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AN ARGUMENT THAT CAN BE USED ON EITHER SIDE

It is a favorite practice of Oppositionists, by way of consoling themselves, to seek to minimize Liberal victories by calculating how nearly the Tories came to winning. Indeed the leader himself on occasion resorted to this device to cheer the fainting spirits of his followers. Time and again we have been told that at the last Dominion election out of some hundreds of thousands of votes polled, there was a difference of barely one per cent. between the total cast for the government and that cast for the opposition. As the Halifax Chronicle points out, if this line of reasoning holds good for one party it ought to do equally as well for the other. For instance, examination of the Manitoba election returns discloses the fact that a change of less than 150 votes would have caused the overthrow of the Roblin Government. Beautiful Plains constituency was given to Premier Roblin by the Returning Officer in defiance of the Courts and in disregard of an injunction. In twelve constituencies the majority was less than 40 votes. In seven of these constituencies won by Mr. Roblin, a change of 40 votes would have cost him seven seats, and seven seats would have wiped out his majority in the House. And added to all these was the constituency of Russell, where the Liberal candidate was robbed of the seat by a slick piece of ballot spoiling, no doubt originally counted. When such a trifling change would have placed the Liberals of Manitoba in power, they certainly, according to the standards of opposition analysts, ought to feel that they have won a "moral victory" at least. The Roblin-Rogers outfit seem to have had a very narrow escape.

COL. ROOSEVELT BARRED

The surprising story comes from Kansas that The Outlook Magazine, a publication whose moral and religious character is one of its strong points, has been barred from sale because it discussed the Reno prize fight. In the town of Hutchinson an ordinance was passed forbidding the exhibition of prize fight pictures or the sale of papers containing reports and discussions of prize fights. Ex-president Roosevelt is associate editor of The Outlook, and wrote an editorial giving his views of prize fighting generally and of the late fight for the championship in particular. In at least one Kansas town this was held to be against the law. Colonel Roosevelt will not be allowed to contaminate the youth of Hutchinson.

Assuming this statement to be true, it would appear to be necessary for the authorities to guard the language of their ordinances. It was evidently not the intention to forbid the reading of Colonel Roosevelt's didactic disclosures. The Colonel is fond of a contest, and might inadvertently, while condemning a prize fight, speak of it in such a way as to give the exhibition a fresh and abiding interest in the mind of the sober reader of The Outlook. But so strong is the confidence of Colonel Roosevelt's intentions that almost any censor of morals would be willing to allow him to speak freely not only of prize fighting but even of a cowboy raid. The construction of the law which bars The Outlook from sale in the Kansas town would probably interfere with the preaching of sermons against prize fighting, and the sale of papers reporting these sermons. There are awful possibilities involving the study by policemen of the fighting scenes in many novels and poems. It is remarkable if the first offender against the law condemning prize fighting

spectacles and literature should be the former president, who is himself so stern an advocate of law, order and decency.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY

The Church of England will in September next celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the beginning of its ministry in Canada. In 1710 there were no Anglicans in the region now comprising Ontario and Quebec. But Acadia was ceded to Great Britain in that year. The British had taken possession more than once before but had given the country back to France. The cession of 1710 was final so far as Nova Scotia proper was concerned, and that year regular services of the Church of England began at Port Royal, now Annapolis.

Roman Catholic worship had been conducted at Port Royal for a century before that time. Thus it happens that two memorial festivals will take place in Eastern Canada almost simultaneously, one celebrating the completion of the third century since the first Catholic baptism.

More than seventy years passed after the beginning of Protestant worship before the first diocese in what is now Canada was established and the first bishop consecrated. This was after the American revolution, and was one of the results of that separation. The first bishop, nearly all his clergy and the great part of their congregations were Loyalists. The diocese of Nova Scotia is the oldest colonial diocese in the British Empire. The whole of British America, as far west as Lake Superior, appears to have been under the jurisdiction of Bishop Inglis. A part of the bicentennial celebration will be the opening of the new All Saints' Cathedral at Halifax. The diocese of Nova Scotia is the mother of several others which have stately cathedrals. But there has been none in Halifax until now.

