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THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

December 11th is the date fixed for the Provincial elections in the Province of Ontario. Sir James Whitney has issued his manifesto to the people of the Province setting forth the various things the Government has accomplished during the seven years it has been in power. The list is a lengthy one. Much has been done to place Ontario in a foremost position among the Provinces of Canada during the administration of Sir James and his colleagues. The Government has been progressive, and has added greatly to the wealth of the Province by the development of its northern resources in New Ontario, where great mineral wealth has been discovered. The value of the mines of Northern Ontario to the Province is shown by the statement that in 1904 the mineral output was something over \$11,000,000, while in 1910 it was more than \$39,000,000. The revenue from mining sources has increased during the period from \$70,000 per annum to an average of over \$771,000, a ten-fold increase. The revenue of every department has increased and the expenditures for education and agriculture have been on a more liberal scale than in any other Province in Canada.

In opening up New Ontario the Whitney Government has constructed a railway over 250 miles in length and has made surveys for further extension as far north as James Bay, in case it is decided to continue the line to that point. In relation to the management of this railway, it is stated by Sir James in his manifesto, that an arrangement has been entered into with the Grand Trunk Railway for running rights for its trains over the line, in consideration of which the company assumes an equitable share of the general maintenance of the road and pays the sum of \$200,000 per annum as rental for such running rights, this sum representing one-half of the interest on the total cost of constructing the railway.

Another great accomplishment of the Government of Ontario has been the utilization and development of electric power, which has been brought within the reach of farmers and other residents in villages and rural districts, as well as the towns and cities of Western Ontario. The scheme is one of the greatest ever attempted by a Provincial Government in Canada, and has been carried forward almost to completion. The tremendous influence of private corporations against it. The object of the scheme is to furnish the people of the Province with electrical power at cost.

The reason given by Sir James for his appeal to the people at the present time, is that there are already eleven vacancies in the Legislature and the change of Government at Ottawa renders necessary certain changes in the general policy of the Provincial Government which, it carried out will necessitate provincial legislation of an important character. The Laurier Administration made it part of its policy to subsidize all new railways in Northern Ontario to the extent of \$6,400 a mile, but steadily refused to grant a similar subsidy to the Ontario Government Railway, although constantly urged to do so. A large amount of money has also been spent by the Government of Ontario in the construction of colonization roads in the new territory. It is part of Mr. Borden's platform to grant assistance to the Provincial Governments for the construction of permanent highways, and Sir James thinks it desirable that the Provincial and Federal Governments should act in unison.

The principal points on which the appeal to the people is to be made are the advisability of further provincial appropriations to any scheme of development by reason of the financial aid to be given by the Dominion Government, and whether the Government of the Province shall continue to urge upon the Dominion Government the payment of the subsidy to the Ontario Government Railway, and whether a department of the Government shall be organized with a Cabinet Minister at its head to take over the work of the Hydro-electric Power Co. Commission.

From this general statement it will be seen that the issues proposed by Sir James are purely of a provincial character and are not mixed with the important issues settled by the elections of September 21. The Liberals of Ontario have discarded Mr. Mackay, their former provincial leader and chosen Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., of Toronto, but their case is hopeless.

HONORING MR. FLEMMING.

The friends and admirers of Premier Fleming are to honor him with a banquet at Woodstock on Friday. The day could perhaps have been more happily chosen, but this little will not mar the proceedings at the elite town of Carleton county which Mr. Fleming has so ably represented in the Legislature of this Province for several years past. Premier Fleming is the first representative of Carleton who has attained the high honor of First Minister of the Province, and it is fitting therefore that the people of that county should extend their hearty congratulations to him.

While he was in opposition Mr. Fleming proved himself a valuable member of the House of Assembly. His criticisms of the financial management of the old Government showed that he understood the weakness of the methods then pursued and which have proved so costly to the Provincial treasury. In his administration of the office of Provincial Secretary he developed an organizing power which had not previously been credited to him, and his oversight of the expenditures showed that he was possessed of a genuine desire to get full value for every dollar spent. Following the reckless management of the finances of the Province by his predecessors, Mr. Fleming had a rather difficult position to face, but he took up the burden like a man and brought order out of chaos. This in itself was an important achievement. While he was Provincial Secretary the funds at his disposal were greater than ever before in the history of the Province and the increase was due to the honest administration of the Crown hands.

