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MUCH LUBRICATION REQUIRED.

Had the ex-Minister of Public Works failed to attend the Liberal Convention last night there is a strong belief that it would have broken up in a riot. As it was required, all the obnoxious qualities of Mr. Pugsley carry through the cut and dried programme that had been arranged earlier in the day as to the candidates who would be nominated. In addition to those selected the names of Dr. J. M. Smith, ex-Alderman W. E. Scully, Dr. W. F. Roberts and Dr. Lunney were brought before the convention and everyone of them appeared to have more or less supporters.

Mr. Edward Lantulum, who has hitherto been a prominent figure in all nominating conventions of the Liberal party in this city, and who has frequently been called upon to pour oil on the troubled waters, was this time distinguished by his absence. The reason is not hard to find. Mr. Lantulum has been a life long Liberal and taken a more prominent part in the conduct of party affairs than any of its existing members. Since 1908 Mr. Pugsley has most consistently turned down almost every proposition made by Mr. Lantulum notwithstanding the fact that in 1905 he saved the Liberal Government ticket from defeat in the city of St. John by taking a place upon it. It is probable that last night when Mr. Pugsley, finding himself surrounded by a riotous horde instead of a gang of subservient supporters, regretted that he had not Mr. Lantulum on his side to assist in calming the tumult down.

The convention had not proceeded very far with its business when it was evident that everything had been arranged by the machine before hand, and when Mr. Pugsley tried by a process of elimination to get rid of the extra luggage the members of the convention were not slow to inform him that they were sick of machine tactics and demanded a square deal. Mr. Scully, Dr. Smith and Dr. Roberts were disposed of without much difficulty, Mr. Pugsley explaining, apparently on somewhat doubtful authority, that none of these gentlemen desired to run.

When he reached the name of Dr. Lunney, Mr. Pugsley struck a snag. The doctor is a nephew of Mr. Lantulum, and when Mr. Pugsley informed the gathering that he also declined to run, an independent selector made the statement that at five o'clock Dr. Lunney had stated his willingness to be a candidate if nominated. This was rather an awkward poser, but when bent on having his own way Mr. Pugsley is never much concerned regarding the statements or wishes of others, and Dr. Lunney went down to oblivion with the rest whom the machine had rejected. As pre-arranged, Messrs. Kierstead, Foster, Knowlton and Mahoney, the machine candidates, received the nomination.

Before the scrapping was over in the city Mr. Pugsley was called into the County Convention to settle a difficulty that had arisen, but as that organization wisely met with closed doors, the extent of the difficulty was not learned, and Mr. Pugsley was back in time to take a place on the platform and address the delegates, whom he asked to work in harmony. This request naturally had a noticeable effect on the risibilities and irritabilities of the audience.

Before concluding his address Mr. Pugsley found it necessary to refer to what he had done for the city of St. John while at Ottawa and what he would have done had the Government of which he was a member not been defeated. The claim of Mr. Pugsley was so broad that some one in the audience was moved to ask why he didn't build the Valley Railway twenty years ago. This was too much even for the ex-Minister, who could only promise to answer the question "later on." When he did answer it Mr. Pugsley stated that he was not in the House twenty years ago, but he omitted to say that somewhere about that time he had issued a very florid circular during a political campaign promising to secure the construction of this road at an early date, if elected.

Mr. Pugsley, somewhat incautiously, referred to his introduction of a measure in the House of Assembly in 1907 providing a guarantee of \$15,000 a mile for the construction of the Valley Railway. He failed to tell the convention that the railway he proposed to construct commenced at Westfield and ended at Centreville. There was no provision whatever for the road coming to St. John or connecting with the National Transcontinental line. It was to be part of the Canadian Northern, but its terminal was twenty miles from this city and the only guarantee he had that would be built was a telegram from Mackenzie and Mann stating that they would investigate the matter and enter into a contract "providing we find the route satisfactory from engineer's and traffic standpoint. The contents of this message can be used at your discretion." This latter clause was the most important of all because a Provincial election was pending at the time. There are several other things about this road which Mr. Pugsley failed to throw light on before closing his speech.

