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SEEKING A SEAT

Weary and footsore, unable to hold the public confidence for any length of time in one constituency, Hon. Geo. E. Foster is now looking for pastures new, and some of his friends are suggesting that he be

nominated in West Toronto and that Mr. Osler be the party candidate in North Toronto in Mr. Foster's stead. The ex-Finance Minister has a close shave in the North riding last election and the faithful feel that the burden of Mr. Foster's Union Trust Company transactions will be too great for the party to carry in anything like a close constituency, and West Toronto being safe for any old kind of a candidate it is the haven to which Mr. Foster's battered ship should be steered.

Mr. Foster has had a somewhat checkered career in search of a constituency. King's County, N. B., was the first riding he represented and it put up with him the longest of any; however, in 1896, the redoubtable Colonel Donville was after the Finance Minister and to escape defeat Mr. Foster tried himself to Queen's County and escaped the fate that befel the Conservative candidate who faced the Colonel.

One term was enough for Queen's county and in 1900, Mr. Foster moved to St. John, where he went down to defeat against the late Hon. A. G. Blair. In March of 1903 he tried a new constituency and ran in North Ontario, a constituency with 400 or 500 of a Conservative majority, but they would have none of him and he was again defeated.

Toronto, the hope of every Conservative aspirant, was his next selection and after some trouble in securing the nomination, he was elected in North Toronto by the close majority of 112 votes, but after one term this is considered not a safe enough seat and so his friends are looking to the West riding, where Mr. Osler had the handsome majority of 1891 in the hope that with a lead like that Mr. Foster may at least win by a nose.

The weakness of the Conservative party is apparent in its inability to get rid of a man who is such a dead weight as the ex-Finance Minister, whose financing with Trust Company's funds has made him one of the most untrustworthy men in public life in Canada today. Is it any wonder the people of Canada have no confidence in the Conservative party as it stands at the present?

A "BUFFALO" PROPOSAL.

Ambitious Calgary envies our bison, or so the Herald would lead us to believe. It urges that the remainder of the herd which are to arrive next month should be turned out on the Sarcee Indian reservation near Calgary, instead of being permitted to participate in a grand reunion with their friends in the Elk Island Park. And not satisfied with stating the general desirability of its scheme the Herald undertakes to give weight to it by discrediting the Elk Island Park. It says: "It has been found in the opinion of those best qualified to judge that the park near Edmonton, to which the first shipment was taken is not suitable for the purpose."

"Those best qualified to judge" was doubtless coined as a modest blind under which the Herald could advance its own August and unprejudiced opinion. This we submit is an unwarrantable assumption. Admitting to the full the similarity between the Herald and a certain common variety of grass-eating animal we insist that in this case there is another party better qualified to pronounce finally than our esteemed contemporary, to wit, the buffalo himself. And if the opinion of this gentleman is to be guided by his actions, he entertains a very high regard for the superior advantages of the Elk Island Park. Briefly, he has settled down contentedly in the assurance that he has reached the bison's promised land. The only apparent danger is that he may fall a victim of gluttony under the temptation of 10,000 acres of matchless pasturage.

The present home of the herd in Elk Island Park is, of course, only temporary and when suitable parks have been provided the intention is to break the band up into several herds. To have a herd kept near Calgary would be all right in itself, but the proposal to turn them loose on an Indian reserve has two sides. Unless we are much mistaken the result would be temporarily enjoyable for the Indian, but permanently disastrous to the buffalo. With every good wish to the Indian it is per-

missible to point out that permission is rather expensive these days.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

Canada has more than a courteous and sentimental interest in the visit of Prince Fushimi of Japan. As a distinguished guest from a great country the prince is assured a fitting reception in the Dominion; as a prince from Britain's ally, he is assured of a warmer welcome in Canada than is accorded the casual notable from a foreign land. But Canada has reasons of her own, and very good reasons for cultivating the friendship of Japan, and of Japanese whose social position and political prestige influence the national feeling and national policy of their country.

"Our welcome to the Prince does not spring from mercenary motives, but it will not be the less because we entertain these worthy motives. We have already a large trade with Japan; a trade growing annually larger and with every prospect of enormous expansion. It is in the interests of both countries that this recognition of this fact should detract nothing from the warmth of the receptions tendered distinguished visitors from one country by the other.

