



The Evening Times.



THE WEATHER.
Light variable winds,
fair today and on Fri-
day, not much change
in temperature.

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TIDE IS RUNNING STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE LIBERALS SAY THE CITY WARD WORKERS

Enthusiasm is Shown in Every Quarter—Meetings Arranged for Next Week—Who Pinned the Ticket on the Moose?

If any pre-election evidence is needed to show that the voters of St. John will on Oct. 26 flock to the polls in support of Hon. William Pugsley and his associate, James Pender, it is to be found in a tour of the ward rooms. Even the most partisan Conservative concedes the election of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, and any betting that is being done is being done in his case is solely on the question of majority. At the party headquarters in all the wards, the workers are already well ahead with their work and are commencing to reckon the possible majorities. And among the old ward workers, who, by reason of long experience, can estimate the result in their wards with reasonable accuracy, it is the feeling that the election will see very large Liberal gains. In the West End, the usual Conservative stronghold, there is much dissatisfaction among Daniel and MacRae's ward workers. They realize they are fighting a battle that was half lost when Dr. MacRae was named as the Conservative candidate, and Dr. Daniel will not have sufficient strength to carry his partner through. Consequently, there is a decided lack of enthusiasm, and it is freely predicted that the much boasted Conservative majority in the West End will be reduced to zero. In the city proper there is no doubt of the result. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender will be the next members from St. John.

Down in front of Vanwart's grocery on Charlotte street is a large moose. Attached to the tail of the moose is a card telling its weight. An inscription on the card advises readers to turn it over, and on the reverse side is printed, "Vote for Daniel and MacRae." Conservative friends of these gentlemen have no objection to the card's appeal, but they do say that it is made in a very peculiar place. Several bets have already been made to the effect that Hon. Wm. Pugsley's majority in the city and country will run from 500 to 1,000 votes.

A number of big meetings in the interest of the Liberal candidates are being planned for next week. Hon. Charles MacRae and possibly Hon. W. S. Fielding will be among the speakers.

There will be a meeting in the Opera House on Tuesday evening and one in the north end on Wednesday evening. On Tuesday evening the Young Liberals Club are also planning for a "smoker." The workers in Prince ward will have a "smoker" in their rooms, McLean Building, Union street on Monday evening.

"CHOICE TOMATOES" JARRED ON OSSIE CROCKET'S NERVES

Innocent Questioner who Asked About Colchester Case Badly Rattled the Speaker at Marysville— Hon. R. W. Scott Denies an Absurd Story.

Fredericton, N.B., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—O. S. Crockett, Conservative candidate, and H. E. McLeod struck a genuine frost at Marysville last evening. Less than one hundred persons, men and women from Marysville, turned out to greet them and these, with about fifty persons who accompanied the speakers from this city, made up the audience.

In both attendance and enthusiasm, the meeting was in marked contrast to the big Liberal rally held in the same hall a few nights ago.

Mr. Crockett in his speech had a great deal to say about alleged Liberal corruption and got badly rattled when a man in the audience asked for information about "choice tomatoes."

An Absurd Story

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 8. (Special.)—Hon.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Batte, Mont., Oct. 8.—Two men were killed and one injured in a wreck of a Great Northern passenger train at Marius river, yesterday. The dead: William F. Ranselbeck, fireman; unknown engine wiper; Engineer Chas. McIntok was severely injured. The train while travelling at high speed struck a soft stretch of road bed, the engine rolling into the ditch, followed by baggage and smoker.

AMERICA'S LARGEST CITY IS CRAZY OVER BASEBALL TODAY

New York, Oct. 8.—New York is baseball crazy today. Elections, war rumors in the Balkans and everything else has been forgotten, no one talks of anything else but baseball and the probable outcome of this afternoon's game between the New York and Chicago. With the Chicago team speeding across the country as fast as steam would bring them, New Yorkers talked themselves hoarse last night and only stopped that they might rest their voices for the demands that will be made on them on the Polo grounds this afternoon.

