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THE POSTAL SERVICE.

While many matters have been discussed by candidates on both sides during the campaign which closes tomorrow it seems rather strange that so little attention should have been devoted to the post office department, which has been so ably administered during the past four years by Hon. Charles Murphy. Every man, woman and child in the Dominion is served by the Post Office Department and all should be vitally interested in its administration. We presume that the postal service is efficient in all the cities and towns of the Dominion, but so far as the Fredericton post office is concerned we can say, without fear of successful contradiction that the service is now at a higher standard than has been the case in a period of at least twenty-five years.

In 1921, when the present government took office, there was a deficit in the post office department of \$1,367,000, but during the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 the average surplus was \$325,000 per year, and there has been an average reduction in the expenses of the department of \$400,000 per year. Prior to the advent of the Mackenzie King government a very unbusiness-like condition prevailed in connection with the rate charges by the railways for carrying the mails. It was found upon investigation that the railways charged as much for carrying one mail bag in a baggage car as they did for carrying two passengers with their baggage in a parlor car. Thanks to the efforts of Hon. Mr. Murphy this condition was removed and new rates established which meant a saving to the taxpayers of \$400,000 per year. Even with the reduction made the railways have been paid for carrying the mails during the past four years the large sum of \$25,000,000.

Many important reforms have been inaugurated by the Post Office department during the past four years, among which the following might be enumerated:

Senders of registered letters may now be indemnified up to \$100 in case of loss.

By the payment of a small fee parcels sent by mail may now be insured up to \$100. Last year no less than 3,000,000 parcels were insured under this plan.

Parcels can now be sent C. O. D. through the mails and since 1922 the total number of parcels carried under this system amounts to 1,800,000.

The post office savings bank existed under previous governments, but in those days parties wishing to withdraw money had to wait for an application to go to Ottawa and back. Now they can draw any sum up to \$25 on demand.

Under a system introduced in 1923 known as metered mails large business houses can now have their mail stamped, cancelled and sorted before it is sent to the post office.

Modern, electrically driven, mechanically sorting and auditing machines have replaced the antiquated method of hand sorting formerly in force.

In large cities motor trucks and motor cycles are being used for the collection of mails from street letter boxes.

Smaller letter boxes are now used in cities, and a saving of \$30,000 has been effected in the cost.

A system of Dominion wide checking of mail-bags has been introduced thereby effecting a saving of \$125,000.

The Postmaster General is determined to run his department on the same lines as a great business concern, and it will be generally admitted that he has been successful. The very fact that the postal department has not been a subject for discussion in the campaign now drawing to a close, is proof of the fact that it is being administered in a manner highly satisfactory to the public.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

While excitement over the Federal election is not at a high pitch so far as this city is concerned, nevertheless a large and representative audience gathered at the Opera House last evening to hear a discussion of the issues of the campaign by the Liberal candidate Mr. C. Robert Hawkins and Mr. Peter J. Hughes, K. C.

Mr. Hawkins was the first speaker and it will be generally admitted that he made a splendid impression upon his audience. He spoke without the slightest hesitation, had his facts skillfully marshalled, and undoubtedly made out a strong case for the government, particularly with respect to the tariff and senate reform. There could not be the slightest doubt in the minds of those who heard him as to one thing and that was that he meant every word he said. Mr. Hawkins is a young man of courage, and force and is destined to play an important part in the public affairs of this country.

Mr. Hughes, who supported the candidate on the platform easily sustained his reputation as one of the best platform speakers in the province. Indeed it would not be an exaggeration to say that his speech of last evening was the ablest deliverance which a York-Sunbury County audience has been privileged to listen to during the present campaign.

The speakers at last night's meeting certainly gave the electors some food for intelligent thought on the important issues of the campaign which terminates tomorrow night.

As Mr. Hawkins pointed out in his speech at the Opera House last night, the population of New Brunswick in 1881, two years after the adoption of the National Policy, was 321,263, and during the following decade as shown by the census returns, it increased by just thirty souls. This followed the adoption of a high protective tariff. Would the property owners of this province enthuse over the trade policy of Hon. Mr. Meighen if they were reasonably satisfied in their own minds that during the next decade it would be the means of an addition of only thirty people to the population of New Brunswick? Yet they cannot challenge the record as shown by the census returns for the decade ending 1891.