Mr. Fleming was also able to finance Minister of the Province to float a loan on the London market on very favorable terms. This burden of debt was not created by the Hazen Administration but was the result of the misadministration of the Government defeated in 1908. It has also devolved upon Mr. Fleming to work out that portion of the Government policy which has reduced the cost of school books to the people by at least fifty per cent. Every head of a family benefits by this reduction, which up to the present time has cost the Province a very small sum in actual cash.

As Premier, Mr. Fleming will be called upon to solve the St. John Valley Railway question, a matter which has been before the people in one form or another for over half a century. The Hazen Administration was the first to make the Valley Railway a possibility and

from present indications the Fleming Administration will make it a fact, with the assistance of the Government at Ottawa. There are other important matters touching the development of the Province which will require to be acted upon immediately. Perhaps the most important of these is the further development of the coal areas of Sunbury and Queens. This matter also engaged the attention of the Hazen Government. Mr. Fleming and his colleagues will be called upon to bring about the construction of a railway from Gibson to Minto which will open up the coal areas to the whole Province, and which cannot fail to bring about a large increase in the population and wealth of the two inland counties chiefly concerned.

Another measure which is well advanced and which is of great local importance, is the replacing of the Suspension Bridge at this city by one of more modern and stronger construction. The building of the old bridge was one of the great events of a little more than half a century ago. At that time it was one of the most important structures of its kind on the whole continent of America, but fifty years have wrought many changes and the great bridge which was a monument to the energy of its promoter, the late Mr. W. K. Reynolds, has outlived its usefulness and must give place to a new structure capable of bearing the additional strain imposed by modern transportation methods.

The banquet tomorrow night at Woodstock will afford an opportunity for many to hear testimony to the energy and ability of Premier Fleming as well as to the success which has followed his political career.

AN OVERDONE BUILDING CRAZE.

The enormous development of New York City during the last ten years has been so amazing as to excite the wonder of the world. Nothing like it has been known in any age. A conspicuous part of this development has been the construction of vast office buildings and apartment houses. A few years ago this movement became practically a craze on the part of speculators, banks and insurance companies.

But a halt has come. The huge investments in expensive apartment houses and office buildings have been overdone. An officer of one of the leading insurance companies is quoted as saying: "We have shut down tight on giving loans for new apartments." Another authority asserts that apartment houses generally throughout the metropolis are not so well rented as a healthy market would warrant. In many of these structures the minimum rental of apartments is \$3,000 yearly, and as there is a scarcity of cheaper apartments many families are forced to go to the country. According to the New York World there is probably no city in the world where so large a proportion of income is needed for rent as in New York.

The New York Times is authority for the statement that the officers of the title guarantee companies and nearly all large operators admit that office building, especially in the lower part of the city, has been overdone. A great many vacancies in both old and new buildings are reported. But with the inflow of population and the greater inflow of wealth incident to the increasing volume of business, the demand for apartments and offices may not long be less than the supply. In every prosperous community the evening process is always at work.

Current Comment

(Kennebec Journal.)

Washington County's blueberry crop has netted this year a revenue of more than \$1,000,000, according to State Horticulturist Albert K. Gardner of Rockland. This industry was started but a few years ago in that county and the yield this year is the largest yet obtained there. One grower realized \$75 from a few bushes which he set out in his orchard as a "side issue." A man near Cherryfield is said to have reaped blueberries from the vines, just as cranberries are gathered. It is stated that fabulous prices are paid for rental of blueberry lands and blueberry factories and the canning factories are still running.

(New York Sun.)

The French Journal Excelsior has discovered the happiest community in the world. It is the Bavarian town of Klingenberg on the Main. Not only are the citizens of this fortunate town free from all burden of taxation, but the municipality pays them a yearly salary of \$75, the per capita dividend earned by the municipal mine, to which is due all the prosperity of this town.

(Winnipeg Telegram.)

