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NEWCASTLE, MARCH 18th, 1903.

IT SHOULD MEET REGULARLY

Hillsboro is talking about having a Board of Trade. Many places smaller than Newcastle keep their Boards of Trade running continuously and through them accomplish much good. We trust that the meeting of our Board tomorrow night will be the first of a long series of regular gatherings.

THE FURNITURE FACTORY.

The people of Newcastle will be glad to have the Anderson Furniture factory recommence business. It is also hoped that not only the shipping but the manufacturing department will soon be opened. We have too few industries to be able to afford the loss of one. We trust that at their meetings to-morrow evening, the Board of Trade and the Town Council may each see their way clear to recommend that the Town enter into such terms of partnership with the Anderson Furniture Company as, while securing the Town's interests, will enable the latter to put their business upon a sound basis and at once reopen their work with a full staff.

LEGAL ROBBERY.

It is grossly unjust to require from a candidate for legislative honors a deposit of \$100 in Provincial elections; \$200 in Dominion contests, which is forfeited if he receives less than half as many votes as are given the lowest successful candidate. This is an unwarranted hardship to a poor man who can ill afford to lose such a sum, and it also tends to prevent a new party from entering the field. It does not do away with the necessity of running elections, neither does it keep really undesirable candidates from offering themselves. It is merely a device to keep any but well-to-do candidates of the two older parties out of the legislature. It is specially framed against the independent voter and the men he wishes to represent him. All such distinctions should be abolished.

The four who lost their deposits in Gloucester County on the 3rd instant had no more right to pay the province \$100 each than had the other six candidates. That money was taken from them unjustly. The statutes should be changed so that no more may be robbed in that manner.

THE SECOND BALLOT.

In Gloucester County at last election there were three full sets of candidates in the field and also one candidate on a fourth ticket. Of the ten aspirants only three could be elected. The successful three did not poll more than half the total number of ballots cast. It often happens that in such a contest men are elected with much less than half the votes cast. In such cases they do not truly represent the majority of the electors. No one should be declared elected unless he be clearly the choice of the majority. The Europeans have solved the problem. In France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland and other countries, there, they have a second ballot taken a week or fortnight after the general election for those constituencies in which no candidate got an absolute majority on the first ballot. Any

number of parties may run at first, and then all but the two who received the highest number of votes are dropped and the second ballot taken between these two. The parties who lost their votes at first then cast their ballots for their second choice, and so justice is done to all. It should be so in this country.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

By the act of incorporation Newcastle's citizens are divided into three classes.

The first class comprise those who are assessed on \$1000 worth of real or personal property, from whom only can be selected candidates for the chief magistrate's office. No matter how long one has lived in the town, no matter how much he has earned and spent in its business establishments, no matter how much he has contributed to the material advancement of the place and its people, no matter how advanced his education and moral character may be and how unsparingly he has devoted his talents to the public service, he may not be a candidate unless he is the possessor of that amount of property which entitles him to be assessed on \$1,000. On the other hand no questions are asked concerning the length of residence, the intellectual and moral standing, the training and capabilities of the candidate who has the requisite amount of property upon which to be taxed.

The second class comprise all those who are assessed on real or personal property to the value of from \$400 to \$1000. These are not considered good enough to occupy the position of Mayor, even if nearly all the people of the town should desire one of them to act as such official. But they are set apart by the Act as being of sufficient importance in the eyes of the law to represent the town as Aldermen and, subject to the veto of the representative of the richer class, to make its laws and administer its affairs.

The third class consist of all who are assessed on less than \$400 real or personal property. The Act of incorporation devices that while they are needed to do the work that both supports themselves and makes possible the superior wealth of the others, this class have not the right to supply any members of the civic government. They may pay the taxes, but they may not have any say as to how the taxes are expended. They are good enough to vote members of the other classes into office, but are not to be trusted in office themselves! Is this justice? Is this equality of opportunity?

These unfair and invidious distinctions should be swept away, and every decent citizen, regardless of the amount of his property, be given equal rights before the law.

The power to amend the charter lies in the Provincial Legislature, which granted it; and to that body must the application be made to remedy the evil. The Government that controlled the Legislature nine years ago has had its personnel changed several times since and has lately passed out of existence. Of the party which will this month assume the direction of provincial affairs two of the ablest members are citizens of Newcastle, one of whom will without doubt be a member of the Executive Council. They will, doubtless, receive with favor any proposal that make in reference to the rectification of this grave error in our civic constitution and press upon Mr. Hazen the urgent advisability of meeting the Council's wishes. We trust that the Council will take immediate action in the matter, thus setting a good and much needed example to other civic bodies in the province.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The demand for free text-books in the schools of these provinces is daily

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growing stronger. During the recent election contest in New Brunswick the government party made this a plank in its platform, and it is believed that the legislature of Nova Scotia will look favorably upon the proposal. At a recent meeting of the school board of Yarmouth, says the Herald, a resolution was passed asking the government to permit the board to supply free of charge the text-books used by the pupils. A member of the St. John city school board gave notice of a similar resolution a few weeks ago.

