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THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

As soon as the excitement of the political campaign dies down, the common sense of the people will perceive that the only assurance of stable government for the next legislative term in this province lies in the continuance in power of the Foster government. No good purpose could possibly be served by any other course, since the other groups combined could not get a working majority, and they have no common policy that would command the support of all. The desire to serve the interests of the province will be stronger with the farmer and labor members than the desire to play politics and keep the province in a turmoil. There can be no question as to what the people would desire under the conditions which have arisen. The Foster government has made an excellent record, and has definite policies which are in the public interest. If it resigned what sort of combination and what policies would emerge? A healthy opposition will keep the government up to the mark, but the province does not want a condition of affairs that would leave the administration at the mercy of a snap vote on what might be a very trivial matter. All this will be so apparent that there is no reason to doubt that when the house meets the government will have a safe working majority.

MISPLACED SOLICITUDE

The Standard is much concerned over the sad state in which Premier Foster finds himself. This is very considerate, of course, but why does not the Standard manifest a similar loving interest in the opposition leader in the sad plight in which he finds himself? The Standard could easily draw a harrowing picture of Mr. Baxter calling the roll of the faithful and dropping a large tear as one after another devoted follower failed to respond. Pursuing its pre-election policy of claiming everything in sight, a habit of which it should have been cured on Saturday, the Standard sees no prospect of the government carrying on, and figures out a majority for the groups which it insists are all eager for the defeat of the premier and his colleagues. It would be just as well to wait until after declaration day, and some days after that, indeed until the legislative meets and a vote is taken, before threatening upon Mr. Baxter the premiership of the province. The people are not likely to pin much faith to the Standard's assertions when they remember what it claimed on the days preceding the election.

CHILDREN AND HEALTH

Discussing the need of a larger national expenditure to promote child welfare, an American paper says:—"The state is more interested in saving hogs than children. In 1920, the federal government appropriated \$250,000 for the work of the National Children's Bureau. In 1919, the national appropriation for the eradication of hog cholera was \$446,000."

Discussing the same subject with special reference to the infant death-rate, the Toronto Globe says:—"Six thousand of the 60,000 babies born annually in Ontario die in their first year. These are not the figures of sensation-mongers, but of Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Provincial Medical Officer of Health. They do but emphasize the vital importance of childhood to the state and the awful waste of it. Not all of these deaths could be prevented. That would not be humanly possible. But many of them could. In spite of all that is being done to correct the mistakes of the past and remedy those of today, there are still too many people whose ignorance debars them from the proper care of the children for whom they are responsible. Their attitude is that of the Englishwoman who scorned the advice and admonition of a genteel-trained nurse. 'What can you tell me about bringing up babies,' she demanded, 'me as 'ave buried seven of me own?'

During the recent election campaign in this province the opposition had great stress upon what it described as needlessly large expenditure by the public health department. That may have seemed to be good politics, but from the standpoint of public welfare it was poor policy, and the people have rejected it. The matters with which the health department deals are vital, and the movement must be forward and not backward. The more the people realize the value of this work from a truly national standpoint, as well as from that of local health considerations, the more heartily they will approve of a generous policy in regard to expenditure.

The provincial government of Saskatchewan has told the tariff commission that it is unanimous in a demand for tariff reductions, "immediate and substantial." It favors a reduction of duty on British goods to half the general tariff rate and adoption of the reciprocity agreement of 1911. Other substantial changes are included in its statement of policy, which is quite the opposite of that put forward by the protection interests and those which desire to profit by protection.

The question of high rents has become so acute in Ontario that legislation dealing with the subject is promised for the legislature which meets in January. Further, says the Toronto Globe, a warning has been given by the attorney-general that any increases made in rentals by landlords from now on may be recoverable by the tenants later. This recovery, he said, would be covered by the legislation to be introduced in the house. At the conference at which this announcement was made many instances of profiteering in rent were cited, and the government was strongly urged to take action. Indeed some wanted a special session of the legislature called for that purpose.

