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THE STANDING.

In view of the approaching general elections, the following figures as to the membership of the House of Commons and the Senate, and of the standing of the two political parties in the first-named body, may be of interest. In the last parliament there were 214 seats in the Commons. These were:

Quebec	25
Ontario	86
Nova Scotia	18
New Brunswick	13
Manitoba	10
Northwest Territories	10
British Columbia	7
Prince Edward Island	4
Yukon	1

In the next parliament to be elected there will be 221 members. Saskatchewan will have 10 and Alberta 7, making a total of 17 from the Northwest instead of 10 as heretofore.

In the Senate, Ontario and Quebec have each twenty-four members, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick each ten members, P. E. Island and British Columbia three each, and Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta four each, the total being eighty-six. Three other territories, Keewatin, MacKenzie and Niagara are not represented in Parliament.

The standing of the two parties in the parliament recently dissolved was as follows:

	Lib.	Con.
Quebec	54	11
Ontario	37	49
Nova Scotia	18	0
New Brunswick	7	6
Prince Edward Island	1	3
Manitoba	7	3
British Columbia	7	0
Northwest Territories	8	2
Yukon	0	1
	139	75

MR. PENDER AND THE I. C. R.

On every occasion on which he has spoken in public since his nomination, Mr. James Pender has endeavored to strongly impress upon the electors, that he stands for the protection of the I. C. R. While Mr. Pender is not averse to any fair arangement by which the Canadian Pacific may be permitted to secure haulage rates over the government road, he will strongly oppose such an agreement as has been suggested, under which the big corporation will be enabled to capture a great deal of the traffic now carried by the People's Railway. The Canadian Pacific is a very large purchaser of coal and steel rails. A considerable portion of the I. C. R. business is derived from the companies doing business in Cape Breton and in the Straits counties. If the C. P. R. had absolute running rights over the I. C. R. it could in making purchases of coal and steel rails practically force the Cape Breton companies to hand over to it all of their freight business and by this means shut out the I. C. R. from what is now a comparatively profitable source of revenue. It would through its capable business organization pick up a very large share of the traffic along the line and the result would be increasing deficits on the I. C. R. This latter road has of late, through efficient management, been brought to a paying basis and in the interests of the people of Canada must be kept this way. It is able to quote very low rates on all freight business, and the benefit of this is felt not only by the shippers in the Maritime Provinces, but by all in Upper Canada whose goods pass over the government lines. There is a disposition on the part of Mr. R. L. Borden to cater to the demands of a certain party in Nova Scotia who are demanding that the C. P. R. be permitted to enter Halifax. Mr. Borden will undoubtedly do all in his power, as he has done in the past, to injure the I. C. R. and in the interests of our own people, as well as in the interests of those farther West, it is the duty of all to send to parliament men who will protect the I. C. R., the greatest asset owned in Canada. Mr. Pender is pledged to do his utmost in this respect.

MARITIME OUTLOOK.

The outlook in the Maritime Provinces is for an increased support for the Liberal government after the coming elections. There are in all thirty-five members to be selected—quite a large number when taken together—and it is difficult to find any one county in which the Conservative party can hope to make a gain. Nova Scotia sent to Ottawa in 1904 a solid eighteen. By the use of choice tomatoes and other resources equally familiar, Mr. Borden's friends captured one seat in a by-election. Colchester will return to its old allegiance and the ranks of the Nova Scotians will be unbroken. In Prince Edward Island the Conservatives now hold Prince and Queens Counties, the latter having two members. Dear Lefurgey will have the fight of his life in the western end of the island, Mr. Richards, his opponent, being one of the strongest men in the province. The outlook is that Mr. Lefurgey will not thereafter find it necessary to spend much of his time at Ottawa—unless indeed he and his friends, Messrs. Foster and Fowler arrange another little deal in western lands. In Queens County there has for some time been a steadily growing feeling against having opposition members at Ottawa. The people realize that there is no possibility of the government being defeated and, consequently, will throw their support to Prowse and Warburton, the Liberal nominees. In Kings County Mr. Hughes, the Liberal representative in the last parliament, is now opposed by Mr. Austin Fraser, a young lawyer, who has had some experience in the provincial house, but who has not shown himself to be possessed of any particular ability. Mr. Hughes is safe. Thus the chances are good in favor of four Laurier men from the Island province.

