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THE YORK CONTEST

No one man in this constituency is authorized or delegated to say that the total election in this constituency shall or shall not be run on federal party lines, and it is presumed that when Mr. W. S. Hooper permitted himself to be interviewed on the subject by the local Tory organ he was speaking only for himself. Of course, like every other man, Mr. Hooper is entitled to his own opinion, but it will not be regarded as binding on the political party with which he is connected.

The call for a convention to nominate candidates to run in the government interests in this constituency, which will be issued in due time by those who are authorized for that duty, will probably be made in such a way that all supporters of the government administration will feel welcome at that gathering, but there is not much probability that the convention will nominate any candidate who is unfriendly to the federal government. The Opposition ticket in York is a straight Conservative one, and all Mr. Hazen's candidates throughout the province belong to that party. If federal issues are thus forced into the campaign Mr. Hazen has himself to blame, and will have to abide by the consequences.

He cannot nominate Conservative tickets everywhere and expect Liberal support to drive a Liberal government from power in Fredericton.

Mr. Hazen knows that with a solid Liberal party lined up against him in New Brunswick, he will not be able to secure any larger support in the new legislature than he had in the old, and his attempt to deceive Liberals by selecting only Conservative candidates, while he goes about the country pleading for Liberal votes, will not prove the success he anticipates.

Only a few weeks ago at the Liberal convention in this city, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, leader of the Liberal party in this province, and Premier Robinson declared that they would fight side by side in the local and federal arenas for the success of the Liberal party and their attitude will in all probability carry more weight in the party than the individual opinion of any private member of it.

THAT SETTLEMENT

Every ratepayer is interested in the alleged overpayment of the sewerage contractors and surprised and pained at the irregular way in which the city's cheque was issued to the Hyde & Webster Co. The council, as a body was not consulted in the settlement, which seems to have been made by the mayor and chairman. The matter is one that calls for a rigid investigation, and it is to be hoped that at the next meeting of the council some alderman will meet the public demand by moving for enquiry to fix the blame on the proper parties.

The city auditor has laid some of the facts very fully before the public, but there were some phases of the negotiations which were kept from him, and these may be laid bare by fuller investigation of the facts.

The inference seems irresistible that the contractors were overpaid, and the city is not so overburdened with funds that it can afford to throw away quite a large sum of money even at the instance of the mayor, who apparently was in a great rush to effect a settlement with the contractors—in such a rush, indeed, that the terms were not referred to the council, nor was the cheque issued in the usual way.

No account for which the city is responsible should be paid without first having been passed by the auditor and authorized by the council, but in the sewerage pipe matter these conditions were not observed, as appears from the auditor's statement.

CURRENT COMMENT

Mr. Pinder will now proceed to traverse York county advocating "honest government," winking entirely out of sight the famous Bear Island bar incident.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, paid an official visit to Collingwood, Ontario, Friday, and was given a very cordial reception, being banquetted by the Board of Trade.

Hon. James Barnes has retired from the local government, and will not be a candidate for re-election to the legislature. He has been appointed head of the new bureau of colonization and industries, and for the present will have his office in connection with the crown land department.

When a session before an election seemed probable, Mr. Hazen and his friends declared that the government was afraid to meet the people, but now that the legislature has been dissolved and the election called on, the same gentlemen allege that the government dare not meet the House. A very sudden change of tune.

Within the past month federal bye-elections have been held in six constituencies, Centre York, Ottawa, and South Huron, Ontario, and Nicolet, Labelle, and Stanstead, Quebec, and all these seats were carried by the Liberals, one of them South Huron, being redeemed from the Conservatives. Not much sign of reaction against the government is there?

Mr. O. S. Crockett has been airing himself in parliament, assisting to obstruct its business, in the opposition effort for permission to nose around the public departments for documents, and in his bumptious twaddle complained that the Liberals had not kept their pledges. How has Mr. Crockett kept his. Only a few years ago he figured as a Liberal, but when the late Mr. Blair took office at Ottawa, he promptly forsook his alleged Liberal principles, and fled to the Tory camp. Funny little man Mr. Crockett is to talk about other people not keeping their political pledges or principles.

MARYSVILLE NEWS

Jan. 25—The principal topic of conversation on the street, in the mill, in the stores, in fact every where nowadays is civic politics and hockey.

The time is drawing near for election day and excitement is growing. Never before has so much interest been taken. The contest for mayor promises to be very close with both Mr. Hatt and Mr. Gibson. Their friends are working hard in their support. Next Monday will be a day in Marysville long to be remembered, as never before in her history has so much interest been taken in civic matters as at the present time.

Next week there is to be of course three polling places, one in each ward as the councillors and assessors are elected by the ward system while the whole town votes for the mayor. The past two or three weeks has been very busy ones for the town treasurer as the taxes have been coming in very fast, therefore quite a large vote will be polled. Those who claim to know say that the contest between the candidates for Mayor will be a keen one. There is to be no opposition to Mr. W. T. Day in Ward 2 for assessor.

