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THE CONVENTION.

There is not in all St. John a man more worthily esteemed than Mr. James Pender, the new member of the liberal ticket chosen last evening, nor is there one who, because of business ability, sound common sense and agreeable energy is more capable of representing in parliament the interests of a constituency such as this. Mr. Pender has lived in St. John for practically all his life. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, nor had he any pull, but during the past thirty years he has by his own unaided efforts created one of the most progressive and successful industrial concerns in Canada today. His time has been devoted to his business and to his home. He is not and never has been one to whom outside amusements have been appealed. His attention has been centred on his work and his recreation found by his friends. The result has been that by this close application, and by study along the lines most useful to him he has acquired a knowledge of tariff matters particularly, and political economy in general, which makes his opinion one of much weight. He has now reached such a position that some of his time can be spared for the benefit of those among whom he has lived, and he makes his entry into politics not as one who begins at the lowest rung of the ladder and works upwards, but as a man of recognized ability, whose qualifications enable him to the highest honor politically in the gift of a party. Mr. Pender is a strong man commercially, intellectually and physically. His constitution is well fitted to stand the strain of a political campaign, his record here is entirely correct, and he enters the arena with a clear conscience, untroubled by party prejudice, and in every way worthy of the highest esteem.

It was, of course, a foregone conclusion that Hon. Dr. Pursey would be the choice of the convention for the city and county. His record of achievement since his entry into the federal cabinet has been one in which St. John may feel through gratification. And his speech last night was a simple outline of what he hopes to perform in the future. The combination of Pursey and Pender is the strongest possible ticket in St. John today, and if anything more than Dr. Macrae's nomination had been needed to destroy all chances of conservative success, the action of the liberal convention furnished it.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

After a delay of over eight months the annual report of the St. John Water and Sewerage Department has been completed and printed for distribution. The information which it contains, although now rather old, is still interesting.

During the year of 1907, \$197,585.24 was spent on the water works. Of this amount the chief items were:-Interest and Sinking Fund \$101,683; Construction of New Mains, \$48,210; Labor, \$27,330; Material \$27,323.

One of the most interesting parts of the report is that dealing with the Lake Umbagog extension. During the year the sum of \$26,425 was expended on this department including \$14,811 paid to contractors; \$6,178 for extra work done by city, and \$5,435 for the Recorder's expense, land purchased and crops damaged.

With the work still in an unfinished state and with much additional expense yet to come the total cost of the extension amounted at the end of the year to \$442,253. This is about three times the amount of the original estimate and is getting dangerously near to the half million mark, although when the work was commenced those who prophesied that the undertaking would cost half a million dollars were regarded as rank pessimists.

A part of the report which does not arouse the happiest of recollections is the detailed account of the various breakings which occurred during the year. Owing largely to the breakage and leakage the cost of water maintenance was \$26,224, which is \$11,000 greater than the previous year.

Over a mile of new mains were laid during the year. With the exception of a single instance the cost of every main laid largely exceeded the estimate; in one case the cost was more than double the estimate. This was chiefly due to the increase in pay demanded by the laborers.

In order to ascertain the actual amount of water used in an average household a meter was placed in Director Murdoch's house. At the end of the year it was found that the actual consumption had amounted to only 12.5 gallons per individual per day. The amount generally estimated for a city's supply is twenty gallons per day per person for all purposes. The total

estimated consumption for the year averaged over fifty-three per person daily, including mill supply, etc.

The cost of water to large consumers is based on consumption and to ascertain the amount of this one hundred and ninety-five meters are in use.

The distribution system includes 111 miles of main and service pipes; 411 fire plugs; 40 free hydrants and 12 public fountains.

The report also deals extensively with the sewerage system. During the year 1907 construction of new sewers cost \$5,433; maintenance, \$15,644; interest, \$11,662, and proportion of salary, \$184. Included in the item of maintenance are many improvements to the service which will be of permanent value.

Almost one third of the system is composed of old wooden sewers, one section of which is mentioned as being still in use although probably a hundred years old. There are altogether about forty miles of sewer mains in the city.

These figures will give some idea of the magnitude of the enterprise which is controlled by the city in the Water and Sewerage Department.

USELESS NOISE.

Perhaps it has never occurred to you that among other useless noises is that which you make telling what you did on your vacation.

SUMMER DREAMS.

I dreamed I was a butterfly, On light breezes flying high, A tiny jewel on azure sky, To spend on joy a term.

On fragrant honey blooms to sup, To fill of pleasure a sweet cup, When all at once I did wake up, To find myself a worm.

DIDN'T HURT HER MUCH.

