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YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

The result of yesterday's election has occasioned no surprise, except possibly to readers of the riot which predicted "assured general victory" with "prospects growing brighter and brighter as the campaign progressed."

The Bell government was doomed from the outset, doomed long before the campaign began and every meeting during the campaign indicated only too clearly the general determination to bring to an end a government which from its first regular session had played falsely with the people.

The Bell government was defeated not, as its supporters claimed, because it increased taxation, not because it had improved the roads, not because it had improved our educational system. They were defeated because they had assured the public that there was no need of increasing the taxes and afterwards increased them; because they adopted a road policy which they had denounced as an "infernal scheme" and because by that road policy they incurred a heavy provincial debt; because they misrepresented the condition of our schools, a misrepresentation proved to the hilt by the report of the Superintendent of Education. In short the Bell government was defeated because it deliberately and officially deceived the people.

We have no disposition to gloat over a fallen opponent. The representations made by The Guardian regarding the Bell Government have been proved; the people throughout the province realized this and voted accordingly.

The fate of the Bell Government will, we trust, serve as a warning to all politicians. Party feeling may run strong, may lead to exaggeration and even to misrepresentation but there is a limit beyond which the people will not follow their party leaders and this limit has been reached by the Bell government. The hard straight path lies before our political leaders; many temptations may dictate a short cut to popularity and success, but the short cut always leads to disaster.

We congratulate Mr. J. D. Stewart, K. C., on the success of his first venture as leader in a provincial election. He has excellent help in lieutenants and followers and there is every reason to hope for a wise, prudent, economical administration under his leadership.

Mr. Bell, the aged leader of the Liberal party has our sympathies as have also his leading lieutenants, all of whom have gone down with him. His party is broken after a brief career which might have resulted more gloriously had the human factor, the general desire for fair play and consistency been consulted.

EUROPEAN SITUATION

While Prince Edward Island was agitated over the provincial election, European statesmen were earnestly engaged in an effort to avert a war which, had it materialized, would have once more shaken the foundations of civilization. Happily an immediate break has been effected in the final signing of the treaty of peace between the Turks and the Allied nations. Some of the smaller belligerent nations are still hanging the fringe of the treaty but it is believed that so far as the disunity of Turkey is concerned, it is assured for the present. The separation proposal of the Rhur is still in mid air. It is taken kindly to his occupation of it and its obligations and if any probabilities of means can be devised to make it

grave disagreement in that quarter.

France's experiment in the Ruhr has not been satisfactory. She has succeeded at tremendous cost to herself in humiliating Germany and in disorganizing German industry but she cannot afford to keep it up indefinitely. The end must come sooner or later and although much of the world's sympathy is with France the consensus of European opinion is that her heroic effort was ill-timed and ill-considered.

Great Britain is striving to effect a mutual understanding between Germany and her recent enemies and so restore the trade and industry of Europe and the world. What the effort will result in it would be useless to predict. The situation at present is friendly but tense and the outcome is being watched with the keenest anxiety.

THE COUNTRY'S HOPE

Whatever faith or want of faith we may have in our political parties the fact stands ever before us that our hope for the future of our country lies in the young people of today. Assured of their uprightness and their integrity we may give little heed to the wrangling and the disagreements of political parties.

What are we doing for our young people? Individually perhaps we are doing much. There are men and women among us who are doing what they can in the small circle over which they exert a wholesome influence. Collectively we are doing nothing, we are letting the boys and girls drift; we see one after another, swept over the precipice into the gulf of helplessness and hopelessness. We express pious sorrow, we blame some one, perhaps the home, often the officers of the law and console ourselves with the false and criminal excuse of the first murderer, that we are not our brother's keeper. We are his keeper; we are the keeper of every child who walks our streets; the keeper of every one whom we could influence directly or indirectly, if we would. We are responsible.

During the Chautauqua visit to this city an exhibition was given of what can be done in the way of training and discipline which was a revelation to all who saw it. After a weeks training those little ones gave an entertainment which would have done credit to much older performers. The underlying idea was largely patriotic, good citizenship, interest in the city and its people. Who can measure the effect of continuous teaching of this kind upon children who naturally acquire the "gang spirit" and instinctively take pride in concerted drill, in competition and in doing things in the best way. This love of concerted action is instinctive in children and can be developed either into honest, ideal citizenship or the reverse.

