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### DRAWING TO A CLOSE

With this week the political campaign is practically closed. Ample time has been given for a full and country-wide discussion and consideration of the issues. The leaders of the three parties have toured the country east and west and presented their claims to public support. In every constituency from coast to coast there is a contest, and there are many three-cornered ones. In every city, town, village and country-place, therefore, even in the ice-bound Yukon, the people have had opportunity to hear public discussion, while the press of the whole country has for weeks devoted much space to reports of speeches and to arguments and comments. A momentous decision is to be made on Tuesday, affecting in a very vital way for years to come the interests of the Dominion.

The leading issues are clear. The people are asked in the first place to say whether they approve of a government hanging on to power long after it should have gone to the country; whether they approve of a railway policy which laid enormous burdens upon the country without asking their consent; whether they want a tariff revision upward or downward; and whether they stand for a policy of extravagant expenditure, or of economy in the administration of public affairs. There is also the question of an intelligent immigration policy which would bring into Canada the kind of settlers needed to develop its agricultural resources and provide business for its enormous railway mileage. The railway problem is perhaps the most vital, since the country is now compelled to meet heavy deficits on railway account, and must find a way out of the well-nigh hopeless condition caused by the action of the Meighen government.

To the maritime provinces transportation and port development are vital. These provinces must have ocean as well as rail traffic, or they cannot flourish; and if they are to develop industries that must be given access at reasonable freight rates to the markets of the rest of Canada. This is not now accorded them, and when an appeal was made, in which the three provincial governments, the industrial and commercial and farming interests, irrespective of politics, joined through a record delegation to Ottawa, their request was turned down by the Meighen government, whose leader appears to hold to the disintegrating doctrine that the west owes nothing to the east. It is obvious that these small provinces cannot provide a sufficient market to encourage the growth of industries, and if they cannot get a market the industries cannot develop. Closely allied to this question of transportation is that of the tariff, and whatever a high tariff might do for a few manufacturing centres in the upper provinces it would simply add to the burdens of the people in this section of Canada. Already the consumers here pay too much tribute to the protected interests of Central Canada. Our hopes for the future lie in quick and cheap transportation and such a tariff as would reduce the cost of living and encourage development of local resources.

The appeal to our people to cultivate the broad Canadian spirit must not be linked up with a policy which would keep the maritime provinces stagnant while other parts of the country enjoyed the full tide of protected and bonused prosperity. When we turn to a consideration of what would happen if the Liberals came into power, we have first to remember the golden era under Liberal rule after 1896. It is also to be noted that a Liberal government would be formed of outstanding men, chosen from the best the country has to offer in ability, experience and high character; and that it would include some of those who made Canada so prosperous during the former Liberal regime. It is not to be forgotten that not a province in Canada is today under Conservative government. The party, whether Liberal or Progressive, which is the choice of the people for provincial administrations, is not unsafe for leadership in the wider field.

Reviewing the whole situation, therefore, the people have every reason to regard with satisfaction the prospect of the complete overthrow of the Conservative federal administration on Tuesday next. The incoming of the Liberals will do much to cement good feeling between the provinces, while it will be a guarantee of wise and economic government in the interests of all the people. All kinds of side issues have been introduced into the campaign by the party in power, and an insidious appeal to prejudice of any kind is evidently regarded as legitimate. The people, however, are thinking deeply, studying the record, and refusing to permit their attention to be diverted from the great national issues. Hon. Mackenzie King has conducted a great and clean campaign. He has been subjected to unfair attack, to ridicule and misrepresentation; but he has gone about the country unmoved, and delivering everywhere the same message to the people. He deserves the popular support which will be accorded him all over the country on Tuesday next.

SENATOR FOWLER'S VIEWS.  
Senator Fowler condemned the Grand Trunk deal for eight reasons, the last two of which were:  
"That a considerable portion of the Grand Trunk Railway's mileage and terminals is in the United States and it is not desirable that Canada shall spend huge sums either to acquire or maintain railways in and for the benefit of a foreign country."  
"That as a resident of and representing a maritime province (if this deal goes through) I feel that our eastern winter ports will be unfairly discriminated against in favor of Portland by reason of the shorter haul."

