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THE ELECTION.

In the last House of Commons the Conservatives formed the smallest group, having only fifty seats, while the Liberals had 117, and the Progressives sixty-two, at the time of dissolution. This morning, while some seats were still in doubt, Mr. Meighen had more than 120 followers, while the Liberals were reduced to ninety-one and the Progressives to twelve.

While nineteen seats remained to be accounted for early to-day, and while these were largely in territory favorable to the Liberals and Progressives, it seemed highly probable that Mr. Meighen, when the results are all known, will have a majority over any possible combination, and it is expected that he will form a ministry.

Considering the immense Conservative gains to date, Mr. Meighen would be assured of a working majority in case another appeal to the country is necessary, and he could be confident of winning the by-elections necessary to re-elect his cabinet ministers. Hon. Mr. King, who appealed to the country to give him a sufficient majority to be independent of all other groups, has signally failed to achieve that end, and with his own personal defeat and that of eight of his sixteen ministers who figured in yesterday's election, it would be manifestly difficult for him to carry the requisite by-elections even if he should attempt to carry on with the support of the small group of Progressives who survived Thursday's polling.

Should the Liberals and Progressives together carry a sufficient number of the doubtful seats the situation would probably result in another election within a short time, and under the circumstances there is no reason to doubt that a Conservative victory would follow. On the face of the available returns, the Liberals would be so entirely dependent upon a small group of Progressives that they would be unable to carry out any policy without resting under the suspicion of being under complete Progressive dictation. As it stands Mr. Meighen could well afford, and would invite, another election should it prove necessary, and could abide the result with complete confidence, whereas should the Liberals and Progressives be forced to the country, their fate would obviously be sealed beforehand because of the temper of the electorate disclosed in yesterday's results.

Had the Maritimes gone strongly for the Government it would have been sustained, though by a comparatively small margin, but the revolution which marked the provincial elections was repeated, with the result that the Conservatives carried twenty-three of the twenty-nine seats in this territory, and among those who went down to defeat was Hon. Walter E. Foster, the Secretary of State. Of the eleven New Brunswick seats all are Conservative except Gloucester. Only three Liberals survived in Nova Scotia and only two in Prince Edward Island. In Ontario, where both the Liberals and Progressives developed considerable strength in 1921, the Conservatives regained their old position, carrying seventy-one of the eighty-two seats. The Patenaude adventure in Quebec, where an attempt was made to set up a sort of independent Conservative party in the belief that if that province would not support Mr. Meighen directly it might be delivered to him by means of a French lieutenant, collapsed woefully. In this, as in the virtual disappearance of the Progressive party, there is seen the fact that the electors are going back strongly to the two party system, and that they prefer straight fighting and clearly defined issues. The Liberals evidently absorbed some of the Progressive strength, but the Conservatives took more of it, particularly in Ontario and Manitoba.

When the causes of yesterday's upheaval are sought the conclusion stands out that this is a bad time for governments. Times have been bad, and when they are so the government of the day is held responsible, rightly or otherwise. There have been some symptoms of improvement in business, but they come too late to allay the feeling of discontent and unrest prevalent throughout the country, particularly in the Maritime Provinces. Under such circumstances there is a marked drawing away from party lines, and very evidently a very large percentage of the voters on this occasion turned away from their old allegiances and demanded a change.

There is the further consideration that in the last House of Commons it was constantly clear to the country at large that the Prime Minister was at the mercy of the Progressives, and doubtless there was a feeling that the legitimate functions of government were crippled under such conditions, and that affairs would be more satisfactory if there were an administration which had a proper working majority and could go ahead boldly without too frequently considering the effect of its action upon its tenure of office.

Those who have watched closely the trend of events in the Maritimes cannot but realize that the sweeping Conservative victory in these provinces was largely a vote of protest against the disabilities under which the Atlantic division has labored in the past. Bad times had sharpened Maritime feeling, and there was a growing feeling that the Liberals had given more consideration to the West than to this part of the country, either taking support in this quarter for granted or believing Western support more important.

