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STRONG CANDIDATES.

It is not only fitting that Premier Foster should be a candidate in this constituency, but that he should be supported by colleagues as able and as popular as those who were nominated last evening. It would be strange, indeed if the citizens did not elect Messrs. Foster, Roberts, Scully and Hayes by large majorities.

Last night's city convention of the government party delegates was business-like and harmonious. It chose as its standard-bearers two members of the government, and two men of large business experience, who have also much to do with civic affairs. Seldom have the people of St. John been asked to endorse a ticket of well known citizens so well fitted to be their representatives in the legislature. Their nomination in St. John will hearten the friends of good government throughout the province.

As already observed, it was fitting that Premier Foster should be given a nomination in this city, where he has won success as a business man, and has always striven earnestly to advance the city's interests. The people respect and honor him the more because of his representative business man in the legislature to do his part in extricating the province from the wholly undesirable and shameful condition to which it had been reduced by misgovernment. The citizens are now asked to endorse the action he took, or say that they want to risk a return of the old, shameful conditions; and there can be no reasonable doubt of their verdict.

Hon. Dr. Roberts was the only member of his ticket who was elected in the last general election. He went in on a platform of public health. What he, with the hearty co-operation of his colleagues, has been able to accomplish in three years has not only roused the admiration of the people of the province, but of other provinces and states; and the New Brunswick health act and its minister of health are cited across the continent whenever matters pertaining to the public health are discussed. Hon. Dr. Roberts has been much more than a representative of St. John. In the broadest sense, in the beneficent legislation which he secured, he has, like the premier, served the best interests of all the people. His return to the house of assembly should be a foregone conclusion.

Mr. R. T. Hayes has long been regarded as the type of man who should help to frame the legislation of the province. Of the highest personal character, conscientious, painstaking, and in business, he has had the further advantage of having been mayor of the city in the very trying war period, and gained the knowledge of civic affairs which is so essential in a representative. Mr. Hayes is not the type of man who would assent to a sacrifice of the people's interests in the interests of a party.

Mr. W. E. Scully was a candidate in the last election, and had the people then known as much about the doings of the old government as they learned later. Mr. Scully would then have been elected. He has been paid the compliment of a second nomination under conditions which would seem to ensure his election. Mr. Scully has also had valuable experience in civic affairs, and as a young man he came from Kings county to West St. John to make his way. He grew steadily in the esteem of his fellow citizens, developed business ability, took an active interest in public affairs, and came to be recognized as a representative capacity. It is fitting that he should now be sent to the legislature as one of the members for the city of St. John.

The St. John county convention last evening was no less harmonious than that for the city. It was anticipated that Mr. A. F. Bentley would be named as one of the candidates, for he has been in the legislature, and is a man known and respected throughout the county. He has large business interests in the county, knows its needs, and is in every way qualified to be a good representative.

Dr. L. M. Curren is new to provincial politics, but no stranger to the people. He is well known in the county, especially the western portion of it. An able speaker, a physician of high standing, and a man well versed in provincial affairs, he would make a valued representative in the legislature.

The government candidates are now in the field in city and county. The campaign will be short and sharp. It is essential that every effort be made to get out the full vote favorable to the city and county tickets. Organization counts for much in a political campaign, and nothing should be left undone to ensure the fullest possible canvass of the constituencies. Personal work is needed, and none should be indifferent, since a choice is to be made between a government tried and proved to be efficient, and one which would bring back the old men and the old methods that were condemned in 1917.

THE BOY AS AN ASSET.

The underprivileged boy in St. John will come into his own to an extent never before realized, if the influences set in motion yesterday are kept alive as they should be. Indeed yesterday may very well be referred to in later years

as the red letter day in the development of agencies to help the boy who most needs it. It is not easy to over-rate the significance of the visit to the city of Mr. C. J. Atkinson, a Canadian who is the executive secretary of the Boys' Club Federation, and Mr. Taylor Statton, secretary of the National Boys' Work Board of Canada. The Rotary Club did its part well. It gathered at Bond's yesterday besides its own members a group of men representing the executives of the Board of Trade, Commercial Club, Boy Scouts' Association, Playgrounds Association, Y. M. C. A., Y. M. C. L., and the city council. The dining hall was well filled, and these representative men listened with intense interest to the presentation of the case for the underprivileged boy, who it is estimated requires 64 per cent. of the boys between eight and eighteen in an industrial community.

