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The city of St. John needs more men of the stamp of Mr. James Pender. He is a large employer of labor, and a manufacturer who has made St. John known as an industrial centre to business concerns in many parts of the world. At a time when less useful citizens were bemoaning the lack of large industries in St. John Mr. Pender was busy establishing one on a solid foundation, and setting the example for others. Much has been said and written about the importance of securing more factories for St. John, and great efforts have been made to induce investors to take stock in such enterprises. The success of Mr. Pender's business is always used as an illustration to prove that St. John is an admirable location for factories doing an export trade. Mr. Pender began in a comparatively small way, and extended his trade until the products of the Pender nail company are known and valued throughout Canada, and also in the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and other distant markets.

It is to men of the Pender stamp that a community owes its progress. The more factories there are, the greater the growth of prosperity. The man who applies sound business principles and builds up an industry and an export trade is a safe man to consult with regard to the industrial and commercial affairs of the whole country. He knows his subject. He is practical. He has had experience. His advice is worth having. He is interested in the general policy of the country because it affects those matters with which he is connected and concerning which he has personal knowledge. Whatever broadly affects the welfare of the people comes quickly to his knowledge, for his finger is on the commercial pulse of the country.

Mr. Pender has not sought political honors. As a manufacturer and exporter, as an employer of labor, as a member of the board of trade, interested in the development of this port, he has won his way to that point in his career where his fellow citizens, knowing the man and his work and worth, ask him to become their representative at Ottawa. They know that their interests will be safe in his hands, not only because his own business interests are bound up with those of the port, but because he will bring to the consideration of national affairs the trained mind and wide knowledge of an experienced and successful captain of industry.

The election of Mr. Pender is assured, and the only question is one of majority.

MR. POWELL'S REVENGE

To the dismay of the party leaders, Mr. H. A. Powell was the lion of the hour at the opposition meeting last night. He received more applause than the two candidates and Mr. Maxwell together received. To the ill-concealed horror of the uneasy group on the platform he talked more than twice as long as the time allotted to him, and was even then encouraged by the crowd to go on. Obviously, had Mr. Powell been called on first, the candidates would not have been heard at all.

With the adroitness of the legal mind Mr. Powell evaded the task of endorsing Dr. MacRae, although he paid a high compliment to Dr. Daniel. With equal adroitness he brought in a delicate allusion to the Orange Sentinel articles concerning himself and Dr. MacRae. As he proceeded the uneasiness in the group behind him on the platform became more pronounced. Dr. MacRae consulted with Mr. Mullin and Mr. Maxwell. The chairman's placid expression showed lines of . But when at last Mr. Powell got away from dangerous subjects and began to compare Dr. Pugsley and his friends with Algerine pirates, and to assert that Dr. Pugsley and his "gang" raided and rifled the treasury, a great joy suffused the anxious faces and it was felt that the crisis had passed.

Last night's meeting was not an encouraging one from the opposition standpoint. At no time were all the seats on the main floor filled, the balcony was half filled, and there was a mere handful in the gallery. While the hopeless partisans applauded with vigor at times, and while Mr. Powell's cleverly delivered sallies and humorous stories provoked some laughter and some cheers, there was no such enthusiasm as marks the meetings when the minister of public works and Mr. Pender address the citizens.

PHARASAICAL CAMPAIGN

The sole argument of the Conservative party in this campaign is that the government is corrupt and should be turned out. In season and out of season the assertion has been made, in the hope that by familiarizing the people with it they would eventually believe it and act accordingly. It is the trick of the advertiser, who seeks a striking phrase or picture to associate with his goods and by constantly keeping it before the public eye induce the people to purchase. When other means fail, when there is no great question of policy to divide parties, the "outs" invariably fall back upon the time-honored (or dishonored) expedient of crying:—"Stop, thief!"

The Conservative press has never been so reckless in its choice of terms to describe its opponents as in the present contest. This is the culmination of a deliberate policy, based on the theory that if you call a man a scoundrel long enough and hard enough the listeners will ultimately shake their heads and say there must be something bad in him.