SENATOR FOWLER'S VIEWS.  
Senator Fowler's protest was vain, and that which he feared has come to pass. The Meighen government is responsible. It should be hurled from power. Vote the Liberal ticket.

### TORY COERCION

The Hamilton Cotton Company has issued a letter to its employees calling upon them to vote for the government candidates and influence their friends to do the same. Commenting on this action the Toronto Globe says: "As an economic argument the letter will not bear examination, but as a veiled attack on the political liberties of the employees of the Hamilton Cotton Company it demands the attention of the Canadian people. Mr. Meighen makes a show of indignation at the suggestion that his government is in alliance with private interests. The alliance is shown to be an ugly fact by this letter, which is by no means an isolated case. President Young may deny the charge of intimidation, but will any man or woman in the company's service feel free to express an opinion on political questions contrary to the company's views? Those who profit by this kind of dictation are as blameworthy as those who practice it. If Messrs. Stewart, McEburn and Wilson have any self-respect and sense of political decency they will dissociate themselves at once from the company's action. As for the unfortunate workers in Hamilton who are being subjected to this constraint, they may resent it in silence, but they still have the power to rebuke it effectively at the polls."

Dr. Broderick and Mr. H. R. McLellan have conducted a very vigorous campaign and have presented the issues clearly in all parts of the constituency. They have been heard with growing favor as the fight progressed, for they did not descend to personalities, but confined themselves to a fair and reasonable discussion of public affairs. Their task was made the more easy because the record of the government has been so open to attack and because they could point in contrast to the splendid record of the Liberal party from 1896 to 1911.

The electors of West St. John are especially interested in the result of the elections, and that is why they gave so enthusiastic a reception last night to the Liberal candidates who are opposed to a policy that would make Portland, Me., a rival of this port for Canadian export and import trade. The candidates and other speakers presented the issues with great clearness to a very sympathetic audience.

Mr. George B. Jones having made it necessary, Premier Foster at Sussex last night directed attention to Mr. Jones's political record. There was no hearsay about it. The record is spread on the reports of royal commissions of enquiry.

Hon. Dr. Baxter cannot dodge the fact that the government has tied itself up to the port of Portland, Maine. He is still silent as to what the government proposes to do for this national port.

Prairie dogs seem to have some kind of foreknowledge of the weather, if observers at the New York Zoological Park are right. Now and then the large members of the colony loosen the earth round their mounds with their forefeet, then shovel the soil upward with their hind feet. Other members work inside the burrow, throwing out earth to aid in the building. When a dyke has been built, the animals stamp the earth down within the dyke—an amusing sight. As these operations invariably take place before a storm, the obvious purpose is to build a dam that will keep the water from running into the burrow.

## Story Bits About Canadian Authors



AGNES LAUT.

Probably no woman has made a closer study of Canadian western history, and certainly no other woman has had her research more pleasingly recognized than Miss Laut. Perhaps this was natural, since as a child she moved from the atmosphere of Queen's University to Winnipeg, and in early years became an editorial writer of the Manitoba Free Press. Her articles in Outing, Saturday Evening Post, Review, and other journals of the very best class, as well as her several books, have won her a reputation of being one of the most able women writers in America. Rather notably Lord Strathcona, speaking of her said: "She is a woman not only with ideas but also with the power of giving them expression."

While Miss Laut visits Canada and frequently writes about us and prides her membership in the Canadian Women's Press Club, she makes her home now at Wausau, New York.

### BALLAD OF DISARMAMENT, II.

"Inasmuch."

(Rev. George Scott.)  
Ye have filled the earth with malice,  
And with dark and hellish greed,  
And your brows become as adamant,  
And have donned the widows' weeds,  
Your brows become as adamant,  
And ye gloried in your deeds.

