

## The Carleton Sentinel

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## Worth Reading.

In this issue there is a letter from the Electric Light Co. which is well worthy of careful perusal. It is a positive document, leaving no shadow of doubt as to the stand the Company is taking with reference to the arc circuit. To the layman, their contention appears sound, and the Council will do well to carefully weigh the matter before acting in the premises. The citizens want no more lawsuits. One in a generation should be sufficient. Within a couple of years the taxpayers have paid well nigh \$2000 to the lawyers. The money might far better have gone to the street department, for instance.

## A Miscalculation.

The last issue of our sprightly conservative contemporary very bombastically announced that a strong party candidate would take the field against Hon Dr Pugsley in St John, and wipe him completely off the map politically. In spite of this dread prediction, the St John Tories have since decided to meekly refrain from doing battle. Our contemporary will surely read the riot act to its weak-kneed Winter Port friends, but then they are on the ground, and well realize the utter hopelessness of Conservative opposition to the new minister. Be that as it may, it still remains true that a party which has not sufficient moral courage to fight whenever opportunity offers, cannot hope to create enthusiasm within its own ranks, or deserve the respect of its opponents. Of course the Press as a prophet is generally known to be quite reckless, and utterly unreliable.

## A Cowardly Course.

After all the blare of trumpets which heralded the coming of R L Borden, and that gentleman's expressed desire that there should be strenuous opposition to the return of the new minister of Public Works, it seems that the conservative managers in St John have decided to let the seat go by default. No candidate of any strength, they say in extenuation, could be induced to step in the breach. This is all the more surprising when it is known that the seat was won by the Conservative party only three years ago, with a decisive majority. Dr Daniel, who sits for the other St John seat, will certainly find himself out in the cold when the general election is held. Were his party to make any kind of a decent showing against Hon Mr Pugsley in a by-election, there might well be the possibility of the learned medical doctor's success in the general contest, but after the hollow manner in which the field is now surrendered to the Minister anyone may easily predict with some assurance that the Conservative party in the City and County of St John has ceased to be a political factor of any weight worth mentioning. Our more militant Conservative friends in Carleton and elsewhere must surely be disgusted with the action of their metropolitan associates. Some outside papers with Conservative lean-

ings have professed to witness signs of Liberal disintegration in New Brunswick. The St John situation will come as a rude awakener to these Opposition pipe dreamers. In so far as we can learn New Brunswick, if it were to vote at present, would send a practically solid delegation in support of the federal government. In so far as the new Minister of Public Works is concerned, his greatest danger is from a pronounced Liberal, Mayor Sears, who seems to persist in a desire to stand as a representative of old-line Liberalism. He is very strong in the constituency, particularly the urban portion, and should he not retire, the contest may prove interesting, and possibly rather embarrassing to the new provincial leader.

## Cheap School Books.

The principal stock in trade of certain Opposition spell-binders of the lightweight variety is abuse of the government for not reducing the price of school books. The province of Ontario is held up as a shining example for other places to copy. If Mr Flemming or any of his comrades will put the matter fairly there would be little reason for complaint, but the insidious manner in which their story is worded renders the same dangerous where the real facts are not fully understood.

In order to put the matter right straight from the shoulder, we will in the first place frankly admit that the school books, particularly the readers, sold in Ontario are very much lower in price than the series we have in our own province. There is a reason, in fact many reasons, for this condition. The Ontario readers are antiquated, the series having been in use almost since Confederation. In the second place they are quite inferior to the New Brunswick Readers both in matter and make up, not to mention size. Then again the illustrations, always a costly feature, are not to be mentioned in the same day with those appearing in the 20th Century books used in our province. In order to more fully realize the exact cause of the price for this year being so low in Ontario, we have only to say, and we know whereof we speak, that some months ago the Whitney government, at the instigation of a rival firm of publishers, cancelled the contract with the Canada Publishing Co, the house that for years has printed the Ontario Readers, and largely in order to get a chance to hand a plum to the other firm, announced that on Sept 1st, 1908, a new set of books altogether would be introduced, and for the interim, all publishing houses would be permitted to tender for furnishing a year's supply of the readers, the government agreeing to hand over the plates, which it owns, to the lowest bidder for the work. The Canada Pub Co, having a big stock on hand, and knowing that in a year's time the books would become obsolete, decided to make their tender so low that the government would not dare give the interim contract to Morang, Gage, or any other firm, thus enabling themselves to close out what they had on hand at something better than a dead loss, which would have been the case had some rival house secured the privilege of furnishing the books in this final twelve months. This is the whole secret of the present year cheap school books in Ontario. Mark you, the innovation is for a single year. Twelve months hence, when the new Ontario Readers are introduced, they cannot be sold for any such sacrifice figures as now prevail on the old series, providing the works, which everyone takes for granted, are to have any degree of literary or artistic merit. We venture

the assertion, and challenge successful contradiction from any person, that in no country in the world can there be found a set of school books, the equal of the N B Readers in every way, sold at a lower price, and if the new Ontario books are to be as good, they will cost fully as much. The present Ontario readers have again and again been condemned by Teachers as of little literary value, poorly graded, and generally inferior. To be perfectly plain, they are cheap in more than price.