The provincial elections indicated what was to come. So far as the Maritimes are concerned they will take any incoming administration, whatever its political complexion, on trial for a reasonable time. Then they will expect definite and vigorous action to give these provinces equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of the dividends of Confederation, so far as these are affected by federal activities, policies and expenditures. The storm in the Maritimes is certain to recur, regardless of party politics, should rightful Maritime claims be ignored.

Odds and Ends
(Dickens—Oliver Twist.)
The trial was served out, and a long grace was said over the short commons. The gruel disappeared; the boys whispered to each other, and winked at Oliver, while the next neighbors nudged him. Child as he was, he was desperate with hunger, and reckless with misery. He rose from the table, and crept back to the master's basin and spoon in hand, said, somewhat alarmed at his own temerity—
"Please, sir, I want some more."

The master was a fat, healthy man, but he turned very pale. He gazed in stupefied astonishment on the small rebel for some seconds; and then clung for support to the copper. The assistants were paralyzed with wonder, the boys with fear.

"What?" said the master at length, in a faint voice.
"Please, sir," replied Oliver, "I want some more."
The master asked a blow at Oliver's head with the ladle, plunged him in his arms, and shrieked aloud for the beadle.

The board were sitting in solemn conclave, when Mr. Bumble rushed into the room in great excitement, and addressing the gentlemen in the high chair, said:
"Mr. Limbkins, I beg your pardon, sir! Oliver Twist has asked for more."

There was a general start. Horror was depicted on every countenance.
"For more?" said Mr. Limbkins.
"Compose yourself, Bumble, and answer me distinctly. Do I understand that he asked for more, after he had eaten the supper allotted by the dietary?"

"He did, sir," replied Bumble.
"That boy will be hung," said the gentleman in the white waistcoat. "I know that boy will be hung."

Here's Hoping
(New York World Editorial.)
"Patrolman Harry Schofield," runs a news item, "was last night the proudest member of the Plainfield, N. J., police department, for earlier in the day John D. Rockefeller gave him seven bright new dimes."

Which calls to mind once more a news item we hope some day to see in the paper. It would run about as follows:
As Stanislaus Psarudakis, a 100-per cent. American laboring man, was standing on a corner in Yorkville the other day a big limousine pulled up at the curb in front of him and an elderly gentleman stretched forth his hand.

"My man," said John D. Rockefeller, for it was indeed he, "you look like an honest fellow; here is a dime for being honest."

Whereupon Stanislaus took the proffered dime, slipped it elegantly into a manhole, and replied:
"There's your dime. Pick it up and buy yourself a stick of candy with it. I am a sovereign, free and independent American citizen, I am, and I ain't taking charity off no one but you."

We hope some day to see this item in the paper, but we have not seen it yet.

Prohibition in New York State.
(Advertisement in Syracuse, N. Y., Herald.)

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Stuffed, Both of Them.
(Argument.)

Sir Almeric Filzoy tells in his "Memoirs" a story concerning the late Cardinal Vaughan and Chief Rabbi Adler. The two were seated side by side at a public dinner, when Cardinal Vaughan, who was eating an excellent ham, said to the Chief Rabbi, "I wonder if the day will ever come when you will eat this."

"On the day of Your Eminence's wedding," was the quick reply.

Some of Those "Victories."
(Toronto Star.)

Writing to the New York World, Victor Shean, a war correspondent who is with the Riff army, says that the French and Spanish fleets and air forces after a bombardment of four days or thereabouts captured the town of Agadir, only to find it had been defended by a total force of eleven men. It is triumphs of this sort that may finally defeat the French. Yet when Agadir was taken the whole world was covered with news about the crushing defeat of the Riffs and the great Franco-Spanish victory. Of all the terrible news that ever was put on the wires, the war news about Morocco that comes from French and Spanish sources easily takes the lead.

Just Fun

THERE is nothing like a pretty girl to bring out all the dormant foolishness there is in a man.

