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We wish all our readers a Happy New Year.

West Queen's Contested.

At a large and representative meeting of electors, from town and country, held in B. I. S. Hall in this city yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, A. A. McLean Esq., K. C., was unanimously nominated to contest the Riding of West Queen's in opposition to Donald Farquharson, Esq., at the election for the House of Commons to be held on Wednesday January 15th. Mr. Farquharson and his organ-

ized were very anxious that there should be no contest; but that the ex-Premier should be allowed election without opposition. No doubt Mr. Farquharson in his old age and laden with political sins, would very much like to be spared the necessity of having recourse once more to the "human device", the political trickery and corruption by means of which he has managed to keep himself in public life for so many years. The political methods of winning elections employed by Mr. Farquharson and his party have become so notorious and so glaring that it is not to be wondered at that even he should be anxious to avoid the exposure. But the honest independent electors of West Queen's have a duty to perform, now that the constituency is thrown open. Mr. Farquharson comes forward as the supporter of the Laurier Government, that has proved false to all its promises and broken all its pledges. Laurier and his colleagues, when in opposition denounced the expenditures of the Conservative government; but when they obtained power they increased

the tune of ten millions a year and have already added seven millions to the debt of the Dominion. In every other particular the Laurier Government have proved equally recreant to their pre-election pledges, and have prostituted every principle of political honor for selfish gain. This is the party and this is the government for which Mr. Farquharson stands sponsor, and on their record he asks the electors of West Queen's to vote for him. Mr. Farquharson comes before the electors, not only as the apologist of the Laurier Government; but as the exponent of the methods and the principles of the Provincial Government from which he has just retired. The Dominion and Provincial Liberal Governments are so bound up with one another and work together in such fashion in winning one another's elections, that they together must be held responsible for their joint political rascality. In this sense, Mr. Farquharson stands before the public loaded down with the political sins of the Local Government. The enormous debt of the Province, the huge deficits, the extraordinary taxation, including the unjust and obnoxious road act of last session, the duplicity in the matter of prohibition, and all the other oppressive and unjust legislation of the past ten years initiated by him, ardently supported by him, or fathered by him when he became Premier must be laid at his door. The Pineau episode, the Wise scandal, his unwarranted assumption of authority in releasing prisoners and the recent outrageous performance in connection with smallpox patients, stand out as memorials of his achievements in statecraft. This is the equipment with which Mr. Farquharson presents himself before the free and independent electors of West Queens. Do they think it is such as entitles him to their hearty and unanimous support?

Mr. McLean takes the field as the opponent of Mr. Farquharson; as the opponent of the methods

employed by Mr. Farquharson and his friends to win political support and debauch the electorate. His candidature is a protest against the political corruption practised by the Liberals on all occasions, as shown from time to time in our courts of justice. Mr. McLean is a man of first rate ability, a lawyer of eminent standing and a citizen of high character. He is a man of the people, he has sprung from the people and deserves the united and enthusiastic support of the people. He stands for clean government and clean politics and is the ardent opponent of the corrupt methods by which our Liberal friends are peculiarly ear marked. In the Legislature, Mr. McLean ably and strenuously fought for the people's rights, and vehemently opposed, at every stage, the unjust and oppressive enactments of the Farquharson Government. He is now before the electors of West Queen's as the champion of the people's rights and the opponent of political corruption and rascality. The electors of this riding have now an opportunity to place themselves on record against political rottenness and corruption, as exemplified by Mr. Farquharson and his friends, or in favor of clean and reputable politics and government by voting for Mr. McLean. Which will they do?

To our Subscribers.

