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## THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

As a result of yesterday's civic elections Mayor Frink will retain office for two years more. Messrs. Wigmore and Russell are elected for a term of four years and Mr. Potts for a term of two years. The result no doubt contained some surprises for everybody, as there was universal uncertainty up to the last moment, because of the vigor with which the campaign of the last two weeks had been carried on in behalf of the candidates. While the members of the new council are heartily congratulated, and while all the citizens will be disposed to give them a fair field, co-operation with them in giving St. John good city government, there is much sympathy felt for Mr. Agar, and regret that a man to whom could be paid the splendid tribute which was paid last night by Mayor Frink and Commissioner Wigmore, should have gone down to defeat. Mr. Agar has never appeared to better advantage than in the good-natured and cheery speech with which last night he accepted the popular verdict and extended his congratulations to the successful candidates. As was expected, Mr. Wigmore led the poll, with an enormous majority. One of the features of the election yesterday was the strength developed by Mr. Russell, who came up to second place with a majority of more than three hundred over Mr. Potts, who had been second in the primaries. The fact that Mr. Potts is elected is also significant as a tribute to the growing sentiment in this city in favor of tax reform. Mr. Potts very properly observed in a short speech after the full returns had come in that the fact that he had been elected on the single-tax platform must influence his colleagues in the council, since it was an expression of popular sentiment which could not be overlooked. It will be observed that Mr. Fisher made an excellent showing, the contest between him and Messrs. Agar and Potts being very close. Of course the keenest interest was in the contest between Messrs. Frink and McEllan, for the mayoralty, and opinion was very much divided as to the result, which perhaps most citizens believed would be a close deal, closer than actually proved to be the case. It may be hoped that any bitterness which may have developed in the course of the campaign will be at once forgotten and that the new council may get down to business with the unanimous desire to work in harmony for the best interests of the city.

## THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Mr. F. B. Carvell brought the Valley Railway matter and various other matters relating to New Brunswick to the attention of parliament yesterday. He went very thoroughly into the affairs of the St. John Valley Railway, and some other railway transactions, and warned the government against doing anything to place further control of large funds at the disposal of the present government, until the affairs of the Valley Railway had been thoroughly investigated. Of course Mr. Haas and Mr. McLeod, especially the latter, came to the rescue of Mr. Carvell and Mr. Fleming. That was to be expected. Mr. McLeod is one of the men against whom charges have been made, and he is also the man who told parliament and the country that he knew of padded items and other irregularities in connection with the Southampton Railway. When all these matters have been straightened out, the public will be in a better position to judge of the value of Mr. McLeod's contribution to the discussion in parliament yesterday. Hon. Mr. Emerson very properly pointed out that Mr. Carvell "had done his duty as an honest man, and for his action was entitled to the thanks of the people of New Brunswick and of all Canada." The Standard takes advantage of the incident in parliament to call Mr. Carvell a "muckraker," playing a "disreputable game," and applies to him various other epithets, which are a part of its political vocabulary. The Standard, however, still fails to call upon the provincial government to hurry along the appointment of that Royal Commission.

## COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Noting the fact that the new council is made up with one exception of men who were members of city councils under the old system, the Standard, which was opposed to the adoption of the commission plan of government, appears to regard the result of yesterday's election as significant. It says—"It may afford food for thought as to whether the next few years may bring still another change in our system of city government." The form of city government was not an issue in the recent campaign. Not one of the candidates who was elected or defeated declared himself opposed to all of them as a satisfactory system. There is therefore no ground whatever for the assumption that there is any desire for a change. The advocates of the commission plan declared at the outset that members of the

old city council would be able to administer the affairs of the city very much better under the commission plan. The truth of this statement will be demonstrated by the four newly elected commissioners who were aldermen under the old system. The commission plan of government is not in danger.

