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NOT YET EXPLAINED.

There was a meeting of the Temperance Federation on Thursday evening and a resolution was passed expressing confidence in Mr. Kierstead. The report of this meeting as published in the Times does not mention that the question of obtaining the views of the Government candidates in Kings County was discussed. It is evident that the Temperance Federation failed to realize the position in which they stand before the people of this Province by ignoring this matter.

It has been proved to a satisfactory conclusion that the Opposition candidates in Kings County received a request from this body to define their position on the temperance question at least three days before a similar statement was received by the Government candidates. In the meantime meetings were held for the purpose of misrepresenting the attitude of Messrs. Murray, Jones and Dickson on temperance. These meetings were held on Sunday night, and notwithstanding the day, were quite as much political meetings as any others held during the campaign. Their evident intention was to influence the electors of Kings County against the Government candidates.

It has been openly charged that the action of the Temperance Federation was brought about by the organizers of the Opposition campaign in Kings with the hope of defeating the Government candidates. No explanation whatever has yet been made of this episode by anyone connected with the Temperance Federation, although such an explanation has been publicly invited. To clear itself from the charge of partisanship it is necessary for the Temperance Federation to explain everything connected with this somewhat questionable business and the sooner the explanation is forthcoming the better it will be for the gentlemen who have been prominent in its councils.

The temperance cause is far too important a one to get mixed up in party politics. It has been a moral rather than a political issue in this Province so far, and there are many prominent temperance men who feel that such episodes as occurred in Kings County are not good for the promotion of genuine temperance but rather operate against it.

THE CARLETON COUNTY ELECTION.

Greater interest centered in the Carleton election than in almost any other in the Province, largely due to the fact that Premier Fleming headed the ticket in that county and that his chief opponent was Mr. F. B. Carvell, the Federal representative. The Opposition candidates themselves were rather inconspicuous figures, Mr. Carvell apparently undertaking the direction of the entire campaign. It was through him that the principal misrepresentations of the policy of the Provincial Government regarding the Valley Railway were made.

For three years Mr. Carvell has been the forefront of the opposition to the Government policy upon this important question, and with Mr. Pugsley shares the responsibility for all the delays that have taken place in connection with the enterprise. It was he who entered the York County campaign of a little over a year ago and held meetings all over the county with the object of defeating Dr. Moorehouse. The severe rebuke he received by the electors of Dr. Moorehouse was lost upon Mr. Carvell who continued his malicious attacks on the Provincial Administration and on Mr. Fleming, personally, during the late campaign.

There are various rumors why Mr. Carvell desired to prevent the Fleming Government from constructing the Valley Railway, none of them creditable to Mr. Carvell. This is not to be wondered at as his opposition to the enterprise was carried to such length that almost any rumor would be justified. If the majority that Dr. Moorehouse obtained in York and the smallness of his own majority, if he had any at all, in September last, failed to convince Mr. Carvell that the electors of Carleton had lost faith in him, the defeat of the Opposition candidates last Thursday should furnish convincing evidence to Mr. Carvell that he has lost whatever grip he had on the electors of his native county.

The character of the campaign which Mr. Carvell and his satellites waged in Carleton County was even more disgraceful than that put up by the opposition press in St. John. It was characterized not only by misrepresentation and falsehood but by a vindictiveness hitherto unknown in any constituency in this Province. One of the most contemptible episodes was the publication in an obscure newspaper, printed in Hartland, of a grossly untruthful article reflecting on Premier Fleming personally. The attack on the Premier was couched in language that no respectable newspaper would permit to appear in its columns. Yet it appeared duly credited in the Carleton Sentinel, which is generally supposed to be under the direct control of Mr. Carvell. This kind of campaigning is new to New Brunswick and its failure to find a responsive cord among the electors will in all probability prevent the recurrence of such disgraceful episodes in the future.

After the bitter and unworthy campaign that was waged against him and his colleagues, Premier Fleming has demonstrated his own strength and the weakness of his opponents in the magnificent majority cast for them last Thursday. The result shows that the efforts of the Premier to give honest and progressive government are appreciated in the constituency he has served so well in the Legislature of the Province. It shows also that the electors of Carleton are satisfied with his efforts to secure for them much needed railway transportation. It also shows that Mr. Carvell has ceased to be a political factor in Carleton County and will lose his position as a representative whenever the people have an opportunity of getting at him. It is certainly time for a change in the Dominion representative of this constituency.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

"Professed temperance men," says the Times, in commenting on the result of the St. John election, "united with the men representing the liquor interests yesterday to convince the Province at large that whatever else St. John may want it does not want prohibition." This is precisely one of the small-minded, mean and contemptible remarks which characterized the campaign carried on by the Times and which contributed in no small degree to its own utter defeat and the defeat of the small section of the temperance vote it professed to stand for.

