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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

A reader of The Ontario, who is a keen student of public affairs has requested us to publish an explanation of the new system of voting that was adopted in the city of Winnipeg in the recent provincial election in Manitoba. Aside from Winnipeg the voting in Manitoba was according to the old system with which we are all familiar.

The whole city was grouped into one constituency and ten seats in the Legislature were allotted it. Forty-one candidates were nominated, ten Liberals, ten Conservatives, ten Labor and eleven Independents.

The presence of many names on a ballot might be expected to perplex the elector, but a gentleman who has had an opportunity to examine the ballots states that this condition was averted largely by the candidates representing various groups having their names printed in certain colors; the Liberals in red, the Conservatives in blue; Labor in green, and Independents in black.

Under proportional representation the voter has only one vote, but that vote is transferable. When marking the ballot the voter places the figure "1" opposite the name of the candidate he wishes to elect. This is called his first choice. He continues to place the numbers opposite the names of candidates he favors, the figure "2" against one; the figure "3" against another and so denoting his second and third choice.

When the ballots have been cast they are divided according to the first choices marked on them. In the Winnipeg elections this meant 41 separate bundles, comprising 47,427 votes.

The quota which each candidate had to receive to be elected was determined by dividing the number of votes cast by one more than the number of seats to be filled and adding one to the result, thus: 47,427 divided by 10 plus 1, equal 47,427 divided by 11, equal 4,312 plus 1—the quota 4,312. This meant that to secure election at this stage of the proceedings a candidate had to have at least 4,312 votes. Two candidates were elected on the first count, and a third candidate was elected on the second count. The fourth candidate was not elected until the 31st count. The fifth was elected on the 32nd count and the six and seventh on the 33rd count, and the remaining three on the 37th count.

"The final result demonstrates the fairness of proportional representation as a method of election," according to Canadian Finance, a journal published in Winnipeg, which gives an excellent review of the election. "The Labor vote represented a little more than 40 per cent. of the total vote, and labor elected 40 per cent. of the members. The Liberal vote represented nearly 40 per cent. of the total vote, and the Liberals elected 40 per cent. of the members. The Conservatives were supported, by voters representing a little less than 20 per cent. of the total vote and they elected 20 per cent. of the members."

THE SMALL MYSTERY

Whether it is eventually established as a case of kidnapping or violent death, or merely a convenient dropping out of sight for the time being the double disappearance of Ambrose J. Small, millionaire theatrical man of Toronto, and his secretary, John Doughty, both well known citizens, will go down into police history probably as the most mysterious and baffling to date. Small has been missing since December 2 and Doughty since December 28 last.

Toronto police detectives have had numerous trips to New York and other points on sundry clues on both or either of the men, but so

far nothing substantial has been ascertained regarding their movements since the dates mentioned. Many square yards of earth have been dug up, the waters of the bay have been dragged, and many bodies examined on assumptions which turned out to be cases of mistaken identity. The whole continent of America has been combed by detectives in search of some clue as to what has become of the missing men, and practically every country in the civilized world has been flooded with circulars describing Mr. Small and offering rewards for the recovery of him, dead or alive.

Mr. Small had just put through a deal for the sale of his interests in a string of theatres in Canada at \$1,750,000 to a syndicate known as Trans-Canada Theatres Limited, and a few hours before his disappearance on December 2 he had received a cheque for \$1,000,000 in connection with the sale. This cheque he deposited in the bank. On that day he had lunch with his wife down town, and promised her to be home to dinner in the evening. He attended to some business late that afternoon at the Grand Opera House, which was included in the properties sold to Trans-Canada Theatres and about 7 o'clock started for home, so far as is known. The last person known to have seen him was his favorite newsboy, from whom Mr. Small bought the evening papers as usual.

The fact that Mr. Small was missing was not made public until three or four weeks had elapsed. In the first week in January the first circulars, asking for information as to Mr. Small's whereabouts were sent out by the local police authorities, and a reward of \$500 was offered. A short time afterwards the reward was increased to \$5,000. Then on the first of June a reward of \$50,000 was offered by the missing man's wife for information regarding Mr. Small's whereabouts, if alive, and \$15,000 for the recovery of his body, if dead.

The mystery of Mr. Small's absence was accentuated by the disappearance of John Doughty, who had been his private secretary at the Grand Opera House for many years. Doughty has not been seen or heard from, so far as the authorities are aware since, December 28, 1919. A few weeks ago the discovery was made that \$150,000 worth of Victory Bonds were missing from the safety deposit vault where they had been placed by Mr. Small, and it was stated that Doughty had access to the vault. Thereupon circulars were issued offering \$5,000 reward for the arrest of John Doughty on a charge of having abducted Ambrose Small, and \$5,000 for Doughty's arrest on a charge of having stolen the missing Victory Bonds.

By a special act of the Ontario Legislature Mr. Small was declared an "absentee," and on May 20 the Capital Trust Corporation, of Ottawa was appointed by a Superior Court Judge trustee of Mr. Small's estate.