The situation is a unique one in baseball history. Both the Cubs and Giants have finished the season with a percentage of .64, tied for the pennant that means so much to the winner of the National League. On the result of today's game hangs the success or failure of a season's hard work. It is a bombastic and fighting climax to a season of unparalleled thrills. Never before has the race been so close. Never has it been necessary to play off the tie of six months baseball in a single gigantic battle. That the game will be a struggle to the death is certain, for the town is in the grip of the greatest excitement, fringed with nervous prostration.

In past performances and general statistics, the pitchers look like "Christy" Mathewson and Mordcai Brown, he of the three fingers.

Mathewson has not pitched since he twirled against Philadelphia Saturday, however, he looks drawn and tired and it is still doubtful whether he will be in the box.

Mathewson has not beaten Brown in two years, having pitched in several close games where his luck broke bad. This superstitious influence may have its effect in the selection of the twirlers. No class on earth are such patrons of the God of Luck as ball players.

Then Chicago may use Reulbach, who has not had a run entered against him in

HON. MR. FIELDING SCORES BORDEN FOR HIS FOOLISH PROMISES IN THE WEST

Opposition Leader's Effort to Catch Votes in British Columbia by Sectional Promises Held up to Severe Criticism—Great Success of Mr. Fielding's Tour in Ontario.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the minister of finance and Hon. Mr. Graham at Athens today, and the meeting was one of the best of Mr. Fielding's tour. Mr. Fielding referred to Mr. Borden's pledge to British Columbia as follows:—"There is another matter to which public attention should be drawn, a matter in which the opposition leader has attempted to bribe a whole province by holding out expectations of large increase in their provincial subsidy. I refer to Mr. Borden's utterances in British Columbia. I think Mr. Borden miscalculated public opinion in British Columbia when he made that bid for votes. However, I don't believe the people of the province are worrying themselves over getting a larger sum to be expended by their provincial government.

Proceeding, he said there were other things of more importance to the province, in which the wishes of the people might reasonably be met. In many things British Columbia needed people whom they knew they could rely upon receiving generous aid from the Liberal government. It was none the less the duty of the people of the Dominion to condemn the attempt made by Mr. Borden to improperly influence the electors in that province by his subsidy proposals. Mr.

Borden would probably say he had never promised an increase in subsidy, but only the appointment of a commission of inquiry. At the same time Borden had friends, no doubt, who, with his authority, had discussed the matter in such a way as to give the people of British Columbia the impression that they should receive a larger grant.

Provincial representatives at the late conference, with a single exception, recognized the fairness of the Dominion government. It is well to remember that this was not done by the Liberals, but also by Conservatives, representatives of all provincial governments: among others, Sir James Whitney, Hon. Foy and Matheson.

"The conference," he said, "practically endorsed the proposals made years before at Quebec. The premier of British Columbia claimed his province was entitled to a larger sum, and asked that his claim be referred to a special commission of enquiry. It was most desirable, he said, that the question should be settled one way or another.

"The appointment of such a commission simply meant bringing up the subject anew, and postponing the payment of the additional grant. There was no more reason why such a commission should be granted in the case of British Colum-

INDEPENDENCE OF BULGARIA

Very Difficult Situation in Europe —Exciting Times Ahead for the Powers.

(Montreal Star.)

Bulgaria has declared her independence. This is an announcement which at any time would set the capitals of Europe buzzing. Bulgaria is the chosen home of our old friend, the Balkan War Cloud; and when the Balkans groan, Europe shivers. This announcement is especially menacing to-day when Turkey is just passing through a revolution, and the necessity is redoubled to know this news will be received in the Bosphorus. The old Turkey—the Turkey of the Sultan and the Turk-holders—would probably have promptly received overwhelming European backing in bringing the rebellious principality to terms. Europe would have only administrators Austria would have up set by troubles in the Balkans. Many an incipient conflagration there has the "street sprinkler" of the concert damped down, lest the bond-paying power of the sultan be interrupted.

