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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The election in the United States today, it is generally conceded, will result in a victory for Mr. Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, in consequence of the division of the Republican party between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt. An instructive review of the situation by Mr. Samuel Blythe, who is recognized as an earnest student of American political affairs, is given in the New York Post. He concludes that there are three features to the fight. The one is the certainty that Mr. Taft cannot be re-elected; the second is the probability that Mr. Wilson may be elected; and the third is the possibility that Mr. Roosevelt may carry enough States to throw the election into Congress. In addition to this he sees the possibility of a landslide for Mr. Roosevelt sufficiently strong to make him the next President of the United States.

Mr. Blythe has made a study of the situation. He has visited every State in the Union, except those of the South and he has observed from an impartial and independent standpoint the possibilities of the situation. He finds, in the first place, that Mr. Wilson is the logical successor to the Presidential chair, because all political signs point that way. His conclusion is reached from the fact that Mr. Roosevelt will hold the Democratic vote practically intact. In addition, he finds that many Republicans who dislike Mr. Roosevelt will vote for Mr. Wilson rather than for Mr. Taft. They will do this as a means of defeating him, preferring to cast a whole vote against him for Mr. Wilson rather than a half vote against him for Mr. Taft.

At the last Presidential election in November, 1908, there were 6,409,104 votes cast for Mr. Bryan and 7,678,908 votes cast for Mr. Taft, giving the Republican candidate a majority of 1,269,804 votes. The vote divided between the Socialist and Prohibition candidates was 890,430, so it will be seen that Mr. Debs and Mr. Chaffin are hardly to be considered as factors in the present election. With Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft splitting the seven and a half million Republican votes, therefore, and Mr. Wilson holding the normal six million Democratic votes, the result is easily figured out as a victory for Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson should control the electoral college by a good majority, according to the usual methods of political figuring.

It is generally conceded that the Roosevelt vote will be a large one. Just how large it will be cannot be foretold, but upon the Roosevelt vote practically rests the result of the election. Should it be sufficiently strong the matter of the selection of a President may be left to Congress. The American constitution provides that the candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be the President "if such a number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed." Therefore, if Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft divide the Republican States and capture more than half the delegates to the electoral college, Mr. Wilson cannot be declared elected. Mr. Wilson must have a clear majority in the electoral college, so that he must get two electors for every two named for Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft, with sufficient over to give him a majority.

In the event that no election results from the polling and the fight is thrown into Congress another interesting situation at once develops. Congress is Democratic by numbers in the House of Representatives and Republican in the Senate. But if the Presidential election comes to Congress for decision, the constitution provides that each State shall have one vote. There are twenty-two States which have a Republican majority and twenty-two where the majority is Democratic, with four States equally divided and consequently unable to vote, because of the impossibility of the Congressmen agreeing on a candidate. If the House of Representatives fails, and the election is thrown into the Senate where a Republican majority, badly split into factions, prevails, the possibility of the situation cannot even be forecast with any degree of accuracy.

The constitution, however, also provides the saving clause that in the event of failure to elect a President, a Vice-president shall be elected to perform the Presidential functions, and in the event of failure to elect a Vice-president the Secretary of State would become the all-important personage until such time as a new election could be arranged.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

During the past year, under the progressive policy inaugurated by Mr. Martin Burrell, the Minister of Agriculture, the Department has introduced many reforms throughout the Dominion for the advancement of this great industry. The Department is one of the most important branches of the Government, for the progress and prosperity of the Dominion depends largely upon the progress and prosperity of the farmer. It is of interest, therefore, to note some of the changes and improvements which have taken place.

It was one of the peculiarities of Mr. Fisher, the Minister under the late Government, in a paternal way, to take every stray Department under his wing. The Department was loaded up with work which had nothing to do with agriculture. Census and statistics came under the administration of the Minister; copyrights and patents, the archives, public health, and a half dozen other branches were included in his jurisdiction.

On taking office Mr. Burrell rearranged these services. The census and statistics branch was transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce, where it more properly belonged. The archives branch naturally coincided with the work of the Secretary of State, and it was transferred to that Department. Patents and copyrights will, it is understood, be transferred this session to the Department of State, and the public health branch will also probably be taken from the Department of Agriculture. These are services with which agriculture is in no way concerned.

To formulate a general policy for the betterment of agricultural conditions in Canada was the first important question to be decided by the Government and to that end Mr. Burrell secured the services of Dr. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for years in Ontario, as Commissioner to make a thorough investigation and submit recommendations and suggestions. Mr. James has been devoting his time to this enquiry, and his report will be presented to the House this session. In the meantime by the vote passed last session the sum of \$500,000 was granted to the Provincial Governments to give immediate assistance to agriculture. The grant was made on the

basis of population. New Brunswick's proportion amounted to \$24,509.33.

During the past year the Department has devoted particular attention to experimental farms. At the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa, the work was strengthened by the addition to the staff of a field husbandman, an animal husbandman, and an agriculturist. A specialist has also been appointed to take charge of forage plant work. Some additional work will be done along the line of investigating horse breeding and the feeding of steers with a view of giving information as to the relative value of the different breeds of cattle and of feeding in profitable beef production. Small herds of Holsteins and Jerseys have also been added to the list of breeds maintained so that representatives of all the better known dairy breeds of cattle kept in Canada are now to be found at the Central Experimental Farm.

