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OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS.

Suppose we forget about the Foster government and consider for a little what the result would be if the opposition were restored to power. It is a very proper subject of consideration.

The people know what happened in 1917—and why it happened. The old government was defeated because great numbers of its own supporters could not endure the shame of its record. The same men who were then rejected, with the exception of a very few, are seeking to get back again, and they have openly said in their newspapers—

"The provincial opposition stands for the same principles for which it has always stood."

Moreover, there was a debate in the legislature in 1918 and the following extract is from the official report:

Mr. Baxter—As far as the departure of the Murray government from office was concerned he could say that it went out with a clean sheet. "I hear laughter from my hon. friends opposite."

Some hon. members—Why would not there be laughter?

Mr. Baxter—It takes little to amuse some people. I repeat that the Murray government had a clean sheet. If anyone knows of anything to the contrary let him rise and say so now.

Hon. Mr. Veniot—Can the hon. gentleman tell us how long the Murray government was in power?

Mr. Baxter—Not long, and it would be in power now if it had been judged upon its merits. So would the administration led by the late Hon. George J. Clarke.

Thus, in the opinion of the present opposition leader the old government should never have been defeated. It should still be in power. Its methods should still prevail. And he and his friends Murray, Smith, Landry, Jones and all the rest should now be elected and given charge of affairs to make another "clean sheet" like that of the period of the patriotic potato and other highly commendable exploits described in the reports of royal commissions.

Now what do the former supporters who helped to turn out the old regime say to all this? Were they wrong in 1917? Did they do a great injustice to a group of earnest patriots? Should they now atone for their error by restoring the old order of things?

That is what they are asked to do. That is the issue.

HON. FRED MAGEE.

In Hon. Fred Magee the members of the Foster government will have a man wise in counsel, and a source of strength to them in initiating and carrying out policies calculated to benefit the province.

Hon. Mr. Magee is the father of the vocational training act. In the legislative session of 1916-17 he made a very strong speech in the house, advocating provision for vocational training and urging the government to take action.

In September, 1917, the government appointed a committee, with Mr. Magee as chairman, to submit a report on the subject. This committee was non-partisan, and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, then a member of the opposition, was named to be a member. The committee pursued enquiries in the provinces and in the United States, and at the next session of the legislature its report was before the house, along with a bill providing for the introduction of vocational training in New Brunswick. That was in the spring of 1918. The bill passed, with the hearty support of both sides of the house. When the provincial vocational board was chosen Mr. Magee was made chairman, and in that respect, qualified to be a member of a government which began its career by applying business methods to the transaction of public business. He is an excellent speaker, who does not weary the house by long or frequent speeches. When he rises the house listens, as it has learned that he never talks for talk's sake.

The people of Westmorland will appreciate the honor conferred upon one who has been a worthy representative, and the people of the province generally will recognize that the Foster government has made an excellent choice.

The challenge of Hon. Dr. Roberts to Mr. Potts cannot be evaded. Mr. Potts has made a charge reflecting very seriously upon the personal character of the minister of health, who is represented as wholly insincere in his advocacy of prohibition. The minister demands a retraction. Mr. Potts is placed in a very undesirable position. What will he do about it? Hon. Dr. Roberts is a citizen whose health, who is open to the people of St. John. They may not all admire him or agree with him, but they stand for a fair fight. It is up to Mr. Potts. He must retract.

One more week before polling day. Make it count for good government.

A CLEAR STATEMENT.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, in his address to the electors of Moncton, says:—

"The issues are plain and easily understood. On the one hand you are offered the opportunity of installing as the successors and co-partners of the old administration back of 1917 the record of whose mal-administration must still be fresh in your minds. On the other hand you may put your seal of approval on the record and the policy of the Foster government and place upon them the responsibility of making even greater efforts in the future to keep our province in the fore front of the march of progress. The policy of the opposition is negative and nebulous and their record is a matter of history. Our policy is positive, hopeful and energetic. We stand for an independent audit of accounts and sound financials, conserving of natural resources and health, improved standards of citizenship, utilization of our water powers, protection of our workers, improvement of transportation, the enforcement of law, the encouragement of agriculture and industrial development, better educational facilities, and attention to those things that make for the happiness, comfort and prosperity of all our citizens."

