

BUMPER CROPS THE ORDER IN PROVINCE

Better than for Years Past,
but Scarcity of Farm Help
has been Big Drawback.

In the opinion of men who know, this fall will see a bumper crop harvested in this province. Grain, hay and turnips are yielding exceptionally well. Pastures have been very good this summer and as a consequence the cows are giving more and better milk. Mr. James Gilchrist, superintendent of the provincial immigration office, stated, when interviewed, that this year's crops were above the average, in fact better than for several years past. He said that this condition existed throughout the province.

The farmers all agree that large yields of crops are the usual thing. They show fields of oats which come up to a man's shoulders, and fields of vegetables which have ripened a week or two before their time. Farmers have usually taken in from one to four tons more of hay this year than last.

This condition of affairs has naturally had a beneficial influence on freight traffic conditions. This is especially true of traffic on the St. John river. Capt. Gilchrist of the steamer May Queen, reports a big increase in business over last year, both in freight and passengers. Capt. Melville, of the Oceanic, also reports a big increase over last year.

The greatest difficulty that the farmers have had to deal with is the scarcity of help, though the soldiers have been of great service in this respect. There has been a recent order-in-council, though, that will not permit the soldiers to help further in this work.

AMBERGRIS FOUND IN BAY OF FUNDY?

Captain of Steamer John L.
Cann Finds Quantity of
Material which He Believes
is Ambergris.

The captain of the steamer John L. Cann, which sails between here and Yarmouth, found a quantity of what he believes to be ambergris on the water. This ambergris is highly valuable as a material in the manufacture of perfumery and is in great demand on account of its scarcity and value. It is a solid ash-colored, inflammable substance and when heated produces a fragrant odor. It is produced by the morbid secretion in the intestines of the sperm whale, and is found floating on the ocean in regions frequented by whales.

Mr. J. Carriek of the Canadian Drug Company, is analyzing the substance, and should it prove to be genuine ambergris, the finder will be very much in luck as it has been known to retail as high as \$30 per ounce.

CARS STONED BY STRIKERS

Efforts Towards a Settlement
of the New York Transit
Strike So Far Prove a Failure.

New York, Sept. 12.—After Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission had taken steps late today to terminate the transit strike in this city by urging that it be immediately declared off, and that both sides arbitrate their differences, plans to continue and extend the strike were discussed tonight at a meeting of the United Labor Conference of central bodies of Greater New York. Following the conference Hugh Frayne, New York State organizer of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement as follows:

"The consensus of opinion among the members of the various organizations represented was that the railroad officials must be met with the sort of force they are applying to the men."

Frayne declared that the United Hebrew Trades were represented in the conference for the first time. These trades, it is said, have a membership of 200,000.

An investigation started by the corner, after an accident in the Bronx this morning, in which two persons were killed and many others injured when a car got beyond control of an inexperienced motorman and crashed into an automobile, revealed that many strike-breakers had been employed previously as truckmen.

Strikers Stone Cars.

Traffic on virtually all surface car lines affected by the strike was suspended again tonight. Subway and elevated train service continued about normal.

The attitude of Interborough Rapid Transit Company officials was endorsed this afternoon at a directors meeting. Spasmodic disturbances occurred throughout the city during the day. Cars were stoned and passengers driven to the streets. A woman led an attack on two Third Avenue surface cars. The windows of the cars were broken. Two policemen, with drawn revolvers, held the mob back until reserves arrived.

President Shonts, of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, announced tonight that he will not accept the recommendation of Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission to call off the strike and arbitrate the differences between the railway companies and the labor union.

NEW TYPE OF SHIP BUILT OF CONCRETE

Christiania, via London, Sept. 13.—A new type of ship has arrived here from the shipyards of Christiania, Norway. The ship, which resembles a huge barge, is constructed entirely of concrete, except for the ribs, which are steel, and is the first stone vessel ever floated. It is said that the hull will resist damage better than steel or wood, and that the ship is therefore safer.

