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YESTERDAY'S POLLING.

The second day's polling brought small consolation to the Unionists. Their gains have continued, it is true, but have not been as numerous as some of the more enthusiastic anticipated. Already sufficient polls have been held to preclude the possibility of the Balfour party securing control. Yet the position of the Asquith government is by no means certain. In Scotland and Wales the radicals will continue in strength—that is their lesser will be insignificant—in the remaining English constituencies the chances are that the proportion of Unionist gains will be smaller. But Mr. Asquith can feel safe only when he has secured sufficient seats to give him a working majority without the aid of the Nationalists. If he is forced to depend on the Irish party, that pledge of Home Rule, offered as an election bait, may become very troublesome. Still, whatever the outcome, the next parliament will be full of fight.

A SECOND-HAND APOLOGY.

Some time ago Mr. J. L. Stewart, proprietor of the Chatham Works, addressed a letter to the Minister of Justice, and a circular to the press of the Maritime Provinces, strongly advocating the release of C. Bruce McDougall, publisher of "Free Speech," who was described as a fellow journalist. Mr. Stewart signed these documents as vice-president of the Maritime Press Association, an action which tended to convey the impression that he was writing officially behalf of the association in his appeal to the minister. Mr. A. R. Coffin, president of the association, has now issued a circular to the press—a thing that Mr. Stewart himself should long since have done—apologizing for the Chatham publisher's action. Mr. Coffin says that "Mr. Stewart does not wish to be considered as having made his appeal in his capacity as chief officer of the association for New Brunswick, and explains that he used his official status in the Press Association only to show that he might be considered a representative newspaper man in making his appeal. Thus, though vice-president of the association, Mr. Stewart was acting on his own behalf as an independent newspaper man; such was intended by the circular in which he asked other editors to join in his appeal."

THE TELEPHONE REPORT.

The report submitted by the special committee of the Board of Trade on telephone rates is moderate in its language and conservative in its suggestions. Public utility corporations, and indeed corporations of any nature, are always more or less subject to attack on the part of those who feel compelled to patronize them, and the investigating committee might have made a decided hit by adopting a harsher tone in dealing with the affairs of the Telephone Company. But this report was prepared for the serious consideration of business men and legislators, and not wholly to furnish ammunition with which a bitter campaign against the company may be prosecuted. It was made possible by the apparent willingness of the corporation to deal fairly with its patrons in so far as making known the state of its affairs is concerned. Whether this sentiment will prove sufficiently strong to result in fair treatment in the actual business relations between the company and the public remains to be seen. Without such a request, argument against the Telephone Company was impossible. Every business man knows that as the result of advancing cost of labor and material, prices on all products have to be increased from year to year. With this realization there was a feeling that perhaps the Telephone Company might have been justified in seeking larger revenue. And no doubt the company, when given an opportunity to present its case, will be able to put up a fairly strong argument.

But the report now handed to the Board of Trade reveals conditions which are of particular interest to St. John, and presents facts which the company will find great difficulty in overcoming. If the whole of the business in the province were to be treated as a unit the company could find some little justification for its recent revisions of rate schedules. It could not, of course, on any pretence whatever, demand dividends on the water which the report shows is included in its stock issue. But the provincial system is not one unit. It is made up of a number of complete and absolutely independent exchanges of which that in St. John is the most important. This city is shown to be a very profitable field for the company. The revenue is, under the old rates, sufficient to pay dividends of twelve per cent. on a reasonable estimate of the money invested. But, since the long distance service is

not particularly remunerative and since several of the outlying districts are enjoying conveniences for which they are not inclined to pay, St. John subscribers are being taxed for the benefit of the province in general and of the company's stockholders in particular. We are paying for the maintenance of lines all through the country, which are of absolutely no benefit excepting to those few who occasionally use the long distance system. The conclusion to be drawn from the report is that instead of asking an increased schedule in St. John, the local rates to subscribers might be very materially reduced and the company continue to enjoy the full dividends which it is by law entitled to earn and pay. This condition is generally found where monopolistic control exists, and it may properly be assumed that the members of the committee are entirely correct in the comparisons which they have made between the rates in St. John and in other cities.

Summarized, the report says: The telephone system is a monopoly. The company's stock contains too much water. The St. John exchange should be considered independently instead of as a part of the whole system. At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Telephone Company to be held on Thursday afternoon this report will be considered and the company's reply prepared.

The Slogan Contest

For prizes offered by The Sun and Star for the best phrase for a battle cry for St. John boosters closed Friday night.

Hundreds of suggestions have been received, many of them first class.

The work of choosing the best will be done by a committee consisting of the Publicity Manager of The Board of Trade, The Chairman of The Advertising Committee, and the Editor of The Sun.

The result will be announced within a few days.

THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER AT THE STAR, N. B.