In New Brunswick the situation is readily seen. In no one county are the Conservatives at all confident, and indeed, in several constituencies, including even one or two which they have held in the past, they are practically giving up the fight. Mr. Wilmot is on his last legs politically. Mr. Ganong, influential though he may be in his own county, is forced to admit that the current of public opinion is strongly in favor of the present government. In York the manner in which Mr. Smith was treated by the Hazen government has lost many votes which would otherwise have been cast for Mr. Crocket. All the other counties in the province may be regarded as safe for the Liberals. The closest contests will be in Charlotte and York, and the Liberal nominees there are not afraid of the result. Apparently the provinces of P. E. Island and New Brunswick are preparing to follow the example set by Nova Scotia.

The Standard, the Conservative campaign sheet, made its first appearance this morning. Upon reading it one can only wonder that the editor, Mr. S. D. Scott, is looked upon as a good Methodist.

THE VIOL AND HARP AND THE REEDY BASSOON.

Oh, wondrously wistful and tender the
  somnolent measures
  Played by the viol and harp and the
  reedy bassoon!
I think I could sit in the shadows and
  listen forever
  Wrapt in the spell of the strange and
  enchanting soft tune.

With you, O my dreams, I could linger
  and listen forever,
  Delighted and soothed by the somnolent flow of the tune
That weaves and upbuilds me a tangle
  of magical music
  Poured from the viol and harp and
  the reedy bassoon.

Visions and memories waken that long
  have been sleeping
  Stirred by the viol and harp and the
  reedy bassoon;
Phantoms of flowers and of songs of
  the faraway summers
  Rise at the sound of the haunting
  and eloquent tune.

The sweep and the sway of the plaintive and somnolent measures
  Charm and enchant me and flood all
  my thought with the tune.
As I dreamily sit in the shadow and
  listen delighted
To the song of the viol and harp and
  the reedy bassoon.

JOY NOT UNMIXED.

"Your husband will be all right now," said the doctor to a woman whose husband was dangerously ill.

"What do you mean?" demanded the wife. "You told me 'e couldn't live a fortnight."

"Well, I'm going to cure him, after all," said the doctor. "Surely you are glad?"

The woman wrinkled her brows.

"Puts me in a bit of an 'ole," she said. "I've been an' sold all 'is clothes to pay for 'is funeral.

Shopkeeper.—"Is there anything else I can send you, sir? What would you say to a piece of this cheese?"

Customer.—"I wouldn't care to say anything to it. It might answer me back."

DO YOU —

Believe in human kindness?
Believe in fun and laughter?
Believe that there is a bright side to everything?
Believe that work is the best panacea for most ills — especially those of the mind?
Believe in the hearty handshake of hospitality, comradeship, friendship and love.
Believe in the beauty of flowers, sunsets and mountains; in the music of birds and brooks?
Believe that an ounce of frankness and explanation is worth a pound of repentence and forgiveness?
If not, you should.

"My friends," said a temperance lecturer, lowering his voice to an impressive whisper, "if all the saloons were at the bottom of the sea, what would be the result?"

And the answer came: "Lots of people would get drowned."

SPOON VICTUALS.

A certain well-known Bostonian has been married long enough to have acquired the average man's cynical attitude in respect of the written expressions of devotion indulged in before marriage.

One day the Hubbite was going over with his wife a mass of useless papers that had accumulated in the household. They unearthed several large boxes full of love letters. After a hasty glance at them, the husband said:

"No use keping this junk, I suppose? Here it goes."

The wife was hurt. "Oh, Clarence," exclaimed she, "how can you be so brutal? Surely you don't want to destroy your own love letters to me?"

"Well, keep 'em, if you want 'em," cheerfully assented the husband, "but, honestly, Helen, these seem too soft to file!"

QUARANTINED; ARE DYING OF HUNGER

Supplies are Cut Off When Island is Isolated.

Mad Riot When Soldiers Attempt to Prevent Boat Landing Supplies at Plague Infected Town.

LISBON, Sept. 24.—There has been a resumption in the Azore Islands of the serious rioting that broke out about ten days ago as a result of the anger of the population aroused by the failure of the local authorities to take preventative measures against the bubonic plague.

