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THE BYE-ELECTIONS

Ottawa expects that at a meeting of the cabinet on Saturday the date of the bye-elections in St. John, London, Wellington and East Northumberland will be fixed, and that it will be the 18th or 19th of September, with the nominations a week earlier.

Of course interest centres in the cabinet reconstruction which it is assumed will precede these contests. Leading party men in St. John are confident that Dr. Pugsley will be made minister of railways, but Mr. Carvell's friends still express a doubt on this point. There is much difference of opinion regarding the probable new minister of public works. Both parties wait with a good deal of eagerness to learn who the new ministers will be, as the choice will influence public opinion generally and may affect results in the bye-elections.

Of the four constituencies named, two went Liberal and two Conservative at the last elections. In St. John city and county Dr. Stockton had a majority of 637. In East Northumberland the late Mr. Cochrane (Con.) had been continuously elected since 1891, and at the last general elections had a majority of 296. In London the Hon. C. S. Hyman's majority in the last general elections was 24, although in 1900 he had carried the constituency by 547. In North Wellington the late Thomas Martin (Lib.) had a majority of 308, although in 1900 the Conservatives had captured the seat with 31 majority. In bye-elections in Canada there is a tendency to support the government, chiefly for the sake of the loaves and fishes. It is not a healthy tendency, but is a result of a party system which makes political support more or less a condition of the prompt recognition by governments of the claims of constituencies upon the public treasury. The coming contests will arouse universal interest throughout Canada. In St. John both parties are asking who is to be minister of railways. The Liberals have a candidate in the field, but the Conservatives have not as yet called a convention to consider the course to be pursued. It has been stated that the new cabinet ministers will be named on Monday. If so the period of hesitation will have ended. Possibly, also, Mr. Borden's coming may influence the action of his party in this constituency.

THE MARITIME BOARD

The Maritime Board of Trade has adopted a number of important resolutions, which will, no doubt, influence opinion generally and perhaps hasten legislation touching the subjects with which they deal. The board has declared itself in favor of the All-Red-Line, prohibition of the export of pulpwood, the establishment of fisheries boards or commissions, joint action by the maritime provinces in behalf of technical education, action to promote immigration and the development of provincial resources, the taking over of branch railways, running rights for C. P. R. mail and passenger trains over the I. C. R. between St. John and Sydney, abrogation of the *modus vivendi* relative to the Atlantic Fisheries, a better express service, better cold storage facilities in certain directions, and other measures deemed of importance to these provinces. The board has covered a great deal of ground in a short time, but the discussions were animated and interesting, and covered fairly well the points of controversy in relation to each subject. Sectional feeling does not appear to have influenced the members, and on the whole their deliberations have been harmonious and useful.

CONDITIONS IN ST. JOHN

It is perhaps unfortunate that a St. John paper should select the time when business men from all parts of the province are in the city to make the incorrect statement that "a score of the best residences in St. John are on the market and are likely to remain there for some time at least." The Star last evening made this statement in an article of the blue ruin order, in which, although it is admitted that the population of the city is increasing it is asserted that many houses of the better class are vacant, and people cannot afford to rent or purchase them, though the owners are trying to sell. As a matter of fact, real estate values are not "inflated," nor are the people so hard pressed that they cannot afford to live

in comfortable homes. The people not only have money enough to live on, but more than ever before to spend on all kinds of entertainments. Labor is so well employed that there is an actual scarcity of help. The conditions of life were never more healthy in St. John since before the great fire, and any intimations to the contrary are at variance with the facts.

QUEBEC STIRRED UP

The breach between Mr. Bourassa and the liberal government of Quebec province is complete. We are told that at the conclusion of his speech at Rigaud, where he addressed three thousand people, the member for Labelle "appealed to the people of the province regardless of race, creed or party affiliation to save the honor of the province and to hurl from power men for whom the mantle of Laurier was too heavy, and the shade of Mercier too great to hide their smallness and unworthiness."

His reference to Premier Gouin shows that there can be no reconciliation.

"The reason," said Mr. Bourassa, "why I did not meet Mr. Gouin or receive any communication from him is that while I never believed that Mr. Gouin was not an honest man, he has proved in his relations with his former leader, Mr. Parent, with Mr. Monet, with Mr. Provost and Mr. Turgeon that he is a weak man, and a weak man is more dangerous than a dishonest man. You can be on guard against a scoundrel, but I, for one, while I do not fear the stones of the gang organized by the Liberal organs in Quebec, nor the abuse of the others who have tried to drag me down that way, have no inclination to expose my career to the mercies of a political assassin and have the Premier of Quebec establish me in the back as he did his former leader."

Mr. Bourassa charges that the provincial government has ravished the public domain by scandalous transactions in relation to lands, forests, minerals, fisheries and water powers, and he urges the appointment of a legislative commission to administer the public domain on business principles. He definitely charges Hon. Mr. Turgeon with forging the date to an official document in connection with a land transfer. Replying at Ste. Hyacinthe, to a charge that he was trying to "diminish the importance" of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this Quebec campaign, Mr. Bourassa said he had "supported Sir Wilfrid Laurier in general, but when he believed it his duty he stood up to him; and he had always respected the premier of Canada too much to allow his mantle to be used to cover cowardice and political brigandage."

"Above any party," continued Mr. Bourassa, "I place the importance of having the province receive what she is entitled to get from the public domain."

Both at Rigaud and Ste. Hyacinthe Mr. Bourassa met the orators of the government, and each side received a fair hearing. Not for many a day has there been such a shaking up in provincial politics in Quebec as has followed the attack of the member for Labelle upon the crown lands policy of the government.

