

F. L. POTTS SUGGESTS CLUB TO FINANCE LOCAL INDUSTRIES

Candidate for Mayorality Makes Public Platform in Coming Election.

F. L. Potts, candidate for the mayorality in the coming election, called by The Times-Star to outline his platform, submitted the following statement today:—

First, to tell the truth about business conditions as I see them. Ninety-five per cent. of the business men and manufacturers of our city are fighting the fight of their lives to pay overhead charges and the wages of those in their employ. Banks are doing their best to keep the business men going. Stores in our principal streets are vacant. Industries have been compelled to close down, and some already dismantled. Optimism is a name only. Today we are facing a situation such that nothing but a genuine movement in the spirit of man can possibly ward off a calamity. These are the real conditions if you dare tell them.

Second, to offer the business men a suggestion of how they might remedy and assist industries. What we want is a genuine booster club, not a sit-around club, but a real genuine get-together, with a financial backing of interested citizens, and not headed by those controlling or acting for large manufacturers outside of our city, as they would be most concerned in which gives them a living. A Booster Club in some places is not a new thing, and has done great work in bringing manufacturers to cities I know of. Form something along these lines, two hundred citizens putting \$250 each in a fund, having an executive to manage the affairs of the club, the purpose, to invest in the existing manufacturing concerns or invest in new manufacturing enterprises that might be encouraged to come here. Money invested in such enterprises would be invested only after close examination, on the same principle as you would invest your own money, from which you expected to receive the interest on your investment in a firm substantial enterprise, taking the first security against the enterprise, and further using these securities to finance other industries. In other words, the first \$50,000 should be able to finance \$200,000 worth of industry. This is not for City Hall but for the citizens, and I would like to be a member of such an organization or club.

Third, illustration. Stolen industries. It seems to me that the Board of Trade as a business board should advise a certain amount of guardianship over the industrial affairs of our community. The one I am going to refer to is small, near the city, and great things grow from small things. For many years Messrs. Hutchings & Co., Ltd., manufacturers of mattresses, etc., struggled along in many ways. Finally, many years ago they became a very serious menace to the people in Upper Canada in the manufacture of A. I. mattresses and springs. What was the result?

A manufacturing concern in Upper Canada came down, bought out the concern, made a warehouse, and threw the men who were then employed out in the cold. A manufacturer of this kind could make a mark for itself in St. John and even extend its operations to Upper Canada; still, while we slept it was stolen from us. We are sure from experience that we must have if we are to succeed; smoke stacks and industrial lots of them without adding additional burden on the taxpayer. Abolish all taxes on improvements of every kind and decrease for five years. This will encourage the people to paint their houses, encourage them to build additions to their homes, encourage them to take over run-down properties, build them over and give more work to the painters, carpenters, contractors, electricians and working men than any measure you could introduce at the

present time. Whether literally true or not, any man or woman who owns a property today will tell you if he pays his house his taxes will be increased. Now, just look at the present system. You have a large house, your family grew up and left you, house too big, and in case anything happens you would like to leave a house with an apartment or two to rent, so that your wife might have an income. You scrape together say \$2,000 to make the improvements, get a permit from the building inspector, stating improvements to the amount of \$2,000 and make your improvements. The permit goes to the assessors, and under present rate you are charged \$60 per year because you improved your property. There is nothing but discouragement in this system.

Again, encourage real estate men and private individuals to build houses. Charge until the house is sold or rented, then let assessment commence. If a man will be without the interest on his money, \$10,000 or \$15,000, you can feel sure he is not going to let the property lie idle longer than is absolutely necessary. Surely we can do without taxing until that time.

Fifth. My qualifications for offering as a candidate for mayor. I was elected in 1909, 1910 and 1911 to represent the city as alderman-at-large. I believed then the taxes would swamp the city, and by hard fighting I succeeded in having a flat rate (unknown in any city before) of \$1.98 for five years, namely 1912-1916. Let the property owners, the working man or girl or any citizen compare his tax bill from 1912-1916 and then from 1917-1923 and I think you will be convinced my method was good. In 1914 you elected me as Commissioner and I discovered the city paid for foundations under street railways. I did not think the taxpayer had a right to pay, and I started to enforce payment by the company, even going to the extreme in tearing up their rails. I am more serious to our citizens being compelled by their attitude to apply this extreme measure; and although I had them resist me I succeeded in this great fight for the taxpayers of our city, and there has been paid to the City of St. John because of this action of mine over \$200,000 which the taxpayers would have paid since 1916 had I not succeeded in winning this fight for them.