For ye compassed earth and heaven,  
And ye ransacked hell's domains,  
And ye sang the song of victors,  
O'er your countless heaps of slain,  
What, my brothers, shall ye answer  
When the Christ shall come again?

All the lands are foul with wailing,  
All the dark is drear with dead,  
Oh the wailing of children,  
Sobbing for a piece of bread,  
And shall not God require it  
With the blood that ye have shed?

Oh my brothers do ye hear it,  
"Inasmuch as ye have done  
To the smallest and the weakest  
And the vilest 'neath the sun."  
Even so ye have requited  
All the love of God's dear Son.

Ye have sailed the seas for plunder,  
And have followed in your wake,  
And famine and grim pestilence  
With the furies all awake.  
While the heavens were hung with  
blackness,  
And darkness for your sake.

Ye have mustered mighty armies,  
And have stormed the city's gate,  
Ye have dared God's blasting thunders  
With your hymns of cursed hate,  
And have whined earth's weaker kind,  
'Neath the iron blows of fate.

As the Lord Jehovah liveth,  
Though ye offer sacrifice,  
Though ye vow upon mine altars,  
All ye are liars, ye lie,  
For the precious souls ye slaughtered  
These were priceless in Mine eyes.

Yet a better day is dawning,  
When the glittering spear and sword  
Shall be beaten into the sheath,  
For the harvest of the Lord,  
When the kingdom of the Godlike  
Shall encompass all the world.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Ted does not like to go to Sunday school, but his father makes him attend regularly. And usually Ted is very obedient, but he is one of the variety noted for long talks, and this does not add to the interest for Ted.

The lesson was a missionary one. The teacher ended her talk with: "Now, we must all send all the money we can to Africa to convert those heathen. The way they are now they actually eat their Sunday school teachers."

The good-looking boy spoke up. "I wish I had a lot of money so I could send it to the heathen," he longed. The teacher looked expectantly at the others. They also should feel as anxious, but if they did none of them expressed it. She decided to encourage them. She looked smilingly at Ted. "And what do you wish, little boy?" she asked.

It was now past closing time, and Ted knew he would miss meeting the other boys to go to the township. Savagely he made answer: "I just wish I was a heathen!"—Indianapolis News.

Where He Would Begin.  
"I have made up my mind that I would like to devote the remainder of my life to serving my fellow men," said the man of wealth.

"Fine idea," said one of his friends. "I presume you will now start out to help the poor and devote yourself to charitable service?"

"No, that isn't my thought exactly. I had an idea I should like to start my public life in the Dominion Senate."

Some Yarn Spinner.  
"Have you heard Spinem's latest fishing yarn?"  
"No, I haven't," said Mr. Gumm.  
"I don't want to hear it."  
"Why not?"  
"Because Spinem hasn't even speaking acquaintance with the truth. He couldn't describe a smallpox epidemic without making you think it was something you'd hate to miss!"

Got What He Wanted.  
"You are working too hard," said a policeman to a man who was drilling a hole in a safe at 2 o'clock in the morning.

"What do you mean?" asked the burglar in a disconnected tone.  
"I mean you need arrest," answered the policeman.

## LOCAL NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S HALL.  
"Coming of Geraldine," Monday evening, Dec. 6. 12-5.

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NOTICE.  
There will be a meeting of cotton mill workers, organized and unforganized, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at No. 12 Coburg street. Come and hear the story of the economic conditions of the textile workers here and elsewhere, by a man of international repute. Special seats will be reserved for the ladies. 1654-12-6.

GARRISON SOCIETY.  
Mess meeting Monday, Dec. 5, 8 p. m. sharp. Business of importance. G. H. MacDonald, Sect.-Treasurer. 1641-12-6.

DANCING.  
A few vacancies in Monday and Thursday evening classes for adults.—Telephone Mrs. Marie Furlong Coleman, Main 743. 12-3.

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Lovers of good music should not fail to hear this great baritone singer in Centenary Hall, Thursday evening, December 8. Admission 50 cents. 12-3.

