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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Another issue of this paper reaches our many subscribers. The joyous anniversary of Christmas will have come again, bringing with it happy family reunions and the simple pleasures incident to the interchange of presents between friends and loved ones. It is The Post's earnest wish that every household in the country may have the true spirit of Christmas enshrined in their midst, and that they will have cause to look back upon the anniversary of 1907 as the happiest in their recollection.

Apart from the question of family joys, we in Canada have many reasons for gratitude and thanksgiving to the Almighty ruler of all things. The Dominion has been spared all serious afflictions, such as plagues, earthquakes, great mining disasters, cholera, etc., and has prospered in every part. Never was there a time when a Canadian could take more honest pride in being a citizen of this favored land, and never did the future hold out a fairer promise of great things in store for us, as measured by the wealth and position of nations.

It behooves us to remember that prosperity is often the alluring influence that seduces nations from the path of righteousness and leaves them broken and the prey of others. Let us not forget in our well-doing the great Author of all good, that He may not turn His countenance from us.

A merry Christmas to all!

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

The Conservatives are presumed to be holding a convention on the 10th of this month to nominate a candidate, as we understand, for the Dominion election. We only hope they will select a good man that will be an honor and a credit to the party and to the constituency, should he happen to be elected. The Conservative party in this constituency have many men who would make worthy candidates and creditable representatives, if elected. We would think that if a convention were called freely, and the delegates were not pre-arranged and ticketed, expenses paid, etc., as in former conventions, some one of these many capable men would receive a nomination.

Apropos of the convention, however, we have been furnished with a circular letter from Col. Hughes, enclosing his photograph, as usual, including the usual smile. He seems to think that there is danger of the party not nominating him. The circular, in the main, is as follows:

"Within past months it has frequently been asked of me, 'Is it your intention to retire from parliament at the close of the coming session?' My reply has invariably been, 'Not if the boys wish me to remain.' Upon inquiry why the question was asked of the invariable answer was, 'Oh so-and-so (naming some local agitator) reported you were going to retire.'

"The whole Grit scheme was recently explained by a prominent Liberal, a personal friend. The Liberals felt they could not carry the riding on a straight contest, so their plan was to stir up strife among the Conservatives. To accomplish this they approached any and every Conservative, showed him his own strong qualities after stating the rumor that Hughes was retiring; appealed to his ambition; promised him their support, aye, even an acclamation in case he should secure the Conservative nomination; and encouraged him as a last resort to run as an independent and they would surely elect him.

"It was the old grist game so often tried in many a riding. Those agitators, it seems, have had great enjoyment, until recent weeks, in boasting among their friends how easily they were working up the Tories. But they are now downcast. Their conspiracy has utterly failed. From end to end of the riding every loyal Conservative has scorned their advances as insults

leading to treasonable action. So come out in the open and proclaim that the Grit candidate has claimed himself in the field."

If, as he says, many people are asking him if he is going to retire, the only explanation we can give to it is, "that the wish is father to the thought," and we cannot wonder at that. We would be lacking in proper respect for our good Conservative friends if we did not credit them with that desire. The impression is conveyed by the letter that the Grit "ringers" have some wonderful conspiracy on foot. He usually calls them "healers," that is, in print. When he speaks about the Grits and Conservatives who oppose him, on the street, the term that he uses is much more expressive.

He has great views about things, anyway. All the good things that are done, are done by him alone; the only good thing that anybody else ever did in this county, according to him, was to vote for him. On the other hand, all the bad things, according to him, are done by the Grit "healers" or "ringers," and especially by some person, whom he calls the "Grit candidate." Who he is we do not know. Anyway, in the mind of Sam Hughes he is possessed of some wonderful power, and is always carrying on some deep-laid scheme and engaged in some wonderful conspiracy. "They have approached," he says, "any and all Conservatives." Perhaps some of these Conservatives will confess to the fact at the approaching convention. Isn't this, however, another one of the statements continually made by this man that has not an atom of truth in it, simply got up for the purpose of hoodwinking the people who are simple enough to follow him, and, if possible, to raise enough partisanship to secure himself a nomination over some other candidate or candidates who are too honorable to adopt such a course.