It is not an agreeable duty to refer so frequently to the matter of paying subscriptions, and quite possibly those of our subscribers who always pay would just as soon not hear us growling so much. But the continued delinquency on the part of a very considerable number of Herald subscribers compels us to discuss the matter once more on the eve of the new year. What we now say in this connection is intended for the slow and uncertain payer; consequently our faithful and reliable subscribers who may always be counted upon to do their duty will take no part of this complaint to themselves. In the first place we beg to thank most sincerely all those who have paid for the year just ended and especially those who paid in advance for the year 1902. Our only regret is that the good example of these has not become contagious and pervaded the ranks of all our subscribers. In that case all amounts due would have paid by this time and we would be relieved of the disagreeable duty of referring to the matter at all.

A number of those in arrears would pay, no doubt, if personally waited upon; but this is a matter that involves much time, expense and inconvenience and they should hardly expect it of us, when they are furnished with every convenience and facility to remit by mail. It is almost impossible to reach subscribers in all parts of the Province within a brief space of time, especially under such uncertain conditions of traveling as exist at present; consequently we trust all such subscribers will have the kindness to remit their respective amounts.

Another class of subscribers embraces those who even when waited on do not pay; but who make fair promises, which they seldom or never fulfill. It is much to be regretted that there are such people among our subscribers; but, truth to tell, their number is not very large, and we are not without hope that even they will overcome their peculiar weakness and remit what they owe without further delay. There is a remnant made up of those who will not pay if they can possibly avoid it. We are keeping our eye on those and if they don't make some effort to reduce their indebtedness we will give them a surprise some of these days.

Lastly, we wish to say a word to those subscribers abroad, who reside in different parts of Canada and the United States. Some of these have got into the way of lagging behind, a few of them

for several years, and we hope they will take this warning to themselves and afford us the pleasure of hearing from them. The distances by which they are separated from us render a personal call on them impossible; but we sincerely trust none of them will take advantage of this circumstance to delay forwarding their subscriptions. Now we hope that all subscribers who have not yet paid will take these remarks seriously to heart, and if they think they can in any sense be applicable to themselves we expect them to act accordingly. We are in earnest in this matter and we expect you to be in earnest also.

SOME APOLOGISTS OF MR. FARQUHARSON

Mr. Farquharson would like to make the people believe that he has been sacrificing himself in the Premiership in as much as he was giving his time without salary. But his time without salary, according to the Auditor-General's report, this item will be found. "Tug T. A. Stewart, 19 days in July, 22 in August, 25 in September, 25 in October, 26 in November, 7 in December, 3 in April, 26.3 in May, 26 in all 179.8 days at \$25, \$4,495.00." This tug is owned by Mr. Farquharson, and the amount above specified was obtained by him in the year 1900, for her services in connection with the dredge Prince Edward. An approximate amount has doubtless been received by him for similar services since 1896. From this it will be easily seen how Mr. Farquharson has been sacrificing himself. In addition to these large annual receipts, Mr. Farquharson and his sons have been feeding sumptuously at the Provincial Government crib, for many years. This is surely sacrificing with a vengeance.

At a meeting of the Grit members of the Legislature, held on Thursday evening last, Hon. Arthur Peters was chosen Premier, instead Mr. Donald Farquharson who was expected to contest West

Queens. Mr. Peters is the fourth Grit Premier to take the helm since the formation of the Liberal Government in 1891. Mr. Frederick Peters was the first and after running the Province well into debt and otherwise legislating against the best interests of the people, he took his departure for British Columbia. He was succeeded by Mr. Warburton, who had himself snugly ensconced in a judgeship the very first opportunity. Then came Mr. Farquharson who has now retired to run for the Commons. Mr. Arthur Peters, no doubt, will follow the example of his predecessors and use the Leadership as a stepping stone for the purpose of scaling into some higher position. In all these changes the peoples interests are never for a moment considered. Each successive Leader uses his position as a warming place till he can take his flight to more congenial atmosphere, wholly regardless of how the people's business is looked after. How long more is this to continue; how many more Grit Premiers are going to walk over the people to places of security before the Province becomes bankrupt?

