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END OF THE CAMPAIGN

There will be little regret over the fact that the political campaign has come to an end, or will to-night. It has been strenuous; there has been some bitterness but little if any ill-feeling. The two parties in this Province have played the game, each in its own way, and, no doubt, to the best of its ability. Now the issue is with the people and tomorrow night will tell the tale, and predictions will be more or less verified and more or less falsified.

One clear duty lies before every elector, that duty is to vote. The franchise is a duty as well as a privilege, a duty which cannot be shirked without detriment to both the voter and the country. Democratic government is government by the people and the people choose their form of government by their votes, by the selection of men to represent them.

PROSPECTS.

If any lingering doubt existed in this city as to the probable result of the election in Queens County on Tuesday it must have been very effectively removed by the demonstration on Friday night in the Strand Theatre. There probably never before in any political campaign was such optimistic enthusiasm manifested. Every gesture of the large audience was a welcoming hand and voice to the two Conservative candidates. Although, no doubt, the great majority of those present were Conservatives and personal friends of the two candidates, there were many Liberals present and in the whole demonstration they read the doom of their candidates. They also, in the able, forceful, convincing address of Mr. Bell, of Hamilton, felt that the Canadian door is standing wide open for the entry of the Meighen Government. And they all felt that it is best for Canada that this is so.

Canada has unquestionably suffered during the past five years; suffered through mal-administration, through official dishonesty, through insincerity and lack of honor and honesty at the head of affairs at the capital. The charges against the King administration, proved to the hilt though denied by the guilty, were such as no country could prosper under, and now, on the eve of the verdict we believe Canada is going to be relieved of the millstone that has been around its industrial and commercial neck for the past five years. And we believe the release will be a blessing to Canada. And the beginning of a new era of prosperity and progress.

GROUP MENACE.

There are 96 candidates in the

field who are not allied with either of the two principal political parties. They are as follows: 21 Liberal Progressives; 20 Progressives; 25 Independent; 18 Labor; 12 United Farmers of Alberta. In this combination there is a possible menace to stable government, should a considerable number of them be elected. There are thirty-six constituencies in which there are no straight Liberal candidates, that is, 36 constituencies in which the Liberals hope by some means, afterwards to be devised, they may be able to enlist the assistance of those thus elected. Should the two main groups be returned numerically equal, the balance of power may again be called into requisition and the government of the country again fall into the hands of a dozen or a score as in the last parliament.

From information received from all over the field there is, we believe, little danger of an approximate balancing of the two main parties. The latest estimate is that the Conservative party will have a clear majority of thirty, and possibly forty, over all. This, if it materializes, will preclude the possibility of domination by a small group of nondescript self-seekers. But there is nothing like making assurance doubly sure, and the duty of every Canadian who desires to have stable and responsible government in the country is to give their undivided support of the Conservative candidates. Another parliamentary term of government by a few men holding the balance of power and a group ready to accept the aid of that balance at any cost to the country, would spell industrial, agricultural and commercial ruin to Canada.

THE SPANISH REVOLT.

While Canada has nothing more exciting than an election, the Kingdom of Spain, in which the British people have a friendly interest, is just getting through with a rather serious trouble. The week-end revolt of the artillery branch of the Spanish army which led to a declaration of a state of war, is now declared by General Primo de Rivera to be suppressed. The gravity of the situation is reflected in the official admission that there have been conflicts with casualties in some places and a plot discovered to seize King Alfonso and force him to sign an agreement of abdication. The fact, however, that the Prince of Wales, who has been staying at Biarritz, in France, may be taken as reliable authentication of the declaration that the Madrid Government has recovered control of the situation.—Ex.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Vote early and often tomorrow! The end of the political campaign, like the end of a school term, means something akin to holidays and a rest.

There is strenuous work ahead for tomorrow. Fortunately there are no Baldy Robbs in this province, but there are campaigners who need some watching.

It is announced that 20,000 ring-side seats have been sold for the Dempsey-Tunney fight, at prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 each. A few weeks ago the casket in which lay the remains of a film favorite, was cut to pieces and carried away by movie fans as souvenirs. Tomorrow several thousand people throughout Canada will vote for Mackenzie King candidates. We are getting to be a queer and curious lot of people.

