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## POLITICS IN P. E. ISLAND.

In Prince Edward Island there has been during the past month or two a brief resumption of activity in political circles. The situation is more than usually interesting, inasmuch as a federal contest is anticipated in the near future, the provincial general elections must take place before the end of the present year, and the contest which comes first will undoubtedly have a marked effect on the latter one. Another condition which adds to the uncertainty is that while the chief campaign cry of the Conservative party is that it is time for a change, this phrase seems to be more of a slogan than an actual feeling. The last general elections took place on December 12th, 1904. Because of a tie vote and the unsuiting of a member-elect, two by-elections became necessary, and when these, necessitated as a result of the general contest, were over, it was found that the Liberal party held twenty-two and the Conservative party eight of the thirty seats. Since the 1904 election there has been only one bye-election inclusive of the two previously mentioned. Hon. George Simpson, Liberal member for the first district of Queens County died, and this seat was captured by Mr. Murdoch Kennedy, a Conservative. This has been the only change since the general election, and while members of the Conservative opposition are inclined to regard Mr. Kennedy's success as a good omen, its effect is lost by the recollection that after redeeming two constituencies in the previous period of four years, the Conservatives were in a worse position after the 1904 struggle than before it. At the present time the standing in the legislature is eighteen to nine, three caused by the deaths of Premier Peters, and the speaker, Dr. Douglas, and the retirement of Mr. George Godkin, who was appointed to the position of collector of customs at Summerside.

The government has not yet come to any decision as to the election. The present legislature expires by lapse of time in December of this year, and thus the contest cannot be far off. Already practically all the candidates are in the field, only three or four remaining to be selected, and as a rule they are, irrespective of party, men qualified to represent their fellow. Premier Hazard, who was called to office Peters recently upon death of Hon. A. Peters, is a cautious administrator, inclined rather to economy than to generosity in expenditure of the public funds. He is a prudent, practical man, considerate in his work, a good organizer and with a fitting appreciation of the responsibility of his position. But he is a new man and has had no opportunity to display to the people his ability as a leader. In suggesting him as premier, the electors will necessarily have to be guided by his record only as a member of the legislature, a record which is in every way creditable.

Mr. John A. Matheson has for a considerable time been the recognized leader of the opposition for some years. He has many of the qualities of a leader, and is known for his determined method of attack and persistence in following up his campaign. He is a hard hitter, but unfortunately for him there have been few and very unimportant weaknesses in the administration of which he could take advantage. Premier Hazard is absolutely confident as to the result of the coming contest, and believes the government will be returned to power not only with its present numerical strength, but with a gain of one seat in Queens County, and two or three in Kings, which latter is the Conservative stronghold. And here reference might be made to the paradoxical situation in Kings County, which returns seven Conservatives out of ten members, to the provincial house, and is at the same time the only constituency sending a Liberal to Ottawa. The premier does not believe the federal contest will have any effect on the provincial election, if it should take place first, nor that, if the dates are reversed, will the provincial result affect the federal campaign. Mr. Matheson, on the other hand, is of the opinion that should the federal election come first, and result in a Conservative success, the present opposition will come into power. He estimates that in this event the new legislature will contain twenty Conservatives and ten Liberals.

The present government has been in power for seventeen years. There are no charges against it other than the usual opposition cries of extravagance and neglect of duty. The people appear to be quite satisfied with the administration of affairs and there is certainly not any outstanding grievance which could warrant the assumption that a change of government is desired. Yet the approach of the two contests, which must take place within

in a few weeks of each other, create an interesting situation.

## RECOGNIZANCE.

I wonder if I knew in pre-existence This hillside road. That wanders on by many an old and ivied And mossed abode.

Though like to none my feet have ever traversed, Though like to none My mind has ever pictured, with no strangeness It leads me on.

I reach its crofts, its orchards and its pastures That from it rise, Its sudden turns, its long and leafy vistas, With no surprise.

But with a sense as of familiar objects, There seems to be A greeting that is sweet with recognition From all I see.