But this young Turkey is an individual whom the world does not know very well, and it might be willing to see a fire start under its eyes with a view to quietly helping the "old king" to return. Then Austria's policy already has committed itself to a policy of dismemberment by striking for the actual annexation of the Turkish provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Turkey, the only administrator Austria would never do this without the backing of Germany; and the despatches give it also the countenance of Russia and Italy. This latter seems doubtful, however, for Russia would hardly act without consulting France, and Italy's support of any Austrian policy must always be against its interests. In the Balkans, Austria alone makes a formidable force in an inland quarter like the Turkish provinces.

Bulgaria is a small principality which has only been in its position of semi-independence since the Berlin Treaty of 1878. Her population is less than four millions, but she has an army which is estimated on its war footing at 250,000 men. This would only be a mouthful for the Turkish forces if the latter could be quickly mobilized, and if Europe kept its hands off. But the Turkish forces are notoriously difficult to get in motion. Turkey-in-Asia being nearly without railways, it is little chance that Turkey could sit quiet and see Bulgaria crushed with Turkish severity. The population is largely Greek Christian, and in close touch with the Mother Church in Russia.

The most serious phase of the whole affair is that these developments will probably lead to European intervention in the Balkans. Britain is practically committed to the support of the revolution, and it goes without saying that France will act with her Austria and Germany act against her. The Bulgarian question may thus be lost sight of in the larger one of Turkish control; and Austria—if the despatches are true—has already earmarked her price for aiding in the crippling of the new ruler of the Ottoman Empire. One thing to be remembered is that the Turkish army, fighting at home and on the defensive, will have to be seriously reckoned with, no matter who issues the attack. Russia found it hard enough to conquer thirty years ago, and the advance in the arts of war since that date have mul-

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Stocks were dull and easier today. Power went higher to 105 7/8 but Toledo dropped to 6 and Mexico was weak, selling from 73 1/2 yesterday to 70 1/2, one point off which is accounted for by a dividend one per cent today. Soa was off fractionally and Pacific lost a point to 175.

SHOT IN THE DARK.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—While riding on a Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad train last night, Garrett Kelly, a locomotive fireman, was killed almost instantly by a shot fired aimlessly in the dark. It is believed. Two men were seen as the train was passing 91st street, and one of the former fired several shots.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

"I was just thinking," said the gray-haired man, "of the good old days and how the freedom of the country went up and cast their ballots, and it makes me feel mournful to realize that we shall never see such times again."

"But you can cast your ballot now, can't you?" was asked.

"Yes, in a way, but there's no satisfaction in it. Forty years ago election day meant a holiday. No one thought of work on that day. You went to the polls early. You called me bars. You had fights. If you felt like voting more than once there was nobody to say anything about it. Say, do you know what I did in Chicago once during those good old days?"

"No."

"I felt mighty patriotic that day. It seemed as if America was calling upon me to save her. I felt that I was carrying the Goddess of Liberty on one shoulder and the American eagle on the other. I realized that the infernal opposition must be defeated at any cost, of blood or treasure, and I started in voting. How many ballots do you suppose I cast that day?"

"Four or five, perhaps."

"Man alive, there were 44 precincts in the city, then, and I voted in each and every one of them. Each time I gave a different name, and not once was there a question asked. Yes, sir, chucked in 44 ballots, licked seven men and then headed the torchlight procession in the evening and yelled myself so hoarse and pulled America out of the hole every election, and she is where she is today on account of us. One vote! Hump! Do you think a patriot like me is going to waste his time going to the polls to cast one vote?"

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HON. WM. PUGSLEY EXPRESSES HIS PLEASURE AT THE PROSPECT OF VICTORY IN CHARLOTTE CO.

