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THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

It did not require the review of the figures of civic elections in St. John for the last eight years. As one striking illustration of the decline in public interest it may be noted that at the primary elections in 1912 there were 5,926 votes cast, and in 1918 only a little more than 3,000, or about forty per cent of the number qualified. Turning to the final for each election year for eight years we find the following record:

McLellan	1912	3,950
Schofield		3,704
Wigmore		2,929
Agar		2,995
Agar	1914	3,008
Fisher		2,915
Russell		2,860
Wigmore		2,288
Potts		3,098
DeForest		2,114
Fisher	1916	1,187
Sharpe		3,022
McLellan		4,127
Surge		2,185
Bullock	1918	2,655
Hiday		2,622
Thornton		2,400
Frink		2,400

It will be interesting to learn how many voters will turn out at the primary this year, when there are so many candidates in the field. It is remarked after one of the previous elections that the confidence of the friends of one candidate that he would be in the final caused them to refrain from voting at the primaries and he was defeated. This year's vote will of course be very much divided up, and it will be more important that therefore be to the polls at the primary as well as the final election.

There is the usual crop of rumors regarding the influences behind this or that candidate, and the stories told in the telling. They may all be disregarded by the intelligent voter, who will have no difficulty in selecting men in whom he has confidence, and who will also be wise enough to know that in an election campaign every candidate is more or less a target for those who very much desire the election of another man, and are not too scrupulous as to their methods of campaign. The thing to do is to select candidates and support them, so that the result will be a forty or fifty per cent vote for the elector. The will of the whole electorate. The campaign will be brief and good-natured, but it should be participated in by all the people. A little consideration of civic affairs once in two years is not too much to ask, and a majority of the next council is to be chosen. It is really a matter of importance to every citizen. The Christian Science Monitor, discussing the state of civic affairs in Boston, makes these pertinent and timely observations: "One of the charges made against government ownership, from time immemorial, has been that the employees under this arrangement have drifted, or hastened, as the case might be, into a state of inertia, and as far away from 100 per cent efficiency as it was possible to go and still feed at the public crib. While much fine talk has been wasted on this subject, little action has been taken, but the increase in taxes in Boston led to steps for the formation of an organization for the purpose of seeing if surplus municipal employees cannot be weeded out to something nearer 100 per cent efficiency. This circumstance affords some reason for the need for people to take more interest in their own affairs. When they do so, conditions generally will no doubt correspondingly improve."

VOICE FROM HAWAII.

From the Hawaii Tourist Bureau comes to the Times some literature that makes one desire to follow Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson and Jack London to the "islands of tranquil delight." "Come to Hawaii," it says, "the land of perpetual sunshine and flowers, the world's playground. The door is always open, and over its lintel is 'Aloha' which means welcome. All are given cordial greeting on the summer shores of the Evening Isles."

The particular purpose of this communication is to direct attention to Hawaii's share in the coming Olympic games in Belgium, and there is enclosed a copy of the sporting page of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, which is given up entirely to pictures of possible Hawaiian participants in the swimming contests. We learn with surprise that one Hawaiian swimmer holds the world's record for 50 and 100 yards, and another for the 440 yards; while there are others who have made remarkable records, including a group of girls who exploit it them for the Olympic contests. This is explained by the fact that swimming surpasses all other sports among the Hawaiians. They expect to win against the world in the girls' classes at the Olympiad, and also capture some of the men's events. It will be interesting to follow the fortunes of the representatives of the little Pacific islands.

The keen Irish sense of humor is revealed by the pickets in Washington who go up in airplanes over the British Embassy and challenge the police below to arrest them. The exhibition, however, is all they will get out of it.

A GOOD RECORD.

