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TORONTO ELECTIONS

The new year began in Toronto with a civic election, which appears to have completely banished peace and good will from the leading newspaper offices. The despatches had informed us that Mr. Coatsworth, Conservative, had defeated Mr. Spence, Liberal, for the mayoralty, and the Toronto papers, which arrived yesterday, explain this result, as well as the vote against a reduction of the number of liquor licenses. It is true the explanations vary to some extent. For example the Globe, which has "Coatsworth and Liquor" bracketed together in large type, offers this list of reasons:—

"Yesterday's vote in Toronto makes plain the combination of the Tory machine and the liquor trade machine in municipal affairs, and the co-operation with them of the street railway influence. That triple combination defeated Mr. Spence and the license reduction by-laws. The organization that did the one did the other. Those who understood the situation were convinced on Saturday that the combination of forces had taken place, and to them yesterday's vote was no surprise. The Tory machine, controlled and operated by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, was worked to its full power in every subdivision. Men who loathe the name of their party Boss swallowed their compunctions and shut their eyes to the interests of good civic government, and responded to the party machine's appeal that another Liberal, no matter how superior his qualifications, must not be elected mayor of a Conservative city like Toronto. The liquor interest, working partly through Nesbitt's agency, and partly through their own organization, used the utmost of their power against license reduction and in support of Mr. Coatsworth. The weight of the street railway influence, so far as the mayoralty is concerned, was decidedly on the same side."

Turning from this very emphatic statement to the columns of the Mail and Empire, we find the following:

"Toronto has begun the New Year well. It has cast off the men whose administration since 1902 was the one encumbrance upon its progress. With the exit of the Urquhart-Spence Government, the era of empty talk and cant, of futility and helplessness before our adversaries surely comes to an end. The city's affairs are now in the hands of men who, we feel assured, will give strict attention to them. To the office of mayor Mr. Coatsworth brings a good business training, sound common sense and backbone—three things for the want of which in its chief magistrate Toronto has had to suffer. The Board of Control is amended by the substitution of Mr. S. Alfred Jones for Mr. Spence. Occurring with the change in the mayoralty, that amendment is bound to prove of vital consequence. Had Mr. Spence been elected mayor and Mr. Hastings elected controller, the city would have had to endure for another twelvemonth the same stifling clique rule that it put up with the last three years. Or, Mr. Spence being defeated for the mayoralty, if Mr. Hastings had been elected controller, we should have had a situation like that of 1902, against which Mayor Howland had to contend—that is, one of constant obstruction. As the executive is now composed, its action is not likely to be subject to deadlock or to clique control."

The Mail and Empire further remarks that "The vote for Mr. Coatsworth was a rebuke to yellow journalism;" while the Globe observes that "There is a little patch of this town in the lower end of the Second Ward that would vote for the ghost of a yellow dog if the dog itself was not in sight;" and that "Dr. Beattie Nesbitt knows better than the ladies of the W. C. T. U. that elections are not won with prayers."

One naturally assumes from these somewhat contradictory assertions that feeling ran high in Toronto on New Year's Day. Turning to the columns of the World we find still another explanation, as follows:

"At this election the voters seem to have conjoined license reduction and Mr. Spence, who was more identified with it than was the mayor-elect. He was therefore, turned down, although his record in civic affairs was good, and his attitude on the important civic issues of the day was well considered and sound. But it is the record of a candidate, and his municipal policy, which ought to be the main factor in his campaign, and the introduction of side issues diverting attention from them cannot but weaken his chance of election. In this connection the extraordinary campaign carried on by The Globe unquestionably ruined Mr. Spence's chances of success. It preached independence of party considerations, but put forward a list of candidates almost exclusively of its own political complexion — the few exceptions being evidently thrown in to save its face. This at once roused suspicion of its good faith, and reintroduced in a very obnoxious manner the partisan element it professed anxiety to exclude."

If after reading these explanations, any reader of the Times is still in doubt as to the reason for Mr. Coatsworth's election it may perhaps be found in the fact that the people wanted him, and gave him a majority of 4,101 votes.

