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ST. JOHN AND THE FUTURE

It is natural, perhaps, that Nova Scotia should be eager to secure the portfolio of Railways and Canals, and while New Brunswick resents the doctrine recently advanced by St. John...

The time has gone by when St. John and Halifax should seek to obstruct each other or show any spirit other than that of healthy rivalry...

Halifax is evidently pressing for a decision in this matter, and it obviously is one of many questions which show how necessary it is for St. John to be represented at Ottawa...

DREDGING The Dominion supplement estimates, which were brought down last evening, contain generous estimates for dredging...

In addition to the appropriations referred to we have the statement of Hon. Mr. Fisher that he expects the government dredge "Fielding" will be at work in the channel here before the end of the year...

SUCCESS BY RULE Jacob Riis, who is the friend and biographer of President Roosevelt, delivered an address to the students in a girls' school the other day...

maxims, which I will give as guides to you young women: "First—Fit yourself for the work God has for you to do in this world and lose no time about it."

"Second—Have all the fun that is coming to you. "Third—Go ahead, do something and be willing to take responsibility."

"Fourth—Learn by your mistakes." The girls, no doubt, were duly impressed...

"Do not these maxims require a diagram, in order that they may be helpfully and safely applied by young women or young men? How is a school girl or boy to know the work God has for them to do in this world? Most of them will have no more important work than to earn their living or to take care of the families that may come to them...

"The injunction to go ahead, do something, and be willing to take responsibility, is excellent; yet it, too, requires elucidation. So much depends upon what you do, and what you are willing to take the responsibility for. Does it quite go without saying that the doing should be worthy, and the readiness for responsibility only that which pertains to the right?"

THE PEOPLE NOMINATE PREMIER PUGSLEY

In view of the great meeting in Berryman's Hall on Saturday evening, its size, its enthusiasm, its representative character and its unity of purpose, and remembering that the sentiment of this meeting is the sentiment of the community generally, there can be no doubt that Premier Pugsley will be the candidate selected by the Liberal convention next Friday...

Those who will study the unprecedentedly large and representative requisition which is printed in The Telegraph this morning and who will study the character of the meeting in Berryman's Hall, cannot fail to be struck by the knowledge that the fighting strength of the party demands that Dr. Pugsley be chosen and that the call to him comes from men in every walk of life, men who are practically the bone and sinew of the constituency...

This city, as was very ably set forth in the addresses on Saturday evening, is vitally interested—as is the whole province—in the development of the Winter Port, in the development of transcontinental railways which should find an outlet for their freight here, and in the protection of the Intercolonial from private railway corporations which may seek to use it to divert from St. John the business to which we are entitled by geographical position...

THE LIBERAL PRIMARIES

Hon. William Pugsley will be the unanimous choice of the nominating convention of the Liberal party to be held next Friday evening. That, in a word, is the result indicated by the party primaries which were held Monday evening in the city and county. Men well qualified to judge the significance of the voting at the ward and parish meetings said when the returns were made known that delegates favoring the nomination of the Premier had been elected in every instance—that whatever opposition was in sight had been swept away, horse, foot and artillery. It was known, of course, that the party strength was overwhelmingly in favor of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, but perhaps few expected his name would so absolutely sweep the primaries as it did Monday evening.

The meaning of such a triumph in these meetings is plain. It is that the sum total of the party's strength is that the Premier's back and that he is today as good as elected. It will be pleasing to every section of the party to have such convincing evidence of the unanimity prevailing throughout the constituency. There is, too, very general recognition of the fact that the independent voters of St. John and a great many Conservatives de-

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VALUABLE COLLECTION OF INSECTS PLACED IN ROOMS OF NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wm. McIntosh's Work of Twelve Years Along These Lines Represented in Very Fine Assembly of Specimens of New Brunswick Insect Life--Some Very Rare--A Lost Species Re-discovered by Him.

The Natural History Museum here is to be congratulated on the fact that the private collection of insects made by the curator, William McIntosh, has been added to its other treasures. This represents the work of twelve busy years and is very valuable. As far as the insects of New Brunswick are concerned it is the largest collection in the world and it is much the largest in the maritime provinces.

There are more than 20,000 specimens in the collection, representing every order on a dahlia. This is the first specimen taken in Canada and so, Mr. McIntosh said, can hardly be called a native. All butterflies and moths, he observed, are vegetable feeders with one exception. This is the Harvester butterfly, the caterpillar of which devours plant lice and may be found in the white masses of aphid seen upon alders in the summer.

While beetles are not looked upon with favor by the general public, Mr. McIntosh pointed out that a very large number of the 700 or more varieties which have been taken in New Brunswick are the best friends of the farmer and should be protected, while others, such as the potato bug, really not a bug but a beetle, are his enemies and should be destroyed. The black fly, Mr. McIntosh said, is a pest which the brook knows that the flies are especially troublesome but he is not likely to inquire how many little creatures are pestering the life out of him. The tidy housewife is as likely to inquire. Most of us know the difference between the house fly, the blow fly, the horse fly and the black fly. Mr. McIntosh has, however, collected the amazing number of 600 different kinds, distinct one from the other, and all of them common in St. John. Besides these there are many cases containing bees, wasps, grasshoppers, dragonflies, ants and many others, all of which must have been much patience to capture and mount.

The naming of the specimens in such a collection as this, Mr. McIntosh went on, is in itself a colossal task involving tedious and expensive methods. "Every species in this collection," he said, "has been sent to a specialist for the purpose of being correctly named. Usually this is not a difficult matter but occasionally it is otherwise." One small moth which he pointed out, had been sent to New York, thence to Washington, London and Berlin before it could be identified.

Lost Species Found Again. After its long journey it was found to be a new species. Mr. McIntosh has found quite a number such in the course of his rambles but he is modest on this point. Incidentally he told the story of how he rediscovered a lost species. It is quite interesting. About sixty years ago a British naturalist, stationed in Halifax, made a collection of moths which he presented to the British Museum. Some of these were new and were named by the British scientists. One of these was not again taken by collectors for more than a fifty years ago Mr. McIntosh, a young man of twenty at the time, was in the Museum and was found to be no other than the long lost species. Mr. McIntosh since supplied many of the leading collections with these.

Mr. McIntosh's collection is really made up of a number of collections for in addition to the mounted specimens are exhibited the most important insects which affect fruit trees, small fruits, garden crops and grains, representing the various stages of each together with its work as far as material permits. Species injurious to forest and shade trees and their stages and manner of work are also exemplified as well as those that are beneficial. These collections are extremely valuable to the farmer and forester, showing as they do at a glance the pests which destroy the fruits of their labor and how best to attack them.

The most difficult and delicate work connected with the collection was the mounting of the caterpillars. It seems to the ordinary observer at least a simple matter to stick a specially prepared pin through an insect but the soft caterpillar is a different proposition. Mr. McIntosh explained that the method is to cut off a thin slice off one end and carefully roll the contents of the skin out with a lead pencil. Then he puts this end over a small glass tube and carefully blowing it up dries it gradually. This method, he said, preserves all the natural coloring as well as the natural formation of the worm.

FORMER NEW BRUNSWICKER TO ENTER MANITOBA CABINET

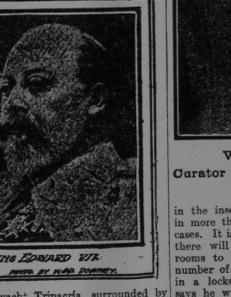
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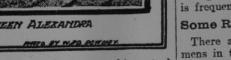
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