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## YESTERDAY'S CONVENTION.

The Provincial Government convention went on record yesterday in support of the policy of developing the water powers of the province, and endorsed the plan adopted in connection with the proposed development of Grand Falls. It also declared for the principle of free school books in the primary grades, and the extension of that principle when the finances of the province warrant such a course. Approval of the public health policy of the Government was declared, and the policy of establishing central creameries and giving greater encouragement to the dairy industry was endorsed. The convention favored the establishment of an abattoir at a central point in the Maritime Provinces. With regard to the roads, a resolution urging the continuance of the Federal grant and, if it is not renewed, that the Government continue its present road policy to as large an extent as the provincial finances will permit, was adopted. In attendance and enthusiasm the convention was a marked success. A notable tribute was paid to Hon. W. E. Foster as well as to the present Premier.

## AGAINST PROHIBITION.

The Province of Saskatchewan decided yesterday by popular vote in favor of Government control of the sale of liquor, by official vendors, but against the sale of beer in licensed premises. This is a defeat of the prohibition law that has been in force in Saskatchewan. The province has followed the example of Manitoba and Alberta in declaring against absolute prohibition. In British Columbia, where the question of the sale of beer by the glass in licensed premises was made the subject of a plebiscite at the time of the recent elections, the final returns are not yet reported, because of the absentee vote; but, while the province as a whole appears to have voted against beer, a large number of districts voted in its favor. Just what the Government will do under these conditions remains a matter of doubt. One fact stands out clearly, and it is that west of the Lakes the people are against absolute prohibition. To what extent this may be due to non-enforcement of the law there is no means of telling, but there is no mistaking the feeling in public sentiment. Ontario will be the next province to decide whether it will retain its present law or adopt some such policy as those of the western provinces or Quebec.

## THE WEST AT ODDS.

The Province of British Columbia appears to resent very strongly the restoration of the Crow's Nest rates. The Vancouver Province says it is bitterly condemned by the manufacturers of the province, because it pushes them back out of several hundred miles of prairie territory. The British Columbia division of the Manufacturers' Association wants the Board of Railway Commissioners to make a broader investigation, reviewing the whole structure of transportation rates affecting the Western Provinces. We have thus the Pacific and the Prairie Provinces in opposition to each other in regard to a matter which the latter declare is vital to their welfare. Beyond doubt it was the very determined fight made by Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan that resulted in the restoration of the rates prevailing before the war. The Vancouver Province, in a long article, says that, while the Crow's Nest freight rules meant something twenty-five years ago, they are not applicable today, because of the development that has taken place in the West during that period. Moreover, the Crow's Nest Agreement, it says, applies only to Canadian Pacific lines. The Province declares that the restoration drives a coach and pair through all the efforts of the Railway Commission to place freight rates on an equal basis as between the East and West, and creates a discrimination where none should exist. It says the schedules take no account of railway development in the West, the Panama Canal, the growth of western manufacturing, and the change in the commercial and distributing systems of the West. The Province presents a formidable list of discriminations, not only against British Columbia, but against the East, and expresses the opinion that the Pacific Province is "likely to have plenty of help in her fight against the Crow's Nest schedules." To all protests, however, the Prairie Provinces will apparently stand firm for the concession which they have been able to secure. That concession, however, they claim is only a right guaranteed them, and which for special reasons was withdrawn during the war. The vast area of Canada makes the problem of transportation difficult of solution. So far as the Crow's Nest Agreement is concerned, since Parliament has taken no action, nothing can be done before next session.

## Press Comment

### THE U. S. AND ARMENIA.

(Hamilton Herald.)  
The Democratic party of the United States, in its platform, demands "justice for Armenia." And yet the United States Government refused to accept a mandate for Armenia. If it had assumed obligations as Armenia's protector, it would have been in a position to guarantee justice for the Armenians instead of making futile demands for it.

### THE DEADLY REVOLVER.

(Ottawa Journal.)  
Many decent citizens own revolvers. But they don't carry them outside their homes, and even in their homes one does not hear one in a year about a household being able to use a revolver against a burglar, although thousands of burglaries go on.  
And the police—when a policeman uses a revolver, he is generally hauled on the carpet, and is lucky if he is not reprimanded, or even discharged. In any case, no reason would exist why the police should cease to be without revolvers so long as criminals manage to preserve them.

Civilization has gone calmly along for innumerable years permitting the manufacture for private purposes of this villainous little weapon, and every year comes suggestions how to restrict its ownership—suggestions which are futile, and certain only to prevent the ownership of revolvers by people who would never misuse them, while leaving criminals scoffing—and not a move is made to do the one thing which perhaps not in a year, or five years, or ten years, but surely and certainly at some time in the future, would extinguish the revolver, and which meanwhile and at once would lessen the number of weapons and ammunition available for persons liable to misuse them.