While we should welcome any lessening in the School Book burden, we are quite convinced that the Readers are good value for the price asked. It might interest our Opposition critics to learn that out in the great province of British Columbia, a Conservative local government authorizes the sale of the 20th Century Readers at identically the figures asked in New Brunswick. Free School Books, is of course an entirely different proposition, one which even Mr Hazen is scarcely prepared to advocate, reckless as he and his associates may be in their piteous promises in the hope of securing power.

## Quite Humorous.

Bro Clarke, of the Courier, seems to be branching out as a humorist, evidence of which is well furnished in the following paragraph from his paper:—

And Mr Carvell of Carleton, why was he not chosen for preferment? Perhaps, if one could get next to Sir Wilfrid, it might be learned that the government did not want to lose a seat now held. There is a very loud whisper abroad that Mr Carvell could not now be elected in Carleton if the appeal was made with three portfolios back of him.

Our alert friend from the Border is a poor guesser, else he has been very badly informed. The best local information is that no person of any weight could be found to oppose Mr Carvell in an election, with the slightest hope of victory. Speaking of rumors, is there not a rather audible one to the effect that certain Charlotte County members are in mortal dread of a contest?

## The County Council.

Within a little more than a month the Municipal election will be a thing of the past. From the parishes there is as yet very little information concerning probable candidates. Here in town, to fill the three seats, a contest seems inevitable. Ex-Warden Bailey, Coun Balmain and Coun Fewer are each being urged to stand for re-election, while there is a persistent rumor indicating the candidature of H D Stevens. Others say J Rankin Brown may be in the field, and it is pretty certain that J E Drysdale will make another try for a seat at the board. There is said to be a movement among certain influential Wellington Ward residents with a view to ensuring the election of at least one man from the South side.

## Kind Words.

(St Andrews Beacon.) It would be a pleasure to us to record the political advancement of Mr Carvell. He is a good liberal and deserves well of his party.

## The Commissioner.

The Commissioner got some pretty stiff knocks from his friends at Tuesday's Council meeting. The citizens would be glad to have assurance that the standpipe and the sewers are being carefully looked after.

The minimum salary of country postmasters has just been raised to \$3 per month.

## It's Up to the Council.

To The Editor of Sentinel:

DEAR SIR,—In the last issue of your paper you have an article on the condition of the arc wires in this town, and the only inference to be drawn from the article is that there is a question in law upon whom the duty falls of placing the arc wires in such shape that it will not be dangerous to life and property. We understand that His Worship Mayor Munro has raised this contention but we wish you and the general public to understand once and for all that so far as we are concerned we do not admit for a moment that any such question exists.

In our contract with the Town, dated the 16th of October last, after providing that we will install 40 series enclosed arc lamps and run them on what is called the "moon-light schedule" we agree as follows:—

"The said Company also agree that they will at their own expense, maintain and keep in repair, during the continuance of this agreement, the PRESENT ARC LIGHT WIRE CIRCUIT and Poles "A" and which Circuit and Poles it is agreed said Company are to have the use of during this agreement and at the expiration of same said Company agree to turn same over to the said Town, in as good order and condition as they now are in, ordinary wear and usage excepted."

When Mr Munro, or any other person attempts to make the people of this Town believe that the burden is on our Company to put up new wire he is simply talking nonsense, and knows it. We agreed to operate the present wire. It is our duty to keep it on the poles so far as possible and we will attempt to do so, although in its present dilapidated and brittle condition it is liable to break down at any moment, and as it is practically all bare, rest assured that when it does come down, it means death or fire to any person or thing with which it may come in contact. It is not our intention to spend a single dollar towards renewing it and if the Town wish it to remain we will do all in our power to keep it on the poles, because, so far as we are concerned it will transmit the electricity to the lamps quite as well as a new wire will do. It is therefore of no importance to us what course the Town may decide to take, and our only object in writing this letter is to let you and the Town officials know where we stand.

The burden is on the Town not upon us to make the next move.

Yours truly,

THE WOODSTOCK ELECTRIC RAILWAY,  
LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.  
Woodstock, N B, Sept 4th '07.

Mrs Henry B Smith accompanied her sister to Boston, for a visit, sailing from St John.

