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TODAY'S ELECTION.

This is election day. Before this issue of the Times has reached many of its readers it will be decided whether St. John city and county will return supporters or opponents of the provincial government, or whether there will be one supporter and one opponent.

No campaign in recent years has been so devoid of sensational appeals to the electors. Indeed there were many yesterday who needed to be reminded that this is polling day.

This is no doubt due in part to the fact that there was only one strongly partisan paper in the fight, and that it contented itself with a very mild campaign. A hot newspaper campaign is generally reflected at the meetings and at the polls, but there has been no such encouragement in this instance.

Another fact that has made for dullness in this contest is the assurance that no money would be spent on either side, except for legitimate expenses.

It may be taken for granted that the vote polled today will be relatively small. The result will be an expression of the views of the majority of those who vote. What further significance it may have will be a matter for discussion after the returns have been received.

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the heading "A Call to Vote," the Globe last evening printed the following powerful argument in support of the government of Premier Tweedie and Hon. Dr. Pugsley:

Everybody who has a vote should vote to-morrow. It may be important to show that it is not really necessary to spend large sums of money in order to get the people to do their duty. The liberals have put two men in the field who are good representative men, and those who feel strongly that local politics should be divided on party lines must logically vote for them. Even those who do not hold strongly to that view may fairly support them, inasmuch as they are men who in every way are thoroughly representative in their individuality and character. No matter what view men may take, let them vote, and, under the circumstances, they will give some assistance to those who believe that it is not necessary to spend large sums in order to move the people to do their duty.

There can be little doubt that this strenuous advocacy of the cause of the government would have a strong effect on the minds of electors who were in doubt.

GET DOWN TO FACTS.

The question raised by the discussion in connection with certain practically destitute persons landed at this port by the steamship Lake Manitoba is a good deal larger than appears on the surface.

It goes without saying that neither government agents nor steamship agents should make false statements to old country people with regard to the opportunities for work and wages in Canada.

But there is another fact to be taken into account. The industrial situation in Great Britain at the present time is extremely unsatisfactory. The Times has it on the authority of an intelligent Canadian who has spent several months in England that conditions in the mother country are very far from being satisfactory to either the laborer or the artisan. Under such circumstances it is perfectly natural that the eyes of those in enforced idleness should turn to Canada, as a country under the old flag where they could make homes for themselves. They would naturally lend a willing ear to those who assert that Canada is a country of great possibilities.

It is not surprising, therefore, that immigrants should land in St. John with large hopes and small capital.

And this raises another question, that goes right home to the federal and provincial governments. It is this:—What degree of sincerity is there in the governmental profession of a desire for immigrants?

We send immigration agents to the old country. Year in and year out they tell of the splendid possibilities of life in Canada. People are urged to leave their old homes and settle in the new land of the west.

It is, moreover, asserted over and over again that one settler from the mother country is worth many of the class that come from southern Europe. What follows? Surely nothing less than a welcome for intelligent immigrants from the United Kingdom, whether they are rich or poor.

This brings us to the point it is desired to make in this article. If the federal government and the provincial government are sincere in their professions—if they mean what they say and are not merely wasting money in their immigration campaign in the old country, they should have some organized system to look after the poor but intelligent immigrants

who land on these shores, and afford them an opportunity to secure employment and become citizens of Canada.

Why should this country spend large sums of money to support immigration agents in England if when a well educated and industrious but unfortunate Englishman comes here in search of work he is handed over to the Associated Charities?

Perhaps there should be an inquiry on the other side of the ocean. Possibly immigration agents and steamship agents promise too much, but the real heart searching should be at Ottawa and Fredericton.

How long can a government afford to engage in the gold brick business? The Times presents this query to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Tweedie, and respectfully invites their attention to a matter that is of great importance to the dominion and to this province.

Good Canadian citizens of the future are thrown at them every time a steamer lands at this port. What will they do about it?

The building operations in Montreal for 1904 are regarded by the building inspector as very satisfactory. The number of permits is larger than last or any preceding year, though the value of the buildings erected will be somewhat less than last year. About 800 permits for new buildings have been issued, the estimated value being \$3,044,901, and 534 permits were issued for alterations, valued at \$598,280.

That woman who is promoting a baby farming enterprise in England and reports that Canada is "delighted" at the prospect of being made the site for the infant industry should be called off by the authorities. This is a case where the anti-dumping law might well be put in force. The anonymous kid is a type of British infanter without which this country can thrive magnificently.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Telegraph this morning said that the provincial accounts showed a surplus of \$5,000. The Sun declared that the same figures showed a deficit of nearly \$4,000. The Times referred the question to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, whose statement is given elsewhere in this issue. He says the Telegraph is right and that the actual conditions are even more favorable than the figures show.