On the first of July of this year Stan. V. Henkels, the Philadelphia auctioneer of literary property, sold under the hammer the collection of autographs formed during a lifetime by Sir Stephen Coleridge. With good taste Mr. Henkels printed as a foreword to the catalogue of the manuscripts the letter written by the English knight in sending his treasures to America. It is, in part, as follows:

"The war and the income tax in this country force me to consider selling some of my valuable autographs. All the world knows that we have, without much complaining, shouldered the main burden of the greatest and noblest fight ever waged in history, and have, as a nation, to face eight thousand million pounds of debt; and it is further an indisputable fact that we are not allowing the poor to suffer, and that we of the more well-to-do classes are taking up this vast burden. To do that, most of us must make sacrifices, and there is an end of the matter. I have never yet sold anything of the kind, but, with half my income taken in taxes, and everything at very high prices, I am reluctantly compelled to consider the matter, and send them to you. And so I bid farewell to these lifelong companions with a heavy heart, but with the consolatory reflection that not my own profligacy but the necessary consequences of a just and glorious war waged in a noble and grave spirit to a splendid victory, have forced me the sad separation."

A letter of that kind needs no comment. Men like Sir Stephen Coleridge are the men who make England supreme among the nations.

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

The prices in a lot of ways, Have given us this notion; There are more sharks on land these days, Than in the briny ocean.

—New York Evening Mail

And seeing people meekly pay Those prices as they do, If you'll permit it here, I'll say There are more suckers, too.

GOVERNOR COX'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER, ANNE



Miss Anne Cox was not consulted when the Democratic National Convention put her father at the head of the ticket. She is seen here with her mother. The photograph was made at the Governor's mansion in Columbus, O., after her father had been nominated.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

WHY NOT STRIKE AGAINST INCREASES?

And still the financial experts prophesy an early turn to lower prices, with railway wages and rates about to climb in the United States and our previous Board of Commerce raising the price of sugar several cents again. The living cost in Canada, reported at Ottawa, is the highest ever for the past month. How long is this thing going to be blamed on the war? The increase in the last six months beats "all records. And remember, living costs were going up rapidly before the war ever was.

Strikes and higher wages may perhaps not be so much the cause of rising prices as vice versa, but one thing is clear, that they do not help to bring prices down, but contribute something to higher costs. Mr. Tom Moore and other labor leaders have lately been emphasizing this obvious point and insisting that strikes should henceforth aim not so much at higher wages as at lower prices. It is curious that the workman in any other trade should sit by complacently and acquiesce while railway workers jack up their pay and thereby with the railway rates as well. Is it not his cue to counterstrike against a move that threatens to fleece the whole citizen body in the interest of one trade and one body of owners who may make higher wages a pretext for yet higher profits; or at least strike against an attempt of the railway owners to take the increase of wages out in higher rates on traffic? If workmen endure this or approve it, they practically make themselves a party to a general strike, not in the interest of the mass, but against the public weal, all to fatten the pocketbooks of railway workers and owners at the expense of the laboring community.—London, Advertiser.

HYDRO RADIALS

There is a merry war on over the Hydro Radial question in Ontario. Sir Adam Beck has vigorously attacked the stand of the Drury government. In this attitude he has the assistance of Mayor Church and many other enthusiastic Hydro Radial supporters. If it was a question of public vs. private ownership of public utilities there would be little argument in the matter. But this is not the question. The point at issue is the big problem of transportation. The modern development of motor cars and motor trucks with the accompanying demand for improved highways has brought a new factor in the situation. The economist who figures on traffic following two fixed lines of steel rails when the motor truck can call at the door or farm and deliver the goods direct to their destination forgets the biggest factor in the situation.

DRUNKEN AUTO DRIVERS

According to an amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act a person found driving a car while under the influence of liquor will go to jail. A fracas like what took place on Hastings street on Saturday night last should not be let go unnoticed. To be intoxicated, using abusive language and driving a motor car without lights is surely an infraction of the Ontario Temperance Act, likewise the Motor Vehicles Act. Drinking is becoming altogether too common in the village, and the sooner some of the offenders are punished for their misconduct, the sooner the "wet goods" and its admirers will vanish from the streets. Law and order must be observed here, as in other towns and villages. A few examples will perhaps tend to make for greater safety of the public.—Bancroft Times.

MARMORA

Mr. Geo. McQueen is spending a couple of days in Toronto. Miss Madeline Gillen, of Oshawa, is visiting at Deloro and Marmora. Mr. Ed. Rutherford a former resident, of Marmora, is spending a few days at Crowe Lake. Miss Isabel Pomerooy, of Buffalo, was a guest of Mrs. H. R. Pearce at Crowe Lake last week. Mrs. M. Inkster, of Cache Bay, and niece Miss Evelyn Cullen, of Colhalf, are visiting at the home of Mr. W. C. Inkster. Miss Iris Knox and Mrs. Leslie Knox and children, of Rochester, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knox. Mr. J. W. Pearce and Miss Pearce, of Belleville, and Mrs. (Dr.) Davis and children of Chicago, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Marrett at Crowe Lake over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Smeaton and son and Miss Peterson of Saopano, Brazil, are visiting Mrs. H. Smeaton at Crowe Lake. The former is a brother of Mr. Harry Smeaton. Mr. Downey, of Toronto, who was on the ledger in the Dominion Bank here a few years ago and who played lacrosse with the local team the year they entered the semi-finals, is spending a couple of weeks at Crowe Lake. Rev. W. H. Clarke and family mov-

ed to their new home in Tamworth last week after four years residence in Cavan. Previous to their departure from Cavan the people of the circuit showed their warm appreciation of the service of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke by presenting them with a purse of \$600.00.—Marmora Herald.

