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MRS. CHADWICK.

COMPARATIVELY ABSTEMIOUS.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick whose arrest for swindling operations on a vast scale has attracted so much notice in the press, is alleged to be of Canadian birth. She was born plain Betsy Bigley at Appin, in Middlesex county, Ontario and later lived near Woodstock. In her girlhood she was eccentric with talent for getting other people's money. She married and settled in Cleveland, where her husband was a manufacturer. He died leaving her fairly well off. A little later she obtained \$200,000 from a friend by means that landed her in the penitentiary. Once out of prison she soon regained some position in society and soon years ago married a Cleveland doctor who was ignorant of her criminal record. Since then she has lived like a princess. She is described as present as a kindly faced, plain woman with gray hair, a few wrinkles and a good figure.

The charges against her are, in brief, the forgery of Andrew Carnegie's name to a note for half a million dollars and an acknowledgment that he held in trust for her over \$10,000,000, so falsely representing herself as a person of great wealth. In fact she actually obtained at least \$1,181,000 from bankers and business houses, and caused the failure of two banks. She is said to have lady-like manners, and as she wore jewels of great value she was able to impress bankers and obtain vast sums on the strength of her alleged relations with Mr. Carnegie, and the possession of so-called securities which were worthless. It seems incredible that for several years she thus succeeded in imposing upon her dupes. Common sense should have shown to any of them that Andrew Carnegie, with his enormous wealth would not give his note for \$200,000 to be hawked about. The amazing thing is that the bankers, who so readily handed over vast sums to this swindling adventuress seem to have made no effort to verify her statements. The Carnegie signature, was, of course, a forgery.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

Usually after a general election the question of securing representation for minorities is brought to the front and seldom with better reason than this year. The existing system certainly operates to practically disfranchise a large portion of the community. For instance, as pointed out by the Toronto News, in that city sixteen thousand Liberals and twenty-one thousand Conservatives went to the polls with the result that the latter got all the representatives and the Liberals none. In Nova Scotia and in British Columbia the Liberals got all the representatives and the tens of thousands of Conservatives are left wholly unrepresented. It would seem that it would be much better if the Toronto Liberals and the Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia Conservatives were represented in Parliament in proportion to their numbers instead of being as they are left largely or wholly without representation.

Our present system is a rough and ready one, the defects of which are easy to see, but by no means so easy to remedy. Many schemes have been propounded to secure adequate representation for minorities, but no plan yet put forward seems to possess the requisite simplicity and effectiveness to command popular favor. Canada is no worse off in that regard than most other countries which have representative institutions. And it is to be observed that in our recent provincial election the like inequality of representation according to numbers has resulted. A Liberal vote throughout the Province totalling 10,286 elected 21 members and a total Conservative vote of 8,729 elected but 9 members. Had the Conservative minority obtained representation in proportion to its numbers the new House would stand about 17 Liberals to 13 Conservatives.

PERMANENT CURE FOR BRONCHITIS IS.

"My second daughter was troubled with bronchitis from the age of three weeks. Oftentimes I thought she would choke to death. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine brought relief, and further treatment made a thorough cure. This trouble used to come back from time to time, but the cure is now permanent." Mrs. Richmond Whitrow, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A.

THE WINTER MAILS.

It seems incredible after all the complaints and remonstrances forwarded to Ottawa in past years that the same officials in the Post Office Department at the federal capital should this year repeat the worst bungling of which we have complained in regard to the winter mail service. But such is the case. Hereafter, according to the plan arranged the mails from Halifax will reach us only tri-weekly by way of Pictou and the steamer Minto, while all other mails will come and go by way of the Sackville-Tormentine-Summerside route and the S. S. Stanley. The delays which will result are set forth in another article on the first page of this issue.

A perusal of the facts therein set forth will make it apparent that if the object of the Ottawa authorities is to delay both mails and freight instead of to forward them promptly, their purpose will be well served by the plan which goes into effect today. In fact the conditions will be altogether insufferable. We cannot believe that they will be tolerated by our long-suffering people without most vigorous and determined remonstrance. The grievance is in no sense a local one for it affects the entire mail service of the Island East and West. A delay of two days between Sackville and Summerside is too much to be submitted to, and calls for instant protest by our local postal authorities, by the Boards of Trade and by every influence we can bring to bear.

Why cannot the Ottawa authorities who it seems are incapable of providing a service adapted to our urgent needs and requirements, be guided by the advice of the Post Office Inspector here? Common sense and a due regard for the wishes of the people would indicate that if the winter mail service were placed wholly under Mr. Wheat's capable direction we should speedily have a service that would be as good as the circumstances would permit, and there would be an end of complaints and the intolerable delay from which we have so long suffered in successive winters. Until something of this sort is done we fear that there will be no end of the troubles which official bungling at Ottawa has imposed upon us in the past.

