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THE PETERBORO ELECTION

The electors of West Peterboro in the election of Mr. Gordon, Liberal, have expressed themselves, with emphasis, on a question which has been very much to the fore lately: Whether the Meighen government should resign and a general election be held at once.

While the result was simply an expression of opinion from the electorate of one constituency, badly divided because of there being five candidates in the field, thus rendering the verdict far from being as conclusive as if it had been between two men—as in days gone by—it will to a great extent indicate the drift of public opinion.

That being so the answer is unmistakable that the country demands an election, and no doubt, the Hon. Mr. Meighen knows, himself, the way the wind is blowing. It will be interesting to see what he has to say now that his candidate, Mr. Denne, was defeated by around thirteen hundred votes.

IN THE SPAN OF LIFE

The death last week of Toronto's oldest man removes the last of three centenarians about whom much had been written. Joseph Mantell was born near London, England, in 1810. Louis Bouvier, the second oldest citizen, died within a week of him, and "Grandma" Beaver passed away less than a year ago. Within the span of these lives the world has seen progress such as marked no other century.

When Mantell was born electro-magnetic action was unknown. The telegraph was in its infancy, inventors reaching out after the development of a principle which was but little understood. Gas used for lighting purposes to a limited extent for some years, was yet to be introduced generally throughout London. A mill-factory or two had been warmed by steam, but the use of steam as a motive power was just being realized. A steamboat had appeared on the Hudson in 1807. Henry Bell's "Comet" steamed up the Clyde when Joseph Mantell was a toddler of two. The London Times achieved the triumph of printing by steam when he was four. Wedgwood, who is called the first photographer was writing his papers for scientific journals. Daquerre, whose experiments marked a further advance, was still fourteen years in the future. Upright pianos were looked upon as a wonderful invention. The Battle of Waterloo was yet to be fought. When Joseph Mantell was five, less than 200,000 men engaged in what was then a world-shaking conflict.

Even in 1838, when Mantell came to Canada, the pioneer war steamers were being completed in England. The first mails were carried by rail in that year. The Royal William a Canadian vessel, the first ship to steam all the way across the Atlantic, had made the voyage only five years earlier. There were, of course, no street railways in Canada. This country's first passenger railway, operated by the locomotive (the Champlain and St. Lawrence) antedated the arrival of Mantell by only one year. The hanging of Lount and Matthews is "ancient history" to the present generation, but it coincided with his coming. The first telegraph line in America (from Washington to Baltimore) was not to be operated until six years later. Mr. Mantell was a comparatively "old resident" he had been here for 28 years—when cable communication was established across the Atlantic.

The things which have come into common use even since he attained old age are such as to revolutionize the manner of living. The time which people spend nowadays in motor cars, in movie theatres, in listening to the phonograph or pianola, in telephoning, in riding on electric tramways—it was all spent in other ways when Mantell had reached the allotted span. The X-ray, the incandescent light, the vacuum sweeper, a thousand and one things which are so common today as to be taken as a matter of course, were all new when Mantell was old. It is little wonder that the aged folks of the present century have been a bit amazed at the pace of modern invention, a bit bemused at the onrush of life's complexities.

CANADA'S LOSS FROM WEEDS

It is impossible to estimate even approximately the loss caused by weeds to Canadian agriculture. A bulletin recently published in the United States estimates the annual loss due to weeds in that country at more than \$300,000,000. Not long ago a western paper stated that the annual loss to farmers of Saskatchewan due to weeds was not less than \$25,000,000. If there is this loss in one province, the total in all Canada must be tremendous. There are many districts in the Dominion that stand high in weed production.

Weeds cause a direct, actual money loss such as those due to drought, hail or frost. There is also a loss in depreciation of property badly infested with weeds.

We do not know the full reason why weeds reduce crop yields, but it is well known that weeds deprive crops of moisture, plant food and sunlight, which cause decreased yields. A crop of grain or grass and clover seed which contains weed seeds will not grade No. 1, and there are certain weed seeds which it is well nigh impossible to screen out. Every time a sample of grain or grass seed drops a grade the price is lowered.

Weeds cause much extra work. They must be handied a number of times in a grain crop, and extra ploughing and cultivating are necessary, in a weed-infested field if a crop is to be obtained. Net profits are reduced because of increased cost of production and of cheapened product. In a sense, farming is a war on weeds. This warfare must be unremitting and relentless if the farmer is to emerge victorious. Many men make a start to clear their farms of weeds but quit too soon. The campaign is stopped when success is in sight. The plan of attack must be carefully made and faithfully carried out. Every farmer should be his own weed inspector and his own weed eradicator.

