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EMBARRASSING.

In the course of a somewhat checkered political career, the Telegraph and the Times have encountered few more embarrassing situations than the necessity of reporting and commenting on the fruit exhibition, the success of which is the result of the united efforts of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association, and the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

The exhibition is admitted on all sides to be a practical demonstration of the tremendous possibilities for fruit growing in this province. It is the first exhibition of the kind, covering all parts of the province, to be held in New Brunswick. The display of apples compares favorably side by side with the products of Nova Scotia, Ontario, and British Columbia. A fair report of the proceedings on the opening night and of the meetings of the Fruit Growers' Convention would have revealed to the readers of the Telegraph and the Times that much of the good work which made this great exhibition possible was the outcome of the progressive agricultural policy of the Hazen government. The organs of the local opposition had either to admit this fact by printing unbiased reports, or give a garbled version of the proceedings. They chose the latter course as the easier way out of the difficulty.

In the report of the opening, at which the premier was the principal speaker, no reference was made by the Telegraph to the fact that the exhibition was being held under the joint auspices of the Fruit Growers' Association and the Department of Agriculture, or that the provincial government had donated \$500 in prizes, and the speeches were carefully edited to suppress any allusions to the government's share in making the exhibition a success.

The association held a meeting in the rooms of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening at which one of the most important features was the annual address of the president, Mr. C. N. Vroom, of St. Stephen. In the course of which he paid a tribute to the work of Mr. A. G. Turner, the provincial horticulturist, who was appointed by the Hazen government. "To the energy and skill of our efficient secretary, Mr. Turner," said Mr. Vroom, "we are indebted for the advanced position of our association. It certainly looks like the opening of a new era in the fruit growing business in New Brunswick."

The Telegraph's report of Mr. Vroom's lengthy and eminently practical address is contained in one sentence: "The meeting was presided over by the president, who also spoke briefly outlining the objects of the association."

The Times made a feeble effort yesterday to minimize the work of the Hazen government by charging the Standard with ignoring the fruit growers. In reply it may be said the Standard has never failed to recognize the excellent work of the members of this association, and has impartially given credit where credit is due.

"There were fruit growers before Hazen and there were illustration orchards before Landry," sapiently remarks the Times. This line of argument may be carried further. There were forests in New Brunswick before the Hazen government came into power, but it has remained for the present administration to add \$180,000 to the revenue by honest collection of stumpage. School books have been in the hands of the children of the province for many years, but it was not until after a certain memorable event in March, 1908, that the prices were reduced nearly one half. The desire of the people in the St. John valley for a railway is not new, but it was left for the Hazen government to make the first practical survey and introduce legislation which will lead to the road becoming an accomplished fact.

The results of an honest and progressive policy in all branches of the provincial administration are too well known to require further comment. The unfair methods to which the Telegraph and the Times are driven to resort, indicate that the local opposition is in no better plight than when it suffered ignominious defeat for its misdeeds. Tactics of this kind cannot injure the government. The people realize that it is making good.

THE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The convention of the Y. M. C. A., which has just come to a close in Toronto, was the largest in the history of this thriving organization. The deliberations have, it is possible, more closely revealed its power and possibilities for good. The Toronto Globe, whose editor, Rev. Dr. J. A. MacDonald, takes a warm interest in the movement, and was one of the speakers, gives an interesting summary of the proceedings.

Referring to some of the outstanding features, the Globe says:—"Perhaps the most obvious was the intense earnestness with which the whole atmosphere was charged, and which found prompt and varied expression at every favorable opportunity. This may be most pitifully defined by saying that the convention was in spirit and outcome not merely evangelical but evangelistic."

"It may seem odd to superficial observers of such movements to say that closely and inseparably associated with this feature was another that to some people may seem incongruous with it: exceptional business capacity on the part of the organized convention. In this respect it will compare favorably with any convention that has ever been held in Toronto for any purpose or to promote any interest. Some of the 'young men' who are prominent in the management are now well up in years but they have been too much interested in the

work to remember that they are growing old, and they are so young in spirit that the really young men about them ever seem to feel the obvious disparity in years. The epithet 'young' in the title of the Association is not merely fortunate but important.

"The third notable feature was the conspicuous absence of every trace of nationalism. The great majority of the members were from the United States, of course, but they seemed to be more deeply interested in the work of the Association in other lands than in its work in their own. This was manifestly due to the fact that the needs of these other countries were unspokeably greater. The most forceful pleadings and the most pathetic descriptions were uttered in connection with the work in half-civilized countries, where the Young Men's Christian Association has rendered an immense service to the cause of missions by doing auxiliary work which the missionaries are not equipped to perform.

