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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Yesterday was nomination day in the Province of Manitoba and on Friday next the people of that province will choose a new legislature. Candidates are in the field in practically every riding in the province and it is expected the contest will be a keen one.

The Liberal-Conservative party in Manitoba has been reconstructed and under the leadership of Sir James Aikins will make a strong bid to support a programme including provincial prohibition, the repeal of the Coldwell amendments to the Education Act, the placing on the statute books of a compulsory school law, and the extension of the franchise to women—the latter concession being conditional upon the majority of the women of Manitoba ratifying the proposal in a plebiscite to be taken. In other words, the party will permit women to vote if the women themselves decide that they want to—and there is no doubt they will express the desire.

It was in 1914 that the Norris party secured a small majority of the popular vote east in Manitoba although the Roblin government managed to carry a sufficient number of constituencies to retain power. In that election the Temperance and Orange organizations worked for the return of the Norris candidates. Mr. Norris then stood for the abolition of the bar.

At the recent Conservative convention an absolute prohibition plank was added to the party platform and the Liberals quickly followed suit, submitting prohibition for the abolition of the bar. In consequence of this it is not likely that the Temperance vote will go solidly to either party. Neither will the sectarian element favor one in preference to the other, as both stand committed to practically the same treatment of the Coldwell amendments. Consequently it may be expected that hundreds of Temperance workers and Orangemen who formerly supported Mr. Norris will vote for the candidates supporting Sir James Aikins. On the other hand the Conservative party will probably lose the support of the upholders of the Coldwell amendments. These amendments conferred on the school boards of the cities of Brandon and Winnipeg local option in the matter of the taking over of the convent schools and making them a part of the provincial system of public instruction. The amendments were virtually nugatory, inasmuch as the school boards of both cities definitely refused to make any change in the existing practice.

The prohibition measure, for which the Aikins party stands, is the bill which was prepared in 1900 by the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald's government, and was subsequently referred to the Privy Council for a determination of its constitutional validity. It was held by the Privy Council that the Act was intra vires of the authority of the province, but before this decision was handed down, the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald had abandoned provincial politics, and his successor, Premier Roblin, ignored the prohibition issue. If the Conservatives are returned to power, this bill will be enacted into law in the form in which it was referred to the Privy Council in 1900.

If there is any one factor which will operate against the Conservative party in Manitoba it will probably be the revelations in connection with the Winnipeg parliament building scandal. Sir Rodmond Roblin and his associates have been repudiated by the party and the Liberals may be able to turn their actions to the disadvantage of the new party. Weighed against this, however, is the splendid record and reputation of the new leader and the progressive policy to which the party stands pledged. That the Liberals fear the effect of the platform is shown by the fact that they were quick to embrace some of its planks. The result of the contest may also show that the people of the province have confidence in the ability of Sir James Aikins to substitute order for chaos and the gospel of honesty in public life for a condition freely acknowledged to have been discreditable. Sir James' name has always been regarded as synonymous with personal honesty and political cleanliness. He is one of the very highest type of Canadian public men

and whether he succeeds in carrying a majority of seats or not there is no doubt his entrance into the contest will do much to elevate and improve conditions in Manitoba's provincial politics.

THE TELEGRAPH PERTURBED

The Telegraph is now quite hysterical on the subject of the National Transcontinental Railway and the port of St. John. If its perturbation of spirit could be traced to any real and bona fide interest in the welfare of this port it would probably be welcomed as evidence that for once since it became listed with the goods and chattels of the machine wing of the Liberal party the esteemed Telegraph harbored a genuine thought for the community in which it is published, a thought free from the tincture of party politics. But we fear that the Telegraph's anxiety springs not so much from a desire to be of service to St. John as to the Liberal party and that its present conception of its duty is to criticize and berate the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and all and sundry persons whose names can in any way be linked with the St. John Valley Railway and the facilities it may afford for transcontinental connection with the port of St. John.

It is most necessary the Telegraph tells us that St. John should be the Atlantic terminus of the N. T. R., more necessary than ever now that the eastern section of that road is to be operated by the Government. The Telegraph forgets that the N. T. R. was routed away from this port by the Laurier government at the bidding of Hon. W. S. Fielding and that our local contemporary some years ago contributed valuable assistance toward placing the blame for that rank transaction where it really belongs today—on the shoulders of the men who stood behind Sir Wilfrid and by their silence gave consent to the plan to sidetrack St. John. Mr. William Pugsley was one of those men, Mr. Walter Foster, already chosen as the Carter-Veniot-Dugal standard bearer in the county of St. John, was another. Yet it is quite within the range of possibility that we will find those esteemed gentlemen telling the people at the next election that it was always the intention of the Laurier government that connection for the N. T. R. should be provided to this port. It is not expected that they will go into details; Liberal candidates appealing to the electorate in the course of a campaign never do that as the subsequent developments might be unpleasant, but they will aver that in some mysterious way Providence would have intervened to save St. John from the evil results of the action of the Liberal party in deciding that this port must be sidetracked in order to meet the demands of Mr. Fielding and "the sold eighteen" from Nova Scotia.