IF VISERY likes company, the corset manufacturers should cheer up. It begins to look like the manufacturers of men's garters will soon be with 'em.

There was a man from Pawtucket, kept all his cash in a bucket. His daughter Nan ran away with a bean. And what of the cash? Nantucket.

ME AND all the rest of 'em would like to wear a double-breasted blue serge coat, white flannel trousers and a white shirt—just once before we die.

A SOFT answer turneth away the hard bodied collector.

IF THE seed of a peach is a peach stone, is the seed of a lime a lime-stone?

WHERE LITTLE MEANS MUCH
A fashion note says women's bathing suits will be a trifle shorter next summer. A trifle will be plenty.

SHE (to her cross-eyed suitor)—
"Look into the eyes of that girl over there in the corner and tell me that you love me."

WE SEND missionaries and envoys to China to combat illiteracy. Yet few women right here in Saint John know how old they are.

POOR BILL! He was killed by a flash of lightning.

TO MANY a maiden the little red lipstick is more important than the little red school book.

FOR every dollar saved there are two book agents waiting to inveigle its owner into signing a contract to pay it on a set of their books.

"Hello, is this information? My baby has swallowed a button—what can I do?"
Information (wearily)—"Cut a button-hole and let it fall through."

SCIENTISTS say there is no such thing as a complete vacuum, evidently never having looked into the tank of an automobile that refused to run.

SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON

The most popular man I ever knew
Had a cellar plum full
Of real home brew.

The safest part of a broom is the handle.

When the bread isn't wrapped the baker should be.

Fresh fruit's a fitting food—
It does your heart and liver good;
It does away with sluggishness
And keeps you fit for business.

The only door that should be kept closed is the cuspidor.

And there's no fly in the ointment where the garbage is burned.

A THRILLER.
MISTRESS (to Swedish maid): "Back from the shop already, Olga?"
"Yes, mum."
"Scaramouche?"
"No, not very much. Notre Dame Juggler."

HIGHER.
PAUL: "I tried to steal a kiss and it landed on her chin."
HARRY: "What did she say?"
PAUL: "Heaven's above!"

Dinner Stories

MOTHER was giving little Johnny a lecture. "You should always be exceedingly careful about your conduct. I want you never to do anything which you would be ashamed to have the whole world see you doing."

The youngster let out a whoop of delight and turned a handspring in his exuberance.
"What in the world is the matter with you? Are you crazy?" demanded his mother.

"No'm," was the answer. "I'm just glad 'cause you don't expect me to take baths any more."

MR. NEWLYRICH strutted into a club to which he had been elected. He looked around to see if there was anybody there he knew, and after a while he discovered a well-known lawyer reading by a window.

He walked across to the lawyer and held out his hand, palm down. On his third finger glittered a diamond ring he had just bought.

"Hello, Mr. Briefs," he said, wiggling his fingers to make the diamond sparkle. "What would you do if you were me and had that?"

"I'd sell it," said the attorney, "and buy a nail brush."

Other Views

IF THAT WAS ONLY ALL.
(Springfield Union.)

It would be possible to look forward to winter resignedly and even with moderate enthusiasm were it not for the anguishing fear that styles will again demand flapping goshawks.

INDUSTRIES AND NATIONAL WEALTH.
(London Round Table.)

As countries become richer by the development of their own industries, their capacity for purchasing the products of other countries will increase. The development, for instance, of oriental industry has a bright as well as a menacing aspect for western commerce. Though India, China and Japan are beginning to supply themselves with cotton and other goods, which they previously imported from Europe or America, the process of industrialization is gradually raising the standard

Too Many Chefs



John Bull—"That's the chef I want!"—From the News of the World.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

YOUR PLEASURES AND MINE.

THE things that have pleased him—these are what have moulded Man. He always has thought of progress in terms of pleasure.

Man has never taken to heart Aristotle's admonition that "Not pleasure, but freedom from pain, is what the wise man will aim at."

We are all born, as Schiller says, in Arcadia. In other words, we come into the world full of claims to happiness.