Canada can not directly move the world. But Canada can do what she likes within her own borders. She can stop at once the manufacture, importation and sale in Canada of revolvers and revolver ammunition. And we venture to say that if Canada were to set such an example every civilized country on earth would follow suit within a few years. Have we no public man equal to setting the ball rolling?

### NO NEED OF ELECTION.

(Vancouver Province.)  
In spite of certain pressure from Quebec the Government at Ottawa is not disposed to bring on a general election at an early date. It has two sessions behind it, a third is almost gone and with its present support it can easily get through two more sessions before dissolution becomes necessary. The Government is in a considerably stronger position now than it was when it took office after the election in December, 1921. At that time it counted 117 members in the House, while the Conservatives had fifty, the Progressives sixty-five and the Liberals three. With the Speaker in the chair this left the Government in a minority of two. Subsequently, two Progressives went over to the Government, while Mr. R. McMaster broke with his Liberal friends on the tariff issue and the Government lost a seat in Halifax and another in Kent. Nevertheless, the Government now has 130 members in a house of 235. Since then the so-called "Broncho Group," a dozen strong, has broken from the Progressives, and Mr. Mitchell of St. Antoine has resigned. On the other side, Mr. Porter of West Hastings has resigned and Mr. MacKellie of Yale has died. The Government, therefore, has now a strength of 157 members in a house of 232.

It has never been the custom in Canada to dissolve the House of Commons until it has finished its course. Only two parliaments fewer than four sessions. The second parliament ended abruptly when the Macdonald Government resigned in connection with the Pacific scandal and the eleventh parliament was the one dissolved just before the reciprocity election in 1911. From the time to the last session a dissolution before the fourth session is over.

It is announced that the investment of the sum of \$120,000 is necessary to secure the Admiralty Hotel. If 120 citizens would invest \$1,000 each the problem would be solved. What will be said of St. John if this much heralded hotel project, so essential to the city's progress, should fall down? While it is here suggested that 120 investors giving \$1,000 each would settle the matter, that will probably not be accomplished; but there ought to be a very large number of smaller investors in the city who would assist in the project rather than see it fail.

The House of Commons yesterday, in committee, decided against Nova Scotia in the matter of its appeal to have its representation in the House remain as before. That representation will be reduced from sixteen to fourteen members. The change will not make the people of Nova Scotia any more fond of their Dominion connection. It may be New Brunswick's turn next.

The British Government has invited the overseas Dominions to send representatives to a conference late this year to discuss inter-imperial relations. That will be a very important conference. It will be particularly interesting to learn what proposals the Labor Government may have to improve the commercial relations between the Dominions and the Mother Country.

If present hopes are fulfilled the potato growers of New Brunswick will have another good year. There is a prospect of a good crop and a good market. This is at least the anticipation of those who are interested in that branch of agriculture. The acreage planted is much larger than usual, and there is the more reason to hope for favorable markets.

When we read of devastating fires, destructive storms and damage to crops on a large scale in other parts of the world, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we live in a province where the even tenor of life is not so greatly disturbed.

## DOWN A LITTLE PATH.

(By Lola Pierce)  
I must come down this little path again.  
Whenever Spring returns;  
The pain comes back to my heart again,  
It aches and burns.

And 'twas me leave my work to find again  
This wood where it first awoke;  
Then cries to be off, to flee again  
The place where at last it broke.

An angry little branch leans out  
To rend my decent gown,  
The skies which always seemed to smile,  
Leer at me, now, and frown.

How can I face the daisy  
Here in the self-same spot?  
Her petals said so plainly  
"He loves you not."

Beneath this tree he kissed me,  
And here, one night in May,  
Ah! bid that little violet  
"Turn her blue eyes away."

## SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

St. Stephen, July 16—R. H. Davis, alias Ryan, who was captured in St. John, charged with passing worthless checks on the border, was arraigned before Police Magistrate Vroom here today, and was sent up for trial in September. He was taken to St. Andrews jail to await trial.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Nothing But the Truth.  
MR.—"You deceived me before we were married. You told me you were well off."  
MR.—"So I was, but I didn't know it."

## Spoke In Earnest.

You can't always be funny in court and get away with it, but sometimes a culprit is funny without trying to be and in the final judgment it helps a lot.  
Take the case in Pasadena recently. A man was up, charged with deserting his wife, and after the evidence was all in the judge asked if it were true.  
"It is not, your honor," declared the man earnestly. "I am not a deserter, but a refugee."

