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THE THOUGHTS OF THEOBALD.

THE ELECTION.

"Antiquated" was a common word in use on Polling Day and it referred to the methods used to carry on the business of the election. What reason there was to put both ballots for Mayor and Councillors in the same box is not at all clear. It must have meant hours to get them separated again.

There were also far too few booths. Again there were many booths where the voters were treated in anything but a fair manner. By actual count it took one Deputy Returning Officer fifteen minutes to swear a man in and record his vote, and as the Voters' List was very incomplete, many men waited for hours for a chance to vote, and at eight o'clock I know as a fact that at least seven men were prevented from voting after waiting in the doorway of the booth for more than half an hour. Of course this was simply caused by the incapability of the deputy returning officer to do his work satisfactorily. There were, however, other Deputies whose work was done in a noticeably efficient manner.

Regarding the qualifications of voters, the public can now judge why so many hours were spent over the matter by the Citizens' Committee. They knew all the trouble that occurred in former elections, and the different interpretations that deputy returning officers put on the wording of the Act, and they wanted definite advice on the matter from the Minister of Justice. It was so difficult to get any satisfactory reply from that source that publication of all correspondence on the matter was contemplated. Now on election day I understand that a very broad interpretation was put on the words and any interest therein so that it almost became a manhood suffrage vote. I am told that the Municipal elections have always been conducted in this way, that is, all the male members of a family who contribute to the upkeep of the house have had a vote and not only the head of the house. By this is not the interpretation put upon the Act by all.

Manhood suffrage seems the simplest way out and if the Poll tax which is provided in the Charter is sustained, it will practically mean that at the next election.

The election demonstrated that some provision should be made to give those at work ample time to vote. Many men have only the dinner hour and tea hour to vote and as these hours are the busiest at the polling booths it is easily seen that in an election such as yesterday hundreds of men were unable to vote.

Perhaps the hour of closing booths might be extended to nine o'clock.

MEAT.

The ever increasing cost of meat is causing a lot of anxiety to householders and many cannot afford much of it. With beefsteak at forty cents a pound and joints at thirty cents, a big hole is cut in the cash available for eatables. We are told that we should be just as well without it and it may be so with some of us. Unfortunately the man who works the hardest and the longest, and who needs strong sustaining food is the one who can least afford to buy meat. The man of means, of leisure, the man who works short hours with no great physical effort does not require much meat but is the one who can obtain all he wants. It is a part of the problem of inequalities which must be solved some day, whether we want it solved or not.

I do not know how much meat we eat in a year per capita. Australia is the heaviest meat eating country with seven and two-third ounces of meat every day for every man, woman, and child. Then comes Argentina and the United States. Then Canada which consumes about six ounces a day per capita. In the United Kingdom the consumption is five and one-seventh ounces; in Germany five ounces; in France three and a half ounces; in Norway and Sweden three and a quarter ounces; in Russia two and one-fifth ounces.

If private enterprise in Newfoundland cannot make us independent of foreign raised cattle, the Government might consider starting several large farms. Even if our meat cost as much as we could import it for, it would be comforting to know that our supply was assured. But we may be sure that cattle can be raised here just as cheaply as anywhere. The cost of fresh meat and its shortage have thrown us too much in the way of consuming such large quantities of barrel pork and beef, which are very welcome periodically, but not quite suitable for every day consumption.

PROFIT AND PATRIOTISM.

For a few weeks' work a man in Canada made a grab of a quarter of a million dollars in connection with certain shell contracts. He called it brokerage commission. What would you call it? But do you know that there are men here who do very much the same thing? They call it business. In connection with some war expenditure I know of one article which was purchased for \$1.45 per unit and when it appeared in the public accounts the Government had been made pay \$2.50 per unit. Just where did patriotism enter into that transaction? It makes one sick to hear of patriotism and perhaps from the very individual capable of grabbing such an unholly profit as this shows.

It is indeed time that Government purchasing should be placed on a proper basis. The spoils (for it is nothing else) now go to party supporters and economy in pricing is unknown. Business means as much profit as can be obtained. Unfortunately this is what a merchant means by "Business as Usual." We have heard, and we shall hear: "A brave Newfoundland boy gives his life for the Empire." Have we yet heard: "A rich Newfoundland gives his fortune to the Empire?"

Which is the greater sacrifice? The first? Then why do we hesitate at the second?

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE.

