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HON. C. W. CROSBY RE-ELECTED.

As was generally anticipated the Hon. Cyrus Crosby Commissioner of Public Works, has been re-elected for the First District of Queens in the bye-election held yesterday. It had not been expected that Mr. Crosby would be opposed; indeed there was a general understanding that the Liberal Conservative party would not contest any of the seats of the portfolio holders in the new administration and the Premier, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Public Works were returned unopposed. At the last moment Mr. Thomas Wigmore of Grams Road was persuaded by a number of farmers and others in the district to enter opposition to the re-election of the Commissioner of Public Works on two grounds, first, in order to obtain if possible direct representation of the farming interests on the opposition side of the House, there being at present no farmer among the Conservative members; second, as a protest against the methods of campaigning followed by the Liberals at the general election.

Mr. Wigmore is comparatively unknown in the district and deserves the heartiest congratulations for the pluck he has shown in trying conclusions with such an old and tried parliamentary hand as Mr. Crosby. Notwithstanding the prestige Mr. Crosby now enjoys in being Commissioner of Public Works, he succeeded in adding only 44 votes to the total he polled at the general election the figures being, general election 734, by-election 778. On the other hand the Liberal Conservatives in many instances did not trouble to record their votes and Mr. Wigmore got left in a considerable minority.

It is to be regretted that the Liberal Conservatives showed such apathy but under the circumstances hardly anything else was to be expected. The bye-election has been the means of making the government show its hand in the matter of finances and we now know what is to be their plan of campaign regarding the non-fulfilment of their pre-election promises.

LIBERAL LEADER'S VISIT.

Those who had the privilege of hearing the Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, the new Liberal leader, at Summerside on Thursday evening are agreed that he is a fluent and effective public speaker and a gentleman of pleasing personality. His career as a politician and a statesman is still before him and on the promise in this connection opinions are naturally divided. That on his first appearance in Prince Edward Island and in the constituency which has nominated him as its prospective representative in the House of Commons, he has made any converts to his views on the live questions confronting Canada today is doubtful. He is a Liberal of the Laurier school, an orator of the Laurier type, plausible, captivating and for the moment convincing. "Nevertheless afterward" comes the analysis, the oratorical fog clears away and the cold facts remain bare, exposed, unexplained.

Mr. King is a Laurier Liberal. Like his leader he stood aloof from the great majority of Canadians in the hour of Canada's and the Empire's need, when the only way to national salvation lay in uniting the two political parties. Like his leader he chose to stand by his party regardless of the fact that the best and strongest element in his party saw their duty and followed it in the other direction. Unlike his leader who declared that if he had been of military age he would volunteer his services in defence of Canada and the Empire. Mr. King, who was of military age and unmarried, did not offer his services in the hour of his country's greatest need. Today he seeks to justify his inaction by flowery oratory, by persuasive eloquence, by—in short—begging the question. He grandiloquently forgives those Liberals "who supported the Union Government at the last general elections." "Are we to believe," he charitably asks, "that these men and women of Liberal convictions were not honest, were not conscientious, were not patriotic?" He, with sublime Christian charity and becoming eloquence declares "I decline to entertain such belief." Were there not among those who in the panic of national danger, supported Union Government, "Many of my own most intimate and life-long friends, not only friends but relations and connections?"

His charity towards these was beautiful and the awed listener could easily see the halo of forgiveness twirling around those two uplifted fingers; but when the spell was broken the listener saw only the men and the women of Canada, Liberals and Conservatives, standing together with their faces to the foe, while Mr. Mackenzie King was urging an isolated group of partisans to stand by their party. And the listener did not forgive Mr. Mackenzie King any more than he did when Canada and the Empire were face to face with national disaster.