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## Deaths.

JONES.—On Thursday, 5th inst., to the wife of Hon. W. F. Jones, a daughter.

## Marriages.

FAWCETT-BENN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Joseph W. Benn, Debec, Sept. 4th, by Rev. H. Harrison, Fred. R. Fawcett of Woodstock to Beatrice J. Benn.

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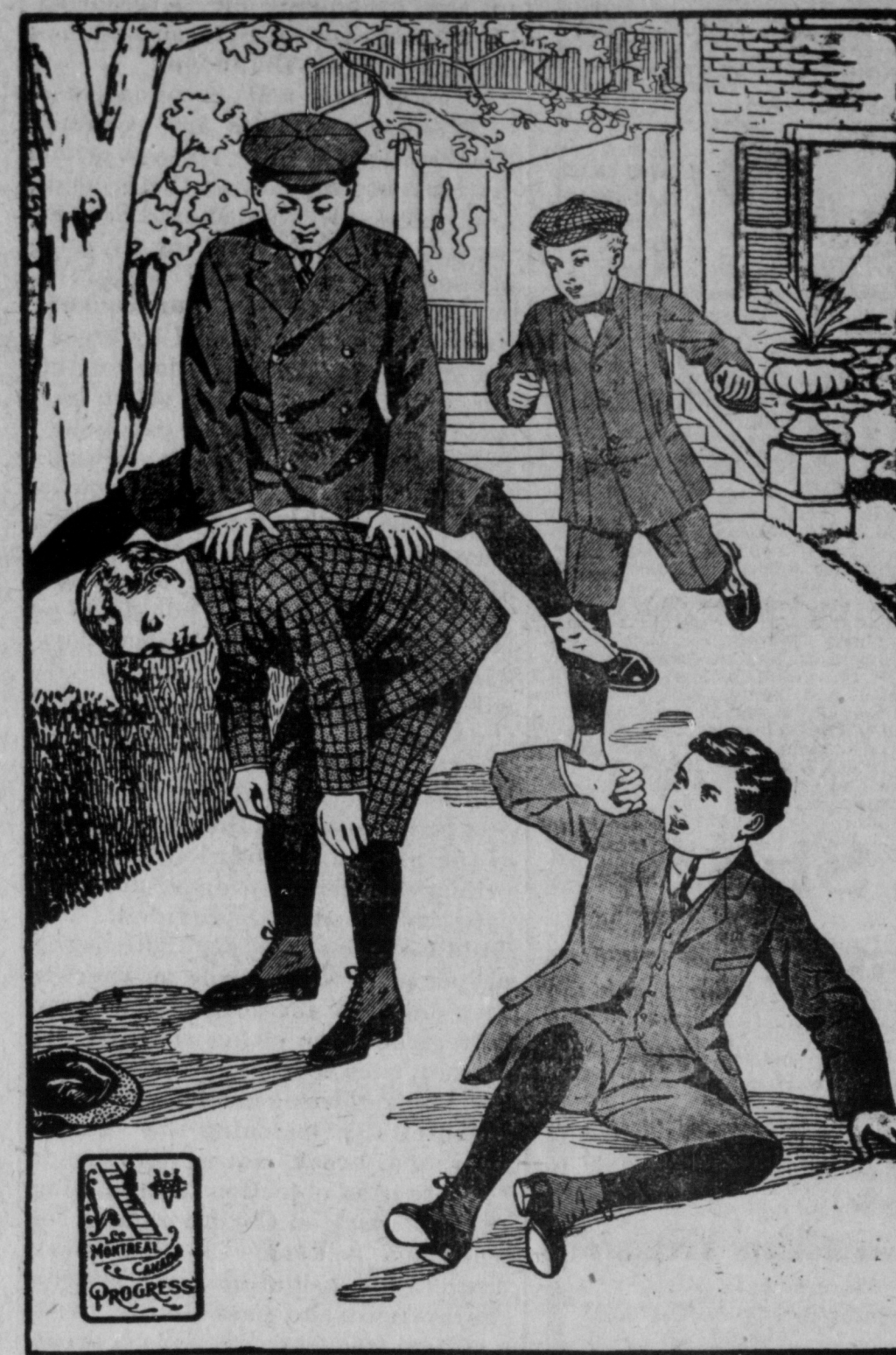
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L. P. FARRIS, Commissioner for Agriculture, Fredericton, 3rd September, 1907.—31-26.

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CHAS. McGRATH.

Woodstock, Aug 30th, 1907—31-35.

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Hartland August 15th, 1907.

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and Geo. L. Holyoke, agent at Woodstock. The adjuster unhesitatingly allowed damages to the full face of the policy \$1500. And today I have your check for that amount.

Yours Truly,

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