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THE GLOUCESTER ELECTION.

The return of four supporters of the Flemming Government in Gloucester County yesterday puts the finishing touches to the clean sweep which was inaugurated throughout the Province last Thursday. The Government candidates were well organized, but that counted for little compared to the record of honest government on which they were able to run their campaign. The defeat of Mr. Veniot, in particular, will be welcomed as a just retribution. No Opposition speaker throughout the recent campaign equalled Mr. Veniot in misrepresentation of the Government's position or in open and deliberate distortion of facts.

The four Government supporters will be welcome additions to the Legislature. Mr. Stewart, who leads the ticket, is a man of ability and is evidently popular with the French element. Mr. Robichaud and Mr. Witzell are men of standing in the community and well qualified for the positions they hold. Mr. Hachey is a young French-Canadian from whom much is expected.

The elections are over. The honest and progressive policy of the Flemming Government has been vindicated and endorsed from one end of the Province to the other. In a Legislature of forty-eight no less than forty-six members are pledged to support the present Administration. The verdict of the people has sounded the death knell of the corrupt and dishonest methods which characterized the Pugsley-Tweedie regime. The handwriting on the wall is not without its full significance for Mr. Pugsley. He can't come back.

AN IMPERIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Analysing the recent speech of Mr. Winston Churchill in relation to the navy and the position of the Dominions Overseas, several usually well informed British newspapers have arrived at the interesting conclusion that he is in favor of the formation of an Imperial Service Squadron for the defence of the great trade routes of the Empire. While this may be pure speculation it is instructive to note the details of such a proposition as outlined in the London Daily Telegraph. This journal submits the following estimate of the squadron:

	Cost.	Crews.
Eight Dreadnought cruisers, each mounting eight 13.5-inch guns and ten 6-inch weapons, and with a speed of 28 knots	\$16,500,000	7,200
Twelve smaller cruisers, each mounting six 6-inch guns and with a speed of 25 knots	4,500,000	5,000
	\$21,000,000	12,200

The same paper says that an annual payment of about £1,400,000 would cover interest at 3 per cent; and such proportion of capital as in twenty years would extinguish the capital cost. The outlay on upkeep, including the pay of officers and men, and prospective non-effective charges, such as pensions, would be about £1,600,000 a year. Thus for the sum of £3,000,000 annually a squadron of eight Dreadnoughts and a dozen cruisers could be maintained, and at the end of twenty years—by which time their fighting value would have been greatly reduced—no debt upon them would remain.

It is suggested that the £3,000,000 annual cost should be divided as follows:

Canada	£ 900,000
Australia	700,000
New Zealand	400,000
South Africa	250,000
United Kingdom	750,000
Total	£3,000,000

The reason why in this proposal Canada is assessed more than any other portion of the Empire is because she stands at the head of the Dominions in wealth. It is pointed out that the people of the Overseas Dominions are better off than the people of the United Kingdom and bear a far less heavy burden of taxation, because they pay no Imperial expenses.

While Mr. Churchill said nothing definite along this line, it is generally conceded that he had something of the kind in view when he made his recent speech. The Daily Telegraph is one of the most reliable papers on naval matters in the Old Country, and the proposal which it outlines may prove prophetic.

CHILDREN'S VIEWS ON ROADS.

Many an adult called upon to prepare a thesis on "What Good Roads Mean to Canada" would find himself nonplussed. He would know, perhaps, in a vague indefinite way that Good Roads would mean much for this country, that it would make for its betterment socially, its advancement commercially, and its rapid development. He would understand that Good Roads would bring in a large influx of tourists and decrease the cost of living. But if requested to state these facts in a clear, logical manner, and to draw deductions and conclusions therefrom, the average man would confess his inability to prepare a satisfactory paper.

And yet this is just what nearly five hundred of Canada's school children have done. The Canadian Highway Association, some time ago, offered valuable prizes for the best essays on "What Good Roads Mean to Canada." Evidently this was a popular subject, for students from all parts of the Dominion sent papers to the headquarters of the association in New Westminster, including essays so carefully prepared that the judges took over two weeks to decide the three prize winners.