It cannot be said that Mr. Pugsley appeared to great advantage at the Opposition gathering. The delegation was not in sympathy with him and appeared more willing to criticize than endorse his candidates and his views. It is evident that a large section of the Liberal party in this constituency is not satisfied with the present leadership. They think it is time, and not without reason, for a change.

THE OPPOSITION IN ST. JOHN.

The convention to nominate candidates to support the Opposition at Fredericton was held last evening and Messrs. J. W. Kierstead, W. J. Mahoney, W. E. Foster and F. J. G. Knowlton were selected as standard bearers. The Telegram and Times have been pleased to refer to the ticket nominated by the supporters of the Government in St. John as a weak one. The gentlemen selected on the Opposition side have no individual strength and form a ticket much weaker than any the Liberal party have nominated in recent years. Not one of them is well known in the community outside of a small clique of personal friends.

Mr. Kierstead served a term in the City Council as alderman with no great credit to himself or benefit to the city. Not one of the others has hitherto entered political life, although all have been more or less prominently identified with the workings of the party machine in St. John, particularly in the last two or three campaigns. Mr. Foster is a prominent merchant identified with a large wholesale dry goods business. Mr. Knowlton, although a lawyer by profession, hardly ever appears in court but gives most time to the conduct of his

insurance business. Mr. Kierstead is in the same line of business and Mr. Mahoney is a lawyer. The selection of these gentlemen will not give any more satisfaction to the party in general than it did to the delegates who objected to Mr. Pugsley's machine tactics last night. In choosing Mr. Mahoney a number of persons have been turned down who have been identified with the Liberal party in this city for a much longer period than he. They have been freely expressing themselves on the streets as opposed to his nomination and have threatened to withdraw their support from the Liberal ticket. Mr. Pugsley was confident before the convention held in January, 1911, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures there have been internal troubles and discord in the Liberal ranks.

To such an extent had trouble spread that before the last Dominion election a sub-committee from the general committee of the Liberal party was appointed to see if it was safe to call the nominating committee together. After much log rolling the delegates convened and nominated Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell as candidates for the Dominion House. Mr. Pugsley was confident before the convention, and for some time afterwards, that he would secure his election by at least a thousand majority and carry Mr. Lowell with him. When the votes were counted Mr. Pugsley's majority was 65 and Mr. Lowell was defeated by 110.

The internal condition of the Liberal party at the present time is even worse than it was last year. The dissatisfaction has spread to such an extent that the old delegates, although nominated for the specific purpose of choosing candidates for both Dominion and Local elections, were not called upon to meet for the latter purpose. They were ignored. Another convention was held and fresh delegates appointed who selected the candidates above mentioned.

There never was a time in the political history of St. John when the Liberal party was so weak as it is today. A very large portion of the party has no confidence whatever in its leaders, who made it a practice to set aside the claims of old timers and distribute all the good things amongst a few new comers into the party, who entered its ranks for what they could make out of it while the Laurier Government was in power.

This sentiment had a good deal to do with the small majority Mr. Pugsley received in the last election, and also aided in the defeat of Mr. Lowell, who failed to arouse the confidence of the party which he presumably represented. The division in the Liberal party has already strengthened the Government in St. John and will play a no small part on June 20th in the defeat of the Opposition candidates.

INTRA-EMPIRE TARIFFS.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has been reviewing the activities of Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in the direction of better intra-empire trade relations through a system of preferential tariffs, and concludes that not only will the Conservative party of Canada endorse Mr. Foster's programme but the Liberal party as well will be forced to recognize the value of these preferential schedules. Mr. Foster has effected a preferential arrangement with the West Indies and is now negotiating with both Australia and New Zealand with the object of admitting a similar tariff with them. That is to say, there is under way among the Overseas Dominions a movement which is certain to culminate in an intra-empire tariff system.