## TRADE AND LOYALTY

The Halifax Chronicle recalls the wild statements made by Tory orators and newspapers prior to the last federal election about the dangers of enlarged trade with the United States, which they declared would tend toward the dismemberment of the Empire and the annihilation of this country to the republic to the south of us. We all remember the frantic appeals made to defeat reciprocity and save Canada from the deadly perils concealed in a more favorable trade arrangement. But what has happened? We quote from the Chronicle—

"According to the budget figures, presented by the minister of finance, the Canadian exports to the United States increased from \$118,000,000 in 1911, when the Borden government came into power, to \$150,000,000 during the last fiscal year. In the same period, imports from the United States increased from \$974,000,000 to \$488,000,000. The aggregate trade of the two countries was \$687,000,000 in 1911, and it reached the enormous total of \$638,000,000 in 1913. Canada is now the second best customer of the United States, Great Britain being first. Canada is also fifth in her sales to the United States. (The increase in the export of Canadian products to the United States is largely, if not wholly, due to the opening of the American markets to certain natural products of this country. Under the Underwood tariff live stock, dairy, and certain other farm products, fish, manufactures of lumber, and other natural and manufactured products were placed upon the free list, with the result that there was a large movement of trade in these products from Canada to the American markets. This is what has happened under a government which has declared on the 'no truck or trade' with the United States' cry, and which solemnly declared that the opening of the American market would sap the loyalty of the Canadian people. The Borden government preached 'no truck or trade' with the United States. Under its administration Canada's trade with that country is advancing by leaps and bounds."

Of course Canada's trade with her nearest neighbor will continue to grow, and because Canada keeps up her tariff on food products while that of the United States has been lowered or abolished, Canada will continue to get the worst of the bargain. A return of the Liberals to power in this country is necessary in order that the Canadian consumer may be placed in as favorable a position as the consumer in the United States.

The majority, if not all the members of the new city council have declared themselves in favor of the policy of the open door at city hall. The citizens therefore confidently assume that the open door policy will be carried out.

One of the problems which will at once confront the new city council is that of keeping the pledge which is said to have been made to provide a one cent ferry. It is much easier to make a promise of that kind, if it was actually made, than to find the money to counterbalance the deficit.

Mr. Borden finds himself unable to hold all his followers together in the matter of the forty-five million dollars in aid of the Canadian Northern Railway. Several members left the caucus, and it is said that they and some others will oppose the measure in the house. Mr. Borden's path is not strewn with roses.

The Standard this morning is even more than usually violent in its abuse of the Times and Telegraph, in an article referring to the modest request of these journals that the Standard use its influence to hasten the appointment of a Royal Commission and bring out the facts in connection with the Dugal charges, instead of threatening the lumbermen and saying unkind things about Mr. Dugal, Mr. Carvell and others. The Times accepts with due humility the severe castigation administered by the Prince William street exponent of political purity, and yet rises therefrom to request the Standard to bring along the Royal Commission.

## The Straightness Impossible

One of the most difficult problems in practical mechanics is to make a straight edge. How difficult it is may be judged from an incident that occurred in the shop of a celebrated American astronomical instrument maker. A patron asked what would be the price of a perfect straight edge of glass 36 in. long. "It cannot be made perfect," said the instrument maker; "but it could probably be made with a limit of error amounting to only a fraction of a wave length of light." How much would that cost? "About forty thousand dollars." It turned out that the customer wanted the straight edge for a scraper, and that an error of one sixty-fourth of an inch would not bother him.

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29.  
Edward Field Hebbden, who succeeded George Hague as general manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada nine years ago, was born in Hamilton sixty-three years ago today. He entered the service of the bank with which he is still associated, when he was twenty and rose through the various ranks to his present position. He is a man of quiet, retiring disposition, intent on his own affairs, though he has shown considerable interest in hospital work. He likes hunting and fishing and belongs to several clubs where he can enjoy these sports; he also plays golf at the Mount Royal Club in Montreal.

## LIGHTER VEIN

Decent Appearance  
Minister (calling on inmate of prison)—Remember, Mr. Kenney, that I am not a prisoner make, nor iron bars a cage.  
Kenney—Well, they've got me hypnotized, then; that's all.

## Identified

Howard—A fool and his money are soon parted.  
Mrs. Howard (clapping her hands)—Oh, John! How much are you going to give me?

## Hard Labor

Green—What is the hardest work you ever did?  
City Employee—The work I did handing this job, and the next hardest is the work keeping it from being taken away from me.

## Right

"Now, my little boys," asked a school teacher, "say of you name a liquid that doesn't freeze."  
There was a moment's silence, and then a voice answered:  
"Please, teaching, hot water!"

