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VERDICT OF FIRST KING'S

Yesterday the new Liberalism of this Province met the electorate for the first time—and its Waterloo.

The magnificent majority of 210 rolled up for the Government candidate, Mr Harry D. McLean, was at once an unequivocal endorsement of the Government, a tribute to the young candidate and a sore slap in the face to the leader and exponent of the "new" Liberalism and the minions who rallied around him in devising and carrying into effect the most disgraceful political campaign in the history of the province.

Responsible Liberals in the district as well as throughout the province did not desire a contested election. The constituency had expressed itself on the political situation only four months previously and nothing had occurred since to justify another contest, particularly when the public mind was engrossed and all the resources of the province were required in the prosecution of the war. There was nothing political that could hold out any reasonable hope of victory on the part of any Liberal candidate. But there was another hope, the hope that slander and calumny might win, and this hope was based on the notorious Arsenal affidavit.

Is it any wonder that the electors of First Kings, when they found out, almost too late, the methods adopted by the new Liberalism to secure their votes, scornfully resented such tactics? No one outside the district expected that the young candidate, Mr Harry D. McLean, would poll as large a vote as his father, a veteran and a leader in politics. Mr McLean himself, at his first meeting, had modestly stated that half the majority given his father would satisfy him, and it is doubtful, with all his excellent qualities and his well known popularity, that he would have polled anything like the vote he did had it not been for the egregious Germanism that has recently been injected into the remnant of our Liberalism and that is going to lead it to a fate similar to that which is lying in wait for its prototype in Europe.

On the eve of the election the Patriot informed its readers that "it is just as true now as it was previous to September 16th that the Mathieson Government is doomed." It prophesied more truly than it intended. It has been proved by the result of this election that the Patriot is as unreliable a guide of public opinion as it was previous to September 16th.

It is needless to review the campaign, it is fresh in everyone's memory. The conclusions to be drawn are obvious. The electorate disapproves the new Liberal Leadership and resents the unnecessary plunging of the country into a bitter campaign at such a critical period of the Empire's existence. The result is also final notice to Mr J. J. Hughes as representative for Kings. Mr J. J. Hughes intervened in the Georgetown election with disastrous results to his party; he foisted himself upon the Souris district and the Conservative candidate scores a record victory.

It is now up to the people of this province to place the stamp of their approval on the action taken yesterday in First Kings. We are on the eve of a new era in our history, a new era in the history of the world, an era that is already emerging from the shambles of Europe purified by the blood and the sacrifice of our best manhood, purged of such methods as were tried in First Kings yesterday by the new Liberalism. The policyless and now worse than leaderless party has been given its first lesson, has been told in a voice that cannot be misunderstood that slander and calumny and falsehood must not take the place of honest controversy in political campaigning.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

This year, as previously intimated, an important change has been introduced in connection with the Short Course in Agriculture. Instead of holding the classes at Charlottetown, as formerly, they will be held at a number of centres throughout the province, thus bringing the school to the very doors of the farmers and making it available for all who wish to attend. In this way the teaching of the colleges and of the experimental farms throughout the Dominion, and throughout the world for that matter, will be placed within easy reach of every farmer in the province.

The first school opens at Palmer Road next Monday and will be conducted on practically the same lines as the short courses formerly held in Charlottetown. There will be lectures and demonstrations by experts in each department of agriculture and animal husbandry, and the latest discoveries in agricultural science will be placed freely at the disposal of all who wish to attend the lectures.

Similar classes will be conducted at such centres throughout the province as will ask for them, in addition to those already arranged for. Since the circuit was first mapped out a number of other districts have asked, by petition and personal representation, to be included and several, we understand, have been added to the original list.

The classes in every case will take the form of conferences; questions will be asked and answered; farmers will exchange ideas and each will help and be helped by the other, while the experts of the Department will give the results of experiments and methods in the college farms.

This movement is part of the great educational campaign inaugurated by the present Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Martin Brurill, in 1913, and is the most pretentious educational movement yet undertaken in Canada. Every province in the Dominion has its series of rural short courses, conducted on the same lines as the one opening here on the 10th. Its aim is to conserve our resources, to prevent waste and to enable the farmer to get the most out of his farm. The possibilities are almost infinite. Our best farms are still far short of their limit of production, while the great majority of them are little better than wasted.