Notes by the Way.

Tomorrow is polling day! The election campaign has quickly run its course. In the Dominion there are some five million qualified voters and it is hoped that four millions will go to the polls and mark their ballots.

It is a manifest duty of every citizen to vote. In our thickly populated country the polling booths are conveniently near to the great mass of the electorate so that in the rural districts it requires but an hour or two and in the larger towns and villages but a few minutes for the voter to go to the appointed place, record his vote and return to his home.

There is sufficient interest to warrant the expectation of a large vote although this was not apparent in the early stage of the campaign. The apathy at the outset was in part due to the frequency of election which had wearied the people, and in part to some confusion of the issues.

General elections are costly, the estimated expenditure involved in the present contest being about two million dollars. This makes it very desirable that some one party should be given a sufficient majority to carry it through the usual parliamentary term and so avoid the necessity of another appeal to the people in the near future.

There is a widespread opinion that the group system has proved detrimental to good government and that the country would be much better served if the two-party system were restored. It was a hopeful indication of the election in October last when the Progressive group was short of more than half its former numbers.

The rapid expansion of the Conservative party in the same election followed by the overthrow of the King Government and the concession of the Meighen Administration to office placed the Conservative party in a strong and impregnable position. What possible ground for hope Mr. King and his late colleagues may have of being now restored to power is not apparent to the general public.

There is something ridiculous in the delusion of Mr. King if he believes himself stronger after being turned out of office than he was before and that Premier Meighen is weakened by the Conservative victory at the close of the session. Any one so familiar with defeat as Mr. King has been within the past few years should realize that it has a weakening effect. And a further dose of the same medicine awaits him tomorrow, if we are not mistaken.

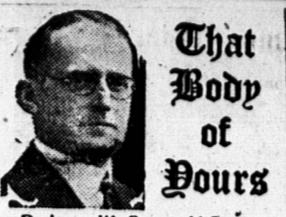
Further arguments pro or con seem not necessary in this city after the splendid presentation of the Conservative cause at the Strand Theatre on Friday evening last. Messrs Messervey and Myers spoke energetically and with confidence of coming victory and were very frequently and heartily applauded.

The more elaborate effort of Mr. Bell was of great interest to the large assembly from the fact that he had been a member of the famous Customs Committee and was able to speak at first hand of the sayings and doings in that body and in the House during the last exciting week of the session. He was able to correct in a very emphatic and convincing manner some untrue and misleading statements made by Liberal speakers and to show how deeply the late government was involved in the blackest scandal yet revealed in Canada.

The result of the campaign will so soon be made known that it is hardly worth while at this hour to indulge in speculation in regard to it. This may be said however that the meetings held throughout this Province impressed Conservatives who attended them as decidedly more favorable and promising as a rule than those held during October last.

Reports received at Conservative headquarters from all the Provinces have convinced the party leaders that the Meighen government will have a substantial majority over all opposing parties in the new Parliament. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished!

The duty of the hour to every elector is to rally to the polls and cast his ballot in favor of the new Administration. The return of Mackenzie King and his party to power is unthinkable. That way lies disaster and degradation of public life. The Meighen Government gives promise of better things and is entitled to a fair trial.



By James W. Barton, M.D. NEW TREATMENT FOR BURNS

Some time ago I spoke about accompanying a railway surgeon on his rounds after a severe wreck. The fireman on one engine was badly burned, but appeared to be in good condition and spirits, as his family were grouped about him. The surgeon simply remarked "He can't live, his burns are too extensive, about half the surface area of his body is badly burned."

His prediction was unfortunately verified within the next 36 hours. The cause of death is shock from the absorption of poisons from the burned surface.

However a Detroit physician, Dr. Davidson, has been reviving a method of treatment which was used to a slight extent by some of our older surgeons, and more recently during the war.

The treatment is the application of tannic acid, a two to five per cent solution in water, which is painted over the entire surface of the burn. The parts are covered with a thin layer of gauze kept constantly wet, for a period of from one to two days, when all dressings are removed, and the burned surface is exposed to the air.

