

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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PORFIRIO DIAZ.

There are longer terms of power in Mexico than we have even in Canada. Sir John Macdonald had a term of eighteen years as Premier from 1878 to 1896. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has held the position of First Minister for twelve years and has now secured a renewal of the lease for five years more, should he live so long. But President Diaz in Mexico has been continuously re-elected to that high position for twenty-four years, since 1884, and he had an earlier term of four years in the seventies. Moreover he is again seeking election, although now he has passed his seventy-eighth year. And probably no country in the new world owes more to any one man living than Mexico owes to Porfirio Diaz. His enduring popularity is the tribute paid him for great and long-continued service.

Long before his elevation to the Presidency, Diaz had rendered distinguished military service to his country. He served in the war with the United States in 1847, and fought with great bravery against Santa Anna in 1854. During the French invasion he was one of the leaders of the defence, was twice captured by the enemy, only to escape and levy new forces and finally, after gaining ground rapidly against Maximilian's generals, he entered the city of Mexico victorious in June, 1867. Such were in brief outline the noted services rendered by this great man before the date of the Canadian confederation. Under his regime order and stable government have been established in Mexico, internal industry has been developed, a vast system of railways constructed and foreign trade has been greatly extended. Mexico, with an area not greater than the present enlarged Province of Quebec, has a railway mileage nearly equal to that of the Dominion of Canada, and more miles of railway were constructed there under the Presidency of Diaz than were built in Canada under the Premiership of Sir John Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier taken together.

Measuring ourselves by ourselves we are prone to forget the progress of other countries than our own. It is not Canada alone that is moving forward with great strides. The Argentine Republic, for instance, with a less population than Canada, is fully keeping pace with us in the growth of its population and trade. It passed the half million mark in its external commerce a year before the Dominion reached that mark. These facts may serve to moderate our transports in regard to the growth and progress of Canada, great as these have been. But among all countries, and notably considering that its population is made up chiefly of Crochets, Indians and mixed races, the progress of Mexico under the leadership of President Diaz stands out as especially noteworthy. And as we have said, no one man in forty years has rendered so great service to Canada as this great leader has conferred upon Mexico.

FOR INDEPENDENCE.

The entire dominance of the party spirit in Canada is made apparent by the fact that among the four hundred and forty candidates nominated for the House of Commons in the election just now passed there were but fifteen declared independents who professed no party leanings. There were a few others who claimed to be independent Liberal or Independent Conservative, Socialist or Labor candidates, but ten out of eleven of all these in the running were straight party men. In the Maritime Provinces there was but one professedly independent candidate nominated and in Prince Edward Island none. In the present local campaign the same rule prevails. There are candidates

of both parties in the field in nearly every district, except Charlottetown, but no independents 'as yet.

From The Guardian's standpoint this is somewhat disappointing, but it is not a matter for surprise. There are a large number of independent electors, but they are not an organized body. The old political parties are organized and to them the people unwisely, as we think, have turned over the entire work of nominating candidates. The people of themselves nominate no one, and by this inaction they limit their choice to the four men chosen by the parties in each district. Between these they must choose, whether to vote for two bearing the Liberal tag, or for two bearing the Conservative tag, or not to vote at all. It would be better, we think, if those who believe that party spirit and party divisions are not to the advantage of the country would name their own candidates in every district. This course would give a wider choice to the electorate, and would, if persisted in, eventually introduce a considerable and most desirable element hitherto wholly lacking in the Legislature.

We are not of those who think it indispensable that men of the same political stripe should dominate both the federal and the provincial arenas. Some advantages may result from the accord, but it is counter-balanced by almost equal disadvantages. As a matter of fact four provincial Governments are now in opposition to and five in accord with the Ottawa Government—as equal a division as could be made. If our local Government were independent and non-partisan, representing the whole of our people instead of one half of them as is usually the case, it would, we think carry more weight and be more effective in promoting the interests and claims of the Province at Ottawa, whatever party may be in control at the federal capital. Party divisions and party spirit have never yet helped Prince Edward Island since we joined the Dominion. On the contrary they have been a hindrance and a bane. Turning one party out to put another party in would not remove this evil. The election of a number of independent members at the present time would however be a beginning toward a new order of things and we would be glad to see it yet undertaken.

The election of even one able and thoroughly independent representative of the people would of itself be a boon. He would moderate the counsels of both parties in the Legislature and more than any other man there would have the ear of the entire people. In the debates it would be interesting to hear one voice free from the party shibboleth, speaking judicially, according to the very right of the matter, in criticism sparing neither one party nor the other where they were wrong, and in the division giving his vote as a free representative and not as a party factotum. If there were two or three such men so much the better. It would be of interest to the spectators and to the people at large. It would be a relief from the acrimonious and sometimes dreary bickerings of the party men to have a few men occasionally taking part in the debate who did not see everything

through the colored glasses of partisanship.

It is not yet too late to nominate some independent candidates, perhaps one in Charlottetown. They might not all be elected, but if one only should succeed it might be the hopeful and inspiring commencement of a new and better order of things.

A petition with 50,000 signers in favor of prohibition is what the temperance people in New Brunswick are now working and hoping for. We trust it may succeed. The large majority of the the people in New Brunswick are in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic. The adoption of prohibition there would, aid in the working of our own prohibitory law.

The temperance lodges and divisions should be especially alert at election times, alike to secure the enforcement of the prohibitory law, to secure a sober and orderly election and to prevent, if possible the election of any representative who would seek to weaken the prohibitory law or its enforcement.