Mr. Atkinson speaks out of an experience of forty years. He is today a welcome guest at the homes of hundreds of underprivileged boys with whom he dealt in their boyhood in Toronto and elsewhere, and who are now successful men. He is able to put the case from the economic as well as the moral standpoint, and prove that it pays to give the boys a fair start in life. It was no mere humanitarian plea that he made, but a plain business statement to business men, the force of which none could deny. But he did something more than that. He inspired. He told of co-operation between Protestant, Catholic and Jew in boys' work in Canadian and American cities. For example, in Toronto the basement of a Catholic institution was given over, heat, light, and janitor free, to the use of a club for boys of all creeds. In Regina the Catholic clergy, Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbi co-operate, with the result that there is said to be no better city in America in which to bring up boys than this Canadian city of Regina. Mr. Atkinson also put the case for a juvenile court and probation officer so convincingly that there was no gaining it. St. John, with 150 juvenile cases in a year, needs a juvenile court. The speaker also told of the use of school buildings, or parts of them, for boys' work, showing how admirably they serve the purpose. It must be gratifying to the people of St. John to be told that this is the first of eighteen Canadian cities visited where a real boys' club is conducted, though with utterly unsuitable quarters and with very poor equipment. As a matter of fact, this club has been affiliated with the Boys' Club Federation of America for some years, but those conducting it have always been in despair when asked to fill out one of the printed forms showing what buildings, equipment, classes, teachers and activities they had in their work. Mr. Atkinson would have the people of St. John do as much to ensure the safety of their \$28,000,000 worth of boys as their \$17,000,000 worth of buildings, and if that were done there would be a central Boys' Club, properly equipped, and smaller branches in the various sections of the city. These latter might easily be looked after by the four improvement leagues. In the city of Indianapolis they have a central club with gymnasium, auditorium for moving pictures, etc., class rooms, and other equipment, and to it come in regular order the boys from the branch clubs, making it give one hundred per cent. service. It has been suggested by President Terry of the Rotary Club that if all the citizens felt as Mr. Atkinson feels about it, St. John might have a central Boys' Club as part of the new municipal buildings, where space could be provided at very much less cost than if a separate site were secured and a separate structure erected. Whatever may be done, the citizens should not lose the inspiration of yesterday's addresses at Bond's and before the Women's Canadian Club. The committee to deal with the matter might very well begin by enlisting the aid of all organizations and taking in one day a complete and accurate census of the child life of St. John.

The opposition continues in some sections of the province to court the farmers and in others to denounce them or sneer at them. The Standard quotes this comment, evidently by an opposition supporter, on the farmers' convention at Hampton: "If the proceedings this afternoon are any indication of how the farmers would conduct the affairs of the province if placed in charge of them the people might as well make up their minds that every session will last a whole year." Now what will Farmer Guptill and Farmer Landry say to that?

Gross Ignorance.

A lawyer was conducting a case in court not long ago and one of the witnesses, a busy negro, confessed that at the time of his arrest he was engaged in a crap game. Immediately the lawyer said: "Now, sir I want you to tell the jury just how you deal craps."

"Was dat?" asked the witness, rolling his eyes.

"Address the jury, sir," thundered the lawyer, "and tell them just how you deal craps."

"Lemme outen heah!" cried the witness uneasily. "Fust thing I know, this gunman gwine to ask me how to drink a sandwich."



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JOY RIDERS.

I'm seated in my figure's shade, beside the public highway, and fires assail me unafraid—which is the silly fly way. And all day long the autos scoot, in heedless haste before me; and all day long they honk and hoot, and throw the gravel o'er me. In luxury the riders bask upon the seats of satin; "Does no one ever work?" I ask, in Choctaw, Greek and Latin. Old age is riding there, in sooth, in limousines that glitter, and at the wheel is gilded youth—and I'm the only quilter; for now and then I park my boat and strive to earn a dollar—a scheme for reason so remote that all the passers boller. Oh, all the autos travel forth, and hear their motors sizzling; they journey south, they scamper north, and each and every whizzing. The roads are black with fine sedans, and all the world is playing, except some tinhorn also-rans who labor at their haying. The roads are black with limousines, on idle errands going, and 'tilted are the useful beans—there's none to do the hoiing. The world is busy in banish; and what's a thing to banish? "Does no one ever work?" I wail, in German, French and Spanish.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

THE MONTAGNAIS.

