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The TIMES extends to all its readers best wishes for A Happy New Year.

THE ELECTIONS.

It was generally conceded that yesterday's election would be close in the city, and that a comparatively mall vote would be polled. For once, the general opinion in St. John was borne out by the result of the contest.

The course pursued by the Globe and adopted by some of the government speakers no doubt had a good deal to do with Mr. Maxwell's victory. There were doubtless some electors who felt that he should not be made to suffer alone for a course of action in civic affairs which by tacit consent had been pursued by members of the city council for many years. If yesterday's vote is not a vindication of the city council it at least suggests a fair division of responsibility.

The fact that the Globe throughout the campaign refrained from saying even once that a supporter of the Tweedie government should be elected had the effect of neutralizing whatever support it gave to Mr. Skinner. It supported him as a liberal, but since it did not go the length of saying a good word for the government, its influence counted for little or nothing. Perhaps it will now be considered that accounts are squared. Dr. Pugsley supported the Globe's candidate in the federal election, and he was beaten. The Globe supported Dr. Pugsley's candidate in the provincial election, and he was beaten. It will be interesting to observe the future relations between the Globe and the provincial government.

In this campaign the government party felt the loss of the aid given at the general election by Hon. Mr. Blair. With Mr. Blair and without the Globe, they won; with the Globe and without Mr. Blair, they lost.

Mr. Skinner has no reason to be cast down. He made a good fight, against a man who has fought several civic campaigns, and no doubt had an excellent organization in all the wards.

The election of Mr. Maxwell will of course strengthen the hands of Mr. Hazen in the house. He is a good debater, and a hard worker; and his experience in the city council will be of great practical use to him.

With regard to the county, it is now clear that if the opposition desire to put up a good fight their nominee must be an influential county man. Mr. Agar has pluckily fought through two campaigns, to be badly beaten in both. Mr. Lowell was not nearly so strong a man as Hon. Mr. Dunn, and yet he has a large majority over Mr. Agar.

The net result of the elections is the loss of one seat by the government. Whether it is an indication that at the next election more seats will be lost is hardly a question for current discussion.

In one respect both sides are to be very heartily congratulated. The campaign was conducted without any illegal methods of obtaining votes. It may be hoped that so excellent a precedent will be followed in other constituencies, and in all future elections in St. John.

THE QUEBEC SQUABBLE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has stated that he has not interfered in the quarrel among Quebec liberals further than to protest strongly against the attacks on Premier Parent. These attacks were certainly vigorous. For example, D. Monet, one of the liberal members of the legislature, in a recent letter to Mr. Tarte's paper, La Patrie, said:—

"Steps semi-secret and semi-open, are being taken to eliminate the present Prime Minister, following the denunciations, made against him by Senators Choquette and Legris.

"The Prime Minister has brought his accusers before the civil tribunals, but why has he not at the same time summoned the legislature within the least possible delay?

"As a matter of fact these libel suits cannot be decided before three months, and it may take three years. The Prime Minister has been denounced as a thief by two personages, responsible and important members of the liberal party.

"Will the province of Quebec stand the humiliation of awaiting the issue of a libel suit to see if we are governed by a thief, or by an honest man?

"Hon. Mr. Parent, in bringing his traducers before the civil courts, did his duty as a citizen, but it was as minister that he was accused, and as such he should render an account, not to courts, but to the representatives of the people. As a citizen, he has done his duty, and all his duty, but he has done nothing yet, and, in fact, as Prime Minister, he can only do his duty by calling the House together and offering the most complete investigation into the affairs of his department."

Mr. Monet said much more to the same effect, and asserted that unless Mr. Parent summoned the legislature without delay he would hold both the premier and his colleagues guilty. In view of so much bitterness so publicly displayed it would seem that there will be troublous times when the Quebec legislature meets.

Prohibition yields some revenue in Maine, even if it does not prohibit. The Portland Advertiser says:—"The county building fund was swelled Thursday by the sum of $200 and this brings the total for the month up to a round $3000. At the clip at which fines have come in at the municipal court for the year, it is estimated the total will reach $20,000 by the first day of January. If this is true, it is likely that the total receipts from all sources of revenue under the prohibitory law in the county of Cumberland for the calendar year of 1904 will approximate $40,000."

Two notable events of the year in St. John have been the decision to extend the water system to Loch Lomond, and the beginning of the construction of a new ferry steamer. Another was the decision to purchase the Carleton electric light plant and franchise.

