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UNCERTAIN ELECTIONS.

The federal general elections will probably take place some time within the next two or three months. Ever since the early spring the people of Canada have been talking about this contest and wondering what the date would be. It may possibly be an advantage to a government to be able to call a general election at any time it pleases within a certain fixed period, and, indeed, in the past it has occasionally happened that contests have taken place, which if delayed a year later, might have resulted very differently. The same will no doubt happen in the future. Yet whether or not the uncertain advantage gained is worth the price is to be doubted. Although the test has never been made in this country, it may be believed, judging from the experiences of other nations, that the most suitable system is that by which the elections take place on a fixed date and at regular intervals. The people of the United States know for an absolute certainty when the polls will be called upon to elect a president and congressmen, the people of each state know with equal certainty when the state elections are to be held. In Canada we know nothing of the kind. Each parliament upon being chosen is granted, under our constitution, a certain lease of life. It may decide to give up before the limit has been reached, and it may run to the end. There is nothing definite about the system, and every four years or so, the electors experience a lengthy period of uncertainty. This is the same system as prevails in Britain, but conditions in Canada are altogether different, and there does not seem to be any very good reason why the plan should be continued here. If both the principal political parties were willing to forego the slight advantage which may accrue to them, work in power, of being able to call on an election when they desire, the system might easily be changed to advantage.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

Almost imperceptibly but none the less surely clouds are arising which overshadow the peace of Europe. While the crisis between the United States and Japan seems to have passed, there are several matters in dispute which are now responsible for strained relations between several European powers. Just at the present time there is no particular dispute between Germany and Britain, but the keen commercial and industrial rivalry which has existed for some years and even in expressions of feeling which can be regarded only as threatening. When leading men of these two nations find it necessary to continually declare that the feeling between the countries is perfectly friendly, the general public may reasonably believe that such is not the case. With true friendship there would be no occasion for such declarations. The duty of all those diplomats who desire the continuance of peace will be to see that no quarrel is given a chance to develop. The slightest excuse, in view of the sentiment now existing, might lead, in a very short time, to a serious outbreak followed by warfare. All countries are standing with chips on their shoulders and a very insignificant flatter may bring on trouble. Germany is also on bad terms with other nations because of her conduct in Morocco. Emperor William, disregarding the agreement as to policy made with other nations, sent a representative some days ago to greet Kaiser Haider, the new Sultan, and to recognize him as ruler. The only interpretation that can be taken from this is that Germany is desirous of securing first hold on the friendship of the victor in the recent civil war, and of maintaining a place of influence in the government. Naturally the other powers which participated in the conference at Algiers are indignant and the press in Britain and France, particularly, is outspoken in its criticism of the Emperor's action.

On this side of the water President Castro, the mongrel who for years has been yelping at the heels of the European mastiffs, is endeavoring to draw Holland into a dispute over the customs regulations as applied to Curaçao. Holland is unwilling naturally to take any action single handed against this international nuisance, for a war between these countries would inevitably lead to complications involving practically all the more important European powers inasmuch as all are more or less interested in Venezuela. The matter is now moving slowly in order that Holland may obtain the views of her neighbors and decide on a policy which, it is hoped, will bring Castro to his senses. In Persia there is civil war, and Turkey a revolution appears imminent. Portugal has not yet settled down since the over-throw of Prince Sarrica in a turmoil which may be

fore long lead to the downfall of King Peter, and indeed where a year ago there was not a cloud in the international sky there are now many disputes of some importance, several of which will not easily be settled by diplomatic methods.

On Monday, Labor Day, the Star will not be issued.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

SELFISHNESS.

Agassiz fish on sea or land is selfish. He is big enough to swallow a score of Jonahs, and when scientific men tell us there is no fish in the sea large enough to swallow a man they forget about the devil fish, Sel-fish-ness.

He is amphibious, for he is perfectly at home on sea or land. He is a cannibalistic, for he eats all the fish he can get in the sea, in lake, river or stream. Did you ever know of a fisherman who wanted others to get his fair share? Think of the shark-fish in the financial pools. The greediest of them are on the Wall streets of the world, and they will take a man's last dollar and leave his wife and children to starve.

They frequently travel on the street cars, and they are not always of the masculine gender. I saw a number of them on a street car yesterday. The car was crowded, and one not very well dressed woman tried to get a seat, but gave it up and walked or waited for another car. A well dressed woman came along who was keener and more aggressive and she saw that there was plenty of room on one of the seats where the lady occupants had spread their dresses out so as to convey the impression there was no room for another, that they might sit more at their ease. The passengers who watched the little comedy were very glad that the persistent lady got her rights.

There is not a day but what you see exhibitions of selfishness on the street cars, and railway cars. There may be room in the car for as many more passengers as are in it, but when others try to get a seat they cannot find one until the conductor or brakeman makes a selfish pig of a man or a self-fish lady give up one of the seats they want for their feet and satchels.

If a street car conductor will read the name of the young lady to Carnegie who gave up her seat to an elderly working man who could ill afford the fare and was too feeble to walk, she will get the reward that philanthropist gives to the brave and self-denying.

