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Interesting Letter from the Pen of Mr. E. H. Porter

Dear Editor:

Whilst the people of Nova Scotia have been engaged in Municipal Elections, many of which were no doubt fiercely contested, the people of many States in this country have been electing Governors and Congressmen, Mayors and other officials. Election was held on the same day as in Nova Scotia. The result in this country has been a complete vindication of the policy of President Wilson and must strengthen his hands very much in his purpose to further emancipate the masses from high taxation and the dominant power of money.

In this State of New Jersey, James F. Fielder has been elected Governor and the State Congress will be Democratic. Massachusetts also elects a Democratic Governor by an enormous plurality. New York City has completely shaken off the shackles of Tammany. J. P. Mitchell and the other gentleman on his ticket have carried every borough—Mitchell receiving over 121,000 majority. The battle was a fierce one and Chas. F. Murphy and his staff resorted to every device to elect McCall, but all in vain. Probably the impeachment of Governor Sulzer at the instance of Mr. Murphy did more than anything to roll up Fusion's great majority. As soon as Sulzer was deposed he came down to the east side of New York, a section of which had always elected him and where he was regarded as a martyr by his vast army of friends, they at once nominated him for the New York Assembly and he immediately started out upon a crusade against the Tammany boss, the result was his own election by 2,000 majority and the adding of thousands of votes to the Mitchell party. Murphy's fate is an object lesson to any public man who uses his political power to crush out, as far as he can, those who cannot see the way clear to do his bidding. We sincerely hope that between Mayor Mitchell and District-Attorney Whitman the great city of New York may enter upon an era of honest government during which crime will meet its just punishment and the public funds be employed for the purpose it is created and not to enrich grafters and the political bosses who have been accumulating immense fortunes as the result of political power. Very few of your readers probably have any idea of the magnitude of the office of Mayor of New York. He has the appointment of officials when he enters upon his duties January 1st, whose salaries reach the sum of over one million dollars and each of the four years will have control of the expenditure of about two hundred millions dollars. The Premier of Canada and his wife have been in New York for several days, but as he was taking a rest, very few were

aware of the fact.

We had the pleasure of meeting Capt. J. A. DeLap during his visit to Newark, N. J., and of spending a very interesting day with him in N. W. York.

Mrs. Pankhurst arrived in New York a short time ago and was not permitted to land until President Wilson gave permission. She addressed several meetings, the most notable being in Madison Square Garden, but her audiences fell far below her expectations. Her militant methods in England were a big drawback to her success here.

The weather has been very fine lately and only one or two light frosts—today is as mild as summer.

I regret to read in your columns that my old friend ex-Councillor Joshua Buckler, is seriously ill and sincerely hope to hear of his recovery. Hoping you may have room for these few lines and with best wishes.

Very Sincerely,

E. H. PORTER.

Bloomfield, N. J., Nov. 6, 1913.

Lady Strathcona Dead

London, Nov. 13.—Lady Strathcona the wife of the Canadian High Commissioner, who died last night at 23 Grosvenor Square, was in her 89th year. Her ladyship had only been ill a week. On Thursday evening last she contracted severe influenza and was taken to a hospital where she died of pneumonia.

The Times says: "More than sixty years of singularly happy wedded life are ended. She was a woman who was beloved and trusted by a wide circle of friends, and was conspicuous for her charitable nature.

There is only one child of the marriage, the Hon. Mrs. Howard, who married Dr. L. Bliss Howard of Queen Ann street, Cavendish Square, and by a special clause in her father's patent of nobility, Mrs. Howard is her presumptive to the barony of Strathcona and Mount Royal.

"Of retiring disposition and not often prominently before the public, Lady Strathcona," says the Daily Mail in a lengthy memoir, "worked quietly with her husband in those imperial schemes which have done so much to strengthen the bonds between Canada and the Mother Country."

"The close comradeship between Lord and Lady Strathcona was demonstrated in the late summer this year when the aged couple undertook a lightning-journey to Canada, her native land and her husband's old home. She was moved by a great spirit of charity, and in 1906 she gave 10,000 guineas to Queen Alexandra's unemployment fund, and the imperial word that lay near her heart was revealed in her wish that the greater part of the money should be used to enable the unemployed with their wives and children, to emigrate to the Canadian North-West."

For Baking Success—This Oven Test

Success on some baking days can be expected no matter what flour you use. But constant success is rarer. It can be assured in only one way. The miller must select his wheat by oven test.

So from each shipment of wheat we take ten pounds as a sample. We grind this into flour. Bread is baked from the flour.

If this bread is high in quality, large in quantity, we use the shipment from which it came. Otherwise we sell it.

Constant baking success comes as a matter of course from flour bearing this name

PURITY

"More Bread and Better Bread" and "Better Pastry, Too"

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents)

Editor Monitor,—

Sir:—At the approaching session of the Dominion Parliament several questions of more than ordinary interest will be under discussion, and not the least among these should be an unmistakable demand from all Nova Scotia farmers, without regard to political expediency, for the removal of all duties on agricultural implements, and for the placing of wheat and wheat products on the free list as well as for a material increase in the British preference working to complete free trade as soon as practicable with the Mother Country. The implement duty has not at present, if ever, any reasonable existence.