It did not require the able speech of Hon. Mr. Tweeddale to convince the people of New Brunswick that his department is conducted along progressive lines with excellent results, for those results are a matter of common knowledge, especially in regard to sheep-raising, dairying, increase in live-stock, orchard development and greater crop production. It was worth while, however, for Mr. Tweeddale to review the record and make some comparisons. A department cannot make good farmers out of poor ones, but can stimulate, encourage and assist those who have the capacity for better work, develop on one hand the spirit of emulation and on the other that of co-operation, and in very many ways contribute to the introduction of better methods and a more advanced general policy of agriculture and stock-raising. This the department has done, and the results are shown by the figures Mr. Tweeddale is able to quote. He is an indefatigable worker, and is possessed of a practical knowledge to which each year's experience adds materially, and the province has derived great benefit from the efforts he has put forth for the improvement of livestock, the development of the cheese industry, the marketing of orchard products, poultry-raising, bee culture, and all other branches of farm work.

Judge Mott, of the Toronto Juvenile court, in a recent address, pointed out that until about a dozen years ago a child under sixteen who transgressed a law was regarded as a criminal. There is now an entirely different point of view, and the juvenile court treats the child as a delinquent to be saved for good citizenship. Hence in the Toronto Juvenile court there have been introduced a psychiatry department and a probation department, and the juvenile court stands ready to assist the social service department to make Toronto the clean place it ought to be, where boys and girls will have a fair chance to make good. St. John is still without a juvenile court.

In appealing for financial support in England for the League of Nations the leaders of all parties join in this striking assertion:—"If the British people do not support the League of Nations with all their might and resources, it will assuredly wither and die; and if the League should die, God help our children, for no human agency can save them from calamity to which those of the late war will appear as the merest trifle." One would think such a very grave statement over the signature of men like Earl Grey, Lloyd George, Admiral Beatty, Mr. Asquith, Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Clynes would arouse some interest in the United States.

Canada's war expenditure this year is estimated at \$350,000,000. Last year it was \$446,519,438. It is coming down rather slowly. This year's total exceeds that of any of the years of the war, the heavy bill for 1919 being due to demobilization. Apart from war expenditure the accounts for the year are expected to balance fairly well, but the financial statement reveals the grave necessity for keeping expenditures within reasonable limits. Interest charges alone this year will call for \$105,000,000.

The London Times heartily endorses the action of France in sending troops into the neutral zone, and expresses the view that if British assistance should be needed it will be given. The Times makes one remark which shows that it appreciates the situation in the United States when it says that country is reverting more and more to her old attitude of isolation, "until, at any rate, the elections are over."

NEWSPAPERS RAISE PRICE

Los Angeles, April 7.—Publishers here announced yesterday that the price of morning papers would be advanced on May 1 from three to five cents and two afternoon papers from two to three cents, while a third afternoon paper, now selling for one cent, would advance to two cents.

TOY BALLOON CAUSES THE DEATH OF A BOY

New York, April 7.—A two-cent toy balloon caused the death of five-year-old Pappy Doyne at his parents' home, 300 Rockway avenue. The child put the balloon in his mouth to inflate it, but drew in his breath instead and it choked him.

LAZIEST MAN ADMITS IT.

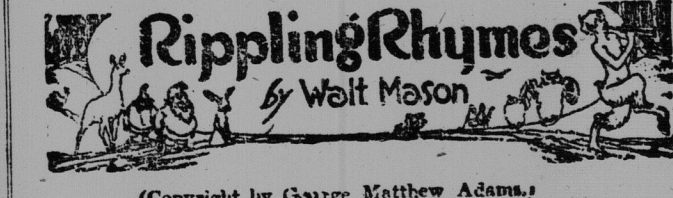
London, April 7.—A "very lazy man" advertises as follows: "Absolute horror of work of any description; lives for sport; but unconsciously hard up, owing late lamented wife, seeks means to live comfortably and comparatively luxuriously with minimum exertion. Any suggestions?"

Craze for Champagne.

Brussels, Belgium, April 7.—In moving that the tax on drinking bars and all night restaurants be made higher Deputy Premier said that at the bars money flowed like water, at one bar \$1,000 being spent for champagne in a night.

To End Picketing.

Washington, April 7.—The federal government moved yesterday to put an end to picketing of British embassy by women sympathizers with Irish republic. Two women were arrested but were later released.



