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## THE HARBOR WORKS

No consideration of partisan origin should stand in the way of perfect harmony of effort between the citizens' harbor committee and the minister of public works in the matter of harbor improvements. All that the government can do will be no more than it should do in the interest of the trade of Canada. The chief engineer of the public works department is here, and the utmost advantage should be taken of his presence to fully inform him on all matters relative to the needed harbor works. There should in future be less need of delegations to Ottawa.

"St. John would have a grand harbor," says Mr. Lefebvre, "if the scheme of wharf building were elaborated and carried out. It is only necessary to fit out the harbor and there can be no question but that the trade will keep pace with it."

An effort is to be made to so arrange matters that both the large dredges may be kept constantly at work at Sand Point, and the fielding is expected here in the coming months to spend the winter in dredging the channel. Dr. Pugsley urges that the harbor committee formulate its general plan of extension work and place him in possession of it before parliament meets. The new minister has the best of reasons for looking after the interests of the port. He should be given every opportunity to hasten work which has already been for too long delayed.

## THE BY-ELECTION

The executive of the local Conservative party last evening considered the question of opposing Hon. Dr. Pugsley, and took no action. This means that the party will not nominate a candidate in the coming by-election. If there is any opposition it will be without the driving force of party enthusiasm. It is stated that those in the meeting who counselled war were the least influential and least able to give effective support in a campaign. The line of cleavage was about as indicated in last evening's Times.

Mayor Seam still declares that since there is to be no Conservative candidate he will run as an independent Liberal. It is of course the right of any man to oppose the candidate of his own or any party.

So far as the Conservatives are concerned, their present course is not an indication of party weakness, as will no doubt be made perfectly clear when the general elections take place. They have pursued what the general public regards as a proper course under the circumstances, with the general elections, both provincial and federal, not far distant.

## HOSPITALITY

The question has been raised whether the city council is justified in serving liquid refreshments as a part of the entertainment of such guests as the governor-general and the British journalists. It is singular that such a question should be raised in a city which complacently tolerates some seventy-five liquor saloons and innumerable beer shops. The recent famous cruise of the Ludlow with the British journalists appears to have given rise to the present criticism. There is no doubt at all that the civic authorities had it to do over again a smaller group of entertainers, with less pronounced appetites, would be invited to attend. But it is a little difficult to conduct such affairs to the satisfaction of everybody, and it is said that St. John is not peculiar in having a certain proportion of persons who are partial to a free lunch, well washed down. The intention of the mayor and aldermen was hospitable in the extreme, and they followed a well established precedent. It is to be regretted that their hospitality should have been abused by a few persons who desired to complete on the Ludlow a tanking process they had begun on shore. It was the conduct of those few men that provoked the tempestuous now raging.

## BORDEN AND BOURASSA

The province of Quebec has been for some little time the political storm centre of Canada. During the past week Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa have both been addressing great meetings, the one in opposition to the federal and the other to the provincial government. These meetings are in the nature of a revelation to the people of other provinces, who remember

that it is not so very long since the Conservative party declined to put up any candidate in a provincial campaign.

Mr. Borden began his campaign at Quebec on Thursday last, and was given a splendid reception by an audience of three thousand people. He himself declared that the meeting exceeded in enthusiasm those held in the maritime provinces. Proceeding to Three Rivers, he was presented with an address by the mayor, and there were over five thousand people at the political meeting. "Rarely," says the Montreal Star report, "in the history of the city has a public man been the object of a more flattering demonstration." At Valleyfield nearly three thousand people attended his meeting, and here also he was tendered a civic address by the mayor. In Montreal last evening Mr. Borden was given one of the most enthusiastic receptions, the Telegraph's correspondent says, that ever was accorded a public man in that city. So great has been the success of his meetings in Quebec province that the leader of the opposition added one to the number, and speaks today in Cookshire. Telegrams of welcome and congratulation have poured in upon him from many parts of the province. Manifestly, therefore, the Conservative cause in Quebec is looking up somewhat. At Montreal Mr. Borden predicted that his party would have from 130 to 135 members in parliament after the next general elections.

Mr. Bourassa meantime has been meeting with great success in his campaign against the provincial government of Quebec. On Wednesday last at Louisville he secured a notable ally, when Senator Legie, who, after representing the county in the house of commons for years, was chosen by the Hon. S. N. Parent as the chairman of the colonization commission. He declared himself in accord with the programme exposed by Mr. Bourassa, and denounced the Quebec house of assembly as unworthy to be trusted to investigate the charges against certain ministers. Mr. N. K. Lafamme, a brilliant speaker, concerning whose adhesion to Mr. Bourassa there seems to have been some doubt, spoke at the same meeting, and denounced the government in the strongest terms. The meeting is described as the largest ever held in Louisville, with fully three thousand people present. At Longueuil on Saturday a great crowd gathered to hear Messrs. Lafamme, Bourassa and Lavergne. On Monday at Batiscan the provincial Conservatives took a hand, when Hon. P. E. LeBlanc and others addressed a great concourse of people, and vigorously condemned the provincial government.