If it is a sorrowful thing to see so rich a Province as Prince Edward losing its population, it may well be a source of local pride that natives of the island have taken so large a part in the higher activities of other Provinces. The smallest Province has far more than its proportionate share of the leaders of thought and men of action throughout the Dominion.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Saskatoon was not satisfied with the Dominion census and has taken another one. In every instance the names of the people taken have been written down and sworn to, with the result that the population of the city has been shown to be several thousand greater than the Government enumerators set it down at.

(Hamilton Herald.)

Considering that a black man holds the world's pugilistic championship and that the star pitcher in the games for the baseball championship was a red man, the "white man's burden" would seem to be the task of holding his own with his colored brethren in the field of athletics.

(Chicago Record Herald.)

Hon. "Kid" McCoy is about to lead a wealthy widow to the altar. It will be the eighth time that the Hon. "Kid" has during the past thirteen years led a lady to the altar. Life with Mr. McCoy is "just one dinged honeymoon after another."

(Kingston Whig.)

Free dentistry is discussed in some places—in connection with the schools. That is the next reform. Most of the children have bad teeth. They want treatment which they will only get in some cases when the school boards provide it.

(Calgary Herald.)

In eighteen months of office the Sifton Government is unable to show one good thing accomplished for Alberta or one piece of progressive legislation introduced.

(Charleston News and Courier.)

An Oklahoma man has succeeded in getting a divorce because his wife did not speak to him for twelve months. Where is she?

(Athol Globe.)

Only a few people can follow the lines of least resistance and obey the alarm clock at the same time.

(Vancouver World.)

Doctors are more gallant than barristers. Women may practice medicine but not law in British Columbia.

THE SACKVILLE NEWS LETTER

Mt. Allison will Appoint Rhodes Scholar for New Brunswick This Year — Applications Close Nov. 18th.

Sackville, Oct. 30.—A musical under the auspices of the Educational Committee of the Women's Civic Council, was held in the Assembly hall of the High school on Tuesday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with bunting and potted plants and presented an attractive appearance. Mrs. A. H. McCready presided. Vocal solos by Misses Johnson and James were highly appreciated. Short sketches of the lives of Mendelssohn and Liszt were read by Misses Lewis and Ayer. Gilbert Allen, an esteemed instrumental duet, by Little Masters Steadman, which were pleasing numbers. Miss Desbarres was accompanied by the evening. A neat sum of money was realized which will be used by the committee in the purchase of school prizes.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William McLeod, at Port Elgin, was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Thursday evening, when they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were presented with a handsome silver tea service as a memento of the occasion and numbers of good wishes were bestowed on them by their many friends present.

Mrs. E. J. Allen and daughter, Miss Wells, left this week to spend the winter in California for the benefit of Miss Wells' health. Mrs. Allen and her son, Douglas, have gone to New Orleans, where they will spend the winter. Captain Wells sails from this port.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLeod, of Port Elgin, passed away at his residence, Bayville, on Wednesday, after a short illness. Death was due to heart failure. He was 78 years of age. He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Hayward of Danish, three sons, Silver and Gilbert, of Pugwash, Frank of Bayville, and five daughters, Mrs. George Allen and Mrs. Fred Allen of Bayville, Mrs. Henry McLeod of Boston, Miss Hester, of Providence, R. I., and Miss Mary at home.

The Rhodes scholar for New Brunswick in 1912, is to be appointed from Mount Allison students, and the University is calling for applications on or before November 15, 1911. The students are enjoying the Thanksgiving holidays and the few students remaining are enjoying themselves in different parts of the country. Many students were pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Dora Hewson, Amherst, on Saturday. Ladies' college teachers and officers were at home to their friends on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The fourth concert will be given in Fawcett hall on Friday evening next.

Miss Bertha Dixon who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. (Dr.) Copp, for some months, left on Monday for her home in Ovella, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Fawcett are in Cavendish.

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receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.
Rev. E. Estall, a recent pastor of Middle Sackville Baptist church, has received and accepted a call to First Baptist church, Valois, New York.

Colonel Harper has taken possession this week of the cottage recently occupied by F. B. Black. Mr. Black and family have moved into the old home, stand of his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Black.

A fine young moose received its death blow on Friday, being struck by a passing train. The animal was dressed by Messrs. Thomas and Hastings and divided between them.

