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## Canada and Protection

With but one seat doubtful, the results of the General Election in Canada according to a message received to-day are as follows:—Liberals, 101; Conservatives, 117; Progressives, 23; Labour, 2; and Independent, 1. Total, 245.

At the dissolution of Parliament the standing of all parties was as follows:—Liberals, 147; Conservatives, 49; Progressives, 61; Labour, 2; Independent, 1; vacant, 4. Total, 235. The increase in the membership of the new House by ten is due to the redistribution of seats, whereby Nova Scotia has two members less and the Western provinces twelve more than they had formerly. The message further states that Premier King intends to meet Parliament.

With a considerably reduced following and without the support of several of his former Ministers, Premier King, who must find for himself a sure seat, will not be in a very enviable position, as the retention of power by the Liberal Party will only be just possible by an alliance with the Progressives, a party which has been reduced in strength by forty-six seats. As it is not improbable that approaches will also be made to the latter from the Conservative benches, the situation when the House assembles will be most uncertain, and the only satisfactory solution would seem to be another election at an early date.

In spite of the deadlock which has resulted, for it is practically that, the change from Liberalism to Conservatism, or in other words, the swing towards protection has been most remarkable, and in some respects recalls what occurred in the last British elections. There the imposition of import duties on certain materials such as silk raised loud protests immediately, but a recent announcement is to the effect that as a result of this measure of protection the industry has embarked upon a period of great prosperity. Not only is there no unemployment among the silk workers, but the revenue on imports for the year is estimated at \$50,000,000.

A writer in the October number of the "Nineteenth Century and After," in referring to this policy remarks:—

"It seems to me that here we have the real solution of our troubles. If we were to impose more of these revenue duties with a protective favor, we should be able to reduce our income tax, which is unquestionably the real burden which is depressing trade. There is after all nothing new in such duties. The taxes on sugar and tobacco imposed by Mr. Gladstone are on the same lines. It is worthy of comment that our tobacco manufacturers, jam manufacturers, and biscuit manufacturers, all of whom have benefited from the protective favor of these duties, are among the most prosperous in our land even during this time of depression."

Canada's future depends to a very great extent upon the development of her manufacturing industries, which are, however, at a disadvantage owing to enormous importations of American goods. The Dominion possesses the raw material and all the conditions necessary for the

prosecution of such industries, which, if once established, would be able to compete both in the home and foreign market with those of her neighbor. Further, requiring an increased population, she views with concern the exodus of her people across the border to work in factories, many of which are supplied with Canadian raw material. At the same time her own products are shut out of the great Republic by the high tariff wall by which it is surrounded.

## A Neglected Corner

A matter to which we have seen no reference as yet by any of the candidates for election in the municipal contest is the condition of affairs existing in the neglected quarter of the city known as the Battery, and certainly there is much to be done to make it even possibly habitable. Overlooked year after year by the Council in power, conditions have been allowed to become desperate, and the wonder is that people can manage to live there. What excuse can be offered? On the hill immediately above is a plentiful supply of water and immediately in front is the harbour, but in spite of the natural facilities no steps have been taken to make the place sanitary. This is one of the most historically interesting localities in the city, and in spite of the drawbacks, it is a favourite walk for many people. With little expense the surroundings could be made ideal, and roads which would be a delight to all could be built around the cliffs.

We trust that among those elected some will be found to act as parent to this neglected offspring of St. John's.

## Annual Vegetable Sale at St. Joseph's

The annual vegetable sale in aid of St. Joseph's Parish, opened yesterday afternoon with a large number of people present. A splendid display of local vegetables of all kinds found many purchasers, and the proceeds were most satisfactory. Tea was also served and the sum realized from this source was considerable. Those desiring to obtain a supply of vegetables for the winter should avail of this opportunity by attending the sale this afternoon or night.

## Knowing Athletic Club

An informal dance was held by the Knowing Athletic Club in their rooms last night, the occasion being to welcome the return of Mr. F. H. Knowlton from abroad. After several dances had been gone through and supper served, a very happy presentation took place when Mr. Knowlton was made the recipient of a case of pipes, together with a supply of tobacco. The presentation was made by Mr. J. B. Dempster. Mr. Knowlton made a most suitable reply, in which he thanked the members for their splendid gift. Dancing was resumed to the music of the K. A. C. Orchestra, and was kept until the early hours of the morning. The elimination dance was won by Mr. A. Andrews and Miss Tibbs.