"Socially the gathering was conspicuously successful. It will remain long in the memory of the people of Toronto in this regard. The leading men have been so much accustomed to such gatherings that they easily accommodate themselves to each new place of meeting; being very much at ease themselves they soon put others at ease also, and matters go on in a way that closely resembles normal routine. The spirit was from first to last singularly fraternal."

The Young Men's Christian Association has had a growth in membership in North America within ten years of 94 per cent. There are now half a million members on this continent. Young men banded together in such an organization cannot fail to be a great force for good. The world is moving forward toward better things.

A TIMELY PROTEST.

Certain journals of pronounced Liberal tendencies are making vigorous protest against the appointment of any more Liberals to the Senate. They point out that as a controlling body the Senate, by reason of the preponderance of Liberal members, is becoming a joke and that it will be wise for the government to appoint Conservatives until such time as the parties in the Red Chamber are more evenly balanced.

Commenting on the situation, the Kingston Whig says:—

"The Whig is in sympathy with The Montreal Herald when it comments upon and regrets that the great minority in Canada, the Conservative party, is not given by a Liberal government some representation in the Senate. The observation is upon the appointment of two Liberals following the death of two Conservative members of the upper House. One recalls the difficulties of the Laurier government when it took office in 1896. The Senate was overwhelmingly Conservative, and it seemed to be as active as possible in its hostility to the government of the day. It failed to perform its functions with that judicial fairness which Parliament and the people had a right to expect. Then it was that the Premier and others outlined the schemes by which it was hoped to reform the upper Chamber and make it an impartial and workable department of government. Time passed. Vacancies occurred, many of them, and Liberals were called to office or promoted from the Commons until now the Senate is unduly Liberal, more lopsided politically than it has ever been."

The Toronto Globe adds to this:—"The Parliamentary Guide for 1910 shows that the Senate consisted early in the year of twenty-two Senators appointed by Conservative administrations—two by the Mackenzie government and sixty by the Laurier government. There were also three vacancies, two of which have since been filled. The present representation of Conservatives in the Senate, with their ages is as follows:—

Miller, 76; McDonald, (B. C.), 78; DeBoucherville, 88; McKay, 71; McMillan, 75; Sullivan, 72; Bolduc, 63; Bowell, 87; Polier, 88; Baird, 63; Montclair, 70; Owens, 70; Landry, 64; Carling, 82; Kirchhoff, 62; Forget, 57; Wood, 67; Loughheed, 56; MacKenzie, 71; A. A. MacDonald, 81; McDonald (Cape Breton), date of birth not given; McLaren, (date of birth not given).

Senators MacDonald and McLaren are both in the vicinity of eighty years of age. It is beyond doubt that from the Conservative representation in the Senate, two-thirds of the members being beyond the allotted span, death must take a heavy toll during the next few years."

The Globe professes to see no signs of the Conservatives returning to power, and regards it as certain as anything in the domain of politics can be that a Liberal government will continue to appoint Senators—unless some real reform is undertaken—till 1916. "If Liberals only are appointed to fill vacancies," it continues, "there will not at that time be more than ten or a dozen Conservatives in the Senate. No wonder Liberal papers begin to show restiveness. The protest of the Montreal Herald and the Whig is a timely one and should be heeded."

Sir Wilfrid seems to have gone too far for even some of his warmest admirers. He has converted the Senate into precisely the sort of chamber to which he took objection when he came into power. Now that his supporting papers have made a complaint it may be that he will mend his ways and elevate a few Conservatives.

Current Comment

(Vancouver Province.)

A Butte woman financed the expenses of her divorce case in a novel way. A few days before instituting proceedings, she purchased several hundred dollars' worth of hats and clothing, charging them to her husband, and selling the goods to her friends at bargain prices.

(Brockville Times.)

These be strenuous days. Armand Lavergne delicately intimates that Laurier—or Lemieux, there is some discussion as to whether he referred to one or both—is a skunk, while Prof. Woodruff of Cornell says that Theodore Roosevelt is an unmitigated liar.

(Pittsburgh Dispatch.)

Even the hobble skirt has its value. A "lady" accused of kicking another "lady" in New York proved that she was wearing a hobble skirt at the time. Although the magistrate was no Solomon he immediately discharged the defendant.

(Moncton Times.)

St. John Telegraph in big headlines says:—"Canada's customs revenue gains ten million dollars a month." This, if true, would be joyful news for the St. John dredgers and rakeoff men, but it is astray nine million dollars a month.

(Ottawa Journal.)

In time doubtless the church will adopt the moving picture as an evangelical force, as it will be readily seen that the marvelously lifelike phantoms can drive home a moral lesson with peculiar force.