It is pointed out that the British people are making rapid advance in economic and fiscal problems affecting themselves as well as the Empire at large. No longer are they invoked, as they were even as late as Mr. Chamberlain's campaign, to impose a tariff for the purpose of differentiating between Empire and foreign imports, not because it would aid their own industries or promote their own welfare, but from the paternal point of view that it would be a tremendous stimulus to the Daughter Nations and States of the Empire; and serving to draw them closer to Great Britain, if the project involved a sacrifice it would be "a sacrifice worthy of the cause."

Through the growing greatness of Canada and the other Overseas States of the Empire, and with the aid of the lucid eloquence of such men as Mr. Foster, who always resented this idea of "sacrifice," the British people are apprehending more and more clearly day by day that an intra-empire tariff means the augmentation and steady of British trade, greater demand for their home manufactures, with more constant and better remunerated employment for their workmen.

The nominations made at Hartland, Carleton County, yesterday afternoon, show that the Opposition party in Carleton is even in a worse state of disorganization than it is in St. John. Some very prominent gentlemen of the county have been mentioned as possible candidates but none of them materialized and the ticket selected which is comprised of Mr. George W. Upham, Mr. C. L. Smith and Mr. Frank R. Shaw is about the weakest that could have been nominated. Mr. Carvell was a prominent figure both at the convention and at the subsequent meeting at Woodstock. The latter, although Mr. Copp, the Leader of the Opposition, was the star speaker, was only sparsely attended and the interest displayed was more negative than enthusiastic. The people of Carleton are thoroughly in accord with the policy of Premier Fleming and will return him and his colleagues as their representatives on June 26th.

The Liberal convention to nominate candidates for the County of St. John held last evening, selected Mr. Bentley and Mr. Amador Anderson of Fairville as their candidates. During the last session of the Legislature Mr. Bentley proved himself to be the most tiresome member of the House. Mr. Anderson is making his first bow to the electors. Judging from the present temper of the people of St. John County it will also be his last. The ticket is one that ought to be and will be defeated.

Current Comment

(Gait, Ont. Reformer.)

Clean milk is a mighty factor in the conservation of infant life. Infantile mortality statistics for Canada are lamentably incomplete, yet it is known that thousands of Canadian infants die every summer as a result of being fed diseased, dirty, germ-laden milk. This is a national loss of very serious magnitude, and one that demands the immediate application of preventive measures.

(Montreal Herald.)

In Paris you can get popular subscriptions for a municipal three-per-cent. loan at ninety-five, but in Montreal there are not enough people satisfied with that rate to take up ten dollars worth. The difference is not that our civic credit is worse but that our opportunities of making money are better.

(Kingston Whig.)

According to baseball law the umpire must regulate the men who insult them from the bleachers. That is the definition of the law as it has been handed out in Ty Cobb's case.

(Hamilton Herald.)

As against little New Zealand's contribution of a Dreadnought to the Imperial navy, Canada can at least produce a great mass of fine patriotic after-dinner oratory in two languages.

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Unnumbered Automobiles.

Some days ago Chief of Police gave an order to the officers to report all owners of automobiles in the city whose cars were not numbered with the 1912 sign according to law, and Sergeant Baxter is the first to make a report. Yesterday he reported David Fleming for allowing his motor car to be driven on the public streets without being numbered as according to law. There being no number on the front end of the car and the number 99-1912 on the rear end. The Sergeant also reported William Lob for acting as chauffeur on motor car No. 99, he not having a chauffeur's badge or license as required by law, and driving car No. 99 through the streets of the city.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Next Session will be Held in Newfoundland.

Fredericton, May 31.—The Grand Sovereign Orange Lodge of British America, concludes its 53rd annual session today. The selection of the next place of meeting caused a long, good-natured discussion. The claims of St. John's, Nfld., were put forth with great eloquence by the delegates from the ancient colony. It will mark the jubilee year of the Orange Order in Newfoundland and this fact was used with great force. Among others Sir Mackenzie Bowell supported the invitation from Newfoundland. The result was to secure a favorable vote for St. John's, Newfoundland as the first ballot.

