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THE HALIFAX ELECTION.

The Federal by-election in Halifax yesterday resulted in the return of Mr. W. A. Black, Conservative, over Mr. George A. Redmond, Liberal, by a majority in the vicinity of eighteen hundred. The result came as a big surprise to both parties and is undoubtedly a severe blow to the Liberal Government. When it is recalled that in the general election of two years ago the Liberals carried the constituency against the candidates of the Meighen Government by a majority of upwards of five thousand votes, the significance of yesterday's verdict becomes quite apparent. It means that there has been a big change in public sentiment and it is up to the government at Ottawa to ascertain the cause and endeavor to apply a remedy.

The Conservatives, in Mr. Black were fortunate in securing an exceptionally strong candidate. He is a man of great wealth and has for many years been a prominent figure in the commercial life of the city and would have polled a good vote on his merits regardless of the issues of the campaign. There were many factors in yesterday's election which told heavily in his favor. A "whisper of death" campaign over winter port matters was conducted in his behalf and the blame for a condition of affairs for which the Conservative party is primarily responsible was placed at the door of the government of Hon. Mackenzie King. There has been serious labor troubles in Nova Scotia of late, and one of the leaders, sentenced to a term in prison, is now in jail at Halifax, pending an appeal of his case. Sympathy for him undoubtedly won the Tory candidate many votes in the city wards. Mr. Black, as the candidate of the Conservative party, merely established a camp and seemed to have had no difficulty in gathering in the discontented ones. He won the victory, he has broken the solid sixteen and has brought joy to the Conservative party all over Canada. The Government has been censured for not being able in the short time at its disposal to cure all of the ills from which the country is suffering largely as the result of eleven years of Conservative misrule.

The campaign was conducted with great vigor by both parties. Prominent public men from outside places, including Premier King, Right Hon. W. S. Fielding and our own Dr. Baxter took part. The Liberals had by long odds the best of the arguments advanced on the hustings and in the press, but when there is unrest and discontent an appeal to reason does not count for much. A majority of the electors of Halifax have voted no confidence in the Liberal Administration. However one swallow does not make a summer. The Liberals are still in power and are giving the country a wise and progressive administration of affairs and will continue to do so for some time to come.

WEATHER THEORIES.

Judging by the position of the Gulf Stream relative to this continent and the present temperatures of its waters, a scientific gentleman at Washington promises the country a fairly decent winter. There will, he says, be no extremely cold weather. The Gulf Stream has been credited with having an influence upon our climate, but the scientific world, it is well to remember, is not entirely agreed as to the amount of this influence, one student in France arguing that it is very small. A new theory may displace all other theories shortly because it has the merit of complexity—always attractive to folk specializing in weather lore. It has to do with the power of the planets to increase the output of the sun's heat. If you have grown tired of the Gulf stream theory and do not yet understand the rival theory you can turn back to the goosebone, possibly just as good a long-distance forecaster as any.

IDLE DREAMS.

"And now," begins one of those bewitching and alluring railroad ads, "and now for the winter sports in Florida." First, an early morning plunge in the surf, to give one exhilaration for the day's program.

Later a few hours with the casting rod, perhaps, or a launch trip up the river, in the glorious sunshine. Out on the golf links in the afternoon, and to close the day an automobile ride and another half hour or so in the refreshing waters of the gulf or the ocean. And in the cool of the evening . . . Come, come, Father, don't sit there dreaming. The furnace needs shaking, there are ashes to sift and the snow shovel must be sharpened.

Dr. William J. Mayo, famous surgeon of Rochester, says whiskey is over-rated as a medicine. There is no reason why we should not have prohibition, he says. He calls attention to our adequate supply of pure water. Multitudes who would scorn temperance lecturers will listen to Mayo. It is good for us, now and then, to hear from people who know what they are talking about.

When the Meighen Government appealed to the electorate two years ago its candidates were beaten in Halifax by six thousand majority. The result of yesterday's vote in the by-election shows that the King Government stands much better with the people of Halifax than did the previous administration.

Mr. W. A. Black who redeemed Halifax for the Conservatives in yesterday's by-election, is reputed to be a millionaire. He is a member of the firm of Pickford & Black, Steamship Agents, a director of the Royal Bank and Vice President of the Eastern Trust Company.

Polling in the elections in the Old Country is taking place today. The campaign has been a short but exceedingly lively one, with the result somewhat in doubt.

For another thing, that immaculately white fringe that Santa Claus wears is pretty hard to explain to them since soft coal.

They have renominated Lady Astor. It's a good thing they did, because she had already written her speech of acceptance.

Those Diamond brothers under arrest for murder and the theft of \$150,000 in New York are obviously still in the rough.

Women's magazines are boasting their millions in circulation, but are there millions of women staying home to read magazines.

A bull weighing 2,800 pounds crashed through a platform at the Chicago live stock show. The first drop in beef in a long time.

As soon as he is able to get out, the aviator in Utah who was kicked by a wild broncho probably will claim the record for altitude.

A Boston man has his home on the roof of a building, lawn and all. He has solved the problem of keeping the milkman from walking across it.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lima Beane says the fellow who makes \$10,000 a year finds it easy to go into debt.

Nothing is less interesting than a statement of the per capita wealth of the nation.

Let the woman who was never hugged by the male animal called man condemn the girls of today.

Before issuing a hunting license it would be a good idea to make the applicant describe a rabbit.

"Scientists say nobody thinks after 45." Then that must have been what was the matter with Gladstone.

"Matches that are made in heaven remarked the Man on the Car, "are not used for finding matrimonial gas leaks."

As a matter of fact we feel better physically while reading a good fiction story than during a perusal of a syndicate doctor's column.

Of course sentiment makes "Home Sweet Home" popular but the fact that it is easy to sing helps.

An alienist must have his wits about him when testifying in court. Disaster may come if he forgets for a minute which side engaged him to draw an expert's fee.

It is said the next war—this is the war we have been told must not be—will be fought with electricity. We suppose the men who make it will put up lightning rods.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

Hard on Business.

A commercial traveller says that the lovely mild weather in November was great for most people, but it was hard on the merchants who sell dry goods and men's furnishings. He says merchants report very little sale for the goods that sell with cold weather. Dealers in men's furnishings have been putting on cheap sales to reduce stock, something unheard of at this season of the year.

With or Without.

A bashful young man who resides in George street, and who is paying attention to a pretty little Normal School girl, asked a friend the other day, "How do you get a girl to kiss you?" And was told by his chum, "You either ask her or don't ask her."

Vogue in Pipes.

"It's hard to keep up to the style in pipes nowadays," said the man behind the cigar counter. "In the old days there were just two standard shapes of pipes but now a new model comes out every few weeks."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who is now undergoing treatment in St. Lukes hospital, Montreal, is improving in a satisfactory manner.



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