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POOR RESULTS.

With 200,000 people facing starvation in New York City alone, President Roosevelt's seven years of authority in the United States do not appear to have appreciably bettered conditions in that country.

POLITICAL PROGRESS.

The idea of public ownership of public utilities steadily grows.

The province of Alberta, which has been building telephone lines on its own account, has bought out all the Bell Telephone Company's interest within its borders, as did Manitoba a short time ago. Saskatchewan is also building a provincial line, and will in all probability acquire the Bell property also.

The Nova Scotia legislature has unanimously requested the Dominion Government to take over and add to the Intercolonial all the branch railways of that province. The principle is a good one and should not stop with branch lines.

PUBLIC BOOKKEEPING.

The Prince Edward Island Government claims a surplus of \$33,000 for the last fiscal year; but the Opposition asserts that there are liabilities of \$194,000 due next July which do not appear in the balance sheet. Evidently there is something wrong in the way books are kept when all parties cannot agree as to the exact meaning of the figures and the exact state of the public accounts.

Accounts that are not perfectly plain, and whose accuracy is not unassailable should not be tolerated in any province or country.

If the P. E. I. government's figuring is correct, then the Opposition's is not. If existing laws do not provide sufficient penalty for misrepresentation of facts, legislation should be passed immediately to render liable to criminal prosecution anyone, whether a member of the Government or Opposition or only a private citizen, who states other than absolute facts in referring to the country's credit or the character of any of its legislators.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

In less than two weeks, the electors of Newcastle will be called upon to choose a town council for ensuing year. When once elected the members of the council will have in their hands the control of the public streets, the collection of taxes and appointment of assessors, and much to do with health, education and the general welfare of the people.

Newcastle will soon be called upon to provide funds for the erection of a new and spacious schoolhouse of modern type, in order to accommodate its rapidly growing army of children. The supervision of this and other public works rendered necessary by our steady growth should be in the hands of honest and capable men devoted to the common good. Industrial companies will seek establishment here, and the town's interests must be guarded against unwarranted raids on the civic treasury. Our public services are of great importance and should never be allowed to fall into careless, indifferent or dishonest hands. It is incumbent upon the electors, who are masters only on elec-

tion day, to exercise great care in the selection of men to represent them in the transaction of municipal business. Everyone who may vote should do so. Any group of voters who cannot conscientiously support the candidates in the field should bring out candidates of their own and register their desires at the polls. At many elections, the number of voters who stay home could have entirely changed the results. There is no greater enemy of a country than the citizen who, having the power, takes so little interest in public affairs that he neither votes for one of the existing parties or candidates nor endeavors, if these do not suit him, to bring others in the field who in his opinion are worthy of an honest man's support.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the aged and trusted Premier of Great Britain and Ireland, has had to resign his office because of ill health. The most radical and progressive element of the nation will deeply mourn his exit from public life, as he was the man they all loved and respected and in whom they all placed unbounded confidence. Around him were gathered the Radical-Liberal party, the Labor-Liberals and the Irish Nationalists, and in close alliance on many questions was the rapidly growing Socialist group.

"C. B.", as he was familiarly called, was a man whose word could be depended on. He kept his promises. His friends and foes always knew what to expect from him. He believed his pre-election pledges were sacred, and he held his followers strictly up to his own standard. He had at all times the courage of his convictions. In 1899 and 1900 he and many of his lieutenants, who opposed Joseph Chamberlain's scheme for violating the independence of the South African Republic to further the interests of the mine owners of the Rand, were mobbed and driven off the platform; but he persevered and in 1906 was successful in the general elections with the biggest majority ever known in Britain's parliamentary history.

In the two short years he was Premier, the people of Transvaal and Orange River State were given a large measure of self government; British trades unions were relieved of liability for damages in case of their striking and inducing others to strike against employers, and a great improvement made in English land laws, by means of which certain parts of great estates may be expropriated by municipal authorities and rented by the latter to landless farmers. Ireland was offered, but refused, a large addition to her self governing powers. A less sectarian scheme of education was passed by the Commons, but thrown out by the Lords, as was also the Scottish land bill. This year a bill has been introduced providing for old age pensions, and another to greatly restrict the liquor traffic. All this legislation was promised before the election, and he manfully strove to give the people all they expected of him. In the midst of the battle, honored and victorious, but physically too weak to continue in the ranks, he laid down his command and entrusted the great struggle for political reform to younger men.

Sir Henry was the first pure blooded Highland Scotsman to preside over the destinies of the British Islands and he has done no discredit to the gallant and distinguished Gaelic race.

