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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1911.

THE ST. JOHN VACANCY.

Today is Nomination Day to fill the vacancy in the representation for St. John City and County in the Dominion House of Commons caused by the resignation of Dr. Daniel. The candidate of the Conservative party is Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. It will be greatly to the advantage of St. John and the Province of New Brunswick generally to have Mr. Hazen sitting as the representative of this city and county. Mr. Hazen is a parliamentarian of wide experience both in the Dominion and Local Houses. From 1891 to 1896 he sat in the Dominion Parliament as the representative of St. John City and County, and while acting in such capacity did excellent service for the constituency.

As a member of the Cabinet he occupies a position of great influence and will be able to advise with his colleagues on many questions of deep interest to St. John. There is no question of so much importance to the Dominion at large as that of transportation, and no community in the whole of Canada is more concerned in this question than this city, which is not only the Atlantic terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway but also the only practical port for the handling of export freight by the Intercolonial system. Besides, it should not be long before the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railways will be bringing Western products to tide water for export.

The Laurier Government undertook to provide increased terminal facilities for the Canadian Pacific and the prospective coming of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Just in what position the old Government left these important projects has not yet been ascertained, but it is known that further legislation will be necessary before it is possible to go forward with the great schemes that were dangled before the eyes of the electors prior to September 21st. That the Borden Government will maintain its pledge to nationalize the principal harbors of the country is beyond question. Just how the scheme is to be worked out is not known, but from a practical standpoint it is highly necessary that St. John should have a voice in the arrangement of the details of any scheme of this nature that may be brought forward.

Mr. Hazen is thoroughly conversant with the requirements of this port. He knows what the city has done, the assistance the Dominion Government has rendered, and the results which have followed. It was largely through his influence that the original subsidy was obtained in 1895 for the Beaver line to test the possibilities of St. John as the winter port of Canada. Had this subsidy not been granted there would have been no winter port without some kind of guarantee from the Government. With Mr. Hazen representing St. John City and County the constituency will have a strong advocate in the Dominion Government, one in every way capable of placing the requirements of the port before his colleagues.

The executive of the Liberal party are to be congratulated on the stand taken not to oppose Mr. Hazen's election, but to allow him to take his seat without opposition on their part, as the Conservatives allowed Mr. Pausley to be elected by acclamation in 1907. This is a wise and patriotic policy, as it places Mr. Hazen in the position of the representative of the whole people. All of Mr. Hazen's interests are located in St. John and what affects the community affects him also. He has proved himself a worthy citizen of St. John on many occasions. He has been one of the principal contributors to Rockwood Park, to which he has also devoted much of his time and energy in the past few years as President of the Horticultural Association, under which the park has been developed. He has also been a prominent figure in every forward movement to aid in the material progress of the city.

As Premier of the Province Mr. Hazen has proved his administrative ability and conducted its affairs in a manner that has won for him the highest eulogiums of praise from all classes of the community. There is every reason therefore, to believe that he will add further to his reputation in the greatly enlarged field now opening to him.

FRUIT GROWING IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Preparations for the opening of the Fruit Show on Monday evening next are well advanced. This exhibition which is under the management of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association, will be a great improvement on that which the Association held last year. Although only a year has elapsed since the first attempt at an exhibition of the fruit grown in this Province, there has been marked improvement. When the Government of New Brunswick took up the question of the development of horticulture, it was with the belief that the soil and climate of many localities in the Province were thoroughly adapted to apple growing and to the successful cultivation of other fruit, all of which had been too long neglected.

The successful orchards in the Province were widely distributed and no effort had hitherto been made to concentrate the industry so as to render it profitable to those engaged therein. Horticulture as an industry is more successful when concentrated within certain areas, the larger they are the better. In these days, buyers of fruit grade it and pack it for the market and they can operate more easily and at greater advantage to themselves and the producer also where the quantity to handle is large. Where the packing and sorting have to be done by those not fully acquainted with the requirements of trade and the law, it is generally unsatisfactory, but when done by experienced people better results are attained for all concerned. It can truthfully be said that as much of the success of the Nova Scotia orchards is due to the careful assorting and packing of the fruit as to its cultivation.

