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THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION

While the Government of Hon. W.E. Foster was sustained at the polls on Saturday's contest by a slightly reduced majority, the victory won, all things considered, was one of the most remarkable achieved by any administration since Confederation. Of the 106 candidates in the field representing the government, opposition, United Farmers and independents, the government has, according to the latest reports, elected 24, the opposition 13, the farmers 9 and the independents 2. The government lost in all eight seats which it held in the last House and its gains totalled five. The only gain made by the opposition led by Mr. Baxter was in the County of Restigouche, but it was made, not because of any great desire on the part of the people to endorse the opposition policy, but was the outcome of an unfortunate split in the government ranks. The agrarian movement, which has recently come into being in most of the provinces of Canada, was responsible for the loss by the government of Northumberland and Victoria and the defeat of two cabinet ministers, Hon. Robert Murray, provincial secretary treasurer, and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, along with their running mates. The defeat of Hon. Messrs Murray and Tweeddale will be regretted by friends of the administration. They are both veterans in political life and had cooperated heartily with their colleagues in giving the province the wise and progressive administration it has enjoyed since 1917. While the government lost some good men in the battle of the ballots, the opposition, as led by Mr. Baxter, has been literally shot to pieces. It suffered the loss of four seats in St. John city and county, one in Kings, and two in Carleton, while Leader Baxter only got in by the skin of his teeth. Hon. B. Frank Smith, of patriotic potato fame, met a well deserved defeat at the hands of the farmers ticket in Carleton, while Hon. J. A. Murray, former premier and leader of the party is among the slain in Kings. Mr. Baxter is therefore to be congratulated on being the only ex-cabinet minister, censured by a resolution of the last House who escaped being eliminated from the political map. What the opposition as a party lacked the moral courage to do, the people have done for them. The electors while on the job also took care of Messrs Campbell, Tilley and Potts of St. John, three prominent members of the party who after achieving success in their attempt to oust Leader Murray and purify the party, fell meekly in behind Leader Baxter. There will be sympathy for Dr. Campbell and Mr. Tilley, who were popular and useful members, but Mr. Potts' removal will not be likely to distract from the dignity of the Legislature.

The triumph of Premier Foster and his colleagues in St. John is the outstanding feature of the campaign. It is a striking endorsement of the progressive policies of the Government by the people of the commercial metropolis of the province and will redound to their everlasting credit. The people of St. John know Premier Foster, and they also know Leader Baxter and were therefore, in a splendid position to pass judgment on them. Their opinion as expressed at the polls is hearty endorsement of Premier Foster and his progressive policies, while they have passed a vote of non-confidence on Leader Baxter and have told him in effect that they take no stock in his criticism of the government, and that his program does not meet with their approval.

Even though Premier Foster's legislative following is not increased by later returns, he has about the same support relatively that Premier Drury has in the Ontario House and he is in a much better position than Premier Norris in Manitoba, whose government appealed to the people a few months ago and who is still carrying on. The portfolio of agriculture is vacant and the premier can if he chooses hand it over to the United Farmers and invite them to take their share in the responsibility of governing the province. As to the Provincial secretary treasurer, the duties of that department could be performed by another minister for a time at least. While the government has not a working majority over all the parties it is the strongest group and therefore has a mandate to carry on. That it will carry on successfully under the able leadership of Premier Foster there is not the slightest doubt.

THE RESULT IN YORK

The electors of York on Saturday failed to take advantage of the opportunity which was offered to send four active young men to the Legislature to support the most progressive Government which the province has had since Confederation. While the issues of the campaign were set clearly before the electors by the various candidates and a corps of assistants, we are inclined to think that the verdict rendered was not altogether based on the prepondering weight of evidence which was strongly in favor of the Government side. The Government candidates were men without political sins. Their cause was a splendid one, and they put up a clean and manly fight, but lost. The majority of the electors preferred to send men to the Legislature to sit in the cool shades of opposition for another four years, and while it is not of much use now to enter a complaint, we feel justified in saying that a serious blunder has been committed and the county will be the loser by not having men on the ground floor to work in its behalf.

The farmers ticket put up a splendid fight, considering the lack of organization, and its members should be proud of the vote they polled. The absence of a Fredericton candidate told seriously against the ticket in the city and towns of the county, and made success next to impossible. While the farmers ticket cut heavily into both parties, it looks as if the Government candidates who included two practical farmers, were the worst sufferers. The farmers have reason to be proud of the good showing made in the face of heavy odds and is not unlikely that they will be heard from again in future elections, both federal and provincial.

In the contest of 1917 in the upper division of the city Dr. Crockett the highest Conservative candidate led Mr. Elwood Burr, the leading man on the Liberal ticket by 31 votes, and the latter led Mr. Oung by seven votes. In yesterday's contest the average majority against the government ticket at this poll was about 300. These figures give ample confirmation to the reports that an insidious house to house canvass was conducted on behalf of the opposition by certain women of the city. There is evidence that a similar canvass was used at other polls to the detriment of the government candidates. The Foster Government gave the women of the province the franchise and it is to be regretted that some misguided spirits among them found it necessary to use it as a means of stirring up ill feeling and racial discord. It was a bad business, quite unworthy of those responsible for it and the day may come when they get more familiar with political affairs, that they will have reason to regret their course in the recent campaign.