He is not by any means having the field to himself. Hon. Mr. Turgeon, an orator of great power, Premier Gouin and Hon. Mr. Provost are vigorously defending themselves. Nevertheless, the great reception given to Mr. Bourassa, and the fact that he speaks under the auspices of Liberal leaders or associations in various constituencies proves that he has a large following in the ranks of the party. The situation in Quebec grows daily in interest.

MR. EWART'S VIEW

Mr. John S. Ewart, K. C., who is visiting this part of Canada for the first time, has had the kindness—or should we say the effrontery?—if he has been correctly reported—to tell us that the case of these provinces is practically hopeless. "What have you here?" he said, "you are at the east end of everything. There is nothing on the north, and on the west you have a part of the United States. If I were a young man I would go west at once."

We commend to Mr. Ewart the address of President, W. S. Fisher to the Maritime Board of Trade, delivered yesterday, and would also suggest—with due humility—that he gather while in the maritime provinces some general information concerning their resources, their position with regard to the rest of Canada, and the other country, and the opportunities they offer to the capitalist and the immigrant.

Mr. Ewart is especially hard upon the unfortunate province of Prince Edward Island. We quote again:—"The construction of a tunnel between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is being advocated, and what good would it be? I heard a man remark the other day to a Prince Edward Islander: 'If you have a tunnel under that strait all your people will get away.' How can the island expect to progress? One man cannot do business or make money by himself."

It is announced that Mr. Ewart is preparing a political history of Canada. Perhaps in the course of his researches he will discover that these despised provinces contributed something to that history, and if he reads diligently the record he may learn that a country owes something to its people as well as to its geographical position; and that in both these respects the maritime provinces may have some claims to the consideration even of a legal gentleman who is now seeing them for the first time.

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Everything is grim and cold;
Strange and drear the sound of mirth,
Life and I are old!

—William Winter, in Scribner's.

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Are you leading up to a proposal, Cholly—Houston Post.

CHANCES FAVORABLE

Do you think young Propesley will astonish his friends when they see him on the stage?
Yes, if they think he can act.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

Daughter—Papa, in time of trial, what do you suppose brings the most comfort to a man?
Papa—An acquittal, I should think.—Bismarck Tribune.

WOULD SOON CATCH UP.

Youngling is going to marry the widow Henpeck.
Why, she's twice as old as he is.
Oh, well, he'll age fast enough after the wedding.—Town and Country.

PROPERLY QUALIFIED.

Towne—I did think at one time that the best thing to cure a cold was whiskey, but on second thought—
Browne—You mean on "sober second thought," don't you?—Philadelphia Press.

JOHN D'S GREAT GIFT.

Mr. Rockefeller is a wonderful man. I couldn't go through a court examination like him.
No, I'd have to laugh.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

QUEER SENSATIONS.

I got a shock from a "lectric" battery yesterday, said the first tramp. It's a funny kind of a feelin'; feels just like takin' a bath.
Say! exclaimed the other one, you must have a great memory.—Tit-Bits.

WHAT HE PREFERRED

You say this man stole your coat, said the magistrate. Do I understand that you prefer charges against him?
No, yer Honor, replied the complainant, I pray for the coat, if it's all the same to ye, sor.—Philadelphia Press.

HIS QUALIFICATION.

Seasoned Publisher—My reader reports that your manuscript is worthless; he is a very fine critic, sir.
Editor—Author—Er, did your reader ever write a novel?

Seasoned Publisher—No, but he has turned down hundreds of 'em.—Puck.

KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

Gracious! exclaimed the kind old lady to the beggar, are they the best shoes you've got?
Why, lady, replied the candid beggar, could you imagine better ones fur dis business? Everyone o' dem holes means nicks an' dimes ter me.—Tit-Bits.

A NEW COMPANY

George McKean's Business Will Be Incorporated.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 21.—George McKean, W. E. Golding, Samuel G. Kilpatrick, of St. John; Hamilton Bean and Edward G. Price, of London, England, are seeking incorporation as The George McKean Company, Ltd. The object is to take over and carry on the business of George McKean. The proposed capital stock is to be \$100,000, and St. John is to be the chief place of business.

GRAND TRUNK SURPLUS

\$355,300 FOR HALF YEAR

(Montreal Witness).

The appropriation of \$400,000, to form the nucleus of a pension fund for employees is the feature of the half-yearly report of the Grand Trunk Railway that has attracted much unfavorable criticism everywhere. The accounts for the half-year to June 30, show gross receipts, \$3,381,200; working expenses, \$2,446,500; net receipts, \$834,700; and net revenue charges for the half-year, less credits, \$480,600, leaving a balance of \$454,100. Deducting Canada Atlantic deficiency for the half-year, \$27,800; and Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee deficiency, \$11,000, making \$295,300, there is a surplus of \$355,300. The above surplus of \$355,300, added to the balance of \$13,200 from December, 1906, makes a total of \$368,500, out of which it is proposed to set aside \$400,000 to form the nucleus of the pension fund referred to by the president at the last general meeting. The balance of \$28,500 will admit of the payment of the dividends for the half-year on the 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, and first and second preference stocks, leaving about \$14,000 to be carried forward. It is estimated that the future contributions to the pension fund will amount to \$15,000 per annum. The accounts of the Grand Trunk Western Company for the year ended June 30, show a surplus sufficient to provide for the interest of the first mortgage bonds and leave a balance of about \$18,200.

Letter Enigma.

My first is in hand, but not in finger;
My second is in cone, but not in finger;
My third is in bread, but not in meat;
My fourth is in barley, but not in wheat;
My fifth is in young, but not in old;
My sixth is in straw, but not in seed;
My seventh is in corn, but not in stalk;
My eighth is in rus, but not in walk;
My ninth is in sit, but not in lie;
My tenth is in heaven, but not in sky.
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