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### THE VICTORIA COUNTY PURCHASE.

According to the Gleaner, Mayor MacLeod of Fredericton, in his speech at Perth on the 11th instant, made the statement that certain lands in Victoria County recently purchased by the provincial government to be opened up for settlement were under a mortgage of \$513,000 to the Central Trust Company of New York and were also encumbered by arrears of taxes, so that settlers who should take up such lands would do so subject to the disabilities above stated.

It, however, appears that Mr. MacLeod overlooked section 3 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1907, which provides that: The conveyance by the said company (the N. B. Railway Co.) to His Majesty the King of the said lands or of the said company's right, title and interest therein shall vest the said lands and the complete title thereto in His Majesty, his successors and assigns, in fee simple and discharged from all encumbrances of any nature or kind.

It would seem as if Mr. Hazen's lieutenant, in his eagerness to make a point against the government, had made a slip which will hurt nobody so much as his own party. Public men need to be very careful of the statements they issue.

### STRIKE SETTLED.

The longshoremen of St. John, who struck for an increase of wages from 30 to 40 cents per hour, have after several weeks' idleness, compromised with the steamship companies at 32 cents an hour. If these men would strike less and vote more intelligently it would be better for them.

### THE PULP WOOD QUESTION.

In his annual message to congress President Roosevelt urges the repeal of the duty on wood pulp and the making of an agreement with Canada, if possible, to prevent any export duty in this country. That would be a very one-sided arrangement, into which Canada is not likely to enter. It would be very nice for our southern friends if they could gain unlimited freedom to carry off our forest products to be manufactured in their own cities; but Canada's interest lies in keeping her wood at home until it is made into paper.

### THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, started by Nevitt Gresham, in the town of Point, Texas, less than ten years ago, now claims 225,000 members in Texas, 80,000 in Arkansas, and 1,800,000 in the whole United States. Like the Prohibition movement, the Farmers' Union is sweeping the republic from the southern border northward, and now includes nearly one-eighth of the men of the country. Up to two years ago, the movement was still practically confined to the cotton-growing states, but since that date it has grown rapidly in the north and west.

If the farmers of Canada realized their strength, there would be fewer lawyers in our local and federal legislatures and more men who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

### SENATE REFORM.

As the old province of Canada, by permission of the Imperial parliament, changed in 1866 her appointed and irresponsible Legislative Council to an

elective and responsible body, so might the Dominion Senate be brought into harmony with modern democratic institutions. Senate reform is very much in the air just now; but no change short of making the so-called upper house directly responsible to the electorate is worth considering. Only by direct vote of the people should any person be allowed to become a legislator. Like the British House of Lords and other aristocratic bodies legally independent of the tax-payers, our Senate, as at present constituted, has no right to exist.

### SOME WAYS OF MAKING MONEY

Several months ago, 50,000 cans of poisonous salmon, that were being thrown on the Montreal market, were discovered before they had time to reach and kill the prospective consumers. Later in the year, the Evening Times declared that St. John dealers were selling short-weight butter. And the Toronto Globe of the 12th instant tells of Toronto bakers having been fined on the previous day for selling loaves of bread considerably lighter than the proper weight.

The Toronto men who were convicted were fined from \$10 to \$25 and costs—ridiculously small punishment for men who, for private gain, were systematically robbing the poor of the city in such a barefaced and scandalous manner. We have not noticed that anything has been done to the St. John dealers who collected full price for butter lacking one or more ounces in each pound. And nothing has been done to the criminals concerned in the Montreal transaction that came so near being a tragedy. Is the conscience of the country dead?

### NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ELECTION LAW.

Mr. Claude Macdonnell, M. P. for South Toronto, has introduced a bill to amend the election Act by making voting compulsory; proclaiming a public holiday on election day; and abolishing the \$200 deposit now required of candidates, which deposit is forfeited by the one who receives less than half as many votes as the successful candidate.

Compulsory voting is the law in Austria, and, at last elections there, resulted in the polling of nearly the entire vote. While there are objections to making a person deposit his ballot, whether he will or no, such a law would discourage the practice of some voters who refuse to go to the polls unless paid for it, and would also show the real strength of the different parties.

The second provision of the proposed bill would prevent any voter, whom his employer suspected of belonging to a different party, from being kept away from the polls on penalty of losing his job. The third provision would remedy another gross injustice. To require a deposit means to discourage, and in many cases forbid, a deserving candidate entering the lists. It keeps new parties out of the field in many constituencies, thus preventing a free expression of the will of the people. Let all parties have equal chances, and, where no candidate receives a clear majority of all the ballots cast, let there be a second ballot for the two leaders in the previous contest. Every person eligible to vote should be eligible for parliament without any such extra restrictions as property qualifications and election deposits. Only he who opposes the basic principles of popular government will oppose the last two sections of Mr. Macdonnell's bill.

