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POLITICAL CHANGES.

The past year has witnessed quite a number of political changes, and the only reason that there were not more was that the people in many sections did not have an opportunity to express their views. The Tory provincial government of Prince Edward Island went to the people in July and met with an overwhelming defeat, after nine years in power. The Tory government of Ontario, which had been in office for nearly fifteen years, fell by the wayside at the general election in October and that province now has a farmer-labor administration.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, for thirty-two years leader of the Liberal party, passed away in February last after a brief illness, and at a great convention of Liberals held in August Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was chosen as his successor.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, who had been a prominent figure in Dominion politics for many years, resigned the portfolio of Minister of Public Works in August and was soon afterwards appointed chairman of the Railway Commission. Sir Thomas White had a few weeks previously given up the post of Minister of Finance and was succeeded by Sir Henry Drayton, formerly chairman of the Railway Commission. Hon. T. A. Crerar, who joined the Union cabinet in 1917 as Minister of Agriculture, retired early in the year and was succeeded by Hon. S. F. Timmie, of Victoria, B. C.

Since his retirement from the cabinet, Hon. Mr. Crerar has been actively engaged in the organization of the new Farmers' party. This organization during the year, besides ousting the Ontario government, has elected several members to the House of Commons, including one in the constituency of Carleton-Victoria, New Brunswick.

A few weeks ago the country was startled by the announcement that Sir Robert Borden had decided, on the advice of his physician, to retire from the Premiership of Canada, which he has held since 1911. As there did not seem to be a suitable successor in sight in the Unionist ranks, the Premier was persuaded to withhold his resignation for the time being. He departed today for a warm climate for a well-earned rest, and in the meantime some effort will be made to find somebody who will undertake the task of reorganizing the combination now in charge at Ottawa. There is great dissatisfaction with the present condition of affairs at Ottawa, and a general election during the year would seem to be the only solution of the problem. The cabinet is clearly out of touch with public sentiment and a change is desirable in the interests of the whole country.

The year just closed has been notable for progress in the science of aviation. It witnessed the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic, the feat having been successfully performed by two English aviators, Alcock and Brown. An American aviator, Lieut. Commander Read, with four companions, made a flight from Newfoundland to Portugal by way of the Azores. Only recently four young Englishmen made a flight from England to Australia, the longest air journey yet accomplished.

It is announced from Ottawa that Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia in the Union cabinet, has tendered his resignation. Sir Robt. Borden will have to do some party reorganizing before he can get away from the capital for a rest. The outfit seems to be going to pieces and the action of Sir Robert in withdrawing his resignation is not going to help matters very much. It would seem that Union government has had its day in Canada.

A graft newspaper rises to remark: "Financial geniuses and railway experts certainly appear to furnish much of the humor of the present day." Yes, especially those financial geniuses who go about negotiating accommodation notes and swapping checks—they furnish a lot of humor, but the accommodating friends do not always appreciate that kind of currency.

Nashville Banner: We cannot afford any truce or any dealings with the Soviets. Their hand is against every other nation and it is a hand that carries the poisoned dagger, not the uncheated sword. They can't be trusted as friends and must therefore be treated as enemies.

Exports of Pulp and Paper from Canada last October totalled \$11,863,576, the largest on record. The exports for October 1918, totalled but \$6,561,942. Newsprint paper was exported to the value of \$5,954,916.

Mr. Thomas L. Church was re-elected mayor of the City of Toronto yesterday for a sixth term.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

We wish to extend a warm welcome to 1920—warm as possible.

Weather and end of the world predictions often have the same result.

The clothing of a growing boy refuses to grow with him.

'Tis said there is always room at the top. Seems especially true in the case of prices.

It is hard for the children of today to believe that we once threw lumps of hard coal at the cat.

One comfort about the discovery of the new planet is it too far away to affect the high cost of living.

It takes more than muscle to close a bedroom window on a cold morning. One's mental attitude has to be right.

Another blow is aimed at the neck of man. It is said the old paper collar is coming back.

By this time the average husband has smoked or given away the cigars his wife gave him for Christmas and gone back to tobacco.

It is said that the eagle is able to soar higher than any other large bird, but just at this time we are willing to match the Christmas turkey against him.

The trouble about going to debutante parties—not that we go to any of them, mercy, no!—is that you can't tell which is the mother and which is the daughter nowadays.

PYTHIAN LADIES HOLD ELECTION AT MARYSVILLE

Many Attended Masquerade Ball at Dawson Club, New Year's Eve—Personal Mention.