STAGE MANAGER CARTER GETS NEW TALENT

His Own Efforts Unavailing in
Carleton Co., He Sends Out
Hurry Call for Copp and
Other Henchmen.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 12.—A. B. Copp, M. P. of Sackville, erstwhile leader of His Majesty's loyal opposition and Warden A. T. LeBlanc, of Shediac, arrived here last evening in response to a hasty summons from "Purity" Carter. They will endeavor to inject some enthusiasm into the pessimistic and disheartened followers of the party here.

Mr. Copp will also take the stump and as a dyed-in-the-wool supporter of the old crowd, and will no doubt attempt to hoodwink the people into believing that they should return and overthrow the present progressive government for the old gang of discredited politicians. Mr. Copp might also explain the report of the Central Railway Commission. When referring to the payment of \$1,225 to him the commissioners said "Mr. Copp's evidence shows clearly that he had not prepared himself to do work of any value, and we believe his achievements were according to his preparation."

At latest reports leader Dugal had not been ordered to report, but member-elect Dr. Smith has received instructions to come here from Westmorland and he will arrive on the scene in a few days.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mont Jones have returned to the city from their country residence.

Miss Florence Casey, 65 Chesley street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Lowell, Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. J. D. Greenell, who has been visiting Mrs. John McCormick, Metcalfe street, left last night for her home, Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Edna Gaynes is spending her vacation in Fredericton.

Frank C. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Thomas, has left for Dalhousie University, Halifax, to resume his studies in dentistry.

Prescott C. Craft, counselman of Everett, Mass., and Mrs. Craft, formerly Miss Loretta Chase of Chelsea, are visiting Mr. Craft's uncle, E. H. Duval, Waterloo street.

F. S. Thomas and family have moved to town from their summer residence at Morris.

James McDonald of New York is visiting friends at Brookville.

Miss Alice Morris of Newcastle, Northumberland county, arrived in the city last night to visit her aunt, Mrs. George Cook, 89 Main street.

Miss Ida M. Irvine arrived home last night after a two weeks' pleasant vacation to Newcastle.

Arthur Beauchene, C. C., and Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons, at Ottawa, accompanied by Mrs. Beauchene, are in the city visiting Miss O'Neill at her residence, Main street. Mr. Beauchene is a Maritime provincialist and is being welcomed to St. John by numerous friends.

E. S. CARTER REFUSES OFFER OF JOINT DEBATE BETWEEN CANDIDATES IN CARLETON CO.

EITHER AFRAID CARVELL'S CANDIDATES CANNOT
DISCUSS ISSUES INTELLIGENTLY OR HAVE NO
REAL ISSUE TO DISCUSS — WOULD PREFER
HIMSELF AND CARVELL AS CHIEF ACTORS SO
THAT THEY CAN CLOUD ISSUE WITH THEIR
MUD-SLINGING.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 12.—"Either your candidates are not capable of discussing the issues intelligently, or they have no issues to discuss."

The above extract from the letter of William Balmain of the government committee in his reply to Mr. Carter's communication referring to making of arrangements for a joint debate between the candidates on Nomination Day aptly describes the exceedingly unhappy plight of the opposition in this county. The people of Carleton county had been looking forward with genuine interest to hearing the candidates on both sides discuss the public issues, but at the last moment, the opposition have refused to agree to a joint debate between the candidates on any consideration notwithstanding that the terms of the government committee were eminently fair and reasonable. The opposition have a full realization of the fact that neither of their candidates is qualified to participate in a joint debate. Hence their burning desire to depart from the time-honored custom and introduce new speakers into the nomination day proceedings.

Willing to Sling Mud, But Not Discuss Real Issue.

Those familiar with tactics of the opposition are well aware that such men as Carvell and Carter would be willing to take the plane of McCain and Upham and would attempt to cloud the issue by their characteristic vituperation, vilification, slander and abuse. The people, however, desire a sane discussion of public issues rather than abuse and mud slinging.