REFORMING THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Until the full text of the report and recommendations of the Civil Service Commissioners is available the matter can only be discussed in a general way. It is necessary, in the first place, to recognize that this should in no sense be a party question. A sincere attempt should be made to settle it with a sole eye to the public interest. The existing system has been inherited by those who at present wield it. It has characterized party government, not here alone, but also

The Song of the Hair

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in the country whence our institutions are derived. The exercise of patronage has been recognized as legitimate by eminent commentators on the constitution. Sir Erskine May in his standard work, "The Constitutional History of England," says:—"Patronage has been systematically used as the means of rewarding past political service and insuring future support. The greater part of all local patronage has been dispensed through the hands of local members of Parliament supporting the Ministers of the day. They have claimed and received it as their right, and have distributed it accordingly to strengthen their political connections." This was written in 1853, eight years after the adoption of the system of examination as a preliminary to admission to the civil service in England. The adoption of that system did not eliminate the principle of patronage in the appointments to the civil service. The main thing accomplished by the changes of 1853 was to throw the service open to all classes of the community so long as their scholastic attainments were adequate. Before that the public service was a convenient place where nobles and others of the upper classes might bestow their needy relatives and hangers-on. The regulations of 1853 were intended as much to democratize the British service as to remove it from the realm of patronage. The situation in the England of that time was not on all fours with the current situation in Canada. Nor is there anything like a close parallel between the problem here and in the United States. In that country the great evil has been, and to some extent still is, that with every change in the political faith of the chief of the Executive opponents are put out of office and friends of the new administration put in their places. In Canada this practice is scarcely known although advocates of changes in the administration of our civil service prophesy that if we persist in appointing for political reasons we shall in time arrive at the logical corollary—namely, of removal for the same reason. It may be frankly admitted that there is strength in this contention. It is to be feared that if a Liberal Government succeeded the present Conservative Administration in Ontario the demand that the conduct of Mr. Whitney should be taken as a precedent could scarcely be resisted. The ideal public service would be one that approximated to the best private service. The characteristics of the latter are that the best person who offers, so far as judgment can determine that, gets the position; that if experience shows the judgment to have been wrong he is allowed to go, and that merit is the test of promotion. The present system, bad as it is, does to a large extent, encourage good service, because in the last analysis the Minister is desirous of promoting to the important positions men who have shown ability in subordinate positions. There is perhaps at times a conflict between political influences and self-interest, in such promotions, but it will be admitted that the self-interest in having his department managed in a way that will win him respect in Parliament almost forbids a Minister from promoting an incompetent official.—Toronto Globe.

HARCOURT.

Harcourt, April 4.—Mr. John Robertson, who has been quite ill of late, is able to be out again.

Miss Bessie Ingram is visiting friends in Moncton.

Rev. R. H. Stavert attended meeting of Presbytery in Campbellton on Tuesday last.

Mr. L. J. Wathen, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving quite rapidly.

Mrs. S. M. Dunn returned on Thursday from a recent trip to Chatham.

The Social held at Mr. John Dunn's, Ford's Mills, on Monday evening, was quite a success. The sum of \$12.00 was realized. The young people spent a pleasant evening.

BORN.

At Newcastle, March 31, to Aid. and Mrs. W. H. Belyea, a daughter.

At the Fish house, North Esk, Mar. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. James Sheasgreen a daughter.

At Newcastle, April 3, to Mr. and Mrs. James Forrest a son.

DIED.

At Newcastle, April 3, Wendell George, youngest son of Mary and Robert Fogau.

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Dear brother and sister: On behalf of Alexandra Lodge, No. 100, L. T. B., we extend to you our sincere sympathy for the loss you have sustained in the recent death of your young and well-loved brother, Mr. Burnley Stewart. As no words of ours can take away the pain of the separation, we commend you to Him who will finally wipe away all tears from the eyes of those that mourn.

Yours fraternally,
H. H. STUART
J. ASHFORD
BESSIE DICK

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

GUELPH, Friday.—A third arrest has been made in connection with the Cudney robberies. George Johnston of this city is said to have been associated with Cudney in the pork-stealing, and in the Belwood raid. At a preliminary hearing Cudney testified to this effect, but Johnston denied everything point blank, saying he only spoke to Cudney once before. He is out on bail. Cudney has been committed on a charge of theft from the Parkin Elevator Company, of Hespeler last fall.

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By order of the President,
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Sec'y. P. L. A.

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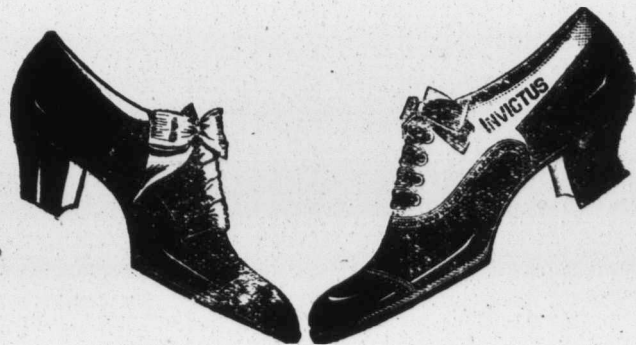
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