To the Indians of the province of Quebec the French gave the name of Montagnais—which means highlanders or mountaineers—for they dwell in the hills of the province, where they were expert hunters. When in 1647 Father Dequen stood for the first time on the shores of Lake St. John, these Indians were living in the woods around.

In summer the children went entirely naked, though the women were always clothed, while the men frequently wore only scant garments. In winter all clothed themselves in the untanned furs of the wild animals of the forests surrounding.

No one knows whence came the Montagnais. Their past is impenetrable to modern historic research. They possessed no system of social government, although the chiefs and elders met in a large lodge and talked over all matters relating to the tribe. But their decisions were not binding upon anyone, for each brave considered himself absolutely free and independent of all control.

There were, however, tribal laws and customs to which the members of the tribe were bound. Murder, theft from a warrior, treachery were crimes punishable by death or the deepest humiliation before the whole tribe. They knew nothing of morals, and their conduct was actuated by nothing higher than self or tribal preservation.

Their habit was heated in winter by a central fire, the smoke of which escaped through a hole in the ridge of the structure. When the weather was bitter cold and the fires were kept roaring day and night the air became thick with smoke and as a result sore eyes and influenza were common among the red men. It was this smoke that made the lives of the pioneer Catholic fathers such a hardship at times when they were compelled to live with the natives in their huts.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Famous Words of Famous Women. I'll never tell her anything again unless I want the whole town to know it. Aren't some women the old cats.

Became Too Well Acquainted. Henry—It was a case of love at first sight with me.

Richard—Then why didn't you marry her?

Henry—I saw her again on several occasions—Edinburgh Scotsman.

No, Indeed.

Patient—"Doctor, I owe you my life." Doctor—"Yes, and that isn't all."

The Sound Was Right.

Teacher—"Willie, use the word 'gruesome' in a sentence." Willie—"The boy went to camp and when he returned his mother found that he had gruesome."—Boys' Life.

Taking the Sting Out.

"It seems to me," said the old-fashioned man, "that \$75 is a lot of money to pay for a ready-made suit of clothes." "Perhaps it is," replied the purchaser, "but the salesman made the transaction as painless for me as possible."

"How so?"

"He told me the same suit would probably cost \$100 next year."

The Baby's Little Joke.

"You are working too hard," said a policeman to a man who was drilling a hole in a safe at two o'clock in the morning. "What's that?" asked the burglar. "I say, you need arrest," replied the policeman.

Slow Service.

Barber—"Your hair is getting very grey, sir." Customer—"I'm not surprised. Hurry up."

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WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB.

When the Women's Canadian Club had the pleasure of listening to very able addresses by C. J. Atkinson and Taylor Statton in the Natural History Society's rooms in Union street, last night, a short session was held preparatory to the holding of the annual meeting next month. Mrs. Leonard Tilley, the president, was in the chair. Notice of motion was given regarding a proposed increase in the fee, which motion will be presented at the annual meeting. A nominating committee was appointed to suggest names of officers. The very hearty vote of thanks which was extended to the speakers was moved by Mrs. W. H. Shaw, seconded by Miss Grace Leavitt and spoken to by Mrs. John Thompson and Mrs. W. C. Good. Each of the members voiced very real appreciation of the splendid addresses.

"A NOBLE EXAMPLE."

(Halifax Chronicle.)

Sir Richard Winfrey, a member of the British parliament, who has just completed a three months' tour of Canada, during which he made personal investigation of the effect of prohibition in the dominion, has published a remarkable article, in which he says Canada, the very high commendation of saying it is "the most sober country" he has ever visited. Sir Richard has been a member of the British House of Commons since 1906 and was for two years parliamentary secretary to the board of agriculture. At home he is a moderate temperance reformer who has never gone the length of total prohibition. "But I must confess," he writes, "that after seeing Canada 'dry' and hearing on all sides from those competent to judge of the immense improvement that has taken place and the enormously increased efficiency of the people, I am almost, if not quite, converted to prohibition."

He says that he kept his eyes open to what was going on from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and that the great fact was the abolition of the public drinking bar. Though he found some "grousing," he makes this striking declaration:

"I can safely say this, that Canada is the most sober country I have ever visited, and that on my return to the Old Country I saw more drinking and more drunken customs than I have seen in any other country. In Liverpool more than 1,000,000 miles of travel in the dominion. The enormous betterment that must arise in the conduct of those people who spend their money in other ways than in alcoholic liquor goes without saying, and Canada has set the Mother Country a noble example. Would that our public men at home could see for themselves what has been and is being done all along the line in the dominion to solve the drink problem."