I feel at home! the very lights and shadows, That on me fall, The gentle airs that kiss my grateful forehead, seem blessed to all.

I can but think that long before my spirit A body found, I tarried here, and here was oft delighted By all around.

Ralph H. Shaw, in Boston Transcript.

## DEEDS, NOT LOOKS.

That was Mr. Newcome who was sitting next to you on the hotel plane, this evening. What did you think of him?

Jess—It was so dark I couldn't see him, but I'm sure he's honest.

Jess—Yes, but how did you know?

Jess—I heard him remark several times that "handsome is as handsome does."

## A HAPPY INTERVAL.

"He certainly has a good disposition. The last time I saw him he was looking for work, and he didn't seem the least bit unhappy. What did he ask?"

"No, that's where he's happiest; because when he's looking for work he hasn't any to do."

## THE TALKING DOG.

A ventriloquist and his dog arrived at a country hotel. The man had only a dime in his pocket but he sat down at the table and prepared to order a meal.

"What will you have?" asked the landlord. The ventriloquist gave his dog a look and turning to the dog he asked "What will you have?"

"I will take a ham sandwich," the dog seemed to answer. The hotelkeeper was breathless for a moment with astonishment.

"What did he say?" he asked.

"Tell him again, Nero," responded the man.

"I said a ham sandwich," the dog seemed to reply. The landlord was so impressed by the talking of the dog that he offered \$20 for it. The owner of the dog held out for \$50, which the landlord paid.

As the ventriloquist was leaving the dog turned to him and said: "You wretch! to sell me for \$50! I will never speak another word." And he never did.

## THE SORRY BOY.

Office Boy—"Please sir, a gentleman called when you was out."

Editor—"What did he want?"

Office Boy—"He said 'e had come to give you a good thrashing."

Editor—"Did he? What did you tell him?"

Office Boy—"I said I was sorry you wasn't in."

## A SOLUTION.

The Connecticut man who, after tasting the dishes of his newly-engaged cook married her after twenty-four hours' acquaintance, may be said to have solved the servant problem.

## MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN GOLD.

Professor Roberts-Austen, of London, England, has succeeded in making out of gold and aluminum a compound metal, or alloy, that is said to be the most brilliant known. Its general use is a splendid purpose, but as it is turned in the light it reflects bright tints of ruby color. A little more than three-quarters more accurately than gold, and the discovery of Professor Roberts-Austen has led to very beautiful effects in jewellery.

## THE EMPEROR'S LEG.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—A despatch received here from Strasbourg says it is reported that the Imperial manoeuvres have been postponed, owing to the fact that the Emperor is suffering from an injury to his leg. Confirmation of this report could not be had last night as it was impossible to communicate with Wilhelmshoe, where the Emperor is staying. Semi-official circles, however, have no information on the subject and consider the rumor unworthy of credence. The Berlin newspapers publish it with the greatest reserve, but add that the military band which was to play in the castle last night received orders countermanding the earlier instructions.

WILHELMSHOE, Aug. 25.—Emperor William rode in the forest this morning, which fact proves as unfounded the widely published report that he was suffering from a severe injury to one of his legs.

The report of the supposed injury to the Emperor originated in Strasbourg, where this was given as a reason for the rumored postponement of the forthcoming manoeuvres.

Algeria and the Argentine are the only countries in the world where the horses outnumber the human beings.

# NOVA SCOTIA SEALER ON 25,000 MILE TRIP

Schooner Agnes G. Donahoe Leaves on a Cruise Around the World—Goes to Indian Ocean First.

(Halifax Echo.)

Bound for a trip around the world on which she will cover over twenty-five thousand miles, be absent from one to two years and visit grounds untouched by sealers for nearly a century, the schooner Agnes G. Donahoe, queen of the Nova Scotia sealing fleet, will sail for the Indian Ocean this morning. Before returning Capt. Balcorn will have secured the South sea from Mauritius to the Arctic Circle and from the Kerguelens to New Zealand and back again to the Falklands, a trip that has never before been attempted by any sealer.