The result is a tanned "skin," which gradually sloughs off in large pieces, which are snipped day by day, thus keeping the part dry. There is relief from pain as soon as the application of tannic acid is made. When we remember that formerly only heavy doses of morphine have been able to relieve the pain, we can see what a tremendous advantage is thus gained.

The healing takes place under a sort of dry scab, and the scar tissue afterwards is not so tough and fibrous. That other serious thing shock, from absorption of broken down tissue, is prevented, because this tissue is thrown off as a dry slough. This treatment has been tried out in one of the Toronto hospitals, under Dr. Cameron, the same physician who demonstrated the benefits of chloride of lime in old sores and ulcers.

He had twenty cases, and every one showed wonderful results from the use of the tannic acid. The results were only obtained however by the very thorough work of faithful nurses, working in relays, who kept the dressings wet for the necessary time.

When we remember that previously all cases where a third to a half of the body was severely burned, died within forty-eight hours, it is certainly gratifying to note the success of this new treatment.

Everybody expected to see The Patriot trot out some roosterbacked article, but most people thought it would at least hunt up something that was not musty with age. Beaten out of its boots in the discussion of the public questions of the day, and being unable to offer any defense of its own position, the Patriot in the present contest was appreciated even by its own party; indeed that fact must have become painfully evident to its editor, last year, when he strove unsuccessfully to make his leader believe that his services were entitled him to the vacant Island seat in the Senate of Canada.

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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

EARLY FLIGHT

Sir:—During the last week in August the birds all left the vicinity of Crapaud. As this is much too early for the general migration. Many of our birds remain till late in October—some even later.

DESPICABLE TACTICS

Sir:—On the front page of Saturday's issue, The Patriot publishes, in panels, two garbled articles, one from The Montreal Star and the other from The Montreal Gazette. The articles are headed "Meighen Can't Win" and "The Grit organ endeavors to palm them off as the recently expressed views of the two newspapers to which they are attributed. The facts are that the garbled article from The Gazette is ten months old, and both have appeared so often in The Patriot during the past year that they ought not to deceive even the most ignorant of its readers.

In order to show that the views which the garbled articles all made to express are not the views of The Gazette or The Star today, it may be pointed out that The Star's leading editorial in its second last issue, is headed thus: "King Can't Win," and in an earlier issue, the paper stated that Meighen would win even if he failed to take a larger following from the province of Quebec than he did in the last election. It may also be pointed out that the article in The Gazette was written, the editor and proprietor of that paper, Mr. R. S. White, became one of Mr. Meighen's followers in the House of Commons. He is again a Meighen candidate in the present contest and was on the platform with his leader at the big Conservative meeting in the Montreal Forum a week ago.

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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

September 13, 1926. A GOOD MAN'S PRAYER—"The Lord is with thee, as he hath been with my father." I Sam. 20:13. PRAYER—Gracious God, we know the prayer of a righteous man availeth much in its working. TO A YOUNG FRIEND (Louise de Wetter in New York Times) The gifts of friendship, subtle, wise and true, These would I offer, smilingly, to you— Like glowing fruits, ripened throughout by years Spent 'neath the sun of life itself. And shadowed by its tears. (Of tears not many, I confess— But tears enough to make for tenderness.)

And, if by magic, I could hope to spare Your meeting anything not wholly fair. I would not; but would have you steered and strong, Clear-eyed and humorous, but kind. And, fortified by knowledge, march along! But, O, whatever comes, I pray you'll be Only the happier for loving me!

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "John's story is more strictly correct." Omit "more." "Strictly" may be used for emphasis. PETER MISPRONOUNCED: opponent, agent, the second syllable, not the first. OFTEN MISPELLED: Chantauque; note the au, au, au. SYNONYMS: bashfulness, diffidence, modesty, humility, coyness. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ENERGIZE; to endow with energy. "He has the faculty of energizing the men around him."

HALIFAX TO BE WINTER TERMINUS

MONTREAL, Sept. 10.—The Gazette this (Friday) morning carries the following news item: Although no definite winter schedule has yet been drawn up and issued by the White Star Line for their Canadian service it was learned yesterday that Portland, Maine, will not be used this winter by the company as the western terminus for their passenger liners, and that the port of Halifax will probably serve in this capacity during the months of March and April.

