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FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS.

The strong stand taken by the Opposition convention here this week for purity in elections, is being generally commended by the better element of both parties. The convention, by a unanimous vote decided to carry on the next election without the aid of those subtle influences, liquor and money. Mr. W. E. Foster, one of St. John's brainy young business men, who is showing a commendable interest in public affairs, voiced the sentiments of the gathering when he declared that the party would rather be defeated and remain in opposition than win by resorting to methods that will not bear the light of day.

It is a well known fact that during the recent by-election campaign in Westmorland the Government forces had at their disposal an enormous corruption fund. Money and rum were freely used in every parish on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mahoney, but in spite of this influence the Opposition candidate was triumphant. Dr. Smith won the election without the expenditure of a single dollar for corrupt purposes, and had there been no money used on either side his majority, instead of being but sixty, would have been in the neighborhood of one thousand. What the Opposition accomplished in Westmorland last week they can with good organization accomplish in almost every other county in the province.

Bribery and corruption at the polls is an evil which must be stamped out if we are to have such a thing as honest government in this province. The big fellows who subscribe the money for the reptile fund are not what might be called philanthropists. It is party interests which they seek to promote rather than the welfare of the country. The cash they contribute is not really a gift, but a loan, for they expect to get it back from the public treasury plus one hundred to two hundred per cent, in the way of compensation for the risk they take. So, to get right down to the bottom of things, the people who sell their votes, and the higher-ups who sell their alleged influence, are really bought up with their own money, although perhaps some of them do not realize it at the time.

Those who have been connected with the game of politics know that elections, even when conducted honestly, are expensive things. It is neither fair nor just to expect the party standard bearers, besides making the sacrifice which public life involves, to put their hands in their pockets and pay the legitimate expenses of a contest. Money has to be raised and it is up to the friends of the party to do their bit.

By declaring for purity in elections the Opposition leaders have made a step in the right direction. They are determined to put an end to the orgy of graft and corruption which has disgraced the province and made it an object for reproach in other parts of Canada. It is now squarely up to the voters of the province to do their part.

Christian Science Monitor: One giant whom Mr. Lloyd George has drawn his sword against still remains unconquered. It is the giant alcohol. Before the war began Lloyd George was intent upon the reform of the drink licenses. The development of the war proved to him that so far from having exaggerated he had underestimated the dangers of drink. He made one strong effort to slay the monster, but for the time being he was fooled. Had the country been at peace, had it been immaterial whether he divided public opinion or not, he might have achieved his purpose. The necessity, however, of preserving the unity of the country in the midst of war caused him to be temporarily satisfied with half measures.

American Forestry: Creosoted wood block pavements are rapidly becoming recognized as the most satisfactory of all street paving material. They are noiseless, durable, sanitary, and if properly treated and laid are distinctly economical. The failures in the past which have in some cases prejudiced cities against wood blocks have been corrected, so that there is no excuse now for the existence of any wood block pavement which does not meet all of the modern requirements of service. The improvements in the methods of treatment and laying are largely the result of organized activity by various associations representing either the lumber interests or wood-preserving plants.

According to a recent Commerce Report, the values of the various classes of timber produced in Canada in 1914 together with the values of the forest products, total \$176,672,000, being divided as follows: Lumber, lath and shingles, \$67,500,000; fire wood, \$60,500,000; pulpwood, \$15,500,000; posts and rails, \$9,500,000; cross ties, \$9,000,000; square timber exported, \$400,000; cooperage, \$1,000,000; poles, \$700,000; logs exported, \$850,000; tanning material, \$22,000; round mining timbers, \$500,000; miscellaneous exports, \$300,000; miscellaneous products, \$10,000,000.

Milwaukee Sentinel: It is interesting at this time, when the whole world is talking about the greatest of all wars, and our President goes out to talk about preparedness, to mention the fact that 17 of the 26 Presidents were soldiers—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Harrison, Taylor, Pierce, Lincoln, Johnson, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt.

Sir Sam Hughes is quoted as saying that the Nova Scotia soldiers whom he inspected at Camp Aldershot last week are the finest body of troops in the world. There is an election in Nova Scotia next week, and the soldiers are to be given a free trip to their homes to vote. By handing out a little taffy to the boys in khaki at this stage, Sir Sam probably feels that he is doing his bit for the Tory cause.

