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THE CAMPAIGN.

The usual predictions concerning the result of the elections are beginning to appear in the press. One reads with interest that this party will "sweep Nova Scotia," or that party will "sweep British Columbia." So many things have happened since the last federal elections that the figures of 1900 are perhaps not very useful for purposes of comparison. In that campaign the liberals gained a majority of 54, the figures being as follows:—

	Lib.	Con.
Ontario	37	55
Quebec	58	7
Nova Scotia	35	5
New Brunswick	9	5
Prince Edward Island	3	4
Manitoba	3	4
British Columbia	4	2
The Territories	4	0
Yukon	1	0
	134	80

The majority, however, was less significant than might appear from this mere statement, since the popular vote was much more evenly divided than these figures suggest. The total vote cast was 947,454, and if the independent vote were added to the conservative vote, the liberal majority the country over would have been very small. The Toronto Telegram, an independent paper, figures out the results of 1900 as follows, omitting the possible vote of the four or five constituencies where members were elected by acclamation:—

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TOO MANY FAIRS.

A very interesting discussion has arisen in Ontario in the subject of fair laws. H. B. Cowan, superintendent of agricultural societies, says a Toronto paper, states that it has been demonstrated that there are too many fair laws, and that if the present number of them are to be obtained the number must be materially reduced. Some counties have ten and twelve exhibitions, and the competition created, Mr. Cowan says, has produced a very unsatisfactory condition of things. In order to secure success in the show of the most undesirable kind are secured. These include those for men only, gambling and the like, and some of the fairs held recently have proven more of a plague spot to the district than any boon to agricultural education. The purpose of the show, pick-pockets and a very undesirable element frequent the average fair, and if the exhibitions were purely agricultural there would be fewer of these. It is suggested as a remedy that the government should limit the number of fairs to be held in any county.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

The declaration of a St. Petersburg newspaper that the war must be continued until the Japanese are driven off the continent of Asia is not likely to be fulfilled. Japan now holds a strong position in Manchuria, and is so much nearer her base of supplies that she can defend this position at much less cost than Russia can attack it. The fact that Russia has material for an immense army at home does not count for much in Manchuria. Japan has shown that at the seat of war she is superior to her antagonist both on sea and land, and her expense account is not so great as that of Russia. She has shown marvellous resource in raising funds to prosecute the war without as yet seriously affecting her financial position or crippling either

her industries or commerce. Indeed her foreign trade is said to have increased, while much of her expenditure on war account is made at home. Were Japan close to Russia, the colossal proportions of the latter would crush her enemy, but the distance is so great, and the cost of transportation so great, and the position of Japan is obviously so much more favorable than even if the war should be prolonged for years the resources of Japan would enable her to maintain a foothold in Manchuria. And if the war is greatly prolonged, so tremendous would be the drain upon the already crippled finances of Russia that the most serious complications might arise at home. The Russian army has made a poor enough showing in retreat and on the defensive. It would be a far more serious matter if the Japanese, with half a million men, strongly entrenched and on the defensive, had to be driven into the sea. Russia may as well make up her mind that her chance of absolute supremacy in the far east has passed away. There is a new world power encamped in that region, that must be recognized.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

The Christian Guardian takes a somewhat gloomy view of political conditions in the province of Ontario. It must certainly be a serious state of affairs that calls for such strong words as these from a religious journal:—"It is time for a change. That is, we think it is time for an upward movement in the political life of this province, which has now reached a stage lower than the most of us would have deemed possible at one time. The very manifest dickering between the parties brought to light last week, in which all some of the punishment of wrong-doing and the conserving of the people's rights is forgotten for almost the whole of the liberal majority of the popular vote over that of the conservatives. The liberals claim that they are as strong as ever in Quebec, and that they will make gains in other provinces. The conservatives claim that they will make gains in Quebec, without loss in other provinces. It is quite evident that changes will occur in all the provinces, one way or the other. The conservatives will make a very strong effort to gain seats in Quebec, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will carry the war into Ontario with great vigor. Results in any province are not easily foreseen. Because of the nature of the Grand Trunk Pacific and because some very active liberal leaders of 1900 have been replaced by others. The line of cleavage between the two parties, with respect to policy, is rather more marked than in 1900. The conservative side fair to be even more exciting than that of four years ago, but cautious observers are not predicting a sweep for either party."

THE WHITE PLAGUE.

