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A STRIKING CONTRAST.

The Opposition convention at St. John last week stands out in striking contrast to the splendid convention of Liberal opponents of the late government, which assembled in the same city in the month of January, 1916. The Liberal convention was not composed of self-seeking rangers, but of earnest and capable men who set about in a dignified and business-like way and prepare a platform for submission to the people. There was not a word spoken calculated to hurt the feelings or arouse the ire of the most sensitive man present, and it was not found necessary to close the doors to the public press. An organization was perfected and funds were subscribed on the spot to defray the necessary expenses. Although the election was called on at short notice, the then opposition was not caught napping, and when the votes were counted it was found that they had carried a majority of the seats.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Tory press to smooth things over, the public is getting a pretty fair insight into what transpired at the opposition bear garden last week. The people will naturally conclude that men who squabble and fight among themselves at a public gathering are not exactly the right kind of men to entrust with the task of governing the country. In other words, Mr. J. A. Murray, Mr. J. B. M. Baxter and the other leading spirits of the Opposition party will be plainly told that they will not be given a chance to govern the country until such time as they furnish evidence that they are able to govern their own tempers.

THAT DISLOYAL ATTACK.

At the Opposition convention in St. John last week ex-Attorney General Baxter sprung a sensation by accusing his Legislative colleagues of disloyalty and treachery in connection with a resolution on the potato enquiry which they placed before the Legislature last session. Messrs. Tilley, Potts and Campbell, in reply, stated that Mr. Baxter had a hand in preparing the said resolution and that it was approved by Leader Murray before being submitted to the House. As the Globe puts it, "Hon. Mr. Baxter is accused by the three St. John members of the Legislature of instituting the resolution he now says was a disloyal attack on the party leader, and the party leader is himself accused of having approved the motion he let Mr. Baxter present to the convention, as a disloyal, hypocritical attack against himself. For the benefit of our readers, we reproduce herewith the resolution complained of:

Moved by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Crockett—
 Strike out the words after the second recital (in the Government resolution) and substitute therefor the following:
 And whereas, the House has heard the statement of the said Hon. James A. Murray in respect of the findings in said report, that the purchase and disposal of the potatoes was attended with neglect of duty or incapacity on the part of the Minister of the Department of Agriculture,
 And whereas, the House has also heard the statements of Mr. George B. Jones and Mr. J. B. M. Baxter as to their connection with the matter contained in said report;
 And whereas, the House is assured that there was no intentional wrongdoing on the part of the Minister of said department, or said Mr. George B. Jones, or the said Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, and that no monetary benefit accrued to any of them therefrom;
 And whereas, it appears that improper returns in regard to said trans-

action were furnished by the said Department to the Auditor General:

Therefore Resolved, that this House records its sense of regret that greater care was not exercised in the purchase of the potatoes, and deprecates the effort made to suppress the facts and circumstances surrounding the matter instead of the making of a full and candid statement in relation thereto.

Putting this and that together, the public will readily see that His Majesty's loyal Opposition under the leadership of Hon. J. A. Murray is anything but a happy family.

Had Commodore Stewart's little scheme not been nipped in the bud, it might have been the means of ridding the Opposition party of a lot of undesirable at the next election. The Commodore wanted only farmer candidates nominated in rural constituencies, but for obvious reasons he failed to get his resolution incorporated in the party platform. Had it been adopted it would have been the means of shutting out Messrs. J. A. Murray, George B. Jones, B. Frank Smith, J. B. M. Baxter, J. K. Pinder, A. R. Slipp, John A. Young, H. I. Taylor, S. B. Hunter, W. S. Sutton, J. L. Peck and a number of others who now represent or will seek to represent rural constituencies.

The opposition have promised, in the event of their being returned to power at the next election, to place a practical farmer at the head of the Agricultural Department. This is a forward stride on behalf of our basic industry. When in power before they were content to save the department administered by a medical doctor and a manufacturers' agent. The present government put a practical farmer at the head of the department and he is in charge today.

Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P., practically told the Opposition convention that if Mr. Murray was continued as leader he and some others would get out from under at the next election. It is up to Mr. Tilley now to stand by his guns.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The proof of the pudding is do they ask for more?

Men never object to being overrated except by the assessor.

A flea in the ear is worse than two on a dog.

A man of courage never needs a weapon, but he may need bail.

Young man, beware of the girl who is too lazy to return your kisses.

Born with a silver spoon in your mouth and somebody hopes you choke.

Hazel Knutt says that it will be a terrible thing if the ministers go on strike and demand Sundays off.

Dr. Mayo thinks 15 years may be added to the span of human life. That would enable us to get central.

Many a true word is spoken in jest-meanness.

Cold weather may be hard on the human race, but it enables the oyster to come out strong.