INSURANCE RATES AT MONCTON GET A CONSIDERABLE LIFT

Underwriters Give Notice of an Increase of Forty Per Cent to Take Effect on September 1st.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 2.—Insurance agents here have received a notice from Peter Clinch, secretary of the fire insurance underwriters, that a flat increase of forty cents has been made from this date on all new buildings, including dwellings, in Moncton, and all renewals from Sept. 1st.

This notice of increase in rates has created considerable stir among the citizens. The reason given for the advance is insufficient fire protection and water pressure is too low. As the increase in rates will be cancelled when the protection is increased, it is likely the city council at the next meeting will adopt the recommendations of the fire committee to build a new engine house and purchase new engines and hose.

The fire committee at a meeting to-night took vigorous action towards providing increased fire protection. The matter has been under consideration since the Campbellton fire, it being recognized that Moncton needed more fire-fighting appliances than at present. Tonight the committee decided to recommend to the council the construction of a new fire station in the west end, purchase of a new fire steamer, also a new combination chemical engine, two thousand feet of new hose, and more horses for fire purposes. It was recommended that horses be kept in all fire stations in future to be in readiness to take out the apparatus. The fire committee will press for the purchase of the new engines and erection of a new engine house at once.

BIJOU TODAY

Your last chance to see 'How Championships are Won—and Lost,' with an entire change of pictures. See ad for program. Don't forget that this is the greatest picture ever offered. Go early as there will be a large crowd.

HAY CROP IN NORTH.

Chatham World.—This has been an exceptionally good year for hay. Every farmer has about half as much more hay than last year. Some have large quantities cut and lying in the fields waiting to be made. The recent heavy rains have considerably damaged the crop and in some sections large fields have been destroyed. We hear of one farmer who tried to beat the weather by rushing some of his crops in, only to have to take it out again in a heated and useless condition.

CONTRACTOR ROBT. S. LOW THREATENS CITY WITH SUIT

Asks For Payment of Balance on Contract ---City Council Refuses to Pay---Moving Picture Shows to be Licensed---Finance Committee and City Treasurer to Appoint Tax Collector.

The City Council was informed last evening by a communication from H. H. Pickett, of St. John, representing Robt. S. Low, the contractor who laid the Hassam pavement on Queen Street, that immediate payment of the money due Mr. Low from the city was demanded and that in the event of payment not being made, legal proceedings would be begun. The aldermen decided that while matters are in their present position it would be unwise to make payment.

On the suggestion of Ald. Clark, a committee was appointed to secure information concerning the tax-rates, temperatures, rain fall, etc., of the towns and cities of the Maritime Provinces for the purpose of comparing them with corresponding data with regard to Fredericton. The information secured is to be used for the purpose of advertising Fredericton as a residential city. It was also suggested that prizes be offered for an essay competition, the subject of the essays to be: Fredericton, Its Advantages as a Residential City.

The resignation of H. V. Vanwart, Collector of Taxes, was received and accepted. An application of H. C. Rutter for the office was referred to the Finance Committee, which is to consult with the City Treasurer.

Moving picture shows were discussed by the aldermen and the justice committee was instructed to draft a by-law providing for the licensing of such shows.

Those present were His Worship Mayor Thomas, Ald. Weddall, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Harrison, Ald. Jewett, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Calder, Ald. Clark and Ald. Walker.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditor's monthly report on expenditures was received and passed. It was as follows:

Roads and Streets,	\$ 282.47
Public Works,	374.54
Permanent Streets,	1900.33
Contingent,	1138.53
Wharves,	40.00
Weigh Scales,	70
Old Burial Ground,	3.52
Fire,	168.09
City Hall,	2.24
Administration of Justice,	55.63
Sewerage Expenses,	119.79
House Connections,	79.57
Street Lighting,	247.91
Water,	744.62
Total,	\$5191.15

The usual monthly and quarterly pay of city officials and employees was voted.

MUNICIPAL HOME REPORT.

Ald. Jewett on behalf of the Municipal Home Committee, reported a balance on hand of \$27.42. On his motion a cheque for \$100 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner Boone.

TAX COLLECTIONS.

Ald. Weddall reported that tax-collections during July 1909 had been \$4,328.49, and during July 1910 had been \$4,443.90.

PETITIONS.

Petition for relief from assessment was received from John Hughes.

A petition for a reduction in valuation of real estate was received from Mrs. Henrietta Barker.

These were referred to the Assessment Appeals Committee.