Last season, it will be remembered, our potato crop fell short of an average crop by approximately two and a half million bushels, which at the moderate price of twenty-five cents a bushel meant a loss to the province of \$625,000. This loss was not due, as many complacently assumed, to the will of Providence in sending a little more rain than we thought was absolutely necessary, but largely to the fact that we either did not know or that we wilfully neglected to observe the commonsense rules that are being preached daily by our agricultural experts. The cause of the shortage was, first, planting diseased seed, and second, not taking proper precautions to prevent blight. The rot that attacked our potatoes last fall and that is attacking them now in our cellars is an inheritance from the previous year, an infection caught in cellars that had not been properly disinfected. On some farms, by actual calculation, non-germination due to diseased seed was as high as 82 per cent. That is, out of 100 bushels of seed sown, only 18 grew. Had the 18 bushels alone been planted the saving in time, labour and land would have been very considerable, while the resulting crop would have been the same. The loss of time, labour and land involved in planting 82 bushels that produced nothing is obvious. This is probably an extreme case, but if it were only half as bad or even a quarter as bad it would mean an enormous loss.

Take another instance: By actual test the increase resulting from the use of bordeaux mixture on growing potatoes varied last season in different parts of the province from 45 to 97 bushels per acre. That means that every farmer who did not use bordeaux mixture, which would have cost probably a dollar, lost anywhere from 45 to 97 bushels of potatoes on every acre of his potato field. It is conservatively estimated by those who have made actual tests and who know whereof they speak, that the annual loss to this province in the potato crop alone from planting diseased seed and from neglect in spraying the growing vines is at least \$200,000.

This has reference to only one crop. Similar conditions, more or less pronounced, may be found in every department of farm work. It is to prevent these unnecessary wastes and losses and to place within reach of every farmer such information as will enable him to make the best of the infinite possibilities within his reach on his farm, that the present educational campaign is being carried on.

We trust that everyone who can will avail himself of the opportunities thus afforded and that, as a result, the years to come will see a lessening of the ruinous wastes now so evident in our greatest calling.

CANADIAN CIVIC LEAGUE

Announcement is made of a conference to be held at Ottawa on January 20th, that should have far reaching results in Canada. It is proposed to form a Canadian Civic Improvement League looking forward, as the title suggests, to making our towns and cities better places in which to live. Delegates will be present from all parts of the Dominion and addresses will be given by prominent public men. Sir John Willison is to act as chairman. Discussions will be held on the probable after effects of the war on Canadian municipal life and social conditions generally. In these things the City of Charlottetown, as the leading municipality in Prince Edward Island, should take an active interest.

Can we make Charlottetown a better place in which to live? Are there improvements which our citizens as a civic corporation should be planning to make? Will the next generation find that this generation has been remiss as we living now can see the generation preceding, was remiss in town planning? Can we correct past mistakes? What is the best way to go about making the corrections? As the capital city, how can Charlottetown influence the Province at large in civic betterment? How may civic improvement affect our material prosperity in increasing the attractiveness of the Island to tourists? These are questions that make it desirable for our city to be represented at the conference.

The conference is being carried out as part of the work of the Commission of Conservation. For promoting Civic Improvement, the Commission has secured the services of Mr. Harris, a Town-Planning expert from England. Mr. Harris has not yet visited Prince Edward Island but it is hoped that steps may be taken to invite him. His services are free and no doubt could be readily secured by the City Council or Board of Trade. Other towns on the Island that might wish to do so, could arrange for a visit from him at the time he came to Charlottetown.

CANADA WILL BE ONE TO BENEFIT

Every Dollar Given To Belgians For Relief Will Return Later Ten-Fold

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—That every dollar that goes into Belgium from Canada will be returned ten-fold in the days to follow the war is the opinion expressed by a Montreal financier. Leaving aside the fact that the burden of feeding and clothing the destitute Belgians is one that Canada can do, and looking at it from the standpoint of an investment there is but one thing that Canada can do—send wheat to Belgium.

"Belgium as an entirety is necessary to England," says Albert Moulbert, a Belgian statesman and Belgian who never existed to England as an entirety in the days of peace to come unless England and her dominions have done their duty towards her to the last. Should Canada hoard her grain and let the Belgian mothers and their weeping children starve, as an answer to what Belgium has done for Canada, then Belgium could never exist as "an entirety" to Canada.

According to messages received by the officers of the Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, the word "Canada" is on the lips of every Belgian. And wheat and flour are almost synonymous words. To the far-sighted business man there can be but one meaning to this. Leaving charity out of the question it is plain that hereafter, when Belgium recovers that wealth which belongs to an industrious nation, Canadian wheat will be the wheat that will make Belgian flour and where one of a nation's leading products goes others will naturally follow.