Mr. King denounces the Union Government, calls it colourless, useless, reactionary and urges all Liberals to return to the Liberal fold. "The Liberal party," he declares, "has already formulated a progressive policy of which the country is in great need." This policy, it will be remembered, was formulated by the Liberal Convention in Ottawa in August. It was published broadcast and it will be remembered also that anything of value it contained was a paraphrase of the policy formulated and adopted by the Union Government and the rest of it was impossible. Even the policy on the labor problems, Mr. Mackenzie's pet subject to study which he held aloof from the turmoil of war, was the one prepared by Sir Robert Borden and accepted by the Peace Conference. Touching upon matters of interest to Prince Edward

Island of which he is a prospective representative, Mr. King was eloquently non committal. "I do not want it to be said that I came down here to offer bribes to the people to elect me," he told a Guardian representative in reply to the question "Do you endorse the policy of refusing to increase the federal subsidy for Prince Edward Island followed by the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier?"

In charity we must place this latter declaration to Mr. King's ignorance of our provincial problems. If he had known anything about Prince Edward Island he would have known that our subsidies are not bribes but confederation rights. It is a poor prospect for us obtaining further consideration of our claims at Ottawa when the Liberal leader scornfully dubs them as bribes, not for a moment to be considered in the programme prepared by him as prospective representative of Prince County.

REFORMING THE WORLD.

The task of reforming the world, now in progress, is admittedly a difficult one. The ramifications of evil are many and far-reaching and one of the great stumbling blocks to reform is the close relationship existing between the greater and the lesser evils. We take one evil by the throat and strangle it when suddenly we discover a blood relation to it which by universal consent is not an evil. To be explicit, we find a wheel of fortune or some such device whirling merrily in one direction and call it a criminal thing while alongside of it we find a similar one whirling as merrily in the opposite direction and doing the same business but, for some reason which we cannot define, we find nothing criminal about it.

We jump with both feet on the ten cent game of chance while we look approvingly on the ten, twenty or hundred dollar game played in the open. We disapprove of the lottery on the street and approve of it in the society or in the church.

"One law for the man and the woman" has for many years been the slogan of the social reform movement and the social evil will never be stamped out until this law is adopted. One law for the gambler, whether the stake be for dimes or dollars, on the city square or in the fashionable club, will settle the gambling evil and nothing else will. Whether the wheel of fortune turn to the right or left, whether it be to fill the coffers of a gambler or of a church, matters nothing; the gambling is there and the gambling is the evil.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

HINTS FOR The Motorist

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

ECONOMIZING ON TRANSMISSION "DOPE"

Engine oil becomes so decomposed by the heat to which it is subjected in the cylinders, and so thinned by the unburned heavy fractions of the gasoline, which condense and enter the crank-case that, after perhaps a thousand miles of service, it must be thrown away. The lubricant contained in the transmission-case and in the rear-axle housing is, however, not subjected to intense heat nor is it polluted by the admixture of "kerosene" or other substances. The chief ways in which its value is reduced is by the accumulation in it of metallic particles and chips worn or broken from the gears or washed off the surfaces of the housings and of dust, which occasionally enters along the shafts. The oil or grease itself is little if any decomposed, and it is thus possible to use transmission lubricant over again if the metallic particles and other foreign matter can be filtered out, this can be done by passing the lubricant through a very fine gauze screen, having at least 50 meshes to the inch. Such filter gauze can readily be obtained and its use insures the removal of particles large enough to do any serious injury. The housings should be washed out with kerosene before the filtered "dope" is put back.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

Paraphrased by W. S. Loomis

PERFECT LOVE DESCRIBED

(1st Cor. 13th Chap. revised)

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child; now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I have been known. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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Mrs. E. T. Higgs has gone to the Adirondacks where she will spend some time and where it is hoped she will rapidly regain her usual robust health.

Mrs. Wm. Nicholson who has been summering in this Province left Monday to visit in Halifax with Principal MacKinnon, before proceeding to her home in Banff, Alta.

Every child in town is eagerly anticipating Mr. O'Connell's picnic and as Mr. O'Connell visited the public schools on Thursday they all feel they know him intimately and the success of the affair seems assured.