Steady improvement still continues in the net earnings of the railroads of this continent, according to The Commercial and Financial Chronicle. A compilation made for the month of October shows an increase in gross earnings of \$4,651,604 and in net of \$4,847,868. This is a larger amount of gain than for any preceding month of the year.

A resolution has been passed in the Montreal city-council to ask the federal government to have analyzed the whiskey at present sold in that city. Alderman Ames said from enquiries made at police headquarters he believed that the majority of those arrested for intoxication were less fit for the jail than the hospital.

In pursuance of its fierce determination that no alderman shall have anything to do with civic contracts the Globe is understood to be out with a sharp axe after the liberal alderman whose name is said to be connected with the placing of the insurance on the pulp mill at Mispec.

The latest rumor about Thos. W. Lawson, of "Frenzied Finance" fame, is that he is a native of York Co., New Brunswick. York has given the United States some able financiers and captains of industry, but probably will not claim Mr. Lawson.

Sir Percy Girouard has been granted a bonus of £5,000 in recognition of the value of services rendered the British government, in Africa.

Lord Charles Berosford has been appointed to succeed Admiral Domville in command of the Mediterranean squadron.

Mr. Whitlaw Reid is to succeed Mr. Joseph H. Choate as United States ambassador to Great Britain.

SEAMEN'S MISSION TONIGHT.

All those who have contributed to the funds of the Seamen's Institute are cordially invited to the annual gathering of the Seamen's Mission Society and there Seamen friends, at the Congregational church school room, Union street, chair will be taken at 8 p. m.

A musical programme and address will be followed by the distribution of the famous comfort bags.

THE TIMES AIMS TO BECOME THE BEST AFTERNOON NEWS-PAPER EAST OF MONTREAL.

SOCIETY WEDDING.

Dr. George S. Hill and Miss Alice Todd Boardman.

BORDER NEWS.

Trade Has Been Good This Year at St. Stephen---Masonic Lodges Elect Officers---River Very Low.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 29.—The merchants of the town report an excellent Christmas trade this year, and are now preparing for stock taking.

The recent snow storm has made excellent hauling, and wood of all kinds is coming in large quantities. Good prices prevail.

Owing to the extreme low water in the river the lath mills will be unable to do much work until needed rains come.

The Masonic Order held their annual installation of officers on Tuesday evening, as follows:—

Chase, W. M.; Upper Mills, Edward Chase, W. M.; Fairhead, S. W.; J. S. Hall, J. W.; Edgar Hall, S. D.; J. C. Davie, Sec. E. W. Woodcock, Treas.; James Phinney, Chap.; W. Watters, Jr. S. S.; John Dresser, J. S.; H. Hacker, D. C.; Wm. Watters, Sr., I. G.; D. E. Simpson, Tyler.

Sussex lodge, St. Stephen: A. A. Lafire, W. M.; C. C. Whitlock, S. W.; J. W. Richardson, J. W.; Rev. O. S. Newham, Chap.; F. M. Murdoch, Treas.; James Vroom, Sec.; H. M. Gimmer, B. D.; A. C. Gregory, J. D.; E. H. Beck, D. C.; H. E. Beck, S. S.; Ed. Boston, J. S.; R. W. Whitlock, I. G.; G. M. Robinson, Tyler.

Victoria Lodge, Milltown—Gerard Graham, W. M.; F. C. Murdoch, I. P. M.; Gus. Kiene, S. W.; J. W. Graham, J. W.; A. McKenzie, Chap. J. L. Ray, Treas.; Dr. W. H. Laughlin, Sec.; J. C. Bauer, S. D.; F. Alexander, J. D.; Frank Roy, S. S.; Ed. Loney, J. S.; A. Mungall, D. C.; W. Shirley, I. G.; W. London, Tyler.

Another society wedding brought together the beauty of the elite on both sides of the St. Croix, who were present at the marriage and reception of Miss Alice Todd Boardman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boardman, Calais, Me., and Dr. George S. Hill of Marblehead, Mass., on Wednesday evening, Rev. C. S. McCully of the Calais Congregational church performed the ceremony. The charming bride was handsomely gowned in a bridal robe of white chiffon over tulle, with a bertha of point d'Alencon lace, the bodice being elaborately trimmed with motifs of the same pattern. She wore a bridal veil and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, ornamented with a pearl and diamond brooch, the gift of the groom. The bridal couple were unattended. After the ceremony a large number attended the reception. The dining room was handsomely decorated in red and green.

The young ladies who assisted in the dining room, with one exception were cousins of the bride. As all are handsome they formed a charming group. They were: Mrs. Fred McNeil, Mrs. Harris Eaton, Miss Vera Young, Winnifred Todd, Anna Eaton, Sara Todd, Emma McCully, Frances Todd.

The bride, having been one of the most popular of Calais ladies, was the recipient of a very large number of handsome and useful presents. Immediately after the reception and supper the bridal couple left on a wedding tour. They will spend the winter at Pinehurst, North Carolina, after which they will return to their future home at Marblehead, Mass.

