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THE EXHIBITION.

The Provincial Exhibition opens on Tuesday and all preparations for a successful show and a good time have been completed.

The great attraction no doubt will, as usual, be the horse races. Everybody loves a horse race and almost everybody who attends an exhibition keeps the race track in view.

A midway of exceptional attractiveness and amusement will be a big feature with something for young and old.

The educational features will of course not be lost sight of. The farmers of the province, the fishermen, the dairymen, the mechanics, will show their best and this will be the best that the province can produce.

The Provincial Exhibition is a provincial duty as well as a provincial privilege. It is OURS and WE owe it to ourselves to make it the best possible.

The success of the Exhibition will depend largely upon the enthusiasm the people will put into it. The weather, of course, will also have something to do with it, but even if the weather should be unfavorable, and there is no reason to fear it, a willing and enthusiastic people can make it a success.

Everybody that is anybody, from all points in the province and from our sister provinces will be at this year's Exhibition—or ought to be. The occasion will make a grand holiday, a time of re-union of friends, of general enjoyment. Let everyone think and talk Exhibition from now till it is all over, and it will be the success it ought to be.

POLITICAL FORGIVENESS.

It is an old saying that the Liberals are anti-protectionists out of office and protectionists when in office. The fact that an out-of-office policy should secure success at the polls is not creditable either to those who take advantage of it or to those who become the victims of it.

Forgiveness is a divine institution and a virtue that should be practised to the extreme limit, but applying to them the right principles in its divine form there are

conditions attached, which, if not fulfilled, make the forgiveness impossible. One of these is this condition is exacted. Simple and repeated denial, denial repeated until it fairly blisters with assumed indignation and protests of absolute and unadulterated innocence, will do the trick almost every time.

Consideration of these and similar paradoxes in the political world led a worthy and astute politician to remark "The people is a queer thing." And he was right.

AUTUMN

Deny it as we may, Summer has passed away and Autumn is here. The ground is strewn with leaves; the grayness that betrays old age has fallen upon field and forest; little splashes of scarlet in the green of the trees and the hills show that cold near the freezing point has been browsing for sugar.

The infinite tender sky. The rich, ripe tints of cornfields. And the wild geese sailing high;

And all over upland and lowland The charm of the golden rod; Some of us call it Autumn. And others call it God."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The end of another week and it was a hectic one, and a heck of a one, for the Conservatives and for the country.

Of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King it has been said publicly and privately that the former is truthful and honest.

Are the Progressives who are going to help Mr. Mackenzie King form a government any more Liberal with the prefix Liberals than they were when they were just plain Progressives? Is there any more chance of a stable government consisting of three brands of Progressives, Labor, Independent and presumably "straight" Liberals. Is there anything to prevent some of them jumping the fence?

It is a distinct credit to Charlottetown that such splendid audiences greeted the Master Interpreter of Scottish Song on Thursday and Friday evenings. Such singings as Mr. Heughan and such playing as Miss Sayer treated them to are not often to be repeated and their audiences heard with regret that they are not likely to be here again within five years.

We have said that the outcome is not one on which the country is to be congratulated, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. There is in it no bright promises for stable government. We cannot see that it settles any of the questions that awaited settlement. A policy of tariff protection that can be depended upon by our producers of the country must have. At worst this election means no more than that establishment of such a policy is deferred. It is bound to come. Has not the country gone through sufficient tribulation to prepare it for setting up such a policy? If not, it will have to bide its time a little longer, suffer a further continuance of the drain upon its population, and bear some months or years more the subjection of its home market to foreign competitors. These experiences will finally do their work, and the country will come to the one remedy that can save its national life. There is a grave situation. It remains to be seen whether out of conflicting elements can come a combination of Canadians capable of taking the affairs of their country in hand and applying to them the right principles of national economy.

And yet, generally speaking, the people have about as good a Parliament as they deserve. Democracy is yet on its trial. There is a growing conviction that the voting franchise has been far too widely extended, but the gift once bestowed cannot be recalled. No Parliament would dare attempt to recall it.

Notes by the Way

There are current reports of corrupt practices throughout Canada, in the recent election. How far these reports are true we do not know, but the reports are wide spread. This is not a new thing, but there is reason to fear that the evil has increased in recent years. Some election observers are quoted as saying that there is a marked increase not only in the number of electors, both men and women, who frankly demand a price for their votes but that the price has advanced five-fold in the years since the war.

Of course, each party blames the other as an equal or greater sinner. This might occur if only one party were guilty. And yet no candidate who is not very imprudent would personally violate the law against corrupt practices except under duress. In such case if proven guilty in court he would not only forfeit his seat but would be disqualified. This has very rarely occurred in Canada.