In conclusion, let me say, the situation is more serious to our citizens than it has been for many years. We have lost all confidence. Nothing but a gigantic movement on the people's part will ward off the impending danger.

My platform is before you. I have never broken faith with you as your representative in this great fight for me on this platform, nothing will daunt me from carrying out the mandate entrusted to me. The watchdog of the city economy in all branches of civic service.

Prohibition Inspector Fred Killen returned to the city today from Fredericton, where he appeared yesterday before Magistrate Limerick in a case against Frank Michael and Fred Rushton, charged with violating the Prohibition Act. Inspector Killen, in company with other provincial inspectors, made a visit to a lumber camp at Desdauville, where they arrested the defendants. In order to reach their destination they had to drive 46 miles. When the case was heard before Magistrate Limerick yesterday the accused were found guilty, and Michael was fined \$200 and costs which aggregated \$63. Rushton was fined \$50 and costs.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Thomas Z. McManus was held this morning at 9:30 from his late residence, Pleasant Point, to St. Rose's church for high mass of requiem by Rev. Dean Collins. The funeral was largely attended and many floral and spiritual offerings were received. Interment in Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of Harold Fleming was held this morning at 9 o'clock from 28 Colburn street to the cathedral for high mass of requiem by Rev. R. McCarthy. Interment was to have been made in the new Catholic cemetery, but owing to the condition of the road leading to the cemetery the body was taken to Fitzpatrick's undertaking parlors and interment will be made when the road has been opened.

The funeral of George E. Stevens was held this morning at 9 o'clock from his late residence, 60 Metcalf street, conducted by Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson and the body was accompanied to Inglefield by Rev. G. B. MacDonald.

GIRLS' BRANCH W. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the girls' branch of the W. A. of the Mission church was held last evening and, despite the stormy weather, nearly all the members were present. After a short service in the church, at which an address was delivered by Rev. J. V. Young, the business session was held in the schoolroom. The reports submitted showed that much had been accomplished during the year.

Officers Elected.

President, Mrs. W. B. Hodman; vice-president, Mrs. G. F. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. G. Fitzgerald; recording secretary, Miss Frances Steves; corresponding secretary, Miss Hazel Peacock; extra-cent-a-day, Miss Mildred Lingley; living message, Miss Marjorie Campbell; Misses Bertha Priest and G. Fitzgerald; delegates to the annual meeting, Mrs. G. F. Williams and Miss Lois Hepburn; substitutes, Miss L. Roberts and Miss G. Fitzgerald.

A message of sympathy and bouquet of flowers was sent to the president, who is a patient in the hospital. The meeting closed with a prayer.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

IMPERIAL CONCERT BETTER THAN FIRST

London Eight Present a New Program That Surpasses Monday-Tuesday's

With the singing of the whole fifth act of "Faust," new comedies by the merry Scot, Tom Copeland, a budget of dainty sketches, numbers by Miss Suzette Tarr; funny duet numbers by Miss Tarr and Mr. Copeland, and exquisite vocal and instrumental offerings by the others, the Imperial British entertainers again captivated the large crowds of yesterday—crowds in spite of the storm. It is not merely publicity to say that the Imperial British captured our discriminating public. The programme as printed in the advertisement will be repeated this afternoon and tonight. Friday night will be a straight Scotch night—a symposium of the new list of airs of Auld Scotia. A novel story today—the wondrous dog "Bin-Tin-Tin" in the Canadian northland story "Where the North Begins."

"Midnight Follies" Friday Evening

The friends of Rotary in particular, and the public in general, will gather in force at the Opera House tomorrow evening. Show begins at 11 p.m., and lasts two hours. Cars in waiting at the door.

Bishop Officiates At Priest's Funeral

St. Mary's, Kent County, N. B., March 13.—The funeral of Rev. Father Ouellet whose death occurred suddenly shortly before noon Sunday, was held yesterday morning. Service was conducted in the St. Mary's Church by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc of St. John. The funeral mass was sung by Rev. Father Ouellet of St. Joseph's, a nephew of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Father Guerin of St. Joseph's and Rev. Father DuFort of Dorchester. An appropriate sermon was eloquently delivered by Mr. Hebert of Bouchette, who referred to the sterling qualities of the late Father Ouellet, who had devoted the greater part of his life to the spiritual welfare of the people of St. Mary's, leaving behind there forty years of faithful service. The church was overcrowded with mourning friends, about twenty priests were present in the sanctuary. Rev. Father Ouellet, who was 70 years of age, had been a member of the clergy for 40 years. The funeral was held in the cemetery at St. Mary's.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Joseph Parks, 189 Millidge avenue, March 10, when friends assembled to celebrate her sixty-seventh birthday. Tea was served to about 50 guests, Mrs. Albion Parks and Mrs. Charles Cabot acting as hostess. The evening was spent in games and music. Many gifts were received including a beautiful birthday cake. The recipient of the party well chosen words thanked the gathering.

