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THE CAMPAIGN.

Thirty-nine days, a trifle more than two weeks, yet the time is long enough for all requirements, and anyway the present campaign promises to be without particular interest. There are no large issues before the people, the situation being thus unusual, for in every previous contest since confederation the policies of the opposing parties have been clear cut. During the earlier campaigns the tariff policy was the standard around which the war of ballots waged. The Pacific scandal, the school question, and finally the construction of the G. T. Pacific, all played leading parts, but this year there is nothing. The Laurier government comes before the people with a clean record of such brilliant administration as is unequalled in the history of any young country. This government asks for continued support, chiefly on its merits, and at the present time particularly because of the importance of completing those great works along the line of transportation which have already been projected. The conservative party, with nothing in its whole history of which it can feel proud, asks that it be put in control so that the march of progress may be stopped.

The only question before the people is which party is deserving of support, the one with a record of twelve years of constructive legislation, which has made Canada what it is today, or the one, the history of which records little more than failure? No wonder Laurier takes the field with confidence.

In New Brunswick the ranks of candidates for both political parties are rapidly filling up. Already the great majority are in the field and several conventions are held to take place this week, while on the other side held over until the latter part of the month. Those in the field are as follows:

St. John City—
Dunn—Conservative.
Fender—Liberal.
Macroe—Conservative.
St. John City and County—
Fowler—Conservative.
Macroe—Conservative.
Kings—Liberal.
Fowler—Conservative.
Macroe—Liberal.
Queens—Sunbury—
Wilmet—Conservative.
Macroe—Liberal.
Charleston—
Carroll—Liberal.
Smith—Conservative.
Victoria—Madawaska—
Michaud—Liberal.
Restigouche—
Hald—Liberal.
Glochester—
Turgeon—Liberal.
Northumberland—
Loggie—Liberal.
Morrison—Conservative.
Kent—
LeBlanc—Liberal.
Westmorland—
Emmerson—Liberal.
Summer—Conservative.
Charlottetown—
Gannon—Conservative.
Todd—Liberal.
York—
Crockett—Conservative.

There are still four Conservative candidates to be chosen, and one Liberal, the latter being in York, where, on Saturday a man will likely be selected to fill the place made vacant by the retirement of Mr. Whitehead. Looking over this list, it is difficult to see where the opposition members hope to meet with success. They will lose one seat in St. John, for both the city and county will return supporters of the government. Col. McLean will carry Queens-Sunbury; Carroll is solid in Charlottetown. The whole northern section, consisting of Victoria, Madawaska, Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland, will return Liberal members. Mr. LeBlanc will be elected in Kent, and Mr. Emmerson in Westmorland. The only counties in which there are prospects of a close fight are in Charlottetown and York, where Meers, Gannon and Crockett have some strength, but even these are not considered by their friends to be safe. Indeed the outlook is that New Brunswick this year will follow Nova Scotia's example and send a solid contingent to the support of the government.

HIGHLY CREDITABLE.

The information which comes from Quebec regarding a settlement between the Longshoremen and the large steamship companies, doing business at this port, concerning winter rates, will, it is hoped, obviate all possibility of trouble at the opening of the season in November. The spirit manifested by the men and by the companies in continuing their negotiations, even when they at first appeared to be in utter disagreement, is wholly creditable. The steamship officials have, it appears, been able to place before the Longshoremen the true state of affairs in connection with their business, and the men have appreciated the difficulties under which shipping is conducted and have made due allowances, while at the same time they have not been asked to sacrifice their reasonable rights. The settlement, which it is hoped will be in effect for some years, or until improved conditions warrant better terms for the Longshoremen, is a mat-

ter of satisfaction to the people of St. John who have so much at stake in the development of this port.

Mr. Oliver Lodge has found, to his own satisfaction, that spirits can send messages. It is quite true that spirits are frequently responsible for a great deal of talking. This was particularly noted in the Colchester election trial.

Millinery expert says that ladies' hats this fall are to be high. Heaven! There goes another week's wages.

Now that the elections are to take place before Thanksgiving, only a little more than half the people will feel in the right way when the day for returning thanks arrives. Laurier has even grabbed Thanksgiving. Down with the graters.

Despatches state that the champagne crop in France is a failure. This will not interfere with the next pure tomato campaign in Colchester.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

"And you say you haven't been home all the afternoon?" reproached the old lady on the bridge.

"No'm," confessed the small boy with wet hair.

"Well, why don't you go home right away? Your mother will be wearing her soul away for you."

The little boy was thoughtful.

"Yes'm, but if I get there before my hair dries she will be wearing a shingle away for me. You see, I've been in swimming."

