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WE ARE A FUNNY BUNCH

DOWN in Nova Scotia civic elections have taken place in the different towns and the returns from towns the size of Fredericton and smaller are enlightening. In the town of Yarmouth with a much smaller population than Fredericton the candidate who won the mayoralty contest received sixteen hundred and ninety-four votes whilst his defeated opponent received ten hundred and forty votes. In the town of Amherst which is not as large as Fredericton the candidate who was elected for mayor also received sixteen hundred and forty-eight votes while the defeated candidate received in the vicinity of a thousand votes. In our election a few weeks ago the total vote for Mayor and Aldermen was only about a thousand altogether while the total number of voters on the voters' list out of a city of twelve thousand people was somewhere about fifteen hundred voters. The reason of this is the system. In Amherst and in Yarmouth and in other cities in Nova Scotia the citizens are allowed to vote at a civic election. In the towns in New Brunswick the citizens are not allowed to vote at civic elections unless they have every cent of their taxes paid, and a man as we have often stated who has a two hundred dollar tax bill and has paid one hundred and ninety dollars into the city treasury in the way of taxes may not vote because he has not paid the balance whilst a Chinaman, a Japanese or a Hottentot, who is not a naturalized citizen, who cannot read or write and who doesn't know what it is all about, can vote at our civic elections. This is a law which still exists in New Brunswick in this twentieth century and which is the laughing stock of outsiders. We may tell them however that while we have this antiquated law and some others, that we have really abolished the stocks in the market place and the whipping post and that we no longer keep slaves, and that we have automobiles and telephones and other modern conveniences. It is just in electing our representatives to do our business that we fall down. We are a funny bunch here in New Brunswick when it comes to doing away with antiquated ideas.

THE POOR CONSERVATIVES

THE BOTTOM seems to have dropped out of the Conservative Party in the Dominion. We read in an Ottawa despatch that in the House of Commons the Conservatives have only thirty-eight elected representatives out of a house of practically two hundred and sixty. In the provincial field upon which the health of the Federal organization is to a certain extent dependent, the party is in even worse shape.

In the nine provincial legislatures the Conservative Party has the following: Alberta, 6; British Columbia, none; Saskatchewan, none; Manitoba, 16; Ontario, 23; Quebec, none; New Brunswick, 5; Nova Scotia, 8; and Prince Edward Island, none.

THE POET FIRST

NOT AS A SOLDIER was Lieut.-Col. John McCrae, Canadian doctor, honored on Sunday by a notable gathering about his grave in France. Not because of Colonel McCrae's military achievements has this humble grave become as a shrine for war veterans; nor is it the memory of conflict and of victory that, on each Armistice Day, inspires his comrades-in-arms to strew upon this grave among the crosses the blood-red poppies of Flanders.

On such occasions it is a poet that is honored. By writing a few lines of inspired and imperishable verse—verse that expressed poignantly the thoughts and the aspirations of a great host of men—Colonel McCrae enshrined himself in the heart of humanity. In "In Flanders Fields" a beautiful sentiment is beautifully expressed in the simplest of language, each word a pearl used by a master's genius in the putting together of a poetical setting that time will not destroy.

An ideal for which men fought and died is made vividly real. A brilliant and imaginative mind preserved from the suffering and the horror of war a gem of poetic thought that enriches English literature. And that is why the memory of Lieut.-Col. John McCrae is cherished while much of the martial glory of the war is passing from memory.

ETHIOPIA AND THE ETHIOPIANS

ITALY has conquered Ethiopia but not the Ethiopians.

Despite Italian denials there are solid grounds for believing that Italy recently has suffered serious military setbacks in Ethiopia, so states a Christian Science Monitor Cable from London.

According to a statement issued by the Ethiopian Legation, Italian and Eritrean fatalities in the last two months exceed 6,000. Three battalions of Eritreans have deserted and are now fighting on the Ethiopian side, the statement claims, and it adds that considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been captured as well as forty lorries.

Independent advices reaching London indicate that the claim isn't far from the truth. Practically all of the region round Lake Tana has been lost by the Italians, this source declares. The district round Hara is understood to be comparatively quiet, but the Italians have still failed to penetrate the south-western parts of the country.

