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THEN AND NOW.

There are some men in St. John who hung their heads in shame when the misdeeds of their party were exposed a few years ago, but who are now, for the sake of partisanship, rallying around the men who helped to make that shameful record, or did their level best to prevent its exposure. Surely they have short memories, or believed that the people at large are so afflicted. It matters not that some of the old leaders are now out of public life. The men who endorsed their course, and when exposure was threatened did all in their power to hide the truth from the people, are seeking power, to pursue a similar course. They are making a great outcry about the alleged extravagance of the government, but give no sign of repentance for their own political sins. Why trust them again? It is very easy to lay the blame upon men who have retired from politics or are no longer living, but up to the very moment of the defeat of the Murray government, and in the house afterwards, men who are now seeking to get back into power continued to defend and sound the praises of that government, and sought by every artifice to defeat its successor. They are still pursuing that course, and are no more worthy of support now than when an indignant electorate hurled their party from power. Undoubtedly they are resourceful gentlemen. They will try by every means to get the vote of the prohibitionists, the vote of the farmers, the vote of labor, the vote of the independents—anything to defeat the government and party which exposed them. The people will not let them do it. As for the men who were honestly ashamed and are now out shouting again for it, they should ask themselves if it is really worth while to put party above principle.

WORK FOR EVERYBODY

The friends of the Foster government in this city should rally to its support with whole-hearted vigor for the next two weeks. At the last provincial election only one of the party candidates was elected. This time there should be four. At the time of the former election all the facts about the rottenness of the former administration had not been brought out. If they had been, not a supporter of the old government would have been elected. Now that the whole record has been spread upon the records of royal commissions, it would be an extraordinary thing if any candidate of that party were successful in this constituency. But if victory is to come to the government candidates, there must be a determined fight. Every man and every woman favorable to the government has a work to do, and should not remain indifferent. Every prejudice will be appealed to, and every promise made, in the desperate effort of the opposition to carry this constituency. The real issues will be smothered if possible, and public attention diverted by petty attempts to gain partisan advantage. The choice is not between an extravagant government and a prudent one; but between a government that is developing and conserving the resources of the province and carrying out constructive policies, and one wedded to the traditions of the most discredited administration the province ever had. It is therefore in the public interest that every believer in the policies of the Foster government should join in the effort to bring out a full vote on Oct. 9, and send to Fredericton candidates who will support that government in carrying out those policies. It is a personal matter that should not be overlooked by any conscientious citizen.

SAME OLD PRINCIPLES.

A full page advertisement for the opposition party, in the St. Croix Courier, says: "The provincial opposition party stands for the same principles for which it has always stood." The people are glad to know it. Same old principles—same old party. Same old record of scandals if it is returned to power. Leader Baxter said something about re-creating the party, but the Courier has the real dope. It is the principles that count—same old principles, and so far as St. John is concerned the same men to put them into effect. The Courier anticipates a great victory for these principles in Charlotte county. Oddly enough the party there does not seem quite so sure of that result. It has appealed to the United Farmers to name two candidates for its ticket. However, as Mr. Gupitell of Grand Harbor is to be one of the farmer candidates, and has hitherto stood for the old party in Charlotte will not have to swallow itself after all. As is well known, the principles of the old party encourage generous contributions from lumber operators, contractors, liquor dealers and others. The records of the various enquiries held by royal commissions tell the story. Those principles also justify a cover-up policy, and the most strenuous opposition to any facts when principles are there to be admired. Silly, of course. And yet—the burned child shuns the fire. The fact that the party asserts the

same old principles may not turn the trick, even in Charlotte county; for the people of that constituency are by no means void of intelligence and public spirit.

A USEFUL ORGANIZATION.

There is in western Canada an organization which might very well be duplicated in the maritime provinces. It is called the Western Canada Colonization Association, and its chief purpose is to assist in the settlement of idle lands. The Association is composed of prominent men who are giving time, thought and the benefit of their business experience to the cause. They work without pecuniary gain for themselves, for the following objects: To assist in bringing about the settlement of the vacant lands of Western Canada. To give advice and direction to settlers entering Western Canada. To in a measure direct interprovincial colonization. To bring about co-ordinate effort between the association, the governments and railways for land settlement in Western Canada. To carry on activities of national development. The western provinces already have the advantage of all the publicity that can be given them by the federal government and the railways to induce new settlers to choose the west. The maritime provinces lack these advantages to a very large extent. There is therefore the more need of having a local association to stimulate government action and bring about a larger settlement of our vacant lands.

DESERTED WIVES.