Lack of careful planning with reference to weeds is too frequently evident throughout Canada. One man puts in more hoed crop than he can properly care for; another fails to follow a short or systematic rotation of crops; still others fail to give the land sufficient preparation for their crops, or sow seed that is foul with weed seeds. It is because these things have not been given sufficient consideration in the past that the evil conditions of to-day prevail. The weed problem is one of national concern and calls for active co-operation on a large scale. Every member of the community is affected and should lend assistance. Farmers, weed inspectors, owners of vacant property, township and county councils, and governments must work together if weeds are to be held in check.

The problem is how to get rid of weeds and keep them out. First, follow a short rotation of crops; cultivate the land thoroughly and often; prevent weeds going to seed; clean all seed before it is sown.

If the grain field is weedy, seed it heavily to clover and grass; mow the annuals and biennials before they seed, and pasture closely to keep down perennials; follow by a hoed crop or smother crop and most varieties of weeds will be checked.

THE COMMON TOUCH

"Dolls, dolls' furniture, colored bricks and other playthings from the tomb of a little Roman girl of the time of Tiberius have just come into the possession of the Berlin Museum."—Daily Paper.

Little dead maid from the time of Tiberius.
You have been sleeping so long with your toys;
You must have hushed them with whispers mysterious,
Bade them be good and not make any noise.
Surely you said at the end of your playtime,
When you had kissed them and sung them to sleep,
"You must be quiet and wait till the daytime."
Oh, the long vigil you gave them to keep!

Where are the rooms that once rang with your laughter?
Where are the stairways that echoed your feet?
Marble and bronze and the sweet cedarn rafter
All now are dust with the dust of the street.
But in the darkness where someone had laid them,
Since they were yours and that place was the best,
Time and his leaguers—who else had betrayed them—
Shattered an empire, but left them at rest.

Down the long road that begins with your story
We have peered wistfully into the gloom,
Watching the shadows of Rome and her glory,
Hearing the echoes of triumph and doom;
Yet, with your bricks and your dollies at bedtime
You with the games of your brief summer while,
You are the bridge of the living and dead time—
Clio kneels down to your toys with a smile.
—From Punch.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

CARRYING ON

When the world ends, he that hath not will still be thinking up political reforms to share the wealth of him that hath.—Kingston Whig.

THOSE WOMEN

There is a suspicion, now that they are taking a plunge into the society whirl, that the farmers' wives will not rest content until a vote has been taken to settle who was the best dressed lady at the opening of the Ontario Legislature.—Brockville Recorder.

IMPROVING THE MOVIES

New Zealand has taken the first decisive step in the crusade for better moving pictures, in its decision to bar all films showing deeds of violence and crime. By the producers this action may be considered drastic, but if they want to show their wares in New Zealand they will have to adjust themselves to the new conditions, which are likely to be repeated in other countries in the near future, for the influence of the motion picture and the necessity of raising the standard of the films are just beginning to be appreciated.—Peterboro Examiner.

WHICH?

The Detroit Free Press notes that Colonel Watterson thinks the dry law is making hypocrites of men. The commenter comments: "Not hypocrites, Colonel, tacticians."—Exchange.

THESE BUSINESS MEN!

A few days ago the news columns carried a story of a man who was kicked in the head by a mule. The man was slightly injured, but the mule's leg was broken and the animal had to be shot. This must be an example of the proverbial "hard-headed" business man.—Vancouver World.

NOT READY FOR RUIN

There are still courageous men and firm administrators and sane peoples of India and other lands who will stand out against the effort to envelop the world in blood and fire, idleness, starvation and lawless insurgency, posturing and clamorous beneath the ensign of human brotherhood.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

QUEBEC LEADS THE WAY

In progressive legislation Quebec is leading the way this year. It is now planned that amusement taxes will be increased and that each municipality will be given back half the amount collected within its boundaries, with the promise that half of it be voted to the upkeep of recognized charitable institutions. The balance, which the province claims will be distributed to general charities throughout the province, as the Government sees fit.—Ottawa Journal.

SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT

The disposition of the people of a country apparently cannot be changed by changing the form of government. Germany, under a so-called democracy, is spending more for administrative purposes than it did under the rule of all the Hohenzollerns, from the first to the last. Russians are undergoing more oppression and suffering greater injustice under usurpers who call themselves deliverers from oppression and injustice, than ever they did under the autocracies of all the caesars. Doubtless any people, given time, will work out their own political salvation. Conditions in the two countries mentioned, not to speak of others, simply demonstrate anew the differences between theory and practice.—Victoria Colonist.

BUSINESS NOT SENTIMENT

We savagely discount the British pound sterling and we suppose the British have remedy in their hands, namely, to quit buying from us. We cannot regard the American taking our dollar at a discount as betokening an unfriendly disposition, unless we admit that it is an unfriendly disposition which impels us to discount the pound sterling. It is business, and in business there is mighty little sentiment. We must produce more and import less if we are to keep our dollar at par. And we are the people who have to do something, not the people of the United States. Sir George made a good speech, but it should have been addressed to Canadians.—Toronto World.

A GOOD DIGESTION A GREAT BLESSING

A Sufferer Tells How New Health Was Found.

Very few people appreciate what good digestion means until they lose it. To be able to eat what you want and to properly digest it is a blessing. But if your digestion is impaired you cannot afford to risk experiments by trying uncertain remedies. Strong medicines are hard on the stomach; pre-digested foods only aggravate the trouble. What is needed is a tonic that will so strengthen the stomach as to enable it to do its own work. There is no tonic for the stomach that is not at the same time a tonic for every other part of the body. As the blood circulates through all the body an improvement in its condition quickly results in strengthening any weak organ. Rich, red blood is absolutely necessary to good digestion. If your stomach is weak, if you are troubled with sour risings in your throat, a feeling of nausea after eating, pains or fluttering about the heart, try the tonic treatment of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So many people have been helped by this treatment that every sufferer from indigestion should promptly try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Among the many who rejoice in a better digestion through the use of this medicine is Mr. D. Gouthro, Balls Creek, N.S., who says: "For nearly four years I was an almost constant sufferer from indigestion. Any food I took disagreed with me, and I always felt drowsy and uncomfortable after eating. I had frequent headaches, and the trouble made me nervous, and I slept poorly at night. I was constantly doctoring but did not find much benefit until I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. By the time I had taken six boxes of these I could eat anything with relish and felt better than I had done for years. For this reason I highly recommend these pills." You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

IN MEMORIAM

EMMERSON—In memory of John Emmerison, Crookston, who died Feb. 28th, 1920, aged 12 years, 6 months, 23 days.

More and more these days we miss him,
Friends may think the wound has healed.

But they little know the sorrow,
Lying within our hearts concealed.
Saddest memories oft come o'er us;
Silent teardrops often flow.
For we cannot help but miss him,
Though he died a year ago.

Jesus took our darling brother,
Oh! so suddenly away.
May he give us grace to bear it,
Till we meet some other day.
—SISTER.

ENGLISH—In memory of Kathleen English, who died at Saranac Lake on February 9th, 1920:

Just one year ago—
Yet it seems it must be more
Since we bid a last farewell,
You're at home with God and the Angels, I know,
But, Oh, Kathleen! My heart, it is sore
And the longing for you I cannot tell.

And o'er me tonight memory rolls
Like a flood
And I live again those happy school days
When friendship was first in the bud
And memory leads me and tenderly its finger lays
On each little instance, as friend grew
And I remember you were ever true.

There's a lonely mother and father,
There's a friend who can't forget you;
Though life without you is drear
There's not one of them, I know, who
Would ask you to come back and bear

This earth's worries and its care
For they know God called you Home,
With Tenyson we cry:
"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"
And yet we know that we all must die;

So on this shore we'll meekly stand
Until our book of life we fill
And we hear God call to us, as He called to you.

A School Mate.

LARGE PRIZE FOR POTATOES.
Kingston—At the Vegetable Growers' convention in Toronto, Robert J. Bushell, of Kingston, called the attention of the directors to the fact that the Kingston exhibition offered the largest prize money for potatoes of any show in Canada—\$100, divided into nine prizes, topped by \$25 for first—and solicited entries from all parts of the province. Instead of half-bushel lots as last year, 11 quart baskets would be required in 1921.

USE A "BLIND" IN OIL

Latest Plan Is That Can Be Used In To Arctic

JANNEY BOBS UP Famous Promoter Schemes Will the R.C.M.P.

CALGARY, Feb. 9.—F. J. Janney, head of the Canadian Pacific, proposes to open up a new route to the far north, is a United States completion of the delivery of "blimp" to be used in the north.