T. Bertrand Atherton applied for a twenty-one years lease of the Westmorland Street slip, offering to give up the lease he now holds.

A special committee, composed of Mayor Thomas, Ald. Mitchell and Ald. Calder was appointed to consider the matter and report at the next regular meeting.

A petition from N. C. Brander for the refund of a special license fee was referred to the Finance Committee.

TO TEST WATER SYSTEM.

A communication from Peter Clinch of St. John, secretary of the New Brunswick Fire Underwriters, asking that a test of the water system be made in the near future, was referred to the Fire Committee, with power to act.

In supporting this action, Ald. Calder said it might be well to have such test every other month.

LOW THREATENS SUIT.

A communication from H. H. Pickett, of St. John, requested immediate payment of the balance due Robert S. Low on the paving contract. Legal action to obtain the money was threatened unless payment was made at once.

Ald. Calder thought it would be unwise to make the required payment.

Ald. Clark, Ald. Vanwart and Ald. Calder were appointed a special committee to consult with the City Clerk concerning the matter.

COLLECTOR RESIGNS.

H. V. Vanwart tendered his resignation of the office of tax collector.

The resignation was received on the motion of Ald. Mitchell, seconded by Ald. Clark. Both expressed regret on account of the city losing so capable an officer.

An application for the position of tax-collector was received from H. C. Rutter.

Ald. Weddall pointed out that under the Assessment Act the City Treasurer was collector of taxes and that the appointee should be acceptable to him.

Ald. Mitchell seconded by Ald. Vanwart, the application was referred to the Finance Committee, which is to consult with the City Treasurer.

Ald. Vanwart was opposed to any undue haste in making the appointment.

ABERDEEN STREET EXTENSION.

Ald. Calder presented a petition from David Jones and H. E. Belyea, praying that Aberdeen Street should be extended from Church Street to the I. C. R. tracks. The matter was referred to the Roads and Streets Committee, with instructions to act at once.

On motion of Ald. Mitchell, seconded by Ald. Osborne, a cheque for fifty dollars was ordered to be issued in favor of the roadmaster, Wm. McKay for extra services in connection with the laying of permanent pavement.

TO ADVERTISE CITY.

Ald. Clark suggested that steps be taken to advertise Fredericton's advantages among the people of the Maritime Provinces. The city should attract to itself people desirous of educating their families. He would suggest the offering of a prize for the best essay showing the advantages of Fredericton as a residential city, such as low tax rate, equable temperature, natural beauty, etc. He moved that a committee be appointed to secure information concerning the tax rates of other towns, their average temperatures, etc. Ald. Osborne seconded the motion.

Ald. Clark, Ald. Osborne and Ald. Calder were appointed on this committee.

Ald. Mitchell reported that immediate steps were to be taken to open and clear the drain, which is for the purpose of carrying surface water off that portion of the city near the C. P. R. tracks.

TO LICENSE PICTURE SHOWS.

Ald. Clark proposed that moving picture shows be licensed and moved that a by-law making provision for such licensing be drafted for the next meeting.

Ald. Harrison seconded the motion and suggested that a censorship of moving picture houses be established. He had noticed the advertisement of the moving pictures of Corbett and somebody else. The Jeffries-Johnson picture might as well be shown as the other.

The Mayor agreed with Ald. Harrison but said that there was no one to take up the duties mentioned. He was merely a figure-head.

It was decided to have the Justice Committee draft a by-law.

The Council then adjourned.

SOUTHAMPTON HOUSE

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had been damaged to the extent of at least five hundred dollars.

Mr. Miller had his property insured in Woodstock for the sum of \$1,000, which amount will more than make good the loss.

The incident caused the greatest excitement in the neighborhood for the space of a couple of hours. Considering the fact that the members of Mr. Miller's family were all in the house when the lightning struck it, it is most remarkable that nobody was killed or injured.

MR. ALEXANDER GIBSON.

Globe.—Mr. Alexander Gibson on his ninetieth birthday (August 1st) naturally received expressions of good will from all parts of the province and elsewhere, and these are warmly echoed in the press. Mr. Gibson in his energy, his integrity, his success as a creator, is a type of man whom all men admire and to whom they cheerfully pay respect. After a long and arduous life he had entered upon a period of rest, which it is hoped he may continue for many years yet to enjoy.

Feminine conceit is often the result of masculine flattery.

Aug. 3, 1910

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