Foreign Suitors—I would give up ten thousand dollars to win your love, Miss Pittsburg—How much is that in United States money?

"Tell 'er, I did."

"Will 'er swear?"

"Yes."

"Take 'er oath?"

"Yes."

"Bible oath?"

"Yes."

"Bet a penny?"

"Nar!"

"What did that man say when you told him you had seen a sea serpent?"

"His conversation became suddenly irrelevant. He began to talk about local opinion and prohibition."

She—But they can't prove that you haven't made your money honestly.

He—No but it will take all I've made to pay a lawyer to persuade them I have.

Tommy—Ma, may I play make believe that I'm 'certain' another little boy?

Ma—Certainly, dear.

Tommy—All right; gimme some cake for him, then.

"Your son tells me that he is going to take lessons to cultivate his memory."

"I hope not," said a farmer. "Conscience," he "can remember every foot line that was ever whittled."

Minister (much gratified)—And so, Saunders, you think that we ministers ought to get larger stipends.

Saunders—Ay, ye see we wad get a better class o' men!

JOE MARTIN HAS FIGHT WITH GOP'S

Ex-Provincial Premier Made One C. P. R. Policeman Take the Count on Wharf at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—Mr. Joseph Martin, K. C., has entered suit against the C. P. R. for unstated damages for assault. This is the result of a fight that took place between the ex-minister and a C. P. R. policeman on the wharf of the company a few weeks ago.

The C. P. R. policeman took place on the C. P. R. wharf shortly after the arrival of the S. S. Princess Victoria. Mr. Martin nearly put the burly constable out of business with a stinging right-hander in the face, and was not subdued until two other policemen joined in an encounter that jointed the liveliest mill ever witnessed along the waterfront.

It was fast going. Even against such odds Mr. Martin refused to throw up the sponge. He only desisted after having been thoroughly winded.

The passengers were still trailing down the gang plank after the arrival of the boat when Mr. Martin edged his way through the crowd on the wharf and attempted to pass through the roped enclosure with the intention of going on board. The narrow entrance to this enclosure was guarded by a C. P. R. policeman, who stopped Mr. Martin, whom he failed to recognize. A moment later the constable grappled with Mr. Martin in an effort to force him behind the ropes. This was followed by a scuffling which culminated in Mr. Martin's right catching the officer on the left jaw.

The blow staggered the officer, who "took the count." He then rushed in and clinched catching Joseph around the waist. Together they swayed and pointed until Mr. Martin, disengaging himself, buried his suit case at his opponent. The two again engaged in a wrestling match, when two other constables, forcing themselves through the crowd, grappled with the lawyer.

By this time, Mr. Martin, aggressive but winded, could only stare defiance as he was almost dragged some distance from the enclosure. The three constables guarded the entrance until it was time to allow passengers to go on board. Mr. Martin did not make any further attempt to force his way into the enclosure. He was one of the first, however, to board the steamer.

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AFRICA'S AWFUL SCOURGE.

The Sleeping Sickness and Its Victims — Due to the Tsetse Fly.

A remarkable chapter in the romance of medical research is being written in the opening years of the 20th century. It deals with the fight which is being waged against sleeping sickness, that awful African scourge, the mystery of which continues to baffle scientists. The downright, uncompromising deadliness of the disease is its most awesome characteristic. The numerous research expeditions which have gone out to Uganda, under government and private auspices, have got no further than to determine the cause of the trouble, and to alleviate its miseries. Anything like a cure has yet to be discovered.

The population of the area principally affected was 20,000 a few short years ago. Now it is 100,000. Two hundred thousand people have actually died of the disease in this locality alone.

At the present moment some 20,000 natives of Central Africa are in an advanced stage of sleeping sickness. Hope which is said to spring eternal in the human breast, has no message for these poor souls. Their doom is sealed. Sleeping sickness as its name indicates bears a curious resemblance to the disease of the tsetse fly. The actual bite is not poisonous. The fly acts as a go-between, depositing in one animal a trypanosome, which it has sucked from the blood of another. The trypanosome, or parasite, carries death.

After infection, the victim becomes extremely excitable. Then he lapses into lethargy, followed by exhaustion. The periods of lethargy grow longer and deeper; the intervals of excitability shorter and more violent. Various glands of the body begin to disintegrate. At last the patient sinks into a state of coma, or continuous sleep.

No patient when he reaches that stage ever awakes. He sleeps on and on—for six months, a year, or even two years. Finally "Time takes him home, the slowest of the slowest to the broad, sweet bosom of death."

Natives live in abject terror of the tsetse fly, and its areas of operations is continually being extended.