This is a terse and accurate statement of the issues to be decided by the electors of New Brunswick one week from today.

THE EVENING CLASSES.
The opening of the evening classes in King Edward and Albert schools on Monday evening is of special interest to working boys and to men who desire to improve their education. There should be a large enrolment of students. These should be encouraged to take advantage of the ordinary subjects as he ought to have will find in these classes his opportunity to pursue the study of reading, writing and arithmetic. Many took advantage of the classes last winter, and greatly enlarged their knowledge before the season closed. Not only boys but men whose early education had been neglected, and who felt the need of knowledge of the elementary subjects, were included in the classes. The students have the advantage of instruction by trained teachers, eager to render them the most service in directing their studies.

Not only parents of working boys but employers should encourage the boys to attend these classes. It was an inspiration last winter to go into the class rooms and see the earnest faces of the students, who were there making themselves more efficient and better qualified for intelligent citizenship.

These classes are free, as the very small deposit required at the beginning is returned at the end of the season. This year's enrolment should far surpass that of last year. Those who need the training can find no better method of using some of their leisure time than in attending these classes.

Although the opposition has no ticket in Westmorland, Northumberland, Sunbury, Carleton and Madawaska counties, and only half a ticket in Kent and Charlotte, the Standard predicts the utter rout of the government and the formation of a new one by Hon. Mr. Baxter. Determined to go the limit, the Standard also quotes the prediction of "opposition workers" that their candidates will "roll up one of the biggest votes ever recorded in this constituency."

Now wait and see what the Standard will say on Oct. 11. Did Dr. Landry and Col. Sheridan become farmer-candidates because they were ashamed of their former company? Oh, well, Hon. B. Frank Smith is back in the fold. Give the gentlemen from Kent a little time. They are on the way. Dr. Landry is no doubt slated for the provincial secretaryship once more, if his friends can manage it.

The one fly in the ointment when the opposition party met at Woodstock to welcome back the Hon. B. Frank Smith from his great adventure in independence was the fact that Hon. J. K. Fleming was detained by the storm and did not arrive in time to give his blessing.

The name of the finance minister of Poland is said to be Grabski. He would make an excellent adviser for the provincial opposition in New Brunswick at the present time.

St. John Conservatives admitted to Hon. Fred. Magee that the government would carry the city of St. John, and probably the province.

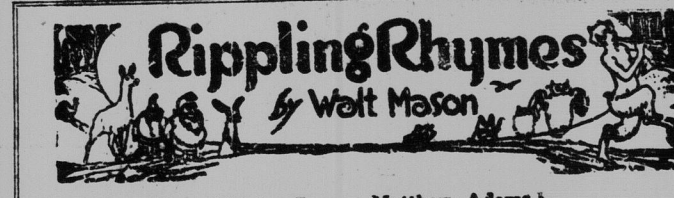
The suggestion that the only true friends of prohibition are the members of the opposition party is one of the jokes of the campaign.

Hon. P. J. Veniot. "The Foster government is certain of victory, and it is nonsense for the opposition to talk of overthrowing it."

The Standard says the new minister, Hon. Fred. Magee, is "one of the soundest business men on the government side of the house."

Ex-Mayor Hayes describes the Foster government as conscientious, honest and business-like.

The Automobile Association praises the good work done by the Foster government on the roads of the province.



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RUMORS OF WAR.

One day the Russians hunt their holes, pursued by fierce, triumphant Poles, the next the Poles are on the run, spurred on by Russian sword and gun. And, as I do myself for gout, I wonder what it's all about. There's trouble brewing everywhere and warlike rumors fill the air. I thought, when closed the threatening war, "Peace is the thing we're yearning for; the whole blamed world is sick of gore, and weary of the cannon's roar, and tired of human tears and groans, and of the sight of bleeding bones. The nations all would speed the plow and bid the hen and milk the cow, pursue the gentle arts of peace, and bid the yapping captains cease." But now the Pole pursues the Russ and makes a most unseemly fuss; and now the Russ pursues the Pole, and shoots him with a ton of coal; wherever men infest the map, some tribes are itching for a scrap. And as I feed myself with kraut, I wonder what it's all about. Why can't the blame fool nations meet with friendly hearts in concord sweet, and settle all their silly rows, and then go home to milk the cows? Why does the Pole pursue the Russ, and home to milk the cows? Why does the Russian eat the Pole? Has he no higher, nobler goal? Why don't they meet with friendly grins and shake the dice to see who wins?

