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## SASKATCHEWAN.

Friday next will be nomination day in Saskatchewan, with polling one week later. It is a big country to get over, and nearly all the electoral divisions have new boundaries caused by redistribution and the enlargement of the Legislature from 25 to 41 members. Well might the Opposition say, "This is so sudden!" But it is sudden for the other fellows, too, or for a good many of them.

Neither party had its candidates nominated when the surprise came. The members of the late House, or most of them, may be partly ready, once they can find the new side lines of their ridings. Two-thirds of them are former Ontarians. Probably the majority of the 275,000 to 300,0[illegible] people of Saskatchewan also come from Ontario. Whether they have been away from their home Province long enough to escape infection from the epidemic of Conservatism there remains to be seen.

Of course a Liberal victory is confidently expected and is pretty well assured. It will serve to take off the chill caused by the late elections in New Brunswick and Ontario and so prepare the way for the Federal contest. It will also afford some test of the feeling in the Northwest but not much test of how the country east of the prairies is disposed—the conditions are so different between newly settled regions and old ones.

But the latest victory always fills the air, and a political victory also always surely fills the newspapers, sets one party rejoicing and the other explaining. Wherefore Sir Wilfrid's strategy—simply as strategy in playing the political war-game—is wise and prudent. Still it is possible that Haultain, who is a man of war, though with somewhat diminished prestige, and without so good a war-cry as "Provincial Rights" gave him three years ago, may carry 13 or 14 seats out of the 41. With anything more he would claim a moral victory, which would be something, and yet not much. The shouting will probably be with the Liberal party when the smoke of battle has cleared away.

## AN IMPERIAL PRESS CONFEREGCE.

A movement is on foot to hold an imperial press conference in London at the end of May of next year. There have been imperial conferences of various kinds, and deputations of newspaper men from one portion of the Empire have from time to time visited other portions, but this is the first time that a conference of pressmen representing the entire dominions of King Edward has been proposed.

A strong committee with Lord Burnham as President, Lord Northcliffe as Honorary Treasurer, Harry E. Britain as Secretary and C. Arthur Pearson as Chairman of the Executive has been formed to promote this desirable object. Invitations will be issued and it is hoped will be accepted by the more influential journalists of the over-sea dominions and crown colonies. It is proposed that they shall be the guests of the press of Great Britain.

It is intended that at the Conference facilities shall be given for the full and free discussion of various questions interesting to newspaper men and publicists. Also that the visitors shall have the opportunity of inspecting the naval, military and industrial resources of the Old Country, of seeing something of social life in its best aspects and being brought into touch with persons of eminence and distinction, as well as their leading colleagues of the London press.

Both the hosts and guests would have much to learn from such mutual intercourse, and the result could hardly be otherwise than largely beneficial. It ought to conduce to a better understanding and increased mutual interest between journalists of all parts of the British dominions and also to the unity and solidarity of the Empire. We trust that the ambitious plans of the promoters will meet with the full success they deserve.

## THE RESULT OF AN AUDIT.

The New Brunswick Government, as the result of an audit of the accounts has made a demand upon Lieutenant Governor Tweedie for the payment of $8,110, interest on moneys which should have been in the Crown Lands Department treasury from 1905 to 1906 but which apparently were not. Mr. Tweedie, now Lieutenant Governor was head of the Crown Lands Department at the time. He does not admit his personal liability for the sum claimed. It was in the same department that the Deputy Minister, Flewelling, suicided last spring, after confessing to a large shortage which investigation has shown to amount to $18,000.

A commission is now inpestigating the late Government's dealings in the matter of the purchase and operation of the Central Railway, which connects with the I.C.R. at Norton. So much has come to light in regard to these and other matters since the election of March last as goes to show that the change of Government was made none too soon, and has greatly damaged the reputation of some leading spirits in the old Government.

A scourge of fire has swept the Crow's Nest district in the south eastern part of British Columbia, along the line of the C.P.R. with sad loss of property and life. Fernie Hosmer and Michael are small mining towns hemmed in by mountains and forests. The disaster comes from sweeping forest fires. Fernie, it will be remembered, was nearly destroyed by a landslide some years ago.

The Regina papers indicate that the coming election in Saskatchewan will be quite a spirited contest notwithstanding the short notice at which it was called on. Both parties are rapidly getting their candidates in the field. The Opposition leader, Mr. Haultain, who was for eighteen years Premier of the Northwest Territories, has held a number of public meetings and will continue to address meetings nightly throughout the contest. Several of the Ministers are selecting new constituencies.

The Examiner announces that Hon. George E. Foster, who is now visiting Nova Scotia will visit this Province and address two or three meetings, the first of which will take place on August 20. Mr. Foster has a wide celebrity as a public speaker, and having been in public life since 1882, and held a cabinet position under five successive Conservative leaders, being now, moreover, the chief financial critic of the Opposition, he ought to be able to tell us something worth hearing. Later it is to be hoped we may have the chance to hear from one or more of the Liberal leaders, so that both parties may be fairly represented.

The St. John Globe says the number of automobile accidents "raises the question whether the machine is one that ought to be allowed on the highways and streets. . . The steam or electric car is compelled by the conditions of its existence to confine itself to its own lines of movement and it looks very much as though the automobile will have to be treated in a somewhat similar way. Civilization can hardly allow its votaries to slaughter innocent people, as they appear to be doing in their almost unrestrained recklessness."


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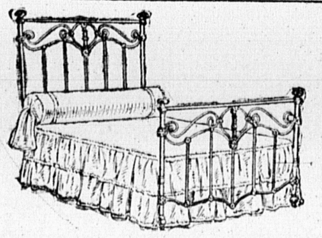

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