Within three weeks Rev. George Scott, agent of the Children's Aid Society, has been visited by four wives who have been deserted by their husbands, leaving them with children to support. In one case the wife had her husband arrested for non-support, but on the intervention of friends he was released, and is said to have celebrated his freedom by leaving town with the other woman. His wife is left with a large family of small children. From news that comes from many cities there appears to be a general increase in the number of wife-desertions. It is the duty of the state to run down these deserters; or, failing to do so, to help the mother. She is rearing children for the state, and should not be left to struggle alone. That is why mothers allowances are given in several Canadian provinces, in very many states to the south, in Australia and New Zealand, and an increasing number of European countries. There is need also of an industrial farm where men who will not otherwise provide for their families may be compelled to work. These are measures to which legislators in every civilized community must soon pay attention. There is nothing more pitiful than the case of a widow or deserted wife left with small children and without means. She cannot leave her children to go out and work; she should not be asked to give them up; but the state should regard her as a civil servant and pay her for rearing children for the state.

In an address this week Secretary E. A. Saunders of the Halifax Board of Trade said that \$15,000,000 had been spent by the federal government—on the new ocean terminals at that port, but the work was not nearly completed. A new grain elevator was needed. Millions more must be spent, and the government is asked to do it. Halifax needs no harbor commission.

The suggestion that school buildings be used as polling booths is a good one. They are so used in the western provinces. Under the existing New Brunswick law the trustees must consent. It would be better if that law were changed as in many states to provide that on request of a certain number of ratepayers the school building must be made available for public purposes.

The whole province is deeply interested in the hydro-electric policy of the Foster government. It will do more to encourage industry than any other policy that could be presented.

The farmers must surely be impressed by the merits of the opposition. It has a lawyer for its leader, and two of its St. John candidates are lawyers. That ought to help the crops.

The opposition leader declares himself opposed to any political distinctions of race, class or creed. That is good policy. Has it been put in effect? Watch the indicator.

An interview with Hon. B. Frank Smith on the opposition leadership should make good copy for the Standard and Gleaner.

Government candidates have been nominated in ten constituencies. The list shows that there is a good ticket in every one of them.



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AMY LOWELL.

This great and gifted woman in judgment often sits; her genius superhuman equips her, she admits. The bard of epochs older she says, were merely punk; we thought their works were golden, but now we know they're junk. Oh, music filled their verses when those bards used to write; but Amy rears and curses when rhythm is in sight. She lectures in her attic to poets gone to seed: "Lines must be lame, rhymatic, before they're fit to read. If lines are good, they're good like bright water flow, why, then, it's time to slaughter, the bard who made them so. Old poets were dead ringers for mockingbirds and wrens, but now our truest singers must sound like guinea hens. It seems so strange," says Amy, "that people once read Keats; not only read him, blame me, but thought his verses treats. And Tennyson; his twaddle was once accounted grand, and held up as a model for bards throughout the land. But we have traveled greatly in these modern times; we balk at all that's stately. I like up in poets' rhymes. All verses must be halting, or I will show them hence; no psalter must be psalting that shows a lick of sense."

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

THE WILDERNESS MONUMENT

High up on the cliffs, snow white against the dark rock that forms Cape Trinity on the Saguenay, stands a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a monument of the faith of man in his Maker. For thirty-five years it has stood there while hundreds of thousands of tourists of all nations have sailed by on the summer pleasure boats. Back in the seventies the only way to get from Quebec to the northland in the winter was by snow shoes and dog train over the frozen lakes and rivers. On one of these mid-winter trips Charles Robitaille went through the ice with his dogs and was in danger of perishing from the icy water and exposure. While struggling in the water he vowed that if he was spared he would erect on the cliff overlooking a statue to the Blessed Virgin. With no help within many miles he managed to save himself from the river and rescue his dogs. But for a long time his life was despaired of and he was not until many months after his escape from death that he was able to undertake the fulfillment of his vow of that awful night. But in 1890 the statue was complete and set up on the brow of Cape Trinity. A year later it was dedicated by the Bishop of Montreal. It is probably the largest and most conspicuously placed statue of the Virgin anywhere in the world, for it stands out as a great beacon to every ship sailing up the Saguenay. Once since its erection, a couple of years ago, it became necessary to repair the foundations of the monument, and the statue was removed safely and the statue stands secure again for years to come.

SEA-FEVER.

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a ship and a star to steer her by, And the wheel's kick and the wind's song, And the white sails shining, And a grey mist on the sea's face, And a grey dawn breaking. I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide, Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied; And all I ask is a white day with the white clouds flying, And the flung spray and the blown spume, And the sea-gulls crying. I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life, To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whistling knife; And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow and a sweet dream when the long tricker's over. —JOHN MASEFIELD.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Change of Color. "Times have certainly changed," remarked the tall Bostonian. "Once our city was noted as the home of the blue stocking; now it is more generally known as the headquarters of the Red Sox." Heard in a Car. First Girl—Do you like Rex Beach? Second Girl—I was never there. So Interested. She—I'm so interested in football. I have a cousin who knows who was on the college team last year. He—Indeed. What did he play? She—Well, I forget just whether he was a touch-down or a punt.