Sam Hughes always puts us in mind of that fable of Aesop's about "the Ass in the Lion's skin." An ass dresses himself in the skin of a lion and succeeded in making all the animals of the woods think that he is a lion, and respect him accordingly. He becomes excited, however, and commenced to brag, when immediately all the animals know who he is. Just so with Sam Hughes—he might be taken for a lion by his photograph, or by the way he struts up and down the street; the skin is there, as it were, but the moment he commences to talk or write letters, there is no longer any doubt in the mind of anyone as to what he is.

THAT ONE KICKER.

A report reaches us that the Watchman has, through a little indiscretion, killed the goose that has been laying the golden egg in their office the last few weeks. We must confess that we have been jealous of our cotem in its prosperity, as tons of printing matter have been turned out by their presses for circulation throughout the county in the interest of our friend Col. Hughes. The following communication—no doubt written by one of those "kickers"—was the source of the trouble, and when the Colonel demanded the name of the writer, the editor had the nerve to withhold it. No doubt the editor did it in the interest of humanity, as the Colonel would surely slay the writer on sight and on the spot of the only kicker in the party. Naturally Col. Hughes was indignant, and promptly demanding his oil, closed his account with the Watchman-Warrior.

We feel for Col. Hughes in this matter, as we know he is consumed with anxiety as to the result of the nomination, for if he loses it he loses his job with his employers. He is more entitled to it than the Colonel, who has visited every part of the north riding with his magic lantern and gramophones, giving shows and using methods used by the professional politician? He should have the convention corralled beyond a question. Brace up, Col., you've got that kicker on the run already.

We wish to come forward at this juncture and offer to Col. Hughes the use of our printing plant, of course at no cost per, and also the use of the joke column of The Post at the usual rate. We only stipulate that our friend confine himself to parliamentary language, and not use anything stronger than "the now men and women of North Victoria" or "an old quack of ours," and we must ask him to eliminate from his article that "sea of —" — the only kicker," the expression he so frequently uses on the streets.

The article that caused the explosion is as follows:

RE THE CHOOSING OF A CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

To the Editor of the Watchman-Warrior:

Sir,—In days gone by when a convention was called by the Conservative party for the selection of a candidate, the individual delegates who made up that convention were elected in their own neighborhood by their own neighbors, because of some fitness for the position; that is, they were of some influence, had brains, and could think for themselves.

These men having been selected, were left to talk matters over among themselves, concerning the welfare of the party, to exercise their own judgment and form their own conclusions.

When they came to the convention they had convictions of their own, and were able and willing to express them. It was not supposed for a moment that they could be led in these matters.

But it seems that all this is out of date. Those days are past. That was an old fogey system—when each member counted one and had the privilege of expressing his opinion.

When a convention is called now, the modern way is for the most energetic man in the party who wants to be selected at this convention to prosecute a vigorous campaign. The first thing is to see that the chairman of the various polling divisions are all right, and then to have them see that the delegates chosen in their division are all right. That having been accomplished a great step is gained against all comers.

But to make things positively certain and keep the delegates in line, more must be done. Public meetings are called; a great noise is made; large bills are printed, and the convention draws nearer the dinner grows louder; brass bands and gramophones are requisitioned, ministers and ex-ministers are called, etc.

Mr. Editor, a convention that follows such a procedure is the veriest of burlesques.

Is it possible that any man can, by careering through a constituency, like a wild horse let loose, keep the attention of the delegates so fixed upon himself that they are made blind to all other considerations as to the welfare of the party?

Are the delegates to be satisfied with wind and noise as the only qualifications in a candidate to represent them at Ottawa? A LOOKER-ON.

OMEMEE.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The sleighing is just fine, and parties are very busy, preparing for Christmas.

The programme of music for the Christmas services are going to be very attractive in the various churches.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch preached a ten-minute sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, and Rev. Mr. Peckover preached at 3 p.m. in the Presbyterian church. Both the discourses were strongly aimed against the bar, and hoped the bars would all be wiped out and not trap our young men.

Look out for the New Year's concert. Best comic vocalist and best secular talent.

The cause of the fire remains a mystery, and the only supposition is from spontaneous combustion in the rear of D. Stinson's. Coal oil and gasoline were kept adjoining Mrs. Morris. When the coal oil barrels exploded it sent a poisonous gas through the Morris' building.