## Sad Mistake

The Turkey—"What's the matter with the dog? Did somebody try to shoot him?"  
The Duck—"Oh, no! He tackled a hebe with a wooden leg!"

## Boiling It Down

"What's the fuss over there in that corner?"  
"Lady sending a telegram."  
"I know that. But why the facial contortions?"  
"She's trying to tell her husband what she thinks of him in ten words."

Youngleigh (in art museum)—"I wonder why Victory is represented as a female?"  
Wedmore—"It's plain to be seen you're not married."

Jul—"Is Gill a good judge of cigars?"  
Bill—"I think he must be. He had two last night and he gave me one. He must have kept the best one."

Tribute to Mr. Needham  
In connection with the funeral of Frederick H. Needham who died last week mention was not made of some very handsome floral tributes received, amongst which the following may be mentioned: wreath from Misses Jennie, Belle, and Ella Crozier, cut flowers from Miss Rose Currie, from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Needham, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wigmore, crescent from Frank Lane, sr., and Frank Lane, jr., crescent from H. N. McNeill, and a large and beautiful arrangement of flowers from Mrs. Isaac Post, bouquet from Mrs. Dumphy and cut flowers from Mr. and Mrs. C. Killam.

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FRINK, WIGMORE, RUSSELL  
AND POTTS ELECTED

(Continued from page 1)  
The returns from the civic elections yesterday caused some few surprises principally the defeat of Commissioner Agar, which is generally attributed to the disapproval which met his plying measure, and partly to his not pledging himself to other candidates to support a reduced rate of ferriage to police. Mr. Agar was defeated by only 38 votes. Mayor Frink was returned to office by a majority of 896 over Commissioner McEllan. Commissioner R. W. Wigmore and James V. Russell were elected by handsome majorities for four years, while Frank L. Potts was elected with a lead of thirty-six votes over Commissioner Agar for two years. G. Fred Fisher was fifth man with eighty-eight votes behind Commissioner Agar, and C. W. DeForest was 501 votes behind Mr. Fisher.

Following the announcement of the returns, there was a hearty celebration of the victory, organized by the members of the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. The successful candidates, with Mr. Agar, were driven in a barouche to the quarters of the Moose lodge in front of which hundreds of citizens gathered. Three bands, the Temple Band, Sons of England, and the Moose Band took part in the procession. Each speaker was given a rousing reception. Each expressed thanks for the support accorded him.

Mayor Frink spoke of what he termed a "contemptible campaign" against him, saying that his opponent had refused to meet him in a fair fight but had retained his seat at the board so that he had nothing to lose. Various insinuations had been made against the speaker. Regarding the Gutelius agreement, he said, it was signed by Gutelius on the strength of his individual authority, without the knowledge of government ministers or even the premier. Mr. McEllan had not even attended the meeting of protest against the agreement, but had been content with calling those who assembled "not air brats." He considered his police investigation more important and thought it more advisable to have a detective here from the states to call the girls of St. John harlots, and to say that the boys dwell in houses of prostitution.

Mayor Frink charged Mr. McEllan with having a grudge against him since 1906 when he blocked Mr. McEllan on his plan to take possession of a strip of foreshore land on Courtney Bay at an annual rental of \$80 a year. The speaker closed with a tribute to Commissioner Agar, saying he had never sat at the council board with a "man so clean, so conscientious, and with a higher ability and true sense of public trust."

Commissioner Wigmore expressed his John would some time have to adopt

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pleasure and thanks at the magnificent vote given him, and said he would do his best to merit the confidence reposed in him. Commissioner-elect Potts spoke in a similar strain, thanking all who had helped in his election. Each expressed regret at the defeat of Commissioner Agar.

The latter when called upon gave a very effective speech saying that he had only appreciation for the many kindnesses he had received while commissioner. He had adopted a thoroughly independent course with regard to his election and had not even asked a person to support him. It was for the people to decide upon his record whether they wanted him again or not. Regarding the paving measure he thought St. John would some time have to adopt

it, or some similar scheme for improvements. He was able to retire to private life with a light heart, feeling that he had done his honest best in the interests of the city.

Mr. Russell spoke briefly thanking the citizens for the confidence they had showed in him.

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