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OPPOSITION GAINS IN YORK.

The St. John Telegraph has compiled some interesting statistics on the recent election, which, compared with the returns of the election of 1912, show that the Opposition made gains in every constituency in the province. The heaviest gain was made in the county of Gloucester, where the highest Opposition candidate polled nearly 1,000 more votes than the leader of the government ticket in 1912. The Opposition gain in Gloucester has been placed at 2876. The city of St. John comes next with a gain of 2525 votes for the Opposition. York comes third on the list with an Opposition gain of 1819 votes. In York Dr. W. C. Crockett, the highest Opposition candidate, polled 3376 votes, while Mr. Pinder led the poll in 1912 with 4075 votes. Mr. G. F. Burden, the highest Opposition man in 1912, polled 1688 votes, while Mr. Burt, the leader of the ticket this year, polled 2808, making an Opposition gain of 1819 votes. Taking the figures of the leading candidates on both occasions, it will be seen that the number of votes polled in the election of last month was larger by 400 than that polled in the previous election. Considering the fact that the Opposition candidates took the field just two weeks before polling day, the showing they made was a most remarkable one. Had the campaign been kept up for another week, no amount of boodle and patronage and coercion could have saved the government candidates from a crushing defeat.

The local government organ makes a labored and most ridiculous attempt to break the force of the Telegraph's statement that the Opposition made gains in every constituency. It says that 2,350 men have enlisted in York for overseas service, and sets up the absurd claim that 90 per cent. of these are government supporters. It overstates the number of enlistments, and it has no warrant for stating that 90 per cent., or even 50 per cent. of them, are supporters of the present government. As a matter of fact many York county men who have volunteered for overseas service have returned from the front, and these, along with others still on duty in the Maritime Provinces, exercised their franchise on February 24th. Government agents at the several polls, who are best qualified to form an opinion, do not hesitate to say that the majority of the military vote was cast for the Opposition candidates. This was also the case in the other constituencies of the province, and in was the case in British Columbia and Nova Scotia, where provincial elections were held last year. The Tory organ conveniently ignores the patent fact that the vote cast in York last month was greater by over 400 than the vote polled in 1912, but seriously tells its readers that "we have 1700 of the government's political supporters at the front or on their way to the front." The inference to be drawn from this is that but for the war the Government candidates in York would have polled 1700 more votes than their candidates received in 1912. The organ puts up this absurd proposition with the hope that its readers will swallow it and thus allow their attention to be diverted from the real causes which led to the government slump in York, not the least important of which is the waning influence of the organ itself as a moulder of public opinion. As a matter of fact, hundreds of men from this county who are now wearing khaki are under 21 years of age and hundreds more have never cast a vote at any election. No political party has any special claim upon the votes of the men who have gone to the front. These men would be just as likely to condemn political wrong doing as their fellow citizens who remain at home. We have evidence that British Columbia's overseas soldiers refused to support a government which had disgraced the province and nobody will seriously contend that our soldiers are any less intelligent than those from the far west. We scarcely think that the sons of E. S. Carter, the sons of P. J. Veniot, or the son of L. A. Dugal, had they been home, would have exerted themselves to continue this government in power, and we venture to say that there will be rejoicing among the New Brunswick boys in the trenches when they receive the news that Kaiserism in New Brunswick has been overthrown.

The election returns for York speak for themselves. They show substantial Opposition gains and if the same ratio of increase made since 1912 is maintained during the next five years, the government shortly to take office will not find this county in the doubtful

column when it appeals for a renewal of public confidence.

Hon. B. Franklin Smith as a public man is a mental and moral phenomenon. In the Federal election of 1911 he came out flat-footed against reciprocity on the ground that its adoption would destroy the home market and placed himself on record as being opposed to truck or trade with the Yankees. A few weeks ago, in a newspaper interview, he declared that New Brunswick shippers were getting the best prices for their potatoes in the Boston market, and now we find him at Ottawa heading a delegation which is protesting against the government's proposal to stop the export of potatoes. B. Franklin seems to work on the principle that all the people like to be humbugged.

The graft organ says that the Government cause made gains at the recent election in every county except St. John and Queens, and it also says that the slump in York was due to the fact that 2300 voters are in khaki. Are we to assume from this that St. John and Queens have sent no men to the war?

There was nobody on hand to cheer the successful candidates at the declaration proceedings on Saturday, and the local organ of the party did not deem it worth while to publish a report of their speeches. How are the mighty fallen.