The people of Horta, on the island of Fayal, which is isolated, because of the plague, are dying of hunger, and when the governor, at the head of a platoon of troops, attempted to prevent the landing of a boat from Pico Island with supplies, the maddened populace, frenzied by their hunger and sufferings, attacked the troops with all sorts of weapons. Many persons on both sides were injured. The government finally yielded and there was a scene of wild revelry when the supplies finally reached the excited people.

The plague on the island is increasing in intensity and heart-rending tales are told of the misery, privation and death.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

HAND SHAKING.

Half crazed George Francis Train used to shake hands with himself when he met you. I forgot what he told me was the reason, microbes or magnetism, when I stood before him feeling foolish with my half extended hand, and he vigorously shaking his own.

I can't remember where the fashion started, or who was the first to shake hands. It was very likely a politician pugilist or clergyman. They are all past masters in the art of handshaking.

Speaking of politicians, the number of microbes that will be exchanged by hand shaking during the next election will be past counting. The hands of some part of the electorate are not spotlessly clean, and some of the would-be elected, or their heelers, do not wash their hands from all taint.

Pugilists shake hands before they commence to pommell each other. Politicians shake hand with you just before they put their hands in your pockets. Preachers shake hands with you just before, and after, they tell you what poor miserable sinners you are.

Hand shaking is a revealer of character. There are people with whom you never want to shake hands with again. They are the flobby handed kind. Their hands are cold and there is no character in them. You drop them quivkly as if by mistake you had touched a snake or toad, or the hand of the dead.

Others have the pump handled shake. Their hands are big and strong, and they squeeze your fingers until they ache, not because they love you so much, but they remind you of a bulldog grabbing a bone.

But there is another kind that is worse than all the others put together. It is very much affected by young girls, who go away to factories for a few months and bring it back home with them. It is quite contagious and a number of others have caught it.

It can be performed on the street or in a room, but to get the best results the performers should stand on stools or steps, and extend their hands as far above their heads as they can, then touch (not grasp) each others hands then drop them.

If you ask me what it means I cannot tell you. It is not a hand shake or even grasp. It means—it means—that two affected people who want to do the correct thing, have met and parted, and have told in pantomie that they were both taught by the same fool dancing professor how not to shake nands.

Thaddeus

Charles Morrissy of Newcastle, son of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, was in the city yesterday on his return from a trip to the States.

F. C. Ebbett and T. S. Peters of Gagetown are registered at the Victoria.

Scott D. Guptill of Grand Manan is at the Victoria.

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MORE FREEDOM FOR NEW SULTAN

Demand in Germany's Reply to Franco-Spanish Note.

All Steps Must be in Accordance With Moroccan Law — Financial Considerations.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Germany's reply to the Franco-Spanish note regarding Morocco does not oppose the demand made by France and Spain that Mulai Hafid accept the Algeciras convention, nor does it oppose the steps taken to apply that convention, but it makes it a condition that the steps must be in accordance with the Moroccan law. It agrees that Mulai Hafid ought to recognize his predecessor's undertakings with the powers and individuals, but none of the undertakings with individuals, no debts should be regarded as binding unless contracted in accordance with the Algeciras convention.

Germany requires that Mulai Hafid be allowed some freedom of action so that anti-foreign feeling among the Mussulmans shall not be provoken. It does not dispute the repayment to France and Spain of their military expenditures, and compensation for the murder of citizens of those countries, but it hopes the powers will consider in connection with these claims Morocco's financial position, the improvement of which is important to all the powers.

The note approves of bringing pressure on Mulai Hafid to procure suitable treatment for ex-Sultan Abdul Aziz and his suite.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A correspondent of the Standard, who has had an interview at Fez with Mulai Hafid, the new sultan of Morocco, was impressed with his vigor and keenness. He says that Mulai Hafid is one of the busiest men in the world, and he exacts hard work from all his followers and employes. The sultan dictated a statement to the correspondent, saying, among other things, that but for unfair and unnecessary foreign interference, there never would have been any disorder. He added: Morocco was willing to abide by the Algeciras act or to meet another conference of the powers, but whatever act was adopted, must be mutually respected. Morocco did not wish to exclude European interests or commerce. It was undeniable that the development of Morocco would benefit the natives, equally with the foreigners. Therefore, I welcome foreign assistance in developing the country. I do not begrudge those asisting in the development their share of the benefits, but I will never tolerate foreign rulers."