Looking at the matter from a commercial viewpoint every sack of flour sent to the Belgian Relief Committee is like a share in a Belgian enterprise. It is \$2.50 invested. First the money is given to the committee, second it is spent in Canada to purchase the wheat or flour, and third the name and product of Canada are the one great advertisement which will bring back trade and money to the Belgium becomes an entirety again.

A Tribute to Stockman

(By H. W. Mumford, B. S.)

Behold the Stockman!
Artist and artisan,
His may be polished, or a diamond
Of the rough—
But always a gem.
Whose devotion to his animals is
second only to his love of God
and family.
Whose gripping affection is tempered
only by his inborn sense of
the true proportion of things.
Who cheerfully braves personal dis-
comfort to make sure his live-
stock suffer not.
To him there is rhythm in the clatter
of the horse's hoof; music
in the bleating of the sheep
and in the lowing of the herd.
His approaching footsteps call forth
the affectionate whinny of re-
cognition.
His calm, well-modulated voice in-
spires confidence and wins af-
fection.
His coming is greeted with demon-
strations of pleasure and his
going with evident disappoint-
ment.
Who sees something more in cows
than the drudgery of milking,
more in swine than the grunt
and squeal, more in the horse
than the patient servant,
more in sheep than the golden
hoof.
Herdsman, shepherd, groom—yes,
and more. Broadminded, big-
hearted, whole souled; whose
life and character linger long
after the cordial greeting is
stilled and the hearty hand-
shake is but a memory; whose
silent influence forever lives.
May his kind multiply and re-
plenish the earth.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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A REVIVAL OF FAMILY PRAYER.

Three marked tendencies in the religious life of England and Scotland today are by many observers attributed to the war. One is a popular wave of enthusiasm for family prayer. Another is better observance of Sunday as a day of rest. And the third is such a measure of co-operation between the Anglican and Free Churches as was not dreamed of possible one year ago. A great meeting has recently been held in London, attended by Free and Established churchmen in about equal numbers, and having for chairman the Rev. Canon G. D. Brown, principal speaker the Archbishop of Canterbury. The subject was family worship, and the Archbishop pointed out that England on her knees at home can accomplish more perhaps than England fighting in or out of trenches abroad. It is reported that a national movement has sprung up in the churches of England and Scotland in favor of family prayers in the home. It is said that Free and Established church people are interested in about equal numbers, and that speakers are setting out to the provinces to talk in its favor.

"We would erect an altar, Lord, to thee;
And here at morning, noon, or evening pray;
Our household gathered at thy throne of grace,
To seek thy blessing on our unknown way."
"Oh, that thy children everywhere, our God,
May in their homes to thee an altar raise,
For on our land thy smile again may rest,
If thou art honored by our prayer and praise."
By NEEDHAM-PHILLIPS.

GOLDEN WEDDING IS ROYALLY CELEBRATED

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryenton, Winsloe, on the 4th inst., when a goodly number of their relatives and friends gathered to celebrate with them the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

After a bounteous supper, the company gathered in the sitting room, where an impromptu programme was carried out. Rev. J. L. Lund acting the part of Chairman. After several numbers had been called off an interruption occurred and there was ushered into the centre of the room a beautiful Aladdin lamp and a handsome leather-covered arm-chair, the joint gifts of Mr. Wm. Bryenton to Mr. and Mrs. Bryenton; also a beautiful gold-headed cane, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Bryenton to Mr. and Mrs. Bryenton. Mr. Bryenton was then called upon to deliver a few remarks, and on behalf of himself and Mrs. Bryenton, heartily thanked the friends for their thoughtful kindness. A number of speeches were then called off and many anecdotes told and happy memories revived.

The charivari company were perhaps more in evidence on this occasion than they were on the occasion half a century ago, and with their picturesque costumes added not a little to the amusement and enjoyment of the evening. All of them had a hearty handshake with the bride and groom and the spokesman of the company delivered a well-worded and complimentary address. Before leaving they were given a share in the good things from the well-filled pantry shelves.