The present season has been a good season for apple culture in this Province and those who attend the exhibition will be astonished at the excellence and variety of the fruits displayed. The Government has been at great pains to secure exhibits from every section, to show the extent of territory in which good apples can be produced in this Province, with the object of encouraging every farmer to do at least something in creating an orchard. A great deal of the work of Mr. Turner, the horticulturist, during the past season has been in the direction of renovating old orchards and many of the exhibits will demonstrate the success which has attended his labors. It is a mistake to suppose that because an orchard has been neglected for a considerable period of time the trees should be cut down and replaced with a new growth. Horticulturists know how to utilize these trees to make them good producers, and as already stated, visitors to the

exhibition will have an object lesson in many of the exhibits of what it is possible to accomplish by careful and intelligent renovation of an orchard.

That an orchard well managed is a valuable asset to the farmer has been proven over and over again. That New Brunswick is one of the best provinces in Canada for the exploitation of this important branch of agriculture, is not so well known but it is a fact nevertheless. At last year's show Professor W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, addressing those present, pointed out a few of the advantages which New Brunswick fruit growers enjoy over those of Nova Scotia, the principal of which is the high color of the fruit grown in this Province which, he said, would enable New Brunswick to build up an export business much more rapidly than Nova Scotia had done. The closeness of New Brunswick to the markets of Great Britain gives this Province a great advantage over Ontario or British Columbia. The kind of apples, he said further, grown in New Brunswick lend themselves to box packing, thereby catering to the best class of trade. The varieties of apples selected in New Brunswick develop more rapidly than some others. For example, Prof. Macoun spoke of the "Wealthy," which in three or four years will develop to the profit-bearing point.

These are the opinions of an expert who has exact knowledge of apple growing in all parts of Canada. There can be no doubt that this Province enjoys a valuable asset in its fruit lands. It only remains with the people controlling these lands to make New Brunswick one of the largest apple exporting provinces in the Dominion. The Government has already done much to assist in improving the conditions under which fruit culture can be carried on, in providing information as to the best varieties to cultivate and the best methods of conducting an orchard to ensure proper financial return for the investment.

SLEEPING OUTDOORS.

One of the fads of modern life which deserves a permanent place in the activities of humanity is the determination of civilized man to go back to the habits of his ancestors in sleeping out-of-doors. In many suburbs of large cities porches are frequent, and more than one disease meets its worst enemy in this new idea. The Boy Scout movement is teaching the habit to the rising generation and, in spite of the fears of anxious and over-nervous mothers, the public is growing to appreciate the truth of Ernest Thompson-Seton's statement that no one ever caught cold from sleeping on the ground in the open if he was properly prepared for it.

No matter how many windows are placed in the walls of a room and how wide they are opened at night, unless the wind is strong a certain amount of stagnant air is unavoidable. This air is full of impurities. The man, woman or child who breathes it does not gain the right quantity of oxygen and suffers accordingly. But the sleeping porch or the open tent supplies the absolute purity which means so much to humanity.

If the fathers and mothers of today would, wherever possible, provide outdoor sleeping places and let the youngsters sleep in them the next generation would be free from anæmia and neurosis than is the present one. Good air is one of God's medicines, and the man or woman who turns to a doctor when this natural remedy is at hand hardly deserves to get well. Several elements enter into the struggle for rugged constitutions. Ancestry, good habits, good sleep, good food and a quiet mind are the most essential of these. If the bedroom, with its pockets of dead air, were avoided by young and old, at least one of the handicaps to perfect physical condition would be overcome.

THE REVOLT IN CHINA.