CLEVELAND MAY NOT HAVE WRITTEN FAMOUS LETTER

New York Times Defends Article in Which Former President is Said to Have Favored Taft.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Times will print tomorrow a letter which it received from S. S. Hastings, executor of the estate of the late Grover Cleveland, in which the writer questions the authenticity of a political article purporting to have been prepared and signed by the former president and which was published by the Times after his death.

The article in question which the Times explains it had purchased of a magazine writer, made Mr. Cleveland compare Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan as presidential candidates to the disadvantage of the latter.

"The publication of the article over Mr. Cleveland's signature caused wide comment and not a little discussion as to its authenticity. Mr. Cleveland, at the time, was quoted as saying: "I do not believe it as genuine."

The Times will also publish tomorrow letters from the man from whom the article was purchased and early communications from Mr. Hastings in which the publishers were assured of the genuineness of the matter attributed to Mr. Cleveland.

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Little progress has been made in cleaning the court yards of tenements, the factory districts, the slums and other breeding centres of the disease, and the necessary conditions exist for a renewal of the epidemic in the spring. Should this occur the extent of the westward progress of the disease through Europe is problematical, but it may sweep down to the Russian frontier to the neighboring regions of Germany and Austria and from the coast towns menace the ports of northern Europe.

A visit today to the Preodrajeck cemetery, where most of the victims are being interred, disclosed the fact that the burial squads still are unable to keep pace with the number of dead removed there. The cemetery is a low-lying tract near the river above the city and is reached by the railroad. Mortuary trains, which run there twice daily, convey an average of over 150 bodies for burial.

In a shed near the entrance to the cemetery were found about 150 coffins, piled in a confused heap, some of them, according to the statements of attendants, having been waiting burial for a week. Many of the coffins were without visible marks of identification. The odor in the sheds was almost unbearable.

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ANOTHER HUNTER KILLED IN THE MAINE WOODS

Shell Exploded and Charge Entered His Back—Brother Seriously Injured While Going for Help.

SANFORD, Me., Sept. 25.—While returning from a hunting trip with his brothers, Raymond and Seth Chambers, Ralph, the 21 year old son of James E. Downs, was accidentally shot and killed today by Seth Chambers. The three stopped on their way home to shoot at a target. Ralph had fired and handed the rifle over to Chambers. As the latter was loading the rifle, the shell exploded, the charge entering Ralph's back. His brother, Raymond, in hurrying for help was thrown from a wagon and sustained many painful and possibly serious hurts. Ralph was alive when physicians reached him, but died this evening. The selectmen held a special meeting tonight to consider the shooting, but no action resulted from it. Chambers, who is 28 years old, was not arrested.

CONNECTION WITH TRUST CAUSED HIS RESIGNATION

Republicans Could Not Stand for Officer Who Stood in With the Powder Trust.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25—It is understood that the case of T. Coleman Dupont, of Dekaware, announcement of whose resignation as director of the Speaker's Bureau of the Republican National committee was announced today, was discussed at today's cabinet meeting. It was said that the president wrote a letter to Chairman Hitchcock suggesting that Mr. Dupont's connection with the so-called powder trust made him unsuitable for official connection with the committee, but Secretary Loeb tonight declined to either affirm or deny the report.

THAW GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT

Judge So Decides Because Harry Did Not Appear in Bankruptcy Case.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 25—An order of Judge Archibald, of Scranton, Pa., adjudging Harry Thaw in contempt of court, was filed in the United States district court here today by Counsel for Roger Omara, the trustee of Thaw's estate. The order decrees that a warrant be issued to the United States marshal directing him to apprehend Thaw and bring him here to answer in the premises and further be dealt with according to law.

The warrant directing that Thaw be brought into court was signed this afternoon and given to United States Marshal Stephen P. Stone. Marshal Stone said that he had no right to serve a warrant outside the western district of Pennsylvania, and to the best of his knowledge Thaw was not in his jurisdiction.

W. A. Stewart arrived on the C. P. R. at noon yesterday.

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