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THE YORK OUTLOOK.

The local Tory organ sees nothing but overwhelming defeat for a government ticket in this county. Well, how sad the outlook. And to be beaten by a combination that the organ has stated is "the laughing stock of the city" would be simply humiliating.

Still the Liberals of this constituency will not despair just yet.

Elections are not won by empty boasting, which seems to be the principal stock-in-trade of the Tories.

The intelligence of York has no intention of being represented in the legislature by the Pinder combination, and there is even a probability that the ticket, as at present constituted, may never go to the polls.

There is rank rebellion in the party at the selections made by a packed convention.

REAPING THE FRUITS.

The letter of "A Citizen," published in another column, fairly presents a phase of present dissatisfaction with our civic rulers, who have shown such incapacity in dealing with ordinary business transactions.

Through indifference the ratepayers of Fredericton have permitted their affairs to drift into the hands of men who have neither the ability nor the experience to discharge their duties, but this condition has not reached without due warning from the Herald which has continually sought to arouse more interest in the civic government.

We send men to the council who have absolutely no qualifications or training for the work they are expected to perform, and the city is suffering the consequences. There are of course exceptions, there are a few good practical men in the council, but the bulk of them are no more fitted for their offices than the Sultan of Turkey is to rule the British empire.

Perhaps when the city gets a few more jolts its people will awaken to realization of the necessity of placing competent men in the council and keeping them and their kind there.

In the meantime the lesson we are learning from incompetency and inefficiency in our civic rulers is an expensive one.

BORDEN HEDGING.

Mr. Borden in a later speech in British Columbia than that to which we have before alluded rather takes back water with respect to the exclusion of Asiatics from that province.

At New Westminster, Mr. Borden read a letter from the Asiatic Exclusion League, claiming his utterance was not explicit and asking would he support legislation for the exclusion of Asiatics, and what legislation, and would he support the Bower Act. Replying he claimed that his language was sufficiently explicit. "I have said this is a matter for decision of a majority of the people of British Columbia. That enables you to have it dealt with if we come into power according to the true will and determination of the people of British Columbia, I am responsible not to any league or number of leagues, but to the majority of the people of this province. I am asked what legislation I would provide. How can you exclude the Japanese until you have abrogated a treaty which binds us not to exclude them. To pass legislation in this country in conflict with the treaty would be an act of hostility to Japan and would be resented by that country as an act of war."

That is about what the Herald has told the Tory leader. It's all well enough to talk about excluding the Japs from Canada, but there's the solemn treaty, which Mr. Borden has concluded cannot be abrogated by Canadian legislation without incurring the danger of war.

THE COST OF LIVING.

The officials of the Dominion customs staff, who are asking for a one-third increase in their salaries,

have furnished the civil service commission with some figures on the increased cost of living, taking the years 1896 and 1906 for comparison, as follows:

1896	1906
Pork, 4 1/2 to 5c lb	8 to 9c.
Beef, hindquarters, 4 1/2 cents a pound	8c
Lamb, 5 to 7c lb	8 to 12c.
Butter, 20c lb	30 cents
Eggs, 14 to 16c doz	30 to 35c.
Potatoes, 40c bag	85c to \$1.00
Chickens, 9c lb	12 to 14c
Turkeys, 9 to 12c. lb	16 to 18c

Average increase, 76 per cent. The Toronto Globe, however, by comparison of the market quotations, for the two years, places the average increase at 37 1/2 per cent.

CURRENT COMMENT

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been fixed for Thursday, October 31.

It is stated that the federal government will rebuild the Quebec bridge as part of the Transcontinental railway system.

Mr. Hazen, at the recent Tory convention in this city failed to tell of his mighty efforts to ruin the expensive sewerage system of Fredericton.

The Carleton Sentinel publishes a rumor that Mr. Hazen, discouraged by the outlook for himself and his party in the provincial arena, will seek to re-enter the Dominion Parliament, supplanting Mr. Wilmut, as the Tory candidate in Sunbury-Queens.

Those who control the moving picture show in this city should exercise great caution in the scenes they display. The majority of their audiences are composed of children, and anything tending towards or suggesting immorality should find no place in the programme.

If the local government were looking around for a good reason for not holding the general election this year they might find it in the fact that the new voters' list will come into force January 1st. This will give the franchise to thousands of young men throughout the province, and if the Opposition are anxious for a contest before the end of the present year, doubtless it is because they are afraid of the new voters, who can have little sympathy with Toryism.

KIPLING IN CANADA.

Will go Through to the Coast on a Pleasure Trip.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28—Rudyard Kipling, the distinguished novelist and poet, who has not visited this country since immortalizing Canada as Our Lady of the Snows, arrived here yesterday. He is here on a purely pleasure trip, with no ulterior literary designs so far as the Dominion is concerned. His trip, by the Empress of Ireland, is to be supplemented by a trip to the Pacific coast but as to when he will start he has not yet made up his mind.

There was no body to meet him and in the scramble and greetings of friends the dark little man in the brown tweed suit seemed for the moment, to have been overlooked in the crowd, but a deputation of newspaper men spotted him instantly, and offered him a cordial welcome to the city. Mr. Kipling's face lit up with pleasure in a moment, and his bright blue grey eyes twinkled merrily through his glasses as he exchanged greetings. He never was a man who cared to be interviewed, and he intimated as much to the boys, but he was not at all verse to a little chat as to the objects of his visit to this country.

TERRIBLY INJURED.

Amherst Workman Suffers Awful Damage in a Factory.

AMHERST, N. S., Sept. 28.—Havelock Langille, an employee of the Rhodes, Curry Co., met with a serious accident while at work yesterday afternoon, piling steel billets. The bars, which weigh about 150 pounds each, were in three piles and while working on one, another fell over, one of the bars striking him across the face and knocking him down, breaking and cutting the base of the nose and inflicting severe scalp wounds. The balance of the pile fell across his legs, breaking both bones of both legs below the knees, his right hand was badly cut and his left one considerably bruised. He was taken to the superintendent's office and immediately removed in the ambulance to Highland View Hospital. Although suffering severely from his terrible wounds, he is doing well and unless complications set in his recovery is probable. Langille belongs to River John, Pictou County, N. S.

How can I prevent the flies getting into my sugar basin? wrote a "Constant Reader" to a journal. "Fill the sugar basin with salt, was the laconic reply.

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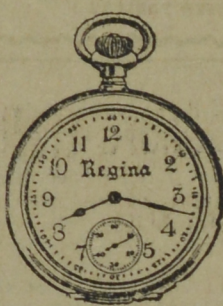
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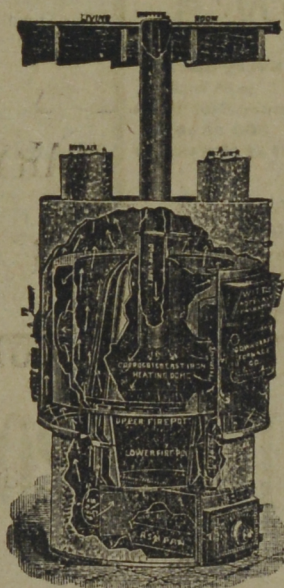
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