This inducement to the children to study the question of better roads is commendable in every way, and it is gratifying that this first propaganda among the young people has met with such signal success. In their report the judges mention the thoroughness with which the children treated the subject, and instance the stress the children placed upon the social aspect. Canada, perhaps unconsciously, is striving for a higher moral plane, and the children recognize the factor that Good Roads would be in this. The boy of today is the man of tomorrow, the Good Roads question will not be settled in this or the

next decade, and the study of the subject which the preparation of these essays has involved on the part of the young people will inculcate in them a desire for better roads, which will not be eradicated by the passing of time.

Some day some of the children, whose essays have just given the Westminster Judges such a trying time, will be occupying high places in this Dominion. Some will be councillors of municipalities; some mayors or aldermen of cities; some will be members of a Legislature or of Parliament; one may be Premier of Canada. Because of this study of the question in their youth, they will have a truer, clearer knowledge of conditions than could otherwise have been the case, and the result of their study in 1912 will make for the benefit and the betterment of their communities ten or twenty years hence. The Canadian Highway Association has already accomplished much commendable work, but it is doubtful if its propaganda and its deputations to Parliament will have done as much to awaken the public conscience as this offer of medals to the children of Canada.

THIRD TERM CANDIDATES.

The rejection of Mr. Roosevelt, the third term candidate, at the Chicago Convention, recalls a somewhat similar event in the United States in 1880. Some of the features at the nomination proceedings of the Republican party at that gathering thirty-two years ago are worth noting.

The man who had been President for the four years previous to that date was not a candidate for another term. But a concerted effort had been made to secure the nomination of General Grant, who had already spent eight years at the White House. Mr. Conkling was his principal champion. Mr. Blaine his leading rival. The arguments against General Grant were very much the same as those urged against Mr. Roosevelt.

On the first ballot Grant received 304 votes to 284 for Blaine. All others were under one hundred. The voting lasted over two days and on the thirty-sixth ballot, General Garfield was chosen. He had not had a single vote cast for him on the first. On the 34th he had one, on the 35th 50, and on the 36th 339. At the last, Grant had 307 and Blaine 42, so that it was a combination of the anti-Grant forces that nominated Garfield.

To conciliate the followers of the former President, one of them, Mr. Chester B. Arthur, was chosen as vice-presidential candidate. A few months later, on the President's assassination, he succeeded to the White House. In 1880 it was a compromise candidate who received the nomination but by the rejection of a third term candidate history has repeated itself.

THE MAGIC WAND AGAIN.

The Telegraph, having sufficiently recovered from the knock-out blow delivered with unerring precision by the electorate last Thursday, rises to remark how much better Mr. Pugsley's castles in the air they know exactly what he would have put in this book. There would have been a double page dream-picture of Courtney Bay, for instance, with about twenty-five wharves all crowded with steamers and a dozen trains or more visible on the tracks loading and unloading freight. Immigrants would be dotted about the picture in hundreds. The Grand Trunk Pacific terminals and depot would be a further attraction. A loop-hole might even be found for the Canadian Northern. It would be a wonderful scene of activity. Across the Bay a new town would have sprung up as in a night. The tall chimneys of many factories would make a pleasing back ground. This is a mere outline. In Mr. Pugsley's practised hands the opportunity would present endless possibilities.

St. John people do not need to be told; therein the Telegraph is absolutely right. From past experience of Mr. Pugsley's castles in the air they know exactly what he would have put in this book. There would have been a double page dream-picture of Courtney Bay, for instance, with about twenty-five wharves all crowded with steamers and a dozen trains or more visible on the tracks loading and unloading freight. Immigrants would be dotted about the picture in hundreds. The Grand Trunk Pacific terminals and depot would be a further attraction. A loop-hole might even be found for the Canadian Northern. It would be a wonderful scene of activity. Across the Bay a new town would have sprung up as in a night. The tall chimneys of many factories would make a pleasing back ground. This is a mere outline. In Mr. Pugsley's practised hands the opportunity would present endless possibilities.