Let us have your sitting for your Christmas photos now. The Reid Studio, corner Charlotte and King streets. 12-3.

TRINITY CHURCH.  
"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me," will be the subject of the pastor's sermon in Trinity on Sunday evening, and the "Magnificat" will be his subject in the morning. 12-5.

GENERAL LABOR MEETING.  
A general meeting of labor, both organized and unorganized will be held in the Trades and Labor hall, Prince William street, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Business of importance. 12-5.

CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA.  
Turkey supper and whirlwind wind-up at the Cathedral High Tea tonight. Three door prizes. Mysterious canals, lady and gentleman. Big auction at 10:15 p. m. Knock down prices. 12-5.

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Buy your Waterman's Fountain Pens for Christmas gifts at Mahony's, Deck street. 1680-12-5.

SPECIAL MEETING.  
I. B. R. and S. C. Lodge No. 1237, a special meeting will be held at "Long-shoremen's Hall," Water street, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4, at 2:30 p. m. to discuss schedule negotiations. By order Business Agent. 12-3.

TWO CONSERVATIVE MEETINGS IN CITY.  
The meeting last evening in the Palace Theatre, north end, in the interests of the local candidates of the National Liberal and Conservative party was rather poorly attended and was noticeable for its lack of enthusiasm. The hall, with a seating capacity of about 800, was just half filled. Commissioner Thornton acted as chairman, and the meeting was addressed by the candidates—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Dr. Murray MacLaren—and Stanley K. Smith.

The Conservative meeting in the Opera House last night was in marked contrast to the Liberal meeting of the night before when the Opera House was all too little to accommodate the throng who wished to gain admittance and many of whom were turned away and the voluminous applause that broke in upon the speakers so frequently on that occasion. Last night the house was by no means full, nor was the enthusiasm great.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Dr. Murray MacLaren—the Conservative candidates—and E. C. Weyman were the speakers, and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., was chairman.

MYSTERY AT HAMILTON.  
Suicide, But How Was Body Soaked in Coal Oil?  
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—County police are investigating a mysterious shooting on the Ridge road, and, while satisfied so far that it was a case of suicide, they are also paying attention to the possibility of murder. Lying inside a row of poplar trees on the Giles farm, the badly charred body of Vincenzo Castiglione, a Hamilton Italian, aged thirty years, was found. In one hand was clasped a revolver with three empty chambers. Close to the remains two rings, a watch and chain and a small sum of money was found. How the body became soaked in coal oil after the shooting and how the fire started Castiglione left his boarding house in good spirits. At ten o'clock at night people in the Giles farm, where the body was found, heard the shots which ended his life.

DRUGS LITTLE CHILDREN.  
Mother, Drug Addict, Accused of Unnatural Act.  
Toronto, Dec. 3.—Three little children, baby John, aged one; Margaret, aged six, and Ernest, aged eight, are in a local hospital, suffering from the effects of narcotic drugs alleged to have been administered by their mother, who is a self-confessed drug addict. The little baby and the boy are in a critical condition, while Margaret is able to walk around.

The family live in St. Catharines, and the mother is now in a hospital there, undergoing treatment. The matter came to light when the husband appealed for help in his plight. A nurse visiting the home reported that the woman admitted giving drugs to the children. When questioned the little ones said: "Mother used to give us medicine every day."

The nurse reported that the woman had been taking a mixture of morphine and laudanum daily for some years.

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**JANITOR ARRESTED.**  
Serious Charge Against Caretaker of School.  
Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 3.—Leonard N. King, aged forty-five, janitor of Maple street public school, was allowed out on \$1,000 bail, charged with assault on schoolgirls at that school.  
One little girl is said to have been injured and is in a state of prostration. The matter was discussed with the principal of the school and the information laid.  
There is indignation among the parents of children attending the school. It is said that a party was organized to administer summary punishment, but dispersed on the assurance that the law will take its course.  
King is a married man with a family, and has been the janitor of the school for about a year.

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