W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., of the Cockshutt Plow Company, says: "Removal of this tax would seriously injure Canada manufacturers."

Sir Lyman Jones, President of the Massey-Harris Company, looks with marked disfavor on such a move.

There is ample evidence to establish the facts that the Cockshutt Plow Company sold its product to the United States farmer, before the American tariff was wiped out, cheaper than the Canadian could buy in the shadow of the factory.

The Massey-Harris people have a factory in Batavia, N. Y., and this line can be purchased for less money by the United States farmer than by us in Canada. Two years ago the Massey-Harris people were, as a matter of fact, underselling their competitors in the United States.

Another problem, and which we are told the government is trying to solve, is the one involved in increase of ocean freight rates. Some startling facts have been made public in this connection.

"There is a steamship combine operating in passenger and freight traffic between Europe and North America."

"The combine has increased the freight rates between the United Kingdom and Canada by 100 to 150 per cent."

"The increases in the rates on grain and flour during the last two years yields the combine, and costs Canadian exporters, \$4,750,000."

"Canadian trade with the United Kingdom is forced to pay interest on the \$120,000,000 of watered stock issued to carry through the Morgan deal of 1902," which represents not one cent of actual investment, and is paying for putting competitors out of business, and it is this commerce that all the navies of the world are being built to protect.

Incidentally while the whole world is in the fool game of building larger navies the money as spent cannot be used to furnish competition to the ocean freight combination.

Our United Fruit Companies report their ability to avail themselves of steamship service, even with a subsidy, from Annapolis Royal, because of this state of affairs.

Remembering this great increase in rates on wheat and flour, what is to be said when we learn that Canadian Top Grade Flour is quoted as follows: in Winnipeg, \$5.00 bbl., Montreal \$5.10 bbl., London, England, \$4.18 bbl. After all these greatly increased charges are paid flour is sold in London for 82 cents a barrel less than it is furnished the western farmer, who drives his wheat to the door of the mill and takes home flour. The London consumer buys his flour \$1.32 a barrel cheaper than we can purchase the same grade in the Annapolis Valley.

It really can make no difference to us politically if flour and feed should be a little cheaper and if there is anything in the contention that the steamers cannot get sufficient back freight, with the duty off the W. F. Co. and others could purchase cargoes of Canadian flour and feed in London and return the fruit steamers so laden, at a great saving.

With free trade with the Mother Country there would be no lack of freight.

If these matters were brought to the notice of your members of parliament and a sufficiently strong demand made for justice there would be only one result.

(Signed)
FRANK A. BALSOR,
Spa Springs.

Fox Farming in Yarmouth County

(Yarmouth Light, Nov. 7.)

Few people in Yarmouth and vicinity realize that right here within a few miles of the town is a well-conducted fox ranching business, carried on by local enterprise.

Much has been said and written about the fox business, that most important and comparatively new occupation which is gaining such a foothold in the Maritime Provinces, and especially Prince Edward Island. Our readers are well informed as to the tremendous profits made on the island and in New Brunswick in this industry, and many thinking people are asking why, with the same conditions and climate, Nova Scotia (and Yarmouth County especially) cannot engage in this lucrative business. It has been demonstrated right here in Yarmouth County that this can be done in a showy, and a 'spectacular' manner. Sir Lyman Jones, President of the Massey-Harris Company, looks with marked disfavor on such a move.

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Worst Catastrophe in the History of the Great Lakes

Storm Took a Total of 167 Lives and Ten Vessels.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—That the total of at least ten vessels and 167 lives were lost in the great blizzard that enveloped the Great Lakes from Sunday until Tuesday is indicated in the compilation today of reports received from various points on the Lakes.

Each hour today added to the toll of disasters, and tonight the end was not in sight. Bodies of sailors of five, and perhaps six vessels were found on the shore of the Lake; wreckage from two other boats, still missing, was cast up by the sea, and no trace had been secured of two vessels or their crews totalling more than forty men.

WORST LAKE DISASTER.

Never in the history of Michigan's maritime existence has Lake Huron been the scene of such a succession of catastrophes.

Conservative estimates of the loss of life, fix the total at 167 at least. The damage to vessels and cargo will be several millions of dollars.

Lying in the various morgues along the Canadian shore are bodies of sailors of the steamers James Caruthers, Regina, John A. McGeen, Wexford and the Charles S. Price. It is practically certain those vessels went down with all on board. There are a number of bodies unidentified. Perhaps these were sailors on the unidentified freighter which lies bottom-side-up in Lake Huron, thirteen miles north of here. Many still think that the Regina has been still clinging to the theory that she collided with the Regina and the latter sank.

WRECKAGE CAST ASHORE.