GREEN SICKNESS

A disease of young girls. Interesting and suggestive advice that all should read.

Many Mothers will echo the conclusion expressed in a very interesting and suggestive letter written by Mrs. Zucuarra Pollard, of Grand Bay.

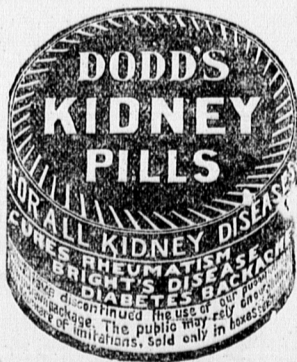
"It is one of the illusions of motherhood that once the diseases of childhood have been successfully passed a smooth road lies before their dear ones. Boys bruise themselves, or perhaps break a limb, but the physical history of the young girl is subject to so many dangers, it is only when some great one has been successfully overcome that we realize how many dangers there are. My eldest child, a daughter, just as she had entered upon the sixteenth year, suddenly developed weakness, her color faded, some unpleasant heart symptoms indicated a lowered vitality of that organ, but strange to say she appeared plump. The daily functions were obstructed, and a waxy or putrid, or yellowish skin gave her a ghastly look. The doctor's tonic failed to improve the symptoms, we decided to try Ferrozone so highly recommended in three weeks before any manifest change was noticeable, but once that ferrozone checked the running-down process the upward advance was rapid. I suppose if I had neglected to give her Ferrozone she would have fallen into permanent ill-health as it is I am deeply thankful that Ferrozone has completely restored my daughter to vigorous robust health."

No tonic so nourishing, as strength-giving, as Ferrozone. It gives you a grand appetite, brings fine color, a healthy glow to the cheeks. If thin, you gain in weight. Think it over, Ferrozone is just what every person in poor health requires. Sold by all druggists, 50c. per box or six boxes for \$2.50. Try Ferrozone today.

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Be sure and go to Brown's for your winter overcoat. 10-19drft

Brown will certainly save you dollars on your fall suit or overcoat. 10-19drft



Advertisement for JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT. Includes an image of the bottle and text describing its uses for various ailments like colds, coughs, and rheumatism.

Advertisement for Moir's Chocolates. Features an image of a box and text highlighting the richness and smoothness of the pure chocolate coatings.

Advertisement for Progress Brand Clothing. Includes the slogan 'Knowledge Is Power!' and an image of a clothing label. Text promotes the quality and variety of the clothing line.

Advertisement for W. C. TURNER & CO. The Low Price Store. Promotes a wide range of goods including factory cloths, tweeds, and flannels, along with men's shirts and hosiery.

Advertisement for Perfection Oil Heaters. Features an image of a heater and text emphasizing that they are smokeless, odorless, and safe.

Advertisement for JOHN NAGLE & Co. Commission Merchants. Located at 176 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Mass. They handle smelts on commission with satisfaction guaranteed.

P. E. Island representative, E. H. Beer, Summerside, P. E. I.

SALE OF A VALUABLE RESIDENCE ON GRAFTON STREET WEST, CHARLOTTETOWN, IN CHANCERY

No. 365. In the matter of the application of Albert Ernest McDonald, and others infant children of Angus McDonald late of Charlottetown, Merchant, deceased, for Order to sell land.

Purport to and by virtue of a decree of the Court of Chancery made in this cause on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1908 I will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises on THURSDAY the FIFTH day of NOVEMBER next, A. D. 1908 at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon ALL that tract, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Charlottetown aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the north side of Grafton Street at a point Eighty-six feet nine inches from the west side of Rochford Street, thence northwardly at right angles to Grafton Street One hundred and Eighty-five feet, thence at right angles westwardly twenty feet six inches, thence at right angles northwardly seventy-eight feet, thence at right angles Westwardly Sixty-six feet, thence at right angles Southwardly Two hundred and sixty-five feet six inches to the north side of Grafton Street aforesaid, thence Eastwardly along the same Eighty-five feet six inches to the place of commencement being Town Lot number Eighteen and part of Town Lot number Sixty-eight in the Third hundred of Town Lots in the City of Charlottetown, with a right of way ten feet wide between the properties of George Foster and Mrs. Cairns to Rochford Street.

The above property will be sold free from encumbrances. The purchaser will be required to pay fifteen per cent. of the purchase money at the time of purchase and the balance upon the execution of the deed. The sale will be confirmed by the Court of Chancery without expense to the purchaser. Dated this 19th day of October A. D. 1908. J. A. LONGWORTH, Master in Chancery. WILLIAM A. WEBBS, Solicitor for Applicants 0-28d151.

BOSTON FISH AD. AUSTIN HALEY, Commission Merchant. Fish and Salt Fish and Canned Consignments Solicited. Returns. 176 Atlantic Avenue Boston. dtstruzampd

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Advertisement for Beaver Flour. Features an image of a flour sack and text describing the quality and benefits of the flour.

Advertisement for Reddin Bros. Promotes leather goods, including ladies' and gentlemen's dressing cases, and offers wedding and Christmas gifts.

Advertisement for Mark Wright Furn'g Co. Promotes furniture and home goods, offering satisfaction and low prices for a wide variety of items.

Advertisement for Goff Bros. Promotes a 'Good year Weltd Box' and other footwear, offering a special value for \$3.75.