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ST. JOHN MAY HAVE FLAT RACING

ST. JOHNSMEN BRING THE COMING YEAR

It is among the possibilities that St. John will soon take another step ahead in the line of sport. What do you think of seeing the speeding ponies contending for supremacy in saddle races on a local track, with jockeys bending low over the necks of their mounts, urging on the pounding hoofs to even greater speed as the finish line draws near and thousands cheer their favorites to victory? That's in line if St. John and two other places in the Maritime Provinces want it. And it can be had in the coming spring and fall.

The visit of Joe Page of the C. P. R. to Fredericton and St. John during the week-end has set the ball in motion. He talked the matter over in Fredericton on his way here at the latter part of the week, and in St. John he had it under discussion with men prominent in horse racing or interested in sport because of the prestige it gives to the city.

There is an adage to the effect that a city that is alive in support of sport is on the up-grade, and surely that should apply to St. John, the name of which has been heralded far and wide because of the prowess of skaters and oarsmen and baseball players that this city has turned out to win fame for the old home town.

Here is the situation: There are two organizations in Canada carrying on flat racing—that is, running races by horses with jockeys up, as is the case in the great English Derby and on many other famous race courses. These organizations are the Canadian Racing Association and the Quebec Breeder's Association. There is a law in Quebec that provides that two meets cannot be carried on in the province at the same time. Here the schedule of the Canadian Association in Quebec tracks for the spring meet:—

Connaught Park, Hull, May 27 to June 3, inclusive.

Blue Bonnets, Montreal, June 5 to June 12.

Dorval track, Montreal, June 14 to June 21.

After that the horses go to Hamilton, Ontario.

Under the law referred to the horses of the Quebec Racing Association are held during the 25 days that elapse between the Connaught Park opening on May 27 and the closing at Dorval on June 21. This gives opportunity to have the Quebec horses brought to the Maritime Provinces for three weeks of racing and ample time for the transfer of the horses to the track. The horses can be brought from Quebec to St. John in 24 hours by fast freight.

Perhaps 150 Horses

In discussion of the matter on Wednesday it was figured that some 150 horses would come to the city. The owners, trainers, jockeys, park-mutual men etc. That, it is set out, would mean for the city in-board bills, feed for the animals and other things. They would be here for a full week and they would be here every day and it is believed it would mean a large influx of visitors with a corresponding boost to the city's business.

It is in the mind of those interested that the novelty of the running races, which have not been seen here in more than 15 years would be an additional guarantee of good support from the people and the project is being regarded with favor.

Blossingford, available by rail, road, street car and highway, is spoken of as the place. A good deal of work would be done there continuing the improvement of the Atlantic coast yesterday. During the day there was a light snow fall, but in the evening the wind increased so that it reached a maximum of 32 to 34 miles an hour. A total of three inches of snow fell, but much of this melted as soon as it struck the ground.

LOCAL NEWS

IS FINED \$200.

Joseph Doody was fined \$200 in the police court this morning on a charge of leaving liquor in his beer shop in Water street.

FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS.

One man arrested last night for drunkenness appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning and was fined \$8 or in default of payment two months in jail.

\$25 MORE RECEIVED.

The Globe's fund to finance Hilton Belyea's trip to Europe in quest of new aquatic laurels has now reached a total of \$722. This morning a contribution of \$25 was received from F. C. Beattie. A contribution of \$2 received yesterday was from Duncan MacKeller and not Neil MacKeller, as published.

ARE RE-ELECTED DIRECTORS.

J. M. Robinson returned last evening from Moncton, where he had been attending the annual meeting of the Central Trust Company. He said the directors were very much pleased with the progress made by the company during the past year as it had surpassed their expectations. The St. John members of the board of directors are J. M. Robinson, W. S. Allison and M. G. Teed and all were re-elected.

WILL REPORT LATER.

That it would be impossible to give definite reports as to the drive for the election of the week, was reported at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters this morning, but the directors were much encouraged. They had already made and believed the objective would be reached. The canvassers were out working hard today, knocking back calls.