After an absence of twenty-five years Mr. Lewis Hutchinson of Minneapolis is visiting his home in Milltown. Mrs. Hutchinson is with her husband.

SLIGHT FIRE AT SUSSEX.

Lamp Exploded in a Sample Room---Personal News.

Sussex, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Last evening the fire department was called out, about 9.30, to a blaze in the sample room of J. A. Murray, Church Ave., C. A. Murray, (commercial traveller), was in the sample room, at the time preparing his new line of samples to go out on the road this morning. Just before leaving he started to pick up an oil lamp to blow it out, and the lamp exploded setting fire to his clothes and the samples. In his excitement to put the fire out he did not notice his own clothes were on fire, until his overcoat was nearly burned off of him. With the aid of the fire department the flames were soon extinguished. About \$200 worth of samples were destroyed.

S. A. McLeod entertained a few of his friends last evening at duplicate whist.

A. B. Maggs, principal of the grammar school, is spending his Christmas holidays at Summerside, P. E. I.

Teacher—Johnny Jones, what do you mean by telling me you didn't tie that tin can to the dog's tail? Willie Bump says he saw you do it.

Johnny Jones—No such thing. I only tied the dog's tail to the tin can. Of course it amounts to the same thing, but it's just as well to be exact in such matters.

SIR WILFRID LAWSON

Has Broken Into Rhyme---A Justifiable Modesty in the Dedication.

Everybody knows that Sir Wilfrid Lawson writes bad poetry. How bad that poetry is, except for its vein of genial wit, the world has now an opportunity of judging says The London Daily Mail. "The 'Carols in 'Christians and Lines,' cleverly illustrated by Mr. F. Carruthers Gould, and published by Mr. Fisher Unwin, we have a book which is dedicated to

The best of wives From the worst of poets.

The modesty is justifiable. The subjects dealt with by Sir Wilfrid go back to 1894, and are as up to date as the departure of the Tibetan Mission from Lhasa, and the presentation to Colonel Youngblood of the gold statue of Buddha.

So now with one voice Let us sing and rejoice With delight at this gift from our friends. As the statues of gold, Sure, is needn't be told, Henceforth we shall all worship Buddha

On The Times' leading article on Christmas Day, announcing that, though we were at peace in "Christian and Lines," we were still fighting savage tribesmen, Sir Wilfrid is at his happiest.

Thank God, that on this Christmas Day There's someone whom we still can slay Still savage tribesmen, to our joy, Remain for Christians to destroy. Mad Mullahs roam around the world Who to perdition must be hurled. So thankful, on this Christmas Day, We feel there's someone left to slay.

Arsenic in beer gives the temperance Baronet a great opportunity for pointing a moral. Arsenic and Alcohol are brothers who never part. A friendly old game of stone and Alcohol, pleading old age hands his business over to Brer Arsenic, with dire results.

"But how is this?" the townsmen cry While back and knees give way. "Whence comes this weak and sickly fee?" "Good Brewers' tell us pray."

"As any Christian can." "He leaves the model public house." "For much the same's the liquor." "With the same elements it's brought. It only kills you quicker!"

The "Model Public House" is a subject for gentle satire.

Excessive drinking thwarts. It rules that every man who comes May only drink three quarts.

When these three quarts he's duly doored (As any Christian can) He leaves the model public house A truly model man.

The model public house, we hear, Here is yet another directed at the brewer and the liquor interest.

Who to the heathen far away Sends Christian men to preach and pray And bring them to a brighter day? My brewer.

Who fills our stiums with wafels and nuts? Who havoc with our nation plays, And brings disgrace on all our ways? My brewer.

The reader is led to wonder why Sir Wilfrid does not change his brewer! He leaves the model public house are the lines "on the Speaker's coach being drawn by Mr. Whitbread's dray-horses."

'Tis beer, as is to statesmen known Supports the altar and the throne, And so his steeds one rightly feels, Should drag the Commons at his heels.

His own party comes in for a little scorching. The chaotic condition of present day Liberalism and the absence of any definite programme inspire the lines of advice to a Liberal candidate:—

If anyone, anxious your motions to search, Should ask you to give him your views on the Church, Say your mind on that question most firmly is set. But the matter cannot be considered "ripe" yet.

If next you are asked what you think of the Peers, Say you're sure that they cannot go on many years. A State Church, you admit a political sin. But reform, you feel certain, must come from within. Boasted armaments are a most serious crime. But, still, a strong Navy's the need of the time.

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Dated the 15th day of December, 1904. THOMAS H. BULLOCK, JAMES H. FRINK, CHARLES H. BRANNEN, JOHN MCGOLDRICK, JAMES CARLETON, WILLIAM S. DORR, ISAIAH W. HOLDER.

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