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THOSE WHO MAY VOTE DEC. 6TH

The New Franchise and Its Operation to the Citizen's Rights as an Elector.

The inauguration of a general election campaign directs attention to the franchise and its operation to the citizen's rights as an elector and the manner in which he will be called upon to exercise those rights, says the Montreal Gazette. The election to be held this fall will see the first general application of the new, or remodelled, Dominion Elections Act, and it is possible that some uncertainty may prevail as to the manner and extent in which the position of the elector is affected by the provisions of that act. There is, or ought to be, no room for confusion in this respect; the act as amended embodies the same fundamental principle as was contained in preceding legislation, that of what is virtually universal suffrage. This has been known in Canada as manhood suffrage, the right to vote being enjoyed, theoretically, by all adult males, but the extension of the franchise to include women, upon practically equal terms with men, renders the term "universal suffrage" more appropriate. The fact that women will have the right to vote in all provinces necessitates the preparation of what will be substantially new lists, and will add, incidentally, to the expense of the election.

The voters' list for federal purposes are based upon the provincial lists, provided the latter are not more than two years old. In this province the provincial lists are those of the municipalities and are revised, either annually or bi-annually, by the municipal authorities under statutory direction. These lists will be employed in the coming election as far as they go, but as they are based upon the manhood suffrage principle, and does not accord to women the right to vote, very considerable additions will have to be made. This will be done by registration.

The qualification of electors under the provisions of the Dominion Elections Act requires that every voter, whether male or female, shall be:

- (a) A British subject.
- (b) Twenty-one years of age;
- (c) Shall have ordinarily resided in Canada for one year immediately preceding the date of the issue of the writ of election;
- (d) Shall have ordinarily resided in the electoral district for the two months immediately preceding that date; and
- (e) Is not expressly denied the right to vote.

A British subject, under the act means one who

(a) Was born in any of His Majesty's Dominions or on a British ship, whether of alien parentage or not; or

(b) Was borne elsewhere of a father who, at the time of the child's birth, was a British subject, either by birth or naturalization; or

(c) Has been personally granted a certificate of naturalization in Canada, Great Britain or any of His Majesty's Dominions; or

(d) Has had his name included in any such certificate granted to a parent; or

(e) Is the wife or unmarried widow of a British subject by birth or naturalization; or

(f) Is the child of a person naturalized in Canada, otherwise than under the Imperial Naturalization Act, and was, at or after the time his parent was naturalized and before he or she became twenty-one years of age, resident in Canada with the naturalized parent.

It has been pointed out that the expression "ordinarily resided" has no technical meaning, but the qualification, as regards either residence in the Dominion or in a particular constituency, rests upon the fact of the individual having had a personal or family home in which he has lived exclusively or partly, or from which he has been merely temporarily absent, or upon his having actually lodged for two months in the constituency.

Those who may not vote include election employees who are paid out of other than public funds; judges appointed by the Dominion government; women who have merely become the wives of British subjects, were not born of the North American continent, were not entitled to vote

at any time before June 4th, 1921, and have not obtained a certificate from a judge having jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings; Indians (on a reservation) who did not serve in the war; persons disqualified under provincial law because of race, unless such persons served in the war and can produce their discharge certificates; prisoners undergoing punishment for criminal offences; patients in lunatic asylums; persons wholly or partly supported by public charity in municipal poor houses or houses of industry; persons supported in provincial charitable institutions and persons disfranchised for corrupt or illegal practices.

In view of the existing inequality between the provincial and federal franchises in this province and the resultant inadequacy of the provincial lists for dominion purposes, great importance attaches to the registration of voters. The man or woman whose name does not appear in the voter's list on polling day, does not vote, however well qualified in other respects. Registration is the means whereby individuals who are entitled to vote in dominion elections, but not in provincial, or whose names, for any other reason, may have been omitted from the provincial lists, may have their name recorded. As the franchise is not compulsory, so neither is registration but as the exercise of the franchise is not less a duty than a privilege, those who are entitled to have their name recorded in the lists should avail themselves of the opportunity which registration affords.

