

Election or No Election This Year.

Anyone who pays the most cursory attention to passing political incidents must have noticed that in spite of the talk about a party truce the Conservative associations all over the Dominion are nominating candidates, perfecting local organizations, raising funds, and circulating literature at the public expense.

While the Conservative managers are keeping up their election activity, Liberals would be foolish to rest on their laurels. It is to their credit that they are making preparation with preparation and nomination with nomination for the best way now to prevent an election from being held prematurely is to convince the Conservatives that they stand to lose more than they gain by trying to catch Liberals off their guard.

It would be useless to overlook the fact that the revelations of corruption developed by the Manitoba Royal Commission have greatly discouraged the Conservatives of western Canada. The man who is their self-appointed election director, and who boasts of knowing "how to win elections," graduated three years ago from the Conservative organization of Manitoba, which he had under his thumb long before he turned to the Dominion parliament as a sphere of sinister activity.

The War Contract Grifter.

New York is today infected with Canadians, some of whom have lived by their wits. Others lived off the country. A few weeks ago some of these Canadians could not have raised sufficient money to take a box of paper collars out of pawn. Today these persons are unanimously housed in palatial apartments. They are approached with difficulty. Cards are sent in by Canadians soliciting contracts. The amiable, confiding weakness of Sir Robert Borden has allowed a horde of middlemen to thrust themselves in as high-priced intermediaries between European governments that wish to place orders for war supplies and the Canadian manufacturers who wish to fill these orders.

Off in the Silly Night.

Off in the silly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light Of days around me.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Quick Fruit Bread. Mix ingredients for baking powder biscuits, adding three-quarters of a cupful of raisins, and three-quarters of a cupful of seeded raisins. Make into a loaf, brush over the top with brown sugar that has been mixed with a little lard, and bake in a moderate oven for an hour. This may also be made thin enough to drop from a spoon, in which case sprinkle over the top a few chopped nuts and serve hot with honey.

A Plant for Paris.

Mr. Atkins, loquacious, In my 'lyre in the 'ospital In a swanky great and lobbed out With painted 'ellins and gilded walls, And everythin' awful swell, There's velvet curtains an' droopin' 'ellins.

Not Passed by the Censor.

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SUSPECTS CUGHT IN NUMBER CAMP

Officers Foster and Bell Captured Smith and Darrah Without Any Trouble—Both Deny Knowledge of Green's Death.

Woodstock, N. B., June 18—Aaron Green, father of the young man found in the River St. John and identified as his son, Fred Green, left here tonight for his home after swearing out a warrant for Charles Smith and Stephen Darrah, whom he charges with the murder of his son during a fracas on Florenceville bridge early in May.

Chief Kelly and Constable Armstrong went to Florenceville today to make the arrests, but neither Smith or Darrah could be found. It is reported that they are in Odell, on the Tobique, pelling bark. Officer Armstrong went through by train and expects to find his men tomorrow.

Mr. Kinney, who lives near the bridge, says that Green and Smith came to a house that night and asked for a lantern, as Smith had lost his hat. She says Green's face was covered with mud, and when he saw Smith say to her: "If you bother me any more I will kill you." When Smith returned the lantern Darrah was with him. Both were armed with revolvers and kept repeating: "This is awful," and when invited to stay at the house until morning would not do so. They then left and have not been seen in the vicinity since.

Medicinal Plants

To describe, or even to give a list of the five hundred varieties of medicinal plants that grow in the Dominion of New Brunswick, is a more than ordinarily interesting task. The project was undertaken by an exceptional amount of space, Mr. Adams entitles his publication, "Medicinal Plants and Their Cultivation in the Dominion of New Brunswick."

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British Leader Speaks With Emotion to Cavalry Division From Trenches

Anybody with Knowledge of wrongdoing Invited to Give Information or Evidence—Sir Charles Davidson Intimates That the Probing Will Be Deep—Powell Case Up First.

Ottawa, June 18—The opening meeting of Sir Charles Davidson's inquiry under royal commission into army contracts awarded in Canada since the opening of the war was held this morning in the railway committee room of the house of commons, where the public accounts committee last April did its delving with the results already known to the country.

FIELD MARCHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH.

General Headquarters of the British Army in France, via London, June 19—Yesterday, the centennial anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, Field Marshal Sir John French, the British commander, visited a cavalry division not long out of the trenches.

The general stood in the centre of the square before the Tenth Hussars, once his own regiment, and before the famous First Life Guards. As a rule did not make a speech, but spoke as soldier to soldier, hesitating for words at times in his emotion. The men were actually seeing their commander-in-chief who, in the complicated immensity of modern warfare, is only a name to them.

NEW AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL AT SUSSEX OPENS ON JULY 15

Already 250 School Teachers Have Expressed Desire to Take Summer Course—Practical Work Taught.

MSGR. RICHARD, THE FOUNDER OF ROGERSVILLE, DEAD

Priest and Pioneer Will Be Greatly Mourned on North Shore—Held Rank of Domestic Prelate.