Nobody pretends that the drink traffic has been wholly stamped out, or that the acceptance of the belief that the liquor trade will never be restored. There is a higher average of sobriety and general respectability in the dominion, and it is indisputable that under even the limited measure of prohibition which obtains throughout the dominion, and particularly in our own province, a great and widespread reform has been effected. There is a higher average of sobriety and general respectability in the dominion, and it is indisputable that under even the limited measure of prohibition which obtains throughout the dominion, and particularly in our own province, a great and widespread reform has been effected. There is a higher average of sobriety and general respectability in the dominion, and it is indisputable that under even the limited measure of prohibition which obtains throughout the dominion, and particularly in our own province, a great and widespread reform has been effected.

GHOSTS AT VERSAILLES

(Toronto Globe.)

Versailles has been stirred recently by more than a new government. A few days before the meeting of the National Assembly, the election of M. Millerand to the Presidency and his selection of M. Leygues, an old Legitimist, to form another administration, the ghost of Marie Antoinette is reported to have been seen walking in the park. Several persons who were in the vicinity of the Petit Trianon claim that they saw a figure clad in the costume of her day, but that when they attempted to approach, invisible hands pushed them away. The dispatch does not attribute any political portent to the apparition, which, like Fischer's bomb warnings, may be merely a coincidence.

The story that the Petit Trianon is haunted is not new, but the strangest part of it is the people's sense, unaccountable and the reverse of credulous in ordinary walks of life have expressed their belief in it. The most circumstantial story was published in 1911, under the title "An Adventure," by two English ladies who had their first experience in 1901 and made frequent visits and careful historical investigations during the intervening years. These ladies were daughters of English clergymen who held and taught the faith of the "guarantee" that the deepest distrust of stories of abnormal appearances, and never had any curiosity about psychical phenomena. The London publishers "guarantee" that the authors have put down what happened to them as faithfully and accurately as was in their power. But the guarantee does not extend to mental as well as physical trappings.

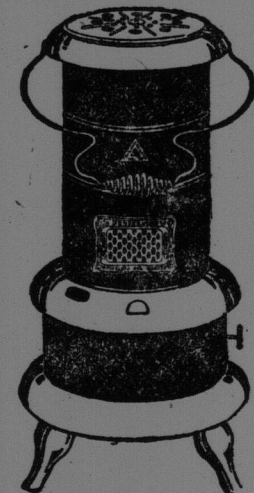
WAR MADE MANY SMOKERS.

A French economist tells me that the war had added ten million to the list of the smokers in his country. Almost every soldier eventually smoked. Smoking had a solace all its own to ease the terrible tedium of his trenches; and in times of crises it acted in its own subtle way as an anchor toward calmness. Often in France there were tobacco crises and the terrible memories they are.

In Southern Poland, any one possessing a package of cigarettes rented a safe deposit vault. One of the American Y. M. C. A. secretaries in Krakow discovered that he could outclass and overrule the aristocrats of the palaces. For one cigarette per day a valet (who had had his training in New York) came to his room and looked after his clothes and boots and shaved him. A haircut came at the same rate—Lucien Swift Kirkland in Leslie's.

BLUENOSE EDITOR IS B. C. CANDIDATE.

J. A. MacKellie, editor of the Vernon, B. C. News, at a convention representing Yale federal constituency, was chosen as the National Liberal and Conservative candidate for the riding. Hon. Martin Burrell was the former member. The United Farmers will meet Sept. 24.



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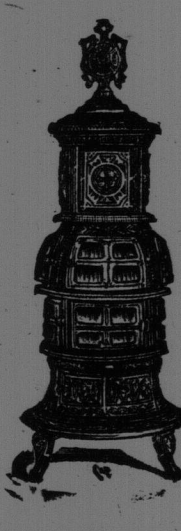
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to nominate a candidate. The soldiers will also have a man in the field. The Labor party has offered the nomination

of Mr. Richardson, former Labor member in the Imperial parliament for White Haven, England.

(Editor MacKellie is a brother of Mrs. L. W. Parker, Truro, N. S. He was born in St. John, N. B., though the family belonged to Dorchester, N. B. Mr. MacKellie has been many years in the west, and when he was but eighteen years of age he served under General Middleton in the Riel rebellion, and won the Red River Rebellion medal. He has been urged frequently to enter the political field, but heretofore has refused.)

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