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CIVIC ELECTIONS AND SEWERAGE.

On Monday the citizens of Fredericton have a duty to perform — the election of representatives to sit in the city council during the coming year, and to express their opinion on the question of sewerage.

There must be general regret that there is not a wider and better field of candidates from which to choose aldermen, but this is the fault of the citizens themselves. Men of substance, intelligence and responsibility decline to assume their share in the civic government. The Herald does not say that all the candidates are unfitted for the positions they are seeking, but it is a lamentable fact that neither in numbers nor efficiency are the present candidates what might be expected in a city of the importance and intelligence of Fredericton. Let us hope that this matter will remedy itself in time, and that the personnel of the council may in the near future reach the standard of other days, when some of the best men in the city occupied the position of aldermen, and did not feel dishonored in taking up the responsibilities of membership at the board.

While the Herald has urged the necessity of a proper system of sewerage for this city, has proved beyond a doubt that for sanitary reasons such a work is a great necessity, and had some part in inducing the council to order a new plebiscite, we have not felt it expedient, in view of the possible constitution of the new council to put the matter very strongly before the citizens. The construction of a sewerage system can with advantage to the city be only undertaken by a council in which the people have absolute confidence, by men of business capacity, and perhaps there is excuse for electors who have hitherto supported sewerage to express a grave doubt whether under present conditions the work should be undertaken.

The Herald still believes strongly in the great need of sewerage, and while we share the feeling that the enterprise should not be entrusted to anything but a thoroughly representative and responsible council, we very sincerely regret that conditions have arisen that will reduce the Yea vote on the question, and probably imperil a cause that has, we believe, a large majority of the ratepayers of Fredericton in its favor. For this the citizens who desire sewerage are largely to blame. They include the representative, substantial class of citizens; they have in their ranks abundant material for aldermen, but they have not come forward when the city needs their assistance, and needs it badly.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Mr. King, the mover, and Dr. Raddick, the seconder, of the address in the legislature, acquitted themselves well and deserved the commendation extended to them by the opposition leader. Both gentlemen spoke with moderation and with an evident knowledge of the various matters contained in the speech from the throne. Mr. King, a lawyer by profession and with considerable experience in municipal affairs, speaks like an old timer, and without the nervousness often apparent in new members, and Dr. Raddick, although he has had less political experience, and has hitherto given his chief attention to the medical profession of which he is an honored and successful member, addressed the House with an ease and readiness that was very pleasing indeed.

Mr. Hazen, the opposition leader, was

critical, but his observations were framed in a mild form, and were not of such a serious nature as to place the government in an unfavorable light before the people of the province. The old cry that Premier Tweedie treated the St. John civic delegation in the royal reception with discourtesy, is one that has been threshed out before, and Mr. Hazen revealed nothing new. The general opinion is that the discourtesy was with the St. John gentlemen who, in spite of a well understood plan to which the mayor himself assented, endeavored to force a position for themselves in the depot when the royal party arrived, and were quite properly turned down by the premier. Premier Tweedie and Dr. Pogsley gave a clear and distinct explanation of the matter, and it is scarcely likely anybody will consider it expedient or politic to make further complaint.

Mr. Hazen passed to the various paragraphs of the address, but failed to make any important points against the government, although he had twenty-four hours in which to prepare his indictment.

Probably Premier Tweedie will make reply to Mr. Hazen on Monday, and he will find little difficulty in fully answering Mr. Hazen's criticisms.

The Moncton Transcript has made the discovery that ex-Governor McClellan's "patronage and financial assistance encouraged the movement which saved the Fredericton hospital from financial collapse at a critical period in its history." While it is true that Mr. McClellan made a very handsome contribution to the hospital fund, the citizens of Fredericton had an idea that the jubilee fund of some \$15,000 which they raised, had considerable to do with placing the hospital on a substantial financial basis. The contribution from Mr. McClellan was most gratefully received, but we doubt whether that gentleman takes to himself so much credit as the Transcript is disposed to award him.

When the prohibition referendum bill was being discussed in the Ontario legislature, Mr. Whitney, the leader of the Tory opposition, declared that prohibition in Ontario is impracticable, and the question should be dealt with by using the powers now possessed by the government, namely, by decreasing the number of licenses, by removing those charged with the administration of the law from political and party influence, by maintaining intact and allowing no relaxation of the restrictions, and by honestly enforcing the law. He opposed the referendum principle.

Mr. Bourassa, who unfortunately occupies a seat in parliament, where he takes frequent occasion to air his dislike of things British, was called down Friday by Premier Laurier and other gentlemen, who are growing tired of the ebullitions from the young man whose chief distinction is that he is the "grandson of Papineau." Mr. Bourassa is suffering from swelled head, and fortunately is absolutely without a following in parliament.

CLEVER NEW BRUNSWICKER.

Mr J. W. D. B. Farris, Son of the Commissioner of Agriculture Winning Laurels at Philadelphia.

Some weeks ago the Herald published a paragraph from a Philadelphia newspaper announcing that Mr. J. W. D. B. Farris, son of Hon. L. P. Farris, New Brunswick's popular Commissioner for Agriculture had been awarded a prize of \$75 in competition with his fellow students in the University of Pennsylvania for the place of leader in a debate to take place between the students of that institution and those of the University of Michigan. Mr. Farris' numerous friends in New Brunswick were glad to hear of his success in a field where he had to meet a large number of competitors, and they will also be glad to know that in the contest against the University of Michigan Mr. Farris and his two assistants won.

The debate took place last night at Philadelphia, and was on the subject of compulsory voting in elections. Mr. Farris and his men favored compulsory voting, and the young orators from Michigan argued the negative side, but were worsted in the debate by the brilliant young New Brunswicker and his aides, the judges, impartially chosen,

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Smoke "Gloria" best 5 cent cigarette in Canada.—Mar. 8, d7i.

F're Festival Chorus.

The plan of the Opera House for the Fredericton Festival Chorus Grand Concert to be given Wednesday, March 19th, will be opened at McMurray & Co.'s, book store, on Monday, March 10th, at 9 30 a. m.—d.

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March 6—d3iw.

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