Registration booths will be opened in the various electoral divisions immediately following the issue of the writ of election. Application for registration may then be made, either for the voter personally, or by a relative or employer in his behalf, provided he cannot attend personally because of sickness, disability or "necessary temporary unavoidable and bona fide absence." In either case the registrar will put to the applicant, after swearing him, a set of questions prescribed by statute, as follows:

- (1) Where is your ordinary residence?
- (2) Have you, on application made by you or on your behalf, been registered as a voter in any other polling division in this election.
- (3) Are you a British subject by birth or naturalization?
- (4) Are you of the full age of twenty-one years?
- (5) Have you ordinarily resided in Canada for the twelve months immediately before—(the date of the issue of the writ)?
- (6) Have you ordinarily resided in this electoral district for the two months immediately before the said day, etc.?
- (7) Are you within any of the classes of persons who lack qualification or are disqualified by reason of appointment as a judge, employment for pay or reward in reference to the election, place of birth, race, crime, mental incapacity, the receipt of public charitable support, or disfranchisement for corrupt or illegal practices?

If these questions are answered satisfactorily (the questions put to the relative or employer being substantially similar), the full name of the voter is taken and entered, together with his address and occupation.

Following the registration of voters, the lists are revised by officials appointed for that purpose, after copies have been posted in conspicuous places, municipal buildings, etc. Any person may apply to the revising officer to have his name added to the lists, whether he has applied for registration or not, and persons who have been refused registration by the revising officers may appeal to the registrar against the refusal so made. On the other hand, the registrar may have his own mistakes, if any, corrected in this revision, and anybody also may apply for the removal of names after proper notice has been given.

The sittings of the revising officers begin on the twenty-first day before the day of polling, and continue for six consecutive week days.

The procedure, while it appears to be more or less elaborate and complicated when regarded as a whole, is simple enough as is affects the individual voter. The status of the latter is clearly defined by law and his or her rights as an elector carefully and fully protected.

Australia now has a population of 5,419,702, which is an increase of 969,721 over the figures of 1911.

GRAND MASTER VISITS I.O.O.F.

An Important Event in the History of Crescent Lodge of Oddfellows

A very important event took place in the history of Crescent Lodge No. 63, I.O.O.F., Bridgetown, Monday night when it received an official visit from Mr. Chas. L. Wood, Grand Master for the Maritime Provinces of Canada and Newfoundland.

After he had been escorted in the Lodge room, accompanied by District Deputy Grand Master C. L. Piggott, of Bridgetown, and received the full honors of the Order, the third degree was exemplified on two candidates in a manner which brought forth very complimentary remarks from the Lodge's distinguished visitor. After the regular session of the Lodge had closed the officers and members of Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge were invited in the Lodge room and between seventy-five and eighty brothers and sisters were served lunch. Mr. A. G. Walker, chairman of the entertainment committee presided. The first feature on the programme was the presentation of a Past Grand's regalia to Mr. John A. Hutchinson, the present Noble Grand of Crescent Lodge, who is about to take part in an important event, or in other words, unite in holy matrimony with a sister Rebekah, who was also present at Monday night's entertainment. The Grand Master made the presentation speech. Mr. Hutchinson was taken completely by surprise. He, in a few words, thanked the brothers of the Lodge for their much appreciated gift, and also for the honor in having it placed on him by the Grand Master. Mr. Wood's address on Oddfellows was the best ever heard on this subject in Crescent Lodge room and was listened to with the keenest interest by the large number of brothers and sisters in attendance. The other speakers called on, all of whom made interesting remarks, were Mrs. J. W. Peters, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly; Rev. Clyde W. Robbins, Chaplain of Norfolk Lodge No. 48, of Dorchester, Mass., and pastor of the Bridgetown Baptist Church; Mrs. Fred E. Bath, Grand Conductor of the Rebekah Assembly; Mrs. Dora Hayward, Past Grand Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly; Miss Nellie Rice, Noble Grand of Autumn Leaf Lodge; Mr. C. L. Piggott, D.D.G.M.; Mrs. Milford Hopkins, who gave a very appropriate recitation; J. W. Peters, P.D.D.G.M. and O. S. Dunham, P.G. and P.C.P. This meeting, which will long be remembered by the members of the three link fraternity, closed with the National Anthem.