One difference between the banking system of Canada and that of the United States is emphasised by the statement that during the past year there were more than forty bank failures in Iowa, attended by the suicide of eight bank officials.

The revenue of Ontario for eleven months of this year was $5,607,388, and the expenditure $6,368,056. This looks like a big deficit. No doubt the opposition will make the most of the fact in the election campaign.

Good-bye to 1904. May the memory of its good times remain, and its disappointments and sorrows prove a benediction. Last year's New Year resolutions will now be re-vamped and brought into service.

The little Star is so elated over any reference made to it in the Times that even when this journal convicts its peppery neighbor of publishing a fake interview the incident is hailed with joy.

Now that the election is over, the public mind will be able to return to a solemn contemplation of the acts of the aldermen. The boards will be in session next week.

The despatches seem to indicate that European nations will shortly have something to do in Morocco. The natives appear to be preparing for trouble.

More than a thousand bushels of sand were used on the slippery streets of Portland in 24 hours one day this week. Happy Portland.

The city council of Portland, Maine, has set apart certain streets of the city on which children are permitted to coast during the winter.

The Globe wants work rushed on the new ferry steamer. The city will be lucky if it has the new steamer in operation by next June.

This is the last day of the week, the last day of the month and the last day of the year.

WILL OPEN ROOMS.

On January 1st prox, the Canadian Club of Boston, opens club rooms at 15 Beacon street, adjoining Hotel Bellevue. They will consist of elegantly appointed reading and writing rooms where Canadian and British papers and magazines will be on file. The rooms will be open during the day and evening.

A visitor's book will be kept, and persons visiting Boston will register their local address. Friends can thereby become acquainted with their whereabouts.

The Eastern steamship Company's steamer Calvin Austin, Captain Pike will be withdrawn from the Boston—St. John route and placed in the Portland service on Monday next. Steamer St. Croix which has been undergoing repairs will go on the route leaving Boston Monday next.

I. O. F. ELECTIONS.

Court Log Cabin, I. O. F., elected the following officers last evening:

James C. Henderson, P. C. R.; Jas. E. Arthurs, C. R.; Wm. B. Essington, V. C. R.; Fred W. Jenkins, Fin. Sec.; E. W. Paul, Rec. Sec.; James V. Russell, Treas.; W. H. McBride, Orator; James Earle, S. W.; F. H. White, J. W.; A. M. Storms, S. B.; Joseph Weatherhead, J. B.; Thomas Jenkins and W. H. McBride, finance committee.; James C. Henderson and James Earle, trustees; Dr. J. W. Daniel, Physician; James V. Russell, Court deputy.

There were thirteen deaths in the city during the past week, which resulted from the following causes:—hemorrhage of brain, 2; capillary bronchitis, 2; pneumonia, 3; bright's disease, 1; internal cancer, 1; acute rheumatism, 1; consumption 1; heart disease 1; accidental death, 1.

HOT SHOT FOR GLOBE.

Ald. Maxwell Vigorously Replied to that Paper.

THE SPEECHES.

Enthusiasm at Opposition Headquarters---Speeches by Messrs. Skinner, Lowell and Others, at Berryman's Hall.

The opposition headquarters at Breeze's Corner, yesterday afternoon, when the returns from the provincial by-election were being received was the scene of great enthusiasm. As the vote from the various polling booths were proclaimed and as the final returns showed that Robert Maxwell, the opposition candidate, had a substantial majority, the excitement reached fever heat. Cheers greeted each favorable announcement, and hand-shakes were a marked feature of the very large gathering. The hall was crowded and when the final returns were posted on the wall repeated and prolonged cheers greeted the election of Robert Maxwell as a member of the provincial legislature.

The ardor, was, however, somewhat dampened by the defeat of Miles Agar, the opposition candidate for the county.

When Mr. Maxwell was found to have been elected as the city representative the excitement was intense. Calls and cheers for Maxwell brought that gentleman forward through the crowd, profused in their congratulations. Ald. Maxwell, in addressing the gathering, said:

"I may say to you, that I have great pleasure to express to the electors of St. John, my heartfelt thanks for electing me as their representative. They have voted for me most nobly. If ever I can do anything for the interests of St. John, I will sink all personal consideration, to further the end of any proposal that will benefit this constituency. I wish to extend my thanks to the workingmen of St. John, who stood so nobly by me in this contest, also to my friends, who at a great personal sacrifice stood out and worked for me."