After an illness lasting more than a year, the death of a noted priest, Monsignor Marcel S. Richard, domestic prelate, occurred yesterday at his home in Rogersville, Northumberland county (N. B.), and the tidings received at the Bishop's Palace, Waterloo street, yesterday afternoon brought great grief to many friends. The reverend clergyman returned only about a week ago from Quebec, where he had undergone treatment for his ailment. He had spent some time past, though he held up bravely and patiently to the last.

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MONCTON TO ERECT \$50,000 CIVIC BUILDING.

Moncton, June 18—After much discussion the local adherents have come to a decision regarding Moncton's new city and market buildings. Both buildings are to be erected upon the site of the combined city and market building destroyed by fire in February of last year. The estimated cost of the new city building, which will contain the city offices, the public library, board of trade rooms, etc., will be nearly \$50,000. At the rear of the city building the market will be located, and very separating these. At a meeting of the council yesterday afternoon it was decided to engage Albert Sincennes as architect for both structures.

TWO HAMPTON YOUTHS JAILED FOR STEALING.

Hampton, June 17—Two young fellows, who were charged with the theft of a boat, were sentenced to thirty days in the County jail, on Thursday, for stealing and damaging a boat, the property of Harry Brown, a shopkeeper. There has been a lot of rough work by gangs of young fellows at the village for some time, and the property of Harry Brown, a shopkeeper, was damaged by the same fellows who were charged with the theft of a boat.

\$6,000 HALIFAX FIRE.

Halifax, N. S., June 18—Chalmers Reid's mill and wood-working factory was totally destroyed by fire last night, loss \$6,000, no insurance.

WAB CONTRACTS Former St. John Man Wins Commission on the Battlefield

Willie Steele Dragged Harold Gillies from Kennebecasis River in Unconscious State—Hard Work to Resuscitate Him.

Norton, N. B., June 18—A drowning accident was narrowly averted in the Kennebecasis river here today when Harold Gillies, about sixteen years old, would have lost his life had it not been for the plucky efforts of his comrade, Willie Steele.

NEW CHURCH AT WESTFIELD.

Westfield Beach, N. B., June 18—Divine service was held for the first time in the new Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon last, conducted by Rev. Gordon Dickie, B.D., of St. Stephen's church, St. John. The first steps towards the erection of this church were taken at a business meeting held on June 8th, following a service held in the hall on June 28 of last year.

SERGT-MAJOR MCKINNEY, A NATIVE OF THIS CITY, AND A MEMBER OF THE FIRST CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Sergt-Major Daniel J. McKinney was born in this city and later moved to London, Ontario, where his wife now resides. He began his military career as a member of St. James' church Boys' Brigade, and later enlisted in the Mounted Rifles for service in the South African war. He also acted as sergeant-instructor at Halifax (N. S.).

ST. VITUS DANCE IN YOUNG CHILDREN

Can Only Be Cured by Enriching the Blood and Toning Up the Blood.

One of the commonest forms of nervous trouble that afflicts young children is St. Vitus dance. This is because of the great demand made on the body by growth and development, together with the added strain caused by study. It is the result of a deficiency of iron in the blood, and is characterized by spasms of the muscles, tremors, and other nervous symptoms.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Friday, June 18. The annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterian, in St. David's Church, was brought to a close yesterday morning. The session was considered one of the most successful ever held. The major portion of the morning was taken up with the election of officers, as follows:—President, Mr. J. A. McKinnon; Secretary, Mr. J. A. McKinnon; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. McKinnon; Stenographer, Mr. J. A. McKinnon; Deacons, Mr. J. A. McKinnon, Mr. J. A. McKinnon, Mr. J. A. McKinnon.

CHARLOTTE—MRS. M. H. MANUEL, FLORENCEVILLE.

York—Mrs. H. Baird, Fredericton. Queens and Kings—Mrs. David Afton, Sussex. Kent, Westmorland and Albert—Mrs. A. E. McDougall, Moncton. Victoria—Mrs. T. Hort, Arbroath. St. John—Mrs. D. R. Wilcott. The county vice-presidents for mission hands were then chosen as follows:—York—Mrs. M. H. Manuel, Florenceville. Kent, Westmorland and Albert—Mrs. W. G. King, Bouchette. Charlotte—Mrs. Armstrong, Wawig. St. John—Mrs. Joseph Sempie. Miss Cora Sinclair was reappointed deaconess. The newly elected deaconess committee follows:—Messrs. R. A. Jamison, Robert Reed, W. C. Whitaker, J. H. Thomson, J. G. Armstrong, T. Graham, J. H. A. Anderson and Arthur Hanna.

MISS SINCLAIR REPORTED THAT FINANCIAL CONDITIONS WERE ON A PAR WITH LAST YEAR.

Despite the depression all over the country, the total receipts for foreign missions were \$2,400, and for home missions \$1,474.88, making a grand total of \$3,874.88. In addition to this \$2500 was pledged at this morning's session for mission appropriations. Yesterday morning there were several touching addresses by veteran workers, and also motions of appreciation to the retiring officers. The meeting was concluded with the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."