"For the balance of the season, that is, during December, January and February, Halifax will be solely a port of call for steamers on the Liverpool-New York or Boston route, as it was for those on the Liverpool-Portland service last year. "Portland is not to cease being the western terminus for the freight vessels of the White Star Line during the winter months, however, and in all probability the S. S. Welchman, Huronian and Colombian will be operated out of that port to Avonmouth and Liverpool. "Calls will be made at Halifax for cargo should traffic to that port provide sufficient port to warrant any of the ships putting in to land. "It has been pointed out that the volume of passenger traffic through Portland during the winter months is so small that the proposed changes in the company's winter arrangements provide a much more economical method of handling their passenger traffic. Freight carrying will not be affected through the cessation of boats."

The Man Nobody Knows

By BRUCE BARTON

INSTALMENT XL

Just for a moment, in the next spring, there seemed to be a renewed popular interest. The crowds flocked around in the old familiar way; the disciples noted it joyously. The multitudes came together to him again, they exclaimed and at once their hopes were busy with new visions of his success. But dismay followed fast.

Against their ardent protest he carried them off into close retirement. They were restless, lonely, distressed at the high handed fashion in which he turned away supporters. Was it because he was so harsh with the Pharisees? After all there were many estimable men among them whose contributions would have been very helpful.

Why should he have ridiculed them out of his company? Why tell people that their precious ritual was less acceptable to God than the cry for mercy of an untaught public? Why slight their ready hospitality in favor of an outcast like Zacchaeus? His little group of friends were still groping for a clear vision of message and purposes when he led them down to Jerusalem and the final feast.

The one week of his life which everybody knows is the last week. Hence we pass over it in this little book. It began with the triumphant shouts of "hosanna"; it ended with the blood-thirsty cries of "crucify." Between the first morning of triumph and the last hours of mortal agony it witnessed his finest verbal victories over his opponents.

Never were his nerves more steady, his courage higher, his mind more keen. Deliberately he piled up the mountain of hatred, knowing that it would kill him, but determined that there should be no doubt through the ages as to what he had stood for, and why he had to die.

Every man who loves courageous manhood ought to read these final chapters at least once a year. Any attempt to abridge or paraphrase them would result in failure or worse. We pass over them in reverent silence, stopping only for a glimpse of the three most wonderful scenes.

First the final supper on that cool, quiet Thursday night. He knew that he should never meet with the disciples around the table again. All the memories of the three great years must have crowded into his mind as the meal progressed.

How often they had sat together under a tree beside the lake, sharing the fish that their own nets had caught. How they had enjoyed that first meal at Cana, when he turned the water into wine. What a glorious afternoon it was when he fed five thousand, and the shouts of gladness echoed back and forth among the hills. And this was the end.

His relatives had turned their backs on him; his home town had scorned his advances; his best friend had died doubting; the people had turned away, and his enemies were about to triumph. The Patriot that such tactics are not appreciated even by its own party; indeed that fact must have become painfully evident to its editor, last year, when he strove unsuccessfully to make his leader believe that his services were entitled him to the vacant Island seat in the Senate of Canada.

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TOILET ARTICLES. procurable. The recent goods are here as well as the articles that have become standard and are really necessities. It's a most complete stock, selected in accordance with the demand from ladies of good taste.

The White Drug Store. J. G. JAMIESON Druggist

The Coal Question. is one of the most important you have to solve every year. On it depends your comfort and convenience during the cold winter weather. Why not let us help you solve it? Drop us a card, or call on the telephone, and we will gladly help you with your coal problem.

The Verdict of Tourists and Other Visitors. ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AS A RESORT.

Historic. As the tourist and visiting season is drawing to a close, it is not out of order to sum up briefly how Prince Edward Island appeared in their eyes since they began to feast on its "Summer Attractions."

The first matter that lends special interest to the tourist is the fact that the praises bestowed by the strangers are very fully in accord with the opinions expressed respecting our attractions in this column last winter in the sketches which appeared in The Guardian.

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The Conservatives are Jubilant all Along the Line