St. John people have had some experience of Mr. Pugsley's methods with a series of stereotyped views which, during his term of office, did not materialize into anything practical. St. John is written in fair and distinct characters in the volume the Telegraph professes to criticize and, what is more to the point, the statements therein are statements of fact.

Current Comment

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

The Minister of Finance makes an interesting prediction that the trade of Canada will pass the billion mark this year, and that the Dominion will receive half a million immigrants. Both figures are large increases over last year. Mr. Price should take warning from the experience of his predecessors and count his immigrants carefully. He should remember that the immigrants reported as having arrived in the ten years before 1911 were not all found by the census enumerators. The number fell nearly a million short.

(Pittsburg Dispatch.)

It may interest those who perform have resorted to cereals in the vain hope of escaping the exactions of the meat combine to learn that in the opinion of a packing magnate they are only helping to fasten the shackles upon themselves the more firmly. Increased consumption of cereals has boosted corn, and boosted corn has boosted meat, and there you are.

(Vancouver Province.)

The Canadian electoral system may have its defects, but it has the merit of being "short, sharp and decisive." The country is not kept in turmoil and state of business unrest for months before and after an election. When the voice of the people has once made itself manifest, there is a prompt and frictionless adjustment of conditions from which there is no appeal.

(Lethbridge News.)

It is notoriously true that very many ministers of the Methodist church in the West are not paid decent living salaries by their congregations. To have these congregations stipulating that they shall not endeavor to turn an honest penny in some direction other than the pulpit, for the purpose of eluding out a livelihood for themselves and their families, is adding insult to injury.

(Hamilton Herald.)

The London Canadian Gazette errs in saying that Winston Churchill has "never trodden Canadian soil." He has. And what is more, he has "sat on" Canadian reporters, and they have disliked him ever since.

(Ottawa Journal.)

It looks as though the Borden Government was taking the tariff question out of politics and putting it into business.

(Chicago Record Herald.)

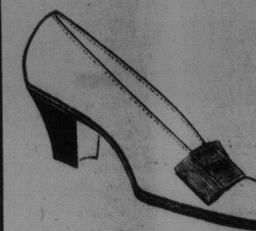
Some people inherit trouble, some people borrow trouble, and some people argue with the ice man.

(Boston Herald.)

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Centennial and Aberdeen schools will
be opened this morning, when hun-
dreds of children will spend the first
of many happy days on the swings,
teeters and playing around the sand
heaps.

Commissioner Agar has kindly sup-
plied the two grounds with sand and
wooden blocks with which the young-
sters build play houses or
ancient knights, just as the fancy
strikes them. Although the grounds
will be opened this morning, they
has yet to be done before they will
be in good working order, neverthe-
less hundreds of the kiddies of the
city will be on hand to enjoy a
thorough good time.

The local Y. M. C. A. has kindly
loaned their physical instructor,
Leslie Bandlow, to the Play Grounds
Association for the holiday season.
Until the model playground is opened
in the south end Mr. Bandlow
will assist in every way possible the
work at the Centennial and Aberdeen
grounds. This will be a great ad-
vantage to the teaching staff, as Mr.
Bandlow has had a great deal of ex-
perience along these lines.

Miss Turner has been appointed to
the position of supervisor at the
Centennial grounds and Miss Melick
at the Aberdeen grounds, while Mrs.
D. P. Chisholm will play the piano at
both grounds for free musical drills.
This should prove to be a very inter-
esting feature of the summer pro-
gramme. Another interesting feature
will be the teaching of basketry by
Miss Journey.

