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A POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley, who are in the city today, do not seem to be depressed by the Sun's efforts to create the impression that they are at the head of a government which is running this province headlong to destruction.

The Sun's present political hysterics are quite usual, and not at all alarming. Inside its own breast the Sun knows that the present local government is one of the most progressive and effective that New Brunswick ever possessed, and it has a record for honesty, cleanliness and vigor that brings results of a most gratifying character to the province.

On the floors of the legislature, on the hustings and in the opposition press the government has been attacked, but never successfully. No scandals have been attached to the administration, and its members have gone forward with their duties fearlessly and faithfully, and have the solid endorsement of the great majority of the electors of New Brunswick.

GOOD YEAR FOR CANADA.

The old year drawing to a close, has been a great one for Canada. The country has enjoyed greater prosperity during 1904, than in any previous year in its history, more immigrants have come in, the volume of public and private business has increased enormously, and all interests have advanced with a bound.

It has also been a good year for the Liberals. They carried the general federal elections, the local general elections in Quebec, and Prince Edward Island, and the local bye elections in Nova Scotia.

The country in this way showed its appreciation of what the Liberals are accomplishing for Canada, and the work is only in its early stages. No man can forecast what is in store for Canada during the next quarter of a century. Is it too much to say that her population will be quadrupled in that period?

There is a three cornered contest for the Toronto mayoralty. The candidates are Mayor Urquhart, who is seeking a third term, Mr. George H. Gooderham of the wealthy brewing firm, and W. D. Macpherson. The first named gentleman is a Liberal, the same whom Mr. Foster defeated for Parliament, and the others are Conservatives. The splendid record Mayor Urquhart has made during the past two years is largely in his favor, and a split Conservative vote on his opponents will also help him. Voting takes place on Monday next.

The local bye elections in St. John City and St. John County, take place tomorrow, but having in view the remarkable mobility of those constituencies, their habit of sliding unexpectedly from one side to the other, it is scarcely possible to make any fairly accurate forecast of the results. The Herald however, has an impression that Mr. Lowell, the Liberal candidate will carry the county by a substantial majority, and that Mr. Skinner will make a splendid and perhaps a winning fight in the city.

What has become of Mr. Borden. His name is never mentioned in the papers now-a-days. Has he disappeared entirely from the public view, or is he merely resting preparatory to the struggle for the Tory leadership?

Holiday Trade.

The Xmas trade at E. G. Combe's big store was very good, the large staff of employees were kept busy supplying the wants of a great crowd of purchasers. The stock of holiday goods was exceptionally large and well assorted and people knew it was the correct place to visit when they wanted nice goods and good value. The stock left over will be sold at bargain prices.—d.

TERRIBLE CRIME

Committed by Former
York Co. Man.JOHN RICKER WHO MUR-
DERED HIS WIFE, WELL
KNOWN HERE.Lived at Lower St. Mary's
Some Years Ago.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—Frenzied by jealousy and drink, John Ricker, a New Brunswicker, shot and almost instantly killed his wife, Helen Ricker, in their small room on the third floor of the lodging house at 9 Sullivan street, Charlestown, at 8.30 o'clock tonight.

Throwing his revolver upon the bed when the landlady of the house entered the room, alarmed by the disturbance, Ricker ran down the stairs into the street and escaped. He was captured three-quarters of an hour later while crossing the Chelsea bridge.

It was just 8.55 o'clock when word of the shooting came to Lieut. Wyland, in charge of station 15. He immediately notified all the officers by telephone and set a guard at all the principal exits of the city.

When captured Ricker was in an abject state of intoxication and unable to make any statement whatever as to the motive of the crime.

While his wife lay dead on the floor of their barren little attic room Ricker dozed in a drunken stupor in his cell at station 15.

The shooting tonight was the culmination of several years of discord between Ricker and his wife. They were married eleven years ago, coming originally from New Brunswick. Ricker was employed as a teamster at various times by Coleman Bros., contractors, who have branches in various cities in the state. While he is not known to have been a hard drinker, he lived inharmoniously with his wife, and on one occasion at least it is said he beat her.