By these various additions valuable work will be done along all lines of agriculture of interest and value to the farmer generally. It was found that the work of the experimental farms had in many cases in recent years been rather neglected. Farms and property had been allowed to get out of repair and the work of the farmers has been hampered by lack of facilities. The farms were in many cases not of much value to agriculturists, and particularly to local farmers to whom they should be an inspiration. For example, it was found that there was an experimental farm at Lacombe, Alta., in the heart of the cattle country. Yet for lack of facilities, and through the small area of the farm live stock was practically neglected. Mr. Burrell has secured an additional tract of land and from now on the necessary aids will be given to live stock matters.

Buildings at the Kentville, Nova Scotia, farm are in the course of construction and much good work has been done under the superintendence of Mr. W. S. Blair, formerly professor of agriculture at Macdonald College, whose services the Department was able to obtain. It is confidently expected that the work done at this farm in fruit growing and other branches of agriculture will be of great benefit to the people, not only in the Annapolis and Cornwallis valleys, but in the other districts where fruit growing is not a specialty. The land for a new experimental farm has been acquired at Fredericton, in this Province, and the preliminary work has been outlined. This farm will particularly serve the St. John Valley and will, no doubt, do much to promote the welfare of all branches of agriculture. The necessary buildings have been constructed at the Ivermire Farm in the Kootenay district, and useful work along all lines will be carried on.

Mr. Burrell has also inaugurated a hunt for the better inspection of fruit for the domestic market. Fruit for the export trade was carefully inspected, but the domestic trade was left to the tender mercy of the dealer. A thorough reorganization of the inspectional system has taken place. As far as possible inspection at points of shipment is being carried out and attention is being given to a systematic inspection of all the fruit coming into Canadian markets from the United States. A number of additional inspectors have been appointed and a chief inspector placed in charge of the various Provinces. By this means much good educational work will be done and there will be a more thorough and systematic oversight not only of fruit entering Canadian markets, but also of that packed and marketed by the Canadian growers. The result will undoubtedly prove of great value both to growers and consumers alike. Five new chief inspectors were appointed and fifteen temporary inspectors were added to the staff for the fall rush of fruit.

Dairying has also received considerable attention. During the past few months a dairy station has been erected at Finch, Ontario. It is now being operated as a model cheese factory and creamery. It is equipped with all the latest apparatus and with facilities for investigation and experimental work. It is the first establishment of its kind in Canada. It is hoped by the erection of this station to effect some improvement in the character of the cheese factory and creamery buildings in Eastern Ontario. The contract has been let for the erection of a similar station at Brome, Quebec, which will relate more particularly to the butter-making industry. New dairy record centres have been organized during the past season at the following points: Listowel, Frankford, Kingston, Mallowtown, and Farmers' Union in Ontario; at Way's Mills and St. Prosper, Quebec, and at Kensington, P. E. I. An expert in charge at each of these centres. A supervisor of cow testing was appointed last spring for New Brunswick. The organization of these centres has given a strong impetus to the cow testing movement.

There is every indication of a revival of the sheep industry in consequence of the active steps Mr. Burrell has taken. He secured the cooperation of the Ontario and Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association with excellent results. Experts were sent to British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces, and an exhaustive report was made to the Minister which is being acted on at the present time. As a result of their recommendations sales of grade ewes and pure bred rams were held this fall.

A good year's work in all branches of agriculture is the record which stands to the credit of the Government. Mr. Burrell is not given to advertising himself, but it is evident that he has infused a new spirit into every branch of the service. He was formerly a fruit grower on a large scale in the Niagara district and later in British Columbia. It is evident that he has inculcated his own energy and enterprise into his Department.

Current Comment

British Friendship.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
"The best ships, the best seamen, the most skilled marksmen have been for more than a hundred years guarantees of American peace and safety," admits the Los Angeles Examiner, one of the Hearst journals. It is true that British friendship for the United States displayed itself at the Battle of Manila and elsewhere, but the American people ought not to be taught that we will protect them no matter what trouble they get into.

Still Unanswered.

(Calgary Herald.)
Liberal organs have never yet answered the following question: "If when wheat in Minneapolis is higher than in Winnipeg, the difference is due to lack of reciprocity, why is it that at the same time wheat is higher in Chicago than in Minneapolis, between which two cities there is full reciprocity and every opportunity for the 'wider market'?"

What Then?

(Hamilton Spectator.)
Should Constantinople be at the mercy of the Balkan allies, what then? Will a second Dardanel strait forth and say: "So far, and no farther," as in the case of the Russian bear, when it had its claws stretched forth to seize it in 1877?

The Problem.

(Boston Transcript.)
The puzzle of the morning: Where will the Turks stop, on this side of the Bosphorus or on the other? Meanwhile the United States of Macedonia are receiving congratulations from all the world, except the Powers.