The Grand officers were elected as follows:
Grand Master—Lieut. Colonel J. H. Scott, Walkerton, Ont.
Deputy Grand Master—Dr. D. D. Ellis, Fleming, Sask.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. H. A. Fish, Owen Sound.
Grand Secretary—William Lee, Toronto.
Grand Treasurer—W. J. Parkill, Midland, Ont.
Grand Lecturer—J. W. Whitley, Vancouver.
Deputy Grand Secretary—W. M. Fitzgerald, Toronto.
Deputy Grand Treasurer—H. C. Hocken, Toronto.
Deputy Grand Lecturers—Newfoundland, Geo. Langmaid; P. E. I., R. K. Bruce; Nova Scotia, D. Coleman; New Brunswick, P. A. Guthrie; Fredericton, Ontario (East), S. W. Owens, Ottawa; Ontario (West), James Jennings; Toronto (Manitoba), S. Larkin; Saskatchewan, Thomas McMann; Alberta, J. Montgomery; British Columbia, S. Court.

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THE LOVE TALKS OF ARABELLA.
(Netta Marquis, in Judge.)
When Arabella Whiffletree went in for things esthetic, Her efforts, if the least is said, were strongly energetic. She searched Hindu philosophy. She sidled into theosophy. And worshipped a fat Swami with a seal that was pathetic.

She then took up another cult—Descartes, Kant, Shopenhauer—And over gentle Emerson she prattled by the hour. No theory could frighten her. Nor even much enlighten her; But she declared that what she sought was "thought-producing power."

She joined a reading circle next, whose object, great and crowning, Was manifested by the way the members had of frowning. On common poets and things. "Twas here her spirit found its wings. She idolized the "sweet soul" though wasn't much on Browning.

She passed into that period when age comes, and grows ever closer. And finally besought to wed, she did not answer, "No, sir." The gentleman was one whose scope Embraced molasses, beans and soap. The groceries palmed Arabella—but how she loved the grocer!

SAYS GRANDPA GRIPSACK:
Sponge cake is the most deceitful thing in the world.

When George Henry got home late to supper, his wife said: "I don't mind your going to ball games, but I wish when there's an extra-inning game you'd call me up ahead of time and tell me, so I'll know when to have supper."

If cats have nine lives As the poets declare, It must be a puzzle To know when to wear Mourning for those who Have wandered away. For they are quite apt to Come back any day.

OUR BEST TIGHT-WAD.
The man who fills his fountain pen at the post office ink well.

All in Cold Storage. "I was just reading about a dairy maid who wrote her name on an egg and got a proposal of marriage. "I've heard about that scheme. It doesn't always work. I know of a hired girl out in Elizabeth township who had written her name on more than 3,000 eggs and never got a letter yet."

They're talking now of calling him Tiresus Cobb.

DREAMSTICKS

THE CLOCK STRUCK MIDNIGHT BUT PHILIP STILL SAT AT HIS DESK DETERMINED TO THINK OF A DREAMSTICK BEFORE HE WENT HOME.

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OBITUARY

Harold K. Lee.
The death took place yesterday morning of Harold K. Lee, son of William G. Lee, agent of the Eastern S. S. Company, at his home, Wall street. The deceased had been in poor health for some months and his death was not unexpected. He was an employee of the I. C. R. freight office for a number of years, and was highly esteemed both by his fellow employees and his superiors. He is survived by three brothers, Messrs. Cuthbert, Victor and Arthur, and two sisters, the Misses Helen M. and Dorothy W. He was a well known and popular young man and his death will be heard of with regret by a host of friends.

Mrs. Maria Mercer.
Mrs. Maria Mercer, widow of John Mercer, died yesterday morning in the Home for Incurables, where she had been an inmate for the last two years. Deceased who was 86 years of age, had suffered greatly, but was noted for her cheerful resignation. Her husband pre-deceased her a good many years ago, and she is survived by one sister, who lives in Carleton. Besides her sister, she leaves a large number of nephews and nieces in the city.

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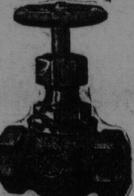
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Hon. J. K. Fleming, Premier and Surveyor will address the convention.

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