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THE NEW CANDIDATES.

In nominating Dr. A. W. Macrae last evening as their standard bearer for the City and County the Conservative party made a gift of the two St. John seals to the Liberals. One of these seals in any case has remained with the government, for the candidate who opposes Dr. Fugleby merely offers himself as a sacrifice to party prestige. But until last evening there was a chance that Dr. Daniel might be able to put nomination of Dr. Macrae, however, makes this impossible. The convention, or one-half of it at least, had forced on it by a very slight majority an undesirable candidate who will not secure anything like united support, who cannot count on even the smallest measure of success and who will, undoubtedly drag Dr. Daniel along with him to defeat. The new candidate is supported by a large number of personal friends, men who have a fitting appreciation of his worth and his capabilities, but he will not give the cold shoulder by all those who supported Mr. Hatway as well as by the Baxter party which is of no inconsiderable strength. He will in addition fail to hold the Burden Club, the young men, who have already pledged themselves in favor of either Messrs. Hatway or Baxter. These voters never for one moment anticipated the nomination of Dr. Macrae, nor in fact did the self-chosen leaders of the party who have been endeavoring to direct the work according to their own ideas. There has been a feeling that if Dr. Macrae did not receive the nomination he would cause trouble, and fear of this impending evil—though there has been no very good ground for such a belief—has embittered a large number against the chosen candidate. Dr. Daniel, with a running mate accepted by the whole party, might have put up a good fight. He will now be dragged to sure defeat by the weakness of his colleague.

Charlotte County Liberals could have chosen no better man than Mr. William F. Todd to carry the party banner in opposition to Mr. Ganong. Mr. Todd is popular everywhere, but more than this he is splendidly qualified through his life training and by previous political experience, for the position which he now holds to attain. He led the successful ticket in Charlotte in 1899 and served for a term in the provincial legislature, retiring in 1902. Mr. Ganong, the sitting member, has had some experience, but he has not the same confidence in the eyes of his constituents as Mr. Todd has. Mr. Todd's nomination was heartily unanimous, and his entry into the campaign with all chances in his favor.

THE COST OF LIVING. We are all fond of talking these days about the high cost of living, and a popular topic of conversation is the steady increase in prices of groceries and provisions. As a matter of fact we scarcely realize what high prices are. Take sugar, for example, which has been used for the last thousand years. We are now paying at retail something like five cents a pound. The manufacturer receives about three and a half cents. Fifty years ago there was a slump in sugar when it went down to about three cents a pound retail, and for two hundred years before that it hung around double what it costs us today. But in the year 1800, for instance, sugar was worth almost \$200 per pound to the people. In 1400 it had come down considerably and retailed at 20 cents less. In 1500 it was only 7 cents a pound. This was in England. But over in France, where sugar did not command such a ready sale, prices were even steeper. In 1572 the manufacturer's price to Paris dealers was \$1.11 per pound. Sugar was a luxury in those days as automobiles are now, and the cost of living in this 20th century is not due, so much to the very high prices on any particular commodities, but rather to the number of articles formerly regarded as luxuries which are now looked upon as every day necessities.

A prominent United States surgeon has discovered that the human body is immortal. "There is no physiological reason why men should die," says Dr. T. J. Allen. Perhaps not, but men have been in the way of doing it for the past six or eight thousand years, and it is hard to break a habit which has become fixed through such a long time.

The Conservatives last evening passed a resolution in favor of a close election. There should be no choice tom-toms on the bill of fare.

ASK OF THE ROSE.

Ask of the rose, and mayhap she will tell thee, Whence are her secrets of fragrance and bloom; Ask if the rose hath not power to spell these Charms to insure against sorrow and gloom. Old as the flowers that Nineveh cherished, News of the bud that at dawn may unfold, Kingdoms have tottered and dynasties perished, Life ever lives in the heart of the rose.