The local Government organ says that 90 per cent. of the men in khaki are supporters of the provincial government. Well, how about Col. McLeod, M. P.? Would he have supported Mr. Pinder had he been home?

Through Our Sieve

Just because a man's name is Smith he wants to jump into public life.

Anyway His Worship would have put it all over Oliver.

Listerine may be all right as a mouth wash, but anyone who tries to swallow it coughs up.

Win-the-war and won-the-election gatherings are being held in St. John today.

And now we're prepared to listen to the guy who tells us the best of the potato is in the skin.

A pessimist is a man who worries already about the Easter hat he'll have to finance.

There are self-made women too, but you never hear them bragging about it.

Economy hint: Remove the skin of the potato with sandpaper instead of peeling wastefully with a knife.

It seems as if some of us never have time to be good because we are too busy having a good time.

The last chapter of the provincial government's romance is about to be written as follows: "And so they were defeated and lived happy ever after."

We kick up an awful row and fume and fuss around an awful lot to get noticed in this world, considering we're so soon forgotten after we're planted.

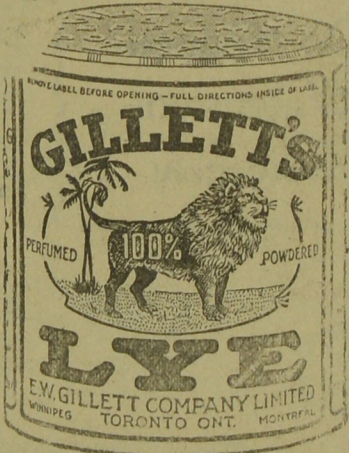
It will be quite a different lot of fellows than intended who will thank the minister of public works for providing so many automobiles for the department.

Social Event.
The Monday Bridge Club met with Mrs. R. W. McLellan yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A. T. McMurray won the club prize and Miss Phyllis Taylor the guest prize.

Succeeded Under Sad Circumstances

Toronto, March 5.—Rejected three times by recruiting officers and grieving over the loss of a brother killed in France, George Baker, 26, became despondent and hanged himself in the cellar of his home today.

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PLOT AGAINST THE LIFE OF WILSON

Hoboken, N. J., March 5.—An alleged plot against the life of President Wilson has been uncovered here, according to detectives who today arrested Fritz Kolb, a German reservist from Mexico. In a hotel where Kolb had engaged a room were found two bombs which, the detectives said, were to have been sent tonight to the president.

The bombs, completed, and nitroglycerine and picric acid were found in Kolb's room, according to the police, whose inquiry was based on information reaching several weeks back.

Kolb said he was 36 years old and had no occupation.

Papers found in his room were seized. Questioned sharply, he is said to have confessed he conspired against the president's life, and that he took part in the Black Tom and Kingsland explosions.

According to members of the New York bomb squad, the bombs found were the "height of ingenuity." One is a time bomb and the other fitted to explode by the ignition of a fuse. The explosives were contained in tubing around with copper wire.

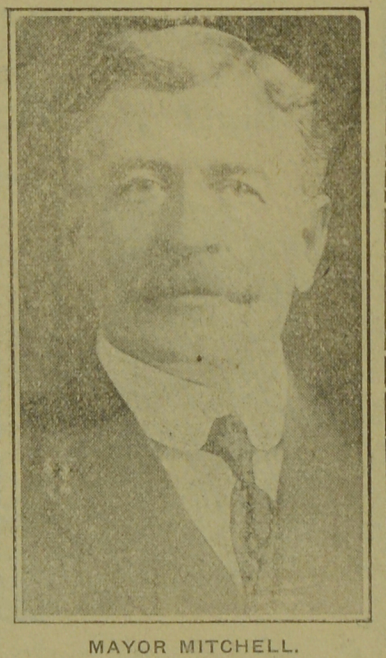
Upon information declared to have been given by Kolb, detectives arrested two other men, one here and one in Jersey City, and brought them to police headquarters as alleged accomplices.

The hotel where Kolb was arrested is the same one at which Lieutenant Robert Fay, formerly of the German army, and Hans Schiller had roomed prior to their arrest nearly a year ago, charged with conspiracy to destroy British merchant ships by placing bombs on them before their departure from American harbors.

Laugh When People Step On Your Feet

Try this yourself then pass it along to others. It works!

Ouch! ??!! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn, stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right out without pain. He says freezone is an ether compound which dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quarter of an ounce of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.



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