## CAPTAIN BALCOLM CONFIDENT.

Excellent seal are to be found there, on the edge of the Antarctic Circle, and by the use of up-to-date Canadian methods Capt. Balcorn is confident he can get a full catch there. Should the venture in the Indian Ocean prove successful, the Donahoe will go to Cape Town to dispose of her skins there and then sail for New Zealand. From there the schooner will sail for the Falkland grounds, rounding Cape Horn, and thence back to Halifax.

For the last year or two the Falkland Islands seal fisheries have been in a state of depression. The seals have left their old grounds and the Donahoe is off on a search for their new ones. From careful study of the fisheries and their history Capt. Balcorn has come to the opinion that the seals have deserted the South Atlantic for either the Indian or the South Pacific Oceans and hence the Donahoe's trip.

## SHOOT THE SEALS.

The New Zealand fisheries have long been prosecuted but in a rather primitive way. The method there is to send out small schooners carrying about two long boats, like seine boats. Each boat takes about ten men and they land on the islands and kill the seals with clubs.

But that is not the Canadian way. Captain Balcorn's men will go after the seal in the water, shooting them with sporting rifles. Small boats each holding about two men will be put out and as Captain Balcorn told a Chronicle reporter last night, "We'll get as many seals in three or four days that way as the New Zealanders would get in a month."

In preparation for her long cruise the schooner has been thoroughly overhauled. She has been recaulked and repainted. New rigging has been set and she is in the opinion of her owners the finest Nova Scotian owned schooner today.

## CREW OF PICKED MEN.

Her crew are all picked men, principally Nova Scotians and Newfoundlanders, as able a lot of men as ever shipped in Halifax.

Everything in the schooner's equipment is of the best and she carries a motor boat, the first time that auxiliary power was used on a seal boat. A compact yet powerful engine has been fitted in one of the sealing boats and Capt. Balcorn expects to find this very handy.

There is practically no part of the world where there are known to be seals that Cap. Balcorn has not been in but this will be the first time he has been in the Indian Ocean. On the Pacific he has been hunting seals from the Behring Sea to the south Shetlands and in sealing circles his name is a household word.

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## DEAF DELEGATES HAVE ENJOYABLE EXCURSION

Large Party Went up the River This Morning—Sports This Afternoon at Lancaster—Yesterday's Session

At yesterday afternoon's session an address was given by President McKenzie in which he praised the work of the St. John School for the Deaf, and warmly commended the work of J. Harvey Brown, who had been instrumental in starting the school, and who in other ways has done so much for the deaf.

A letter was read from the president of the Ontario Association offering his congratulations on the occasion of their fourth convention, and congratulating them on their brilliant leader, Mr. McKenzie.

An inspiring and instructive address was given by Mrs. Dixon, of Portland, Me., on the subject of thrift among the deaf.

Wm. Baillie gave an address on courtesy and good manners, which was much appreciated.

Mr. McKenzie asked to be relieved of the office of president, as he had already served three years. In response to the request of the members he consented to serve again and was unanimously re-elected.

About eighty members answered to the roll call.

The evening session was devoted to entertainment. The members with much pantomime and rapid gestures told amusing stories and anecdotes of about noon.

This morning the entire gathering with a large number of friends and others who availed themselves of the opportunity, took a trip up river in the steamer May Queen. The boat went as far as Brown's Flats and returned about noon.

On their return the delegates went over to the School for the Deaf at Lancaster where they enjoyed a picnic on the grounds.

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MARRIAGES

HUGHES-SHAW.—At the home of George C. Clark, Wickham, Q. Co., on Aug. 19th, by Rev. A. B. Macdonald, Edwin Hughes and Annie E. Shaw, all of Wickham, Q. C.

JONES.—At St. John, West, Aug. 22, after a long and lingering illness, Emma Helena Jones.

POLLY.—In this city, on the 24th inst., Isabella Polly, widow of William Polly, of Peterborough, Queens county, in the eighty-third year of her age.

Service will be held at No. 176 Adelaide street, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m. The remains will be taken to Brown's Flats by steamer Elaine, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., for interment.

WATER GATE RESTORED.

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