Ask of the rose, if mayhap she remember Aught of the mysteries Solomon knew; Ask what is sweetest from June to December, Ask why life's honey is tempered with rue. Surely the rose has the lore of the ages, Smiling alike for the bride and the bier; Waiting its perfume on myriads of pages, Thrilling at once to the smile and the tear.

Ask of the rose if she sighs when she leaves us, Ask if she longs for the Summer's return, Ask if it hurts when with briars she grieves us, Or, if, when withered, she droops in an urn. Ask, though the rose shall but laugh in thy face, dear, She is of Summer, of morn and of June, Born to shed light for a while in her place, here. Born to be lovely, yet fade away soon.

Pluck the sweet rose when the dew-drops are shining, Give it to some one who calls thee a rose. Linger with him when the day is declining, Stroll where the brook with its lullaby flows. Ask of the rose, and mayhap she will tell thee, What is her secret of youth and delight; Ask of the rose, if perchance she will spell the Charms she has heard from the winds in their flight. —Margaret E. Sangster, in Everywhere.

Mamma—Marcus, why don't you fish saying that wood?

Little Marcus—I just couldn't, mamma; the poor saw had the toothache.

THE CROPS ARE FAIR IN ONTARIO

Provincial Government's Report Indicates Yield Will be Up to the Average.

TORONTO, Aug. 31.—The following is a summary of the statement as to the condition of crops in this province, issued by the Department of Agriculture, based on returns from correspondents. Fall wheat has yielded well, but owing to wet, warm weather when harvesting much sprouting occurred, where grain was reported to be so good generally as the fall variety, being short in straw, thin and uneven in quality and yield. Barley in Western Ontario has been good in yield, but in Eastern Ontario light and uneven, Oats, except in St. Lawrence and Ottawa counties, and northern district, will be fully up to the average in yield and generally plumper than last year. Some of the largest yields of oats ever reported to the department have been received this year from Bruce county. Rye varies from ten to twenty bushels per acre and good in quality. Peas promise an average crop. Beans are expected to show an average yield. Hay and clover both as to yield and quality, the province show well in bulk and quality but in the eastern are somewhat below average. Corn is reported to be fair, but ever yielder. Should frost hold back till cutting, it will be the best crop for many years. Flax is classed as good in quality, but the acreage is less than in former years. Tobacco promises at best only a medium quality. Potatoes promise much, but the acreage is less than in former years. In some districts abundantly. Plums have given a fair yield, but both these kinds have suffered from pests. Cherries yielded well. Grapes, promise an immense yield. Small fruits generally were a good average crop. As to labor and wages, there has been a sufficient of ordinary farm help, but first class agricultural hands are scarce as ever. Harvest wages range from \$1 to \$2 a day, with board, \$1.25 and \$1.50 being most frequently given. Monthly rates varied from \$15 to \$25, with board, according to experience.

During the past week three fatal burning accidents occurred in Halifax, the victims being Dollie Hill, aged three years, Annie Skerry, fifteen years, and Stephen White, aged ninety-two years. The latter two passed away on Saturday after suffering terribly from their injuries, which were received through lamps exploding. Miss Skerry only came here a short time ago, on a visit to her uncle, J. J. Skerry, on Pleasant street. The body was sent to Boston for interment by the Plant line Halifax on Saturday night. Stephen White was a well known citizen, he having been in the Customs Department at Halifax for many years. He leaves one son who resides at Woodside, and a daughter, Mrs. Thos. Cochran, 50 West Young street, from whose residence the funeral will take place.

BODY REVEALED BY AN EXPLOSION

Man Turned on Gas and Hid Himself in Trunk.

