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THE WINNING TICKET

For Mayor—W. S. Fisher.

For Commissioners—

Herbert B. Schofield,

Miles R. Agar,

C. B. Allen,

W. W. Allingham.

The above are the names of the men who should compose the first city government of St. John under the commission plan. Not to elect them would be like turning the clock back. They are the candidates of the Citizens' Committee. The people at large endorsed by an overwhelming majority the platform of the Citizens' Committee when it came out for the commission plan of city government and the logical sequence of their action on that occasion would now be to elect by a like majority the men whom the Citizens' Committee have selected as those who should inaugurate the new system.

The Times has repeatedly insisted that the Citizens' Committee would not be doing justice to itself, nor to the cause it represented, unless it put forward a strong group of candidates. This has been done. The strongest opponent of the commission form of government must admit that the five men above named are competent to give the city good government, and that they may be relied on absolutely to safeguard the city's interests in all important matters. They have labored to have the new system adopted. They were very reluctant to accept a nomination as candidates, but, having done so, they will devote themselves with the utmost self to the task of governing that the commission plan of government was what the city needed. They realize that they as well as the system will be on trial, and the sense of responsibility will be strong, ever stimulating them to new efforts to improve the administration of civic affairs.

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In dairying, poultry raising, fruit raising and other branches of work this farm will be a model, and it will be an object lesson to all who journey over that portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, showing them what can be done in the province of New Brunswick. In all the district round about Fredericton Junction the farmers will gain much valuable information as a result of the establishment of this illustration farm.

Birds will soon be nesting in the branches of the trees along the lovely banks of the Miramichi. Also in the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Hence the bachelor editor and joyous yachtsman of the Chatham World is moved to print these moving lines:—"A true marriage is the soul's Eden. It is the waiting place of angels. It is not given to words to express the refinement of pleasure, the delicacy of joy and the abounding fullness of satisfaction that those feel whom God hath joined in a high marriage of spirit. Such a union is the highest school of virtue, the soul's convent where the vestal fires of purity are kept continually burning. May only such happy unions attend the young men and maidens of our vicinity who may even now be planning their wedding garments."

FARMERS AND MARKETS

Several farmers in the Sackville district have publicly taken exception to the estimate of farmers in general which was given by Mr. Alister Cameron, of the firm of M. Wood & Sons, Sackville, in a recent interview in a Montreal newspaper. One of them, in a letter to the Sackville Tribune makes some observations which are quite to the point. He invited Mr. Cameron to make an excursion to his farm and follow him for a week at his work and learn by experiment whether the farmers are a lazy lot who would rather talk politics than raise crops. This farmer points out that with the present restricted markets, while he might get a fair return from two or three cows, he would lose on ten or fifteen, and the same is true with regard to raising hogs. Mr. Cameron himself in November last refused to pay the farmers 7c per hundred weight for dressed pork, with which they had driven in from the outer districts of the parish, and would only offer them 8 1/2. This farmer declares that the laws which force the farmer to buy in a restricted market are a burden, but that to limit the market wherein he may sell is both foolish and needless. While the very laws of the land stifle production, the growth of production need not be looked for.

The views expressed by this farmer are sound. If the farmers of the province should make a large increase in production, they would soon find themselves selling their output without profit. If, however, they were guaranteed a constant market and the assurance that no matter how great the production there would be buyers for it, they would be encouraged to enlarge their farming operations. Sooner or later the problem of a larger market must be solved, and it will not be solved by junketing expeditions to the West Indies or Australia. The natural market for

most of the products of the New Brunswick farm is found in the New England states. If that market had been opened in September last, the efforts that are now being made to increase the farming population of New Brunswick and to increase the output of the existing farms would have met with an infinitely greater success. Since, however, that door has been closed for the present, because a wave of unreasoning prejudice obscured the real issue in the election campaign, the next best thing must be done; and so the recommendations of the immigration commission must be kept before the government, and such other action taken as may tend to increase to some extent, from year to year, the farming population of New Brunswick.

Choice pickings for a host of the faithful are provided in these supplementary estimates at Ottawa. How truly grateful they should be for that record fielding surplus.

The Liberals of Ontario province have adopted an advanced policy in relation to the liquor traffic. They demand the abolition of the bar. It would not be a long step from that to prohibition.

The way to make the commission plan of government a success is to elect the commission candidates. Vote the whole ticket and give the five men a fair opportunity to improve the administration of civic affairs.

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BEAUTY AND TIME

The rose in the garden slipped her bud, And the petals in the pride of her youthful blood. And she thought of the gardener standing by— "He is old—so old—and he soon must die."

The full rose waxed in the warm June air. And she spread and spread till her heart lay bare. And she laughed once more as she heard "his tread— "He is older now! He will soon be dead!" But the breeze of the morning blew and found That the leaves of the blown rose strewn the ground. And he came at noon, that gardener old. And he raked them gently under the mold. And I wove the thing to a random rhyme. For the rose is beauty, the gardener time. —Austin Dobson.

IN LIGHTER VEN

GOING THE ROUND.

Baby was not well, and as he was the first, his parents were anxious about him. The doctor was paying his second visit. As he was leaving, the tiny patient's mother said: "Oh, doctor, that medicine you sent last night for baby is all finished!" "Impossible!" replied the doctor, in astonishment. "I told you only to give him a teaspoonful before bedtime and one this morning."

"Yes, I know," said the young mother, with flushed cheeks. "But, then, you see, mother and John and nurse and I had all to take a teaspoonful each, too, to get him to take his."

PEOPLE WE MEET EVERY DAY

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MISS DIXON'S SUCCESS AS READER IN SACKVILLE

A delightful entertainment was given in the assembly rooms of the High School building Friday evening. On this occasion Miss Mabel Dixon, M. A., made her first public appearance here since her return some months ago from San Francisco, where she spent considerable time studying under the best instructors in that city. Her work, it is safe to say, both surprised and delighted all who had the pleasure of hearing her. She was vigorously applauded and was honored with several very hearty encores.

Miss Dixon's manner is so delightfully natural, so free from affectation and that straining after effect, that frequently many of the work of public readers, that to listen to her is indeed a treat.

Her first number, "A Soldier of France," combined the tragic and the pathetic in a high degree and afforded Miss Dixon a rare opportunity for the display of her powers as an orator, and to say that she did full justice to this somewhat difficult selection is only to voice the sentiments of her hearers. Her succeeding numbers were lighter—a monologue and two or three selections in dialect. While in the west Miss Dixon made a special study of dialect, and her Irish, Italian and Negro selections Friday evening were really very clever and judging by the applause that followed "took" immensely with the audience. Her concluding number was the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet," at the conclusion of which she was given a most enthusiastic encore. She responded with a charming little bit of Scotch dialect. After the singing of the National Anthem many in the audience took occasion to offer the young reader their warmest congratulations.

The Post is glad to add its congratulations to those of her friends. As a reader we have not the slightest doubt Miss Dixon will soon find a place in a much larger field than Sackville. We understand she has already received tempting offers from the west. The only reader we have heard in Sackville in recent years to whom it would be fair to compare Miss Dixon is Mrs. Southwick of Boston.

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