

COMING EVENTS IN DOMINION

(Toronto Globe.)

A contemporary surmises that one of the results of the victory of the farmers in Alberta, with the prospect of similar successes in the coming federal election, may be a kind of eastern combination of men of all parties to resist the western farmers. There are no indications of such a movement. The strength of the farmers was indicated long before the Alberta election, in the defeat of the Hearst Government in Ontario, in partial successes in the provincial elections in Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and in federal by-elections.

The Meiburn Government has been laboring hard to bring about a combination of Liberals and Conservatives to oppose the farmers, but without result. Its overtures to Quebec, which is as much an industrial province as Ontario, have met with no response. In east Elgin it was in a minority, not only in the rural sections, but in the industrial centre of Aylmer. In West Peterboro it made a tremendous effort to carry the city by frantic appeals to avert the ruin of industry, but its candidate was badly beaten. All the indications are that its majority in Ontario will disappear. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick it has barely held its own, retaining in the by-elections a few seats which it held in 1917, but by reduced majorities. The Liberal party in the House of Commons is clearly more friendly to the farmers than to the government, and the division lists as a rule show Liberals and Progressive voting together.

In 1917 the Borden Government, which was exceedingly weak and unpopular in the country, prolonged its life by a transfusion of Liberal blood into its veins, but it was expressly declared and understood that this involved no surrender on the part of the Liberals as to the tariff

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or any question on which the parties differed, it was a union for war purposes only. The Liberal element in the cabinet has now disappeared; only three of the nine Liberals remain, and they are regarded as having definitely gone over to Toryism. The agreement that there should be a sort of truce on the tariff has been broken, the budget of this year being a distinct concession to the advanced protectionists.

What we have at Ottawa today is an old-line Conservative Government, such as existed before the Coalition of 1917, but weaker. Against it there is an overwhelming Liberal majority east of Ontario, and probably a similar farmer majority west of Ontario; while even in Ontario it is likely that Liberals and farmers will at least equal Conservatives in the next House. Public policy after the general elections will in all probability be dictated by Liberals and Progressives. In some journals The Globe is represented as making strenuous efforts to bring about a union of these forces. While The Globe does not disclaim its desire for such a union, the union will not depend upon our advocacy or any other. It will come about by events, which, as D'Arcy McGee said about confederation, are more powerful than advocacy. The Liberals and Progressives,

unless all signs fall, will find themselves in a large majority in the next House, and they can hardly escape, even if they desire to escape, the responsibility of such joint action as will lead to the formation of a new government corresponding in policy to the new House of Commons. This is the condition with which we shall almost certainly be faced within a year, and it is one which demands the serious attention of public men and of the electors.

POKER IS GAME OF SKILL, SAYS JURY

Witness Says If He Had Four Aces and King He'd Show and Drop Dead.

Twelve good men and true declared at the London sessions that poker was a game of skill. They met to try David Carter, manager of the Vaudeville Club, headquarters of the White Rats, for keeping a common gambling establishment. The police raided the club house on May 10, they had found five men playing poker with \$5 in chips on the table, and 2 1/2 in the jackpot.

The prosecuting counsel waxed eloquent on the evil of gambling and read extracts from a judicial decision in which gamblers were denounced as idle and avaricious men. In poker, he urged, there was no skill in the actual card playing while to speak of bluffing, the art of frightening one's adversary with worthless hands, as skill, was a sheer perversion of words. The police inspector who engineered the raid was asked sharply by counsel for the defence: "Would you call these five players idle and avaricious men? Look at this." The counsel handed, amid much laughter in the court, two or three illuminated testimonials thanking the vaudeville club for the help it had rendered in getting up entertainments for police charity. A police sergeant followed to explain to the jury how entirely without skill poker was.

"Can't some players bluff better than others?" asked the counsel for the defence.

"Yes, inveterate gamblers," was the answer.

"Is it so that if a player hesitates, or lets his eyelids tremble it may be very material?"

"Yes."

"Then if you say bluffing is 50 per cent. of the game, is it not then 50 per cent. of skill?" asked counsel triumphantly.

A little later the sergeant, examined as to his knowledge of card games, mentioned faro.

"But faro is definitely illegal," retorted counsel. "Doubtless you studied it in order to make professional observations."