Sir Sam Hughes states that if he had not been called home from England to give evidence at the fuse enquiry he might have persuaded the late Lord Kitchener to abandon the Ypres salient. Perhaps if Premier Borden were to send Sir Sam over to France he might be able to end the war.

It is rather surprising that the name of Major General Sir Sam Hughes has not been mentioned in connection with the position of Secretary of State for war vacated by the death of Lord Kitchener.

St. John Times: The lack of real leadership in Canada has brought the recruiting question to a point where little improvement can be hoped for until a definite national policy is adopted. The need of such a policy is now almost two years old.

A Danish invention recently announced, consists of the preparation of birch whereby it can be used to replace mahogany, teak and nut-tree, possessing also the lasting qualities of these expensive woods.

School teachers should warn their pupils against rushing suddenly out into the roadway when released from school. Vehicle drivers as a rule are careful, but the pupils must also exercise caution to avoid accidents.

ON THE SIDE.

More, more, and still more taxation.

The cutworm legion is still in the trenches.

There are some who go so fast they have to stop and "come back."

Oh, well, perhaps Sunday is a day of rest—honk! honk! honk! honk!

The invasion of General Gardenpest has so far been only partially repulsed.

The two dollar tax rate has arrived. Not quite so welcome as the spring robin.

Some men believe that law is something that should be employed to enforce their notions upon others.

The entire Pullman company has now adopted the profit-sharing plan. Formerly only the stockholders and porters got in on this good thing.

More marriages are shattered by a difference of taste in ventilation than by a difference of taste in jokes; it is a lot easier to live with a person who bores you than with one who insists on keeping the window open when you want it shut, and vice versa.

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Mrs. James H. Sproul is here from Ottawa visiting her sister, Mrs. John C. Allen.

NO ALUM

RUSSIANS
SWEEPING ALL
BEFORE THEM

The forward drive of the Russian armies in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukovina continues with apparently undiminished success. From the Pripiet marshes southward to Czernowitz the forces of General Brusiloff, according to reports from Petrograd, are throwing back counter-attacks, and are advancing steadily against the Austrian armies. In thirteen days the Russians have made prisoner almost 170,000, and have captured immense stores of war booty, says the Russian War Office.

In an action on the Bluchevka river, south of Lutsk, more than 5,000 men were captured, after the attacking Russians had forded the river.

The fighting continues northwest of Buczacz, where the Germans are co-operating with the Austro-Hungarians, but the Russians report the capture here, thus far, of 6,000 men from the Teutonic Allies.

Attempts of the Austrians and Germans to take the offensive on many sectors of the long front were repulsed, according to Petrograd. The Russian War Office also chronicles the repulse of attacks in the region of Sokul, southeast of Kovel, one of the objectives of the present Russian drive.

Yesterday London heard of the fall of Czernowitz, but this was not further confirmed by Petrograd.

Petrograd, via London, June 16.—The capture of an additional 100 officers and 14,000 men was announced today by the War Office. The Russian successes in the offensive along the southern front are continuing, the statement declares.

The following details of the operations in many sectors have been received:

"In the course of a powerful but fruitless counter-attack by the enemy in the region of Sokul, north of Rytche, we took prisoner twenty officers and 1,750 men.

"In the region west and southwest of Lutsk, during the pursuit of the enemy, our cavalry fought several successful actions. Northwest of Kremenez our bold soldiers of General Sakharoff's force, after a desperate fight, dislodged the enemy from his fortified positions on the river Bluchevka, between Kozin and Tarnovka, by a vigorous assault. One of our young regiments, led by Colonel Tataroff, after a fierce fight, forded the deep river which was up to their chins. One company was engulfed and died a heroic death, but the valor of their comrades and their officers resulted in the disorderly flight of the enemy. Seventy officers and 5,000 men were taken prisoners and two guns, a great many machine guns, 1,000 rifles, cartridges and enormous reserves of barbed wire were captured in this action.

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11 a.m., The Providence of God and the War.

7 p.m., Christian Hope Concerning Those Who Die in Battle.

Memorial Service for the fallen.

The Salvation Army.

Week End Services.

Saturday, 8 o'clock p.m., Praise meeting.

Sunday, 7.30 a.m., praise meeting.

11 p.m., Holiness Meeting.

Subject, Man's Peace Conditionally.

3 p.m., Praise meeting.

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