On the same night of elections the St. John and Marysville Hockey teams play a league game in the Marysville rink. The game promises to be fast from start to finish. The showing these teams made at St. John a short time ago should be the means for drawing a large crowd on Monday night.

As usual, Marysville is in line with all progressive towns at present. They have a first class ladies' hockey team known as the "Stars" who are willing to meet any girls' team in existence. The line up is as follows: Goal—Bessie Barker. Point—Annie Long. Cover Point—Annie Perry. Rover—Marion Lind. Centre—Winnie Robinson. Right Wing—Mabel Robinson. Left wing—Alice Hanson. Spare player—Bessie Titus.

A game between girl teams would be very interesting and it is hoped arrangements can be made to bring an outside team to Marysville to cross sticks with the fair "Stars" who are sure to shine.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The Kings College Hockey team will play the U. N. B. boys at the Arctic rink on Tuesday evening, and the game promises to be an interesting one.

The St. John Marathons will play their second league match with the Crescents at the Marysville rink on Monday evening.

What promises to be the most exciting match in the league series will be played at the Arctic rink next Thursday evening between the Moncton Victorias and the Capitals. On Friday evening the Victorias play the Crescents at Marysville.

HYDE & WEBSTER'S CLAIM.

Ald. J. S. Scott says he does not propose to let himself be made a scape goat in the matter of Hyde & Webster's claim. He promised to have something to say on the subject at the next meeting of the council.

An automobile came rushing round the corner and the chauffeur saw in front of him a man with a gun on his shoulder and a sickly-looking dog at his side. The man jumped to one side in time, but the dog was killed. The chauffeur stepped down and contemplated his work.

"Is that your dog?" he asked.

"Yes," said the man.

"Will you be satisfied with twenty marks?"

"Yes."

A gold coin changed owners, and the driver again climbed into his carriage.

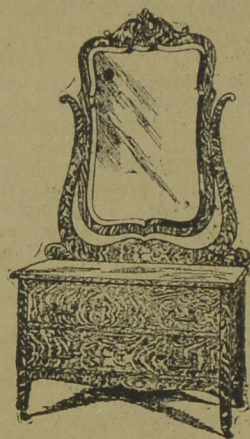
"I am very sorry I have spoiled your pleasure in hunting for today," he said as he got ready to start again.

"I wasn't going hunting," said the other.

"What, then, were you going to do with the dog and the gun?"

"I was just going over to the bush yonder to shoot the dog."—Frankfurter Zeitung.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: The failure of the Canada Temperance Act in cities and large towns has always been mainly due to the lack of public opinion to support it. Where the small majority of the voters who go to the polls claim the right to dictate to the minority what they shall eat or what they shall drink, the consequence must always be a reaction. Some men vote for the Canada Temperance Act because they think that it would be a good thing if it could be enforced, but their zeal does not last long and many of these people are to be found among those who are breaking the law and drink intoxicating liquor. It is certainly very undesirable that we should have a law on our Statute Book which cannot be enforced. There is hardly a town or village however small in New Brunswick, in which liquor is not now sold, although the majority of our counties are under the Canada Temperance Act. The people who seek to have this sort of thing changed by replacing it by a license law are in many cases just as sincere temperance men as those who are so strongly in favor of the Canada Temperance Act that they are ready to go to all lengths against those who are in favor of the License System.

JUSTICE.

The liquor license law provides that No person shall sell liquor unless licensed.

An inspector shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor who shall inspect all premises seeking a license. (Sec. 5 & 6.) And unless said inspector reports that the premises are satisfactory, and that he knows the applicant to be of good character and repute, a license shall not be granted to him (Sec. 11).

No liquor shall be sold on licensed premises from 10 at night until 6 each morning, and from 7 on Saturday night until 6 Monday morning. (Sec. 48) under a penalty of \$50 for first offence, \$100 for second offence and \$200 and forfeiture of license for third offence. If the sale is on Sunday between 6 in the morning and 12 at night the license is immediately forfeited upon any conviction. If a light is seen burning on the premises during prohibited hours, this shall be sufficient proof of a sale to warrant a conviction. If any person licensed to sell liquor permits drunkenness or disorderly conduct to take place on his premises, or supplies liquor to any drunken person or suffers persons of bad character to meet upon his premises, he is liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$50.

Any person holding a license who sells liquor to a person under 21 years of age, is liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$20.

Any person interested may apply to the police magistrate for an order forbidding the sale of liquor to any person who wastes his means or endangers the happiness of his family by drinking liquor, and any person then supplying to or procuring li-

quor for such drunkard shall be liable to a fine of from \$25 to \$50. (Sec. 109)

Any person may inform a policeman to investigate and prosecute. (Sec. 113).

(Sgd). A. B.

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