It is much easier to see a Chinese republic from London than from Peking or Shanghai. The proclamation of one of the insurrectionary leaders points to the basis of the present revolt: "We will overthrow the tyrant Manchu dynasty, and revive the rights of the real Chinese." Not a more popular government in the Western sense, but a more popular ruling family, is the battle-cry. That Chinese troops should join the rebels is natural enough. For ages, as the Celestial Empire puts it, the Chinese soldier has been condemned even by the emperor. "He has been labelled, ticketed and advertised as the lowest of the low." His officers have robbed him, starved him, and left him to die as a matter of course. They have sent him to be mown down by foes a hundred times better armed than he, reserving themselves as leaders for retreat only.

It is not thus that loyal troops are made, and the efforts to raise a "new model" are still too recent to have produced much change. Loyalty among the masses outside of the army presents a somewhat different appearance. There is no apparent love for the sovereign, whom his subjects have not seen for generations, and of whom they have not heard in any stirring way. But neither does there seem to be any pronounced antagonism to him. "If the ordinary Chinese are not loyal, neither are they disloyal. They are merely unloyal," says the Empire. In the case of an actual outbreak, however, this is quite sufficient for the purposes of the disturbers, to whom it insures a helpful neutrality.

Current Comment

(Edmonton Journal.)

The crowding of the city offices on the last days of the payment of taxes with the discount allowed serves to revive discussion of a suggestion that has frequently been made that these should be divided into quarterly payments. It could be a source of convenience to those who have to pay over the money, relieving the heavy strain, while it should also help in the work of financing the city. The Journal understands that where the innovation has been made the results have been gratifying and it would at least be well worth while to have it thoroughly discussed.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

The view that the new Dominion Parliament will have a short term because the coming redistribution will make an early election necessary has no support in the facts. An early election gives a Government an excuse for an election if it is looking for one; but it does not, in itself, call for a dissolution. The census of 1891 was followed by a redistribution in 1892, but there was no general election until 1896. It may be reasonably assumed that the present Parliament will last until the autumn of 1915.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

If it is a fact that 1,500 Canadian girls disappeared last year, having fallen victims to the "white slave" traffic, it behooves the W. C. T. U. to concentrate its whole energies on this one problem, and leave the matter of cigarette smoking over for future consideration.

(Baltimore News.)

It is a question whether the dead can make known their wishes about hidden treasure and missing wills through spiritualists, but they seem to have no difficulty whatever in making their wishes about candidates known through the ballot box.

(Kingston Standard.)

There is this satisfaction about it: that if an enquiry is ordered into the various departments at Ottawa there will be no Dark Lantern Brigade to head it off.

The Men In The New Cabinet

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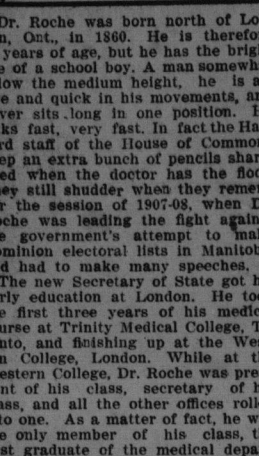
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HAMPTON NEWS

Hampton, Oct. 26.—Lack of water in the house wells has been for some months and still is, a very pressing cause of complaint. Several householders are resorting to the digging of new wells, but the cost is high and results uncertain. However G. M. Wilson has succeeded in striking a vein which bids fair to give a fine flow of excellent water to all parts of his house. His excavation is about eight feet in diameter, and yesterday his men reached a depth of 11 feet with a clean hard gravelly clay pan, through which water percolated quite freely, so that during last night the hole was so well filled that 40 barrels of water had to be taken out this morning before the workmen could resume their work. The excavation is in the field in the rear of his house about mid-way between Main and Everett streets and there will be a gravity flow to the level of the ridge pole of his residence. This is regarded as a most fortunate strike, and may be utilized for the supply of other dwellings.

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