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A CANDID FRIEND.

Mayor Church of Toronto is a good Conservative. He has stood by the party and labored for its success. Now, however, he proclaims his dissatisfaction with existing conditions. He does not like the term "Liberal and Conservative."

It now transpires that Mr. J. W. V. Lawlor was the writer of the letter to Premier Meighen regarding Mr. Veniot's possible entrance into the federal cabinet.

Mayor Church modestly observes that he believes he knows something about public opinion in the Toronto district, and asserts that the people are not satisfied. They have a warm feeling of regard for Premier Meighen, but feel that "all is not going well with the party."

"The Union Government was only formed for the period of the war. I hope, however, they will live out their term of office, as no one wants an election at present, in these days of stress and strain. It is plainly visible to the rank and file that the Liberal opposition are going to link up in the next general election with the Agrarians, and with a Liberal administration in all the provinces and a solid Quebec, I feel that the Conservatives will get the worst of it, and that Canada will have a good government, as in Ontario. The present Union arrangement should only last until the general election, when you should go back to the party system. It is better to do it now than wait until you are beaten at the polls at a general election later."

Mayor Church declares that the Conservative party in Ontario has been badly led in federal matters, and that "the stupid blundering and folly of our Conservative leaders at Ottawa from Ontario was responsible for the rout of the Hearst Government and the wrecking of the Conservative party in Ontario." In conclusion he says:

"The Ottawa leaders listen when here to the flattery of some, but when the election is over they will know something different, unless a change is made and we go back to the old party system."

"The significant fact about this letter is that it has been given to the press. Mayor Church is not content with merely writing it to a member of parliament. He sees a danger and wishes to warn the public. Unless something is done, the Conservatives will get the worst of it. There are many in Canada who will agree with Mayor Church."

It is announced that the bids for highway construction, recently opened at Augusta, Maine, show that the highway operations of the state this year will be performed at a much less cost than last year, perhaps some 25 per cent.

Two factors, says the Bangor Commercial, "that have a definite part in the lessened cost of construction are the lowered prices of materials and the belief of the contractors that labor costs will be much less."

The Calgary Albertan thus describes Col. Nelson Spencer, the Conservative candidate in Medicine Hat: "He has an admiration for big business, is always on the side of big capital, firmly believes that the future of the country depends on the paupering of capital, which if encouraged can by itself save the situation. He has no sympathy with progressive measures coming from any source—Liberal, Farmer or Labor. He is a protectionist in theory and practice. He is an out-and-out Conservative, and in most respects an out-and-out Tory."

The Ontario Globe: "Building, \$9,000—contents, half a million." The Dominion government kept huge quantities of military stores on the Garrison Common in this city in a highly inflammable wooden storehouse. Stores and warehouse were both destroyed, probably by a chance spark from a passing locomotive. Ottawa is given to many varieties of folly, but surely the keeping of the country's military supplies in wooden sheds is not a general practice.

There will be something doing in street railway circles immediately. The company proposes a radical change.

POST OFFICE ITEMS  
St. John, N. B., May 23, 1921.  
Editor Times:—The post office will adopt daylight saving service from Monday, 23rd instant—so far as general delivery, money order and foreign exchange offices and registration branch concerns the public. Mails are obliged to be worked with the railway service—on old time—including letter carriers' delivery. The 24th of May being Victoria Day, will be observed the same as on last year's holiday.

General delivery open for one hour in the morning—9:00 to 10:00 a. m., and 6:00 to 7:00 p. m.  
No foot collections from letter boxes, but will be collected by team as usual. Registration window open same hours as the general delivery.

Money order and foreign exchange offices will not open, nor will there be a carriers' service.

EDWARD SEARS, Postmaster.

THE POETICAL PATCH QUILT.