Wreckage of the steamer Argus and Hydus has been cast ashore. Neither of these boats has been heard from since the storm swept the Lakes. The freighter, Isaac M. Scotts, is also missing.

This afternoon word was received from Captain Ely of the tug Sarnia City that he had sighted the wreck of an unidentified steamer behind his tug was passing Port Austin. She is believed to be a total loss. She may be one of the boats already reported missing.

TWENTY-EIGHT PERISHED.

Fog and heavy sea today prevented marine men from making a fourth attempt to learn the name of the overturned freighter, which, tossing helplessly in a rough sea, has become a serious menace to navigation. A tug with a diver aboard will go out to her tomorrow if the weather permits.

Greatest among today's tragedies was the confirmation of the loss of the steamer John A. McGeen, a 432-foot freighter. Twenty-eight bodies of her crew have been washed ashore. All are in morgues. Several have not been positively identified.

Rev. G. F. Newton Speaks at St. James Church To-night

There will be a special service in St. James Church this (Wednesday) evening in order to give the Rev. G. F. Newton of Sarnia, Ontario, an opportunity to give an address on "The Deepening of the Spiritual Life."

Mr. Newton has been conducting Parochial Missions in St. Luke's church, St. John, N. B., and in the parish of Port Monien, C. B., and is now on his way to Halifax to take part in a series of like missions to be held in that city and adjacent parishes next week.

In speaking of Mr. Newton's work in St. John one report said:—"He is a graduate of one of the old English Colleges, but he has been in Canada for some years now and understands and appreciates fully our Canadian life with its manifold problems. He has a quiet, argumentative, conversational style of preaching, which at times creates a silence charged with spirituality that makes one feel at once the power and reality of religion. His influence, however, is not confined to the pulpit. Any man may find in him a strong deep sympathy and readiness to help."

A special feature of the Sunday services was a mass meeting for men. These days when it is said the gospel has lost its hold on men, it was a rare feat for one's eyes to see the Nave of St. Luke's church, which seats comfortably about eight hundred people, almost filled with men. On the second Sunday at the time of the men's service there was a big Orange parade going on but this appeared to make no difference in the numbers gathered at the mission service.

The service tonight will commence at 7.30. All seats are free and hymn books will be provided.

Extracts of Letters From Dr. W. R. Morse

Suifu, West China, August 27.

More or less excitement and change have been mixed in with this week so far. "Variety is the spice of life." If that is true, our week has been spicy. No one here knows all the truth of the rebellion. You folk at home know more than we because we are cut off except for the most desultory news from down river. Up here the people are laboring under intense excitement. A match to the tinder of emotion, prejudice, hate, cupidity, greed, etc., might do anything. The Chinese treat us just as always, the Hospital is full of patients and there is plenty of work to do, that is the principal thing. To keep busy gives less time for real or fancied worries and fears. On Monday last I came down as usual from The Hill, where I had been over Sunday with the family. I met Rev. Mr. McIntyre of the China Inland Mission, who said the rumors were so bad, it was best to bring those who were on the mountain back to the city, as they were going to, probably, close up the city gates of Suifu and we better have all on the same side of the wall. So back I tramped up hill, leaving word with my assistants to send chairmen which was done, and we all got down safely to Suifu, by one-thirty o'clock next day.

The British Consul General at Chongtu writes me the prospect is that the province of Szechuan will be in a worse state than in 1911.

His hopes were realized all right.

September 22.

Luchow is the nearest city of any importance below us about one hundred miles. The rebels are there and battles have occurred. We hear the city has gone over, if so, no doubt, Suifu will be next. If they come, here will be plenty of surgical work for me, probably, which I don't mind if our supply of chloroform holds out.

August 30.

I have today passed my 39th birthday. My heart throbs when I think I hear folks calling me by the names they used to when I was a boy, and remember old friends and old times. I have so much to thank God for I don't know where to begin or end, especially the turn of Fortune's wheel that gives me, so undeserving, the opportunity to work at the profession I love and in this particular way. I am happy, not that I am not discouraged at times, but the undercurrent of my gratitude and content is very strong, and sweeps away most of the fitful of discouragement.

There does not seem to be any clearing up of the political conditions. Things certainly look gloomy. There seems to be very stormy weather ahead for China. We are anxiously keeping our eyes on the horizon watching for signs of storms and there are plenty of signs. The lightning hasn't struck our way yet, and we think it is not going to. We are working away hard as ever and paying strict attention to business and trusting. We are not worrying at all, and hope you at home are not.

September 13

The people here in Suifu are on pin points with fear and trembling expecting the soldiers from Yunnan province to aid the Government forces, and they may well fear. The Chinese soldier is full of the robber, looting, rapacious, lustful spirit, and let loose is a dreadful chap, especially with

W. R. MORSE.

Royal Bank of Canada

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RESERVE FUNDS - - - \$12,500,000
AGGREGATE ASSETS - \$175,000,000

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