Of course with the defeat of the Laurier government in September of 1911 Providence suddenly lost interest in the progress of the Canadian winter port. There was an end to the vague pledges of the Pugsley era and in place of the Prodigious Promiser this city and port was represented by a man of a different stripe; by a man who esteemed a promise as something made to be kept and who deemed it his duty to show his interest in this constituency by deeds rather than words. The interests of St. John are quite safe in the keeping of Hon. J. D. Hazen, and we fancy the vast majority of the people of this city will endorse this view, despite the hysteria of the Telegraph.

Consideration of N. T. R. connection naturally brings to the mind of the editor of the Telegraph the St. John Valley Railway. As the Liberals when in power defeated and buried every scheme to bring the N. T. R. to St. John direct, and as the Telegraph was not at all backward at that time in telling the people that the Laurier interests were in Portland, Maine, rather than in this port, it is rather difficult for that newspaper to escape some unpleasant memories today if it deals directly with the N. T. R. and St. John. So it hits on the Valley Railway as the solution. Rather an ingenious little game but one that will deceive but very few. For the general public can scarcely forget that for years the Telegraph bitterly

derided and opposed the Valley Railway and that it and the men for whom it speaks exerted every effort to prevent the construction of that road. If the Telegraph's present object were not so plain its sudden change of attitude toward the Valley Railway would be so startling as to arouse suspicion.

For a quarter of a century the political friends of the Telegraph made the question of a railway down the St. John Valley a political football. There was much talk but no action until after the coming to power of the Hazen government and even then Mr. Pugsley tried his best to balk the plans. Consequently it is most annoying to Mr. Pugsley and his wind instrument to find that the credit for this important railway undertaking must go to his political opponents. Had the Liberals built the Valley Railway the Telegraph would have lauded it to the skies as the finest road in America, just as they did with the N. T. R. after their editorial opinions had been purchased by the men who supported the perpetration of that blunder. Today the Telegraph will tell you that before the Conservatives came into power the National Transcontinental was the greatest railway in America and that but for the unfortunate circumstances of the reciprocity pact and the results attendant on the Laurier attempt to force it on the people of Canada St. John would have been linked up with the N. T. R. and all would have been lovely. So it is with the Valley Railway, as long as the construction work on that line went along smoothly the Telegraph had not a word of praise for it, but as soon as difficulties cropped up and construction was temporarily delayed the Telegraph is suddenly impressed with the value of the project and the dire consequences likely to come to the province and port as the result of the slightest delay. The game is too petty to be convincing. The people are advised not to be deceived by Telegraph fulminations. Such sounds have been heard regularly on every occasion when Conservative policies have seemed likely to come to a successful culmination. The Valley Railway will be completed and will come to St. John in due time to play its part in the development of this port. The Liberals flitted with the proposition for twenty-five years and did nothing; the Conservatives have gone ahead and built the railway. The people can well possess themselves in patience and with the full confidence that the interests of this port will not be neglected. For the erratic editor of the Telegraph cold applications and regular sleep are advised. If he continues in his present state of nerves he might lose the cold appraising eye and steady hand which are such valuable attributes to say—a successful golf player.

SHOT BY SNIPERS AT PORT AU PRINCE

Members of Landing Force from Cruiser—Battleship Connecticut with 500 Marines ordered to scene of Revolution.

Washington, July 26.—Two Americans of the landing force from the cruiser Washington were killed at Port Au Prince, according to a message from Admiral Caperton received today.

The men, members of a patrol, were shot from ambush by snipers last night. The marines returned the fire, and no further disturbances occurred. Admiral Caperton reported the town was attacked from the south at 8 o'clock last night. He had been warned, disposed his forces for defense, and repulsed it. He said there was no cause for alarm.

The battleship Connecticut, with 500 additional marines, has been ordered to Port Au Prince from Philadelphia.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, N. B., July 30.—Mrs. C. P. Hickey and children of Chatham, N. B., are visiting her mother, Mrs. P. J. Burns.

Mrs. C. Ellis and children have returned from a two weeks' visit to St. John, while there they were guests of Mrs. C. S. Williams.

Mrs. K. Cinnamon is visiting in Chatham and Newcastle.

Miss Kelly of Boston is a visitor at the Sacred Heart College.

Mrs. J. Paul Byrne has returned from a visit to friends in Chatham.

Miss Leeger of Richibucto visited her sister, Mrs. John Peirce and left for Bath, N. B., to visit Mrs. Magee.