The Boy Scout Movement is based on this principle; it is a British Empire movement and millions of boys throughout the Empire are being trained by it into good useful citizenship. This movement, with its slogan, "a good turn every day" is established in this province and its influence for good has already been felt in many localities. It cannot however make progress without the help and sympathy of the general public. The movement should be encouraged, and it should not be beyond the reach of this province to give it such material support, as well as sympathy, as would place it upon a solid working foundation. The boys love it and are proud of it and its obligations and if any probabilities of means can be devised to make it

Notes by the Way

A saying attributed to Sir John Macdonald was to the effect that there is nothing more uncertain than a horse race or an election. And he was reputed wise in regard to such matters. He had a long and varied experience in elections. In his day he won many political victories and was several times defeated. There are many reasons for the uncertainty about election results until the votes are counted. Almost always, if not always one of the two opposing candidates and parties are doomed to disappointment.

Each party thinks it has the juster cause the abler or more popular candidates, the better arguments. The leaders and managers of the campaign on both sides as the contest proceeds hear much more of the news favorable to their own party than of what is favorable to the opposing party. The party press on both sides however able and reputable it may be, is a little more highly colored in its expression of opinion than at other times. Each party puts its best foot forward, asserts its confidence of winning and finds that confidence becoming stronger with the repeated assertion of it.

In a spirited campaign such as we have just had both parties usually expect to be victorious, as apparently they did in this Province yesterday when the voting began. Yet of some sixty-five candidates in the field it was obvious that thirty-five must suffer defeat before sunset. One feature of peculiar interest and also of uncertainty in yesterday's election was the woman vote. It was known of course, that in the federal election of 1921 a large majority of both the men and women voters had cast their ballots for the Liberal candidates and our Liberal friends counted confidently on the woman vote to help them on to victory.

This confidence was based upon the fact that the Bell Government had introduced the measure which gave women a vote in provincial elections. It was true that all the Conservatives in the House voted for that measure, but the government of the day claimed all the credit for it. But a Conservative Government at Ottawa had given women the vote in federal elections and the great majority of feminine voters had exercised their new franchise to defeat the government that had enfranchised them. Therefore there was yesterday much uncertainty as to the precise attitude of the majority of this vote as between parties. We are better informed this morning.

The weight of the women's vote and its results as affecting political parties is wholly confined to the election of the 15 Assemblymen. It was almost entirely the votes of men that elected the 15 Councillors. Even in the vote for Assemblymen the majority was undoubtedly made up of men as there are yet fewer women than men who take an active interest in political affairs. There is no apparent reason to fear the predominance of women in the Legislature while as yet not one woman has been nominated as a candidate for a seat in that body and the entire womanhood of the Province can only vote for half the men who sit in it.

What would be thought of the impartiality of a father who had one son and one daughter and undertakes to divide a fine apple between them in this fashion. He first divides the fruit into two single parts and gives one half to the son. Then he says to them both, "Divide the other half between you." The daughter gets one quarter of the apple. In this

sufficiently general to include all the boys, particularly the boys in our city and towns, it would go a long way towards solving the delinquent boy problem.

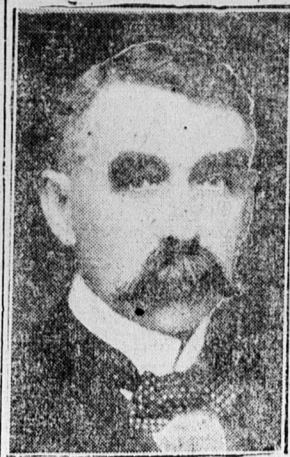
EDITORIAL NOTES

The election in the City yesterday was quiet but very conclusive. The electors evidently knew what they wanted and went after it.

Some discount must henceforth be made for Liberal election prediction.

Conservatives last night accepted their victory in a sane way and is a matter of course. They knew it was coming.

The Liberal rooster will probably appear lying on its back in this afternoon's issue of our contemporary.



Fred Cane, of Toronto, has been elected president of the Imperial Council of the Orange Order.

fashion the Bell government divided the voting franchise between men and women and calls it equal suffrage! How long will the women of Prince Edward Island put up with that sort of thing? It was not thus that the Meighen government gave the women a vote. The Conservatives gave the women a full vote, the same as to the men—not a half vote, or a quarter vote.