Several months ago they went to Quincy, where they conducted a restaurant, but six years ago Mrs. Ricker returned to Sullivan street, stating that she had broken off with her husband, as it was impossible to live with him. She procured employment in the kitchen at a restaurant on Main street, Charlestown, and provided for herself and boy, Frederick, nine years old.

Three weeks ago Ricker appeared and sought a reconciliation with his wife. She took him back and they have since lived in a small rear bedroom. The night before the murder Ricker threatened to kill her with a razor.

Ricker fired two shots at his wife tonight, the first of which struck her in the mouth.

Ricker is forty years old, and his wife thirty.

The child is at Brockton, where he went to pass the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ricker's mother.

*John Ricker, the chief actor in the tragedy described above, is generally thought to be a former resident of the Parish of St. Marys this county. He resided on the back road at Gibson, and left there about six years ago, going to the Eastern States. The Fredericton police, and many residents of Gibson are confident that it is the same man.)

Miss Rosa Dibblee has returned from a most enjoyable visit of several months to relatives in Chicago, Ill. Miss Pauline Balloch is spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Fredericton. Miss Annie Ross, Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross.—Woodstock Press.

BITS OF NEWS.

Sir Frederick Borden has gone to Colorado on private business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cross of St. Andrews, have been married sixty-seven years.

It is probable that E. M. MacDonald, M. P., of Pictou, will move the address in the House of Commons and Mr. Parent, of Montmorency, the youngest member of the new House, will second it.

W. A. Clark, agent of the Dominion Express Company, Ottawa, has been promoted to the position of general agent of the company in Montreal in succession to V. G. R. Vickers, who has assumed other duties.

Col. Shaffner, a well known military man, and a former M. P. for Annapolis, died at his home in Truro Tuesday, from blood poisoning which proceeded from a carbuncle on his neck.

F. W. Morse, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, has resigned to become vice-president and manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. He will be succeeded by E. H. Fitzhugh, at present general manager of the Central Vermont railway.

The Canadian military council is determined to do something and has evolved the idea of wiping out the military districts and creating army commands, two for Ontario, one each for Quebec, Maritime Provinces and Western Canada, with a general at the head office.

Harry Chambers, aged twenty-six, fireman, of Lindsay, Ont., Tuesday night lost his life by the flue of the engine blowing out, when about four miles out of Bobcaygeon on the Lindsay branch of the C. P. R. Chambers was hurled from the train and was dead when picked up.

Fire started in St. Andrews church Winnipeg, shortly before noon Tuesday, and before it was extinguished caused damage of fifteen thousand dollars. This is the third Winnipeg church to be burned in about a week and in each case the fire started from defective furnace pipes. St. Andrews was the most beautiful church in the city.

For the first time in Canadian history a home market will demand two hundred thousand tons Canadian steel rails during the season of 1905, says President Geo. Drummond of the Board of Trade. This is due to the Grand Trunk again getting into a market with the C. P. R. and C. N. R., needing rails for extensions in the west and east.

Grace Sullivan, aged eight years, was accidentally shot and killed at New York, Wednesday, by her brother, Daniel, aged twelve years. He was about to show her how an air-rifle, which he had received as a Christmas present, worked, and not knowing that it was loaded, pointed it at her and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered her left eye and lodged in the brain.

Tenders for Wood.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to FRIDAY, the 6th day of January next, at the office of Fred. St. John Bliss, Secretary-Treasurer of York, for sixty cords of green rock maple and birch, furnace wood, either in two or four foot lengths. Also ten cords of green split white birch, (no round wood allowed), in four foot lengths. The wood to be delivered before the 1st of March next, in part at the County Court House and piled in cellar, and part at County Gaol and piled in shed. The wood to be subject to inspection and approval of such persons as may be appointed by the County Buildings Committee.

JOHN C. MURRAY,
Chairman Buildings Committee.

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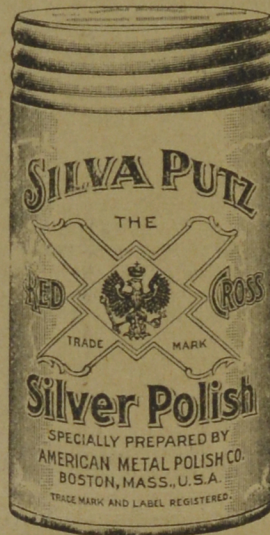
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