CANADA—EAST AND WEST.

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

CARTIER AT MONTREAL.

On October 2, 1885, Jacques Cartier, the intrepid French explorer, saw Mount Royal—now the site of the city of Montreal—for the first time. He was the first white man of any race to visit the place where the Indians established a village before the town of Hochelaga. He had sailed up the St. Lawrence from Stadacona, now a little where he had established a colony a little earlier.

When Cartier arrived at Montreal he was delighted with what he saw. The forests on the slope of Mount Royal were taking on their autumn hues and the Indians were busy with their little crops that were ripening on the slope of the hill. But several hundred of the warriors, with the women and the children, and numerous dogs assembled at the river side to welcome the first white man who had ever come to their camp. That was a long time ago.

The next day Cartier went to pay a visit to the braves. He took with him all his colleagues in all their war equipment, partly to impress the red men of the forest with the vast power and skill of the newcomers. At the entrance to the village the whites were met by a swarm of warriors in all their finery, who danced and sang as the whites went down the great Indian habitations.

Within a great feast was ready for the strangers who had come in the sailing boats. They were entertained and the best of the Indian home habits of given a feast of the home habits of the aborigines.

"DREAM."
(Conrad Aiken, in the London Nation.)
There is a fountain in a wood
Where waving lies a moon;
It plays to the slowly falling leaves
A melancholy tune.
The peach tree leans upon a wall
Of gold and ivory;
The peacock spreads his tail; the leaves
Fall silently.

And music idly broken.
The drowsy god observes his world
With a faithful sound.
Art thou, Orion, fall!
The white-winged stars obey.
Or else, he greets his fellow gods
And there in the dusk they play.
A game of chess with stars for pawns
And a silver moon for queen;
Immeasurable as clouds above
A chessboard world they lean.
And thrust their hands amid their beads,
That shake the star-swinging firmament
With a faithful sound.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN.
Wanted: Revenge.
Aunt Mary was very strict—too strict for Eric and his little sister, who were fond of playing with her. She certainly tried her best to amuse them, one morning took the two to the zoo. But it was a failure. Eric kept away from that cage! Molly, your hat's crooked! Those seats are dirty. Eric—keep off those aggin, Molly. I shall take you straight home! It was a grand evening. Molly had a record on good behavior, and Aunt Mary never seemed to tire. At last the little party paused before a cage, and Aunt Mary consulted her catalogue. "This children," she announced, "is an ant-eater." Eric looked cautiously round as he whispered to Molly: "Can't we push her in?"

Not Likely.
The vicar was somewhat distressed to find that Sally, since she had been walking out with a young man, had failed to appear at an appearance at his Young People's Social Evenings.

"But why not bring him along with you Sally?" he inquired.
"Not me, sir," replied Sally. "I can't give all the other girls a chance? Why?"
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Occasionally Interrupted.
The minister had given a special address to his parishioners on the subject of domestic felicity, which had caused quite a lot of interest. A day or so after the lecture he met Sandy McPherson, who stopped at the express the pleasure and benefit he had derived from the discourse. "I'm glad you liked it, Sandy," said the minister. "An' you're happy at home?"

"Dad aye!" replied Sandy. "The wife an' me had only yin quarrel since we wed!"
"Indeed!" the minister showed his pleasure at this good report.
"Of course," went on Sandy, "whiles it's been interrupted."

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Miss Mary Bab of West St. John entertained about thirty friends very pleasantly at a birthday party on Wednesday evening. Music and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments served.

SAY BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE.

Arthur Griffiths Accuses It of Authorized Reprisals in Ireland.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
Dublin, Oct. 1.—Sensational charges that the government itself was responsible for reprisals in Ireland that a certain number of Sinn Fein leaders were marked for assassination were made today by Arthur Griffiths, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, who said he was first on the list of intended victims.