I heard one lady say the other day that the seat on which she had the day was "taken" and she conveyed the impression to the humble searcher for a seat that her husband was in the smoking car and that he would soon be back. No husband came back to claim his seat, truthful wife, for I found out she had never had a husband—and never will if I can help it.

You will see exhibitions of mean, intense selfishness any day at the C. P. R. and I. C. R. station when a row of ticket agents are lined up at the window. As the C. P. R. has no men to spare, and the I. C. R. cannot afford a man to look after the ticket agents, there is no one to protect the women and the timid from the selfish men and aggressive women of their patrons. They turn in line but press in front of those who are too timid or weak to protect themselves.

I saw a well dressed, bold looking woman at the window the other day. She came in late and would have been the eighth in line if she had taken her place, but she pressed her way until she was the third in line, and an elderly looking woman was pressed back by big men and aggressive women. Indignantly I went in search of an officer but the one I found told me, "I know it, it happens every day, but my work is here."

Selfishness everywhere, in courts and corporations, on the street, in the home. The weak are pushed to the wall, and there are few who are unselfish enough to defend them.

Phadders

SMILE OF FAT MAN Sadder than Tears

Beneath a Show of Joy Lies the Gloomy Vision of the Grim Reaper.

We have learned to know that the adage "Laugh and grow fat" is just as untrue as the early-bird adage and early-to-bed adage. It does not usually make a man healthy, wealthy and wise, at least not in this day.

And so we are beginning to realize that fat is a very dangerous disease and not a state of glistening happiness. Many fat people have law in public, and wear their thumbs in their vest arm-pits just as a safety valve to their misery, and to make us believe that their smiles are genuine.

Some are really jolly, but not because they are fat. Most of the jolly ones as well as to the others, every coming and going of their breath is a puff of misery, and their smiles are sadder than the tears of childhood.

Most fat people will not acknowledge it, but deep down in their hearts they know this is true. They know that smiles avail not, and that the same heart which tries to be happy, that same moment is being eluded by death-fat, slowly but surely, to be finally smothered and made silent forever. Some do not know what is going to happen, but they feel that something might. They may well be apprehensive.

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RESOURCES OF THE EARTH STILL UNTAPPED

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to cultivation, which will afford food for a population at least five times as large as that now dwelling between Khartoum and the sea.

It is not enough, however, to have land, nor even to have fertile land. It must be kept fertile. The soil washes away to the sea. It becomes sterile by constant cropping, and then men become as the fabled lethopopha, a rare and scantily fed animal dwelling on the seashore and feeding on the fruits of the ocean. Although it may seem preposterous to imagine that the soil is constantly slipping away beneath our feet into the sea, yet it is true, in tilled and untilled fields alike, but particularly in the latter, which lose their natural protective coating of vegetation.

In the natural gas, the seaweed movement of the particles composing a large area of soil possibly may be as small as a foot in a century. The real coating is a mere film on the surface of the rock sphere, still it is the basis of all its higher life. The life of the lands depends upon it absolutely, and the sea life also in a large measure. In the rocks alone brought to the surface, the soil is the condition on the area where the bare rocks are exposed.

THIN FILM COATS EARTH.

The critical point in man's relations to the earth is to be found in that coating of "debris" on its way from the seashore and feeding on the real coating is a mere film on the surface of the rock sphere, still it is the basis of all its higher life. The life of the lands depends upon it absolutely, and the sea life also in a large measure. In the rocks alone brought to the surface, the soil is the condition on the area where the bare rocks are exposed.

The whole process depends upon the adjustment of the rate of rock decay to that of the movement of the renewing soil, from the pole to the equator. Here and there in vineyards particularly some care is shown, not the coming rains, however, but for bettering the crops of the present.

RESOURCES OF THE GLOBE

In the natural state the wasting processes are counterbalanced by natural processes of restoration. And this average of waste and repair must be maintained by many if he is to inherit the earth. A few centuries ago in England they began to cover impoverished soils with burnt limestone. This was the beginning of the mineral fertilizers of ammonia, nitrogen, potash and phosphate, which Dr. Shaler regards as the "most scientific and important of the great winnings of the last half century." All the other improvements in the arts but add to our range of action or increase the comfort of life; this insures the permanence of civilization when else its end was to be reckoned on in a historically brief time.

With energy, soil and food concerned, the possible perils besetting the race are still not all abolished. Among the prophets of disaster are those who suggest that the earth's atmosphere is in process of being deprived of the most important of its constituents, oxygen and carbon dioxide, by the daily routine of its organic life. It is undeniable that both these substances are rapidly being used up, and that each thousand years takes of them a notable amount from the air. In the case of carbon, however, the withdrawal is compensated by the emanations of the gas from volcanoes and by carbon meteorites falling into the atmosphere from the celestial spaces.

In the case of oxygen it seems in some way to be fed into the air perhaps in the atomic state is demonstrated by geology to be about the same now as it has been in the past during a hundred million years or more.

CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Organic life seems to have begun with the atmosphere substantially as it now exists; and throughout its history has found these conditions unchanged. Professor Shaler thinks we may reasonably assume that it is not likely to be disturbed for an indefinite time in the future.