A motion picture production that has created a perfect furor of interest in America of recent weeks is "The Lighthouse Keeper," which is to be the Star Theatre's grand leading feature tonight and Tuesday. It is a picture that makes you sit up with excitement. The photography is magnificent, the story is interesting, and the comedy matter will be supplied aplenty in the roasting farces "The Lighthouse Keeper," "A Good Doctor," A third reel will consist of scenic and educational pictures. Miss Annie Edwards will sing a sweet little number and the music will be bright and new.

THEY ACTUALLY CURE RHEUMATISM

Gin Pills Prove It

It is one thing to claim to cure rheumatism. It is quite another to do it. Gin Pills bear out every claim we make, for they are not a "favorite prescription" or a "marvellous discovery" or a "wonderful secret preparation." They are simply a common-sense, scientific combination of medicines that have proved their value in Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, and Disorders of the Liver. Optician, N. S. July 1st, 1908. "I have been troubled with Rheumatism so bad that I could not work. A doctor tended me and advised me to go to the hospital, but all of no good until a friend told me to try Gin Pills. I did so, and after using a few boxes I am perfectly cured. I am recommending Gin Pills." D. J. LAWLER. There is no reason why Mr. Lawler's case should be any different from yours. He took Gin Pills and cured himself of Rheumatism. Why don't you take them and cure yourself? We will let you test them free. A sample of Gin Pills will be sent you, absolutely free, if you write The National Drug & Chem. Co., Limited, Dept. 11, St. John, N. B.

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 1910

The Evening Chit-Chat
By RUTH CAMERON

Are you well groomed? In the street car yesterday I saw a young girl who caught and held my attention by her attractive appearance. And yet she did not have a particularly pretty face nor an unusually good figure. Her attraction was simply the fact that she was perfectly groomed.

If you have a distinctly plain face you can scarcely make it so pretty that people will pause to admire it. If you are built on basically ugly lines it is almost impossible to correct them so that people will turn to admire your splendid figure.

But no matter what outfit you start with you can make people enjoy looking at you because you are so well groomed if you put time enough on it. Of course that "it" is a mighty important one.

For some could be built in a day quite as easily as any woman could become well groomed in a short space of time.

A slatternly woman cannot say, "I will see that all my clothes are very neat and spruce looking and I will put them on very carefully," and thereupon become well groomed.

Some people fancy that neat, attractive clothes carefully put on are all that is necessary to make a woman well groomed, but they are vastly mistaken. These are merely the finishing touches instead of the whole thing.

Quite as much as genius, good grooming is the result of "an infinite capacity for taking pains."

An appearance such as that of the young girl who attracted my gaze means minute attention to details and years of such attention.

For instance, it means frequent baths and unremitting care of the hair and facial massage when the complexion needs it, and carefully fitted underwear and something more than a cursory daily attention to the hair.

And then of course it means infinite care and patience in putting on one's clothes.

No woman who is always in a hurry, who gets up three-quarters of an hour or an hour before she is due at her train, can possibly be well groomed.

The half dozen women in my acquaintance whom I would select as deserving honorable mention in this direction are those who spend an hour to an hour and a half in making their morning toilets, including in that time, of course, the morning plunge or shower.

And then to be well groomed one must have taste and appreciate the value of simplicity.

No matter how well she may conform to the other requirements one would hardly pick out the girl who wears a feather boa and a gold chain and a huge lace jabot and a few fancy pins trailing down the front of her shirtwaist as a well groomed woman.

It seems to me that it is a valuable asset, both in a business and social way, to be known as a well groomed woman, but if you do not think it is an asset worth spending time and energy and thought to possess, let me advise you at once not to strive for it, for you will certainly never attain it.

Ruth Cameron

The Lighter Side of Life

WHO WAS THE AUTHOR?

From Canada comes a stanza, recently quoted by Lord Rosebery which touched such a responsive chord in the Old Land that inquiries as to the authorship at once ensued. These seem to establish that it is part of an old song once sung in Canada, but the name of the author remains shrouded in mystery. The same verse seems to have been quoted by Chamberlain early in his career. It is the second of the poem, which is worthy of reproduction in full:

"Listen to me, as when ye heard our father Sing long ago the song of other shores; Listen to me, and then in chorus gather All your deep voices as ye pull your oars. Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand; But we are exiles from our father's land."

From the lone shelling of the misty island Conquered the soil and fortified the keep; No sea-farers' children would here be banished; That a degenerate lord might boast his sheep.

Comes, foreign rare; let discord burst In slaughter, When the dark hills creep the small, clear stream; Yet still the blood is warm, the heart is Highland, And we in dreams behold the Hebrides.

We never shall tread the fancy-haunted valley, Where 'twixt the dark hills creep the small, clear stream; In arms around the patriot banner rally, Nor see the moon on royal tombstones gleam.

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"Dudley, the football player, had so many cuts on his face his own mother wouldn't recognize him."

"That's nothing, my newspaper in the country can do that much with only one cut."

Fair these broad meads—these hoary woods are grand; But we are exiles from our father's land."

