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## CARLETON COUNTY.

There can be only one result in the Carleton-Victoria by-election contest. Colonel Melville, who was nominated at the Unionist convention on Thursday evening and has announced himself as an independent Conservative, will lead the poll by a very large majority. Dissension in the ranks of the Liberal party destroys whatever hope of success that party might otherwise have entertained, and while it is evident that the Farmers' organization has been putting forth every effort, it is unable to retain the support of men of opposite political instincts. The United Farmers' Association as it exists in Carleton-Victoria is composed of seventy-five per cent. Liberals and twenty-five per cent. Conservatives. The latter, despite whatever lukewarm desire they may have for representation at Ottawa by one of their own number, will rally to the support of Colonel Melville, who is deservedly the esteem of every resident of the united counties. The Liberal element among the Farmers will split, not very seriously perhaps, but sufficiently to weaken Mr. Caldwell's chances. Mr. Copp and Mr. Tweeddale, who were successful in calling off the Liberal convention announced for Thursday afternoon at Andover, found on rising up the situation that certain defeat would follow the nomination of a straight Liberal candidate. They urged in certain districts that the support of the Liberal voters be given to Mr. Caldwell, but that suggestion received very slight encouragement from those whom they met. Indeed from some quarters, especially among business men, the complaint was put forward by Liberals that the farmers in Carleton County are getting both ends and the middle and that rather than encourage the Farmers' organization by supporting Mr. Caldwell these Liberals would cast their ballots for Mrs. Adey. Thus even the cracking of the whip over the heads of those who desire the nomination of a straight Liberal on the ticket has failed to force them into line as Mr. Copp desired and has left a party divided against itself, a condition rendering hopeless the cases of both Mr. Caldwell and Mrs. Adey.

Colonel Melville is about fifty years of age and has been a life-long resident of Carleton County. He is a farmer residing at East Finlayville and previous to the war was engaged in business in addition to his agricultural pursuits. A very few days after the declaration of the war he obtained permission to organize the First Canadian Engineers. This corps was largely recruited in his own county and went overseas soon after organization. Colonel Melville had been an active militia man for years, a student of military affairs, and in consequence of the knowledge and ability which he possessed, won speedy recognition in France. After two and a half years of service on the firing line, during which time he held several very responsible posts he was returned to Canada and placed in charge of the Engineers' Training School at St. John's, Quebec. There he remained until relieved of duty a couple of months ago. He is very popular, not only among returned soldiers who know of his work overseas, but among all classes of people who recognize his capacity for hard work, who appreciate his personality and who look upon him as a worthy party leader qualified to uphold their interests at Ottawa. A striking phase of the situation is that Victoria County, which has been regarded as strongly Liberal in its sentiments, has apparently turned completely around and will accord to Colonel Melville as a Conservative candidate most enthusiastic support.

## SAVING LABOR.

The Literary Digest for this week has been printed from plates made by photo engravers direct from typewritten manuscripts. Necessity, created by the printers' strike, compelled the adoption of this method, but in view of the success which the Digest has met with this issue, scores of publishers all over the country are taking steps to investigate the feasibility of the plan for general service. What the Digest has done, other magazines can do, and while the cost of engraving runs up very rapidly, it is indicated that the saving which can be effected by this method, over machine composition, promises to reduce very greatly the cost of magazine publication. There is just a possibility that the ill-advised action of New York printers who quit work through no cause whatever and contrary to the orders of their International and Local Unions, may eventually lead to the elimination of a great part of the type-setting formerly considered necessary in any important printing office.

Despite the very great development which the last century has witnessed in the printing business, this industry is still complicated and cumbersome. Machinery has been brought to a

really marvelous stage of efficiency, production has been doubled many times, and in view of these and other advances it is surprising that no reduction has been effected in the number of processes through which an article must pass before it reaches the reader. The first printers spelled out their thoughts with their individual type and printed directly from that type. Today the writer prepares a manuscript which is copied by the operator of a type-setting machine. The product of this machine is used merely as a pattern from which an impression is taken and from that impression a plate is cast for use in the printing press. Processes have been multiplied to increase production, but they have involved added expenditures, until the operating costs of a printing plant today are out of all proportion to the real value of the work done.

Possibly the Literary Digest's experiment of bridging at one jump the gap between the typewritten manuscript and the engraved plates may ultimately result in simplifying methods to such an extent that much of the ordinary printing house equipment can go to the junk heap.

## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

High School boys who are endeavoring to keep alive interest in the game of football are working under great difficulties. There are no grounds in the city to which an admission fee may be charged, and indeed the only playing field available is the Shamrock Grounds, which after a light rainfall, is covered with water. Under the conditions now prevailing the boys are themselves compelled to shoulder the financial burden in addition to providing the sport, and now the High School Athletic Club treasury possess about thirty dollars. This appears to be all the money in sight for carrying on the game during the autumn and early winter. The boys are thus required to provide from their own resources not only the necessary equipment for play and for marking the grounds, but their expenses on trips to Fredericton and Rothesay. In other seasons an excellent field to which admission might be charged was available and the comparatively small amount thus collected helped to meet expenses. But this year the funds must come out of the pockets of the lads who play. This is always the case, but the expenditure of approximately one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the season's play, each boy on the team must pay about five dollars in cash besides providing himself with a uniform.

The High School Athletic Club provides recreation during the year for fully one hundred boys, and it has been suggested that in view of this what might be taken as a deeper interest in the organization. The Alumnae responded very generously to the call for funds for a memorial scholarship, and a similar endowment would give the Club an annual income sufficient to relieve of the burden those boys who should not be asked to play and pay as well. Financial assistance from outside would encourage these lads in their efforts to keep amateur sport alive, relieve them of the difficulties and discouragements they now meet, and yet maintain the athletic standard of the St. John High School on an equality with its academic record.

## THE OPPOSITION CONVENTION.

The Committee in charge of arrangements for the opposition convention to be held in St. John on November sixth, urges upon electors of all parishes and wards the advisability of extending the most generous consideration to women voters and of according them fair representation at this convention. For the first time in New Brunswick politics women voters will play an important part. Recognizing the value which their opinions will undoubtedly have in shaping the affairs of the party, opposition leaders have revised the qualifications of representation. These changes provide that each ward and parish shall elect three delegates, and the committee strongly advises, though does not actually specify, that at least one of the three shall be a woman.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**Law Unto Themselves.**  
Montgomery Advertiser—Captain d'Ammon and General von der Goltz seem to be a law unto themselves.

**Don't Jibe.**  
Nashville Banner—The price of hogs has dropped from \$27 a hundred pounds to \$15, but you needn't look for a reduction on the restaurant price cards.

**Chance for Pans.**  
Tampa Tribune—If the capital of the League of Nations is really moved to Belgium there is really many puns about calling resistant members upon the Brussels.

**Barbarians Admitted.**  
Washington Star—We admit the barbarians to our gates. We are not

afraid. We shall continue to do so, because we consider it a good deed, if a nuisance. But the provoking, crank, the murderous fanatic, is another matter.

**A Cheerful Detail.**  
(N. Y. Herald.)  
A naval battle off the city of Riga is one of the incidents that tend to enliven these piping days of peace.

**Her Day, Too!**  
(N. Y. Herald.)  
Spain took a prominent part in honoring Columbus this year. Why should she not, seeing that she paid the freight?

**Got Caught.**  
Louisville Courier-Journal—Last spring the editor of the Nation, after making a tour of Germany, rounded up at Paris and carried his paper that he had a new police report from Europe so fast, on their way to America, that he was frantic to get a boat home ahead of them. But they seem to have caught him before he got his boat.

**A Farmer's Legislature.**  
Toronto Farmer's Sun—No matter how the election goes, it looks as if a majority of the members of the new legislature will be farmers. This is the first time in a generation for this to occur, and it would not occur now but for the activity of the U. F. O. and its influence on party organizations.

**When Parties Stagnate.**  
(Grain Growers' Guide.)  
Nothing can be more manifest to every thoughtful discerning Canadian man and woman than the fact that the system of the two "grand old parties" is played out as a means of carrying on the public business. Canada will have to learn to know why the commissioners did not attack the makers of boots and clothing. This is what the board is now doing, and we shall soon learn that they are prosecuting the innocent and sparing the oppressive hardware dealers. It is plain that this board must either be criticized for doing nothing or for anything it may do. In that case the commissioners may as well keep right on.

**Always Wrong.**  
Vancouver Daily Province—When the House of Commons took up the investigation of the milk and after prices there was protest from the interests concerned. An Ontario farm paper wanted to know why the commissioners did not attack the makers of boots and clothing. This is what the board is now doing, and we shall soon learn that they are prosecuting the innocent and sparing the oppressive hardware dealers. It is plain that this board must either be criticized for doing nothing or for anything it may do. In that case the commissioners may as well keep right on.

**A New Significance.**  
(New York Tribune.)  
It is not wise to blindfold one's self to the fact that a man is threatened with a peril it never before confronted. The present industrial troubles carry a new and sinister significance. That such a man as William Z. Foster is able to command a considerable following has a meaning all can understand. It is a sign that the American Federation of Labor from the inside.

