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## THE FIRST GUN

The executive of the Liberal Association of St. John city and county has wisely decided to organize for the next provincial and federal elections, and to get its candidates early in the field.

It has also been decided to have no division as between federal and provincial politics, but to support with the whole force of the party the candidates for the legislature as well as for parliament. This will simplify matters and set an example that should be generally followed. The Hazen government has turned its guns at every opportunity against the Liberal government at Ottawa. Mr. Hazen was grateful to his Liberal friends on the night after the elections, but turned his back on them as soon as he had assumed the reins of power.

The address delivered by Hon. Dr. Pugsley set out clearly the fine record and bright prospects of the Liberal party in federal affairs, and effectively exposed the weakness of Mr. Borden. The minister was given a great reception, as he deserved, because of his splendid work as a minister and as the representative of this constituency.

Hon. Mr. Robinson heartily endorsed the proposals of the St. John executive and pointed out the cheering fact that the provincial opposition has been gaining strength steadily. Mr. Robinson enjoys the confidence of the party in St. John to the fullest extent.

Last night's meeting sets the pace for the province, and it may be hoped that the party in other constituencies will promptly follow suit and get into a state of readiness for the next provincial elections, when, if the party is true to itself, the present government should be sent back into opposition, and a more able and progressive administration placed in charge of the affairs of the province.

## THE PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS

The first question that will occur to the citizen of New Brunswick on reading the auditor general's report of 1910 is: "What did the government do with the money?"

The Standard points with pride to the fact that last year the territorial revenue was \$494,491.64, while the late government in its last year received only \$321,000. Having \$173,000 more to spend, the Hazen government should also have something to show for it. What has it to show? Are the roads in better condition? Have the farmers reaped a better harvest? Are there more and better schools? The answer to these questions is, emphatically, no.

The Standard tells us that for the expenditure on immigration the province has secured nearly 1,000 settlers. This is a ridiculous statement. Apart from boys, domestic servants and laborers the number of genuine settlers has been miserably small; while the province has been steadily losing by the movement of our own people westward. The government's immigration and agricultural and highway policies are unworthy of the name. The auditor general's report does not tell the whole story. What have they done with the money?

## MEDICAL INSPECTION

The St. John school board is in favor of medical inspection of the schools, if a workable arrangement can be made. At the Times has before remarked, it is merely a question of expense. Can the city afford it?

This question, however, should be put in another form, as follows: Can the city afford not to have medical inspection in the schools? In an address delivered at the fourth annual congress of the Playground Association of America, Dr. George J. Fisher said that the greatest salvation to be wrought in America in the next ten years is going to be a physiological salvation. To illustrate his meaning he said:—

"Today our jails are filled with people who are a loss to the moral life of the community, our asylums are crowded with many who are a loss to the intellectual life of the community; our almshouses are filled with people lost to the economic life of the community, our hospitals are crowded with individuals lost to efficient living. We begin to see that the basis of this loss to the moral, economic, social and intellectual life of the community and the nation is often physical."

and that it very often has its beginning in the child: that many children in their early years—the elementary school period—reach the borderland of a possible physical efficiency or a possible physical degeneration, of a possible mental growth or a possible mental retardation and even imbecility. Medical examinations of school children reveal many of these physical defects, which if not removed from the basis of later degeneration. So we stand for this larger salvation that has its basis in physical well-being, for this physical salvation without which it is frequently impossible to bring about a moral or social salvation. This kind of work (including also playgrounds) bringing health and vigor and happiness to the child, is helping to bring in the Kingdom of God; and we who are working to that end are workers together in that Kingdom."

## DEFORMED CHILDREN

One of the noblest institutions in the province of Ontario is the Hospital for Sick Children. Its special work is to take children who are crippled by some deformity of the limbs and so straighten them; those limbs that are stiff and so well as if they had not been deformed. Since 1892 no less than 542 cases have been dealt with, and who can estimate the value of such work? There were 60 cases last year. The cases are all those of poor patients whose parents could not afford to pay for the treatment. It is not a local, but a provincial charity, and a sick or crippled child in any part of Ontario has as much claim upon its services as the children of Toronto. In making an appeal for aid for this hospital the Toronto Telegram prints pictures from life of 45 cases where deformed feet were made straight, so that the children could walk with ease. The Telegram states that there are hundreds of little ones in Ontario who never knew the use of their limbs until they passed through the Hospital for Sick Children. The pictures it presents, reproduced from actual photographs, show marvelous results in straightening deformed feet. If this were not done when the children are small, they would be deformed and handicapped for life. Mr. J. Ross Robertson, who has done much for worthy causes in the city of Toronto, is the chairman of the hospital board, and the fact is a guarantee that it is a well-conducted institution. Those who visited the various playgrounds in St. John last summer saw a number of small children with crooked limbs or deformed feet. It is most unfortunate that any children are permitted to grow up in such a state of deformity, when timely help would give them straight limbs and make them so much better fitted to take up the struggle of life.

The auditor general's report does not tell the whole story. Diligent enquiry will discover items of expenditure that will make the boasted surplus fade away and disappear.

Canadian concerns will distribute a little over \$6,000,000 in dividends in January. It is a particularly big month for payments by the multitude of loan concerns in Ontario.

It is expected, says an exchange, that 30,000 Scottish agricultural laborers will sail for Canada in 1911, as results of efforts of the Canadian government and Canadian railways to encourage immigration.

The Hazen government is getting more stung by revenue by reducing the size of the log that may be cut, and it is thus recklessly sacrificing the province's one great source of revenue. How long will the people tolerate such a policy?