"Professed temperance men," is a fairly wide term to

employ and embraces every man in this city who believes in temperance. In accusing the great majority of the electorate of uniting with the liquor interests the Times once more demonstrates that as an organ of public opinion it is a lamentable failure. Professed temperance men of both political parties either voted against or ignored Mr. Kierstead, the nominee of a section of the Temperance Federation, because they felt as ratepayers of this city that they were entirely competent under the existing law to manage their own temperance affairs. If a section of this community desires prohibition it has only to vote in accordance with its desires and the saloons in that section are abolished. The policy adopted by the Times and its intemperate friends of making unreasonable demands on the Government in the matter of appointments, and when these demands were refused attempting to use the cause of temperance as a political club to attain their end, has met with its just deserts.

Temperance, as believed in by professed temperance men, has received no set back as the result of the election. The electors have demonstrated that they prefer in furthering the cause to proceed along sane and reasonable lines. The temperance party, notwithstanding the opinion of Mr. Kierstead and the Times, have not been defeated in this city. A small body of extremists have been taught that they cannot dictate to the majority. Professed temperance men by their votes in the election merely emphasized this lesson to the discomfiture of Mr. Kierstead and those who unwisely supported him.

MR. PUGSLEY'S PROPHETIC VISIONS.

As is now well known, Mr. Pugsley, at election time, is possessed of the spirit of prophecy. The forecasts of this spirit, it must be said, have not been such that many people would care to bank on them, but on more than one occasion they have added a pleasing touch of romance to an otherwise matter of fact campaign. In the stirring days of 1908, it will be recalled, Mr. Pugsley was moved to foretell wonderful developments in Courtenay Bay—almost in the immediate future. In the general election of 1911, three years later, these developments had advanced to the stereotypical stage and once more did duty in Mr. Pugsley's interest.

In this same campaign, there being nothing else in sight at the moment worthy of his powers of divination, Mr. Pugsley ventured a prophecy on the extent of his own individual majority in St. John in the coming election. It was to be somewhere in the thousands, a thousand or fifteen hundred, anyway. When the result appeared in cold type his majority stood at sixty-five. This should have been taken as a clear sign that Mr. Pugsley's familiar spirit was deceiving him.

But Mr. Pugsley was undismayed. All prophets are built that way. Early this week while in Montreal he again lifted the veil, this time for the benefit of the readers of the Herald, and saw in ecstatic vision the defeat of the Fleming Government in New Brunswick and the triumphant return of the Liberals to power. List and give ear to the words of the soothsayer:

"If I were a betting man—which, mind you, I am not," said the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, when seen at the Windsor Hotel this morning. "I would bet that the Liberals will win in New Brunswick on Thursday."

"I have just come from the Maritime Provinces, and if I judge the temper of the people in New Brunswick, they are disgusted with the record of the Fleming Government. All over the country the trend of popular opinion is reverting to Liberalism again. True, the Conservatives in New Brunswick have, at present, a majority of sixteen, but in spite of that they will be beaten."

Asked to prophesy by what majority the Liberals might expect to be returned, Dr. Pugsley answered: "I couldn't say what the majority will be, but it may be a surprise to even those who are optimistic about the result."

Mr. Pugsley and his optimistic friends were not disappointed about getting their surprise. Forty supporters of the Fleming Government and two independent Conservatives will make a fair working majority. The trend of popular opinion to Liberalism is represented by two lonely Liberals in Madawaska and the adherence of one of these gentlemen to the cause Mr. Pugsley supports is reported doubtful. The familiar spirit Mr. Pugsley has been employing in these prophetic seances in recent years gives evidence of being a lying jade.

Echoes of the great victory are reaching The Standard from all sections of the Province. "It was a great fight in the cause of good government. 'Make it a clean sweep,' was the battle cry, and the last of the old gang has bitten the dust. By returning the Government to power practically without an Opposition, the electors have passed a vote of confidence in Mr. Fleming and his colleagues which naturally adds to their responsibilities. Their record for honest and progressive government during the last four years gives assurance that the confidence of the people is not misplaced."

One of the gentlemen who took a prominent part in the Madawaska campaign against the Government was Hon. John Costigan who, although a Senator of New Brunswick, is a resident of the city of Ottawa. He maintains a nominal residence at Edmundston, but in recent years has only visited the county at election times or to enjoy a fishing trip. New Brunswick has two representatives in the Senate who can scarcely be termed residents of the Province, the Hon. Messrs. Costigan and Gilmore.

In summing up the result of the election in its report of the returns the Telegraph appears to have been so upset that it could not remember the number of seats held by the Liberals in the last Legislature. "The best the Opposition can hope for," it remarks, "is eight seats as compared with twelve when the House was dissolved." When the House was dissolved the voting strength of the Opposition was fourteen seats.

Current Comment

(Toronto News.)

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(Ottawa Journal.)

For the first time in the history of the world war was declared by wireless telegraph when Italy ordered her fleet to bombard Tripoli, September 29, last year. For the first time in history a Lord Chancellor of England was appointed by wireless. Premier Asquith was cruising in the Mediterranean when Lord Lorne wrote resigning his post and his letter was transmitted by wireless. In the same way arrangements were made for Lord Haldane to take his place.

(New York Sun.)

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CURRENT COMMENT ON GENERAL ELECTION

FLEMING GOVERNMENT SWEEPS THE PROVINCE.

(Halifax Herald.)

In the general elections in New Brunswick yesterday, Premier Fleming and his Conservative friends made an almost complete sweep of the province.