## THE EDITOR'S MAIL

**THE ST. STEPHEN ROAD.**  
To the Editor of The Standard:  
Some weeks ago there was published in your paper an article telling what and how the road of the so-called trunk road between St. John and St. Stephen. I have heard several people refer to these remarks as exaggerated, intimating that the existence of the road was more for political effect than actual fact, and suggesting that the road is not nearly as bad as had been published. Since that article was published, Mr. C. J. Steeves, and party, of Penobscia, made a trip over the St. Stephen road, if it is fair to call it a road. Mr. Steeves informs me that this letter that the only trouble with the article in The Standard was that it did not tell the truth. He feels that it would be quite impossible for a man possessing only an ordinary command of the English language to fully express himself as to the state of the road. He says that the road, lying between St. John and St. Stephen. Having once gone over this example of Mr. Venio's activity, Mr. Steeves would not under any consideration return by the same road, but drove seventy-five miles out of his way to avoid coming over the St. Stephen highway. Between Penobscia and St. George Mr. Steeves may find one small stretch of road in good shape and was informed that hundreds of dollars had been spent on that stretch. But on the same trip a good Liberal of Charlotte County told him that he had practically destroyed a new set of tires on one trip over that road.

Until about twelve years ago Mr. Steeves was a resident of Charlotte County and recalls that the roads there had been in the shape of driving are now being abandoned by auto drivers who plan to enjoy any pleasure whatever in their outings. Mr. Steeves adds that he has been through many sections of the Province and knows no place where nature has been so kind and has made it so easy to provide first class roads at very little expense. Natural drainage and any amount of fine material are at hand for use in modern road construction. Throughout Charlotte County there is very general condemnation of the methods of the Foster Government and Mr. Venio's department in their extravagance and bungling with respect to the main highways. And those people who so suffer are casting longing eyes toward the North Shore where, to please his own friends, Mr. Venio has let a large sum stand in the way of good roads. It is said that misery likes company and it may not be out of place for the writer to cheer the people of Charlotte County by reminding them that they are not alone in their suffering. If any resident of Charlotte County or any other county who has the roads in his part of the country are poor, will come to Kings, go to

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

My sister Gladis would rather get letters than anything, and yesterday I played a good one on her with she was reading a red book in the sitting room, saying, Hay, Gladis, did you get those 3 letters in your room?  
Was 2 letters, my goodness, we didn't sundy tell me? said Gladis.  
They did, I said.  
Who? said Gladis, and I said, Me, didn't I tell you?  
I think it perfectly terrible the way people get mail this house without anybody saying a word, how do I know they're not very important letters? said Gladis.  
Why don't you go up and find out? I said.  
Run up and get them for me, then a good boy, said Gladis.  
I'm doing something, I said. And I took a hunk of string out of my pocket and started to wind it up to prove it, and Gladis got up and started to go herself, saying, My goodness, you're obliging. Meaning I wasn't, and she went up in her room and pretty soon she called down, Benny, I don't see them, are you sure?  
Sure I'm sure, they're in your closet, I called up.  
Sure my closet, well of all the krazy redneck places to put a periscope letters, said Gladis. And she went back to look again, and pretty soon she called down, Benny, wat on earth are you talking about, there's no letters there.  
Sure there is, they're on your foot case, G. P., they're your letters, ain't they? I said. Meaning her initials standing for Gladis Potts, and she started to run down stairs again saying, Ill show you some initials when I get hold of you, my insignificant little worm.  
I held on to the hold of my me, me sliding down the banisters and running out the front door like lightning.

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Mildred—I think I'll have my beauty nap now.  
Maud—Well, take a good long sleep, dear.

**Disappearing Hair.**  
"I think the baby has your hair, ma'am," said the new nurse, looking pleasantly at her mistress.  
"Gracious," exclaimed the lady, glancing up from the novel, "Run into the nursery and take it away from her. She will ruin it!"

**Cruel.**  
"I have never heard of such a cruel and vindictive man in my life!"

**Journalist:** "Queer saying that about truth lying at the bottom of the well."  
**Lawyer:** "You wouldn't think so if you mean business, go and talk to papa."

**"Stingy's one of those careful saving fellows that he's the best."**  
**Yes.** He puts the cork in the ink bottle between dips."

**From the Chestnut Tree.**  
"What insect does the blacksmith manufacture?"  
"What?"  
"He makes the firefly."

**A Non-essential.**  
Tom—Did she return your love?  
Fred—Yes. She said she had no use for it.

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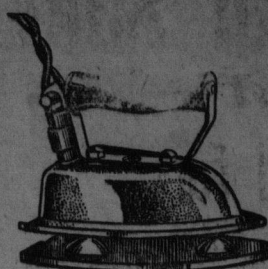
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