SPECIAL VOTES.

Thursday. Yesterday was the day for opening the special votes in the provincial elections and quite noteworthy were the consequences. By the special votes Premier Peters has been placed in a minority of one in St. Peter's district, while Chief Commissioner Cumiskey, who had been left in a minority by the resident vote of Fort Augustus district has now by aid of the special votes a majority of one vote. Such were the fortunes of the day so far as the two departmental heads of the Executive are concerned. Other members of the House elected by small majorities, as F. L. Haszard, Liberal and John Kickham, Conservative had the good fortune to have their majorities increased. It may be that the official declaration six days hence may yet make a change of a vote or two. After that there is the possibility of a scrutiny or two, so that it may be some time yet before the absolutely final results are known.

Of the 3,000 tons of hay purchased by the Government for the P. E. Island farmers only about one quarter has yet been brought across the straits. Premier Peters has been informed that it will be carried free on the Government steamers, but it cannot be expected to take precedence over other freight which pays its way. There is an accumulation of freight and also of hay at Pictou. If the hay has to wait till the single steamer can bring it over after moving the other freight now there, with what is coming, some of the Island cattle may go hungry.

The end of the election petitions is not yet. The early meeting of Parliament will render it impracticable that any of the numerous petitions can be brought to trial before the session begins, and the trials cannot go on during the session. The members elect will therefore each be assured of the privilege of taking his seat, joining in the work of legislation and drawing his indemnity and mileage. Six or eight months hence the elections will have become an old story. Something of the revengeful feeling which now actuates the petitioners will have died out, or removed, or have been spirited away. Then there may be more or less of swapping off Liberal against Conservative petitions. It is one of the disadvantages of the Liberals in Nova Scotia that this doubtful expedient will not be practicable within that province. There at least the majority of the petitions may be brought to trial.

HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS

Mr. John Shelton, the well known bridge builder of 101 Sherwood St., Ottawa states: "I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for kidney and liver derangement brought on by exposure, and find them better than any pill or medicine I ever used. They cleansed my system and made me feel healthy and vigorous and better in every way."

THE STATION SITE.

The Patriot last evening told its readers that "the citizens of Charlottetown will be pleased to learn that the plans for the new railway station are now on the high road to completion"; that "tenders will very shortly be called for the construction of the work"; that "Mr. Sharp was well pleased with the general outline," and finally that "the plans call for the erection of the station on what is known as the Hillsboro street site".

Verily, "the pull is mighty and it has prevailed!" Resolutions of the Board of Trade, the City Council and of public meetings flung to the winds. Recommendations of three local daily newspapers set at naught. Pledges of Messrs Warburton and Prowse, the Government candidates at the late election, to support and carry out the wishes of the people, disregarded. What next? The election is over. The people are powerless, and those that have "the pull" are mighty.

In Ontario during the past thirty years the number of wholesale, tavern, shop and vessel liquor licenses has been decreased from a total of 6,185 to 2,800. The number of liquor licenses in Ontario is now one to each 735 persons and in Toronto one to each 1,100. In Quebec province the licenses are one to each 435 persons and in Montreal one to 345. There are 170 municipalities in Ontario in which no tavern licenses are issued and 286 in which not more than two are issued. The total number of municipalities in the province is 780. Thirty years ago the number of licenses exceeded the number of public schools. Now the number of schools is more than double the number of licenses.

LIBERAL MAJORITY IS SIXTY-FIVE.

Latest Returns of the Dominion Elections Show This Result.

All the elections have been held except in the Yukon, where the date is December 18. The results, therefore, known in 213 constituencies. As far as can be ascertained, there are 130 Government supporters and 74 members of the Opposition elected, giving the Government a majority of 56 altogether, or 22 outside of Quebec. The summary of the provinces is as follows:

	Liberal	Conserv.
Ontario	28	48
Quebec	51	11
Nova Scotia	18	0
New Brunswick	7	6
P. E. Island	1	3
Manitoba	7	3
N. W. Territories	7	3
British Columbia	7	0
Government majority	130	74

To be held—Yukon. There has been doubt as to who was elected in Alberta, but the Globe's Winnipeg correspondent reported last night that Herron, Conservative, holds the seat by 73. In Yale-Cariboo, where the voting took place a week ago, the returns are not yet complete, but Duncan Ross, Liberal, is reported to be elected by about 150.—Toronto Globe.