WEDDINGS

Cormier-Cowan.
In the Main street Baptist church
at 6.15 in the evening, the wedding
of Miss Maud Cowan, daughter
of Isaac M. Cowan, and Rex R.
Cormier, Principal of King Edward
School. The bride, who was given
away by her father, looked charming
in a tailored suit of light grey with
a cerise hat, trimmed with cerise will-
ow plumes, and a grey ostrich feath-
er boa. She was unattended. Fur-
ther, the bridegroom, who was accom-
panied by the happy couple to the
station and thoroughly enjoyed the
opportunity to throw rice and confet-
ti, which they distributed with a lav-
ish hand.

Walker-Gray.
Yarmouth, N. S., June 24.—Trinity
church was the scene of a quiet wed-
ding at 7.45 o'clock this morning
when Miss Augustus W. Gray, daugh-
ter of Mrs. Bessie B. Gray, was mar-
ried to Claude Cecil Walker, of Toron-
to, accountant. The church was prettily
decorated. Rev. Mr. Bambrick officiated.
The bride, who was given away
by her brother, J. B. Gray, wore a
blue serge travelling suit with hat
to match, and carried a bouquet of
bride roses. Mrs. Rideout, her sister,
was the matron of honor, wore a navy
blue serge suit with white hat. Little
Misses Elise Rideout and Constance
Cowan, of Yarmouth, and Selma
C. Baker were best men. After a wed-
ding breakfast the couple left by train
for Milford, Annapolis and Toronto
and other Canadian cities.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Hanford.
The death is announced at Halifax
of Mrs. Louisa C. Hanford, widow of
Thomas T. Hanford, and a daughter
of John Howe, formerly postmaster
of St. John. Mrs. Hanford has lately
been resident in Halifax and is sur-
vived by one daughter, Miss Eliza
Hanford, also a resident in Halifax.
Mrs. Hanford was formerly a lawyer
in this city. Many friends in St.
John will regret to learn of Mrs.
Hanford's death. The body will be
brought here for interment.
Mrs. Hanford's death was very sud-
den as she attended church on Sun-
day.

Mrs. Charlotte Northrup.
The friends of Mrs. Charlotte
Northrup, wife of Geo. B. Northrup,
will regret to hear of her death which
occurred on Saturday morning, June
22. She is survived by her aged hus-
band, three sons, Em. Northrup, of
Wellesley, Mass.; Ira Northrup, of
Saskatchewan; and Harold Northrup,
of Colorado. One daughter, Mrs. Tom Henderson,
of Golden Grove, with whom she lived
also one sister, Mrs. Henry Dane, of
Stoneham, Mass.

John Trot.
The sudden death of John Trot of
Welsford, Queens county, took place
at his late home on Wednesday the
19th inst. The deceased although in
his seventeenth year was unusually
active until he was stricken down
with paralysis, dying two days later.
He leaves a widow and one son Wil-
liam, at home, and four daughters,
Mrs. B. S. Kelly, Hoyt; Mrs. W. H.
Kirkpatrick, of Eniskillen; Mrs.
George Whitenest, of Hatfield's Point,
and Mrs. William Day, of St. John.
The remains were laid away in Mount
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by Rev. J. K. King.

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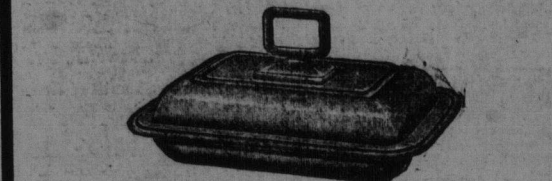
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be for the best three out of five heats
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in training for some weeks and have
made very fast time in trials.
Frank Patch's record is 2.13, and
Gallagher's 2.04.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

In an exciting and evenly fought con-
test last evening on the Barrack
Square, the Golden Swells of Baird &
Adams' Frank Patch, champion pacer

McClary, 3-8. Lawlor and Evans
officiated for the winner and Nixon
and Bent for the losers. The game
was called in the fifth inning on ac-
count of the militia drill and will like-
ly be disputed as B. and P. claim 9
runs. The game will likely be replay-
ed.

N. E. JUNIORS.

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runs. The game will likely be replay-
ed.

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