The engagement of Miss Helen W. de St. C. Mitchell, of Albion, to Mr. Raymond A. Sell, of Ohio, came as pleasant news to her old home friends here and heartfelt congratulations are being extended.

Rev. Julian Jaynes, Mrs. Jaynes, and little daughter, of Newton, Mass. bade farewell to their friends here this week after a delightful summer at Keppock.

Mr. Harrison Fisher, the famous artist, has invited Ruby Norton to pose for him, declaring that she has the most perfect arms he has ever seen, and that a sculptor using Miss Norton as a model could supply the missing arms of the Venus de Milo.

The hostesses at the Golf Links this afternoon will be Mrs. Murdoch MacKinnon and Mrs. W. H. Petrick.

Mrs. E. M. Elliott, formerly Miss Clare S. McLeod, arrived home from England on Wednesday and is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod, Brighton. Mrs. Elliott, who is the last of this patriotic family to return, did valiant service while nursing in the early years of the war, and is cordially welcomed Mr. Elliott is still on the Continent on Military service.

SHEEP BREEDING

Sheep are universally admitted to be the greatest weed destroyers of any of our farm animals, and could profitably be kept on most farms in the maritime provinces. In fact, any observing person has noticed the alarming increase of weeds on farms where sheep raising has been discontinued for any number of years, as sheep will readily eat a large majority of our most prevalent weeds and if closely confined, or on scant pasture, will devour and destroy almost all of them. The time was (but is happily past) when lambs sold for \$1.50 each and wool at 20 cents and less a lb., and this coupled with the passing of the rail fence and the ushering in of co-operative dairying were the chief causes of many farmers going out of sheep raising. The dairy cow proved a greater profit maker and could be fenced with wire at less cost and trouble. But another and more serious matter soon developed. Several of our old weed enemies and a few more new ones began to gain headway on those sheepless farms, and their owners began to regret the absence of those industrious little workers. For the past few years many who have neglected breeding sheep for a considerable time began to consider if they could not get their fences in shape and make room again for another flock. All three Maritime Provincial Governments have offered some little assistance and encouragement to induce as many farmers as possible to again go into sheep raising. The Federal Department is also lending assistance to the entire Dominion by way of a bonus to farmers who have never used a pure bred ram by offering a grant of \$5.00 a year for two years or \$10.00 in all, to assist in their purchase. Information relating to which may be obtained by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown. The benefits of using a pure bred sire of any kind should now be apparent to anyone, as these animals have been bred, raised, selected, and culled for many years with some special improvement in view that has been an almost insatiable commercial value in the care of sheep, both in the mutton and wool. The best evidence of the immense value of the latter is found in the results of the Co-operative wool sales, the best grades of

Genuine sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Leslie S. MacNutt and family on the sudden demise of Mr. MacNutt, who will be so kindly remembered by a host of citizens.

In the literary competition for the best essay on "The 25th Century Mission" offered by the Forward Movement Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada the second prize \$75 was won by Rev. H. E. Thomas, Methodist minister, formerly of this city, and the third prize \$50, was divided between Rev. William Watson-McPherson, Winnipeg, and Mrs. S. H. Gronlund, Sackville, N. B.; and Mrs. Gronlund is the widow of a well-known Methodist clergyman.

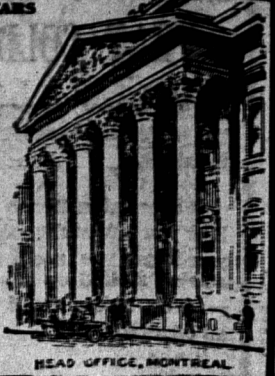
Mrs. William Gordon and winsome daughter Anna are returning to Georgetown today having visited for the past week in the city.

Among the distinguished visitors in Summerside this week is Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King who came down from Ottawa on Thursday.

The Georgetown Exhibition had its quota of visitors from far and near on Wednesday for their annual Fair. As the weather was fine the outing was most enjoyable, and the Exhibition a grand success.

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