But the country prospers, its credit was never more sound, its trade continues to expand year by year, it is building great public works, its population is increasing, and there is on every hand the evidence of healthy national growth. The men who are at the head of its affairs are as patriotic and as honest in their intentions as those who desire to take their places. The opposition demands to be installed in power on the plea: "I am holier than thou."

The best way for the average elector to decide the question for himself is to ask if in his own community the Liberals are all rascals and the Conservatives all high-minded citizens.

DR. PUGSLEY'S CRIME

There was a very hollow ring to the remarks of Dr. Daniel and Dr. MacRae last last evening when they addressed themselves to Dr. Pugsley and the winter port. If only they could have charged the government with neglect of the interests of the port, how the house would have rung with Conservative cheers. But unfortunately for them this could not be done. They could only assert that Dr. Pugsley is doing too much, that he is ordering dredging to be done without consent of parliament. It did not seem to occur to either of them that a representative so determined to stand up for the rights of his constituency is exactly what St. John requires—and what it never had under Conservative rule. In proof of the last statement, the reader is referred to the fierce speeches of Messrs. Maxwell and Hatheway in May, 1896, when they denounced the Conservative government for its attempt to sidetrack St. John. Both of these gentlemen were on the platform last evening, and either of them could have answered the candidate very effectively had they cared to do so.

If the head and front of Dr. Pugsley's offending is that he is trying to do more for St. John than his colleagues will permit, the citizens will not only condone the offence, but urge him to keep right on.

The ownership of the Telegraph and Times appears to be giving some concern to certain esteemed gentlemen and journals of the opposition. The ownership of these papers has nothing to do with the case. The statements they make are true, or untrue; the arguments they present are sound or unsound. The truth of the one or the soundness of the other is determined by the facts, and the readers are quite competent to judge in the matter. No prudent newspaper attempts to make up the people's mind for them. It may advocate a cause, but the strength of that advocacy is not conditioned upon ownership or any such consideration.

The cry of the opposition is that the Liberals are dishonest and the Conservative honest. Put it this way: Would you prefer to trust your private business affairs to Dr. Macrae rather than Dr. Pugsley, or to Dr. Daniel rather than Mr. Pender? That's the test.

Last evening was the fourth occasion on which Mr. Maxwell has delivered his tirade against Dr. Pugsley. The next will be the fifth time. He should vary the programme by giving now and then The Wreck of the Hesperus, or The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck.

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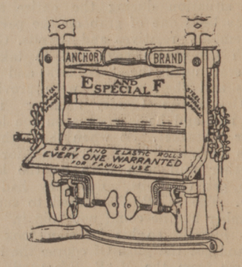
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THE FARMERS

It will be very difficult to persuade the farmers of Canada to desire a change of government. They are at present in a state of great prosperity, with good crops and good prices for the crops. Those things which they ask aid from government to provide are means of transportation, cold storage and wider markets. The policy of the present government is to give the required assistance, and also to so conduct the agricultural department that the latest word of science on the subject may be made the property of practical farmers everywhere.

Dr. Pugsley, at the recent exhibition here, laid special stress upon the factor of transportation, as that which will do the most to solve the farmer's problems. No man in Canada takes a more broad and comprehensive view of this than the minister of public works. It is one that vitally interests the port of St. John as well as the farming districts, and there is far more credit to the man who boldly approaches the problem with a desire and a determination to solve it than to him who carps and doubts and sneers, and seeks for petty flaws in the method that is proposed. None recognize more keenly than the farmers the importance of transportation, and their support will be given to the man and the party that has a comprehensive national policy in that regard. The farmers are interested in the return of the present government to power.

A SCOTTISH VIEW

The following testimony to the growing esteem in which Canada is held in Scotland as a field for Scottish emigrants is from the lips of T. Carlow Martin, LL.D., alumnus of Edinburgh university and medallist in economics; honorary doctor of laws, St. Andrew's, justice of peace for Dundee, and a member of the Scottish agricultural commission.