The Times yesterday pointed out that if vacant lots were taxed as they should be they would not long be vacant, and the city would grow in consequence of the change. This has been the experience of Vancouver, where the building total this year is expected to exceed \$13,000,000. A Vancouver despatch says:—"This most remarkable advance in the city's building record is the result of the adoption of the new system of taxation on land values only instead of on both land and improvements. The result has been that speculative holding of land has become unprofitable, all vacant land in the city is being built upon and Vancouver is growing more rapidly than any other of the older cities of the dominion."

On the subject of Canadian government annuities the Montreal Shareholder says:—"The great advantage of the purchase of Canadian government annuities for their children should appeal to all parents, for the annual payments are so small that provision for their future may be made with little, if any, present sacrifice. For example, an annuity of \$100 payable at 60 may be secured for a boy who was five last birthday, for an annual payment of only \$17.50, or less than ten cents a week, or for a total sum paid in of \$391.25. In the event of the death of the child before he was 60, all the money that had been paid in with 3 per cent. compound interest would be refunded to his heirs. When the boy arrived at an age when he was earning for himself, he could carry his own contract to completion at a rate far below what he could have obtained at his then age."

## WIND IN THE LEAVES

The wind that moves among the leaves  
Is some slim maiden none perceives,  
Who evermore her magic weaves,  
And dances.

You hear her feet, as soft as thieves;  
And then the silken swath of sleeves,  
Fluttered along the forest eaves,  
Entrances.

She leans and whispers in the ear  
Of every wild flower something dear—  
How to protect their hearts from fear  
Of dying.

Then takes the thistle's feathery sphere  
And glimmers it across the mere,  
Or on a cobweb, trailing clear,  
Goes flying.

The butterfly, that comes and goes,  
She tosses on the wildflower rose;  
And, when a stranger as he slowly moves,  
She teases.

The catlike bee that whines; then blows  
Into each bud till wide it grows;  
And with the star of twilight dips  
The water.

—Madison Cawwin, in Outlook.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

A LOVELY WORLD.  
When our Christmas shopping's finished  
And the bills have all been paid,  
Or at least, when we're the money  
In some corner safely laid,  
When the Christmas tree is purchased  
And the nuts and raisins, too,  
It's a good time to look pleasant  
And to feel so through and through.

LOADED DICE.  
"That horse of yours looks poor, Pat."  
"Sure! I was with him when he was mounted  
on a jaunty car in dear, dirty Dublin.  
Arrah yer honor, not poor, but on-  
lucky, he is!"

"Unlucky! How's that?"  
"Like this, yer honor. Ev'ry morn-  
in' I toss whether he has a feed o' corn  
or I have a glass o' whisky. An' begob  
his head has lost for five months, run-  
in!"

THE EXACT FIGURES.  
"Did you know that the hairs of our  
heads were numbered, Willie?  
"Sure! I was with him when he bought  
hers, and they were numbered nineteen-  
teen, twenty-two, twenty-five!"  
—Tuck.

HIS POINT OF VIEW.  
The post led his friend the politician  
to the top of New Year's tallest tower  
to admire the view. The man of politics  
seemed stunned for a moment by the  
beauty of the far-flung panorama. Then  
he spoke in a low, reverent voice:—"Gee!  
what a lot of assembly districts you can  
see from here."—Everybody's.

COLOR.  
Mrs. Hoyle:—"Your husband's business  
keeps him out of town all the week, I  
understand."  
Mrs. Doyle:—"Yes, he is at home only  
one day; I call him my Sunday supple-  
ment."—New York Times.

TOO HIGH A COMPLIMENT.  
"You shouldn't have called that man  
a pig," said the conciliatory man.  
"That's right," replied the vindictive  
person. "There is no name in implying  
that he's worth 20 cents a pound to any-  
body."

A NATURAL CONCLUSION.  
"When did Green die?"  
"He isn't dead. I saw him this morn-  
ing. What ever made you think he had  
better left away?"  
"I thought surely he must be dead. I  
heard Black praising him this morning."

TROUBLE AT THE MUSEUM.  
"What is that horrible smell?" asked  
the manager.  
"The living skeleton called the India-  
rubber man a 'rubber-neck,' and he's  
burning with indignation," explained the  
obese lady.

NOT DISGUISED.  
"Why did you let that thief get away  
with the automobile right under your  
eyes?" demanded the chief.  
"He acted as if he were the owner,"  
explained the patrolman. "He took it  
unconcernedly and had as pleasant a  
face as if there were no doubt of the  
ownership."

"A pleasant face!" roared the chief.  
"Don't you know what a worried  
look the automobile wears?"—Buffalo  
Express.  
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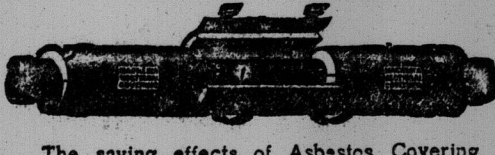
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speech seldom speaks of anybody.

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some men's acquaintance is by irrigation.

## POLITICS A DISEASE.

(From the New York Sun.)

One of the prominent men in western  
New York, whose life has been devoted  
to politics is a great walker. During a  
long walk one day in the locality, where  
he was a comparative stranger he said  
down to rest.

"Want a lift, mister?" asked a good-  
natured farmer, driving that way.

"Thank you," responded the politician.  
"I will avail myself of your kind offer."  
The two rode in silence for a while.  
Presently the farmer asked a question.  
"Yes," answered the politician, who

was thinking of a bill he had pending  
before the house.

After another long pause, the farmer  
observed:

"You ain't a lawyer, or you'd be  
talkin', you ain't a doctor 'cause you  
ain't got no bag, and you ain't a  
preacher from the looks of you. What  
is your profession?"

"I am a politician!" was the reply.  
The farmer gave a snort of disgust.  
"Politics ain't no profession; politics is  
a disease," said he.

A corner design done in eyelid work  
is the newest finish for the scalloped  
lunch napkin.