Soviet Russia is now said to be anxious to make peace with Gen. Wrangel as well as with the Poles. Lenin and Trotsky are gravely disappointed with the failure of their military programme, and are confronted with very serious troubles at home. Not least of these is the determination of the peasants not to hand over their recently acquired lands to the state. The Soviet has been heavily propagandized in England and America met with the success anticipated.

A very interesting feature of the presidential campaign in the United States is the fight that is being waged for the League of Nations by the Pro-League Independents, who were formerly Roosevelt Republicans. They are carrying on a very active publicity campaign, and are heartily supporting the Democratic candidate. Not only are they distributing literature but conducting a vigorous campaign in the press, "that false assertions concerning the League's powers may be controverted by correct interpretation."

The declaration of Sir Herbert Samuel, British high commissioner for Palestine, at the opening of the new broad gauge railway from Jerusalem to Jaffa that the latter port would in the near future become the largest port in the Eastern Mediterranean, forecasts wonderful changes. That ancient port, with its interesting history, is to be the centre of a great traffic, which will grow with the growth of Palestine in the splendid new era that is now promised.

Mr. Lloyd George, in his most recent great speech, declared that the peace of the world is still the great issue, which its significance dwarfs all others. He made a powerful appeal for unity at home until world-conditions have grown more stable and less threatening than at present. No statesman of the war period has so successfully weathered political storms, and though under constant fire he is still a leader peerless in courage and resource.

The Prince of Wales is back in England after his prolonged tour. He has a clearer knowledge of Imperial problems and deeper faith in the future of the Empire. It must be said of him that wherever he went he won the hearts of the people by his fine mental qualities, his unaffected manner, and his manifest desire to be regarded as a fellow-citizen rather than as the heir to the throne.

Sugar could be imported from the United States, in the face of the duty and exchange, and sold much cheaper than the price asked by Canadian refiners and dealers. They got the benefit when prices were advancing. How about the consumer's turn?

The mere men who have hitherto conducted election campaigns are reminded that the women workers do not smoke cigars, but have a weakness for chocolate. The election chocolate must be put on at least an even footing with the election cigar.

In British Columbia the women gave Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King a gold-headed cane. In Edmonton they gave him a pin made of gold from the bed of the Saskatchewan River. This western tour is his golden opportunity, as it were.

Woolen yarn has declined in Montreal from \$1.25 to \$1.15 per pound. Woolen goods, however, are not likely to show any material decline for some time to come.

A cat may look at a king, but a monkey in Athens has bitten one.

FLOUR DOWN IN 'FRISCO AGAIN

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—A drop of forty cents a barrel in flour, the second within a week, was announced by wholesalers here today.

Women Voters in U. S.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Of 28,035,000 women under twenty-one years of age in the United States, about 26,500,000 are eligible to vote in the November election. Intelligent are made up of alien women and native women married to aliens.

THE STEWACKE FIRE

The fire yesterday near Stewiacke, N. S., which wiped out Dickie's steam saw mill and destroyed between two and three million feet of lumber owned by the British government, did damage to the mill to the estimated extent of \$50,000, pretty well covered by insurance.



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USEFUL OLD BILL

I watched Old Wilhelm as he wrought, and knoeked the stately yew trees cold, while down his regal dome of thought the sweat of honest effort rolled. Of old this Wilhelm seemed no good, when he was hoodooed by a crown; yet now he whacks up cords of wood—you cannot keep a good man down. There is no nobler task than this, now coal is scarce and hard to get; I watch him make his buckskin whiz, and cry, "Old Bill's our one best bet." When he was ruler of a realm he earned no high and rich reward, such as he earns while sawing elm and pulling down six bits a cord; now, when he goes to roost at night, he has no crimes of which to fret; the record of his day is white, and Wilhelm is our one best bet. If we'd all do as Wilhelm does, and ply our bucksaws in the sun, the bats that our beliefs bias would find their futile errands done. We ply the swift and tireless jaw until its hinges creak and smoke, when we should wield the trenchant saw and pile up ricks of helpful oak.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

FATHER DEQUEEN

It was in July, 1647, that Father Dequeen, a brave Catholic missionary to the Indians of the Saguenay, set out on what was to be his most difficult trip of his career. He had learned that two of his Algonquin converts were very ill of fever at a point 125 miles north from Tadoussac. At once he resolved to answer the call of the needy pair. The Indians did their best to persuade him to abandon his contemplated trip but he was determined, so two white brethren volunteered to accompany him into the forests. With provisions for five days they left the mission station on July 11.