"Canada is taking the cream of our population, and though we may be jealous in a friendly manner, we now realize that we could not send our immigrants to a better country than Canada, nor place them in better hands than the Canadians. You are taking the cream of our population, and you will keep on drawing on us, so much so that I am afraid nearly all our best agriculturists will soon be gone from us. We cannot blame them, though, for this is a wonderful country. Country! why this is half a dozen countries rolled into one, each with a different climate, different variations of temperature, different soil, etc. Our trip was a moving panorama of never-ending interest. Of course our report will add to the general knowledge of Canada in Great Britain, but it is a mistake to think Canada is not well known in the Mother Country, for the Dominion of late has been much advertised in the British press."

THE HAUNTED RIVER

By shining creek and silent hill
The glittering water rounds the ridge;
It passes dripping water-mill,
Or arched and hoary bridge,
And hark! the plash of oars unseen
That sounds the curlews' calls between.

By sandy coves the river winds,
Marked with the print of sea-birds' feet,
And banks of golden moss it finds,
Where spray and pasture meet;
And lo! a boat with sail of brown,
Unsteered by mortal hand, floats down.

A light wind in the hedgerow stirs
The spindle-wood by the tide-lapped shores;
It sighs among the sombre firs
And stately sycamores,
And sways the apples' yellowing fruit
To music of a mystic flute.

From cottage gardens comes the scent
Of lilac and of mignonette,
But to the waiting air is lent
A fragrance sweeter yet;
And chiming of a silver bell
Rings upward from the fairy well.

From mountain stillness, mountain storm,
By flowery mead and homely cot,
It glides above the hidden form
Of buried Camelot,
And chants to the enraptured breeze
The glory of Arthurian seas.
—Millicent Wedmore, in Pall Mall Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HER SCORE.

"Ferdie, I met a woman to-day I hadn't seen for years."
"Did she know you?"
"Yes, she recognized me by this old hat."
Then the silence became oppressive.

NEARLY SAW IT.

Stella—"I suppose you have had many hairbreadth escapes?"
Kicker—"Yes; a woman's coiffure was all that kept me from seeing a play."

AS IT SOMETIMES DOES.

Simkens—"Well, the unexpected has happened."
Timkens—"What is it?"
Simkens—"Short paid that bill I have been expecting him to pay for ten years."

IT ALL DEPENDS.

Slowboy—"I'm going to try another tailor. Do you think yours would suit me?"
Wisem—"Yes, he'll suit you—if you pay for the suit in advance."

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

Together they were occupying a rustic seat on the lawn, he and she, and she, at least, seemed to be unconscious of the flight of time.
"How bright and shimmering the evening star appears to-night, George!" she said.
"Pardon me, my dear," replied George, "but that is the morning star!"

HER TRUE MEANING.

When a woman declares
She has nothing to wear,
What she really means is
She has nothing to air.

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

He was a collector for an installment house, new at the business and sensitive about performing an unpleasant duty. He was particularly embarrassed because the lady upon whom he had called to perform this unpleasant duty was so exceedingly polite. Still, the van was at the door, the lady was in arrears in her payments, and he remembered his duty.
"Good morning," said the lady. "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"
"Beautiful," he agreed.
"Won't you take a chair?" she said.
"Er—no, thank you, not this morning," he stammered. "I've come to take the piano!"

THE ASTUTE JAP.

This is the rebuff of a housekeeper who had rather a small stock of patience and went into her kitchen one day to direct the preparation of dinner. She found George, her Japanese cook, poring over a book.
"What are you reading?" she asked.
"Schopenhauer," George replied.
"Do you think you can understand such philosophy?" the mistress inquired.
"Yes, honorable madam. I understand it; I apply it. When you come to tell me how to cook, it is good to remember what the white man says about women. I read here, then I not mind what you say."

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