The happiness of the Christmas season in Gloucester, Mass. was sadly marred by the news that two of the Gloucester fishing vessels and their crews will never return to port. The crew list of the schooner Iolanthe was given out last week, which meant the loss of that vessel and her crew of 14 men. Now it is the schooner Eliza H. Farquhar and crew of 7. This vessel left the Bay of Islands, Nfld., on Sunday, November 24, for Gloucester with a full cargo of salt herring. This makes over four weeks in passage, the distance being usually covered in one week, and it is the belief that she foundered in the gale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence the day after her departure. All of the vessels that sailed before and after arrived home or have been reported and those vessels which sailed at the same time state that the voyage across the Gulf was terribly rough. All of the vessels leaving before or after have arrived or been reported and the vessel that sailed at the same time state that the voyage across the Gulf was terribly rough. John D. McKinnon, the captain was aged 49 years, a native of Grand River, P. E. I. who leaves a widow and five young children in Gloucester.

CORPORAL James Morrison, late of the Royal School of Artillery, Quebec and a native of Georgetown, has been appointed Quartermaster Sergeant in the third South African Contingent. He also served with the first contingent in Africa, but having contracted enteric fever he was invalided home in January last.

The Herald's Scoop-Net.

CONDUCTED BY TOM A. HAWKE.

A 'appy New Year to all. It's about time for the Examiner reporter to give that confectionery store a little "write-up."

Iron in the blood is a common physical fact, but the real man of mettle must also have an iron will.

If a man has plenty of push he is bound to get there—but sometimes a pull helps along wonderfully.

"Mike (to the chemist)—The doctor said, 'Take wa of these pills three times a day.' 'I took wa of 'em wa, but the man doan's live that kin take one three times."

Three more ancient looking guns have been placed on Queen Square in front of the Provincial Building. It's coming to a pretty pass when such means have to be taken to protect the Government.

"A young country editor fell in love with the clergyman's daughter. The next time he went to church he was rather taken back when the preacher announced his text, 'My daughter is a young country editor's daughter.'"

An intelligent farmer has discovered that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field in alternate rows, the onions become so strong that they bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such volume that the roots are kept moist and a big crop is raised in spite of the drought.

"Have you heard from your son in South Africa, Mrs. Parkins?" "Oh, yes, indeed, Mrs. Jones. He writes regularly." "And is his heart in the war?" "I don't exactly know. I judge from what he says that it is in his boots most of the time."

A troubled but trusting subscriber recently wrote to the editor of his local paper: "What ails my hens? Every morning I find one or more of them headed over, to rise no more." The reply was: "The fowls are dead. It is an old complaint and nothing can be done but to bury them."

"The Cassidy's billy goat got into the carpenter's tool bag yesterday and swallowed an auger," said the first nanny goat. "They buried him over in that lot to-day."

"The idea!" remarked the other, "and yet they say it's never too late to mend."

Foolish galoot— Eatersd saloon— Threw spittoon— Brains almost straws; Little diapite— Other galoot— Managed to shoot— Both off date.

A son of a dignified Charlottetown man, although not old in years, has a

ly observe the custom of a silent blessing at the table, and at dinner recently the six-year-old spoke up: "Why don't you say it aloud, pa?" "You can say it aloud if you choose, my son," replied the father, and bowing his head solemnly the little fellow originated this unique grace: "God have mercy on these victuals."

In our recent "write-up" of our advertisers one little error occurred where we referred to the store of Messrs. F. Perkins & Co. We should have said, "Their splendid large store in THEIR OWN NEW BUILDING," instead of—but never mind—it doesn't pay to repeat mistakes and we don't intend to do so. By the by, all our advertisers did a rushing trade during Xmas week.

Customers got "No!" value in every instance.

Think not too meanly of thy low estate. —Holmes.

They also deserve who only stand and wait. —Millon.

The way to a bilis lies not on beds of down. —Quarles.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. —Shakespeare.