At Sight of the Remains Children Collapse and Wife Loses Her Reason.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—A woman lost her reason last night after finding the dead body of her husband in a trunk, the lid of which was blown off by a gas explosion. M. Leicheman returned home to dinner with her two children, expecting her husband there, and was surprised to find the fire darkening the room. She lit a match and immediately there was a terrible explosion. The neighbors rushed in and found M. Leicheman lying motionless in a corner of the room was a large trunk with the lid blown off it, and the body of M. Leicheman. The two children aged 10 and 12 years, had fainted, and were lying on the floor near their mother. M. Leicheman, whose business affairs had gone wrong, had returned home some hours before his wife. He closed all the windows and turned on the gas, and then got into the trunk and closed the lid. Through a hole in the side of the trunk he had inserted a piece of gas piping the other end of which he had fixed to the gas burner. Besides killing him, the gas filled the room and his wife's match caused the explosion. M. Leicheman and the children were taken to the hospital, where it is feared that there is little hope of Mrs. Leicheman recovering her reason.

IN MORTAL FEAR OF MALAY PIRATES

Captain and Crew Three Weeks on Wrecked Vessel.

The Thrilling Experience of Fifteen Sailors, Whose Ship Struck Sunken Reef.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.—Fifteen sailors have landed at Liverpool with a thrilling tale of shipwrecked peril among Malay pirates. The ship on which they sailed from Singapore was the New Orleans, but the vessel which brought them home was the liner Steamer, from Singapore, which picked them up and saved their lives. "We were bound for Hamburg with phosphate rock," said one of the sailors in an interview yesterday. "We sailed at the beginning of May, after picking up our cargo at Ovan Island. We went all right as far as the Straits of Malacca, off the coast of Borneo, but there we struck a sunken reef. "The ship was badly damaged, and the water gained in the hold. But we kept the pumps going, for we hoped to get clear so that we could beach her in shallow water. "The engines were kept at full speed astern all the time, and at last the ship got off the reef, but before she could make any headway she had struck another reef and settled down. "Capt. Humby ordered the boat out, and we abandoned our ship, taking with us all the belongings we could get into the boat. "We saw as we towed away that she had finished settling down her bridge, the forecastle and all the upper parts were above water, and although she had broken in half, she was well out of water, fore and aft, at high tide. "We did not go far. All around that part of the coast there are fierce Malay tribes, descendants of the old pirates, and we thought it was safer on the rocks than on the land. "So we went back to stay where there were provisions and some sort of safety at least. "For three weeks we lived on that wreck. All the time we kept a constant watch for two reasons. There might be a vessel passing and, on the other hand, there might be a boatful of armed natives at any moment, as the rock on which the ship had struck lay close to shore, and we could be seen from the land. "All the arms we had we kept close handy, especially when we saw, too many to count, the absolute contempt, small bands of natives marching along the shore and watching the wreck. "At last, however, distress signals, which we managed to keep flying, were seen by the Dutch steamer De Erenen. They bore down and took us aboard, except Capt. Humby, the chief engineer and the steward, who would not come. They stuck where they were to do always work. "The Dutchman touched at Singapore, and there we took the liner for home."

ANOTHER LETTER ON THE STREET SIGN QUESTION

William Vincent Writes to Say That He is Ready for an Investigation.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 31, 1908. Editor: Being out of town I had not the pleasure until this morning of reading the City Company's letter published in your paper, in regard to the street signs. They are, several questions, and some of them are very serious. I am a resident of this city, and I am acquainted with the City Company's work. I am ready to do what I can to help you in your work. I am ready to do what I can to help you in your work. I am ready to do what I can to help you in your work.

CAPTAIN BOOTHBY GIVES UP COMMAND

MONTREAL, Sept. 1.—Capt. Boothby, who was in command of the steamship Mount Temple, of the C. P. R. line when she ran ashore on Iron Bound Island last winter, brought his vessel to Montreal yesterday and resigned his command. Captain Boothby has been appointed in lieu of Captain Boothby, who was in command of the Mount Temple when she ran ashore on Iron Bound Island last winter, brought his vessel to Montreal yesterday and resigned his command. Captain Boothby has been appointed in lieu of Captain Boothby, who was in command of the Mount Temple when she ran ashore on Iron Bound Island last winter, brought his vessel to Montreal yesterday and resigned his command.