## Afflicted.

The squirrel's right hand man was ill, and so he had to employ an old laborer to run errands for him. "Well, John," he said one day, "did you take that note to General Bangs?"  
"Yes, sir," said John, but I don't think the old fellow can read it."  
"Why, what do you mean?" asked the squirrel.  
"He be near blind, sir," replied John. "While I war in 'is room, 'e axed me twice wur my 'at war, and it wur on my 'ead all the time."

## ENTERTAINS DISTRICT LODGE.

Dominion Lodge, I. O. G. T., entertained the district lodge at their hall, Murray street, Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. Thomas Owens, District Chief Templar, was in the chair and gave an address on district work. George Kelly gave an address on ways and means of increasing the membership and attendance. Mrs. W. Edwards and the Misses Irvine gave short, interesting talks on the temperance activities of their respective lodges. T. B. Brown gave a reading on "The Best Way to Spoil a Lodge." Frank Merrill spoke

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on lodge work. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Silliphant, Mrs. T. Cunningham and Mrs. T. B. Brown.

## You can sharpen shears on the neck of a glass bottle by closing them briskly upon it as if trying to cut it off.

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In spite of all sorts of "Sales" and "Special" events galore, our regular prices have stood unchanged throughout the season because originally so low for the quality that not one of these supposed-to-be alluring offers has seriously challenged this LIVE STORE'S greater value giving.

Women's Black Kid Cross Strap Pumps with military or Louis heels. Regular \$4.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.75  
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Women's White Buck one strap in Sandal style. Regular \$4.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.75  
Women's Log Cabin Suede two buckle Sandal, covered military heels. Regular \$5.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$3.75  
Women's Brown Strap Pumps, medium and low heels, some plain; others with Suede trimming. Half-Yearly Price... \$1.95

Men's "Hartt" Boots, about 300 pairs in the lot, discontinued lines. Mostly all tan, but some blacks; medium and recede toes. You know the regular prices. Half-Yearly Price... \$5.00  
Men's Boots and Oxfords. A lot of broken lines and sizes. Every pair Goodyear welt, sewn soles. Blacks and browns. Regular up to \$7.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$3.75  
Men's Work Boots. Absolutely solid. The kind that give good service. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.95  
Men's Boots. Black and brown; odds and ends, but all sizes in the lot. Regular up to \$5.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.75  
Men's White Canvas Boots and Oxfords. Goodyear welt, sewn soles. Regular \$3.50. Half-Yearly Price... \$1.95  
Men's Brown and Two-tone sport Oxfords with Crepe Soles. Regular \$5.75 and \$6.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$4.75

Women's Grey Buck and Suede Cutouts, one strap effects, some of the season's latest in all heights heels. All going out at... \$2.75  
Women's Fawn and Log Cabin Pumps in all the latest effects; all heights of heels. Regular up to \$5.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.75  
Women's Sandals in Green, Grey, Blue and Patent Leathers. Half-Yearly Price... \$2.45  
Women's Grey Buck Cutout Oxfords, with grey kid trimming. Regular \$5.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$3.75  
Women's Fawn and Log Cabin One Strap Pumps with covered Cuban or Louis heels. Regular \$4.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$1.95

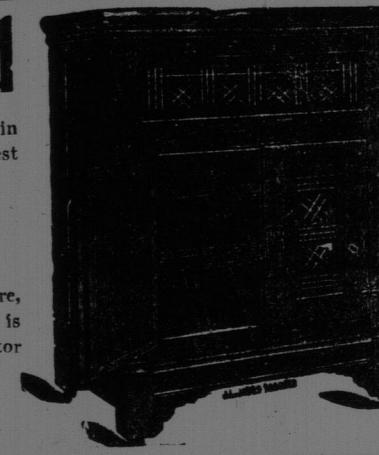
Women's High Grade Strap Pumps and Oxfords, the famous "La Parisienne" make, originally priced up to \$10.50. Half-Yearly Price... \$3.75  
Some wonderful bargains in this lot.  
Women's Black and Brown Oxfords with Crepe Soles. Regular \$4.75. Half-Yearly Price... \$3.75  
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Children's Sneakers. Black or brown. High or low. Half-Yearly Price... 85c

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Misses' Grey Elk Sandals, with solid leather soles and rubber heels. Sizes 11 to 2. Regular \$2.95. Half-Yearly Price... \$1.95  
Child's as above. Sizes 8 to 10½. Regular \$1.65. Half-Yearly Price... \$1.45  
Infants' sizes 8 to 7½ \$1.45

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