Tait's Magazine published the verses in 1849 under the title "A Canadian Boat Song," giving as its authority the fact that it was found among the papers and in the handwriting of the twelfth Earl of Eglinton, who, as Colonel Montgomery, served for a time in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain traces it further back, however, to the September, 1828, issue of Blackwood's. It is there stated that the song was heard from the lips of "a set of strapping fellows all born in that country (Upper Canada), and yet hardly one could speak a word of any tongue but the Gaelic. They sang hearts of our old Highland war songs in the Hebrides."

"The happy words, 'A Good Doctor,' A third reel will consist of scenic and educational pictures. Miss Annie Edwards will sing a sweet little number and the music will be bright and new."

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We realized that it was the duller period in the year and unless the inducements offered were exceptional the sale could not be a success.

In marking the sale prices on the goods we were influenced by but one idea and that making the prices so low that people would buy for future use.

That the sale has been an unparalleled success is evidenced by the crowds of people coming from all sections. Not in recent years have such bargains been offered.

The difference between this sale and any other is just this we must vacate the store in a short time. We cannot move the goods. We must sell them. If people want Boots, Shoes etc. at prices lower than they can be made for today they must not miss this sale.

NO GOODS ON APPROVAL CASH ONLY
COADY & CO., 61 CHARLOTTE STREET

FRED FROM JAIL TO GO TO WIFE'S FUNERAL

Released on His Promise to Return, He Keeps His Word.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—"If you will let me attend my wife's funeral, will you give me my word of honor I will not try to get away from the officer," John Sullivan, a prisoner in the Camden county jail, stood before Prosecutor Sevel pleading to view the body of his wife which would be interred within a few hours.

"You can go to your wife's funeral, and it shall not be in custody of an officer," said Mr. Sevel, "and place you on your honor as a man to return to prison."

True to his word, Sullivan returned to the jail after the funeral. He is charged with assault and battery on Justice Cross and is awaiting trial.

The Eternal Question

3 times a day and every day
What Bread?
"BUTTER-NUT BREAD is a favorite bread because it is a flavor-right bread. The palate refuses to forget that sweet nutty flavor."

DEATHS
THOMAS—On January 17th, at 11 Frederick street, Hartley W. Thomas, son of George and Jane Thomas, aged 3 years and 4 months. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

ARGUMENTS THAT DECIDE THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

The Empire at Stake—German Invasion in Five Years—Asquith Sticks to Leading Issues—Personal of Liberals Stronger—Balfour's Policies Forced on Him.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—"The oldest election," writes the Daily Telegraph, "never had the honor and responsibility of sharing in so grave and vital a struggle, nor will the youngest who casts his suffrage for the first time ever be likely even if he lives to an extreme old age, again to be an active combatant in a conflict upon which the fate of the independence of England, of the very existence of the British empire may hang."

The Daily Mail practically admits that tariff reform cannot win of itself, and makes a last appeal to the moderate Liberal and to that large number who take no interest in politics as loyal Englishmen to put the safety of the country above all other issues. "The decision of this election," says the Mail, "will make or end England as a great power. Make a mistake in legislation and it can be corrected; make a mistake in imperial policy and it is irrevocable. We have an opportunity which will never occur again. For everything dear to us, for all those vast, vital interests bound up with the very names of England and the Empire, we must strike today. Never before in our history has so grave an emergency arisen."

Liberal leaders seem to have awakened to this fact, pointed out earlier in the week, that the neglect to re-arm the nation in regard to the navy was a political mistake.

LIBERALS REASSURING. At this somewhat late hour the Liberal leaders are directing their efforts to offset the impression produced on the country generally by the greater navy agitation. Today there appeared a message from Sir Edward Grey, while deprecating the introduction of naval matters into an election campaign, declared that the Liberal government was pledged "to maintain adequate naval strength and to protect our interests."

Messrs. Haldane and McKenna, replying for the army and admiralty have likewise undertaken to reassure the electors regarding the navy and the defence of the country. Mr. McKenna declared that "proper and complete naval preparations had been made for safe-guarding our shores and the trade of the empire."

I have heard two generalizations which, while probably no more accurate than such broad statements made at a period of excitement usually are, admirably reflect the temper to which a great section of the English electorate approaches the polls.

"If either party had bodily gone to the people and said 'we need a national loan of £100,000,000 to defend our selves against Germany,' that party would have swept the country."

GERMAN ATTACK IN FIVE YEARS It was a hardheaded London business man, well known in American affairs, who made this assertion. The second statement came from a Journalist with some experience in foreign affairs. It was, "If the Liberal government be returned, Germany will at tack us within five years."

So far as the Liberals are concerned the main issues have been kept clear and unchanged. Mr. Asquith, in an address refused even to glance at secondary questions of whatever magnitude, declaring that the limitation of the veto of the House of Lords and the maintenance of the fiscal system which had stood the test of both centuries is the Liberal position.

If the election were to be won by weight of personalities and arguments on either side, there could be no question of the Liberal position.

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