in the Ontario House for cash to the liquor interests. Said gentleman wanted to be selected again, but the officers of the association refused to let his name be offered. They selected a Mr. Senecal, and Evanturel's adherents were so wrath that they refused for a long time to let him speak. The deposed member says he will run as an independent, and he evidently still has many warm admirers in the constituency. He got there last time by 284 majority, and in a three-cornered fight a Conservative should win.

First L. E. and N. Train. The first train to run over the L. E. and N. tracks to Longe Bridge, was a gravel train which came down about 3:30 yesterday afternoon. From there on regular trips were made and the work of filling in the bridge above the old boat house was proceeded with.

Football Note. The P. S. A. Football club will hold a practice in Recreation Park at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening. All players are required to be on hand. The committee men are requested to meet in the basement of the Congregational church at 8 o'clock the same evening.

Building Permits Issued. Building permits were issued today to John Agnew, 81 Brant Ave. for a frame garage to cost \$280. Mrs. Elizabeth Charlton 147 Northumberland street, for a frame verandah to cost \$75. Henry Simpson, 201 Darling St., for a 1 1/2 storey brick house to cost \$1800.

Anonymous Letter. Mayor Spence to-day received an anonymous letter in which he was asked why the city had to buy and pay for expensive suits for detectives, etc. The mayor said he had no use for anonymous letters and that if some good citizen was not buying expensive clothes for anybody. If the part called and preferred any real charges he would attend to them.

Aided by Tariff Changes. In his report to the annual meeting of the Steel Company of Canada, C. S. Wilcox, president, stated that the changes in the tariff would prove beneficial to that industry. He reported a falling off of business during the second half of the year, and referred to the completion of the blooming mill, billet mill and the rod and bar mill. The net profits for the year amounted to \$1,640,010.79.

Old Home Week. The music committee held a meeting last night at headquarters and made arrangements for the holding of rehearsals for the massed choirs and children's choruses for Thursday night, the Grand Opera House, through the kindness of Mr. Frank Johnson, who has kindly let the committee have the house for practice. Another meeting of the committee will be held next Tuesday night, when the matter of bands for the three days will be dealt with.

The Parade Committee. The parade committee also held a meeting last night, but on account of the sub-committee appointed to visit the manufacturers not being ready to report, the meeting adjourned until Thursday, May 7th.

Local News

Manufacturers Committee Meets. The manufacturers committee of the city council will hold a meeting this afternoon in the city hall.

Stores Transferred. The stores of C Squadron of the 25th Brant Dragoons have been transferred from Major W. K. Muir to Capt. Hearn by Major F. Holmer Dixon.

Cost of Poles. For the benefit of local automobilists, the information is given to-day that the Hydro-Electric iron poles and equipment in the centre of the city are worth \$110.

Will Visit Grocers. The Grocers' Association of Hamilton will visit the local Grocers and Butchers' Association in the near future, when a friendly progressive exchange will be given.

Held Good Drill. There was a fair turnout of the recruits of A and D Squadrons of the 25th Brant Dragoons in the armories last night, and a good night's work was done under Sergt. Fletcher.

New Dye for Stamping. A new dye was put into operation at the post office yesterday, which bears the inscription "Brantford Old Home Week, August 9 to 10-14-15." This dye will be used in the electrical stamping machine for all outgoing letters.

Must be Stopped. Many complaints have been received of trespassing across the grounds of public schools. In some instances, teamsters have driven across, badly cutting up the grounds. The school authorities propose to enter prosecution.

Called Off. Doric Lodge, A.F. & A.M. have called off their annual excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo on May 24. It is said that this summer will witness a reduction in the number of excursions, as the railways are demanding higher rates.

Acknowledge Receipt of Cheque. The Standard Underground Cable Company of Hamilton, acknowledge the receipt of the city's cheque for \$1675.94 for cable. This was \$20 over payment, and the company have placed that amount to the credit of the city.

Birthdays of Note. WEDNESDAY, APRIL TWENTY-NINTH. EDWARD FIBLD HEBDEN, who succeeded George Hague as general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada nine years ago today. He entered the service of the Bank, with which he is still associated, when he was twenty and rose through the various ranks to his present position. He is a man of quiet, retiring disposition, intent on his own affairs, though he has shown considerable interest in hospital work. He likes hunting and fishing and belongs to several clubs where he can enjoy these sports; he also plays golf at the Mount Royal Club in Montreal.