Grand Master Wood paid an official visit to Guiding Star Lodge, Granville Ferry last night; St. Thomas Lodge, Weymouth, to-night; and Friendship Lodge, Bear River, to-morrow night, to which have been invited the officers and members of St. George Lodge, Digby.

OCEAN HIKERS FROM HALIFAX MISSING

The Boat "Vet" Found Half Submerged in Narragansett Bay.

Newport, R.I., October 7.—A sixteen-foot open boat named "The Vet," believed by the police to be that in which two Halifax youths, Arthur Sprague and J. H. Engle, started from that port on a cruise to Vancouver, B.C., was found half submerged near Sakonet Light, in Narragansett Bay, late to-day. The craft contained some old clothing, a water jug and a pair of oars. No word concerning the little craft's occupants has been received here.

"The Vet," in which the Halifax boys started their long cruise, was reported at Boston on September 27th, and it is believed to have left the next day. It has not been heard from since.

WHAT IS "ROMANY RYE?"

Title Borne by Jack Holt in "The Life Line."

"Romany Rye: one who sympathizes and associates with the gypsies, understands their language and knows their customs."

That's what the dictionary says about the title Jack Holt bears as the romantic hero of Maurice Tourneur's new Paramount-Artcraft production, "The Life Line," which is coming to the Primrose Theatre next Friday and Saturday. And that describes him quite completely. He is the half-brother of an English lord, cheated of his estate by the present owner. He has taken up the life of the gypsies and is their leader when the story opens.

However, meeting the girl of his heart makes him determined to secure his rightful heritage, and he sets out to do it. He goes through several exciting adventures, being nearly burned to death in a theatre, thrown bound and gagged into the Thames, and rescuing his sweetheart off a sinking vessel by means of a breeches buoy before he accomplishes his purpose. But it all ends happily.

The picture is declared to be rare entertainment, and Seena Owen, Pauline Stark, Tully Marshall, Wallace Beery and Lewis Cody help to make it so.

MANY FINE CRAFT FOR U. S. RACE

Arthur James Latest Entry at Gloucester—Marty Welch to Skip The Elsie To-day

Gloucester, Oct. 6.—The entry of another fine vessel to the list this afternoon of the craft which will compete in the elimination race, the latest being the fish schooner Arthur James, entered by her owners, Capt. John J. Matheson and the M. Walen and Son, Company. The James is 135 gross tons, 103.5 feet long, 24.8 breadth and 10.6 deep and was built in Essex in 1905.

Capt. Matheson, of the Arthur James, which he has commanded for years, is known as one of the most successful of the mackerel "killers." Unfortunately the past season has been a poor one and the James has been laying at the wharf here for several weeks, the owners and crew waiting for tidings of mackerel which have failed to materialize.

However, as the enthusiasm mounts, Capt. Matheson, who was first hand to Capt. Marty Welch in the Esperanto last year, could not stand the pressure and this afternoon announced that his bat was in the ring and he was out to win. The entrance of the James assures a splendid contest this Wednesday and with a bit of a blow and a jump to the sea our fisher boys will have fun galore. It was also announced this afternoon that Captain Marty Welch would sail the Elsie in the elimination race and also in the finals should she prove a winner on this end.

The work of preparation is being rushed on four of the vessels entered and three of them will go on the way to-morrow.

The American committee "temporarily" returned The Halifax Herald's International Trophy to-day, sending the beautiful cup to Chairman H. R. Silver of the trustees, by express. Of course, it is anticipated here that after October 22nd the cup will again repose here for a year in the possession of the owners of one of the Gloucester fleet of fishing vessels.

**CROWDS VISIT THE
YARMOUTH EXPO.**

And The Merchants of The Town Did Good Business.

Yarmouth, Oct. 6.—The weather for Yarmouth's second exhibition day has been all that could be desired the fact that a strong southwest wind has prevailed since early this morning.

Bright sun, however, soon eliminated the October chill and the air has been clear and balmy. The town from early this morning has been thronged with exhibition sightseers, and the merchants every where have enjoyed a very lively day.