Of the 44 seats for which elections were held yesterday, it appears only two were carried by the Liberal opposition. In St. John city, where Hon. William Pugsley managed somehow to get elected to the House of Commons last September, the Conservatives have carried the whole lot, four seats. It is also reported that three of the Liberal candidates were so badly beaten as to lose their deposits. The County of St. John has done almost equally well. The City of St. John and also the county, have thus provided for the Hon. William Pugsley a very interesting piece of political information which will make that versatile person think many things.

In Carleton also, another distinguished Laurier member of the House of Commons, Mr. F. B. Carvell, made himself exceedingly anxious during the recent campaign, and he, too, has met with crushing defeat.

The result of these two counties alone will be enough to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier some new ideas about the strength of the Conservative party in the Maritime Provinces. The cheating of the Liberal organs during the campaign, makes a ludicrous contrast with the election results. These fearfully and wonderfully made sheets assured their readers that, not only would the Liberal opposition be greatly strengthened in numbers, but they were going to win more than half of the seats and defeat the government, and not only that, but the Liberals were going to have a large majority in the new House, and Premier Fleming, if not even himself personally defeated, would be left with but a corporal's guard.

To this irresponsible and vicious conduct of the Liberal organs there was, however, one notable exception or contrast, namely, the St. John Globe. The Globe in the very beginning of the campaign, frankly declared that the Fleming Government was a good government, that it should be sustained, and that in all probability it would be.

The Globe has nothing to take back or explain. It said what it knew and felt to be true.

The other Liberal papers all pursued a directly opposite course, and unless they are utterly without regard for their own reputations or the opinions of their readers, they will have quite a task to explain "how it happened."

More the details of the reported results of the elections are looked into, the more complete is the government victory, and the more crushing is the defeat of the Liberal opposition.

The Opposition had ten members in the last House. Not one of them is returned to the new House.

Mr. Copp, the leader of the opposition, Hon. Mr. LaBrosse and others, regarded as strong, have all been swept down to defeat.

The only Liberals elected are two new men from Madawaska. The so-called "Independent" elected in Northumberland, are strong Conservatives.

The Liberal defeat is certainly most complete.

Lord Mercer, the presiding judge, and Sir Robert Findlay, associated themselves in the congratulations to Captain Rostrom who was loudly cheered.

London, June 21.—Capt. Arthur H. Rostrom of the Carpathia received the united thanks of the British government and the court at today's sitting of the Board of Trade inquiry into the Titanic disaster. Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney General, said he decided to take the earliest opportunity the government had been able to get of expressing to Capt. Rostrom "on behalf of His Majesty's government how deeply grateful we are to you for your conduct and for the large number of lives you were instrumental in saving."

THE TITANIC COURT EXPRESSES THANKS TO CAPTAIN ROSTROM

PROGRAMME FOR OLD HOME WEEK

Celebration Will be One of Greatest St. John Has Ever Seen—Many Visitors Expected

A splendid programme of attractions for the Old Home Week has been arranged by the 1917 club of the Board of Trade, and the prospects look bright for the return of a great number of New Brunswickers, as well as an influx of tourists from all over Eastern Canada and New England. Arrangements have been made to have the famous Cambridge Band come here for the week, and it is expected the Fredericton band will be in the city for a few days. All the city bands have been given engagements in connection with the events of the week.

One of the features of the week will be the powerboat races, and it is expected that they will serve to attract a number of boats from many of the yacht clubs on the American coast. The Norton Griffiths trophy, a big silver shield suitably engraved, is open to speed boats anywhere, and has been sent out to all power boat clubs on the Atlantic coast, asking for entries for this race. In addition to the speed boat race which will take place on the harbor, there will be a regatta at Millidgeville with races for all kinds of craft, and a motor boat race for local craft on the harbor. The R. K. Y. C. the St. John Power Boat Club, the Bonforth and Westfield Outing Associations will take part in the regatta, and endeavor to make them a great success.

Arrangements have also been made for the biggest meet for racing horses in the Maritime Provinces. Some of the fast horses across the border will be brought here. The races will be under the direction of the International Trotting Association, and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the St. John Hospital.

A Small Fire. An alarm was rung in from the fire station yesterday afternoon for a fire which broke out in the rear of Alonso A. 174, 28 Magazine Road. The fire was extinguished and little damage was done.

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What the Canadian Hon. J. D. Hazen gustus Bridle and Problems.

The Canadian Courier publishes following article on Hon. J. D. Hazen, accompanied by a reproduction photograph of the Minister. Being Minister of Marine in nowaday's is about equivalent to the Hon. Col. Sam Hughes war years on. There are some papers in Canada that are now at war with Germany just as Mr. once went to war with Spain, settled beyond the phantom doubt that this is of the colonial and terrible battleship named that ever was. The the Empire is to be settled North Sea. When that is a German warship may be expected the St. Lawrence. If they are getting past the Citadel of without being raked fore and the cannons of century before they will probably bombard the monument to smother the Montreal and blow the dome of James' Cathedral. German will eat welters and drink the Champ de Mars and bunk Armories across Craig street which they will commiserate a

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