(Anonymous.)  
I only know she came and went.—Lowell.  
Like troublets in a pool—Hood.  
She was a phantom of delight.—Wordsworth.  
And I was like a fool.—Eastman.  
"One kiss, dear maid," I said, and slight.—Coleridge.  
"Out of those lips unshorn."—Longfellow.  
She shook her ringlets round her head.—Stedman.  
And laughed in merry scorn.—Tennyson.  
Ring out ye bells to the wild sky, —Tennyson.  
You hear them, O my heart! —Alice Cary.  
'Tis twelve at night by the candle clock.—Coleridge.  
Beloved, we must part.—Alice Cary.  
"Come back, come back!" she cried in grief.—Campbell.  
My eyes are dim with tears.—Byard Taylor.  
How shall I live through all the days, —Dagwood.  
All through a hundred years? —T. S. Perry.  
'Twas in the prime of summer time.—Hood.  
She bleat me with her hand.—Hort.  
We stayed together, deeply blest.—Mrs. Edwards.  
In the Dreaming Land—Corwall.  
The laughing bridal roses blow.—Pattmore.  
To dress her dark-brown hair.—Byard Taylor.  
No maiden may with her compare.—Brailsford.  
Most beautiful, most rare.—Head.  
I clasped it on her sweet, cold hand, —Browning.  
The precious golden link.—Smith.  
I calmed her fears and she was calm.—"Drink, pretty creature, drink!" —Wordsworth.  
And so I won my Genevieve, —Coleridge.  
And walked in Paradise—Hervey.  
The fairest thing that ever grew.—Wordsworth.  
Atween me and the skies.—Dagwood.

MANY PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAY.

Tomorrow will see the usual custom to the country in celebration of Victoria Day, the first holiday of the summer season. There will be excursions by both train and boat and many are planning to escape from the city and seek a change of scenery in many of the beautiful spots near the city.

The city itself is not devoid of amusement attractions, for those who cannot get away. The movies and vaudeville programs will doubt be enjoyed by many, and the parks, too, will have a large patronage. Seaside Park now being full of people, will be a popular resort.

The umpire's familiar "play ball" will be heard on St. Peter's A. C. grounds at 2:30 p. m., opening a game between the Commercial Club and St. Peter's. These two teams will also stage a game on the East End grounds, at 7:15 p. m. These are the only games scheduled in the Senior League. The Intercollegiate League will open tonight at 7:15 p. m. on the East End diamond, with a game between St. George's A. C. and St. Rose's C. C. The Intercollegiate League season will open with a meeting between the Y. M. H. A. and St. Peter's intercollegiate, tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

In the St. John Soccer League, the Millery E. C. and C. A. will meet on the Shamrock grounds tonight. Mayor Schofield will act as host to these members of the South End Boys' Club who are on their honor that they have not smoked a cigarette since he made the offer by giving them the Empire Theatre party.

In the Imperial at 8 o'clock there will be a Red Cross concert, open to every child between four and eight years who makes application.

Racing enthusiasts will not be left out in the cold, as events have been announced for Moosepark Park.

A party of local men will spend the holiday in Amherst, where a reunion of the 6th C. M. B. will take place.

Postmaster Sears announces that Victoria Day will be observed as a holiday by his staff the same as last year. General delivery will be open for one hour in the morning, from 8 o'clock to 9, and in the evening from 6 to 7 o'clock. No collections will be made from street boxes during the day. The registration window will open the same hour as the general delivery. The money order office will not open.

The Y. M. C. L. baseball team is leaving today to play the St. Joseph's University nine tomorrow. The championship Y. M. C. L. Junior basketball team also is going to Moncton to play a team of juniors from the college. Tomorrow is a big day at St. Joseph's. In the morning there is an athletic meet scheduled. This will be followed later in the day by the baseball and basketball games and a band concert in the college park. In the evening the dramatic club of the university will present the drama "Recognition."

EMPIRE DAY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Empire Day was fittingly observed in all the public schools today with programmes consisting of addresses, essays, recitations, etc. The programme for the High School was as follows: High school orchestra; essay, "The British Merchant Marine"; William Lower; recitation, "The Ships of Grey St. John"; Margaret Brown; saxophone solo, Samuel Green; essay, "Canadian Deeds in the War"; John Bondi; solo, Olive Rankine; recitation, "What Has England Done"; Hilda Fitzward; physical exercises; class of girls; address, Rev. F. H. Bone; and Mayor Schofield; orchestra recitation and flag salutation.

RAILROADS MUST REDUCE EXPENSES

Washington, May 23.—Railroads must make sharp reductions in their operating expenses if their credit and financial stability are to be re-established, a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which has made a survey of the transportation question, declared last night. "It is recognized by the railroads," the committee report continued, "that rates and fares cannot be lowered."

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Sun Rise... 6:46 Sun Sets... 8:34  
(Time used is daylight saving time.)  
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