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DEATHS

ALSTON.—In this city, on the 31st last, after a lingering illness, Anne widow of the late John Alston, leaving three daughters and one son to mourn their sad loss. Funeral from her late residence, 238 City Road, on Wednesday, at 2:30, friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

THIN GLASS AND THICK. Glass is a substance that we cannot figure the strength of as we can a great many other things with which we are familiar. It varies greatly in itself. The strongest glass as a rule breaks in the greatest number of fragments. Comparing the strength of thin glass with thick, the former is relatively the strongest. This is a thing very often lost sight of. Then again, as to the difference between rough plate and polished plate, we find polished plate the stronger. It is perhaps to be attributed to the fact that all these very fine surface hair cracks are polished out. These only go into the glass to a certain depth, and when they are all or nearly all polished and ground off there is less chance for some of them to form the basis of a crack and thereby the glass is increased in strength. Tests have been made and some formulae have been arrived at. As was to be expected they show very irregular results as to the strength of glass.

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Sir William VanHorne's Herd is Coming and Probably the Snowball Herd

To many people the cattle show at an exhibition is one of the most attractive features, and if the exhibits are not very numerous or of a good class they will condemn the show. The management of the St. John exhibition realize that the cattle pens attract large crowds, and they have endeavored to interest the owners of high grade cattle, with the result that this portion of the big show will be without doubt better than ever before. Among the exhibits will be the fine herd owned by Sir William VanHorne, that have won prizes wherever shown, and it is also expected that the Snowball herd of Chatham will be sent here, although the Chatham fair is held on the same dates. The offer of liberal prizes by the management has the effect of bringing in a very large list of entries, and every pen will be filled. The entries for the horse show are also coming in rapidly and this promises to be one of the most attractive of the outdoor features. There are many fine driving horses in St. John, and they will without doubt cause much favorable comment as they step about the ring before the judges. With special excursions on all railways and steamship lines and special family tickets the crowds at the big buildings and grounds during the week of September 12 to 19 should break all previous records. Attention is directed to the half-page advertisement in another page of this issue.

THIRTEEN CHILDREN, 75 GRAND-CHILDREN

Darford Woman Had 119 Descendants —Bishop of Southwark is Offered New Church.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—An anonymous donor has agreed to have a church built at Darford, at a cost of £200, exclusive of furniture, and to present it to Dr. Amico, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark.

TALLEST RANKER DEAD.

The death is announced of Mr. Walter Findlay, a native of St. John, who in his day was the tallest man in the ranks of the British army. He stood six feet ten inches.

SUFFOLK UTOPIA.

The corporation of Eye, Suffolk, were entertained by the mayor to a Yarmouth trip the other day to commemorate the fact that the borough has no loans, no debts, no interest to pay and has never spent sixpence on a lawsuit.

SMACK BURNED AT SEA.

The Ramsgate smack Florence caught fire, and foundered seven miles off the Foreland overnight, and the crew of four got away in their boat with only the clothing they stood in.

DEATH OF THE ENGLISH "RITZ."

Mr. Thomas White, aged 88, the proprietor of the Hotel d'Angleterre and other hotels at Vevey, has died after a short illness. He was called the English "Ritz" and during the last twenty odd years had been well-known to the English travelling public, among whom he made hundreds of friends. The deceased leaves a large fortune to his daughter.

PSALM OF THE KICKER

Let us each be up and kicking, For life would seem too slow If we weren't somehow kicking Quizzes as we onward go.

Let's investigate our neighbor With suspicions ever new, Though we ought to forget the labor That we ought, ourselves, to do.

There is nothing that shall swerve us, From contentment and from strife; Making other people nervous Is the greatest aim of life.

—Washington Star.