The ravages of tuberculosis, and the need of more scientific methods and a wider recognition of the danger to the public arising from indifference, appears in the following statement by Dr. Hoggett of Ontario:—"I find," he says, "that the record for the last 33 years shows that 75,918 persons have died in Ontario from tuberculosis, and the total from all other infectious and contagious diseases during the same time was 66,240, or nearly 10,000 less than from consumption. During the 33 years 14,558 persons died from typhoid fever, 10,872 from scarlet fever, 21,456 from diphtheria and croup, 5,513 from whooping cough, 3,213 from measles, 1,044 from smallpox, and 14 from typhus fever."

The Toronto board of fire underwriters has called upon the city to provide a new reservoir, additional water mains, a special high pressure water system for one section of the city, and large additions to the fire fighting appliances. Toronto is now in the lowest class of fire protected cities, and insurance rates in the business district are very high.

ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST.

The St. John Evening Times, which is a week old today, is one of the brightest, most enterprising and readable dailies in Eastern Canada, and a credit to the staff, at the head of which is that very capable and popular newspaper man, A. M. Belding. The Times' news service, especially its telegraphic columns, are replete with a record of events all over Canada as well as foreign countries and its make-up is very attractive.

IT'S VERY NEWSY.

One of our brightest exchanges in the Evening Times, St. John's new paper. It claims to be independent in politics. It is very newsy and under the editorial management of Mr. Belding, formerly of the Telegraph, is sure to become popular. We understand its circulation is rapidly increasing.

IF THE CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT DECIDE THIS TIME TO PAY BACK THAT \$50,000

to the C. P. R., the money should be put away and locked up. The lack of decision concerning this question is assuming the proportions of a joke.

HUNTING IN CANAAN WOODS

That Country is Practically Swarming with the Monarchs of the Forest—A Veteran Hunter.

A resident of Harcourt, Kent Co., who was in the city yesterday, being asked by a Times' representative as to game season and how it was progressing, said that "moose abound all along the north shore in vast numbers, never before equalled in the history of the province."

"Why," said he, "it is nothing uncommon to daily see them grazing along the banks of the I. C. R., and so tame and unconcerned have they become, that frequently they simply stare at the I. C. R. trains as they pass and resume their grazing."

Continuing the visitor said that many parties of sportsmen are at present in the Canaan Woods. Recently M. Van Buskirk, proprietor of the Europa Hotel at Harcourt, and a party comprising his father, Jacob Van Buskirk, Moncton's oldest hunter, and Andrew Ferguson of Harcourt, went on a moose hunt. They had Isaac Brown, of Big Forks, as guide. Jacob Van Buskirk, at the age of 76 years, had the pleasure of killing the moose, which weighed nearly 700 lbs. and had a set of antlers fifty inches across. While out they saw nine, some of them within good shooting distance. Mr. Van Buskirk and party claim it is the best moose ground in the province. They could step out of camp any night and hear moose cracking through the woods. Last week three moose were taken out of Harcourt, coming from the Salmon River Road, one head measuring 59 inches spread, one 50 and one 47.

About the 10th of October, is set down as the best time for successful moose calling.

The active pull-bearers were eight letter carriers, who were employees of the Milwaukee office when Mr. Payne was postmaster here. The honorary pull-bearers included Secretaries Paul Morton, Victor H. Metcalf and James Wilson, Senators Spooner and Quarles, Judge James R. Jenkins, Elmer Dover, Harry S. New, and a score of prominent citizens of Milwaukee.

The funeral party was met at the church entrance by Bishop L. E. Nicholson, his assistants and a surpliced choir of forty voices. The full Episcopalian service for the dead was read by Bishop Nicholson. During the services the hymns "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Abide With Me," were sung by the choir. The services at the grave were private.

The schooner Sirdar, of River John, is loading at Annapolis, for Havana.

The west India steamer Orinoco, sailed from Barbados, for Halifax, on the 4th inst.

Donaldson line steamer Indral is now at Greenwood.

Backed by the steamer Orinoco, sailed from Barbados, for Halifax, on the 4th inst.

The P. and B. liner Dahome, arrived at Bermuda last Friday afternoon.

It is rumored in shipping circles that the steamer Prince Arthur, which gave such excellent service, on the New York route, during the past season, has been chartered by the Munson line for the winter, to run in a southern service.

