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SUNBURY AND QUEENS

Those who have been predicting that the Provincial Government, because of losses sustained in the general election, would not be able to carry on the public business of the country, have another think coming to them. The result of the byelections in the counties of Sunbury and Queens is pretty good evidence of the fact that the government enjoys the confidence of the people, otherwise it would scarcely be able to open two constituencies and have its candidates returned without opposition. In the general election of October 9th the candidates supporting the government were returned in Sunbury and Queens by decisive majorities. In Queens there was a three cornered fight, the candidates of the United Farmers forfeiting their deposits, while in Sunbury the regular opposition declined to put up candidates and in a fight between the government standard bearers and the nominees of the Farmers the latter failed to save their deposits. It is perhaps but natural that after their disastrous experience in the general election that neither the regular opposition nor the United Farmers could be prevailed upon to oppose the Hon. Mr. Hetherington in Queens or Hon. Mr. Mersereau in Sunbury and both are therefore returned with a fresh mandate from their constituencies to assist Premier Foster in administering the affairs of the province.

The Foster government as reconstructed is undoubtedly one of the strongest and most representative which this province has had since Confederation, and its members man for man will compare favorably, with those of any provincial administration in Canada. Premier Foster has surrounded himself with able and popular colleagues, and all sections of the province are well represented in the cabinet. Hon. Messrs. Byrne and Veniot can certainly be counted upon to look carefully after the important interests of the North Shore; Hon. Messrs. Robinson and Magee are quite capable of seeing to it that the eastern counties of the Province get their share of what is going; the Premier and Hon. Dr. Roberts can be counted upon to see that the important interests of the commercial metropolis are not allowed to suffer, while Hon. Messrs. Hetherington and Mersereau are very apt to be heard from when matters affecting the welfare of the garden section of the province are before the council or Legislature. It is most fortunate for New Brunswick at a time like this, when so many matters of grave concern to the people are to be dealt with, that the administration of its affairs should be in the hands of strong, capable, clean and earnest men who can be counted on to do their level best to promote the public welfare.

THE LUXURY TAX

It is highly amusing to find some of the Tory organs bestowing praise on the Federal Government for abolishing the luxury tax. They argue that the tax having served the purpose for which it was created the government acted wisely in wiping it out. It was claimed by the government when the tax was put on that its object was to prevent people from squandering their money on luxuries. Had the tax served its purpose there would have been no revenue derived from it, whereas we are told that it yielded nearly a million dollars a month. The tax was looked upon by nine tenths of the people as a fraud and a humbug. Finance Minister Drayton found this out during his recent tour of the country and almost his first act on his return to Ottawa was to recommend the government to get rid of it. This has now been done and the government is deserving of about as much credit as was accorded to it when it rescinded the outrageous order of the Board of Commerce fixing the price of sugar at twenty two cents a pound.

The police of New York seem to be powerless to cope with the crime wave which is sweeping over that city. Last week three armed bandits entered a room in the Hotel Astor and robbed two gentlemen and two ladies who were getting ready to go to a theatre. One of the ladies broke a window with her hand and attracted the attention of a policeman who hur-

ried to the scene and caught one of the bandits, but the other two got away. The next day a big wholesale jewellery house on 5th Avenue was robbed in broad daylight, the proprietor murdered and \$125,000 worth of jewels stolen. Three men who dropped in while the robbery was in progress, were promptly bound and gagged.

Surely the United Farmers of the maritime provinces who follow the lead of Hon. Mr. Crerar are not in sympathy with the sentiment he gave expression to in Winnipeg a few days ago that the maritime provinces have no claim on the natural resources of Western Canada. What does Mr. Caldwell, the former member for Carleton-Victoria think about it? Will he be heard from on the subject at the approaching session of Parliament? Will the Farmer members of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Legislatures back up the efforts being put forth by the governments of these provinces to secure justice from the authorities at Ottawa?