The marriage of Harry Kaye of Sackville and Miss Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wannamaker, Nainville, took place at the home of the bride on Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Appell of St. John officiating.

A successful musical and literary entertainment was held in Hickman's Hall, Dorchester, under the auspices of Trinity church, on Monday evening. The programme included choruses, readings by Miss Muriel Chapman and R. W. Hewson, vocal solos by Mrs. P. Dimock and Miss Kathleen Hewson, and instrumental duets, by Mrs. McGrath, and several pleasing selections from the Dorchester orchestra.

The Methodist church, Dorchester, was the scene of a pretty wedding at noon on Wednesday. The principals were Miss Alice, daughter of Rev. Jas. Crisp, and C. H. Morse and the date. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. She was prettily gowned in green silk and carried a bouquet of roses. Among the guests at the paragon were many friends from a distance. A large number of valuable gifts were received. After the wedding trip to Nova Scotia towns they will reside in Cavendish.

A loss to the town of Amherst came last week in the sudden death of Dr. C. J. Morse at the age of 71 years. Deceased was the son of the late Hon. James Morse, of the legislative council, Halifax. The last three years he has been the efficient medical officer for Cumberland county and has practiced his profession in Amherst for nearly 40 years. A widow survives, together with one son, Beatmont, of Vancouver, and two daughters, Dorothy, of Montreal and Isabel at home. Dr. Morse was brother of deceased.

John W. McKenzie aged 58 years, deceased, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bugley, Amherst, on Monday. His death was the result of a fall a week previous from which internal injuries were sustained. He formerly resided in Shediac. Surviving members of his family are: Mrs. Sangster, Mrs. Elsie, River Hebert; Mr. Persons, formerly Mrs. Armstrong, Whitefield; N. H. and James H. McKenzie, of Amherst.

Oliver T. Lagere, of Sackville, has taken charge of the Louthier House, Maple Ave., Amherst, and as he has had several years' experience in hotel business, a success of the venture is expected.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDY
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Perhaps from no other countries were we able to learn as much concerning efficiency in organization and in the carrying out of methods for the training of the workers as in Ireland and Scotland respectively.

Irish Schools.
The Municipal Technical College at Belfast is a beautiful building and a model of well considered suitability for instruction in the principles that underlie the various trades, crafts and occupations followed in that great shipbuilding and engineering centre. The organization of instruction for the rural population in Ireland provides for all classes and all localities. Leaders are trained at the Royal Agricultural College near Dublin. Farm schools with a one year's course for practical farming are provided at different centres. A travelling pastoral instructor, who visits anywhere from four to twelve farms and farmers per day, spending his time in a small mobile school, is a small holder under the Congested Districts Board. We found such a man in charge of some two hundred and fifty "colonies," each having about twenty-five acres of land. That had formerly been a large grazing estate, it was there three years after the first allocation. Many of the "colonies" had put half of their area under tillage, and were growing potatoes and other roots. A new spirit of confidence and hopefulness seemed to be replacing the old attitude of resentment at conditions in the beautiful, lovely, distressed island.

From Scotland there is so much to learn that one is embarrassed in seeking for only a few examples that may be presented in a few words. Edinburgh and Glasgow, with the present provision for industrial training and technical education, are a reason to be ashamed of their effort in the presence of the best that is being done in Munich, Dresden, or other German cities. They were probably twenty years later in getting started, but have made up more than the last eight years' energetic work.

Beauty is impressive. In all these old lands one is impressed by the beauty of the countryside, where centuries of labor have given a richness of detail which is as yet absent in this new country. The excellence of the roads is wherein perhaps they are most in advance of us in Canada. In travelling over some six hundred miles in England and Scotland, I found more than three-fourths of the roads better than the Highway of the Ottawa Improvement Commission.

As I have already indicated, an outstanding feature of recent activity in Europe is the attention given to vocational education, and the provision made for industrial training and technical education, and the response which the efforts of the leaders and the enactments by the governments in Great Britain, than the previous fifty. Canada will have to do much in the near future and do it with work energy and good will, and from being left still further behind. One comes back to Canada, not only without any abatement of affection and admiration for her people and her institutions, but with renewed appreciation of the fine outlook here

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