There is so much utility and economy in the proposed step that it should not be longer delayed. In several of the United States free text-books have been supplied to schools for many years past, and the results are both economical and satisfactory. A government can make a good bargain with publishers which private individuals have no power to do. A greater saving would result, because the books may be used continuously until worn out, whereas now those which are bought at considerable sacrifice by parents of narrow means remain unused after their children leave school.

The province of Alberta has the honour of being the first province in the dominion to provide free text-books. As yet it supplies only readers, but no doubt other books will soon be added to the list. Other provinces will no doubt soon follow the good example of Alberta. —St. John (N. B.) Educational Review.

PUTS THE BLAME

WHERE IT BELONGS.

Speaking of the Central and South American republics in an interview with a "Central News" representative, Sir William Van Horne declared that he had found Spanish-American countries most satisfactory places in which to do business. "The people are intelligent and industrious," he said, "and as a rule they treat foreigners better than foreigners treat them. I think it is a safe statement that in nearly every case in which Europe has had to complain of financial transactions with those countries, a careful inquiry as to the cause of the complaint would generally reveal a rascally European or American. I would like to put that in the strongest possible form, as a strong statement like that is due to those people who have been more or less misrepresented by interested parties who knew nothing about them."

LIBERAL CONVENTION

Supporters of Laurier in New Brunswick to Meet at St. John April 21st.

Ottawa, March 12.—As the result of a conference held this week between the Minister and members of parliament for New Brunswick, together with Premier Robinson and Hon. Mr. McKeown, it was decided to call a convention of the Liberals of the province to meet in St. John on Easter Tuesday April 21st.

This will be the first general gathering of New Brunswick Liberals since the appointment of Hon. Dr. Pugsley as Minister of Public Works.

The main purpose is to enable the new minister to discuss with his leading supporters all matters of interest to the party and to ascertain their views. It is likely also that some measures will be taken for better organization throughout the province.

SUICIDE AT PETERBORO.

Mrs. Louisa Howell Takes Carbolic Acid, Had Been Ill.

Peterboro, Saturday.—Tonight about 6.30 Mrs. Louisa Howell committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at her home. For some time she has been despondent owing to ill health. Dr. Grey will hold an inquest tomorrow morning.

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Using Purgatives in
Spring

A spring medicine is an actual necessity. Nature demands it as an aid to carrying off the impurities that have accumulated in the blood during the winter months. Thousands of people recognizing the necessity of a spring medicine dose themselves with harsh, gripping purgatives. This is a serious mistake. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the use of purgative medicine weakens the system, but does not cure the disease. In the spring the system needs building up—purgatives weaken. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—purgatives cannot do this. What is needed in the spring is a tonic, and the best tonic medical science has yet devised is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine actually makes new rich blood. This new blood strengthens every organ, every nerve, every part of the body. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills banish pimples and unsightly skin eruptions. That is why they cure headaches, backaches, rheumatism, neuralgia, general weakness and a host of other troubles that come from poor, watery blood. That is why men and women who use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills eat, well, sleep well, and feel bright, active and strong. Mrs. Joseph Lepage, St. Jerome, Que., says: "My daughter suffered from headaches and dizziness. Her appetite was poor. She had no strength and could not study or do any work. She was thin and pale as a sheet. A neighbor advised the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking a couple of boxes we could see an improvement in her condition. She used the pills for some weeks longer when they fully restored her health, and she is now enjoying the best health she ever did." Try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills this spring if you want to be healthy and strong. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Chief Commissioner LaBille has awarded the following bridge contracts:

Superstructure Eel River bridge, parish of Delhouisse, Restigouche Co., to Duncan and McLellan, Campbellton. Superstructure Clark River mouth bridge, parish of Wellington, Kent Co., to C. D. Ruddick, Chatham. Superstructure St. Jacques bridge, Madawaska Co., to Canada Foundry Co., Toronto.

Superstructure Grand Falls bridge to Canada Foundry Company. Superstructure Eel river bridge, Restigouche, to McLean and McPherson.

Woodland bridge, Charlotte Co., to McLellan and Boone, St. Mary's. Ryan bridge, St. Mary's to Whitman Brewer.

COTTON GETS OTTER'S JOB.

Is Now Officer Commanding Western Ontario Division.

OTTAWA, Thursday.—Brigadier-General W. H. Cotton, master general of ordinance, of the headquarters staff here, will succeed Brigadier-General Otter as officer commanding the Western Ontario district on the latter's transfer to Ottawa on April 1st next. The chief of staff, Col. R. W. Rutherford, now director of artillery, will succeed General Cotton as master general of ordinance.

ATLANTIC FLEET COMING.

LONDON, Friday.—The Prince of Wales will be accompanied to Quebec by the Atlantic fleet of six battleships and ten cruisers with its attached second cruiser squadron. After leaving Quebec the fleet will cruise along the Canadian coast visiting several places. At the trial of Ataman and others at Liverpool the jury disagreed.

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