The government steamer Canadian Explorer certainly put one over on Sir Robert Borden and Cabinet Ministers McCurdy and Ballantyne at Halifax on Saturday, by prematurely launching herself. Preparations for the ceremony were nearing completion when without warning the huge craft started on the ways and slid into the harbor. The bottle of champagne, which Sir Robert was to have broken on the hull of the craft, was picked up and smashed by an unknown sailor. Sir Robert Borden always was a little on the slow side in doing things.

The announcement from Ottawa that the so called luxury tax had been abolished created almost as much joy throughout the country as the news which flashed over the wires on November 11th, 1918, setting forth that an armistice had been declared by the belligerent nations after four years of war. The idea of a luxury tax, like much other bad legislation, was borrowed from Uncle Sam, and the government is to be commended for getting rid of it without waiting to see what course will be adopted by our neighbor to the south.

The embargo which the United States congress has decided to put upon twenty articles of farm produce is going to hit New Brunswick pretty hard. The United States provides the only market for our surplus potatoes at the present time and if they are shut out a big loss is sure to result to the farmers of this province. Still they should not be downhearted for they will still have the wonderful home market built up by the much vaunted national policy.

The Royal Bank of Canada, of which Mr. Charles E. Neill, formerly of Fredericton is general manager, has just completed the most successful year in its history. Its net earnings last year totalled \$4,253,649, and its deposits increased by \$70,000,000. It gave a cash bonus of twenty per cent to its employees and one of two per cent to the stockholders.

Leader Baxter was unable to see the wisdom of putting up candidates to oppose the election of the new ministers in Sunbury and Queens. He consented rather reluctantly to meet delegations from the two counties for a discussion of the situation. A day was set for the caucus, and notices were sent out, but alas, there was no response.

Mr. Abraham Levy, of New York, reputed to be one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the United States, passed away recently after a lengthy career at the bar. One of his most notable cases was that of Nan Patterson who was accused of murdering one Caesar Young in a hansom cab.

Why should the Ottawa government be given any great amount of credit for having abolished the tax on luxuries. If the tax was wrong in principle and interfered with the legitimate trade of the country the government had no business adopting it.

The nomination papers of Hon. Mr. Mersereau in Sunbury were signed by scores of prominent Conservatives. This is one of the reasons why the political missionaries who visited the county in search of an opposition candidate met with such poor success.

Back from Guelph

F. W. Walsh, formerly Assistant Live Stock Supt. of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, is in the city today. Mr. Walsh is on his way home at Coverdale, Albert County. He is taking the final year at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Interment at Woodstock

The body of the late Robert J. C. McKell was taken to Woodstock this morning. It was accompanied by his two brothers and his nephew. The burial took place from the train.

STOPPED HER HEADACHES

Years Of Suffering Ended By "Fruit-a-tives"

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 "It is with pleasure that I write to tell you of the great benefit I received from the use of your medicine 'Fruit-a-tives', made from fruit juices. I was a great sufferer for many years from Nervous Headaches and Constipation. I tried everything, consulted doctors; but nothing seemed to help me until I tried 'Fruit-a-tives'.
 After taking several boxes, I was completely relieved of these troubles and have been unusually well ever since." Miss ANNIE WARD.
 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Christmas gets nearer and nearer—but of course that's no reason why we should get that way too.

Now if they'd only taken off the price of the luxury and left the tax on—life would have been worth living.

Which would you rather be, now—King of Greece or Governor of Flume? Well, neither would we.

A man likes to empty ashes about as well as the average woman likes to wash the dishes.

An optimist is a Christmas shopper who thinks she's buying something useful.

While Christmas comes but once a year, the resultant bills come once a month until they're paid.

Merchants and manufacturers are now about to discover that it is the high price of the luxury, not the tax, that troubles the consumer.

Everybody criticizes the man who spends his money freely, but everybody is willing to get busy and help him spend it.

Weather prophets can predict an open winter all they want to, but the dear girls are not going to take a chance and uncover their ears until next summer.

Silk and serge dresses at reduced prices at A. Murray & Co.'s opposite City Hall.

PRESENTATION TO PASTOR.