The war in Manchuria has made Japan the recognized leader of the Orient and of the role the Oriental nations are to play in future history. By reason of her geographical position, Canada is interested in this question more directly than any other "foreign" nation and in consequence it is of more importance to us than to any other western nation that the attitude of re-awakened Asia toward us should be friendly.

OPponents OF PRE-EMPTION.

The pre-emption privilege is the outstanding feature of the new Dominion Lands Act, and it is to the pre-emption clauses that attention is chiefly directed. The opinions expressed are as divergent as the interests of the parties concerned in the acquisition and ownership of western lands. Representatives of a considerable number of mortgage corporations, trust companies and other money-lending concerns, all of whom presumably do more or less dealing in western lands met in Winnipeg in March last, and considered the pre-emption question. Apparently their conclusion was that their particular interests would not be furthered by permitting the settler to buy land direct from the government at a price of three dollars per acre. They accordingly passed the resolution which appears below.

Winnipeg, March 25, 1907.

Moved by Geo. F. R. Harris, manager, Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, Winnipeg.

Seconded by Geo. Maulson, manager, London & Canadian Loan & Agency Company, Winnipeg.

That, whereas certain provisions contained in a bill entitled "An act to consolidate and amend the Act respecting the Public Lands of the Dominion," at present being brought before the House of Commons by the Hon. Mr. Oliver, Minister of the Interior, which provisions are more particularly set out in clauses 27 and 28 of said bill, are such as in the belief of the undersigned will prove injurious to the provinces affected, and to the country at large.

Be it resolved, that we, the undersigned representatives of Land Mortgage Corporations, Trust Companies and Life Insurance Companies, lending money on mortgages of real estate in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, are of the opinion that the enactment of the particular clauses referred to in the aforesaid bill would be attended by the same injurious results which followed the introduction of the "Second Homestead" system in 1883, and would be against the best interests of the country.

time we consider it unwise, in the public interest, to give more land than is already given to each settler, as such action will ultimately curtail settlement, and we respectfully submit that the Homestead Law on this point, as it at present exists, should remain unchanged.

(Signed) Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, per G. F. R. Harris, manager.

The Great West Life Assurance Co., per J. H. Brock, manager.

The Alliance Trust Co., Ltd., North American Life Assurance Co., per C. W. Strathly, manager.

The Standards Trusts Company, The Excelsior Life Insurance Company.

The Northern Trusts Company, The North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Company, per J. W. Kerr.

Confederation Life, per D. McDonald.

National Trust Company, Ltd., per H. W. Cooper, Assistant Manager.

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, per A. L. Cross.

London & Canadian Loan & Agency Co., per Geo. F. Maulson.

The Dominion Permanent Loan Co., per W. Findlay.

The North British Canadian Investment Company, per G. Jam, manager.

The Canada Landed & National Investment Co., per J. P. McLaren.

Manitoba Mortgage & Investment Co., per R. J. Shrimpton.

The Trusts & Loan Co. of Canada, per E. R. Whitehead, Assistant Commissioner.

The Royal Trust Company, per Wm. S. Becher, manager.

The Union Trust Company, Ltd., per J. M. McWhinney, manager.

The Home Investment & Savings Association, per W. E. Hobson, pro. manager.

The Canada Life Assurance Co., per Robert Young, manager Investment Department, Manitoba, etc.

WHERE THE WONDER LIES.

H. N. Galer, vice-president of the International Coal and Coke Co., told the coal commission at Coleman that the miners in that mine lost fifty-five days last year because the company could not secure cars enough to haul away the coal. This represented a loss to each man of \$250, or to the 400 men employed a total loss of \$100,000. To the company it meant the loss of the profit on the coal which the miners should have dug during the two months' enforced idleness. To the public it meant the loss of many thousands of tons of coal at a time when fuel was next to unobtainable, and when the lack of fuel meant suffering, and might easily have meant worse. In the light of Mr. Galer's evidence, it is not at all remarkable that the miners went on strike and that hundreds of them left the country; that the operators shifted responsibility for the coal shortage on to the C. P. R., and that the public protested. The remarkable things are that the miners did not strike sooner, or that they did not all leave; that the operators did not join more readily in fixing the blame where it belonged, and that the public limited their protests to language.

ON THE SIDE.

Mayors of many French cities are trying to resign despite the law which requires them to continue in office. In one instance a. Old World tendencies from which we are immune.

The Japanese national anthem is said to be something like this: "May our Sovereign's reign endure even 'until the miracle of Time has changed the tiny pebble to the beetling crag encrusted with the lichens of immemorial age." The spring poetry of that country must be awful.