The Foster administration is going to remain in power for another four years and we advise the women of Fredericton to make a close study of provincial problems, so that when the next election is called on they will not be subject to the influence of canvasses that will not bear the light of day, and if they do this and judge the two parties upon their merits in the next election, it will result in eliminating the element of bitterness which characterized the closing days of the late contest. Now that the women of the country have been given the privilege of the franchise their influence should go towards elevating the politics of the country and not lower it.

One of the most decisive victories won by Government candidates in the whole province on Saturday was that of Messrs R. B. Smith and D. W. Mercereau in Sunbury. They carried every polling division in the county and the verdict was so emphatic that their opponents will forfeit their deposits. It was a wonderful expression of gratitude for the splendid service which Sunbury's popular and good looking representatives have rendered the noble county during the past four years.

Mr. J. K. Pinder, who has been King of the Nackawick for half a century, was trimmed to a platinum finish at his home poll in Saturday's contest. Candidate Hunter met a like fate in his home parish of Manners-Sutton. It is presumed that the people of Temperance Vale and Manners-Sutton were as well acquainted with Messrs Pinder and Hunter as the women of Fredericton, who blindly voted for them.

An analysis of the returns from York County show that the Government candidates were defeated by the women's vote. The splendid record of the Foster Government carried no weight against the insidious appeal of race and religion as raised by the Opposition party.

Leader Baxter as an eleven hour vote catcher, promised to do away with the amusement tax. It was a catch penny cry but it failed to catch the votes.

"MY SOLDIER GIRL" HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

Popular Musical Comedy Will be Put On at the Opera House on Thanksgiving Day.

New faces with travelling theatrical organizations is becoming almost a daily occurrence now-a-days, but their names are seldom mentioned as to any particular ability so perhaps the visit of George B. Hall coming to this city with "My Soldier Girl" at the Opera House, October 18, will prove an exception. Mr. Hall is playing the leading juvenile role in this popular musical success, and is a leading man in all that the name implies. After a half score of years with one of the best musical dramatic stock companies in the United States where he became a popular matinee idol entrance into military service broke up what seemed at that time a most promising future. After nearly two years Mr. Hall returned to America, the Stock organization at the gardens in St. Louis awaited his return—but like thousands of other men he looked upon a permanent stock engagement with disfavor and decided to accept a road contract which would be to his liking, and this is just the reason that theatre patrons will have an opportunity to hear his remarkable voice and see another leading man who is clean cut, has personality and dramatic ability.

Aside from his dramatic ability he is fortunate in possessing a remarkable baritone voice, not of the ordinary quality, but exceptional in tone and volume, and perhaps it could not be appreciated more so than during his solo of the title song—"My Soldier Girl"—which he has developed into the real big song hit of the show.

ATTRACTIONS AT THEATRES

The Monday play at the Opera House is the "The Pagan God," with H. B. Warner, the celebrated English actor as the featured player. A good comedy completes the programme. The Monday-Tuesday play at the Gaiety is "The Man Who Lost Himself," in which Wm. Faversham is starred. It is the story of an American who finds himself stranded in London. He is discovered to be the double of a dissolute earl who finally commits suicide and leaves his name and family to the American. Faversham plays the double role of the Earl of Rochester and Victor Jones, the American. Hedda Hopper, wife of De Wolfe Hopper, is cast opposite the star. She is a beautiful and capable actress.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The tumult and the shouting die.
Cheer up! the worst is yet to come!
Martha was trying to put it all over Mary, as of old.
Well, we'll soon find out what side the farmers are on.
The Martha of the New Testament wasn't seen around polling booths.
No one seems willing nowadays to experiment and see if work really is harmful.

"True womanhood will shine," writes a poetess. Not if the powder puff can prevent it.

It is apparent that many more persons in this country know how to drive a car than how to milk a cow.

Though the autumn chill has arrived, it is still too early to take the snow shovel out of the moth balls.

That early bird, the milkman, must find the women looking prettier toward the end of his route.

It is a matter of tradition that every dog has his day. Sense of justice inspires the hope that every "boat" may have his.

The young fellow who tells his girl before marriage that he is unworthy of her generally finds after marriage that she quite agrees with him.

One who has occasion to use a telephone and finds the desired line busy, busy, busy, can believe that Tennyson frequently spent half a day on one line.

An archaeologist has discovered that the ancients used the card index. This explains the mystery as to how Solomon kept track of his wives' birthdays.

Big Game Hunters
The many outsiders who annually come to this province to engage in the royal sport for a few weeks, are already arriving. Among those who arrived today on their way to the hunting districts are M. A. Silver, West Jefferson, Ohio, F. G. Holton, Columbus, O., B. J. Williams, and Albert Gregg of West Jefferson, O. They will go with W. Harry Allen to Cain's river. Another party which will go to the Little Southwest Miramichi with Robert Hunter as guide, is composed of D. J. Collins, Phila., H. A. Norton, Boston and J. S. Maines, Portland. Both parties are at the Queen.

Just think, once we thought women voters would always vote "the right way."

Cold Weather Centers Interests On Wraps

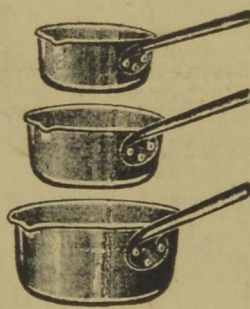
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AT THE GAIETY

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