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The Herald wishes all its readers,
patrons and friends a Very Happy
and Prosperous New Year.

ST. JOHN ELECTIONS.

The election of Mr. Maxwell, the Tory candidate for the legislature in St. John City, is not much of a surprise, and might naturally have been expected. Only six weeks ago the Tories of that constituency elected their candidate to parliament by some 1,200 majority. The same organization that gave Dr. Daniel his enormous lead was behind Mr. Maxwell, who, however has to be content with the slender majority of 62. The Liberals of St. John are to be heartily congratulated on having made such a substantial gain in six weeks, and the promise for the future of the party is bright.

Mr. Skinner proved a very strong candidate, and will in all probability be a member of the next legislature.

In the county, Mr. Lowell, Liberal, won a splendid victory, defeating Mr. Agar by over 400 majority.

The local government of course would have been better satisfied if the city had also gone Liberal, but under the circumstances such a result could scarcely be expected. The returns however, indicate that St. John is forgetting the foolish agitation which carried Dr. Daniel into parliament by such a huge majority, and that the Liberals can take hope that future contests are likely to go their way.

CONVICTED OF FALSEHOOD.

Some days ago, with the object of prejudicing the local government in St. John where a bye election was in progress, the Sun, without the shadow of a basis of excuse or justification, made the statement that the provincial accounts for the past fiscal year would not only show a deficit, but one that would exceed any since confederation.

This was the Sun's statement, and when taken to task by Attorney General Pugsley, who at a public meeting branded the Sun's assertion as an absolute untruth, that paper declared if the publication of the public accounts showed it was mistaken, it would apologize to Dr. Pugsley and the government.

The accounts are now published, they appeared in the Sun's own columns yesterday morning, and instead of the largest deficit since confederation, or any deficit, they exhibit a surplus of over \$5,000.

Yet the Sun does not make any explanation or apology as it promised if the official statement of revenue and expenditure showed it had mistated the case. That is not the Sun's way of treating its political opponents. It will make the meanest, most unfounded statements in political discussion and when cornered and shown its untruthfulness it sneaks out of it without any reasonable explanation.

No public man and no government need fear such contemptible tactics. The Sun has been pursuing just that kind of a course towards the local government for many years, and the public has continued to endorse the administration which the Sun has so bitterly and unfairly opposed.

SIR FREDERICK AND THE MILITIA.

It is an accepted truth throughout Canada that Sir Frederick Borden is the most energetic, efficient and popular minister of militia the country has ever possessed, and the military men themselves most eagerly testify to the success attending his administration of the important department.

A few months ago the militia officers of Halifax, banqueting Sir Frederick and said very pleasant things of him, and this week it was Toronto's turn to honor the distin-

guished head of the militia department.

The Toronto banquet took place at the Armories and was attended by over two hundred officers, some of whom travelled from other cities and towns to honor their chief.

The banquet itself was a tribute to the Minister, but the general public are more interested in the contents of Sir Frederick's speech than in the details of the festivity.

The Minister in a happy speech in reply to the toast to his health spoke at length on the administration of the militia department and forecasted some changes which will give wider powers to district officers commanding, particularly in the selection of men. He regretted being unable to bring any message as to the despatches which they had no doubt read with concern as to removal of the dockyards from Halifax and Esquimalt.

"We have, so far as I know," said Sir Frederick, "received no intimation from His Majesty's government as to their intention with reference to these matters. I am content to wait, and I have abiding faith in the wisdom that will actuate any course which may be pursued by the British government, and I am prepared to say this, to repeat, in fact, here, what was said in effect in the memorandum submitted in 1902 by the Canadian ministers at that time in London to the colonial conference upon the question of defence. I am prepared to admit, to repeat, and to remind you of a memorable sentence contained in that memorandum to the effect that the Canadian government and the Canadian people are prepared to relieve the British tax-payers of every dollar of taxation with reference to the protection of Canadian territory at least in the time of peace." (Cheers.)

Sir Frederick then discussed the new Militia Act, which he said was a most important act in connection with the development of the Canadian militia within the year. He believed it would confer most the signal benefits upon the Canadian

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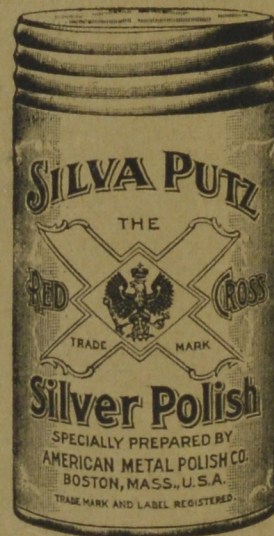
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