They sailed past Cape Eternity and Trinity, into the friendly harbor of Anse Rouge and followed the Chaudiere River to Lake Kenogami and later into what was named twenty years afterwards Lake St. John. On day banks of the lake they found the sick Algonquins. To them the priest ministered as faithfully as if they had been white brethren from his beloved France. He was a servant of the needy, for the moment his entire mission was to two ill Indians far in the woods.

This was only one of the trips he took in the remaining years of his life. Year after year until death called him to his rest in 1660 his canoe might be seen slipping along some unknown river into the interior of the country. Occasionally he made trips to Quebec, where he came in contact with those of his own race for a brief respite, but his life was dedicated to the redskins and it was while with them in his acts of conservation that he contracted fever from a dying barbar. In a few days he was at rest, with Indians far and wide mourning for the white leader.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Shall savage warfare never cease? Shall man his fellowmen still slay? Or shall there be a reign of peace—The League of Nations? Was the World War waged all in vain, And must it still be fought again?

Nay!—from old earth a cry goes up: To Heaven, that this shall never be. Mankind has reined the lion's cup, Christ tasted at Gethsemane. Henceforth that cup of blood and tears Shall go unquaffed a thousand years!

The nations far and wide have framed A league to put an end to war. That land shall be forever shamed That stands aloof, and bars her door.

Let not America—endowed With youth and strength and boundless hope—America the brave and proud Deny the League its worldwide scope.

Who seeks alone a selfish goal May gain all else yet lose his soul! May gain all else yet lose his soul! May gain all else yet lose his soul!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Assting Himself.

Especk (twist a word of warning—Hereafter, woman, I'm going to have a voice in the management of this establishment. I've chosen the silent partner long enough and I want you to distinctly understand that—)

Mrs. Especk (interrupting, soothingly)—There, there, little one! You'll be yourself again tomorrow if you'll go to bed right away. Did you see it on a doctor's prescription but did some bad man lead my dearie to it—Buffalo Express.

That Guffy Feeling

"I've often been struck by the extreme hauteur of salesladies. Don't you suppose meretricious after that?"

"I know one who does. He tells me he feels like sneaking into the rear door of the store and telling her to get out. He says his personal appearance does not meet with the approval of his clerks."

Birmingham, Ala.—Herald.

Similar Lives

In spite of the advanced prices the barber was blue, and the razor he was wielding seemed to share his discouragement. "The just about decided to open a butcher shop," he said, reaching for the powdered string.

"And will you close this one?" his victim gasped feebly.—Detroit Free-Press.

TWO LIBERALS BY ACCLAMATION

Quebec By-Elections—Contest of Liberal and Independent in Kamouraska.

Quebec, Oct. 12.—(Canadian Press)—The nominations for provincial by-elections in the counties of Port Neuf, Kamouraska and St. Maurice yesterday were as follows:—

Edouard Hamel, M. P. (Liberal) elected by acclamation in Kamouraska. L. J. Dupuis, M. P. (Liberal) elected by acclamation in St. Maurice. N. M. G. (Independent) was nominated. Toronto Candidate.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Major A. C. Lewis was the choice of the Conservative convention last night as the party candidate in Northeast Toronto, to succeed Hon. Dr. H. J. Gody, former minister of education. The by-election is to be held on November 8.