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SPRING MUSIC.

I like to sing of balmy Spring, the season most inspiring; my harp I swat and keep it hot, until it needs new wiring. I like to praise the woodland ways where we will soon be roaming, and shady nooks and babbling brooks with cascades brightly foaming. No gent, I wist, can well resist the Spring, with all its glories, unless he's old, with blood so cold it gives him katemammer. When I'm so chilled, my heart so filled with wintry slush and water, that I don't sing to welcome Spring, then lead me to the slaughter. My eyes are weak, my hinges creak, I bend young as ever. And so I prance and whoop and dance, when Spring comes up the valley; and if a cop should bid me stop, I chase him down an alley. The winter's frown, the coal men's groan, and idle is the plumb-erry, the birds and bees and lugs, and fleas have come to spend the summer. The vernal rain has come again, a resurrection bringing, so let us sing a song of Spring and chortle while we're singing.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

ominous Happenings of Other Days

D'ARCY MCGEE MURDERED. D'Arcy McGee assassinated! This was the stunning message that flashed through all Canada on the early morning of April 7, 1888. The great Irishman, just entering his real greatness, had been busy all evening in a late session of the parliament. Then he strolled home to his Fenian named Whelan tracked the unsuspecting statesman to his door and shot him down. It was apparent that the debt that he owed the Irish rebels since the revolt in Dublin in 1848 was being paid for in the tragedy. He had repudiated in later life the views of the Fenian body and death was the price he had to pay. He had reached the door of his home and was just about to enter when a shot broke the stillness of the night. A bleeding form fell to the earth. In a few minutes one of the greatest Irishmen who had ever played a part in the affairs of Canada lay dead. Followed by a procession numbering tens of thousands the body of the brilliant Irishman was borne to rest just within the gates of Cote des Neiges cemetery, Montreal, a few days later. Many of his fellow Irishmen were present to pay their last tribute to the man who had died by the assassin's bullet. McGee was a poet and some of his verses are found in the public school readers of Canada who he would have been proud to read. "The Return of Jacques Cartier?"

"He told them of the frozen sea, until they thrilled with fear, 'And piled fresh fuel upon the hearth to make him better cheer.'"

He was one of the brightest and most brilliant lights that ever shone in the Canadian parliament.

I HAVE SEEN DAWN AND SUNSET

I have seen dawn and sunset on moors and windy hills. I have seen the sun like slow old tines of Spain; I have seen the lady April bringing the driftings of the spring grass and the soft warm April rain. I have heard the song of the blossoms and the old chant of the sea. And seen strange lands from the arch of white clouds of ships. —John Masfield.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Lost a Husband. "Maud is a victim of the stock market." "You don't mean to say she speculates?" "No, but her fiancé did, and the engagement is broken."

Collecting Antiques.

Doris—Yes, she was furious about the way in which the newspaper reported her marriage. Maggie—Why, did it allude to her age? Doris—Indirectly. It stated that after the wedding Mr. York was married, the latter being a well-known collector of antiques.—London Ideas.

Advice From the Front Row.

Queen methods of earning a living frequently come to light in the press and elsewhere. A gentleman, grave mannered and well dressed, was paid by the proprietor of a well known Parisian theatre to sit every night in one of the most exclusive boxes of the theatre and the name of the play running there at the time, with an injunction to "see it at once"—Times.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