A traveler who recently returned from the sleeping sickness country, Dr. A. P. R. Wollaston, recalls with horror the devastations of the terrible plague in the regions which he traversed. The slight, he says, were fearful. People lay dead and dying on the roadside. It is the custom to turn sick natives out to die; consequently almost every village presented a revolting spectacle.

At a large Belgian post, Uvira, the population is dying by thousands, absolutely without any medical attention. In Yambou, 100,000 people are said to be sick since it broke out a few years ago. In the worst area, the mortality is 80 per cent of the population, and it is estimated that in Central Africa over three million persons have died since the disease broke out in the last decade.

Medical inquiry was initiated in 1902, when the Royal Society sent out an expedition for the study of the malarial cause was soon discovered. Colonel David Bruce traced it to the tsetse fly. The geographical distribution of the fly corresponded absolutely to that of the disease. Natives collected the fly in packets. It was found to bite monkeys. The monkeys contracted the disease and passed into a sleeping state. The next question was, "Where does the fly rest the merozoite? That mystery remains unsolved, although theories of course, abound.

Dr. Robert Koch, the eminent bacteriologist, who discovered the bacillus of consumption, set out to solve this problem. At first he thought he had found a cure in the compound of arsenic known as atoxyl. It certainly gave relief, but only time would show whether the relief was permanent.

Dr. Koch had to admit, a few days ago, that although atoxyl drives the parasites away for a time, they tend to return and the disease ends fatally. No permanent cure from atoxyl or any other remedy has yet been reported.

For more than two years Dr. Koch has been working in the Victoria Nyangwele district, where the disease is most prevalent. Next to establishing the real value of atoxyl, his most important discovery is that the sleeping sickness fly lives almost solely on the blood of crocodiles. Possibly, therefore, the cure may lie in the extermination of the crocodile.

Dr. Koch is emphatic on this point. "If we can destroy the crocodile," he says, "the fly will disappear."

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WOMEN SIT ON FLOOR OF THE BAGGAGE CAR

The Halifax express leaving St. John late last night, was overcrowded with passengers who had visited the exhibition during the last few days. Every car including the baggage car, was crowded with men and women. Women sat on the floor of the baggage car and even sat on the piles of trunks. Extra cars were added about eleven o'clock and these were also filled in a very short time.

The Boston brought a large crowd to the city, also the trains arriving early in the morning. The special trains, however, which carried several hundred from the city and even the aisles were filled with standing passengers.

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DEATHS

TYNER—Suddenly on the 15th inst, Thomas Tyner, aged 77 years.

FUNERAL on Friday, afternoon, at 2.30. Service at 2 o'clock from the residence of his son-in-law, John McCoach, 10 Haymarket Square.

BENNETT—At Ottawa, Sept. 15, Mary Jane Bennett, widow of the late Rev. James Bennett, D. D.

FUNERAL in this city from St. John's Presbyterian church, King street east, at 2 o'clock on Friday, the 18th inst.

KEE—At Jerusalem, Queens Co., N. B., on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Ambrose D. Kee, aged thirty-two.

FUNERAL from his late residence at 10.30 a. m. Friday.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY.

It is generally understood that the order of the Sisters of Charity originated with Constance, daughter of Helena, the mother of Constantine, who, devoted to works of kindness, was attended by a band of Roman maidens whom she had animated with the spirit. It was the beginning of the Sisters of Charity.

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KILLED IN FIGHT FOR LAST DRINK OF WATER.

Drought Cause of a Tragedy in Ohio Construction Camp.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, Sept. 15.—Fighting over the last drink of water left in camp, the drought having dried up all the wells and springs in the vicinity, Frank Dadiash was shot and killed by two men at the Ohio Electric Railway Construction Camp.

Dadiash was married and wanted the water to his wife who was living in the camp. The police are seeking Mike Rulu and John Barica, who are charged with the shooting.

This morning only enough water for one drink was left in the camp. Rulu and Barica arrived just as Dadiash was pouring the last bit of water into a cup to carry it to his wife. When the men demanded that he divide up the water, he refused, and the shooting followed.

AMERICAN FLEET STILL ENJOYING LIFE.

ALBANY, West Australia, Sept. 15.—There was a reception and dance on board the battleship Connecticut today given by the officers in return for the hospitality that they have received on shore. Among those present were the governor and the Premier of Western Australia.

In the tug-of-war contests this afternoon an American team defeated a team from the British cruiser Gibraltar but a team made up from the Albany police force defeated the Americans.

The Mayor of Albany gave a ball tonight to the American officers. James Jackson Coughlin, of Bristol, Conn., a seaman on the battleship Illinois, was killed today by a fall while engaged in coaling ship.

The departure of the fleet for Manila has been postponed until September 25.