In the old days when an election was pending a lot was heard in denunciation of the great evil of bribery and corruption, but it appears to be different now. Mr. C. R. Hawkins who is the candidate of a Government which has been in office four years, stated in his speech at the Opera House last evening that he had no funds for other than legitimate expenses. There is no reason why an election should not be run without the aid of corrupting influences of rum and money.

Two eminent political purists, Mr. J. Kidd Flemming and Arthur DeWitt Foster, Conservative candidates for Parliament, came in for some well deserved attention from Mr. Hughes at the Liberal meeting at the Opera House last evening, and it was rather noticeable that even Conservatives joined in the hearty applause which greeted his utterances.

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There is an apparent notion abroad in this land of the free and easy that laws are made only for the law abiding.

My reading the advertisements we learn that great improvements have been made on the perfect automobiles of last year.

A French chef says horse meat can be made more palatable than beef. If it comes to that, please pass the stewed carrots.

Many improvements have been made in house building, but no architect has yet planned a man's closet.

Dorothy Dix says young men should not marry until they have sown their wild oats. But there is another side to the story—when should young women marry.

We like the autumn, when the leaves begin to fall—when they come quivering down from trees so tall; and then, again, when the wind blows very hard—it's fun if the leaves land in our neighbor's yard.

W. A. Owens of Saint John is among the guests at the Queen.

Walter F. Dixon of New York, W. Christy of New York and George H. Mulvey of New Brunswick, N. J., are at the Queen. They are here in connection with an attempt to reopen the Lake George antimony mines.

PITT'S REPLY TO WALPOLE IS RECALLED

An esteemed correspondent has requested The Mail to publish the report of Pitt's reply to Walpole, which he says is applicable to candidate Hanson's reference to Mr. Hawkins as "a decent little boy":

"Sir,—  
"The atrocious crime of being a young man, which the honourable gentleman has with such spirit and decency charged upon me, I shall neither attempt to palliate nor deny, but content myself with wishing that I may be one of those whose follies may cease with their youth, and not of that number who are ignorant in spite of experience.

"Whether youth can be imputed to any man as a reproach, I will not assume the province of determining. But surely age may become justly contemptible, if the opportunities which it brings have passed away without improvement, and vice appears to prevail when the passions have subsided. The wretch that, after having seen the consequences of a thousand errors, continues still to blunder, and whose age has only added obstinacy to stupidity, is surely the object of either abhorrence or contempt, and deserves not that his grey head should secure him from insults.

"Much more is he to be abhorred, who, as he has advanced in age, has receded from virtue, and becomes more wicked with less temptation; who prostitutes himself for money which he cannot enjoy, and spends the remainder of his life in the ruin of his country."

This happened in 1840 when Mr. Pitt was 32 years of age.

SAY THAT GIRLS HAVE CHANGED VERY LITTLE

London, Oct. 27.—Young "Miss 1925" is a sentimental miss and eager to delve into a love story. Booksellers say a novel with plenty of passion and a few sentimental moonlight scenes is sure of a big sale among the girls of today. The modern miss also likes happy endings to her stories.

Heads of libraries tell the same tale as the booksellers. The boom in "sheik" stories, said one library manager, is a sign that the girls have not changed. The strong, silent man who proves his love by beating his sweetheart is as popular as ever.

Another librarian is authority for the statement that most of the serious reading of today is being done by men. A few girls take out books of poetry and volumes of plays, but most of them select well thumbed stories of love.

DIED

GALLAGHER—At Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, on the 28th inst., Reeta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gallagher of Devon, aged five years. Funeral Thursday at 2 p. m. Service by Rev. Mr. Gough. Interment at Sunny Bank Cemetery.



Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Moncton, N. B.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, November 17, 1925, for the construction of a public building at Moncton, N. B.

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Blue prints can be obtained at the office of the Chief Architect, Dept. of Public Works, by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$10.00 payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

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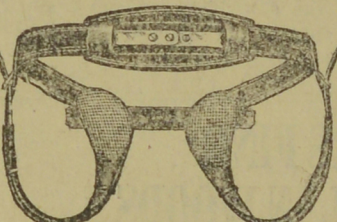
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