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## ROGERS ON DECK

After four months of vacillation and secret preparation, the Borden government has at last decided to face the electors in two of the four vacant ridings. On October 11th the electors of Chateaugay and on the 21st those of East Middlesex will be called upon to pronounce their judgment on the present government's record.

Hon. Mr. Rogers, who might be called Mr. Borden's "minister of elections," since his chief claim to distinction in the cabinet is his boast that he can win elections, is taking charge of the campaign and every one knows he is not scrupulous as to the method by which he wins campaigns.

Special efforts are being made by the government to win Chateaugay in the hope of being able to point to this as a gain from the Liberal ranks since Mr. Brown's majority at last election was only forty. East Middlesex has been continuously Tory since confederation and therefore will not require such expensive governmental nursing. Already Hon. Mr. Rogers has visited Montreal several times and has been in conference with the party leaders there and met deputations from Chateaugay.

The methods adopted by the Borden ringmasters are significant. First they sent to the scene the most notoriously unscrupulous member of the government to hold secret meetings with the local party workers. The train was secretly laid. Deputations from Chateaugay met the minister of public works with their demands, and it is a carefully published secret throughout the riding that their demands were extensive and that all of them were eagerly granted. Then, when everything appeared in good shape, with the certainty that every possible party advantage had been clinched by the government forces, the election was announced for October 11th, leaving much less than a month for the campaign. Not a single detail was missed to assure the people that the government was determined to win this byelection at any cost of unfairness or worse. It will be interesting to see how Chateaugay and East Middlesex fare in the public works estimates of next year.

In Chateaugay the Liberals have selected as their standard-bearer Hon. Sydney A. Fisher, who was minister of agriculture in the Laurier administration. He is not a resident of the county but he has for years been the recognized leader of the Liberal party in the Eastern Townships. He is an able and vigorous speaker and can be counted upon to put up a strenuous campaign. Hon. Mr. Fisher's return to parliament would be to the advantage of the country and would be hailed with delight by Liberals all over the Dominion.

Political leaders in Great Britain appear to be much concerned over the home rule question these days. A conference between the home rulers and the anti's has been suggested but it is not likely to take practical shape. A correspondent suggests that the troublesome question might be settled if the Ulsterites would call to their assistance Hon. H. F. McLeod and the Nationalists on the other hand would secure the active co-operation of Hon. John Morrissey. These gentlemen, although holding somewhat divergent views, seem to get along swimmingly in the New Brunswick cabinet and if they were to transfer themselves to the Emerald Isle they might be able to render the empire a signal service.

Brantford Expositor:—Last year the postmaster general wiped the name of "Graham" off the postoffice map. The name was given in compliment to the then minister of railways to the junction point of the National Transcontinental and the G.T.P. branch to Fort William. Mr. Pelletier for obvious reasons, didn't like the name and they had it changed. Last week the Hon. Robert Rogers put through

an order-in-council changing the name "Sir Wilfrid" on a government dredge to "P.W.D. No. 117." The ostrich puts its head in the sand and imagines no one sees him. Messrs. Pelletier and Rogers draw their pens through a name and imagine they have unmade history.

Col. Marsh has decided not to resign the office of police magistrate. He is said to have reached this decision after a brief conference with his old friend, Mr. Pinder, M.P.P. The school boy tactics of the provincial secretary make a whole lot of trouble for action. The conference report will run of a year.

The Ulster volunteers have selected as their commanding officer Major General Sir George Richardson, retired. This looks like a slight upon two great Canadians, Hon. Col. Sam Hughes and our own Col. McLeod, who are at present in the Old Country studying military tactics.

Mr. Harry Woods, the federal Tory organizer who recently made a pilgrimage into Northumberland county was somewhat astonished to learn from one of the local members that a majority of the revisors appointed by the government in that county are of the Liberal faith.

Ottawa Free Press:—If Lord Northcliffe in arranging for an improved Canadian news service, will see that facts and not opinions colored by party views are sent to his papers, he may do a real beneficial action to the Dominion. Otherwise the extension will not prove of any real value.

Hard pine, which is worth about one hundred dollars per thousand feet is being used by the economical Flemish government on the Fredericton bridge job.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, former minister of agriculture, will be Liberal candidate in Chateaugay, P.Q. Polling takes place on Oct. 11th.

## BOB ROGERS WILL CURB

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penditures, is insisting on handling the funds and manipulating the politics of these expenditures himself.

Col. Hughes had plans prepared this summer for upwards of fifty new drill halls and armories to be scattered all over the Dominion. In most instances the militia department went ahead and called for tenders as soon as plans were ready.

During Mr. Rogers' absence in the West in July and August, a considerable number of contracts for new drill halls were let. But upon the return of the minister of public works to the capital he raised objections to the course pursued by Col. Hughes, on the score that drill halls were public works and the construction of them should rest solely with the public works department.

In the appropriations of last session, the votes for drill halls, aggregating over \$3,000,000, were put under the estimates of the department of public works. The militia department was going ahead and spending the money freely when Hon. Robert Rogers stepped in. He declined to hand over any more of the funds which parliament had voted to his department, although the expenditure was for military purposes. His department is now proceeding slowly to hand out the drill halls only in cases where they are deemed to be politically necessary.

Several Conservative members of parliament have been trying to find out lately what is causing the delay in beginning the construction of drill halls in their constituencies, as promised and arranged for by Col. Hughes. They have found that Mr. Rogers is now the man to deal with and not Col. Hughes and apparently Mr. Rogers thinks that it will be well to hold over a large number of the drill halls now promised until election year.

## PERSONAL

Herbert Maxwell of the Auditor General's Department is in St. John. H. W. Pearman, of St. John, is in Fredericton.

Miss Hazel Winter, supervisor of the Women's Institutes, is spending this week in St. John County.

A. A. Sherwood superintendent of the Fredericton-Norton Division of the C. P. R. was in St. John yesterday.

Miss Zilla Edgecombe, who has been in Edmonton several months visiting her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Chestnut, has returned home.

Woodstock Press:—Miss Jeannette Beverley of Fredericton, spent the week-end in town, a guest at the Carlisle Hotel.

Miss Edith Durling was in Fredericton last week, the guest of the Misses Campbell.

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## THE MILLS OF THE GODS

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## OLD RACE-COURSE

That district known as the Old Race-course has been the scene of considerable transfer of property. A large number of lots facing Argyle street between Smythe and Northumberland streets have been sold by Samuel Cook and other lots have also been sold in that vicinity. Argyle street at present is not opened farther than Northumberland street but will have to be by spring. When this street is opened "Whit-chapel" which has borne a more or less unsavory reputation for years past, will be wiped out as the new street goes right through it. Many new buildings are to be erected on this street.

## CAN'T BE BEAT.

The program at the Gem for tonight can't be beat. It includes a high-class production in three parts, Reliance, entitled "Half a Chance," from the famous novel by Frederick Isham. This program promises to be the best ever shown. Don't miss it. Also a Keystone comedy.

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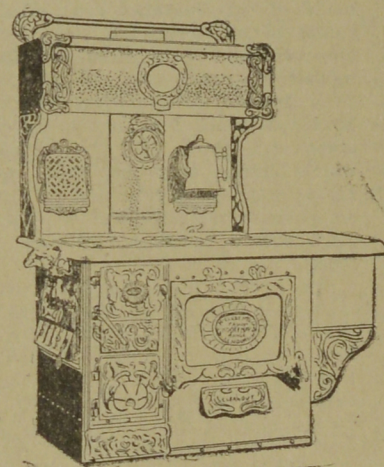
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