MR. ELKIN MAKES REPORT ON HOTEL PROPOSITION

Explains Difficulties Encountered and Assumes Total Expense Incurred in Project—Other Business of Commercial Club Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held last evening in the C. W. Y. A. building, Wellington row, with Stanley E. Elkin, the president, in the chair. A feature of the meeting was the report regarding the suspension of the Hotel Champlain project in the city. H. R. McLellan, the secretary, reported that at an executive meeting held yesterday afternoon a report covering the hotel matter had been presented by Mr. Elkin. Mr. Elkin said that after making several attempts to interest the C. P. R. he had made attempts to see other parties who had intimated a willingness to participate in the scheme without much success. In addition to these difficulties he found that Montreal parties were not exacting in demanding a specific assurance of what the C. P. R. would do. As much as only \$12,000 was in prospect he did not feel justified in giving a guarantee to the effect that the hotel project would not be abandoned. He went on to express regret in the situation in which the hotel project now stands. In view of this, he said, to show the club's responsibility to the city, he was prepared to meet what he considered a moral responsibility on his part by personally meeting all expected expenses, including the cost for charter and legal expenses, amounting to some \$2,400, the charter to remain the property of the Commercial Club, but in the event of its being used for other purposes, the legal expenses, some \$800, including the legal expenses, to be repaid to him. He submitted as an evidence of his sincerity in the future welfare of the club the fact that he was an annual subscriber to the club's special fund to the extent of \$1,000, and intended to continue as such, and expressed the hope that the hotel project will not be permitted to become a dead issue.

Mr. McLellan, the secretary, said that after the executive had considered the report a resolution had been adopted to the effect that in the opinion of the club it was advisable to continue the effort to secure an hotel and that the secretary should be given the authority to date to prepare and bring before the club a plan that would make possible the construction of an hotel suitable to the needs of St. John. On motion both the report of the president and the resolution of the executive were approved by the general meeting of the club.

Mayor Schofield said he did not consider it fair that the whole burden of expense should be borne by Mr. Elkin, but Mr. McLellan said Mr. Elkin had planned, and they had accepted his request. A vote of thanks to the president for his services in regard to the hotel matter was moved by Mayor Schofield and carried unanimously. Mr. Elkin responded briefly.

James McMurray, George E. Barbour, George D. Ellis and F. W. Roche, the first names to be chairman, were named a committee whose duty it shall be to nominate officers for the ensuing term of the next regular meeting of the club. Nominations will also be made from the floor of the house at that time.

The following new members were elected: C. G. Lovett, W. R. Lovett, P. P. Vaughan, J. W. Cameron, J. Bowen, C. W. deForest, F. F. Burpee and C. F. Hughes.

A resolution was adopted unanimously calling upon the secretary to take up with the commissioner of safety and the chief of police the matter of a better enforcement of the traffic laws. The resignations of J. P. Doherty, who is going to Montreal, and W. H. Harrison were accepted.

DO NOT BELIEVE WEST REPORT THAT CALDER IS TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—A report from the west that Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonies, is soon to drop out of the government, was not generally credited here last night.

Lost His \$10

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 12.—"Sam, I heard you is dead; if you is, telegram me, if you ain't, send me \$10." This is the copy of a telegram received here recently by a negro, John Collins, from another negro living in North Carolina, Collins, who was about recovered from recent gunshot wounds, drafted this message: "I is dead, your ten will be opiled to a coffin."

Francis B. Keith of Montreal, secretary of the Engineering Institute of Canada, addressed the Montreal branch of the institute, which was formed last evening. The following officers were elected: W. A. Duff, chairman; J. D. McNeill, vice-chairman; M. J. Murphy, secretary; treasurer, Reid McManus; R. G. Gage, J. Edington, F. B. Phipps, S. B. Wass and H. J. Grudge, committee.

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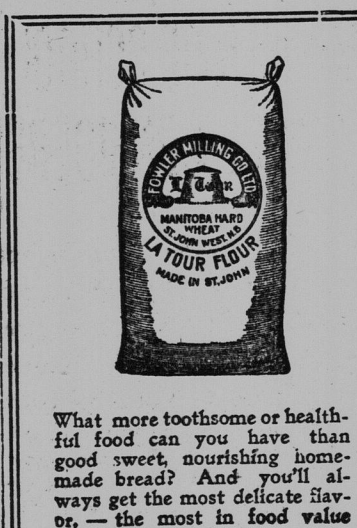
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LOCAL NEWS

At a meeting of the Board of Associated Charities held yesterday afternoon, with the president, W. S. Fisher, in the chair, it was announced that calls for aid are many and funds are low, but this report game, especially money, very plentiful in this vicinity. One of the most successful candidates for membership fee was increased to \$2.

