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NEWCASTLE, MARCH 24th, 1909.

A Liberal Sweep.

In the provincial election in Alberta held on the 22nd instant the Liberals won over 30 seats with two elections deferred and two to hear from. The Conservatives elected only two or three candidates.

DISCUSSION NEEDED.

The report of the recent town meeting and the two letters, which appear in this issue, indicate that people are waking up and beginning to take a greater interest in town affairs. Both the letters and the report should be carefully read and more meetings should be held and more letters written. The UNION ADVOCATE offers its columns for the fullest and freest discussion of civic affairs. "In the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom."

A GRIEVANCE.

The people of Bridgetown, at the upper end of Newcastle is called, have a grievance in school matters. Though the end of the district is about three miles from Harkin's Academy, there is no school accommodation in Bridgetown for pupils over grade IV, and no provision for conveying any pupils to the Academy. Anything over two miles is too far for a child to walk to school. There should either be a second department opened in Bridgetown or those of the pupils who have farthest to walk should be conveyed by teams. Half the cost of conveyance would, we believe, be borne by the Board of Education.

OUR SCHOOLS SHOULD BE THE BEST.

Good schools are the life of a nation. Without them no people can make any real progress in civilization. No necessary expenditure should be begrudged, for nothing is too good for our children and the faithful men and women who devote their lives to instructing them.

After good, warm, well-ventilated school rooms are furnished in healthy situations, the chief concern of the trustees should be the liberal payment of teachers and the provision of all the equipment necessary for the most effective teaching. Fancy and expensive buildings are not required, and care should be taken that the contractor does not get the lion's share of the school funds. School should be generously endowed, but no money should be wasted. There is a happy medium, which can and should be found and followed.

A VERY IMPORTANT OMISSION.

The Lieut.-Governor's speech, for which the provincial government is responsible, contains no reference to pensions or any provision for the future of aged or incapacitated school trustees. The principle of old age pensions for

teachers was recognized by the last government, which was prepared to bring in a pension act, in accordance with the request of the New Brunswick Teacher's Association, when by the fortunes of election it went out of power. The present government in being so niggard with relation to teachers is making a great mistake. Nearly two hundred schools were vacant last year because of scarcity of teachers. This scarcity was directly due to low salaries and the absence of any provision for the teacher's old age. The members of the government take care that they themselves and the heads of the different departments are well paid, but the average teacher and average working man can get along as best he can. This is not the best plan for the province at large. We hope that the opposition will continue the Pension system as part of their platform, and divide the House upon this question.

MR. HAZEN AIDS DIRECT LEGISLATION

While the Provincial Government still refuse to submit the larger question of provincial prohibition to the electorate by means of the Referendum, they propose to extend the use of the Referendum in the case of parishes or license counties that wish to get rid of the liquor traffic. Under the government's proposed amendment to section 21 of the Liquor License Act, local option elections may be called in parishes or wards at the request of twenty-five per cent. of the ratepayers, and if a majority of those who vote say so, no licenses will be issued for the next four years. Such Referendums are to be taken at the same time as the civic or municipal elections are held.

This amendment is a good one, a decided improvement over past legislation in regard to the liquor traffic.

The parish of Harecourt, Kent County, where Rev. R. H. Stavert and other faithful Sons of Temperance have so long and unsuccessfully striven to compel the county council to observe Section 21 and allow a Referendum on License, will now be enabled to banish the sale of liquor from its midst. So will several wards in St. John city, and probably several parishes of each of the counties that still retain the license system.

The new amendment will also be a distinct triumph for the principle of direct legislation, for which this paper has persistently agitated for the last two or three years. We congratulate the government upon the progress, no matter how small, they are making on the road to popular freedom and democratic administration.

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UNANIMOUS FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

In the Canadian House of Commons a few days ago Mr. Monk, the Liberal-Conservative leader in the province of Quebec, declared in favor of the system of Proportional Representation, which obtains in Belgium and Sweden and will go into operation in South Africa as soon as the Confederacy of the four colonies there become an accomplished fact.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, on behalf of the Liberal Party, accepted the principle of the proposed measure, and a commission will be appointed to enquire into the working of the Proportional system with the view of introducing it into Canada. If it should become law—as it must in time, because it is democratic and just—electors would vote for several of a number of candidates in a group of constituencies. The party that secured, say, six-tenths of the popular vote would elect six-tenths members; the party that got three-tenths of the vote would not, as now, be debarred completely from the legislature, but would be entitled to three-tenths of the representation; while the party that secured only one-tenth of the vote would also have a representative at Ottawa. This reform is urgent, and the unanimity with which its principle has been accepted at Ottawa is a hopeful sign of the times.

IN THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Speech From the Throne Fore-shadows Items of Importance For the Session.

CENTRAL HAS A DEFICIT

Of \$3,912. Provincial Debt has Apparently Increased by \$293,000 During Year.

Fredericton, March 19.—The speech from the Throne showed that a new and modern system of bookkeeping and auditing had been introduced into government departments; that a Commission was pursuing agricultural enquiries and holding meetings; that the report of the Central Railway Commission would soon be submitted; that school books had been cheapened; that a bill amending the Highway Act would be introduced; that the territorial revenue was the largest in its history; that the imported horses had been sold at a profit; that bills would be introduced to encourage the iron and antimony industries; that a superintendent of immigration had been appointed; and that the house would be asked to consider bills to amend the Liquor License, Game and Judicature Acts, and a bill to aid in stamping tuberculosis.

The report of the auditor general was brought down in the legislature last evening. It is a book of 238 pages and contains considerable information of interest to the public. The total liabilities on October 31st are given as \$5,947,124.79 and the net debt at the same date was \$3,999,775.37, an apparent increase of \$408,877.65. The auditor general in a foot note explains that the estimated value of the Central Railway was reduced from \$1,150,000 to \$1,034,431.71, so that the actual increase in net debt is \$293,309.37. The sum of \$18,770.70 was expended for administration of justice and the names of several Tory lawyers appear in the list of beneficiaries and amount expended on public works was \$386,013, of which \$157,869.69 is charged to funded debt account.

The gross earnings for the year ending 31st October, 1908, were \$61,479.06. The operating expenses were \$65,391.06, so that there was a deficit for the year of \$3,912.00.

The total cost of the road to the 30th of June last as shown by the statistical report of the Minister of Railways, was \$1,940,365.01. Expended for ballasting between 30th June and 31st October, \$21,

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Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister.

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