Toronto Sun—"From Lake Huron to the Ottawa river and from Georgian Bay to the Lake Ontario frontier, the trees in unnumbered 'chards are now arrayed in a costume 'surpassing in beauty that of the 'June bride.' From which flowery language it is to be supposed spring has come to Ontario.

A Toronto exchange complains of passengers "hogging" the toilet rooms of Pullmans by taking time to shave. Different in the west. The man who tried to shave on a western train was locked up as dangerous—if he survived.

Toronto Star—"The disturbance at Calgary, described as a riot, appears to be a conflict between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the

"city of Calgary." The Star's geography is out. Calgary is not another name for the flourishing town of Olds.

"If the discontent in New Ontario can be removed by good roads, why 'build the roads,' asks the Toronto Star. Simply because to build the roads would cost money and New Ontario is administered to produce money—not to provide opportunities for spending it.

At least the policemen know what the boss thinks of them.

Richard Croker denies that he will become Irish leader in the British Commons. John Redmond, M. P., probably agrees with the prophecy.

Orchard, the self-confessed multi-murderer, is a cheesemaker from Ontario. He is one of a few Canadians to whom Uncle Sam is entirely welcome.

Toronto World: "A cheerful disposition will predigest more food than all the medical preparations that 'can ever be invented.' The 'predigestive disposition' should become popular.

VERMILION.

Vermilion, June 10.—Mr. George of the Belgian Land syndicate, and Mr. W. A. Campbell of Winnipeg stopped here for a day, and were engaged for a horse team, got frightened and started up the line. The casket was thrown out in the mud, and but for the collision with one of Thos. Leader's dray wagons the runaway might have resulted more disastrously. As it was, one of the runaways, a valuable mare, was severely bruised, and is laid up for the present at least.

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WESTERN NEWS.

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Medicine Hat will raise \$214,000 by debentures this year.

A branch W.C.T.U. has been organized at Vermilion.

Fall wheat is six inches high in Calgary.

Calgary expects to lay eight miles of sewer pipe this year.

Flagstaff Presbyterians will open their new church next month.

Regina Anglicans are opening a new church on Dewdney avenue.

Over 1,200 scholars will write in the promotion examinations at the Regina schools this year.

Saskatchewan Methodist conference will meet at Saskatoon in 1908.

The new cheese factory at Ewart's will commence operations early in July.

Saskatchewan Liberals will tender Premier Scott a banquet at Regina on Friday.

The Canadian Northern is erecting a new 1,000-ton coal shed at Saskatoon.

Saskatoon Oddfellows will erect a three story hall at a cost of \$20,000 this year.

Five candidates were ordained in the Methodist ministry at Regina on Sunday.

A shipment of 3,000 tons of Alberta oats will leave Vancouver on Saturday for China.

Calgary street delivery of letters commenced Tuesday. Six carriers are employed.

Stavely now has a station of the R.N.W.M.P. with Constable Aspin in charge.

Viking and Harland will combine for a big athletic tournament on Dominion Day.

Rev. A. B. Argue, Methodist pastor at Vegreville, has been transferred to Claresholm.

Moose Jaw citizens tendered W. E. Knowles, M.P., complimentary banquet last night.

Didsbury town council has a bylaw to bonus newspapers who plant trees along their premises.

Alberta Conservatives will have a provincial organization meeting at Red Deer on June 27.

Daysland council has fixed the hotel license fee at \$50 per year. A wholesale license costs \$25.

There is a brisk demand for town property at Daysland, and Surveyor McManis is laying out twelve additional blocks.

Close to two and a half million trees were sent out from the Dominion Forestry farm at Indian Head to points west so far this year.

The Western General Electric company is raising rates on telephones in Red Deer. Business phones in future will cost \$30 a year, and house phones \$15.

The New Walroad Ranch company at Livingston have decided to sell their entire herd of cattle on account of the rush of settlers into the country. They have 10,000 head of cattle.

Members of the Saskatchewan Life Underwriters' Association at Regina are going after the council of that city to block a proposal to impose a license fee of \$100 upon all insurance agents doing business in the city.

Hudson's Bay Co. is delaying shipping gravel by the carload to Lacombe to be used for concrete.

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crowd is anticipated, as at this meeting will occur important business aside from the election of officers. This is a postponed meeting, the regular one having been put out of business for the time being by reason of the exciting day when the mounted police had to (?) visit us.