The Ethiopian statement claims in this connection that part of Tigre and Gojjam have revolted and that in Wallega and Ambo districts "the Ethiopians remain masters of the situation."

There is also independent testimony to the act that the Italian High Command is perturbed over the situation. Indeed, the recent replacement of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani by the Duke of Aosta is accepted at London as evidence that the policy of the former Viceroy has not proved successful.

The writer of Tower Views in the Monitor remarks that "While Rome is releasing propaganda relative to the Italianization of Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Legation in London tells a different tale."

It is one thing to use modern war machinery against a bow-and-arrow people and so take from them their country but it is another thing to hold that country and to hold the people.

Bullying brutality never won human hearts. Ethiopia is under the Italian heel but not the Ethiopians.

We predict more bloodshed in the former land of Haile Selassie.

SNAP SHOTS

If the men who are working at the bridge will stop crossing the lawn of Farraline Home they will confer a favor on the management of the institution and will avoid trouble for themselves. They might strike a bear trap.

Old Mother Hubbard she went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone, and when she got there the dog had been arrested and she got hell.

"Is that the governor going into the Departmental Buildings. That nice looking man with the dignified swing?" asked a young lady Normal School student yesterday. "No, that is George M. Byron, the printer to the King" said a gentleman who was passing.

In Toronto if you pay a dollar for a parking ticket you get a receipt.

There is a bad street light down town. It should be reported to the Police Commission, the Alms House Commission, the Liquor Commission or to some other of the various commissions.

The male college student hid a full bottle on Maryland Hill under the third tree past the cross road on the right side going out, and another one near the Beaverbrook building, and not far from an adjoining fence. Now you fellows do not all go there at once.

If the co-ed would not use so much of that lip stick she might be considered fairly good looking.

GETS FINE

A commercial traveller who resides in this city was fined ten dollars in the city Police Court today by Police Magistrate Walter Limerick for violating a city by-law regarding unleashed dogs. The dog owner was refused a receipt for his money, the magistrate claiming that freedom was sufficient receipt.

NOT SOME DOGS — ALL DOGS

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FINED TEN DOLLARS OR TEN DAYS IN JAIL WITH THE ALTERNATIVE OF DESTROYING THEIR DOGS? If so we may look forward to several lively sessions of the Police Court extending through the winter as there are in this city at the present time hundreds of dogs, large and small, fat and lean, homely and pretty, which are running the street knocking down children, chasing grown-ups, upsetting garbage cans, and making themselves a general nuisance to the community. NOW THAT THE POLICE HAVE STARTED AND HAVE HAILED INTO COURT THE WIDOWS AND THE ORPHANS AND THE NEWLY ARRIVED CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN IN TOWN FOR A WEEK OR TWO IT IS TIME THAT THEY FOLLOWED UP THEIR HAND AND HAD A REGULAR DOG PICNIC TO WHICH ALL OWNERS OF DOGS WILL BE INVITED. DO NOT SLIGHT ANYBODY. THE DAILY MAIL IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE BY-LAW REGARDING DOGS PROVIDED IT IS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR AND THAT EVERY PERSON IS TREATED ALIKE.

POWERS

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forestall a new scourge of "piracy" in the Mediterranean following the sinking of the British merchantman Endymion.

Foreign Secretary Eden laid the plans before French Ambassador Charles Corbin and Italian Ambassador Count Dino Grandi in a miniature "Nyon Conference" in the Foreign Office.

The representatives of the three major powers in last year's Nyon Conference, which established the anti-piracy patrol, met for less than half an hour.

Informed sources indicated the proposals were mainly technical and involved no major change in the Nyon pact.

RELIEF

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greater amount of money than the prevailing wage scales.

Many instances have been drawn to the attention of Ottawa where relief recipients have refused employment because they receive more money on relief, or where the salary was only slightly more than the relief rate.

The reduction in grants-in-aid is designed to bring the Department of Labor within its budget of \$19,500,000 which was voted by Parliament at the last session.