Continuing, Mr. Maxwell said that in this contest the opposition workers received no remuneration. They were working purely and simply in opposition to a government that is, Mr. Maxwell said, "characterized by extravagance and corruption."

"The Globe," said Mr. Maxwell "asked what kind of a party is that to put up such a man as a candidate. I don't think there is anything wrong with the opposition party. There was nothing wrong with the intensely strong feeling the party had for the candidate, as shown by the vote. We fought this contest at immense odds. The government in this instance have been antagonizing and fighting the individual and not the opposition party. I thank you for the magnificent way you have stood by the party. In spite of the mallousness and vindictiveness of the Globe we have won. (Prolonged cheers)

I was the unanimous choice of the convention. The Globe thought I was seeking the nomination, but I can assure you that I never went into a convention with the intention of securing a nomination. I never attempted to secure a nomination against a strong and influential party man as did the Globe's candidate. I never had ballots packed to ensure my nomination. Unless I was the unanimous choice of the party it would have been impossible for me to have obtained the nomination. There were many liberals who supported the party against the candidate of the local government. To them I extend particular thanks. The government tried to make it a purely party fight."

Mr. Maxwell pointed out how faithfully Mr. Hazen had stood by the arrangement made at the Moncton convention, yet, he said, the government at this time took an unfair advantage."

The affairs of the government were not discussed," said the speaker. "The government advocated simply made attacks on the candidate of the opposition. Despite all the personal canvasses against me by the Globe because of my course in the last federal election St. John has elected me as its representative. The Globe should have come out honestly and defended the present administration But it did not do so. During the last few years the Globe newspaper has drawn $30,000 from the provincial government. Knowing that the Telegraph and Times were independent, the Globe was working to draw $3,000 or $4,000 a year from the government. This victory will stir up such a wave of enthusiasm throughout the province that at the next general election the electors of the province will oust the present corrupt government from power."

J. D. Hazen was next called upon and addressed the meeting briefly. On behalf of the opposition party he thanked the electors of St. John for electing as his colleague Mr. Maxwell, who, he assured them, would be an able lieutenant to him in the provincial house. He referred to the loyal and faithful work done by the opposition party in this election, and pointed out the honest way in which the latter carried out the contest. There was not a single five-cent piece paid out for a vote by the opposition. Mr. Hazen believed that T. McAvity, T. H. Estabrooks and F. J G. Knowlton, the government committee, carried out the arrangement to this effect to the letter, but another element came into the fight determined to down Maxwell because of his stand on temperance. Mr. Hazen thought the liquor party acted in a very injudicious manner. He said that members of this party worked at the polls. He regretted the defeat of Mr. Agar.

Miles Agar followed in a short address and while defeated expressed his thanks to those who had worked so nobly for him. He congratulated Mr. Maxwell.

Short speeches were made by L. P. D. Tilley and E. R. Chapman after which the gathering dispersed with cheers for Maxwell.

In Berryman's Hall.

The returns were received by the liberals in Berryman's hall, and after the result was known it was decided to hold a meeting in the evening. Shortly after 8 o'clock Thomas McAvity called the evening meeting to order and announced Mr. Skinner, who was heartily applauded. He thanked the workers in the wards, who had done well; also all who voted for him and he was sorry there were not about 50 more. While defeated, he could feel proud of his vote under all the conditions and that there were 3,000 people, unbought, who voted for him he could take as a compliment. He had found during yesterday that all the committees at the polls were pleased that the election was being run without money and this was a good omen for the liberal party, He was proud of the turn-over in north end, the liberals had made quite an advance, but while surprised at some city wards he was not surprised at Carleton.

Every candidate felt bad if beaten and he was no different from other men, but looking at the last two elections he saw the liberals had made a step forward and he was grateful for this. Some had said he came out too flat-footed; that he should have announced himself as a supporter of the local government rather than as a liberal, but he had answered that he was a liberal and would run on liberal lines.

He always felt that a man who takes a defeat gracefully is next to the man who wins and he bowed to the decision of the citizens.

Mr. Lowell, the county member-elect thanked all for his reception. He said he had never made a speech in his life and had gone through the campaign without speechmaking. He was proud of the handsome vote he had received and thanked all who had worked and voted for him.

Brief speeches were made by F. J. G. Knowlton, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., and John Keefe, also of whom paid high tributes to Mr. Skinner.

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Dated the 15th day of December, 1904.

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