### REPORT OF THE PROHIBITION COMMISSION.

The report of the commissioners appointed by the provincial government to inquire into the workings of the prohibition Act in P. E. Island and the Canada Temperance Act in New Brunswick has been submitted. It reviews the conditions found by the commissioners, is unanimous, and makes no recommendations.

According to the report the prohibi-

tory law has practically stopped the sale of liquor in the country places of P. E. Island, has considerably decreased it in Charlottetown, and to a lesser extent in Souris and Georgetown. As to the result in Summerside the evidence was so conflicting as to leave the commissioners in doubt. The open saloon and barroom and treating has been abolished, and drunkenness, noise and rowdiness greatly curtailed. The liquor sold in many of the drug stores, and where it is sold illicitly, is of bad quality, say the commissioners; also that the enforcement of the Act has caused an increase in the crime of perjury.

In New Brunswick, the commissioners found that in the country districts, the Canada Temperance Act is fairly well enforced, and the sale of liquor largely wiped out. They concluded that in most New Brunswick cities and towns the Act has been used as a revenue producer, thus virtually converting it into a license system. In Marysville, Sussex, Woodstock, Sackville and St. George, the Act is fairly well enforced. Much perjury arises in the enforcement of the law.

The report goes on to say that difficulty in the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act is caused by the insufficient remuneration provided for inspectors and officers. The P. E. I. Act is more severe than the other, and provides that an intoxicated person may be compelled to state where he got his liquor. But neither act is meant to be strictly prohibitory, as each allows the importation and consumption of liquor and prohibits only the sale.

From the tenor of the report, it would seem that what New Brunswick needs is a law similar to that of P. E. I., but with this important difference: that, instead of entrusting to druggists or other private vendors the sale of the liquor to be allowed for industrial, scientific, medicinal and sacramental purposes, all such liquor should be imported, or manufactured, and sold by the government itself. The P. E. I. Act, thus amended, should work well in this or any other province or country. No North American community has ever yet tried such a prohibitory law, all our so-called prohibitory acts having left the manufacture of intoxicants in private hands.

### CHINA'S WISDOM.

The Chinese government, recognizing that no nation whose people are ignorant can become truly great, has decreed compulsory education for all its subjects. Realizing, also, that a nation that has been absolutely governed since the beginning of history cannot at once accommodate itself to the proper use of free institutions, the administration has ordered the people to be instructed in the principles of constitutional government in order that they may be better fitted to elect parliamentary representatives when the promised change takes effect.

### NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Canada and Australia at Loggerheads—Will Drop Subsidy to That Country.

OTTAWA, Thursday.—F. A. Gendron, of Hull, has decided not to contest the seat in Labelle in the Liberal interest so that Mr. Bourassa will not get his chance to run for Quebec constituency in the Ottawa County. The government candidate for Labelle will now probably be Mr. E. A. Goyette, of Hull, though Mr. Harry Cameron, of Ottawa, says he will run as a Liberal.

At the Conservative Convention of Pontiac County at Shawville to-day Gerald H. Brabson, the present member, was unanimously endorsed as candidate for the next federal elections. For the local house Dr. Lemon McNally, of Campbell's Bay, was asked to oppose Mr. Gillis, the sitting member. He asked time to consider the nomination.

In the estimates for 1908-9, presented to parliament last evening, the subsidy for the Australian steamship line from Vancouver to Australia has been dropped. It amounted to \$180,500. This subsidy expires in August next, and evidently it is not to be renewed. Although the service is not what it should be, still that is not the real reason for the discontinuance of the subsidy. As a matter of fact Australia's treatment of Canada in regard to trade matters is not such as to encourage this country in providing trade facilities for the Commonwealth, when the latter continues to place tariff obstacles in the way instead of meeting the Dominion government's repeated offers of a preference. The Deakin government pretended at one time to be anxious for a trade arrangement with Canada, but instead of treating Canada's advances respectfully, they have not only left Canada out of its preferential list, but have raised the tariff against us.

In the Exchequer Court to-day judgment for plaintiff with reference to the registrar to report upon the claims filed, was given in the case of the Royal Trust Company vs. Baie des Chaleurs Railway.

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

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The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,

FRED. GELINAS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works.

Ottawa, December 11, 1907.

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