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WHY NOT SOME ELECTIONS BY ACCLAMATION?

The Liberals of Souris have decided to offer no opposition to the election of Hon. John McLean and his colleague, Mr. Kieham. If we remember rightly it has been the practice to allow the members of a new Government to be returned without opposition, as was done in the case of the Borden Government recently and in the case of the Hazen Government in New Brunswick in 1908, not to cite further instances. True, these were after general elections in both cases.

But is it worth while to oppose the return of Dr. Dewar in Fort Augustus, or of Prof. MacPhail in Belfast, seeing that they were so recently elected by large majorities? Mr. Irving, who is a representative farmer, and who was a representative enough to walk out of the House on more than one

occasion when his party put forward measures that he could not conscientiously support, might also have his independence now recognized by that independent constituency. And what is there to be gained by opposition to the new leader of the Liberals in the Second District of Prince? These are suggestions, merely, but are they not worth thinking over?

In the recent elections in Ontario there were eighteen members returned by acclamation and in Quebec at the election of 1900 thirty-six members making up nearly half the House, met with no opposition. The determination by one or by both parties to contest every seat may be thought to be in the best interest of the parties, but can hardly be made to appear to be in the best interests of the public policy to which it has long been committed.

THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

The general election now near at hand promises to be an interesting one. The electorate has for a good many years been pretty equally divided between the two parties, both in federal and provincial affairs. At present we send two Conservatives and two Liberals to the House Commons, while the local Assembly, just now dissolved, had a Liberal majority of two until the recent by-elections transferred that majority to the Conservative side. Thus far the indications would be that the coming contest might be a fairly equal one with somewhat uncertain chances.

No doubt the defeat of the Laurier Government at Ottawa and the down fall of the Palmer Administration here has depressed the Liberal forces somewhat and has proportionately advanced the hopes and confidence of the Conservatives. There is also the fact that a strong Conservative Government has been formed by Premier Mathieson, which may reasonably claim a fair trial before being condemned. This need not prevent the local Liberals from presenting a united front to their opponents, always remembering the fact that the electorate is still pretty evenly divided between the parties.

The open vote, always, we think, tends unfairly to the advantage of the party in power. The Guardian has done what it could in years past to have that advantage taken away, and it was due to a grave mistake on the part of the Liberals that this was not done. Premier Mathieson is certainly in no way to blame for the fact that the open vote will be in use during the coming contest. He and his party in the Assembly, year after year voted to introduce the ballot, which the Liberals rejected. And now that his party is in power, and while the open vote might tend to the advantage of his Government if continued, he has given his pledge to introduce the ballot in our provincial elections. In commending this course The Guardian is only supporting a

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which the late Government neglected and refused to do, must tend to bring support to the new Conservative Government here. The early and satisfactory solution of these vital questions will be regarded by hosts of patriotic citizens as of much more consequence to the Province than any mere party triumph.

THE TERMS OF UNION.

By request we print below the terms of the union compact between the Dominion and Prince Edward Island as to steam communication with the mainland. The stipulation is to be found in an Order in Council printed in the Statutes of Canada, Second Parliament, 36 Victoria, 1873, as follows:

"7.—THAT THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT SHALL ASSUME AND DEFRAID ALL THE CHARGES FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES, NAMELY:

"1.—EFFICIENT STEAM SERVICE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MAILS AND PASSENGERS, TO BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND OF THE DOMINION, WINTER AND SUMMER, THUS PLACING THE ISLAND IN CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION WITH THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY AND THE RAILWAY SYSTEM OF THE DOMINION."

NOTES.

A memorial window to John Bunyan in Westminster Abbey will be dedicated January 25th and the Dean of Westminster will preach on the occasion. The money for the memorial (about \$7,500) was raised by the Baptists. Rev. Thomas Phillips, London, writing in the Canadian Baptistist, says: "It is a worthy vindication of the persecuted Baptist. At last the church which hunted him as a partridge of the mountain, and impured him for many years in Bedford Jail offers hospitality to his memory in its noblest church." We live in a more enlightened time than that of Bunyan, and it may also be observed that Bunyan owed his release from prison to the kindly interposition of a High Church Bishop, Dr. Barlow, of Lincoln. But what would Bunyan think if he could see that memorial window?

Mr. Louison in a letter to the press declines the nomination for a seat at the civic Council Board. This will be a source of disappointment to a goodly number of the citizens of Ward Five and a measure of relief to other candidates whose chances will be improved by his withdrawal.

The Republican National Convention to nominate the party candidate for the Presidency will meet in Chicago on June 18. In the meantime

the political gamblers in Washington report the betting about as follows: \$40 to \$100 that Taft will not be re-nominated; \$100 to \$40 that if re-nominated Taft will not be elected, \$40 to \$100 that Roosevelt will be nominated and elected.

Judging from the Ontario newspapers, everybody is pleased with the provincial elections there. Sir James Whitney is quite satisfied with his majority of 60 and the Liberals are pleased that they came out of the fight a little better than they expected.

A recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission gives the mileage of railways in the United States at 224,508 miles, of which 6,345 miles are operated by Canadian companies, 4,763 miles by the Canadian Pacific and 1,582 by the Grand Trunk.

New Zealand recently took a plebiscite on liquor prohibition under a stipulation that legislation would not make it effective unless 60 per cent of those voting were in its favor. There was a large majority in favor of prohibition at the voting but not enough to make up the requisite 60 per cent.

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