The Eastern Steamship Company steamer, Calvin Austin, arrived Saturday night, from Boston, looking very best. The steamer has been very highly praised from stern to stern. During the week she was laid up, she received a general overhauling. Sydney news.—The steamer Havana arrived in Louisville yesterday (Wednesday), and has on board 10 horses besides other supplies for passengers. The 28 horses already employed by the company are not sufficient to do all the hauling. The mill is situated on the Grand River and about 500 miles from the Strait. The steamer Viking was wrecked about 14 miles from the mill and the wrecking steamer sent to take her off the rocks was also damaged. The Havana is provided with pumps and wrecking crew to raise the wrecked ship and take her to a place where she will be repaired.

Among a party of American tourists who arrived here recently on the Calvin Austin was a man who has spent three days at the celebrated St. Regis hotel in New York.

The beauty and furnishings of the house, he said to the Times, "imply a beggar description. The Waldorf Astoria, though beautiful, is not to be compared with it. I staid there with my wife for three days, and what do you think it cost me?"

"Five hundred dollars. It's one of the best places on the American continent for the man who has money to burn."

At the present there are some 1,500 acres in England covered over with glass, which if stretched in one straight line would form a glass floorhouse a good deal longer than the length of England, and about ten feet in width. Fifty years ago the acreage covered by glass houses did not exceed much more than 200. From the 1,500 acres of glass houses are produced annually about 6,000 tons of tomatoes, 2,000 tons of peaches, and 1,500 tons of grapes.—London Times.

Yet shall the eye of gentian look through fringed lids to heaven. And the pale aster in the brook Shall see its image given. The woods shall wear their robes of praise. And sweet, calm days in golden haze, Meet dawn the amber sky. John Greenleaf Whittier.

HE MAY HAVE BEEN A BANK CASHIER. "Did you notice that man who just went past in the automobile? 'Not particularly. What about him? 'That was Archibald Macgregor, the postman. 'Did he inherit money or marry a rich girl? 'Chicago Record Herald.

"ALL I WANT IS MY CHICKEN."

Truro Poultry Coops Visited by Gentlemen Who Have a Fondness For Wishbones.

Truro, Oct. 10. — (Special).—A wholesale robbery of chicken coops has been made throughout sections of this town. Among the heaviest losers were E. J. Cusack, and Roland Doane, the former missing twenty fat fowl. Tracks in frost and soft ground indicate that the thieves drove around the town with a wagon stopped boldly at front gates and went to the hen coop in the rear houses. There were probably 100 chickens stolen. Since these robberies were reported it has come to light that similar raids were made last week in the country sections surrounding the town. There is no clue to the offenders.

IN THE CHURCHES.

The 118th anniversary of Queen Square Methodist church was observed yesterday, and was marked by special services. Rev. W. W. Brewer presided in the morning and evening, and after the evening service the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed. It may be interesting to recall that Queen Square Methodist church was one of the earliest formed in 1791. A social meeting of the congregation will be held at the church this evening. Rev. Mr. Brewer and others will speak.

Rally day was observed in Canterbury and Exmouth street churches, yesterday, and the scholars and parents turned out in large numbers.

Last evening a large congregation assembled in the Coburg street Christian church to hear J. F. Floyd, preach on, "What must I do to be saved." The revival services will be held every evening this week.

Rev. A. A. Graham of Petrolia, Ont., preached in the Congregational church yesterday.

Rev. R. G. Stratton occupied the pulpit of St. Stephen's church yesterday, at both services.

Yesterday was festival Sunday, at St. Paul's church. Large congregations attended both morning and evening services. Rev. A. G. H. Dickerson preached on both occasions.

Dr. W. C. Pearce, arrived in the city Saturday night. He is staying at the Clifton House. Yesterday afternoon he addressed a meeting in Main Street Baptist church. He described his trip to the Holy Land in the evening Mr. Pearce spoke in Centenary church upon the training of divines.

If St. John had a few more competent teachers, no better Sunday school could be found in the world. Mr. Pearce leaves this evening for Woodstock, where he will attend the Sunday school convention.

Rev. John de Soyres, gave an address last evening at the meeting of the Episcopal convention now being held in Boston, which he attended last week. He gave an interesting account of the games and incidents at the opening service, in Trinity church, and the reception of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the convention. He believed that much historical significance, might be attached to the archbishop's visit. He considered it the outward sign of an inward pacification, which will bear much fruit to both nations.

Students from Egypt. Six young Egyptians arrived in Co. last week, and were under the medical department of the state university. They are all from Beirut, Syria. Their coming to Missouri is the result of advertising done at his own expense by an Egyptian who attended the university last year.—Kansas City Journal.

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