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MODERN INSANITY.

We call ourselves civilized and educated; we think we are possessed of reasonable intelligence, and yet fifteen year old babies are permitted by us to roam about the country armed with double-barreled shot guns, aiming and firing at whatever comes in sight, and overheard with sympathy when they blow the heads of other children who chance to be standing near. There should be a law that no one may even touch firearms until he is thirty years of age, and not even then unless one is known to be mentally balanced and stands sponsor. The possession of a gun is conducive to insanity. Many men and boys perfectly sane under ordinary conditions, become dangerous lunatics whenever they get their hands on a revolver or rifle. They themselves do not appreciate the change which occurs in their brains, nor indeed do their friends realize the difference until idiotic carelessness has found its victim. A few days ago at Beaver Dam a young man shot his brother in mistake for a moose. He was affected with that insanity which the possession of a rifle creates. At Wood Point on Saturday a little boy killed a companion. He aimed at a crow and shot his friend. This child was not responsible for the fatality. He was mentally unbalanced by the power of life and death in his hands. The true criminal is the one who permitted that child to carry a gun into the fields.

HIS FINISH IN SIGHT.

From all indications Mr. George E. Foster is fighting his last fight in federal politics, as usual he is running again in North Toronto. He was successful there in 1904 by a majority of 112. But since 1904 several things have happened. Mr. Foster has, as he really is, become somewhat better known to the people of Toronto, as well as to those of the rest of Canada. His Union Trustness has not won for him many new friends, though it may have welded more firmly the bonds with which he is joined to Messrs. Fowler and Dear Lefurgy. He has been exposed as a sharp politician, one who uses his position not for the benefit of his constituents or the country, but for his own personal gain. In parliament and out of it he has endeavored to wrest from Mr. R. L. Borden the leadership of the Conservative party. In this he has made some slight progress, chiefly because of his nerve and his inexhaustible wind power, but even the slight advance which has been noticeable will tell against him. The people of North Toronto, even those who believe that Mr. Foster may be of some value as a member of the opposition, have no desire to see him in the leading position, and his ambition promises to work against him in the coming contest. Again, Mr. Foster is now opposed by Mr. George Shaw, a gentleman who is said to be a much stronger candidate in this particular constituency than was Mr. Urquhart. The Conservative majority of 112 is a small one in a constituency in which 8,732 votes were cast. In the last election Mr. Foster's record since that time has lost him many friends. It is evident that the end of the talkative one is in sight.

NEW TERRITORY OPENED.

Today a new territory is added to Canada. The Grand Trunk Pacific railroad this morning started its first regular trains between Winnipeg and Watwright, Saskatchewan. The distance is six hundred and sixty miles; the line runs through what is recognized as the very best wheat growing area in the Dominion, and the section which is now given facility of transportation promises to become even more valuable and more important than that reached by the main lines of the C. P. R. On this new railroad there are ninety-three stations between Portage la Prairie and Watwright, out as yet few of those stopping places are marked villages although the surrounding country is well settled. There are included two or three villages such as Watwright, Watrous, McVillie and one of them, Watrous, appears in a newspaper which has already appeared four times. The remainder of the ninety-three are, however, little more than stations, with one or two divisional points assuming slightly greater importance. But what a change there will be in a few years. These stations, the majority of them, will, before the railroad has become familiar, have grown into bustling towns or villages, the boundless golden wealth of the vast territory, larger than all New Brunswick, which is now thrown open, will pour in to the sleeping centres. A great impulse will be given to the work of development and Canada by next autumn will feel the influence of this added territory on her increasing exports to foreign markets. The opening of the new railroad is an important incident in the history of the Dominion.

STRONG MAN FOR YORK; PUGSLEY ANS VERSHAZEN

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 20.—Nelson W. Brown, B. A., late inspector of schools, was yesterday nominated unanimously by the Liberals as their candidate for parliament, and accepted in a speech of great spirit and was most enthusiastically received.

THE NOMINATIONS.

The chairman announced that the convention was now open to receive nominations, and on motion of Geo. Brewer, seconded by Alex. Little, it was resolved that nominations be made in open convention.

RECEIVED WITH CHEERS.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who was received with cheers, congratulated Mr. Brown on his selection as the Liberal standard bearer for York. He also expressed his pleasure at the unanimity and harmony which had prevailed and on the fact that the nomination had been concurred in by others whose names had been mentioned as probable candidates.

UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN.

In concluding Mr. Brown's nomination Nelson W. Brown as the Liberal candidate for parliament, a gentleman well qualified for the position. (Applause.)

CANDIDATE SPEAKS.

Candidate Brown, who was received with great applause, said he was proud of the nomination unanimously tendered to him and he was proud of the fact that it had been made by a gentleman who had formerly represented by the county the Liberal interest.

BOYS' SCHOOL BOOTS.

We are opening today a special lot of Boys' School Boots, with heavy Nails Soles, and constructed so that they will stand a lot of wear.

PERCY J. STEEL, FOOT FURNISHER.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

At the public meeting in the Opera House, following the nomination of Mr. Brown, the Liberal candidate, fully as many people were present as attended the Borden-Hanna-Roblin-Hazen demonstration here on Wednesday last.

DEALT IN SLANDERS.

They had dealt in slanders which he (the speaker) would show before he was through without foundation. Mr. Brown had gone out of his way to do this, and had challenged him to meet him on the platform and discuss the matter.

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ROBBED HER MISTRESS WHILE SHE WATCHED. Servant Girl Carried off \$5,000 Worth of Jewelry—Painful Surprise for Mistress.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Under the very eyes of her mistress, who suspected nothing, a clever servant girl thief walked out of the house of John E. Marsden, in West Philadelphia, yesterday, with an apron full of jewelry valued at \$5,000.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 21.—"Danny" Sullivan, formerly centre fielder with the Boston American League Club, has joined the Cleveland team. The transfer was concluded Saturday night. The purchase price was not stated.

The EARLY BIRD. Remember that Our Great Shoe Sale is now on and remember the "early bird". Don't let this opportunity get away from you.

Arrived Today! 100 Dozen White Stone Cups and Saucers, direct from England, 5cts. each, 60cts. dozen. 150 Cans of our famous Cream Sodas, 28cts. can. Graniteware Sale still on.

McLEAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE. Reliable and Durable ROOFING. G. S. FISHER & CO., South Side King Square.

THE FOREST FIRE SITUATION. TILTON, N. H., Sept. 20.—The village of East Tilton was threatened with destruction today by a bush fire which ran dangerously near to several buildings.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. Capital \$10,000,000. Rest \$5,000,000.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS. Made to and from London, New York, Paris, Berlin and other principal banking points in the United States and abroad.

GLYDE LINER PASSED ABANDONED SCHOONER. GRAND TURK, Turk's Island, Sept. 20.—The Glyde liner steamer Seminole from New York, September 15, which arrived today, on Saturday evening rescued the crew of the abandoned schooner John A. Matheson, from Baltimore, August 25, 174 miles north of Turk's Island.

BIG PASSENGER STEAMER ALMOST ASHORE. ST. JOHN, N.B., Sept. 19.—The light-keeper at the Cape St. Francis light-house reports that a big two-funnelled trans-Atlantic steamer, apparently painted grey and crowded with passengers, almost ran ashore at that point today during a dense fog.

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