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NOVA SCOTIA ELECTION

Nova Scotia Provincial election takes place to-day. The parties in the last Legislature stood Liberals 24, Conservative 14. The new Parliament will consist of 43 members, an increase of five—two in Halifax, two in Cape Breton and one in Cumberland. The contest has been keenly carried on during the past six weeks. There is no burning question before the electorate, and the Conservatives are fighting the Government merely on its general record. The Liberals have been in power for 34 years, and the Conservatives contend that that is too long for any party regime. It would be in the interest of the province and of progress and reform, the Opposition contends, to inaugurate a new regime which would "lend itself to no extremists, but would give progressive administration in the interest of all Nova Scotians, of all sects, races, classes, and parties, and would lift Nova Scotia out of the rut in which it has been buried for thirty-four years of 'jobbery and corruption in every branch of the public service.'"

This is the platform of the Conservative Leader, Mr. Charles E. Tannar. At one time Prohibition promised to be a big issue, but its adoption by the Government during last Legislature partly eliminated this. Halifax is the only centre where prohibition is a vital question, and there, according to the prohibitionists, the liquor interests have lined themselves up with the Liberals in the hope that prohibition, which is due to come into effect on July 1, will not be enforced in the capital. Premier Murray is not a strong prohibitionist partizan, and it was on his vote that Prohibition for Halifax was defeated last year. The Liberals have long been preparing for the contest, and by judicious distribution of patronage among their supporters and attention to the "big interests" have endeavoured to retain them within the fold. The hope of the Conservatives are centered on the rising generation and the independent voters who place good, efficient government beyond hide-bound party allegiance.

The candidates are as follows: Annapolis—Hon. O. T. Daniels, Frank Elliott, Liberal; O. P. Goucher, E. C. Phinney, Conservative. Antigonish—Wm. Chisholm, F. R. Trotter, Liberal; J. S. O'Brien, A. L. McDonald, Conservative. Cape Breton—D. A. Cameron, D. C. McDonald, D. J. Hartigan, M. T. Sullivan, Liberal; R. H. Butts, John C. Douglas, Finlay McDonald, N. H. Ferguson, Conservative; James B. McLachlan, Independent. Colchester—G. H. Vernon, F. Schurman, Liberal; Frank Stanfield, R. H. Kennedy, Conservative. Cumberland—J. L. Ralston, J. H. Livingston, R. S. Carter, Liberal; D. A. Morrison, J. F. Gilroy, J. W. Kirkpatrick, Conservative. Digby—Hon. J. W. Comeau, H. W. B. Warner, Liberal; F. M. Gaudet, W. K. Tibert, Conservative. Guysboro—Hon. J. F. Ellis, J. C. Torey, Liberal; John Bell, D. S. Chisholm, Conservative. Hants—J. W. Reid, Burchell Fulmore, Liberal; Albert Parsons, H. W. Sangster, Conservative. Halifax—H. G. Bauld, John Connolly, Hon. G. E. Faulkner, J. B. Douglas, R. E. Finn, Liberal; F. P. Bilgh, Hector McInnis, F. B. Quinn, John W. Regan, E. F. Williams, Conservative. Inverness—D. McLennan, J. C. Bourinot, Liberal; Thomas Gallant, D. F. McLean, Conservative. Kings—Hon. H. H. Wickwire, C. A. Campbell, Liberal; A. J. Kinsman, Rev. J. D. Spidell, Conservative. Lunenburg—J. J. Kinley, O. H. Donovan, Liberal; J. W. Margeson, A. C. Zwicker, Conservative. Pictou—Hon. R. M. McGregor, R. H. McKay, R. H. Graham, Liberal; John W. McKay, J. W. H. Sutherland, C. E. Tanner, Conservative. Queens—J. W. Smith, F. R. Freeman, Liberal; W. L. Hall, D. C. Mulhall, Conservative.

Shelburne—R. Irwin, W. Nickerson, Liberal; W. H. Currie, W. C. Nickerson, Conservative. Richmond—S. Joyce, A. Finlayson, Liberal; John McDonald, B. A. LeBlanc, Conservative. Victoria—Hon. G. H. Murray, John Morrison, Liberal; Joseph Hayes, Philip McLeod, Conservative. Yarmouth—Hon. E. H. Armstrong, H. O. D'Entremont, Liberal; H. W. Corning, J. O. D'Eon, Conservative.

WOODMAN IN ENGLAND

The expert Canadian lumbermen who have gone to England for the purpose of thinning out certain forests are surveying the wooden lands and "blazing" the trees that are to be cut down and made into timber. The Daily Mail has an article describing the experts and a certain unnamed forest. They have the machinery on the spot; and when a giant falls, utility seizes him at once. "In half an hour he is a pile of railway sleepers." But such care is exercised in selection that the beauty of the forest is unspoiled. There are 2,500,000 acres of forest in Great Britain, the crown lands alone covering 125,000 acres.

"If we had all our tackle here," said one of the pioneers, "I guess we'd be able to turn out a complete box of matches from the waste product of that tree—and do it while you wait!"

"This soft-voiced, keen-eyed young man seemed to know everything there is to know about the trees and the forests of the inhabited globe, and how to make the best use of them." The interviewer met a party of the woodsmen in the forest, and he makes as good "copy" out of them as though Robin Hood and his merry men were there surveying and diagnosing the case of this mighty pine or that sturdy oak: "Brown, little woodsman, half-soldier, half-trapper and wholly romantic." (He ought to see them in the heart of their native forest.) They deal with certain tall pines as a doctor diagnoses a patient, recording their decisions in a character case-book. These woodsmen are much impressed with the magnificence of the English forests and with their economic value. We are told that they are now a gold mine being exploited to the best advantage without being spoiled. No one cries "Woodman spare that tree." Is he not felling it to fashion a battering ram wherewith to win the war?