Thus the political atmosphere of Quebec is being electrified to campaign voltage, and the way is being paved for the most exciting provincial and federal contests held for many years.

The Chatham World says it is understood that Premier Robinson has prevailed upon Mr. Stanley Miller to be a candidate in Northumberland county, and adds that somewhat disconcerting comment—"It is understood that Mr. Stanley Miller has consented to form one of the number. The premier ascertained that there is no chance of his government getting a supporter in this county, but he wants his friends to put up a fight for fear that the moral effect of letting the county go by default would have a bad effect in other constituencies."

The Montreal Gazette says:—"Since Sir Wilfrid Laurier became premier he has invited 29 gentlemen to join his ministry. Of these 19 were in parliament when called and 10 had to be provided with seats. It would seem from this that the chances of a Liberal being taken into the government are only thirty per cent. better when he is in parliament than they are when he is not."

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POLITICAL NOTES  
ONLY TEMPORARY?

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News says: "The change whereby Mr. Graham goes to the management of the Intercolonial is regarded due to the reluctance to keep that portfolio in New Brunswick in view of the jealousies between St. John and Halifax. So far as Mr. Pugsley is concerned, the present arrangement is understood to be temporary; ultimately the department of marine and fisheries may go to him."

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HOPES IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY.  
(Toronto World.)

As leader of the opposition forces in Ontario, Mr. Graham has shown himself capable without brilliancy; partisan without bigotry; liberal without radicalism. Were it not for the trailing clouds of adhesion to the discredited coterie that composed the futile hope of Hon. G. W.

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By many standards, superior to the man whom he displaces, Mr. Graham may be congratulated on his elevation and the public may have a sigh of relief that in some respects, at least, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is trying faintly to remove the stain from public life. But if this is the best he can do, if he is not inspired to greater things, then the public may well fear for the good name of Canada. It is to be hoped that the present readjustment of

the Liberal cabinet is only temporary, and merely preliminary to a general shaking up that will spell honor in public life and progress in ideals in touch with the enlightened spirit of Canadians.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

The annual convention of the Disciples of Christ in the Maritime Provinces was held in Tiverton, N. S., Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, and was in every respect a success. Rev. J. F. Floyd, of St. John, was elected president of the Maritime Christian Missionary Society and J. S. Flagler, of St. John, was elected secretary-treasurer. Rev. Robert Peggum, of Milton, N. S., was elected chairman of the next annual meeting, which will be held at Lord's Cove, N. B., in 1908. The Christian Woman's Board of Mission re-elected its president, Mrs. Murray of Lord's Cove, and its secretary, Mrs. O. Wallace, of Halifax.

## LINES

Oh, rose leaves, falling, floating.  
So insistent to be free.  
Have ye no sigh at leaving  
Your guardian mother-tree?  
Why all so quick to listen  
When I speak of breeze and woo?  
For and-hued twilight cometh,  
And their love is gone from you!  
They breathe but for the morning,  
And upon her wings they fly:  
Sweet are those balmy kisses,  
Have ye not in life a part?  
Oh, stay! For baby flowers  
Have yet in life a part.  
To cling with tender fondness  
About a Mother's heart.  
Oh! Child! Thou Rose of Roses,  
God's Flower beyond compare!  
Wouldst learn my measure's burden,  
And read the message there?  
Were there no flowers to cheer,  
Were blossoms born wide-blown,  
Why Love, Dear Love, would wither,  
And Heaven be sad indeed.  
—Violet A. Simpson in Pictorial Review.

IN LIGHTER VEIN  
FULLY DEFINED.

A census-taker made his rounds in an isolated village. He gave one of his official papers to a woman that she might fill in the required answers. One of the questions, instead of reading "Married or single," had it "Condition as to marriage." The woman filled in the answer thus: "Awful hard up before. Wuss after!"—Argonaut.

## NOT A HARD CASE.

A laborer in Eastern Indiana died recently and the members of the fraternal order in which he held membership called upon his widow to find how they might be of most assistance in her distress. They made all arrangements for the order attending the funeral, but before settling upon the final details of the obsequies they desired to know if the deceased had any special church affiliation. "Did your husband belong to any church?" asked the woman, in astonishment, "he never done nothin' to belong to church fur!"—Chicago News.