The attendance at the exhibition rink this afternoon was a record one, the large building and grounds, where the Cattle Show is being held were thronged with thousands of people. This evening the attendance is equally as large and promises to be the banner day of the show. New attractions are being introduced and the fair will be noted as the best held by the Yarmouth Agricultural Society for many years.

**WINDSOR'S FIRST
CHINESE WOMAN**

(Hants Journal)

Mrs. George Fong, a Chinese lady whose home was in Canton arrived at Vancouver early in September and came to Montreal last week, where she was met by Mr. Fong. They arrived at Windsor on Tuesday evening of last week, where Mr. Fong operates a restaurant. This is the first Chinese lady to take up residence in Windsor.

THE BROTHERHOOD MOVEMENT

Rev. (Dr.) A. M. Hill Delivered Two Good Addresses in Bridgetown.

Rev. (Dr.) A. M. Hill, of Yarmouth, Maritime Secretary of the Canadian Brotherhood Federation, delivered two strong addresses in Bridgetown on Sunday. In the morning he spoke in the Gordon-Providence United Church and in the evening in the Baptist Church. Dr. Hill has a message for the times and his utterances constitute a challenge to the manhood of the church to measure up to their responsibility.

The World Brotherhood Movement was inaugurated in Great Britain and

now embraces twenty-two nations of the world.

It aims:

- (1) To interpret and exemplify Brotherhood in the light of the life and principles of Jesus.
- (2) To make such a spirit and interpretation of Brotherhood dominant in all life—personal, social, economic and political.

The work of the Brotherhood in Jugo-Slavia and in Czecho-Slovakia has already proved of great value in establishing these new states.

The Canadian Brotherhood Federation is the Canadian unit of this world-wide organization. It is an inter-denominational body composed of a council of representative men drawn from the various denominations and men's organizations. Its purpose is to establish local Brotherhoods in each congregation and federate these into town and city federations. It is antagonistic to no existing organization but simply provides a medium for the men of the church to function as church men in every worthy community enterprise and thus secure the united voice of the church's manhood on any vital, National or International issue.

The population of Japan is increasing at a rate of 300,000 a year.

NEWFOUNDLAND SWEEP BY GALE

Little Girl Electrocuted and Two Men Injured—Havoc With Shipping Along the Coast

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 6.—A wind storm blowing at the rate of about eighty miles per hour swept this coast this morning, and was indirectly responsible for the death of one school child, and serious injury to two men in the suburbs of the city. The fatality occurred when Margaret Skinner, aged twelve, caught hold of a wire fence across which a live electric wire had been blown by the storm. She was instantly electrocuted. The two men met with injury in the same way, and though both are badly burned their recovery appears certain.

The storm also created havoc with the shipping in the harbor, many craft going adrift and getting badly tangled up.

Two men of Dog Cove who were caught on the water in a small boat are feared blown to sea and lost, according to a message received here by the Assistant Collector of Customs. The missing men are John Bagg and William Warren, and belonged to the southwest coast.

The schooner Effie M. Prior is reported ashore and a total loss at Savage Cove, Straits of Belle Isle. She had on board a cargo of over a thousand quintals of green fish.

Owing to the wires being down no news has reached the city of any storm damages in sections outside of St. John.

**SOMERVILLE, MASS.,
SCHOOL TEACHERS**

At last night's meeting of the School Board these new teachers were elected: Marie F. May, Northern Junior High; Prescott E. Whitfield, Western Junior High; Annette B. McKnight, Senior High; Alice M. McNary, Eastern Junior High; Mary L. Gallagher, Glines; Mary J. Dewire, Pope; Inez M. Atwater, cadet teacher; Alice S. Hall, of the Western Junior High, was given leave of absence for one year without pay. The board was notified by City Clerk J. M. Carson of an additional appropriation of \$8,000 made by the Board of Aldermen. Lena Gilbert and Eudora Morey, who have been High School teachers for over 30 years, were retired on a pension.