In the June or July issue of the Canada West, the magazine approved by the Western Canadian Immigration association, will appear an article on the Olds district, as resulting from the efforts of the Olds 10,000 club. The article will be written by a noted magazine author, and will be well illustrated; hence will doubtless do this district a vast amount of good.

The inhabitants of Olds were shocked with the news last Monday of the sudden death of Raymond, the eldest son of Charles Radford, by drowning in the Shuswap river, B.C. It appears that on Saturday last Raymond, with another young man, was riding logs down the stream on their way to lunch, when suddenly he was turned under and after a brave attempt to escape was drawn under the "jam" and lost. The remains arrived in Olds on Tuesday evening's late train, and the internment took place in the Olds cemetery yesterday at 11 o'clock. Rev. Bruce officiated. The bereaved parents, who are old timers here, have the sympathy of the Olds people in this their very great bereavement.

We regret to have to report the death of Master Charles Wrigglesworth, aged nine years, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Wrigglesworth. Deceased had been the victim of a severe attack of pneumonia some time ago, and the malady left the bright young lad so weakened that despite all the efforts that were put forth, his life passed out on Tuesday last about 1 o'clock. The funeral service was held at the residence, three miles south of Olds, yesterday at 2 o'clock, after which the funeral procession proceeded direct to the cemetery, where it was met by Charles' little schoolmates in a body, who were allowed to view the remains before interment. A large concourse of sympathizers were present to show their sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Wrigglesworth, who are among our most respected citizens.

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Mexico City, June 13.—The Minister of Foreign Relations, M. Mariscal, speaker for President Diaz, outlined the attitude of the Mexican government at the Hague peace conference as follows: "It must be understood that the public of Mexico will not have that interest in the particular questions which will be debated by the body of delegates to the peace conference at the Hague as will the Powers of the convention class. Owing to the large stage of development which our country has just reached our aspirations of this nature are not very keen, care little for the somewhat technical discussions which will probably be included in the question of disarmament; that is, we are very much in favor of universal peace, but in this spirit of humanitarianism. In this spirit our delegates will be advised to lend none of their influence to any such chemical or Utopian scheme as absolute disarmament, which consummation, however, devoutly wished, we think is more a matter of long leniency than for the present. Although Mexico has a well-equipped army, its functions, as soon as directed by the present administration, are more of a policing power than that of an instrument for aggressiveness or even defence."

WHITE WHALE LAKE.

The Rev. C. F. Hopkins, Methodist missionary at White Lake mission left here this week on his way for Athabasca Landing, while he has been removed by the annual conference recently held in Calgary.

During the four years of his stay here Mr. Hopkins' energetic personality has made itself felt.

Stony Indians on the reserve here and settlers at Wabaman, Pine Ridge, Onoway, Pegrams, and Rennings (at which places he has held preaching services) have been very kind of loss at his departure.

This was particularly evidenced when on Wednesday, June 5th, 49 persons gathered here for the day's work, at Mr. Musselman's farm, Pine Ridge, to take part in the last service conducted by Mr. Hopkins at that place.

At the close of the service Mr. Musselman was elected chairman and the meeting dissolved itself into a farewell gathering.

Mr. James Forsythe read and presented to Mr. Hopkins an address, showing the progress of the congregation at his departure and gratitude for the good he has been instrumental in accomplishing during his ministrations of the Gospel here.

After mentioning the fact that three years ago Mr. Hopkins cut some ten miles of trail through the bush in order to reach this appointment from the mission (thus opening up land available for settlement which has since been homesteaded) and that he has steadily faced and covered the sixteen miles of often lonely road through all kinds of weather for three years, the address concluded: "Our respect and esteem for you as a man without fear and without reproach, who has done his duty without faltering at all costs to himself, is of such a degree that your name will remain a household word and your example and teaching a guide and a help to us individually and as a source of inspiration to this community for many years to come, etc."

A practical expression of appreciation in the form of a gift of money was handed to Mr. Hopkins on behalf of the people by Mr. Austin Gausdley.

Songs were rendered by Mrs. Priestley Pollock and Mr. N. F. Williamson (assistant missionary). Speeches of remembrance of the subject of the settlement were given by the pioneer ladies and gentlemen, after which the ladies assembled produced baskets of vintands and a social supper was partaken of the people departing to their several homes at midnight.

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