The day when Man will be able to harness the forces of Nature and make her do his bidding is advancing rapidly. In Australia, they have hired scientists to bring rain down on the dry parts of the country where rain seldom falls; and there seems every possibility for the success of the plan.

BROKERS ON MARGINS.

I am not an extremist in regard to gambling. While in any form it is bad, yet one cannot get rid of the fact that a great deal of our dealings are conducted with chance as a prime element. Our fishery is often spoken of as a gamble—the seal fishery especially and many enterprises are subject to conditions in which success or failure seems to depend on chance. Life or fire insurance or any insurance is nothing more than a bet with the insurance company. They give you big odds based on certain records by which they are pretty sure to win. But there is one form of gambling which is licensed in the city that might profitably be stopped. The City Council obtains \$250.00 as a license from Brokers on Margins. These brokers do not sell stocks in the ordinary way. They do not pass over script for so many shares in a company. Their patrons do not obtain any interest in any company. Their patrons simply gamble on the fluctuations in the market value of the stock of a company. It is a business that does no good to the city and is a legalized form of gambling that we can very well do without. One method would be to tax it out of business, but the preferable method is to prohibit the license altogether.

SARCASM.

Sarcasm is mean. It turns the worthy thought into the unworthy. It is sharp and therefore stings. Sarcasm never convinces. It is brilliant at times, but lights up the bad without disclosing the good. Sharp rebuke, severity of tongue are legitimate weapons in certain kinds of warfare. They are as far above sarcasm as honesty is above stratagem. Sarcasm is not only of no advantage to character but is a positive injury to noble growth. It is ungenerous, unkind and ought to be suppressed. It would be difficult to find an instance where it ever did the person using it any real good, or did the cause in which it is used any good.

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Everyday Etiquette!

"Please tell me what a bride in moderate circumstances is expected to furnish for the new home?" asked Evelyn.

"It has been the province of the bride-elect to provide the bed and table linen for the new home, but I think curtains would come under the head of house furnishing and should be purchased afterward and the bridegroom would pay for them," answered her friend.

Mysterious Disappearance.

No trace has yet been found of James Bulger, of West St. Modeste, who has been missing from his home since the morning of 10th inst. For more than a month Mr. Bulger had not been feeling well. When weather permitted it, however, he spent much of his time out doors and usually took a walk in the mornings. On the morning in question he started for the mill, about half a mile inland. He appeared to be quite sound in mind and talked about where he was going. After he had been absent some two hours, parties went to look for him, and though a continuous search was kept up for over a week it failed to locate any trace whatever of the missing man. He leaves three sons and three daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt.—Western Star, June 28.

Here and There.

C. L. B. CHURCH PARADE.—The C. L. B. will hold a church parade tomorrow morning and will attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church.

COMING HOME.—Sir W. D. Reid, who for some time has been suffering from a severe illness, and is now practically recovered, will reach the city about the middle of the month.

UNDERGOING SURVEY.—The British steamer Arachne, which was ashore and refloated, is still at St. Pierre Roads undergoing a survey as to the extent of her injuries.

GAME CALLED OFF.—The football match between the Terra Novas and St. Bon's, which was to take place last evening, was postponed owing to the bad weather conditions, but will probably be played on Thursday evening next.

TO LOAD ORE.—The s.s. Charles Beatty, which brought a large flour cargo here from Montreal, left last night for Tilt Cove to load copper ore. Pilot James Brown went along on the ship.

DETAINED BY WEATHER.—The vessels Annie L. Warren, Albert Moulton and Violet Courtney have full fish cargoes for foreign markets, but are detained from sailing by adverse weather.

White sailor hats are still in good fashion, and the newest of them are a bit wider on the left side than on the right.

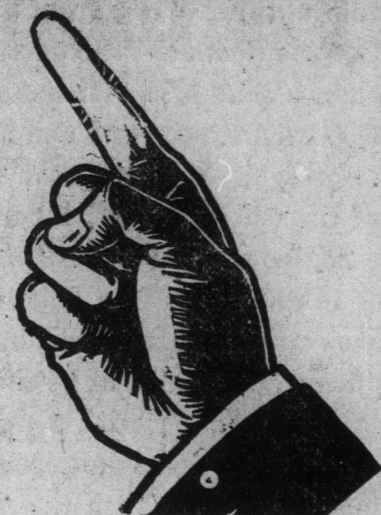
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