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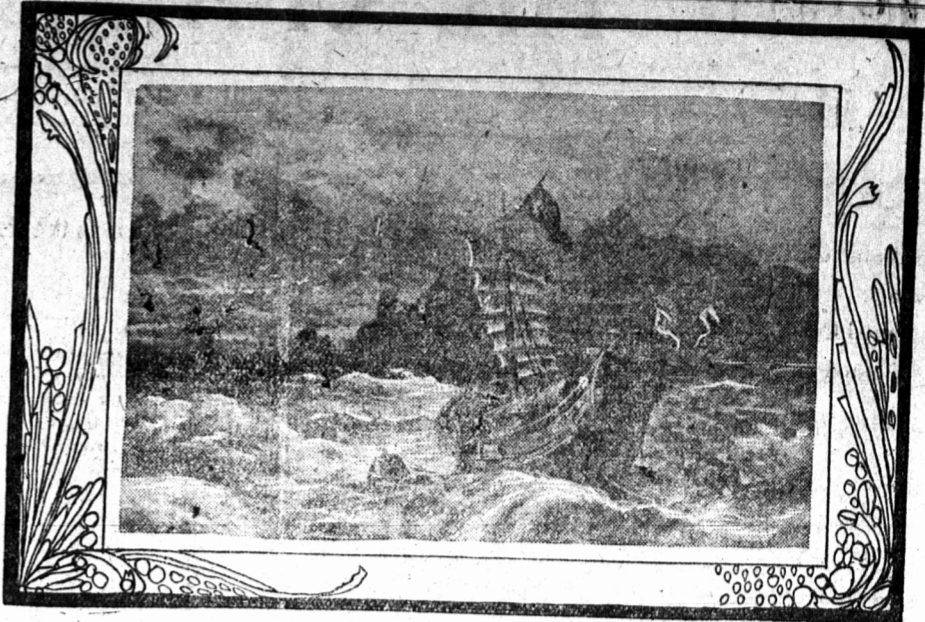
MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—The Yukon Hockey Club from Dawson City will come 450 miles to try and capture the Stanley cup. This cup, an immense silver bowl, which was presented for perpetual championship competition by the present Earl of Derby, when he was Lord Stanley, Governor-General of Canada, exemplifies the championship of the world in hockey, at least.

Incidentally the club will play a number of exhibition matches with other clubs in Canada and the United States, and will spend a month at least in the realms of civilization. They will leave Dawson City Dec. 26 after the elections in the Klondike are over, and will play in Ottawa in the early part of January, returning home in March when the ice and snow will be still good to travel over.

They are now playing a series of four matches among themselves for the purpose of deciding what men they will take upon the trip. They have already decided upon a captain, W. C. Young, known as Weldy, who some years ago was one of the fastest and trickiest forwards on the Ottawa senior team.

There are two wonderful things about the trip. First that it will cost \$10,000, and at the most they can only gain a small part of that by the matches they will play; and secondly, that they intend to do 350 miles of their journey on foot. This will be the distance between Dawson and White Horse, and they expect to do that in a week or a little over.

As Capt. Young wires over the more than 400 miles of pure copper telegraph wire which connects the gold country with Montreal and the rest of Canada: "The walk will keep us in good condition." The \$10,000 necessary for the expenses of the trip is guaranteed by the people of the Yukon.



CHINESE JUNKS TRYING TO ENTER PORT ARTHUR.

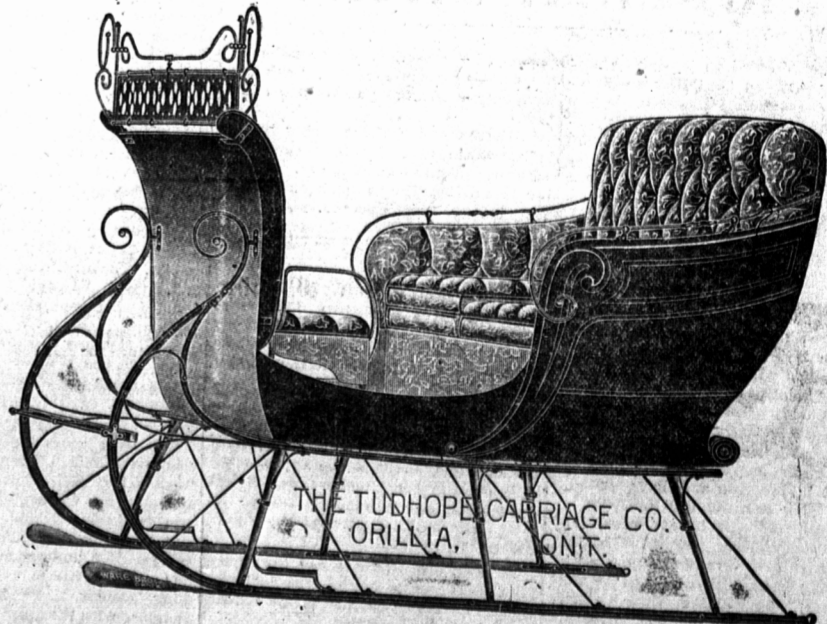
The sole means of communication with Port Arthur for many months has been by means of the queer Chinese junks. These vessels have carried passengers and some few provisions in and out of the harbor at night despite the Jap fleet under lock.

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