Elections are uncertain until the votes are counted, not afterwards! The Bell Government is gone and the Guardian was quite right in predicting its defeat. The election prophets on the Liberal side were not so fortunate. The defeat of the Bell Government puts one more province in the Conservative column. This will be bad news for Premier King and for the Solid Four from Prince Edward Island who support him.

Toronto Will Give Police Protection To Bank Messengers

TORONTO, July 26.—Police protection is now being given to bank messengers on trips to the clearing house as a result of the hold up Wednesday. The bandits are still at large.

FRENCH ENDORSES COMPOSITE FUEL TO BREAK MONOPOLY

PARIS, July 26.—Alcohol and gasoline mixed in equal quantities, will be put on the market as the French "national fuel" in October. Long test and a multitude of scientific sessions finally evolved this mixture as better than starlight gasoline and a great forward step in "freeing France from foreign petroleum domination," a phrase often used in parliament.

France produces much alcohol, used largely in poor country homes for their limited cooking and in industry. This production, if held, can be increased many fold so the country need no longer be dependent upon the heavy importations of petroleum that became a serious problem during the war and is blamed now for helping to keep down the franc.

Scientific commissions have decided half alcohol and half gasoline will not injure an automobile motor will not increase the consumption, and will give greater flexibility with some increase in power. The cost of the new fuel as a matter of controversy. It is contended by its friends that competition will settle the question of price satisfactorily.

Many other combinations of alcohol, gasoline, kerosene and crude oil have been tried. A test made by a government car recently gave good results with 70 per cent kerosene.

Gasoline however, will remain the fuel for army airplanes for the present. The government hopes eventually to find a suitable fuel for its big air force, but the aviation service prefers to watch the work of the new fuel on dry land before running any new risk of stalled motors in the clouds.

HOSPITALS FIND BOOKS AN AID TO PILLS IN CURING SICK

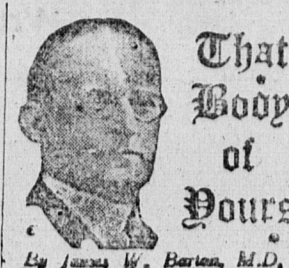
CHICAGO, July 25.—Books as well as pills for curing the sick are now being used in the principal hospitals of the country, according to Miss Louise Sineley, district manager for the American Library association. "Robinson Crusoe won't cure a case of tuberculosis, but reading does keep a patient's mind off his troubles," Miss Sineley said. "Efforts are made to put the right book in a sick man's hands. A librarian in a hospital studies her patrons some what as a doctor does. Everything depends on the individual case.

"Some books depress and others excite. Many librarians say that whole classes of books should be tabooed from hospitals for these very reasons. But if a librarian studies her patients like the doctor, she can prescribe books for him without danger. A book that would hurt a person with a certain ailment or with a certain temperament will be all right for another.

"The psychology of the patient must be taken into consideration. A tuberculosis patient can undertake more serious reading than most of the other sick people because his convalescence covers a longer period of time. "A librarian cannot tell a patient he must take one novel a week in large doses. However, she has to steer her readers without them knowing it. Later on the patient gets interested in some particular line of work, and after that he takes care of himself.



George J. Trueman, Ph.D., President of Mount Allison University who assumes his duties on August 1st.



Ly James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

LIKE A HOUSE—THE STORE ROOM

You know what the store room of a house or flat is like. It has stuff that is too good to throw away or that you are not using just at the time. Sometimes there is an emergency call for something, a spare bed, an extra chair, an extra suit of clothes or underwear. Perhaps even it is something in your storeroom that you keep in your storeroom. Now I know you'll wonder where the storeroom can be in that body of yours.

CHURCH SCHOOLHOUSE OTHER BUILDINGS AT LEPREUX BURNED

ST. JOHN, July 25.—The store and residence of S. A. Stafford, and the schoolhouse and Union church at Lepreux were destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Great Sale of Ladies' Dresses at \$9.50. We place on sale this morning a number of ladies sport dresses, also ratines and voiles at \$9.50 each. All sizes. Take the elevator to second floor. S. A. McDONALD

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