FUNERAL OF MRS. C. BROWN

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Brown, formerly of this city, who passed away at Lynn, Mass., Monday, took place today. Solemn service was conducted at St. Dunstan's church at 2:30 and interment was made at the Hermitage. The pallbearers were William Nealis, Edward Nealis, Vincent Nealis, and Edgar Case. Two daughters arrived with the remains today from Lynn, Mrs. James Emslie and Mrs. H. L. Purington.

OUR MAIL BAG

MAGISTRATE'S SALARY

Editor Daily Mail,
City.
Dear Sir:

Why does not the City of Fredericton pay the Police Magistrate a salary and let the city take the fees. The city would be in money in this regard. Here is a suggestion for Mayor Hedley Forbes to get busy. First he should suggest having the Police Magistrate taken off the Police Commission and secondly he should have all the fines and fees or whatever the revenue is go to the city treasury and pay the magistrate a good salary of say twenty-five hundred a year. The city would be in about two thousand dollars to the good. In the old days fifty years ago the police magistrate received the fees but they were comparatively small in those days. We believe that the Police Magistrate would welcome the change. But it should be made anyway whether he does or not.

I am interested in knowing why a man who pays a fine into the police chief's office has to walk out without getting a receipt. This is an accepted principle that when a man pays money he should get a receipt for the same. Whoever invented any other system should not be allowed to get away with it.

This matter of magistrates salaries should apply to all places in the province as well as Fredericton. Conditions like this make Communists.

Yours truly,
JUSTICE.

DISCUSSES SCHOOLS

Fredericton, N. B.,
Feb. 2, 1938.

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:—
Just a word or two in connection with the High School papers and the marking of same. I understand that many of the pupils after they had received their paper back after being marked, returned them to several teachers, and in pointing out certain "mistakes" were given, some pupils as high as 1½ points—in other words had these pupils not gone back to the teachers, they would have failed on these particular subjects.

Mr. Editor, can you explain why this should be the case, knowing you are not a teacher perhaps you would pass the question on to the someone who could probably explain it.

I wonder if there could not be a little soreness between teacher and pupil and this was taken as a means to get square. I have always contended that teachers should be as Civil Servants, that is, under oath. I do not mean High School alone, but take in from the first grade up, city and country alike—and then if there should be any soreness between a teacher and a pupil the oath would naturally come in to protect the boy or girl who in many cases are victims of a little "spat" which at the

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time, did not amount to anything.

I have been told that some of our teachers are not, as we might say, up to the mark. Is this true? If so, why are they held in such important positions and fathers who are scratching to get their boys and girls through High School, to have them fail because a teacher is not capable. Is this what we pay taxes for?

Some parents have sent their children away from the city to High School, we hear that this is done for "show". Well now, Sir, is that true or have these parents a reason? Fredericton High School costs this city plenty, and you and I help to keep up the treasury. Make no mistake, we have good teachers in our city, we do not have to go outside and bring them in, nor we shouldn't because we have them here walking the streets—teachers—really good teachers.

To the Secretary and officials of our school board, I would say—Let's go, get down to real work along educational lines, especially in our High School. Let us lay aside these petty spats between pupils and teachers—because I am forced to believe that this, in many cases, is true and I know that many will agree with me when I say it is not only unfortunate but a crime, to dishearten our young boys and girls, when no doubt they have put everything they have into the year's study. Will you kindly publish this letter for me, and in

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—IN—

"Pick A Star"

conclusion let me wish you every success with "your" or rather OUR Home Paper.

Thanking you sir,
LORNE B. WHIPPLE



On beds of pain, but alive these survivors of the terrible fire in St. Hyacinthe pose for a press photographer. Upper left picture shows, left to right, Jean-Marie Dupont, 15, of St. Hyacinthe, and Roland Manseau, 14, of Winooski, Vermont. Upper right, Fereal Lefebvre, 16, of St. Cyrille de Wendover. The lower picture shows one of the heroes of the mad scramble for life, Brother Liboire, who led a number of the boys to safety and remained as long as he could do any good, getting badly burned in the meantime. With him is young Manseau.