LATEST FROM THEATRES

PHYLLIS NEILSON-TERRY AT B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

England's most brilliant young actress, Phyllis Neilson-Terry, brought to this country to play "Tribby" in the recent all-star revival of Du Maurier's great novel, and renowned for her work with Sir Henry Irving, Beer-bohm, Trevelyan and other English stars, will head the bill at B. F. Keith's Theatre the week of January 10th, 1916. Miss Neilson-Terry is a striking looking woman, with the statuesque blond beauty that is characteristic of the English girls of the upper class. She possesses a beautiful voice, and is distinguished as the only actress to ever sing the solos associated with the role of "Tribby." At B. F. Keith's Theatre next week, Miss Neilson-Terry will sing "Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt," from "Tribby," another number, and give you two scenes from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Miss Neilson-Terry is one of the greatest interpreters of the role of Shakespeare's greatest love heroine on the stage, and she will play the scenes in Juliet's bed chamber and in Friar Laurence's cell. Surrounding Miss Neilson-Terry will be a superb vaudeville bill including Lydell, Rogers and Lydell, in "The Man from Arkansas;" Kathleen Clifford, the smartest chap in town, direct from her year's engagement at the Empire in London; Merrill and Otto, in their newest comedy, "Everett S. Ruskay," "Wards of the U. S. A.," Santley and Norton, in songs with trimming; Harry Tate's English comedy in the spectacular laugh vehicle, "Motoring, Parillo and Frekito; and Togan and Geneva. The Five Statues in a sensational posing act and the least-Selig News Historical will round out a splendid bill.

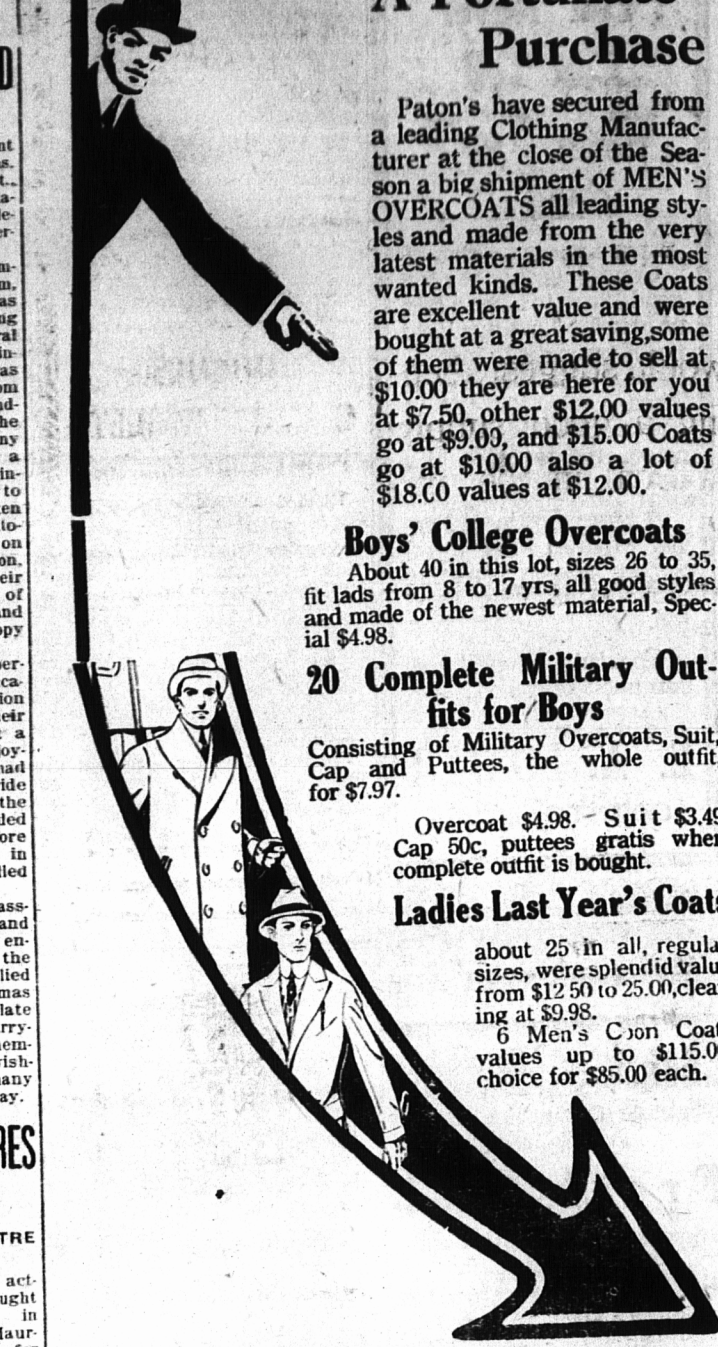
THE DISGRACE OF PRO HOCKEY IN WAR TIMES.

OTTAWA, January 5.—Lauten-tain chapter, Daughters of the Empire has issued a statement calling attention to the "disgrace of patronizing professional hockey games in times such as these." It declares that high salaries are being paid to able-bodied men who should be at the front, and that the public's money might be donated to much more useful purposes.

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