Sweethearts make up after a quarrel because they enjoy it, and married folks because they have to.

We'd hate to be so rich that every time a man called on us we'd be afraid he was going to ask us for money.

It's easy enough to point out the other fellow's mistakes; what we never see is the mistake he had a chance to make and wisely avoided.

If some men should die before their wives they would be mighty helpless in heaven, never knowing where to find their robes and harps; but the wife of that kind of man always dies first.

Banns Published

Banns of marriage published Sunday at St. Dunstan's Church were those of Marshall Goodine and Mrs. Frances Goodine and James Cass of St. Stephen and Miss Whilhelmina FitzSimmons of Fredericton.

Fined for Killing Partridge

Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon announces that Stanley Hudlin, a colored man, residing at Ripples, Sunbury County, was fined before Magistrate Hargrove of that place, for killing partridge in close season. The fine was twenty-five dollars.

One honorable member for York did not take the trouble to attend the Opposition bear garden at St. John, and another—bless his honest soul—is said to have voted against the motion to restore Mr. Murray a leader.

Soldiers ought to make good farmers, because farmers make splendid soldiers, argues a back-to-the-land enthusiast. Still, old dear, many a man who is not afraid of death is terrified by hard work.

ANOTHER ARREST IN OCEAN LIMITED MAIL HOLD-UP

Quebec, Nov. 10.—The police have arrested a young woman named Lauretta Hamel, who is a close friend of J. T. B. Proteau, one of the men charged with the hold-up on the mail coach of the Ocean Limited train in September.

This young woman's apartment was unexpectedly searched a few days after the robbery and among her possessions was found the cardboard container of a automatic revolver which the girl immediately said belonged to Proteau, but which she said had been left with her by Proteau months before the robbery.

THE PROBLEM OF PAJAMAS

Let us not in our concern with wars and rumors of wars, strikes, taxes and other trivial matters forget the great problems of life. The Philadelphia Record reminds us that the attention of deep thinkers should be called to a question which an inquiring student of social problems has asked in print: "Does a chap sleep better in pajamas than in an old-fashioned nightshirt?" The problem has puzzled many another. Who will solve it? No rule in the code of sartorial ethics should be left a matter of personal taste. There must be some immutable principle upon which to base it.

Pajamas (or should we say pyjamas) were unknown to the earlier generation of Americans. In many parts of the country they are still unknown. Derived from a familiar costume in India, Englishmen first introduced them to the western world. They were long regarded askance in this country as an English affectation. But that attitude was long ago abandoned. Any haberdasher will tell you that "no one wears anything else nowadays," though he has to carry a stock of the antiquated nightshirts as a concession to barbarian taste.

Yet there are simple souls who cling to the older fashion and find greater comfort in the untrammelled single garment of their boyhood. It is idle to appeal to them on the score of art, or to argue that such a triumph of the modern stage as the bedroom farce would not have been possible without pajamas. No question is ever settled until it is settled right, and the pajama question needs decision by an authority beyond dispute. Pajamas or night-shirt? Let us not continue to exist in ignorance?

Collection for Oromocto Church

A special collection for the reconstruction of the Baptist Church at Oromocto was taken yesterday at the George Street Baptist Church.

Got Two Moose

An American sporting party composed of H. F. Byers of Philadelphia R. D. Jenkins and C. O. Taylor of Chicago, arrived here this morning registering at the Barker House. The party has been in the Miramichi country with Guide Pringle of Stanley and succeeded in killing two moose.

Seriously Injured

David Austin, a shingle sawyer was seriously injured on Saturday at the J. B. Snowball Co's upper mill at Chatham. Austin was working at the time when his clothes caught and he was forced against a saw which cut through his ribs tearing his right lung and cutting into his shoulder. He was removed to the Hospital and his condition this morning was very critical. The injured man was formerly employed at Morrison's mill in this city.

Invaded Court Room.

Chief of Police Finley demonstrated his ability as a baseball pitcher this morning when he attempted to knock out a weasel which had invaded the hallowed precincts of the police court. With help the Chief chased the "critter" outside of the court room and up the stairs, where the weasel gaily took the shortest way home. The Chief, who thinks he is no mean baseball pitcher, made an attempt to bean the animal. He missed and struck as handy to a window as was considered safe. The object of the attack found its way across to the Normal School, where it was lost to sight.

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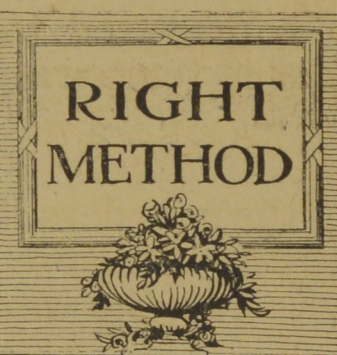
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