Rev. Reginald McCaul of the Devon Advent Church Remembered by Congregation.

After the Sunday evening service, the members and friends of the Advent Christian Church, North Devon, presented their pastor, Rev. Reginald W. McCaul, with a club bag and purse of money as a small token of their love and esteem. Mr. Lewis Boone, in a short address, expressed the love and goodwill of those present toward their pastor after which Mrs. Lewis Boone presented the gift. Rev. Mr. McCaul was visibly affected and expressed his thanks in a very feeling manner saying he hoped in the year just before us, all would work together in Christian love for the work of Christ and the church. After singing the hymn "Blest Be The Tide That Binds" the gathering dispersed. Rev. Mr. McCaul will leave today for West Head, Nova Scotia, to spend Christmas. During his absence, Evangelist C. P. Henderson of Bear River, Nova Scotia, will supply.

PERSONAL.

Mr. James Boyce of Parker's Ridge the newly appointed Justice of the Peace was in the city yesterday, calling on friends.

H. C. Perry of Monoton is in the city.

C. J. Callaghan of St. John is at the Barker House.

E. A. Caldwell of Bath, N. B., is a guest at Windsor Hall.

J. C. Whitcombe of Montreal is registered at Windsor Hall.

Miss B. Young of Newcastle is registered at Windsor Hall.

A. Hetherington of McGivney Junction is registered at Windsor Hall.

W. S. Anderson of Ludlow is a guest at Windsor Hall.

J. F. Tweeddale of Arthurette is registered at Windsor Hall.

Mrs. D. T. Dewart of Eastport, Me., is registered at Windsor Hall.

Miss Nan Fraser and Master Donald Fraser who have been attending school in Toronto have returned home for the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Scott, a student at McDonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue P. Q., has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott.

Miss Helen Scott B. A. of the Andover Grammar School, has arrived home for the holidays.

See our special blouses at \$1.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98, at A. Murray & Co.'s opposite City Hall.

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One smart Skirt belongs in every winter wardrobe.

Under the heavy coat, to wear with odd blouses and for general utility purposes, nothing takes the place of a separate Skirt. We have a fine collection just now, new, everyone of them, and abounding in the dash of plaids, panels, stitching or plaids now so popular. Especially fine also for winter sports wear.

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GIVE GIFTS WORTH THE GIVING

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FOR BROTHER—Pocket Knife, Shot Gun, Rifle, Skates, Safety Razor, Tools, Sleds, Toboggan, Footwarmer, Bicycle, Razor, Lather Brush, Lunch Set, Snowshoes.

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FOR FATHER—Razor, Hammer, Tools, Safety Razor, Razor Strop, Flashlights, Carving Set, Thermos Bottle, Electric Reading Lamp, Rifle or Shot Gun, Mackinaw Coat, Pocket Knife, etc.

Come in and look around; we will be pleased to show you whatever you want. See our windows.

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"CHESTNUT'S HARDWARE SERVICE."

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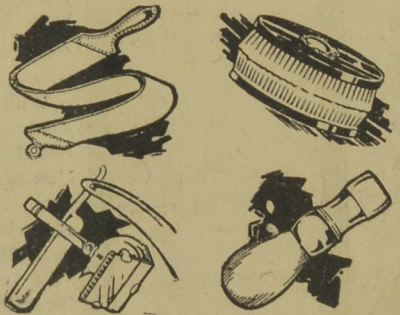
6 p. m. daily except Saturday, open until 9 p. m.



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 Christmas Suggestions

OH, GIRLS, we have a Gift that never went wrong with men.

Put these articles on your Gift List now.



STAPLES' PHARMACY

ALONZO STAPLES, Prop.

Xmas at Bebbington's

We have arranged a nice display of New Ferns, Blooming Plants, Wreaths, etc., appropriate for Xmas presents. Price generally 50c. to \$1.00 each. Also celery, lettuce, parsley, etc., at Bebbington's Gardens.

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4 Shows Daily—at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.40.

FOX NEWS LATEST EVENTS

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