## SCOTCH CAUTION.

At a dinner party a Scotch clergyman was much more bored than edified by a young lady who told him a long story of her aunt's narrow escape from a railway accident. "Owing to the congested traffic at the corner of Park Lane," she told him, "my aunt just missed the train at Victoria which was wrecked at Croydon. Wasn't it providential?" "Can't say," snapped the cleric, in a grating voice; "didn't know your aunt."

## COMPLETE DIAGNOSIS.

A young teacher whose efforts to inculcate elementary anatomy had been unusual by discouraging at last asked in despair: "Well, I wonder if any boy here can tell me what the spinal cord really is?" She was met by a row of blank and inexpressive faces. Still finally one small voice piped out in great excitement: "The spinal cord is what runs through you. Your head sits on one end and you sit on the other."

## THE PROFESSOR AND THE BOSS.

Boston and Cambridge people of an earlier day remember well Prof. Child of Harvard, a scholar who was likewise a live man. President Eliot tells with great gusto a story about his faithful attention to city politics.

Prof. Child always attended to his duties as a citizen of Cambridge. One night he went to a ward meeting at which a boss began to put forth some of his warped ideas. The college professor was speedily on his feet and scathingly denounced the boss and his methods. "You are a good-natured boss, just to show that he bore no ill-will, met the scholar on the stairs and gently handing over a cigar, said: "Have a smoke, profess?"

His antagonist straightened up, took the cigar, and said with great dignity: "Yes, I'll match you in any of your lesser vice."—Boston Herald.

## MAY FIND PLACE

HON. MR. SIFTON

Nova Scotia or Ontario Will Have to Lose One Minister Before Long for the West.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star sends this interesting gossip from Ottawa:—

"The announcement that Hon. Clifford Sifton will not step into the cabinet at the present juncture, as minister of public works or minister of railways does not necessarily mean that he will not return to public life at a later date. A Star correspondent is credibly informed that the Liberals of the west have received a promise of another portfolio from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the near future. When this readjustment of cabinet representation is made there will be a reduction in the number of ministers from Ontario or Nova Scotia. The province down by the sea with a population of less than half a million has two cabinet ministers, while that portion of the dominion lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Rocky Mountains has but one. Quebec has four cabinet ministers and Ontario has five. It is quite evident, therefore, that when the west gets another minister, either Ontario or Nova Scotia will lose one."

"Should Sir Frederick Borden retire before Sir Richard Cartwright, lays down the care of office, the probabilities are that Hon. W. S. Fielding would cease to have a colleague from Nova Scotia in the cabinet circle, while if Sir Richard drops out first, the Ontario representation will likely be reduced. In either event the Liberals of the west will renew their claims, and if Mr. Sifton cannot be induced to enter the arena again Hon. Walter Scott may be asked to lay aside the premiership of Saskatchewan and become Liberal leader of both Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with a place in the Ottawa government. The impression grows that should Mr. Sifton ever enter the cabinet again, it will be as minister of trade and commerce, a comparatively light portfolio, as compared with the interior, public works, or railways and canals. These things, however, are but possibilities of the future."

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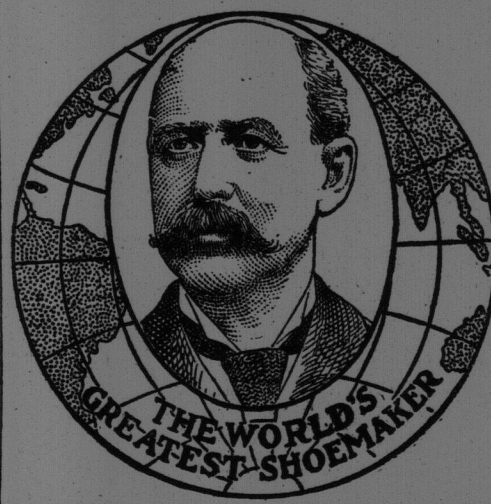
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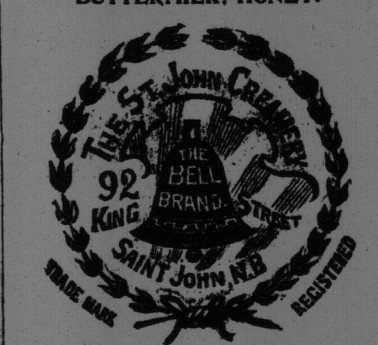
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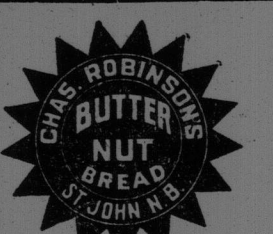
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