Mr. Carter's letter and Mr. Balmain's reply follow:

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 12th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—I have been unable to reply earlier to your letter of September 8th, in which you propose a joint meeting of the opposition and government candidates on Nomination Day, because of my inability to see Mr. McCain. Some time ago the opposition party engaged the Hayden Gibson Theatre for the afternoon and evening of Nomination Day, taking it for granted that, since the government party refused to join in a debate in the by-election of 1915, the same policy would obtain on this occasion. Our arrangements for the afternoon of Nomination Day include the presence of several prominent speakers from different parts of the province, but in order that the government speakers may be quite satisfied of our willingness to meet them, the opposition party will be glad to change its arrangements and spare the time of our afternoon meeting in Hayden Gibson Theatre giving to Hon. Mr. Smith and any gentleman whom he may associate with him one half hour or three quarters of an hour each, and the same time to two representatives of the opposition party, one of the government speakers to open the meeting followed in turn by an opposition speaker, then a government speaker and the same to be closed by the opposition.

I am yours very truly,

E. S. CARTER,
Provincial Liberal Organizer.

Mr. Balmain's Reply.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 12th, 1916.

E. S. Carter, Esq., Woodstock, N. B.:
Dear Sir,—Yours of even date received and contents carefully noted. The only meaning to be taken from your reply is that you positively refuse to arrange meeting between your candidates and ours to publicly discuss the issues of the day. There can be only one of two reasons for this, either your candidates are not capable of discussing the issues intelligently or they have no issue to discuss. Our proposition was particularly generous, inasmuch as we agreed to lead off with the discussion and accept one of your prominent workers as chairman.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM BALMAIN,
Mr. Carter's letter refusing to have the candidates on both sides address the electors on public issues, contained a misstatement in saying that the government refused to meet the opposition in joint debate in the by-election of 1915. It was the opposition on that occasion, as in the present contest, who refused to agree to a joint debate.

BIGGEST VOTE IN MAINE'S HISTORY

Latest Returns Increase Re-
publican Pluralities— Will
Control Both Houses of the
Legislature.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—The largest vote in the history of Maine was cast at the state election yesterday. The total vote will approximate 150,000. These figures have not been approached since 1880, when the total was 147,802.

The receipt today of the vote from the border and a few isolated towns increased the plurality of Carl E. Milliken, Republican, for governor over Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, from the indicated figures of 13,000 last night to 13,800. Indicated pluralities for the other Republican candidates were confirmed by a revision of the vote. The Republicans will have solid delegations in both branches of congress, and will easily control both houses of the state legislature.

Maine, by a vote of about four to one, gave popular approval to the state law limiting the employment of women and children to 54 hours a week.

Returned Soldiers Here Today.

Four members of the Fighting 25th Battalion who have been invalided home, will arrive in the city on the express this morning at 11:25 o'clock. These heroes are: Walter Burke and J. J. Barbour, of St. John; A. McDonough, of Moncton; and Cyrus Allan, of Port Elgin. They will be met at the depot by Charles Robinson, sec-

CARLETON CO. BASELY BETRAYED BY CARVELL IN VALLEY RY. MATTER

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Ottawa in the capacity of solicitor for the Willard Kitchen Company and there assisted in getting from the government that classification which had operated to rob the people of Canada.

Why Don't Carvell Resign?

Mr. Carvell told an audience of Carleton county electors that he would resign his seat in parliament if the valley route was not accepted by the Liberal government. He had also frequently boasted that if this government ever built the Valley Railway he would resign, but Carvell thought too much of his seat as was clearly proved by his nefarious schemes at the last federal election. He had no hesitation in saying that he (Smith) was given more votes by the people of Carleton county than were given Frank Carvell, "but through the manipulation of the ballots and dishonest practices on the part of the returning officer the wishes of the people were defeated," said the minister.

Hon. Mr. Smith assured the meeting that next spring the contract will be let to build the railway from Centreville to Andover. This provision for the building of the road to Andover was included in the agreement made with the dominion government a few months ago. With a desire of seeing that the interests of the people were safeguarded he went to Ottawa with the members of the government and made it a point to have this provision inserted in the agreement.

An indication of Hon. Mr. Smith's sincerity in the statement that the work on the Centreville-Andover section would be undertaken was his remark that he would not ask the electors to vote for him again in this county until that contract was let and work started on the construction of that portion of the road. When it is considered that a general election is on the tapis and that it is likely to take place early next year the striking significance of the minister's frank statement is demonstrated. The minister's stand on this momentous question presents a great contrast to that of Carvell and his subservient follower, George Upham. Carvell blocked this government legislation at every stage while Mr. Upham voted on two occasions in the provincial house to kill the bill.