The Globe last evening gave a version of the manner of settlement of the strike in the Times office which was at variance with the facts, and can only be explained by the assumption that the Globe has a settled policy not to tell the truth relative to the affairs of this newspaper. It could have learned the facts in its own office, or in this office, or on the street.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

While Premier Tweedie, in an interview published in the Telegraph this morning does not indicate the extent to which the law will be made applicable, it is very gratifying to learn that a compulsory education bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature.

The extent of illiteracy in this province of free schools is much greater than is generally known or suspected. Too many children are allowed to leave school before they acquire even the rudiments of education, or are kept away from school altogether. Police Magistrate Ritchie has said more than once in public that he has many times been astounded and ashamed to see natives of New Brunswick, who, coming before him in the course of his official duties, were unable to write their own names. The records of the police court tell a sad story, too, of boys who are evidently not attending school, but growing up in ignorance and swelling that section of the population which makes police surveillance a necessity.

Education may not completely change the nature of a child, but a change in his environment changes the outlook and course of his life. The record of the reformatories, and of those agencies which take children from the slums and place them in new and better surroundings proves the value of opportunity.

But, as this paper has frequently pointed out, the laws of the province make the people pay for a school system which is for the benefit of all. It is the right of every child to get an education. The government which guarantees him that right should see that neither his parents nor any other influence deprives him of that of which he does not realize the value until his youth has passed.

The Sun has discovered an expert engineer who doubts if the development of power at the reversing falls, at reasonable cost, is a feasible proposition. The Sun's article might be more impressive if it gave the name of the engineer and a fuller statement of the extent of his experiments. To do less would seem to be merely throwing cold water on a commendable movement to acquire information on a question of very great importance to the industrial future of this city. The Sun's nameless engineer believes that power from Grand Falls could be transmitted to St. John with a loss of not more than ten or fifteen per cent. Reasons for this belief would be interesting. The Sun, having said so much, will doubtless hasten to say more.

A North Shore lumber firm asks the tariff commission for a change, so that the duty on salt pork for lumber camps would be reduced or the article placed on the free list. They claim that the Canadian article is not put up to keep the required time, as it is necessary sometimes to keep pork taken into the woods till the following season. The Canadian packers, it was stated, did not handle the hogs properly, so that the pork would keep. It was necessary, therefore, to buy American pork for this purpose. This is a challenge that Canadian, and especially New Brunswick pork packers should be able to take up. If the statement be true, why is it true?

The superintendent of water and sewerage, in a report on the Boyd Field sewer, said yesterday that "the newspapers had discovered it years ago, and revelled in references to it ever since." This is not quite correct. The people in the neighborhood discovered it years ago, and the aldermen have revelled in it ever since. Even yesterday it was decided to spend another $150. As long as the aldermen fool with the job they must expect the newspapers to report the proceedings. Why not deal with the question once for all, and have done with it?

It is stated that the fire losses in the United States and Canada last year aggregated something over $175,000,000, or about $75,000,000 less than the year previous, but with that exception a record breaker for the last quarter of a century.

Ald. Frink has raised the interesting question whether Loch Lomond can supply St. John with water after the necessary connection is made. What will be the next development in this waterworks comedy?

The Bank of England statement today is very far from reassuring to the speculative market. The proportion of reserve to liability is steadily working down. Wall street today shows weakness.

The new year sees a number of new companies seeking incorporation in New Brunswick. This is an indication of continued confidence in business conditions, and of progress in the province.

If the Quebec bishops oppose a better system of education in that province they will weaken their own influence. Ignorance is no longer bliss on any part of this continent.

Hon. Mr. Labillois in answer to a despatch stating that he was born in Quebec says he was born in Dalhousie, and is therefore an Acadian.

The Anarchist can take a look at Russia and see what the style of government he favors is really like.—Washington Star.

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Boys' Hockey Boots 1.00

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Late on New Year's Eve I heard a shuffling step on the porch which I knew was not Pollard's, for I am as familiar with Pollard's style as I am with his voice or his features. My speculations with regard to the identity of this late visitor and his errand, for my calling list is very limited, were interrupted by an uncertain rap. Then I flung open the door and a man of twenty-five or thereabouts, fairly dressed and with rather prepossessing but swarthy features, stepped into the lamplight.

I said, "Good evening."
He said, "Yes."
I said, "Are you from St. John?"
He said, "Yes."
I said, "Are you going on to Clifton?"
He said, "Yes."