STORM LIGHT HERE.

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FAVOR TAXATION OF ALL BETTING

House of Lords Approves Idea by Vote of 57 to 15

London, March 12.—The House of Lords today, by a vote of 57 to 15, carried a motion to the effect that the taxation of betting was desirable and practicable.

Lord Newton, the mover of the resolution, said there was no harm in betting in moderation, and a system of licensing, coupled with taxation, would not increase but would diminish betting.

Lord Arnold, under secretary for the colonies, on behalf of the Government, agreed that betting had become a great evil, but he disagreed with the idea that a taxation scheme would diminish it, because it would provide greater facilities for betting. It was not a business proposition, he said, to ask the government to set up a machine against strong moral opposition to obtain only about £3,000,000 a year from the proposed taxes.

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To Mediterranean

France Plans to Send All Available Naval Units To Watch British

British United Press.

London, March 13.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs a report that the French Minister of Marine is considering the necessity of concentrating all available French navy units in the Mediterranean.

The report follows the opening of manoeuvres in the Mediterranean by the combined Atlantic and Mediterranean squadrons of the British navy. It is significant that London dispatches have recently reported that England might make her Mediterranean squadron her strongest sea unit.

The British manoeuvres have aroused critical comment in both France and Italy, where certain elements have seen the manoeuvres as a British gesture of naval strength.

PREFERS WIFE TO CAREER IN ARMY

Japanese Officer Marries a European Woman and Promotion Ends.

Tokyo, March 13.—Marriage to a European was no aid to advancement in the military service of Japan, according to the experience of at least one army officer of high rank.

Colonel Junichiro Kobayashi was married two years ago to the daughter of a French army officer, whom he met while detailed to Paris for special study. As a consequence, it is asserted, he fell into disfavor with his superiors; his promotion was delayed, and such pressure was brought to bear on him that he has resigned from the service. His resignation has brought out considerable publicity and comment in the Tokio press.

Army officials deny that his French marriage had anything to do with Colonel Kobayashi's resignation.

Marriages Are More Popular

Ottawa, March 12.—Marriage seems to be increasing in popularity, according to a census bulletin issued today. The proportion of married persons in each sex was greater in 1921 (when the last census was taken) than in either 1911 or 1901. In 1921, the percentage of married males was 87.40 and of married females 85.32. In 1911 the percentages were: Married males, 84.85; married females, 83.97.

Steady Work at Cape Breton Mines

Glace Bay, N. S., March 13.—Steady work continues at the collieries of the Dominion Coal Company, large outputs being the rule. Yesterday 14,207 tons were hoisted.

The output at No. 2 was 9,222 tons, and at No. 1, one of the smaller collieries, it was 1,233 tons. Of yesterday's production the banking station at No. 2 received 8,145 tons. This stock pile is assuming large dimensions, since the resumption of work a few weeks ago.

Astor Re-elected By Acclamation

Dover, Eng., March 12.—Major John Jacob Astor, Conservative, who unwittingly lost his seat in the House of Commons, last week, by voting before taking the oath, a branch of the parliamentary rules, was returned to the House unopposed in an election in the Dover division of Kent today.

ARE TAKING VEIL.

Four St. John ladies, Misses Margaret McCarthy, Mary Kane and Marie Doucette and Mary Walsh are today receiving the habit of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at the new Halifax novitiate. Several relatives and friends from there are attending the ceremony.

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Asparagus Luxury LOCAL FIRM California Crop EXTENDS ACTIVITIES

Byron, Cal., March 13.—(Associated Press).—Asparagus, the luxury crop of the central California deltas of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, is bringing war prices and better this year. Growers of the edible grass have visions of fortune.

The farmers are elated over the opening prices just offered by canners of six cents a pound f. o. b. river bank. One offer of 6 1/2 cents was made. During the war the highest price was six cents. The 1924 crop is expected to bring growers more than \$5,000,000.

High prices this year are caused by increased demand, despite increased acreage. These rich delta lands furnish the United States with 95 per cent. of all the asparagus marketed. The demand has become world wide, and something like 38,000 acres are planted each year. New ground constantly is being broken to add to the production.

Much of the California asparagus heretofore has been raised by Japanese operating on a crop-sharing basis with white owners. Since the alien land law has driven Japanese from crop contracts, steps are being taken to sell all the land they cultivated to white settlers experienced in farming.