No Sales On Cheese Board

All Bids Refused on Saturday.

The strike of carters in Montreal tied up business on the Belleville Cheese Board on Saturday for the second time. Bids of 26 1-16c and 26c were made but were refused. The boarding was as follows,—

White—	
Shannonville	40
Brink	150
Massassaga	75
Union	80
Halloway	50
Hyland	50
Acme	60
Wooler	75
Sidney T. H.	80
W. Huntingdon	100
Zion	107
Foxboro	90
East Hastings	75
Thurlow	60
Mountain	60
Plainfield	27
Mojra Valley	100
Premier	50
Avonbank	120
Mountain View	100
Quinte	162
Frankford	150
Rogers	240
Moira	80
Kingston	50
Victoria	50
Roblin	25
Glen	60
Beulah	100
Stoco	50
Clare River	100
Cedar Creek	100
Wicklow	100
Codrington	110
Burnley	40
Murphy	425
Colored—	
Silver Springs	60
Bayside	50

COLDEST JULY IN TWENTY-TWO YEARS.

The thermometer on Thursday night July 15th, dropped to 44 degrees, and the weatherman at the Toronto Observatory declared it to be the coldest July night in twenty-two years.

In Cobourg, some citizens state that there was sufficient frost to nip their cucumber, and other tender vines.

CREOSOTING COMPANY BUILD SUBURBY PLANT.

The Canadian Creosoting Company has commenced construction of a plant in Sudbury which will employ 200 men. The plant will be similar to that now in operation near Trenton and will treat two million tons a year besides bridge and trestle timber. The site for the new industry was purchased by the C.P.R. for sixty-five thousand, and it is this company which will supply all business to the Creosoting Company. The product will be used on Eastern lines.

TERRENCE COLLINS' CONDITION

Information was received in Lindsay Thursday night to the effect that Mr. Terrence Collins, who was poisoned by illuminating gas in the Daily House, Toronto, Wednesday night, was still in an unconscious condition at the General Hospital. It has also been learned that when Mr. Collins had reached the hospital it was found that all his money had disappeared except a dollar. This gives the incident a suspicious tinge as Mr. Collins was known to have carried considerable money.

HAVE IT ALL DOPED OUT.

The wise acres says the Lindsay Post, have it all doped out. Oshawa will lose to Belleville in that town and will win from Belleville here. Peterboro will lose their game here and that will leave the League at the end of the season with three teams leading, all of which will have lost two games each. There are wonderful possibilities in the next few weeks through won and lost games.

SPRING CHICKENS ARRIVED

Spring chickens made their debut in Port Hope Thursday. They were bought in by Mr. E. Irwin, and sold to Mr. W. D. Stephens. The four chicks weighed 6 1/2 pounds and retailed at 60c per lb. Recognized as the leading specific for the destruction of worms, Mothor Graves' Worm Extirminator has proved a boon to suffering children everywhere. It seldom fails.

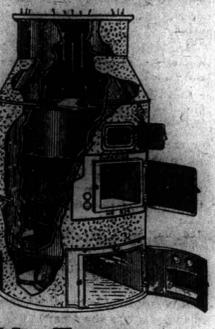
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wanted in that never known for could do to hold crowd stamped the door, a curse carrying Life and In the street the out of the crush alley. All Ste. M. News of the day where with lightning were being extinguished away, lumbermen in wild panic. Suddenly they pointed among the wide with fright, gling helplessly this way and the currents. Hilary her and dragged. There she broke her knees in the fro and moaning. Hilary bent over his face was stern. "You can't do this," he said. She looked up and appeared to recoil terrified to under to her feet and wade, they began quietly toward the passage among the. But as they started and saw, wedged them, Jean baptizing to reach the gate able to move a human torrent. His eyes were dilated. There was murder upon Hilary. Laf. His impulse was but he recognized beyond all reason that misadventure the only thing he could get the girl to not follow. He was not seen baptizing nothing of it.

The three set Marie at first she back, then grinding her. Hilary's ass going willingly, gled with mud, he looked pitiful and felt a great wrath thereby save room and have a cool cellar. Now a word about that PIPELESS FURNACE. We have installed Modern Bathrooms, Etc., all over your district. If you care to have an estimate, call in and talk it over. We will appreciate a call.

She went in her with shaking hands from her and open go to that place a ly. "Let this be a. She went inside waded till the b.



They saw Marie before the Stove, Arms.

through the torn Dupont crouched face on her arms. "I guess we'd be said. "She's had her evening, Life. I think that there enough to concern for influence." He I can trace Brou work," he said, "CHAPT