Hon. Mr. Smith dealt effectively with the potato transaction which figures prominently in the opposition's campaign of slander. He showed that the government's honest collection of the revenues had enabled them to expend larger amounts on the roads and bridges, and for education and agriculture. He pointed out the many advantages accruing to the people of Carleton county from having the largest spending portfolio of the government and asked for the hearty support of the electors for his colleague, Mayor Sutton and himself.

The addresses of Mr. Hachey and Mr. Squires were followed with the closest attention by the large audience. Mr. Hachey contrasted the present government's record with that of the old crowd who were trying to get back into power. The Gloucester representative got a splendid reception. Mr. Squires also pointed out the misdeeds of the old administration. He spoke eloquently of the work of the Canadians at the front, and showed up Carvell's attack on the militia. General French and Sir Sam Hughes. A tribute to the worth of the minister and his colleague was paid by both speakers who asked the electors to do their share towards rolling up a magnificent majority for them on September 21st.

Fine Meeting at Benton.
The government speakers got a magnificent reception at Benton tonight. The hall was completely filled with electors who evinced the keenest interest in the remarks of the speakers, Mayor Sutton, Dr. O. B. Fries, Mr. L. A. J. C. Hartley and Mr. L. Hayward. Many who formerly supported the present opposition, but who are antagonistic to the efforts of Carvell and his coterie to deprive Carleton county of the portfolio of public works, attended the meeting. From all indications Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton will receive a large majority in Benton. Plans are being perfected for a big rally there on Thursday in the interests of the government candidates. The opposition have refused a joint debate but the large numbers

DEATH TOLL NOW PLACED AT 12

Centre Span of Quebec Bridge
Lost Through Failure of
Casting on Lifting Girder.

Quebec, Sept. 12.—As a result of a conference between officials and engineers on the possible cause of the fall of the centre span of the Quebec bridge the following statement has been authorized by Mr. G. H. Dugan, chief engineer of the St. Lawrence Company, Limited, after various eyewitness stories had been heard and thoroughly discussed:

"Careful examination by the board of engineers indicates that the centre span of the Quebec bridge was lost through the failure of the casting on lifting girder on which span has been resting with greater load for the last six weeks. Cantilever arms unjoined in any way, and preparations are now under way to replace centre span as soon as possible."

It is now definitely established that the span first gave way on the south (Levis) side, and it is practically certain, according to the most reliable stories, that it did not buckle, going down almost intact. The loss of life is now placed at twelve. According to the official accident reports of three timekeepers, J. A. Huot, E. W. Dall and R. D. Cannon, the following men may be looked upon as having lost their lives:

W. Dumont, New Liverpool, Que.; C. Bernier, Lauson; H. Vandel, New Liverpool; J. Corbett, Newfoundland; M. Regan, Cape Rouge; M. White, Port Gilbert, N. S.; H. Bertrand, Bissonette, Ont.; Cleophas Cadorette, Silbury, Que.; E. Jourdana's, address thought to be Providence, R. I.; S. Demers, St. Nicholas, Que.; C. Sweeney, Lachine, Que.; and N. Laroché, Silbury, Que.

J. Corbett's brother was saved, but it was he who was first reported lost. W. Dumont, who was thought to be in hospital, has now been given up as lost. One of the bridegrooms who was on the span states that Dumont rolled off himself up in some canvas and went to sleep on the bridge, going down to his death unconscious.

Coming to town will have an opportunity of hearing the important issues discussed at the gathering of supporters of the government.

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Wounded:
Walter B. McLaggan, Blackville, N. B.

Infantry.

Wounded:
Lieut. Alfred M. Parsons, Middleton, N. S.

Bedford A. Styles, Upper Nappan, N. S.

Engineers.

Previously Reported Wounded, now Missing Unofficially, Supposed to be Prisoner:
Sapper Richard Collings, Hunter's River, P. E. I.

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