Mr. Griffiths, to support his statements exhibited to the group, British, United States and continental newsmen, to whom he made a long statement preferring the charges, alleged official documents secured by Sinn Fein agents. Among the papers was an official permit alleged to have been signed by General Sir Nevill MacCreedy, military commander of Ireland. It was said to have been made out to a man named Hardy, who is alleged to have been released prematurely from prison on a ticket of leave signed by Ian Macpherson, as chief secretary for Ireland, permitting him to move about freely in Ireland unhampered by police surveillance, in the role, as Mr. Griffith asserted, of government spy.

HON. DR. ROBERTS' REPLY TO MR. POTTS.

An article published last evening by Hon. Dr. Roberts branding statements made by F. L. Potts as an absolute falsehood has resulted in the latter challenging Hon. Dr. Roberts to meet him on the platform of the Theatre next Tuesday evening. He said he would repeat his statements. With regard to this Hon. Dr. Roberts said:

When this was communicated to Hon. Dr. Roberts the latter said: "You are asking me for me that my first statement stands. Mr. Potts is absolutely in error when he says that I refused to introduce any temperance measure in the house."

"I presume he refers to the resolution regarding the phlegmicide which was introduced in the legislature at the last session. The facts are as follows: I knew nothing of the matter, except by hearsay, until the night before the resolution was to be introduced. On that night I called on Mr. Potts, then Mr. Marshall and J. Willard Smith called upon me at my office in Fredericton and told me that they were endeavoring to learn the attitude of the members in the matter. I assured them that the temperance resolution would have my support and, in view of my record as an advocate of temperance, expressed some surprise that I had not been asked to introduce it. They replied that they understood that Donald Fraser had requested Mr. Potts to introduce it. I told them that I would support it if I could. These are the facts and they can be substantiated by the gentlemen who called on me. Under the circumstances I can see no good that could be accomplished by having Mr. Potts repeat a statement which I have shown to be entirely unfounded and incorrect. With regard to the meeting he suggests that would be impossible as my time for next week has been arranged and I have promised to address a meeting in Sussex on that evening, a meeting which I believe already has been advertised."

"If Mr. Potts can produce any evidence in substantiation of his statement, he should do so at once."

RETURNING HOME.
About 287 sailors and petty officers from H. M. S. Constance arrived in St. John yesterday on the Digby boat under command of Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Aylmer.

They were met at the dock by Mayor Schofield and R. E. Armstrong, Captain A. J. Milne and Colonel E. T. Sturges, representing the navy league. After greetings had been exchanged, and the transportation of baggage looked after, the men marched to the Union depot, where they were met by a large attendance and accompanied by many of their friends. They left at 6:45 p. m. by special C. P. R. train for Quebec where they will board the C. P. O. S. liner Melita for England.

The first meeting of the season of the Westfield Young People's Fellowship was held last evening at the home of Mrs. James Baxter, Westfield. In spite of the weather there was a large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent in music and games. An amusing auction sale added \$8 to the funds of the society. The announcement was made that the honorary president, who has gone to visit his parents, had arrived safely in England. Dr. H. L. Abramson will address the meeting next week at the home of Mrs. E. R. Machum.

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WANT WOMAN ON HOSPITAL BOARD

At a special executive meeting held yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms, the Women's Hospital Aid decided to ask for the appointment of a woman to the board of commissioners of the General Public Hospital to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. G. R. Crawford. The meeting was called for the purpose of determining whether the aid should submit the name of a woman for that appointment. It was finally decided to make a nomination and only one name was considered, that name receiving the hearty and unanimous approval of the meeting. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Hospital Aid should be called to confirm the action of the executive and that a committee of three consisting of Mrs. A. C. Skellern, Mrs. J. Boyle Travers and Mrs. W. W. White should wait on the municipal council and present the views of the Hospital Aid.

John Collins, former C. N. R. policeman, was seized with a fainting spell in Mill street at noon hour yesterday, and was taken to his home, 104 Paradise row, in the ambulance.

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