(Calgary Herald.)

The time has arrived when the number of new churches that are being established in Calgary, exceeds the number of new bar rooms that are being opened.

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TWO FIRES AT SACKVILLE

A. E. Wry-Block, Occied by Three Tenants, Toly Gutted—Origin a Myster—Death of George Lawren.

Sackville, Nov. 1.—Sackville has been visited by two fires within a few days. On Friday evening the residence of Mrs. Bamfo Atkinson, Weldon street, was found to be on fire in the upper story. The men were soon on hand and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but without serious injury to the building and contents of the house which were all taken out in the great haste. On Sunday night shortly before midnight the firemen were again summoned to the A. E. Wry block on ridge street occupied by B. A. Carl's furniture establishment and E. McKenhouse's book and variety store. The building was saved with difficulty, badly gutted by water and smoke. There was some insurance on the stock in both stores, but the loss was quite heavy. Samuel Crossman, who with his family resided over the stores was also a heavy loser. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Royal Templar Temperance held a public meeting, Powell's hall on Friday evening. An interesting performance of readings and music was carried out and addresses on the growth of the order and on temperance in general were given by C. B. Wilson, of Gibson, and Rev. Dr. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church. The marriage of Miss Rose Wilcox to Howard Hamilton of Baie Verte, was solemnized at a bride's home, Newtown, Kings Co., last week. Their honeymoon was spent in the home of the groom's parents, Baie Verte and their home will be at Ironville, Jct. Maine, where Mr. Hamilton holds a position in the G. T. R. offices.

J. W. Baird, accountant at the Royal Bank has been transferred to Vancouver and his departure much regretted, he being a very popular official as well as a young man with many warm friends.

The Citizens Band observed Thanksgiving Day by holding a supper at the curling rink which was largely patronized. The evening must have been an enjoyable feature of the evening.

The student remaining at the ladies' college for Thanksgiving Day were entertained at a pleasant little low-even party by Mrs. Borden on Monday evening.

The death occurred at the home of his son, Mr. Lawrence, with whom he resided, of George Lawrence, sr., in the 72nd year of his age. A widow survives, formerly Miss Mary Purdy of West Sackville. One daughter, Mrs. E. E. Lewis, Amherst, and three sons, Arma and George of Sackville, and Harry, who resides in the west. Willard Lawrence of Dorchester is a brother. The funeral on Thanksgiving afternoon was very largely attended. Rev. C. F. Wiggins conducted the services. The pall bearers were Messrs. John Johnson, Stephen Anderson, Thomas Anderson, Frank Phinney. Interment took place in West Sackville Cemetery.

The goose suppers given by the ladies of the Middle Sackville Baptist church on Thursday evening, was a decided success socially and financially. A sale of fancy articles was also carried on. The ladies in charge of the supper were Mrs. Fret, Estabrooks, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. Snowden, with several young lady assistants.

The Curling Club held their annual meeting for the election of officers and re-organization for the winter season on Thursday evening. The new officers are: President, Mayor Pickard; Vice-President, W. R. Rodd; Secretary, Treasurer, Woodford Turner; Chaplain, C. W. Fawcett. Additional members of managing committee are Professor Crowell, Captain Hanson, Thomas Murray, R. C. Williams. An addition of several new members is anticipated.

A much respected resident of Tidnish passed away on Saturday in the person of Mrs. Wesley Chappell at the age of 72 years. She was formerly a Miss Wells of Point du Bute, and is survived by her husband and a large family of sons and daughters. A large number of sorrowing friends assembled on Thanksgiving afternoon, when the funeral was held. Rev. A. E. Chapman of Baie Verte, conducted the services and interment took place at Amherst Head Cemetery.

W. T. Wood, youngest son of Senator Wood, has entered into partnership with G. A. Fawcett. The new firm, Fawcett and Wood, will continue the business carried on by Mr. Fawcett, dealing in potatoes and all kinds of farm produce. Four carloads of potatoes were shipped by this firm from here last week.

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London, Nov. 2.—In the probable event of the Earl of Crewe, at present Lord Privy Seal and Secretary of State for the Colonies, succeeding Viscount Morley, as Secretary of State, for India, the colonial secretaryship may be offered to either Birrell, Harcourt or Seely. Winston Churchill's ambitions in this direction having been nullified by his acceptance of the home secretaryship.

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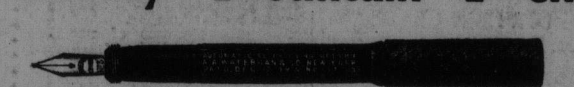
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