Not Without Hope.

(London Free Press.)
Mr. Taft is not without hope—that he will at least run second.

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THE SACKVILLE NEWS LETTER

Daring Robbery of Store—Valuable Barn Burned—Mt. Allison Man's Shooting Record—College Social Event.

Sackville, Nov. 1.—The store of J. E. Hickey was entered on Sunday night or Monday morning, entrance being obtained by breaking one of the large panes of glass in the front window. Articles to the value of \$150 were taken, among them being four watches and several pieces of jewelry. Of the guilty party or parties there is as yet no trace.

The fire department were called out on Tuesday shortly before six by a fire on Salem street in the barn at the rear of the large double house owned by Turner Brothers. The building was a large one stored with hay and was completely destroyed. The wind being on the house it was with great difficulty that it and neighboring houses were saved. The origin of the fire is supposed to be the work of children playing with matches. The barn was valued at \$500, insured for \$100.

An interesting deal in real estate was made this week when the handsome stone residence on York street owned and occupied by Fred Ryan and family was purchased by F. B. Black, M. P. of Middle Sackville. The house was built for Professor Hammond, director of Mount Allison Art Department, and occupied by him until three years ago, when it was purchased by Mr. Ryan. Since then it has been enlarged and remodelled and is now one of the most commodious residences in the province, while the ornamental grounds render it especially attractive. Mr. Black will remove his family there at an early date, while the Ryan family will occupy their former residence on Salem St., which has been closed in recent years.

On Thanksgiving evening the curling rink was the scene of a large gathering, a large number of the curlers given by Myrtle and Rebekah Jodges, I. O. O. F. Various sports and amusements were indulged in, the curlers' band was in attendance, the supper being fully up to the standard of excellence warranted by the capable and efficient chef, and the affair was a distinct success, \$160 being realized clear of expenses.

Mrs. H. M. P. who has spent the summer in England arrived home last week.

S. S. Paisley of the Regina Leader left for the West on Tuesday after spending a short time at his home here.

Mrs. F. A. Dixon and Mrs. M. E. Humphrey, who have spent two months visiting relatives in western towns, have returned home.

John M. Barrett, of Dalhousie, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Woodworth this week.

John M. Barrett, who has been visiting western cities for some weeks accompanied by Mrs. Barrett, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever at Lander, Manitoba.

Friends of Mrs. Charles Whitcomb of Boston will hear with deep regret the news which occurred there on Thursday. Deceased was the eldest daughter of the late William Jones, of Hayfield, and was in her 64th year, and was taken ill at her old home where she spent the summer. Three weeks ago she returned to Boston, passing suddenly away to the great grief of her family and friends. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Russell, and a son, Mr. Charles, both of whom are students of science, at Oxford University, Ohio. Brothers and sisters are Weston and Adie Jones, Mrs. Jacob Allen, Bayfield and Miss Jane Jones of Sackville. The remains were brought here for burial and interred in Bayfield cemetery. Rev. B. O. Hartman conducted the funeral services.

William White Bent, father of Mrs. Thomas Patterson, Sackville, passed away at his home in Amherst this week at the age of 82 years. Mr. Bent was for many years one of the leading farmers of Cumberland county.

Timothy Lane, a respected resident of Sackville, died at his home on Wednesday at the age of 71 years. His illness extended over nearly a year, and he was a devoted husband and father, leaving a son and two daughters. The remains were taken to his former home in Melrose for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan while celebrating the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday evening were graciously hosted by the arrival of a number of their gentlemen friends who came to extend congratulations and present them with a handsome china dish.

A pleasant social event in college circles was the reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Campbell at the Ladies' College on Friday evening for the U. N. B. football team and their friends. Several musical selections were rendered during the evening, and the students attended in large numbers from the different departments of the institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, of St. John, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. M. R. Tuttle, of Hampton, and children, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. P. E. Wheaton announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Kathleen, to Elias S. Brownell, both of Sackville. The marriage will take place this month.

Mrs. T. F. Davies and family have returned to St. John after spending some time with Mrs. Davies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

The home of Mrs. William Reed, Port Elgin, was the scene of a quiet, but pretty wedding on Wednesday, when her daughter, Mary, was united in marriage to Alexander Copp, only son of the late Joseph Copp, Rev. C. F. Higgins, of Sackville, performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Mr. Blackburn of Mount Whistley. They will reside in Port Elgin.

Another wedding of interest took place on Sunday day at the home of Mrs. Harris Chapman, Port Elgin, when her daughter, Lillian, was united in marriage to Fred Ward, of the same town. The bride was given away by her brother, W. S. Chapman, Rev. J. K. Hudson tying the nuptial knot. Upwards of one hundred guests were present.

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F. Withrow, of Windsor, N. S., now a student at Mount Allison, and a member of Kings Canadian Hussars, has received a tangible expression of appreciation in winning the grand aggregate in the shooting at Bedford, N. S., in the receipt on Tuesday of a cheque for \$25.
Charles Maidment left on Thursday for England, his former home, having received word that he was left heir to a considerable fortune by the recent death of an aunt.

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