"We may assume that for a future probably as long as the geological record past the sphere will go onward through time and space, free to work out its problems of life, with no break in the succession due to accidents coming from within or without."

"The most important element in the future of man is the extent to which he may be able to obtain control of the forces of his own body, those which determine health, longevity and, above all, his inheritance."

Prof. Shaler looks forward confidently to a race of men who are to look back upon ourselves as we to our ancestors of the bone and cave age—"deploringly, as we look upon those troglodytes, for the man to come will have too large a sense of relations for that, yet with a judgment that we were far back in the night when we thought we dwelt in the day. We may be sure that they will fill the world with their new order of man parted from us as we from the lower brutes yet including our little lives in its great extension."

ST. VITUS DANCE

A Severe Case Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

St. Vitus dance is a disease of the nerves brought on by a morbid condition of the blood. It is a common disease with children and attacks females oftener than males. The only cure lies in plenty of pure blood, because good blood is the life food of the nerves. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure even the most severe forms of this trouble because they enrich the blood supply, thus carrying the necessary food to the nerves. In proof of this we have the statement of Mrs. Alex. Cameron, Summerside, P. E. I., who says: "I have suffered from St. Vitus dance, then a child of ten years, became afflicted with St. Vitus dance. At that time she was attending school and the first indication I had that something was wrong was that she appeared nervous and restless in her studies. She was naturally a spirited child, not given to tears, but she would cry over what I thought should be easy work for her. The disease progressed so rapidly that in the course of a few weeks she became unable to do anything in her hands, and she was obliged to take her out of school. She became so afflicted that she could not hold a cup to her lips without suddenly losing hold of it. I knew from the first by the symptoms that her ailment was St. Vitus dance, and despaired of seeing her cured, as it was looked on as such a hopeless ailment. She became so bad that she could not hold herself still for the space of ten seconds. Her hands or feet were continually moving and that of all she would control her features so that she was losing her natural expression. At this stage I changed on a paper containing a testimonial in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, describing the cure of a little girl afflicted as mine was. I hastened to get a couple of boxes of the Pills, and by the time she had taken seven boxes she was entirely cured. Although she seemed thoroughly cured again, but it never did, and she has since enjoyed the best of health. I cannot thank Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enough for what they did for my child. I hope my experience may be of benefit to someone afflicted as my daughter was."

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MARRIAGES

FULTON—MARRIAGE at the parsonage of the Dominion Square Methodist church, Montreal, by Rev. Mr. Harri, on August 26th, Maria Fulton, daughter of the late Robert Fulton, to Stanley G. Harris, of Wales, England.

DEATHS

CODY—In this city on the 2nd inst., Walter Cody, leaving a wife and two children, also mother, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral notice hereafter. Boston papers please copy.

DOHERTY—In this city, Thursday, Sept. 3, Mary, aged 10 years, only child of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Doherty, 449 Main street.

Funeral from residence 449 Main street today (Saturday) at 2.30 p. m.

DIXON—In this city, on the 3rd inst., Harry S. Dixon, son of the late Bandmaster Henry and Helen Dixon, aged 32 years, leaving a mother and one brother to mourn their loss.

Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p. m. from his late residence, 115 Sydney street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

STEVES—In this city on Friday, Sept. 4th, Mary Isabel, infant daughter of John T. and Edith H. Steeves, aged 3 months.

Funeral from her father's residence, 7 Middle street, Sunday afternoon, at 2.30 p. m.

BROWN—At Lancaster Heights on Sept. 5th, Florence Gertrude Brown, only daughter of George H. and Ida Brown, aged eight years and seven months.

Funeral on Monday, at 2 p. m.

JEAN—Suddenly on the 5th inst., at her late residence, 120 Orange street, Mary E. wife of the late John H. Jean, in her 88th year.

Funeral, private, Monday, 2.30 p. m. Carriages will be at the door.

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A GOOD LAUGH—"A NIGHT OFF"

Last night the Selman Stock Co. played to another good house, in their bill "A Night Off." The play was written by Augustus Daly, and is one of the most amusing comedies ever placed on the stage. The Selman Company last night handled the piece splendidly, and the audience was kept in roars of laughter. Mr. Selman as "Snap" gave a creditable performance and won many admirers. Mr. Townsend as Jack Mulberry, was a host of fun, and rendered a hilarious impression. Miss Du Bois as Mrs. Babbitt. The role was congenial to her, and she certainly rendered the character pleasingly and clever. All the others of the company did well, and it is safe to say that full houses will follow tonight. A Night Off will again be the bill tonight and any person wanting to enjoy a couple of hours and have a good laugh should attend.

Matinee today—"A Wife's Secret." All women and children should see this beautiful play. Special plays have been arranged for Labor Day. In the afternoon All the Comforts of Home, a brilliant comedy, and in the evening Anthony Hope's greatest romance "The Prisoner of Zenda," a play known the world over secure seats today and avoid the rush at the box office Monday. Positively no advance in price. 10c. No. Don't fail to see this company.