An English country parson was one day going his usual round visiting when he was stopped by one of his congregation, an old farm hand, who said, "An' hoo be yer darter this mornin'?" "My daughter?" exclaimed the parson, rather surprised, "oh, she is quite well, thank you."

"What?" cried the rustic, "quite well?" "Why, heard she had a cycle accident yesterday, an' busted her inner tubin'!"

WEATHER.

Some people talk as if hot weather in summer is nothing less than a blooming outrage, which the government ought to put a stop to.

THEY RISE TO FALL.

The almskip from the earth withdrew And hovered overhead; And then the west wind lightly blew And slammed it 'gainst a shed.

AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

Joseph Selman's Stock Company Present Northern Lights, at Opera House

The Selman Stock Company, headed by Joseph Selman, at the Opera House last night presented the stirring melodrama "Northern Lights." It was an excellent production in every way and the company is one of the best in the city.

"Northern Lights" is well calculated to exhibit the capability of each member of the company. It abounds in strong emotional situations and effective climaxes although without any pretensions to an involved plot. The scenes of the play is laid in the State of Montana, and the story deals with one of the Indian campaigns. The central figure is John Swiftwind, an erstwhile Indian chief, who having renounced his own race, studies medicine and is assistant to Chief Surgeon Sherwood, who is possessed by a desire for the acquisition of fresh light and knowledge in the science of bacteriology. This has led him to consider the saving of human life as of secondary consideration and finally leads him to inject cholera germs into his own wife's flesh in place of morphine which it has been her habit to take.

So disgusted does John Swiftwind gradually become at the various practices that are allowed to flourish under the name of civilization that he returns to his own people.

Mr. Selman as Wallace Gray also gave a good performance while Robert Tolson was seen to advantage as Dan Norton.

Miss DuBois made the very most of the part of Florence Sherwood, earnest and pathetic reading was not overdone.

Miss French was excellent as Helen Dare, Sidney's Sherwood's former lover. Miss Lee won all hearts as the Little Major and Frank Smith made a most imposing figure on the stage and looked every inch the grim old cavalry leader.

Mr. Daly is very versatile and as Lieutenant Sherwood made a delicious love to Dorothy Dunbar. He also was heard to advantage in songs. Henry Wilson was ever welcome in the comedy parts and makes himself very popular with the audience by his intelligent and delightful humor. He was also clever in specialties in which other members took part. The Starlight of Miss Eastcourt should deserve special mention. She made a fine impression by her charming manner.

The clear articulation was a welcome feature of the evening. Northern Lights repeated tonight.

THE ADVANCE OF JOURNALISM IN CHINA

Seven years ago a leading English authority declared that China had no newspapers except those started and controlled by foreigners. Today there are over two hundred native journals. Peking boasts a very prosperous daily, started, edited, and managed by women and for women. A printing press is now on its way to Lhasa. The government affords every facility for the distribution of periodicals, and collects subscriptions through the post for certain favored sheets. The viceroys, the rulers of the provinces, are encouraging and feeding the new-born national appetite for news.

The Viceroy of Manchuria has opened a hall in the main street of Mukden, and has engaged a literary man, whose sole business is to read the newspapers and expound them to all who will listen. Walking through the back streets of Peking you will come every now and then upon a man chanting aloud to the assembled crowds. He is not a priest, but a newsmen reading the day's papers to those who cannot afford to buy them or who do not know how to read.

The Chinese newspaper usually takes one of two forms. It is either printed on one side only on very thin paper—like the India paper editions of books at home—or it is printed on both sides of thicker paper. The latter is considered more up to date. One popular organ, which lies before me as I write, consists of three blank sheets, 3 ft. 6 in. long, by 2 ft. wide. Each sheet contains eight pages of closely set Chinese idiographic. There is a good supply of foreign telegrams. Reuters' service being freely used. Leaders, articles on all manner of subjects, native and foreign, and a number of minute and dainty line drawings occupy most of the space.

The advertisements speak even more eloquently than the text of the change that has come over China. Yesterday John Chinaman believed that the world was flat. Today globes, showing the latest discoveries in geography are prominently offered for sale in nearly every paper. European dress, musical instruments, and dummy arms for schoolboys are given well-displayed notices, and you are shown sketches of the young Chinaman minus his pigtail and dressed in Western garments.

CHINA IS AWAKE.

Several British manufacturers advertise their wares, and the British and American medicine venders send specially active. A well-known emulsion of cod-liver oil rivals the display of a London-made solution of malt. Insurance companies, rubber, waterworks, American watches, and American dental machinery all declare their merits. These appear, be it noted, in a paper printed solely in Chinese and managed altogether by Chinamen.