Uncle Walt. The Poet Philosopher. SNAKES. These sunny days bring forth the snakes from holes in quarries, cliffs and brakes. The gentle bullsnake, mild and meek, sets forth his proper prey to seek; of all good snakes he is the best, with high ambitions in his breast; he is the farmer's truest friend, because he daily puts an end to mice and other beasts which prey upon that farmer's crops and hay. He is most happy when he feasts on gophers and such measly beasts; and being six or eight feet high, when stood on end you can't deny that forty bullsnakes on a farm are bound to do the vermin harm. The bullsnake never hurts a thing; he doesn't bite, he doesn't sting, or wrap you in his slimy folds, and squeeze you till he bursts all holds. As harmless as a babe of hay, he does his useful work all day, and when at night he goes to rest he's killed off many a wretched pest. And yet the farmers always take a chance to kill this grand old snake. They'll chase three miles or more to end the labors of their truest friend. They'll hobble forth from beds of pain to hack a bullsnake's form in twain, and leave him mangled torn and raw—which shows there ought to be a law.

SUFFICIENT PROOF. She—"No, George, I am afraid I cannot marry you. I want a man who possesses a noble ambition; whose heart is set on attaining some high and worthy object." He—"Well, don't I want you?" She—"Oh, George, I am yours."

Ladies' Home Journal.

A Real Darnless Stocking for Boys. Your dealer sells them in Black and Leather Shade Tan. Cost no more than the ordinary kind. Look for Buster on the box! Buster Brown Says: "I can wear these stockings without ever getting a hole in them, and you know me. I am not too careful. The best thing I ever did was to put my name on this hosiery, so mothers would know how to buy Darnless Stockings." Mothers! Stop Darning. Don't spend hours and hours darning stockings. There is no need for it. Buy your boys Buster Brown Stockings—made of the strongest, long fibre cotton, specially twisted and tested for durability, knitted double or treble where the wear is the hardest. Save money, too! Buster Brown Stockings. The Chipman-Holton Knitting Co., Limited. Largest Hosiery Manufacturers in Canada. Hamilton, Ontario. MILLS AT HAMILTON AND WELLAND, ONT. Also makers of the celebrated "Little Darling" and "Little Daisy" Hosiery for Infants and Children.

Special Announcement! Alf. Patterson's Pure Velvet Ice Cream Bricks can be obtained at the following stores for 20 cents. Take one home. We guarantee them to keep perfectly for one hour and slice nicely: At our Main Store, 143 William St. BULLER BROS., Colborne St. NORMAN WILLIAMS, Eagle Place. HYGIENIC DAIRY CO., Nelson St. CECIL A. CAMERON, Druggist, Colborne Street. J. S. BROWN, Blue Ribbon Confectionery, Erie Ave. OUR MOTTO: Purity and Cleanliness.

Canadian National Horse Show. April 28 to May 2. TORONTO AND RETURN \$3.05. Children Under \$1.80. (Including admission to Show). Good going April 29-30, May 1-2. Returning May 4, 1914. G. C. MARTIN, H. C. THOMAS, G.P.A., Hamilton. Local Agent. Phone 110.

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THE "LOGICAL ROUTE" TO WESTERN CANADA. For WINNIPEG and VANCOUVER. Leave Toronto 10:30 p.m. Daily. Compartment Library Observation Car, Standard Sleeping Car, Tourist Sleeping Car, Dining Car, First-class Coaches, Colonist Car. Particulars regarding RAIL or OCEAN tickets from any Canadian Pacific Ticket Agent, or write M. G. MURPHY, D.P.A., C.P.R., Toronto.

Physical Drill Classes Put on Successful Program Last Night. Anyone who witnessed the fine display of physical drills given by the fair members of the Y.W.C.A. could have only one opinion of the past at that institution, under Miss Cor. Gould. A contingent of visitors from Stratford came down specially for the occasion and together with the local ladies' team they provided one of the base games of basketball seen in the Victoria Hall. The first part of the programme consisted of a number of pretty and effective drills, which were performed by Juniors, intermediates and seniors. These numbers included junior drill Indian club drill, staff drill by some very little maids, Swedish Scottish dumb-bell exercises children's game, senior wand drill. A very pretty may pole dance, which concluded with clever weaving of the centre pole. Elegant and graceful were the rhythmic steps of twelve damsels which gave an exhibition of heat and high movements on the feet. And this can be said of all the items of the well arranged entertainment. A splendid boquer was presented to Miss Gould by the Sunshine Club in recognition of her valuable services which they appreciated greatly. She was also the pleased recipient of other tributes during the course of the evening. Miss Bessie Johnson accompanied in fine style during the course of the drills. Quite a feature of the night was the game of basketball between the Stratford and Brantford ladies, in which the local troupe ran out winners, after a keenly contested game by a score of 10 points against 6. The teams lined up as follows: Brantford: Kitty O'Reilly, centre; Mabel Bartle, Marian Tobias, forwards; Evelyn Tenn and Madeline Brohman defence. Stratford: Jeanette Allen, centre; Elsie Roadhouse and Eva Gilholme forwards; Elsie Rapp and Margaret Munroe defence. Referee—Gordon Berry. In a field of sparkling brilliance, somewhat hard to pick stars. Perhaps the hardest worker was Jeanette Allen, whose sturdy strength and forceful methods were prominent during the game. No less meritorious were the efforts of Kitty O'Reilly.

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