Most of us live for our moments of pleasure. And in old age, he remembers all of the pleasures he has experienced, and few or none of the pains.

BUT we must remember that not only men of different races, but also men of the same race, and even the same man at different periods of life, have different standards of happiness and pleasure.

Every age has its pleasures, its style of wit, its own way. Remembering this, we cannot with justice criticize the roads other persons travel in pursuit of happiness. Our standard cannot be every one's.

Poems That Live

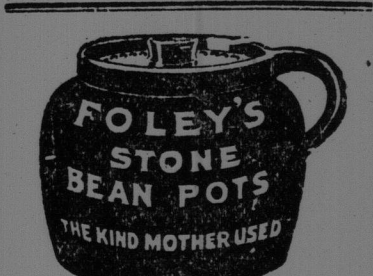
TO DIANE.

Sweet, be not proud of those two eyes
Which starlike sparkle in their skies;
Nor be you proud, that you can see
All hearts your captives; yours yet free.
Be you not proud of that rich hair
Which wantons with the loveliest air;
Whereas that ruby which you wear,
Sunk from the tip of your soft ear,
Will last to be a precious stone
When all your world of beauty's gone.
—Robert Herrick.

of living of their vast populations and rendering them capable of buying many other things from abroad which did not previously come within the range of their domestic economy.

OVER-SUPPLY OF TEACHERS.
(Port Rowan News.)

There are many teachers both of the high and public schools out of employment. The supply of teachers is too great for the number of schools. There were some high school teachers, old men, who were given employment for years because the supply of teachers was short. We had some of them in Port Rowan. These will have to drop out. But there are young men who find it hard to get schools and some who have not secured them. To these the over-supply seems to be a hardship. But in every profession there are difficulties in the way of young graduates getting a start. But eventually all of them will find places.



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Timely Views On World Topics

"CRIME, the failure of education and religion, the breaking up of homes, the dependency of children, divorce, non-support and desertion—all are decidedly on the increase," warned Judge Ben Lindsey, of the Juvenile and Family Court of Denver, in a recent interview.

"I believe that delinquency among children in some cities is decreasing," he observed, "at least in proportion to the increase in population. It is true that most of the crimes against property are committed by young people. But what about the failure of jails and prisons, however necessary? We admit they are for some cases."

"I believe in the probation system and, when properly administered, I am confident that, as to the cases of most individuals dealt with, it is doing much to reduce crime. But it cannot necessarily be expected to prevent an increase of crime in this country."

Many Not Prosecuted

"But as to the increase of crime. We cannot always depend on statistics. Thousands of criminals are dealt with unofficially, or are not brought into court at all. A Chicago man told me eight youths in his employ had stolen money from him and had not been prosecuted, but merely discharged. A

prescription for their guide do not formulate their doctrine, yet the belief frequently betrayed, that conduct which society permits is not blameworthy, implies there are those who think right and wrong can be made such by public opinion."

It ought to be apparent by now, after several thousand years of failure, that men cannot be made moral by law.

Because, as Tacitus long ago remarked, "Things forbidden have a secret charm," forbidden pleasures alone are loved immoderately.

It is a weakness of man that to him what is common and lawful is undesirable; and what is unlawful is very attractive. This explains more than one problem of today.

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principal of an Eastern high school told me there were seventeen boys in that school who had been guilty of stealing automobiles or accessories and not one had been taken to any police authority."

WHERE WILL THE ROAD LEAD?
(New York Herald-Tribune.)

Where does the road from Locarno lead? Time alone can answer that question, but the way is paved for faster progress than has been made since the armistice. As arbitration is so vital a feature of the Locarno

treaty, it is natural to expect the growing importance of the World Court. There has never been a valid reason against this country's joining it with proper reservations. Now the urgency for action is increased. To obtain the full benefit of the Locarno decision there should be further reduction in armaments. President Coolidge has an opportunity of inviting the European nations to join in a conference intended to reduce armaments and thereby lower national expenditures. Locarno is not only a great accomplishment. It can be the starting point of a new era.

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