Died of Drought. "Have you any more geraniums?" "No, sir. We have some very fine hydrangeas." "Nothing doing! I'd be a nice thing to have my wife come home and find the geraniums she left in my care turned into hydrangeas, now wouldn't it?"

Tired of Monarchism. His wife had a mania for housecleaning and one of her fits was on. For a week he had borne the honors of it with an air of martyrdom, then his patience gave way and he blurted out something harsh. "And you," sobbed his wife, "you are the man who used to call me his queen! I've been reformed with a wild glare in his eyes," but when a man finds his queen has used his tobacco jar for paint oak finish and his merschaum pipe as a tack hammer, he begins to grasp the advantages of a republic form of a government."

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Halifax Echo—The dental clinics for the school children held at the dispensary are having a psychological, as well as a physical, effect on the young people for they are learning to take an interest in caring for their teeth and keeping them healthy. They realize early the necessity of watching the teeth and preventing decay and this is in itself a big thing.

INDIAN MAIDS PULL FLAX IN SILK HOSE

London, Ont., Sept. 25.—Indian maids in silk hose and white kid shoes worth upwards of \$15 a pair are pulling flax in the fields north of London, according to reports. Many of them are said to be cashing in from \$20 to \$35 a day garnering the abundant crops. The flax across this year is extraordinary, and the growers will benefit to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

LOCAL NEWS

At a meeting of the executive of the Commercial Club yesterday important matters were discussed.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the public library yesterday afternoon Miss Frances McInerney was appointed to succeed Miss Coughlan as assistant librarian.

Included among those entertained at the University of St. Joseph on Saturday, while en route to Holy Heart Seminary to take up their theological studies, were Roy McDonald and Alphonse Harris of St. John. The guests are graduates of the university and received a hearty reception.

A special machine for cancelling the luxury stamps will be furnished free to dealers, since the luxury tax will be collected by stamps after November 1, six million dollars was derived from the luxury tax last month, but this is not considered as the maximum.

F. Gordon Green returned from New York yesterday after attending the Sixth National Exposition of chemical industries. There were 25,000 chemists in attendance. Included in the seven Canadian exhibits was the Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit of Canada's natural resources. Mr. Green will return to McGill University on Wednesday to resume his studies.

Lance Teakles, a young man from Norton sustained several cuts and bruises on Thursday evening when the automobile which he was driving struck the maritime express at the Norton crossing. The train was moving slowly at the time and the young man did not see it until too late to avoid the accident. The car was badly damaged.

At the official declaration yesterday afternoon in the court house, Hon. R. W. Wigmore, minister of customs and inland revenue, was declared elected by a majority of 4,065 over Dr. A. E. Emery, the latter losing \$5 deposit of \$200 by forty-three votes. The following are the official figures: St. John city, Hon. Mr. Wigmore, 5,154; Dr. Emery, 2,064; St. John county, Wigmore, 1,459; Emery, 744; Albert county, Wigmore, 1,403; Emery, 1,161; advanced polls, Wigmore, 9; Emery, 1; total, Wigmore, 8,025; Emery, 3,970.

The North End free kindergarten has removed from the Morgan building and is now accommodated in the Orange Hall, Simonds street, a location which it has occupied since the building was moved into the Portland building. No home for the Brussels street kindergarten has been found yet, but the executive of the association has two buildings under consideration. Mrs. A. F. Robinson has accepted an appointment as supervisor of the city's kindergartens and the work is being carried on most successfully. The children are greatly delighted to have the kindergarten sessions once more in full swing.

The case of the three boys who were arrested by Sergeant McAuley on suspicion of acting together and taking an Overland automobile from the garage of F. L. Roderick, 181 Canterbury street, on Sept. 22, was dealt with yesterday afternoon by Acting Police Magistrate Henderson. The boys admitted taking the car without the owner's consent and received a severe lecture from the magistrate on the seriousness of their crime, saying that they were liable to a penalty of \$500 or two years in the penitentiary. They were released, at the request of Mr. Roderick, on suspended sentence. J. B. Dever appeared for the defence.

FINANCIAL AID TO UNIVERSITIES.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—A commission which will include representatives of the Universities of Toronto, Queens and Western, is to be appointed by the Ontario Government to report upon the basis for future financial aid by the province to the three universities. The personnel has been tentatively selected. Hon. R. S. Grant, Minister of Education, under whose direction the enquiry is to be made, intimated that the commission would report upon the aid the government should extend to the universities, having regard to its expenditure on ordinary and secondary education.

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