In many more instances members have been unseated for corrupt practices by their agents. But for several reasons actions to unseat members elect have become fewer in recent years. In the first place the petitioner must make a large deposit in the election court as security for costs in the event of failure to unseat the member elected. Secondly, as Parliament usually meets very shortly after a general election, and election trials are suspended during the Parliamentary session, the member against whom a petition is pending sits in the House and draws his sessional indemnity. And in the third place comes what is commonly spoken of as the "saw-off."

Suppose that petitions have been entered against one or more Conservative and Liberal members, these members are mutually desirous to avoid litigation and to hold the seats to which they have been elected. Then by agreement the Liberal petition against Brown in one county is dropped on condition that the Tory petition against Jones shall also be dropped and both members retain their seats undisputed. That is what is called a "saw-off."

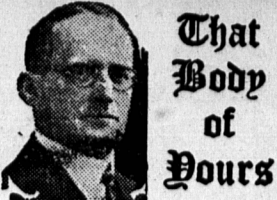
There have been cases in which a candidate has deliberately faced the chance of being unseated for bribery by agents, knowing that with human nature as it is the purchase of votes is considered as only a venial offence and that his election is assured. A candidate who spends his money freely among the voters at election times, whether legally or otherwise, is always popular for the time.

When the ballot was introduced in elections fifty or sixty years ago, many good people hoped that it would operate as a check upon electoral corruption. That hope has not been realized. In many a close election the purchased votes decide the contest, and this well-known fact has added to the temptation of politicians. The large indemnity of \$1,000 paid to members of Parliament has also tended to increase the number of those who want to be paid for their votes and the price they demand.

Stricter laws, higher penalties and firmer enforcement of such laws to secure electoral purity are obviously needed. But how are such laws and such enforcement to be obtained? If one party were to set up a claim to be holier than another in such matters would not its pretensions be laughed to scorn? Politicians make our laws and they have left some loopholes in every law pertaining to elections.

There is a corrupt element in every electoral division in Canada, and an equally corrupt and corrupting element in every Parliament the people elect. We are far from saying that this element is equally divided between parties. We have our own opinion about that. But this element in Parliament and among the electors do not want stricter election laws, or better enforcement of such laws, or of existing election laws. They do not want the loopholes of escape closed up. Under pressure they will amend the election laws, and have amended them in the past by closing up one loop-hole and opening another.

There are electoral divisions in Canada in which barely 50 per cent of the qualified electors voted on Tuesday last. That 50 per cent included nearly all the purchasable



That Body of Hours By James W. Barton, M.D. WHY PHYSICIANS DO NOT LIVE LONG.

The United States Registration Bureau tells us that the general death rate of all classes is now about 12 to the 1000 every year, but that the death rate for physicians is 17 to the 1000. In 1880 the general death rate was 20 to the 1000, but in reducing it to 12, the physicians have not made a good record as far as their own lives are concerned.

Why is it that physicians have such a high death rate, when they know more about how to preserve health and to prevent and cure disease than any other class? The natural inference is that it is contact with the sick that causes the trouble, because they spend their lives in the midst of all kinds of infection. In all the epidemics that come along the physician works with patients in their homes and in the hospitals. Yet records show us that it is not these acute infections that carry physicians off.

I remember one hospital during the Flu epidemic in 1918 where nearly two thousand patients were treated. There were thirty physicians in attendance every day, some of whom were treating the Flu-pneumonia patients, worked night and day and yet only two of their number were stricken with Flu, and their stay in bed was about four days each. What are the ailments that carry off most physicians? They are heart disease and pneumonia.

This is explained, and rightly I believe, by a writer in one of our medical journals. He tells us that when a patient has heart trouble he is put to bed, and freed as far as possible from worries and anxieties but the doctors having trouble with his heart, still sticks to his post and is lost in his care for others.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

September 18, 1926 GOD KNOWS ME—"Thou Lord God, knowest Thy servant." 2 Sam. 7:20.

PRAYER—"O Lord, Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising, and understandest my thoughts."

September 19, 1926 THERE IS BUT ONE GOD—"Thou are great, O Lord God, for there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee." 2 Sam. 7:22.

PRAYER—"O give thanks unto the Lord; to Him Who alone doeth great wonders."

HASTY WORDS

Full of a word that lightly leaves the tongue. Another's breast unconsciously has wrung; And were the wound but present to the eye, We'd mourn the pain that solace might defy.

Was it a taunt—perhaps a thoughtless jest—on the vacant breast? But thy shafts may yield a venomous death. What need, to speed them, but a little breath.

We toy with hearts, as if the thousand chords, That vibrate to the touch of hasty words, Could jar our discords all the livelong day, Nor any tension cause them to give way.

Oh, strike them gently! Every human breast Is by a covert load of grief apprest; Forbear to add a note of timeless woe, Where discords are so ever prone to flow.

element. An increasing number of the better informed and reputable people are growing tired of the game of politics as it is played and are taking less and less interest in elections; although by that course they make the sad mistake of giving more and more control of public affairs to the hands of those least qualified to exercise it. That way lies disaster.