Two good moose were bagged by three local men on a hunting trip in Queens county last week. The members of the party, William Laskey, Gordon Daley and E. Clinton Brown, have just returned from the trip. One of the moose shot had an excellent head for mounting.

It was announced that the following appointments had been made in New Brunswick: Kenneth S. Lynch, mail transfer agent for the St. John district; Walter F. Davies, St. John civic officer; and Mrs. Elizabeth E. Ray, postmistress at Titusville, Kings county. Rolfe Y. Gannon of this city is a successful candidate for senior clerk bookkeeper.

The senior leaders' corps of the Y. M. C. A. had supper last evening in the association building and held an organization meeting following it, when plans were outlined for the season's work. They will hold an annual business meeting on November 12, when plans will be discussed for the visit of Major Smith, national secretary of physical education. Several new members are lined up for initiation at this meeting and a special ceremony will be put on for their benefit.

The St. Patrick's Junior Dramatic Club, under the direction of J. D. Morrissey, presented the three-act mystery drama, "A Daughter of Tennessee," in St. Patrick's Hall, West St. John, last evening to a crowded house. Each member of the cast was given a grand ovation by the audience. A feature of the evening was little Beatrice Ramsey, who sang two solos. The following took part in the program: Cyril Costley, J. D. Morrissey, Cornelius Quinlan, Frank Cormier, William V. Tobin, Miss Marion Patten, Miss Gertrude McKenna and Miss Frances Irvine.

B. Y. P. U. MEETINGS

IN THREE CHURCHES

The first meeting after organization of the B. Y. P. U. of the Central Baptist church was held last evening, when an excellent programme was presented consisting of a violin solo by Mr. Rupert; duet, Messrs. Rupert and Parsons; reading, Miss Vera Roberts; solo, Miss Gladys Dykeman; R. H. Parsons, president of the county B. Y. P. U., gave a brief but interesting description of the international convention of the B. Y. P. U. which he attended recently in Toronto at which representatives from all the states in the Union and different parts of Canada were present. The meeting was largely attended last evening and proved most interesting. Mrs. E. MacPherson, wife of the recent pastor, was among those present.

The main street Baptist Young People's Society held a social evening, when Mrs. Enoch McLellan presiding. A duet was sung by Miss Annie McCrea and Miss Eva Lettrey. The address of the evening was given by Rev. George F. Dawson of Exmouth street Methodist church. The address was very earnest and was well received by the young people. The outlook for the autumn and winter work of the Main street Baptist church Young People's Society is full of promise.

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promise. Other officers of the society are Miss Mabel Vradenburg, secretary; Miss Marjorie McAlary, treasurer; Miss Eva Leddeny, pianist; Kenneth Park, chairman of the missionary committee; L. H. Thorne, chairman of the social committee.

The Baptist Young People's Society of the Victoria street Baptist church met last evening, Rev. George Hudson presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers, who are to outline the work for the season in a meeting next Monday evening. The address of the evening was given by the pastor. The officers elected were as follows: Miss Ivy Campbell, president; Stanley Clark, vice-president; Ivy Flewelling, secretary; Miss Johnston, secretary-treasurer; Frank Webster, treasurer.

ODD PLEA FOR HUSBAND

Lawyer Charges Discrimination in Case of Wife Desertion.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 12.—Now that women enjoy equal suffrage rights with men, no more than men should they be entitled to alimony or to protection against desertion and cruel treatment, is the contention made by Oscar Calvert, a local attorney in a petition filed in Dallas County Court to test the Texas law against wife desertion.

The petition asks that charges of wife desertion made against one H. W. Durham be quashed on the ground that the statute is discriminatory.

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Montreal, Oct. 12.—Forty tons of two horses and several pigs and fowls were burned in a fire which destroyed a barn belonging to Pierre Poutin, Cote St. Luc, last night.