SPARE THE SOLDIERS

Mr. J. H. Burnham, a member of the Dominion House of Commons and a Captain in one of the Canadian overseas regiments recently sent the following telegram to one of the Ontario papers:

"Is no consideration to be shown by General Hughes' enemies, journalistic or otherwise, for the welfare of battalions now forming and in need of direction and constant aid from headquarters? It seems to me, as one on the ground, that a frightful injury is being done to our men in preparation by the relentless pursuit of the government at this critical juncture. For God's sake let the pursuers have some mercy at least on our soldiers!"

It is scarcely necessary to comment on this. "For God's sake let the pursuers have some mercy at least on our soldiers!"

Canadian soldiers returning from the open hell at Hooge, sick with the horrors they had participated in and with thoughts of the comrades they had left on the battlefield, would find little comfort in the "News from home" to be read in their eagerly sought home papers. Hounding the head of the Militia Department, at home, snarling at the heels of the Government, seeking to discredit Canada in the eyes of the world, and they—in the trenches—upholding the honour of Canada that Canadians at home were dragging through the dirt of party politics. Well might this Canadian soldiers ask the traducers "for God's sake" to have some mercy on the soldiers!

NOTES

Our readers will note with interest that Mr. Franklin K. Lane, who first saw the light in P. E. I., and who is now Secretary of the Interior in the Wilson Administration, is spoken of as successor of Justice Hughes on the United States Supreme Court.

The Shell Committee Kyte did not have enough weight to its tale, and so, after a somewhat ignominious flight wobbled and came to earth in Nova Scotia.

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LAW ?

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I am Sir, etc., A READER OF THE GUARDIAN, Alberton.

THE VOTE ON UNION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Continued from page three.)

1. That provision be made in this legislation as may be necessary to secure the conveyance of property to the United Church. That this committee report to the first Assembly following the end of the first year after the close of the war, and that with the consent and authority of that assembly, application be made for the legislation proposed at the following session of the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial legislatures.

2. That provision be made in this legislation to conserve the property rights of all congregations that may have determined by a majority vote of the communicants not to enter the United Church.

3. That the union be consummated as soon after the securing of legislation as the regular steps can be taken.

4. That in the meantime presbytery be instructed to move along the lines authorized by the General Assembly in Edmonton in 1912 either by local unions or by withdrawal of one church or the other where serious overlapping is taking place to the detriment of religion.

5. That to the better furtherance of this end in each of the thirty-seven presbyteries of Western Canada, in Ontario, a committee of three (one of whom shall be the superintendent of the bounds) be appointed to meet a like number of the Methodist Church of Canada and one from the Congregational Church of Canada, where missions of that church are found, and one from the Union church, where there are such within the bounds to advance local union or co-operation of congregations in mission stations such joint committee to be authorized.

6. "A." To see that Union churches are regularly visited.

7. "B." To select from the literature of the churches what may be suitable for their use and to urge its purchase.

8. "C." To send delegates to promote liberality in these Union churches toward missionary, charitable and patriotic objects.

9. "D." To urge these Union churches to take up collections for the various schemes of the churches, to be divided proportionately between the churches represented.

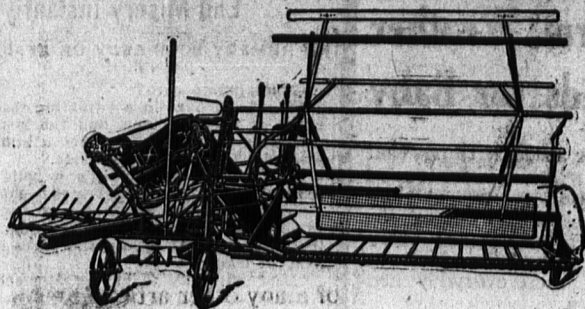
10. That the General Assembly continue to any minister in good standing in this Church who may accept the pastorate of a Union or co-operative church the rights that he now enjoys in this Church, and that the conference of the Methodist Church and the Congregational Union be asked to do the same.

PROTEST OF MINORITY.

Here is the protest of the minority: We, the undersigned in our own name and in the name of all that may choose to adhere to us, hereby record our dissent from the deliverance now made, and we protest that this General Assembly having voted by a majority to adopt in the basis of union with the Congregational and Methodist churches of Canada a constitution entirely different from that of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has thereby ceased to be a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. That those who voted against the motion to adopt this new constitution alone have a right to a seat in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. That all those who have gone on record as voting for the adoption of this new constitution by that act have ceased to be of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and have no legal right to take part in transacting the business of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we do further protest that if we continue to act with them in dealing with the business of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada we are not to be held as recognizing their right to seats in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Westminster Church Winnipeg, June 14, 1916.

(Signed) Robert Campbell, E. Scott John Finglesmith, W. W. Fraser, J. D. Cunningham, J. O. Watts, D. Macintosh, D. G. Cameron, G. R. Vandenberg, John Fernie, D. Perry William Simons, Thos. A. Mitchell, W. G. Robertson.

WERE APPLAUDED. Two of the commissioners were applauded when they cast their votes. These were Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell, the veteran permanent clerk of the Assembly, and Rev. Dr. Dural, former moderator, and regarded as



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