Mr. Wollam is convincing meteorological survey general search into the prevailing in the north, the feasibility of the route is confident that in a passenger service from Fort Norman and back hours will be an accomplishment.

It is proposed that the ability of carrying 32 passengers be used.

H.P. MAY BE USED VANCOUVER, B.C., plane of the Handley-Page on air service between Paris and Brussels is to passenger and freight, tween Peace River Cross new oil fields at Fort orders have been placed English firm by a Vancouver and early delivery. It is expected that the plane will be inaugurated in March.

The airplane will carry passengers at a speed of an hour. The passenger seats are enclosed and equipped with comfortable upholstery seats.

MAKE STUMPS "PAID" BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—The far clearing of land is followed by establishment of using industry in British Columbia according to provincial, have been conferring with a stump pulling inventor, which Mr. C. Crooke is use all the waste of stumps which are usually thus makes profitable the stumps.

Small portable mills sent to various parts of the province. The y cut cross roots and stumps. Up to 100 lbs of stumps an inch thick can be cut from each root. The beautiful and takes a few minutes. The round stumps are broken, and are used as chairs and other things. Best value for stumps run dollars each, or nearly a whole stumped stump.

INDUCTION AT ILEX.

Brockville—Rev. A. V. B.D., of Baltimore, Ontario, ed in Christ church, L. Presbyterian charge of town and Mallorytown. Ilex Usher, Bishop's Minister of the Presbytery, presented the minister at MacLeod, Kemptonville, the induction was for social evening, at which the congregation sermons. Rev. George M. Rev. John Lyons extended come to Rev. Mr. Herd acted as moderator.

GIVEN LEASE OF WHARF

Kingston.—The C.N.R. to lease the wharf it owns onto to the council, subject rights which the Railway may have, at a nominal per year, provided the cost of repairs and maintenance will hold the railway any expense or from any claim that might arise use of the dock by the town parties. The town will agree.

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Our new Corsets are arriving and we can give you good value in Corsets from \$1.25 to \$8.00.

A Special Model in Elastic Girdle at \$2.75

We have a large range of Children's Corset Waists, in price 60c to \$2.00

Nemo Corsets, worth from \$4.00 to \$4.50, in sizes from 24 to 36, per pair \$2.95

Kayser Silk Gloves

—in all the leading shades,—white, black, mole, grey, brown, etc. An economical and stylish glove for all seasons of the year. Three qualities, in price—\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

A Special Bargain in Bloomers

Children's Cotton Jersey Bloomers, in flesh and black, on sale 50c pair.

Are You Knitting a Scarf?

Monarch Yarns in a full range of shades and weights for scarfs, tams, sweaters, etc.

Floss 30c Dove 30c Down 50c

Silks Are Lower

We have reduced our entire Silk stock to meet the present market value of the new lines coming in. All our Silks are at the new prices.

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CATTLE MARKET

Union Stock Yards, Feb. 9.—Though the supply of cattle here today was fairly heavy for a Tuesday, prices held steady with yesterday's advance and showed a slight gain in the case of a few choice animals.

Choice heavy steers	8.50	10.00
Good heavy steers	7.50	9.00
Butcher's cattle, choice	6.50	8.00
Do, good	5.50	7.00
Do, medium	4.50	6.00
Butcher's bulls, choice	7.00	8.00
Do, good	6.00	7.00
Do, common	5.00	6.00
Butcher's cows, choice	7.50	8.50
Do, good	6.50	7.50
Do, common	5.50	6.50
Do, 800 lbs.	7.25	8.25
Do, 900 lbs.	7.75	8.75
Do, common	6.75	7.75
Canners and cutters	5.00	6.00

Milkers, good to choice	15.00	16.00
Do, common to med	13.00	14.00
Lambs, yearlings	9.00	10.00
Do, Spring	10.50	11.50
Calves, good to choice	15.00	16.00
Sheep	4.00	5.00
Hogs, red and watered	14.75	15.75
Do, weighed out cars	15.00	16.00
Do, L.C.B.	13.75	14.75
Do, Country points	13.50	14.50

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GANANOQUE

Kingston.—At the regular meeting of the Gananoque town council, a delegation from the labor union urged the necessity of proceeding with contemplated work without unnecessary delay in order to provide work to relieve the strain on many who are unemployed. William Waring, president, and Gordon Bishop, secretary, were the spokesmen. The latter had a list of 124 who were known to be out of work.