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THE CIVIC ELECTION

The next call upon public opinion and public judgment is the civic election, the election of a government for the city. Although not usually accompanied by the turmoil and strenuousness of a provincial or a federal election this biennial event is of as much importance to the city as either of the other two is to the province or to the Dominion.

The administration of the city is the maker and observer of its laws and regulations. The members of the law and order committee of the City Council and the council as a whole are the only ones who are not necessary to the city as to the province or to the Dominion.

The first three days of January are the coming three months. The month of January is like a conglomeration of an iceberg so to speak.

Provincial politics are clear and effective for prohibition of imports under the Doherty Act and under the same Act no person shall either directly or indirectly manufacture, import or export liquor to be taken into the province.

The consolidated Prohibition Act is not so simple that he who reads may grasp its meaning at a glance. But reference to it shows that the duty of seeing that its provisions are complied with and of enforcing it devolve upon the chief inspector and local inspectors appointed under the Act. These inspectors are required to report in writing at least every three months upon all violations and proceedings in violation of the Act.

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MORE ABOUT PROHIBITION

In yesterday's issue we showed the Bell Government possessed, under the Doherty Act, all the power necessary to prevent the importation of liquor except through official channels for medicinal purposes. All it had to do was to adopt a resolution in the legislature asking for permission to take a vote of the electorate on the subject, and if the majority approved, prohibition became effective in due course.

Whereas nearly every other province, including Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, adopted this procedure, the Bell Government failed to avail themselves of the Act, and instead encouraged the importation of liquor and an addition to their revenue by imposing a three per centum tax on wholesalers.

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War's Aftermath

In a great war the nations involved fight against one another. But after the war is over, they all have another war to fight too. In this second war they are all on one side, the enemy is common to all. Whether they now squabble or agree among themselves, whether they keep up their previous groupings or all fall scarily apart, or all help one another in some sort of tacit consideration, they all must have it out with war herself in her new incarnation as poverty, misery, disappointment, and disillusion.

France with her shattered budget, we with our gaunt host of unemployed, Germany with her uncounted workless marks, Belgium with her sour racial division, are all sustaining, at one or another sector of a common front, the pernicious attacks of war in her economic aspect, the great impoverishment, discouragement, and alienation.

New Year's Weather Lore

Morning (Boston Herald) Morning frost, foul weather and great need.

The remaining links is covered on many of those who knew and could not be satisfied with the well of the city's social, educational and religious developments during eight years has been led to rest. The late Mrs. Tanton was a lady of much more than ordinary mental endowment. Of a family noted through several generations for its high attainments among whom were journalists and literateurs.

There has been no inconsiderable concern and anxiety over this matter and not a little speculation as to the cause. One rumor was that the delay was due to the Premier's confirmed habit of procrastination. Another rumor attributed it to a disagreement in the Cabinet. Common report has it that its meetings are farther from being harmonious than even the Laurier Cabinet was in the days of the late lamented Israel Tarte, who left the record behind him that "they used to quarrel and fight like blazes." Be that as it may, Cabinet quarrels afford no valid excuse for delay or neglect of urgent public business or for breaking faith with the people as not previously been done.

In this case there has been a double break of faith. The poll tax was laid upon the people in violation of the promise not to increase taxation. The promise to reduce it, already made and broken, adds a second falsehood to the first. We wait for a time to hear or read what Mr. Higgs, Premier Bell, Mr. Speaker Duffy (as a representative of the city) or Hon. Mr. Nash may have to say on the subject. If one or other, or all of them have anything to offer in that regard it will receive attention. If they have nothing to say they will speedily learn that the subject is not exhausted and that a deceived people will have something very emphatic to say when they next cast their ballots at a provincial election.

Notes By The Way

Shortly after the poll tax of \$5 per head on the adult male population of this province was imposed by the Bell Government a cry of indignation arose against it which was quite natural, because it was a tax which bears so heavily upon people who are in only moderate or poor circumstances, the latter being always with us. For the rich man, to whom three dollars is but a trifle, pays but the same poll tax as his poor neighbor, who being forced to pay this sum must deprive himself of some member or members of his family of the actual necessities of life. And as the poorer classes mostly congregate in cities, it was felt that they as a class were very hardy dealt with. For this reason the poll tax was resented in the city with even more indignation than in the country.

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At this stage of the game a very large public meeting was convened in the Market Hall at which Mr. E. T. Higgs was present and gave an address in which, if we remember rightly, he assured those present that he had the pledge of Premier Bell that the citizens of Charlottetown would be shortly relieved from paying the full poll tax. This statement was received with cheers, and our representatives forward to a little relief in their bondage. This was many months ago but the poll tax was still maintained in the city and could not be so it was in the beginning of a session of the Legislature has been held since, and our representatives have each pocketed the \$500 in demerit which they voted to themselves, but the poor city taxpayer has not been relieved.