It was for this reason that Australia adopted compulsory voting under penalty of \$10 upon every elector who without reasonable excuse did not discharge his duty at the polls. We may yet come to like unfortunate conditions in Canada,

Happenings of The Week

Queen Mary has joined the antique-hunters. She has succumbed to the lure of things that are old, and now frequently visits out of the way shops and ancient cottages, appraising the age of furniture and furnishings that are offered.

Princess Mary—Viscountess Lascelles—Queen Mary suddenly descended on the shop of Mrs. Shann, here, on Royal Parade. When the Queen emerged sometime later, she had purchased two pieces of antique French furniture, a pair of French candlebraces, an old Chinese carved ivory figure, an old painted tea caddy, an old glass hanging lantern, an old Chinese ink vase, a crystal chandelier, two blue wedge-wood vases, a Florentine bronze candlestick and a Chinese jade elephant and monkey. Princess Mary came out of Mrs. Shann's shop with an old needlework fire screen, a Chinese agate bottle, a Chinese rose quartz Buddha and a white agate bottle as her purchases.

Invitations to their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, to visit Canada next year in connection with the projected diamond jubilee celebration of Confederation throughout the Dominion will be extended, if a suggestion made at the morning session of the 14th annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Clubs in Ottawa is adopted by the Dominion Government.

The tea hostesses at Golf Links this afternoon will be Mrs. G. G. Hughes, Mrs. J. A. Webster, Mrs. J. G. Jamieson, Mrs. C. W. S. McLure, Mrs. J. A. McMillan. A great deal of interest centers around the arrival of the golf professional, Mr. Wilfred Pratt, and the members are determined to take full advantage of his instruction to improve their skill.

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At the last meeting of the City Council, Mr. Andrew was formally presented with the Freedom of the City by His Worship Mayor Miller on behalf of the City Council, and his name will thus be forever associated with Charlottetown on the Roll of honored and distinguished burghesses. Mr. Andrew takes an active and personal interest in many of the city's institutions, and is especially interested in the P. E. Island Protestant Orphanage, of which he has been a frequent visitor since his advent to the Island on this occasion. Mr. Andrew has many old friends here with whom he keeps in close touch. The citizens will be delighted to have him return next summer for even a more lengthened stay among his old and familiar friends and surroundings.

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arranged shower at Mrs. Walter Smith's home, when Mrs. Smith and Miss Edna Gordon were joint hostesses. The miscellaneous gifts showered on the popular young bride were examined amid gales of laughter and good wishes, and dainty refreshments were served before good-byes were said.

Mr. William Heughan, the noted Scottish singer, and his accompanist, Miss Gladys Sayer, on their return visit to this city are receiving a cordial welcome. Major and Mrs. K. S. Rogers met the talented artists at Borden and after their performance at the Strand invited a number of friends to their home for a social hour, which was very pleasantly spent.

The ladies of Zion Church entertained at a social hour after the induction service on Wednesday evening, giving everyone a delightful opportunity to meet their new pastor, Rev. M. Scott Fulton, who was cordially welcomed by a large number of citizens besides the congregation.

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Words elaborate and sequins lend glitter to new evening frocks, which as to decolletage are cut lower at back than front. Light greens are still liked, and the shades from pink to Burgundy are all in evidence, as well the staple evening colors. Velvet of soft, supple quality leads in evening coat models.

Regretful farewells were said this week to Dr. J. A. Allen, who with Mrs. Allen and interesting family, Willard, Phyllis, "Bunny" and Bertram, left yesterday morning by motor for their new home in Winnipeg. Before leaving the Doctor and Mrs. Allen were widely entertained and several presentations were made them. They are followed by hosts of good wishes for health and success. Miss Lillian McKenzie, Miss Vivian McGuigan, Miss Hene McEachern and Miss Marie Mutch will be hostesses at the Tennis Courts this afternoon. Those serving last week were Mrs. Leith McLeod, Miss Enid Hughes and the Misses Holl.

Mrs. D. J. Langton, who came home to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. C. W. Hyndman, left yesterday for her home in Far Rockaway, New York. After an extended and delightful visit to her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gavin Duffy, Miss Scott left this week on return to her home in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hillson returned this week from attending the Toronto Exhibition. The use of real laces for lingerie is becoming more fashionable. Usually this is posed on crepe de chine. The models of the garments have changed very little. But they can be as expensive as one wishes, according to the laces employed. On one English set, laces valued at 100 guineas—over \$500—were used. Pickling? CHECK THIS OVER 40CTS PINT ESSENCE OF VINEGAR Curry Powder Mustard Seed Spices Whole Ginger Cloves Cayenne Buds And Everything THE 2 MACS DRUGSTORE 149 Great George Street Telephone 515