The defence called experts to show there was skill in poker. One was asked: "If you had four aces and a king in your hand what would happen?"

"I would show and drop dead," he replied.

Carter will be acquitted.

SCHOOL NURSING

The following is the record of the work of the school nurses in the city of Bangor, Maine, from January, 1920, to June, 1921:

170 children operated on for tonsils and adenoids.

228 children have had glasses fitted.

1762 home visits.

1283 miscellaneous visits.

185 children accompanied to doctor.

1,800 talks in class.

1,700 tooth brushes sold at cost.

This last year Red Cross has given to many of the schools standard scales, so that all of the children have been weighed and measured every two months, a record of the same being kept in each school room. This shows how much each child has gained or lost during the year and what the normal weight should be.

The report would not be complete without mentioning the dental clinic, the dentists more generously giving their Saturday morning, and the hospital furnishing a room in which to work.

No part of the work has brought more satisfactory results than this clinic, 636 cases have been treated. A marked improvement has been found with the children throughout the schools and by the work of the clinic and the health talks in the school rooms many children have been stimulated to take good care of their teeth, and to go to their own dentists.

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

Granny Masters Died of Tobacco Habit and She Was Only 105.

In a certain backwoods section of rural New England there is a small primitive community known as Raspberry Corners. Most of its men have long white hair, graying beards, and its women are hard-faced and wear their hair brushed straight back from the forehead and tied in ugly little knots at the back. There is a scarcity of young men in the colony, because they habitually leave it at an early age, and such as remain soon become stoop-shouldered and grow prematurely old.

Few who leave it ever return. A youth by the name of Buffington was an exception. Having worked his way through college, and having made a success in life, he returned one day to the scene of his birth with the laudable and altruistic idea of lifting the community out of the century-stagnant dry rot in which he found it and of putting it on a plane with the rest of civilization. He realized that this was a difficult task. The community was controlled by an obstinate old fellow, Jabez Waters, who believed that a slight knowledge of the "Three R's" was "enough education for any man or child." Buffington decided to begin his campaign by striking Jabez and his followers in a vulnerable spot. He proposed to attack them on their most glaring social vice—their pipe-smoking women. He challenged Jabez to a debate on the subject. Jabez accepted, taking the negative side eagerly.

The night of the debate the town hall

was crowded. It was generally regretted that Granny Masters, the oldest inhabitant, could not be present, but Granny was ill at home. Jabez held the floor for an hour. He did not attempt any flights of oratory. He called attention to the healthy faces of the women present, and referred with pride to the strength of their bodies. They might be plain to look at, he said, but they could do a "man's work—God bless 'em." He ended by pointing out that there was little or no sickness among them, and that most of them lived to a green old age. There was Granny Masters. She had smoked a pipe since she was fourteen and she was now 105. He regretted that she could not be on hand, but unfortunately she was laid up with the rheumatism.

Buffington replied by citing a long line of statistics and by quoting from medical authorities to show that smoking was injurious. On opening his argument Dr. Saunders, the local physician, got up and left the hall and every one guessed that Granny was worse and that it was a hurry call to her bedside. Buffington realized that

he was making slight impression on his audience. Men and women were yawning in a bored sort of way. Yet he floundered along. Just before he finished, Dr. Saunders returned. His face was unusually grave. A woman's piping voice asked how Granny was. "Mrs. Masters," the physician replied sadly, "has just given up the ghost." The same piping voice wanted to know what the old lady died of. "Mrs. Masters," the physician rejoined, "died of a tobacco heart."

Buffington wanted to stop out of respect to her memory, but his audience would not let him. On continuing, he realized that the women were listening eagerly to everything he said on the evils of tobacco. He finished in a burst of handclapping and applause, realizing to his surprise that he was the victor. Jabez was the first to congratulate him. "You won, young fellow," he remarked, "but I had yer licked till Granny Masters died."

Cleaner Money.
(New York Herald.)
Cleaner money is to be put into circulation. The Merchants Association has received from Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, a letter making this promise.

"The condition of the paper money in circulation was very bad up to six months ago," the secretary wrote. "This was due to the inability of the agencies available for currency production to print more notes and yet produce the required public debt securities. This situation, happily, is passed, and an increased currency printing programme was inaugurated several months ago."

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Wednesday's Super-Values from the Women's Shop

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\$9.25

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