We do not question Mr. Higgs' sincerity or good faith. We believe that he had the Premier's promise to relieve citizens as stated. But the promise has not been kept and the matter must be disposed of in some way. Thousands of people have a vital interest in it and still more thousands of hard-earned dollars are at stake. Mr. Higgs' inability to deliver that promise shall be the subject of our comments and our prayers. Mr. Higgs may desire that the tax shall be annulled by the city. The question is how much longer will he be content to wait, having a ready-waited from years and years ago. As a man of veracity and pledged publicly before a large drop of his fellow-citizens, he cannot afford to wait.

Not even Premier Bell, who is so well known and so well liked, has added to the long list of broken promises. The pledge was given on his behalf by one of the most respected supporters, if not in the immediate presence at least within a stone's throw of his office. It was reported in the press and no one has challenged the correctness of the report. If there is any excuse or explanation to justify the delay in fulfillment it is long since overdue. Either Mr. Higgs or the Premier should make haste to tell the people all they know about it. Hon. F. J. Nash, who is a member of the Executive Council, and who controls a newspaper, is we think, also called upon to explain. The matter is one that deeply concerns thousands of The Patriot's readers.

SIMPLICITY

Simplicity is less dependent on external things than we imagine. It can live in broadcloth or broad or black. It is not outward, but inward. A certain openness of mind to learn the daily lessons of life; a certain willingness of heart to give and to receive that extra service of duty which makes friendship possible; a certain clearness of spirit to perceive the best in things and people; to love it without fear and to cleave to it without mistrust; a possible sureness of affection and taste; a gentle straightforwardness of action; a kind sincerity of speech; these are the marks of the simple life, which is within I have said it in a first I have seen it in a palace. And wherever it is found it is the best prize of the school of life, the badge of a scholar well-beloved of the Master.

Henry Van Dyke.

Another Link Broken

One by one the links binding the present with the earlier life of the city and province are being broken. The year by year the pioneer federal victory already cooed away days are receding beyond the living touch of today. Few there are who can carry us back in personal recall to the humble beginnings of the present institutions, to the days of oandle-lighted wooden churches, of unpaved streets, of grass-growing sidewalks, of grass-growing sidewalks.

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The Approaching Marriage of the Princess Mary

Interest in the betrothal of Princess Mary Viscount Lascelles continues to grow in this country, and the general public picks up news in connection with the future home-making of the Royal lady and her non-Royal lover with avidity. Plans for wedding gifts have taken possession of the people, and the gifts will be as varied as the numerous groups of givers differ in their ideas with regard thereto. London itself will make a gift to the bride. The Lord Mayor has announced the opening of a fund for this purpose. To the staid married people probably one of the uppermost questions in connection with the coming marriage is, where will the couple reside?

To begin with, the Princess and her husband propose to live during the early part of their married life at Goldborough Hall, Yorkshire. Goldborough Hall is a red-brick early Jacobean mansion standing in a park and gardens which have an area of over 100 acres. The village of Goldborough is near the old town of Knaresborough.

Goldborough Hall is the property of Lord Lascelles' father, Lord Harewood, who himself lived there for fourteen years. For the past twenty years the mansion has been occupied by W. R. Lamb, a Yorkshire magistrate, and his family. Mr. Lamb was arranged to give up possession on April 1st and the Hall is to be prepared for the reception of Lord Lascelles and his bride next summer.

The future country residence of Princess Mary and her husband will be Harewood House, the home of the Lascelles family. It is a stately mansion commanding fine views of the natural beauties of Wharfedale. It has many royal associations and the early Lord of Harewood was of royal descent. The house is to be derived from Harewood, the wood of the forest which a battle was fought between Danes and Saxons. The Royal coat of arms was built in the reign of Edward III, has long since been dismantled. The site of the present mansion was built in 1750 for Edwin Lascelles, who was created the first Baron Harewood in 1760. It took twelve years to build it at the cost of £120,000 pounds.

Harewood House was enlarged and improved about sixty years ago and it was then that the fine Italian garden on the south terrace was planned. The palace, from its location, affords a sweeping view of wooded landscape and near at hand are the ruins of the famous "Tokay" vine-seventy feet long and twenty-four feet wide, which was planted in 1788. The State apartments are handsomely decorated and furnished. In Harewood House are wonderful painted ceilings by Robert Robe and Zornig, plaques by Kauffman, and portraits by Reynolds, Hoppner and Lawrence, also a collection of china—largely Sevres—valued at over 200,000 pounds.

The Prince of Wales stayed at Harewood House last summer, the King and Queen were entertained there in 1908, where their Majesties visited Leeds to open the new University buildings. King Edward and Queen Alexandra were guests at Harewood House, as Queen Victoria had been before her accession to the Throne. Lord Lascelles' town residence is Chesterfield House, which he bought from the Dowager Lady Broughton early last year. Until then

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