## S. P. A. Sale at Canon Wood Hall

The annual sale in aid of the Society for Protection of Animals, which was opened yesterday at 3.30 p.m. in Canon Wood Hall by Dr. F. P. Burke, President of the Society, proved very successful. The goods offered for sale included fancy work, etc., novelties suitable for Christmas gifts, poultry requisites, home-made candy, etc., and all who purchased were pleased with what they had received. Afternoon tea was also served to a large number.

## Inspection Required

If there is such an official as Inspector of Public Buildings it might be suggested on requisition his services be made available for inspection of a principal city building, but an examination revealed that it was not necessary. Faulty construction but caused simply through the continued unprincipled ignorance of a packed audience to the "Fire Alarm" at the Casino. It is on again tonight.

**LETTER PICKED UP.**—The owner of a letter signed "Betty," picked up in the Canon Wood Hall yesterday afternoon, can have same by calling at this office.

## Bourlamaque Gold Mine

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I do not know what your decision will be, and in any case I have undertaken to abide by it. But there is no harm in my saying in my opinion Mr. Francis J. Hunter, in yesterday's Telegram, does not satisfactorily reply to my questions. The "prominent and popular Newfoundland" who has joined the directors of Mr. Hunter's Company, and whose appointment was to inspire the Bourlamaque shareholders with such confidence, "does not wish his name to be made known yet." Then why, may I ask, was his appointment announced? It is surely small comfort to the shareholders to be told that their interests are to be safeguarded by a gentleman who prefers to remain incognito.

The rumour that Maloney, Allerton & Co., unloaded here a large block of shares of Mr. Hunter's Company, allotted to them as promoters, is not, specially denied. Mr. Hunter says that shares were paid for by Maloney, Allerton & Co., but he omits to state "in cash." What we would like to know is, were these shares issued to Maloney, Allerton & Co., for consideration other than cash? The point is important as it may turn out that the validity of our shares depends upon the validity of the agreement between Maloney, Allerton & Co., and the Hunter Company.

"We say" that the Bourlamaque property, the excellence of which was vaunted so highly that people here were induced to invest in it, has not yet been mined. This after nearly a year. Our money if, as Mr. Hunter states, it did not go to Maloney, Allerton & Co., was evidently put to some other use, and it is a new mine, of which we had previously heard nothing. The figure given by Mr. Hunter deal only with the Union mine.

The word "respected" was never used by me in regard to Bourlamaque, nor did I insinuate that Mr. Hunter was "mentally and physically unfit for business." On the contrary I made due acknowledgment of his banking experience and his previous reputation for integrity.

The padding in Mr. Hunter's letter is of interest, but it is only padding. I was told to read "Stockholder's" letter in the same issue of your paper, but I have not seen it. I will meet the same as my own.

Our thanks are due to you, Mr. Editor, for permitting us to ventilate this matter in the press.

Yours truly,

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## Ladies' Auxiliary Nfld. Highlanders

SALE OF WORK IN PRESBYTERIAN HALL THIS AFTERNOON.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Nfld. Highlanders Association are holding a sale of work at the Presbyterian Hall this afternoon, which should attract a large gathering. The ladies have been working most assiduously for the past month, in preparation for the event, and articles to suit every taste have been collected and will be disposed of at prices that will attract purchasers. At night a musical programme will be rendered, in which several well-known artists will take part. A patisserie supper will be served at 10 o'clock.

## Magistrate's Court

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## Paying Our Debts

Said Mother Earth, "Tis surely meet that I my gratitude should show for sunshine warm and thrilling glow, for all the winds that softly blow, for rain that cools me of my heat. Seemly is gratitude and sweet, and I my thanks would now bestow."

So Mother Earth brought forth in turn, the swinging blossoms tender, fair, the drenched with dew, the Springtime air. Then Summer's flowers smiled everywhere, while her maternal breast did yearn to proffer fruit for all to share. Thus did she make a rich return for sun and rain and wind's good care.

Said Soul of man, "Tis surely right that I to Him my just dues pay for blossoms strewn along the way, for mercy shown me day by day, for beautiful dawn and starry night, for all His gifts that give the delight. I must repay His only right, like Mother Earth I'll strive to be a garden, flowering, fragrantly."

WILHELMINA STITCH.

Tuesday, October 6.

## A Correction

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—May I unite use agents of your columns to correct a typographical error which occurred in my letter in to-day's issue of the Telegram and which gives an entirely false conception of the aim of the letter? The phrase "from higher, authoritative sources" should have read "from HIGHLY authoritative sources."

Mr. Scott has written another interesting letter in to-day's issue, and I hope he will continue to give the public such valuable information which should be welcomed by all those desiring a more thorough knowledge of the "why" and "wherefore" of radio.

Yours faithfully,

S.J.S.W.

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