The Triple-C Clothing Co., which has made an enviable name for itself in Maritime clothing circles, has recently decided to open a retail show-room at St. John, in the N. B. Power Co. building, 9 Dock street, where their factory is located. This announcement was made this morning by the company manager, and what makes the announcement of more than ordinary interest is the decision of the company to sell their output direct to the customer, thus avoiding any middle-man's profit. In this way they expect to be able to make men's suits to measure for considerably less than the prices now being charged for ready-made suits in St. John stores.

They have recently been successful in obtaining the services of Mr. Felix Finestone, one of the foremost tailoring experts of Upper Canada, who has been engaged to take full charge of the Triple-C factory and also the new show-room.

The Triple-C Clothing Co. has for the last 20 years been engaged in the manufacture of men's clothing of all kinds, including pants, suits and overalls, which they have sold to the wholesale trade only. From a small and inconspicuous beginning they have advanced step by step until they are now the leading manufacturer of men's clothing in the Maritime Provinces, and they now carry on a large business not only in the Maritimes, but also in Upper Canada. St. John is very fortunate in having such an establishment as this in that it provides steady employment all the year round to a large and ever increasing staff of men and women, and further, through the inevitable circulation of money involved in conducting such a business.

A definite announcement regarding the opening date at the new Triple-C store will be made in the course of a few days. A genuine and welcome surprise is promised to the public.

8 days' salvation campaign, Salvation Army, Brindley street. Speaker tonight Major Burrows. 9:25-9:34.

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Newcastle, March 13.—The death occurred here, about eleven o'clock last night, of Mrs. Allan J. Murray, after an illness of over six months with cancer of the breast. She was formerly Miss Jean Masson, daughter of the late Frank and Mrs. Masson, Newcastle, and was 27 years of age. Besides her husband, she leaves one sister, a niece, wife of Gerald Black of Moncton, three brothers, William and George M. Masson of Moncton and Claude of Elkhoron, Manitoba. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon. Interment will be in the Miramichi cemetery.

MANY ATTEND.

Despite the inclement weather there was a good attendance at the evangelistic services at Ludlow street Baptist church, West End, last evening when the pastor, Rev. W. A. Robbins, delivered an earnest address. The motion picture, "From the Manger to the Cross," was again shown and there was a deep impression on those present. Miss Carrie Durkee sang a solo effectively. The meetings are being continued.

TOURNAMENT IS STARTED TODAY

Winners in Men's Singles at Armory Badminton Games.

The Maritime Badminton tournament got away to a good start in the Armory this morning. Play will be continued today and in all probability all today tomorrow. Results up to 2 o'clock this afternoon were as follows: Men's Singles—First round: McKean, Parlee, Streeter, Williams, Hoyt and J. S. Bacon drew byes and are eligible for the second round.

The winners in the first round were: Major Grant, A. Kee, W. Dixon, Professor Mercer, L. Rider, Dr. Curry, A. Mantle and Captain Gibson.

Silenced

"John, you really ought not to eat that lobster salad," said Mary, warningly.

"Now, look here, Mary, I've had a jolly hard morning," retorted John. "I've helped you to buy half a million useless Christmas presents for your unfortunate friends and enemies, and when I want to have a little bust as a reward for my labors, you begin to lecture me."

"Well, it's for your own good. You know the doctor said you mustn't take anything that doesn't agree with you."

"Yes, and if I followed that," said John, "I'd like to know where you'd be, John."

DIED IN TITUSVILLE.

Word was received in the city this morning of the death at his home, Titusville, of John Hogan, leaving his wife, three sons and seven daughters to mourn. The funeral will be held on Sunday morning.

SALE OF HORSE IS COURT CASE CAUSE

In the County Court before Judge J. A. Barry this morning, hearing was commenced in the case of B. D. Harrison against Albert Magroette. The suit is for \$165 covering the purchase price of a horse. The defence alleges fraud, misrepresentation and breach of warranty.

On the conclusion of the plaintiff's case, which was conducted by L. P. D. Tilley, E. J. Henneberry, for the defendant, applied for judgment. Mr. Tilley, however, asked that a commission be appointed to take the evidence of a witness in Alberta and that request was granted.

Alberta Opposes Express Increase

Ottawa, March 13.—The province of Alberta is strongly opposed to any increase in express rates and would ask that any revision be of a downward and equalizing character. A. A. Chard, traffic supervisor for the Alberta Government, in a statement today before the Board of Railway Commissioners in the hearing of the Express Traffic Association's application for an increase in rates.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS.

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