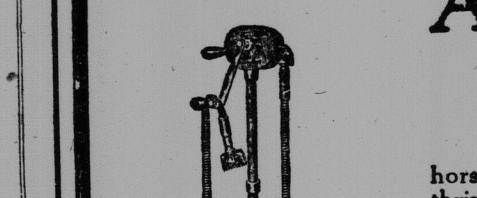
Following the opening of the social season by the Knights of Columbus on Easter Monday with a ball in their rooms in Colburn street, another successful event took place last evening there when the Westfield Outing Association conducted an assembly at which there were about 250 guests. Music was by Jones' orchestra and a fine programme of dances was given. The guests were greeted by D. W. Ledingham, president of the club, and Mrs. Ledingham. Mrs. H. A. McKown and Mrs. H. F. Rankine had charge of the dining room, while the tables were presided over by Messdames S. S. McAvity, Allan Rankine and George L. Warwick. The ices were cut by Messdames D. W. Ledingham, H. W. Ledingham, P. D. McAvity, and F. S. Robertson, and the punch was in charge of Miss Gertrude Fleming, assisted by the Misses Kathleen Keefe and Nora Thompson. The dance was managed by the following committee, which deserves much credit for its success: Messdames F. N. Robertson, P. D. McAvity, Kenneth Creighton, the Misses Margaret Moore, Gertrude Fleming, Margaret Patterson, Ellen Keefe, Messrs. C. H. McDonald, Balfe Patterson, T. A. McAvity, Creighton, Arthur Rankine, and Bayard Coster.

Round World by Plane.

London, Eng., April 7.—Sir Ross Smith, who flew from London to Australia, intends to consider the practicability of a flight around the world. He thinks it could be accomplished in seventy days.

Millions of Eggs.

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VAUDEVILLE HITS AT OPERA HOUSE

With the Five Musical McLarens as a feature attraction the new bill in the Opera House last night scored a decided hit. The theatre was crowded at both performances and the audiences apparently thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the programme. The programme was good, and the participants were well rewarded. Special mention should be made of the Five McLarens. They have one of the most entertaining offerings ever looked on this circuit, and every member is a talented musician. They are all clever performers on cornets, trombones and euphoniums; one young lady a real good piano player, and another skilled on the xylophone and banjo. In addition they give a demonstration of clog dancing, which can compare favorably with any presented in this house for some time.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS' AND SONS' ANNUAL

At the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the King's Daughters and Sons in the Guild rooms, Mrs. A. P. Crockett presided. Many matters of interest were dealt with. The largest financial balance in the history of the society was shown in the report of the treasurer, Mrs. George Dishauf. Mrs. R. A. MacLaughlin reported for the hospital committee, Mrs. G. A. Henderson for the Associated Charities, Mrs. D. W. Puddington for the Ladies' Aid, and Mrs. W. A. Nice as secretary. The latter's report was most complete and covered activities for the last year. Mrs. John Foster gave the house committee report. Miss L. E. MacLaughlin reported upon hospital visits. Mrs. J. J. Gordon reported for the Opportunity Circle. Mrs. Edith Stevens for the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. John LeClair for the Comfort Circle. Mrs. G. A. Teed for the Good Cheer Circle and Mrs. Frank McArthur for the In-His-Name Circle. The retirement of Mrs. Crockett from

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presented the gavel and block that the In His Name Circle gave as a memento of its first anniversary. Mrs. Crockett accepted both in neatly worded speeches. The members of the executive elected last night were: Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Mrs. E. Stevens, Mrs. J. LeClair, Mrs. W. H. Nice, Mrs. George Dishauf, Mrs. Walter Gidding. Members elected for two years are Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. George Henderson, Mrs. Arthur Kirkpatrick, Mrs. W. J. Bingham, Mrs. R. E. Plimpton, Mrs. Fred MacDuff, for one year, Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. R. A. MacLaughlin, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. R. A. Sinclair, Mrs. D. W. Puddington, Mrs. A. E. Cunard and Miss Lillie Pritchard.

London hedges from Cairo of grave rumors about the situation in Palestine.

EUROPEAN WOMEN EAGERLY AWAIT U. S. TOURISTS

Paris, France, April 7.—Many dangers threaten the American tourist when he visits Europe this summer, the principal one being the man hunt. Millions of European women are left husbandless by the war and plan to seek their mates among the tourists to come. They are hoping that the number of bachelors among the tourists will be a large one.

HALIFAX TO ADD 50 TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S., April 7.—The Halifax city council yesterday decided upon a two station system for the fire department. This means an addition of fifty men to the department and will cost the city \$71,000.

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