In South Africa. The following despatch has been received from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, "General Buller reports that on the night of Dec. 24 Col. Firmans' camp at Zofontein, consisting of three companies of yeomanry by a strong commando under De Wet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of light horse are pursuing the Boers."

London, Dec. 27.—Boer resistance has always been very strong in that part of the Orange River Colony which was the scene of General De Wet's Christmas house party. A great quadrangle of block-houses is being built there, the four points of which are Varsening, Volk-Harrismith and Kroonstad. At the northeast corner of this quadrangle is a long open space from Bethlehem to Lindley, where the square of block-houses is still incomplete, and here De Wet made his attack. Colonel Firmans' force probably amounted to 400 men, and the disaster, especially the loss of the guns, the possession of which may enable De Wet successfully to attack the blockhouses, creates a disturbing impression.

A later despatch from Lord Kitchener says that the British prisoners captured when the Boers successfully rushed into Colonel Firmans' camp at Zofontein, have been liberated and returned to Bethlehem.

God to call to her eternal reward Mrs. James McDonald, sister of our esteemed President Bic. Rev. D. J. G. McDonald;

Therefore Resolved, That we, members of St. George's Branch 351, of C. M. B. A., of Canada, do hereby express to Bro. Rev. D. J. G. McDonald, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

CLEMENT McDONALD, Recording Secretary.

C. M. B. A.

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the members of Branch 295 C. M. B. A.

Dear Sirs:— I desire to acknowledge receipt, through your Recording Secretary John A. MacDonald, of the sum of one thousand dollars, the amount of insurance held by my late son Lancel J. Sigsworth in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

Permit me also to express my sincere thanks for your kind attention to this matter, and accept my best wishes for the success of the good work which your splendid association is doing.

Yours truly, Mrs. L. D. SIGSWORTH, Cardigan, Dec. 24, 1901.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of St. George's Branch 351, of the C. M. B. A., of Canada, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to her eternal reward Mrs. James McDonald, sister of our esteemed President Bic. Rev. D. J. G. McDonald;

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Market Day Bargains AT PATON & CO'S. 50 Ulsters, \$5 and \$7 for \$3.75. Thirty-five Boy's Ulsters worth up to \$4 for \$2.25; 185 pairs factory Pants, \$2 50 kind for \$1.50; 53 Suits, \$8 kind for \$4.75; 18 Men's Suits, \$4.50 for \$2.75; 78 ends 1 1/2 yard Brussels Carpet, best make, worth \$2.25 for 98 cents; Sheepskin Lined Coats, worth \$5 for \$3.75; Rainproof Reefers, \$2.50 and \$3.50; 183 Boy's Pants, worth up to \$1.75 for 75 cents; Boy's Reefers, \$1.00; 83 Youths Ulsters, sizes 32 to 35, worth up to \$6 and \$7 for \$3.75; 30 Beaver Overcoats, worth \$6.50 for \$4.75; one lot of Clothes at half price.

A Good All Wool Ulster worth \$7.50 for \$5.00 We will save you many dollars on Furs. 83 TRIMMED HATS, \$2.75 quality for \$1.75, \$4 hats for \$2.50, \$5 hats for \$3.25, 50 hats, good, stylish; Hats for ladies worth up to \$1, 25c. 24 Ladies' Jackets, long lengths, not the newest, worth \$4 and \$5 for \$1.50. 15 Ladies' Capes, \$5 and \$7 for \$4. One lot Serge Skirts, \$4.75 quality for half price. 50 Ladies' Short Jackets half price. One lot of Ladies' Suits half price. Kumfort Mitts 35 cts., Men's Reefers \$3.25, Underwear, fleece lined, \$1.20 for 90 cts. MEN'S OVERCOATS, \$5, \$6 and \$8, worth \$2 more. 500 Ladies' Hats at 1-4, 1-3, and many half price. Come along and get value for your money. JAMES PATON & CO.