Other journals, while giving the bulk of the matter in Chinese, have columns printed in English. The English tongue is becoming more and more the "lingua franca" of the Far East. If you read the English columns you will see that, apart from cable news, their main matter consists of exhortations to the people to reform. Here is an article denouncing the binding of the feet of women, and praising up a young wife who committed suicide rather than submit to the practice. Another article demands the reasons why full representative government has been delayed; a third urges the people to send their children to school. An English editor wrote to a friend of mine a few weeks ago asking him to mine a few lines to dwell on the fact that China has been wide awake these three years past. These journals bear out the statement.

FOR PROMOTION OF REVOLT.

Let me not convey the impression, however, that the contents of the papers are wholly good. A great deal of crude stuff is to be found in many of them. Young men who had obtained a superficial education in Tokio return home and attempt to make the press a promoter of revolt. Some Japanese have obtained power on the native press, and they use it in a way that may well cause alarm. Racial wars are freely preached.

I have no wish to dwell on this point, but one cannot forget the harm that has been done by the mis-statements over a recent massacre, and by the publication of the "Chinese slavery" cartoons in the Japanese-controlled Press around Shanghai. Probably the

political seahorses who drew these lying and calumnious political slanders on the countrymen little imagined that they would be thus used to fan the flame of anti-foreign hate in China.

JOURNALISM INVESTIGATED.

Most Chinese are entirely friendly to Great Britain, and this friendliness is, I believe, on the increase. But it is not universal. The anti-foreign spirit still lingers in some quarters, and may still display itself in dreadful forms. A few weeks ago at an examination in Peking, the pupils were asked "what was their greatest desire. Forty of them replied, 'To have the blood of every foreigner here drained before we die!'

Last year the excesses of the native Press led the Chinese Government to take action. A distinguished official (high commissioner) was sent to England to study journalism, and a former Minister to Russia was called upon to advise. The newspapers formulated a series of demands, and were supported by Prince Tuan, who is in favor of the right of the Press to report official proceedings, lower postal and telegraphic rates, freedom to report official proceedings, and the right to trial before suppression.

The new regulations, which were put into force last May, ignored these demands and established a rigid control. The regulations concern only the journalists, the number of words used in the number of words used in the original articles, a fee at half the ordinary advertisement rate may be charged.

The provisions against the publication of secret State intelligence are drastic. Those who print matter against the Throne, disturbing to the peace of the public, or tending to the degradation of the Customs are liable to imprisonment for not less than six months or more than two years. Temporary suspension is to be the fate of the papers that publish secret diplomatic intelligence.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

These regulations are not intended to be a dead letter. One well-known newspaper over on Tientsin-kai-sing (known to Europeans as Mr. K. S. Thompson), was recently sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for on one article from a revolutionary organ. It is said that another was flogged to death last year.

The Chinese Government has for some time contemplated starting organs of its own, or obtaining such control over some foreign papers as will ensure its side being fully heard in case of international disputes. Here it is to be hoped that it will pause before committing itself. The officially subsidized paper is soon found out and is useless when discovered. The best way to obtain full publicity for the official side of the case is not by crude bribery, but by giving full facilities to a responsible Press.

Chinese journalism is only at its beginning, but this beginning is the most wonderful the world has ever seen. The Press shares with the telegraph and the railway place among the three great forces that are transforming China.

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Dr. Albert W. Ferris, president of the commission, returned today from a long European trip and announced the position the commission would take regarding the order of Referee Blair of Pittsburgh, that Thaw shall be taken to Pennsylvania to be examined in the bankruptcy proceedings instituted in his behalf.

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St. John Exhibition

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LONG SLEEVES, SHORT GLOVES AND CORSET STRINGS TEN YDS. LONG

Strong Features of This Season's Styles, According to the President of the Dressmakers' Association Now Meeting in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Corset strings ten yards long are the latest fashion, and the two features of this season's styles that are actually established, according to Miss Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the Dressmakers' Protective Association, who talked on the new fashions to three hundred dressmakers from all parts of the country at the opening session of the association's convention Monday afternoon.

Miss White exhibited something like forty Paris gowns, all different, and when any one asked her which was the latest style her invariable reply was: "They all are. There never was a season when the styles were so unswayed and changeable. In fact, a well dressed woman can wear anything this year except a sheath gown."

"The sheath gown is not stylish," she added. "It cannot become popular. It was not originated by any of the important houses in Paris and has never been worn by persons of refinement. There are many variations of the Diorette costume in vogue, but the tight fitting skirt, especially the form slit up the side, is not at all correct."

Only one characteristic prevails in all this season's styles. That is the extremely long sleeve, covering the hand. The short glove is the thing of course. As to the new corsets—well, they are adapted to making the figure resemble a telegraph pole as nearly as possible. For that purpose they are extremely long, and it takes ten yards

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