(The above is reprinted from the Boston Globe of September 27th. The Mr. Prescott E. Whitfield, above referred to, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Whitfield, of Hampton, and is certainly an Annapolis County boy who is making good in the U. S. He is also an enthusiastic yachtsman, and is a member of one of the Massachusetts Yacht Clubs. We wish the young man continued success.)

SUPREME COURT

The following is the result of the cases tried in Annapolis Royal, October 4th to 7th:

CRIMINAL

The King vs. Charlie Lee: verdict of guilty. Sentenced to pay costs and a fine, making \$100 in all.

The King vs. Chas. A. Harnish: verdict of not guilty.

CIVIL

Norman vs. Ramey: verdict for defendant.

Spurr vs. Henshaw: verdict for plaintiff.

Hall vs. Electric Light Commissioners. Order granted.

REGULAR MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Bridgetown Electric Light System Will Be Inspected by Engineer Sammett of Montreal

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber Friday evening, October 7th, commencing at 7:30, Mayor Warren in the chair.

Councillors present: H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, A. A. Dechman and C. A. Bent.

The following bills were read and on motion ordered paid:

J. I. Foster \$ 8.50
E. G. Lewis 7.35
B. E. Chute 1.57
A. J. Burns 2.70
Dr. Lawrence Braine 11.15
A. G. Walker 4.60
Harry Monroe 36.00
Pay Sheet for September 127.98

A notice dated September 22nd was read from Harry Ruggles, Esq., stating that his resignation of the office of Town Solicitor for the Town of Bridgetown, would take effect on September 30th, 1921.

Moved by Coun. Hicks, seconded by Coun. Bent and passed that his resignation be accepted.

A communication was read from Electrical Engineer M. A. Sammett, of Montreal, stating that he would inspect Bridgetown's electric light system, if his services were required. As Mr. Sammett is highly recommended as an expert in Hydro electric power it was moved by Coun. Longmire, seconded by Coun. Dechman and passed that Mr. M. A. Sammett be employed to inspect and report on the condition of the present electric light plant.

A letter from J. A. Rudland on "Fire Prevention Day" was read and the same was ordered to be acknowledged.

The matter concerning Wm. Hartford's maintenance was left with the Poor Committee.

The matter of connecting the two apple packing houses with water system was discussed. It was thought that the companies should come under an agreement for a fixed rate.

By request of the Council His Worship the Mayor gave a most interesting and instructive report of the Municipal Union Convention, held in the City Hall, Halifax, last August. Mayor Warren took up each subject on the programme, a copy of which appeared in the press at the time the Convention was held. His report was very complete and listened to with great interest by all who were present.

A vote of thanks was extended His Worship for such a full report, showing the great interest that he had taken in the convention, which proved so beneficial to the various towns and municipalities represented.

Minutes read and approved. Council adjourned.

J. E. LLOYD, Clerk.

**Berwick Juniors Win
FROM MIDDLETON TEAM**

Berwick, Oct. 2.—Berwick Juniors won the second game of the three game series which they are playing with Middleton, 3-2. The home players played air-tight ball throughout. The star play was made by J. Parker, or Berwick, who pulled down a difficult drive.

Middleton
N. Clark, P. Moness, P.
H. Savage, C. Carter, C.
J. Parker, 1st Hart, 1st
J. Woodworth, 2nd Bentley, 2nd
M. Davis, 3rd Janshie, 3rd
F. Woodworth, S.S. Parsons, S.
B. Parker, L.P. Perkins, L.F.
O. Grimm, R.F. Hoyt, R.F.
G. Clark, C.F. Marshall, C.F.

ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE

This Man Should Feel Too Mean To Admit It.

It has been supposed for some time that the MONITOR went regularly into every home in Bridgetown. A lady, however, a few days ago, stated that she did not know the date of some one's "At Home." Why, "It was in the MONITOR," replied a half dozen ladies at a time. "My husband is not a subscriber," was the reply. If the lady who made the complaint had not been thoroughly reliable, those present would not have believed her.

MANY MOTOR TOURISTS

During this season there has been an unusually large number of tourists pass through Calais into Canada via St. Stephen and until October 1st there has been 1,372 coming into Canada and 221 entering the United States from Canada via Calais.

The population of Japan is increasing at a rate of 300,000 a year.

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