Rev. Sister Joseph of Manchester, N. H., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Lannigan. She is accompanied by Rev. Sister Anna, also of Manchester.

Rev. Sister Dr. Patsy of Halifax is visiting her brother, T. M. Burns and relatives in Bathurst.

Mrs. Albert DeWolfe and little daughter, Winnie, is a guest of P. J. DeWolfe.

Miss Winnie Whalen of New Jersey

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Yesterday me and pop was coming home in the trolley car, and pritty soon awl the seats got taken awl akkount of peopl taking them, and pop stopped reading his papir and sed. The man that rote this letter to the editor was a scholar and a deep thinker as well as a good citizen, he see that a man has as much rite to a seat in a trolley car as a woman, if not moar so, and I believe him, and if any woman comes and stands in frunt of me she will haff to keep awl standing, that's awl.

Wich jest then wat did a lady do but come and stand rite in frunt of pop, beeing a big lady with a little hat, and pop put his papir up agen and started to tawk to me back of it, saying, I noo it, I noo it, they always come and stand in frunt of me, they pick awl me, that's wat they do, well, this big specimen will find out her mistake awl rite.

And he pretended to be reading the papir hard as he cood, and I loked up at the lady and her she was staring down at pop ferasse as anything.

G. pop you awt to see the way shes looking at you, I wispered.

Its her priviledge to loked at a handsum man if she wunt, its a free kuntry, sed pop.

And aftr a while I loked up at her agen and she was still staring down at pop as if she thavt he was one of worst things she evir saw.

G. pop, you awt to see, I sed.

I havent the alstest intrist or curiosity in the mattir, sed pop.

And he keep awl pretending to read, and I loked up agen and she was still staring.

Shes still doing it, pop, I sed.

Darn the femmale, sed pop. And he quick loked up at her and loked down agen even quicker, wich no wonder and he dropped his papir and snatched it up agen and kep on pretending to read it, and the lady leened ovir and sed, Excuse me, but perhaps it wood intrist you to no that you are holding yure papir upside down.

Wats that, O, thank you, thank you, have my seat, won't you, sed pop.

And he got up and the big lady sat down, taking up so much room I got be squeezed, and me and pop got awl the car befor it came to our street and walked the rest of the way, pop beet em, you can't beet em. Wich I gess you can't.

is visiting her brother, J. P. Whalen. Miss Lyle McCormick of Newcastle is a visitor at Younghall, the guest of Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. F. R. Wilker who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeBriary, returned to her home in Winnipeg on Friday.

Great sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hallett in the loss of their son, Frank, whose remains were brought from Sussex and interred here.

Mrs. D. C. Mullins and baby, Ellean, are visiting in Douglastown.

Mrs. J. B. Hachey returned from a visit to Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Windsor are spending a few days in Bathurst.

Misses Bourque of Lynn, Mass., are visiting Mrs. H. A. Melanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have returned to Rexton.

Mrs. F. H. McKeen is visiting in Chatham.

Mrs. Geo. D. Allison will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday, Aug. 3rd, afternoon and evening.

Rev. Dr. W. E. McIntyre and Mrs. McIntyre of St. John are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McIntyre.

F. L. Peck and Mrs. Peck of Scranton are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean.

Senator Edwards visited Bathurst on Friday.

A party from Chatham motored to Bathurst Thursday and were guests of Mrs. P. J. Burns.

Mrs. Walls of Chatham is a guest of Mrs. Forest.

Mrs. A. D. W. Leach of Detroit,

Mich., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Howard S. Cox.

Judge McLatchy of Campbellton is in town.

P. J. Veniot returned from Fredericton on Wednesday night.

At the court house tomorrow a public meeting will be held encouraging young men to join the forces. Some out of town speakers will be present—bands in attendance.

Rev. Eugene De LaGarde, who had been assistant priest here for three years left yesterday to take up his duties as pastor at New Mills. He is being replaced by Rev. Father Vataour of Chatham, N. B.

Mrs. W. F. C. Parsons, of Middleton, N. S., and children are guests of Mrs. John Gouldthorpe at the Mines.

Mr. D. Gaudet spent several days last week with his family in Bathurst.

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A Word-Making

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How many words can you make word "Celebration"? You must on the word. For example, a word lik tie" would be wrong, as there are no To the boy or girl not over 15 in the most number of correct words story book as a prize. Each list m tached to it, filled in, and be sent

UNCLE THE STAN

WANTED TO ENLIST

George Brown, who escaped from the chain gang on May 17, and who was recaptured on the following day, was before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning and sent up for trial. He was J. Cunningham, jailer, testi fied that the defendant had been com mitted to jail to serve six months for selling liquor without a license. On May 17 he had been sent to Cradle Hill with fourteen other prisoners to