Minister Returned Today From the Border—He Says Mr. Todd Will Surely be Elected—Meeting in St. Martins Tonight.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, arrived in the city in his private car, Ottawa, attached to the Boston train today.

The minister was highly gratified at the big picnic at Oak Bay, Charlotte county, at which he and W. F. Todd, the Liberal candidate, spoke yesterday afternoon. There were about 2,000 people in attendance, and everything went with a swing that augured well for Mr. Todd, who, Hon. Dr. Pugsley confidently predicts, will defeat Ganong. The picnic meeting last night was also a big success.

From all parts of the county the Liberal candidate is receiving promises of support, and on all sides he is being received in the most hearty manner possible.

The minister, accompanied by Hon. H. A. McKewen, P. P., and James Lowell, M. P., left for St. Martins, where they will speak tonight.

On Friday they will speak at the launching of a barge of the Bay Shore Lumber Company at Salmon River. Others going from here to the meetings were W. G. Scovill, J. D. P. Levin and T. P. Charleston.

TURKISH WARSHIPS SAIL FOR THE ISLAND OF SAMOS

Turkey Will Bitterly Oppose Cretan Project for Union With Greece—Situation in the Balkans is Still Causing Much Uneasiness.

Constantinople, Oct. 8.—The proclamation of the union of the Island of Crete with Greece may not be accepted by Turkey without retaliation. It is reported here today that the Turkish Government has ordered four of its warships which are at present at Smyrna to proceed to the Island of Samos. These vessels are the cruiser Mevlach and torpedo boats.

Belgrade, Serbia, Oct. 8.—The Serbian government in its proclamation protesting against the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expresses the hope that the powers will respond to the appeal addressed to them for protection and justice.

"This new and flagrant violation of the Berlin treaty," the proclamation declares, "has been effected unilaterally by force to satisfy selfish interests and without the grievous blow thus dealt to the feelings, interests and rights of the Serbian people. Serbia cannot in the present case obtain full satisfaction other than by the complete restoration of the situation with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina as established by the treaty of Berlin. If this solution is regarded as absolutely necessary the Serbian government appealing to the sense of equity of the powers demands corresponding compensation for Serbia. The guarantee is indispensable to her existence as an independent state must be maintained and the general condition of existence assured Serbia by the treaty of Berlin must, at least, in a measure, be questioned."

Cettigne, Montenegro, Oct. 8.—A number of citizens' meetings were held here today to protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. The people called on the government to force the past and invite Serbia to act in brotherly harmony with Montenegro for the protection of the interests of all Serbians.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The German foreign office, taking cognizance of the efforts of London and Paris to make it appear that the German government was in some way responsible for the Bulgarian declaration of independence and the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary, today repudiated the assertions in their entirety. The Associated Press was informed that the Balkan situation is, on the contrary, highly unsatisfactory to Germany.

Budapest, Oct. 8.—Emperor Francis Joseph today welcomed in this city the

FOURTEEN DEAD IN RICHFORD TRAGEDY

Ruins of the C.P.R. Grain Elevator Which Exploded Yesterday Fell This Morning.

Richford, Vt., Oct. 8.—The ruins of the grain elevator which exploded and burned yesterday, causing the death of more than a dozen employees, were burning too fiercely at dawn today to permit a start being made in the search for the bodies of the victims, but a careful canvass among those who escaped indicated that the death list had been increased to fourteen. As Elmer Drazar, a fireman, could not be found. Early today the residence of E. D. Grice, close to the ruins, caught fire and was destroyed, bringing the total loss from the elevator fire to about \$125,000.

The walls of the elevator did not fall last night, but this morning's breeze shook the charred timbers and just before daylight they tumbled over with a thundering crash. No one was injured, however, and all that could be done was to let it burn itself out.

Firemen crews arrived during the day to clear the tracks near the scene, but little progress could be made because of the continued burning of the grain.

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