Marysville, January 2. —The Ladies Pythian Temple held their annual election of officers at Castle Hall last evening. Mrs. W. H. Gray, P. C., presided. The following were elected for ensuing term: E. C. Mrs. G. B. Fullerton; P. C. Mrs. Minnie Titus; Manageress Mrs. William Johnston; P. E. J. Mrs. Jennie White; E. S. Mrs. H. Robinson; I. G. Mrs. Burton Dennison; O. G. Mrs. Rowley Manzer; K. of R. & S. Mrs. S. Pickard; M. of F. Mrs. George Titus; Pianist, Mrs. Harold Fisher. At the conclusion of the installation light refreshments were served and a pleasant evening spent. The ladies decided to hold a supper in their hall on the 10th inst.

The masquerade ball which was held at the Dawson Club Rooms on New Year's Eve was very much of a success. A large number were present and the costumes worn displayed originality and attractiveness. Mrs. E. Burke won the Ladies' Prize and Mr. R. Finn the Gents'. The affair took the form of a Leap Year Ball after 12 o'clock and dancing was continued until about 1.30.

Mrs. J. E. Cowan and children have returned to St. John after spending some days here with relatives.

Mrs. M. Downing is quite seriously ill at her home on Morrison Street.

The funeral of the late Joseph Sloat will take place this afternoon. Interment at the Baptist Cemetery.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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RACING IN THE STREETS NOT PERMITTED

Chairman McKay of the Police Commission Refused Permission—Statement by Chairman.

The program of matinee races by the Fredericton Driving Club announced for New Year's Day was not run off as Chairman William McKay of the Police Commission declined to give permission to close Queen Street for racing in the afternoon. This compelled the horsemen to seek another place for racing and there was a little brushing on a straightaway near the Devon shore. Few horses took part.

Contention of Horsemen

The members of the Driving Club contend that permission to race in Queen Street New Year's Day had been given by Chairman McKay, ex-Ald. Hugh O'Neill states that it was to him the permission was given before Christmas Day.

Chairman McKay's Statement

Chairman McKay informed the Mail today that New Year's Eve he was called by Chief Finley on the telephone and asked if he was to give permission to the Driving Club to post men to keep traffic off Queen Street New Year's afternoon. Mr. McKay replied that he personally was opposed to racing in Queen Street. New Year's was different from Christmas in the fact that more people would be on the street and that motorists also were more numerous. More over residents of Charlotte street had complained to him that speeding on that street was dangerous and he could not see how it could be stopped in one section of the city and permitted in another. Racing in the streets was illegal anyway and in the case of accident the city would be liable if permission were given.

Later Chairman McKay consulted Judge Wilson also a Police Commissioner, and the judge said that the law should be observed. Mayor Hanson being ill was not consulted.

Chairman McKay then instructed Chief Finley to enforce the law relative to street traffic which lies entirely in the control of the Police Commission. Chairman McKay then was approached by a number of aldermen in this matter and told them he would not be a party to allowing racing in the street.

In No Other City

Speaking today concerning the matter Chairman McKay said that he had made inquiries and could learn of no place similar in size to Fredericton which permitted horse-racing in the streets. As far as the aldermen were concerned they were to make laws and not help break them. Racing in the streets to his mind was too much of a village pastime and if possible he would put an end to it. The custom had been progressive, from Woodstock Road racing had got into King street and finally into Queen Street. If a fatal accident should occur it would mean a manslaughter charge against the persons who permitted the racing. As a matter of fact a street could not be closed for such a purpose by any person.

SINNOTT CASE ADJOURNED

Three Witnesses in Sinnot Case Tested their Innocence and State Sinnot Owned the Liquor Seized.

The case against John Sinnott was heard this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick and was adjourned until January 7th. Three witnesses John Farrell, Chipman Randall and John R. Randall were called all of whom swore that the liquor belonged to Sinnott.

The three stated they had come from Newcastle Bridge and lodged at Long's Hotel. One of them suggested a ride and while entering the car Sinnott had pulled a bottle out from the front of the car asking them what they thought of it. He passed it back to the three who were in the rear seat of the car and just as they received it Sub-Inspector Herbert Saunders who was passing observed and took possession of the bottle inviting the quartette to a visit to the Police Station.

Here Randall made a statement that the liquor belonged to Sinnott. On the strength of this Sinnott was let out on \$500 bail. This morning on appearing the three men protested their innocence stating that Sinnott was the owner of the liquor.

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| Dominion Iron | 75 |
| Detroit United | 108 |
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| Spanish River pfd. | 128½ |
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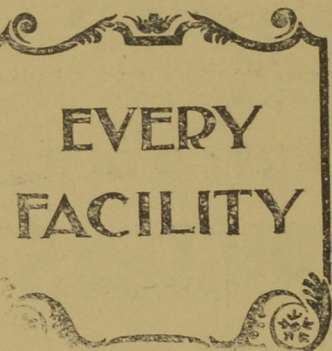
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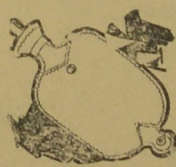
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