Then I concluded that we had got a guest for the night and I had off his overcoat.

"So you came from Moncton?" says I.
"Yes," says he.
"And are going to St. John?" says I.
"Yes," says he.
"Have you had your supper?" says I.
"Yes," says he.
"And you are hungry," says I.
"Yes," says he.

Then I recalled the story of Poe's Raven, and concluded that he and our visitor were about equally proficient in the language that we use to conceal our thoughts. But others arrived at another conclusion.

"He's an escaped convict," said John.
"Or lunatic," said I.
"Let's hand-cuff him," said John.
"And throw him in the Bay," said I.

But the face of the stranger continued as impassive as that of the sphinx, and we concluded that such suspicions were groundless. We got him a supper that would have been sufficient for a half dozen longshoremen, and he stowed it away with an alacrity that was marvelous. After supper I talked to him like a brother, and after awhile he found his tongue and his flow of words, such as they were, was wonderful, but the only ones which hold any significance in my ears were "Copenhagen," "Hammerfest" and "Leopold." So I concluded he might be a Norwegian—or, perhaps, an Eskimo (he was short, stout and swarthy) from Spitzbergen or Greenland; that he had been brought to St. John on a Norwegian vessel and set adrift. If he was a tramp he had not tramped long in an English speaking country. And what if he was a tramp? Homer was a tramp; so was Goldsmith, and we honor them no less for their sojourn in trampdom. Bayard Taylor fifty or sixty years ago tramped all over England, Scotland and Wales and wrote his "Views Afoot," which is almost a classic. My friend Edgar L. Wakeman twenty or twenty-five years ago tramped all over Ireland and Canada, from Vancouver to Sydney, and his observations, as they were published, are very valuable. Perhaps our visitor, be he from Copenhagen, Spitzbergen, Hammerfest, Mars or elsewhere, may go home and publish a thrilling account of his experiences on Kennebecasis Bay and elsewhere in Canada. At any rate he put away the buckwheat cakes on New Year's morning with a dexterity that everybody admired, and when I pointed the way to St. John and wished him a pleasant walk, he said "Yes."

White Head, K. Co., Jan. 4.

YEAR WAS SUCCESSFUL

Annual Meetings of Brussels Street and Tabernacle Baptist Churches Held Last Night.

About seventy-five members of Brussels street Baptist church congregation assembled last evening to receive the reports of the officers for the past year, and discuss the estimates for the new year. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Cohoe, presided. The appointment of committees and election of officers took place at the December meeting. The estimates for the following year have been well provided for, and this feature of the church life is looked upon as very satisfactory. The tone of last evening's meeting was very hopeful along all lines.

The financial statement, read by Frank Fales, was considered under the circumstances, to be one of the best submitted in recent years, and the congregation have every reason to feel greatly encouraged.

The statement was to the effect that in the past year $2,513.18 had been raised, and added to the $176.77, which was on hand on January 1, 1905, would make a total of $2,689.95.

The disbursements for the year were $2,418.11, which would leave a surplus of $271.84. The liabilities are $261.30, and assets $102.

Estimates for the year would total $2,636.06.

The annual business meeting of the Tabernacle church was held last evening with the pastor, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse in the chair. The year just closed has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the church. The pastor reported that he had attended during the past twelve months 231 religious services, twenty-four business and committee meetings, preached 133 sermons, given fifty-three addresses and had made 650 calls. He had officiated at twelve funerals and had married twenty-two couples.

The church clerk reported twenty-eight additions to the membership of the church—ten by baptism, thirteen by letter, five by experience. The membership of the church is now 283, a net gain of twenty-three for the year 1905. During the last six years there has been a net gain of 174 in the membership of the church.

The financial secretary reported the total receipts of the year at $1,886.09, a gain of $486 over the year 1904, and $82.26 over the year 1903.

The following officers were then elected: Church Clerk, A. H. Patterson; financial secretary, Miles Thorne; treasurer, E. W. Rowley; ushers, George Tennant (chairman), Harvey Coates, Frank Allaby, Chas. Baxter and George E. Smith.

F. J. Allaby was added to the list of trustees and the following were added to the finance committee: Geo. Tennant, F. J. Allaby and C. W. Tower. Hugh Parker was chosen treasurer of the poor fund.

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