We have seen H. J. Patterson around smiling among the West Ops friends who come here. R. J. has proven himself a competent and able official in any position entrusted to him in church or municipal affairs in the past.

L. O. L. provides a grand entertainment, secured at large expense Toronto performers, including Eva Culbert, the Scotch dancer, Pigott Parker and Rich accompanist, have been secured. The hall has been renovated and made very comfortable and safe since coming under the care of Thos. Ivory, the present proprietor.

The Collegiate Institute Report

Standing of Pupils at the Weekly Examinations.

FORM I.

Bookkeeping—M. Carroll 35, L. Brian 95, L. Fallis 92, A. Hughes 89, F. Gillis 87, N. Thurston 85, H. Guiry 85, A. Sproule 82, J. McCulloch 82, S. Flavell 82, N. Marsh 82, G. Thompson 79, L. King 77, Fred Bridel 77, H. Naylor 74, C. B. Cinnamon 73, E. Parkes 73, C. Primeau 72, R. Thurston 72, N. Edward 71, Wm. Robertson 65, M. Wray 63, Frank Bridel 59, N. Armstrong 58, T. O'Riagly 58, W. Anderson 57, B. Morson 55, G. Carroll 55, G. Carew 52, V. McIntyre 51, S. Paton 51, W. McMahon 51, Roy Shields 50, I. Parkin 50, V. Mercer 50, Ed. McNabb 50, H. Jackson 49, N. Campbell 48, O. Varcoe 47, K. Lawrence 45, H. Mercer 41, L. Yarnold 40, S. Fee 36, O. Mark 35, P. Sheridan 30, M. Parkin 27, V. Gillogly 25, E. Henderson 13, D. Spratt 12. Absent—C. Johnston, C. Walker, M. Berg.

COMMERCIAL FORM—SENIORS.

Commercial Geography.—L. Armstrong 89, A. Preston 83, R. Z. Broad 76, I. Richardson 75, J. G. Jobbitt 74, W. Gray 65, H. N. Moynes 57, H. A. Thurston 51, H. Duck 45, F. Hutton 15.

FORM IV.

Latin Composition.—G. Knowlson 83, W. Phelps 80, K. Touchman 61, B. Kingsley 59, N. Allin 58.

FORM IIIA.

Chemistry.—H. Philip 100, O. James 97, M. Fallis 85, G. Mitchell 80, L. Roy 78, E. McRae 78, E. McEachern 73, P. Spratt 77, A. Patton 74, H. Flavell 70, W. Fallis 70, R. Wilson 70, E. Graham 65, R. Perrin 65, L. Rogers 60, J. F. Murphy 55, R. Hardy 52, R. Fallis 51, L. Wood 50, M. Knowlson 49, F. Jackson 47, W. K. Anderson 45, M. Tolmie 45, M. Mark 43, M. Gibson 41, M. Brokenshire 40, W. Knowlson 40, M. Weoster 22.

COMMERCIAL FORM—JUNIORS.

Arithmetic.—J. Kenny 88, H. Hungerford 83, E. Abbott 78, M. Varcoe 38, L. Brown 61, G. Lamont 59, G. Wilkinson 59, A. Brimmell 56, G. Evans 52, L. Warner 51, W. Mich Carly 50, W. T. Moynes 47, R. Wedon 42, H. J. Coad 41, W. McMillen 37, F. Bagshaw 34, R. Ackert 30, W. Thurston 30, V. Laidley 29, H. Coad 27, M. Sanderson 27, A. Hogwood 27, M. Ingram 25, R. Rich, 18, G. Koyl 15.

FORM IIIB.

Geometry.—W. Fallis 85, W. Knowlson 80, W. K. Anderson 77, H. McLaughlin 75, O. O'Neill 74, H. Phelps 73, G. Mitchell 72, J. F. Murphy 70, V. Bailey 59, E. McEachern 50, A. Jackson 50, F. McRae 50, L. Rogers 50, M. Fallis 50, H. Wilson 51, E. Spratt 50, R. Hardy 49, M. Gibson 48, P. Perrin 46, H. Flavell 45, G. Koyl 43, J. Bishop 42, M. Tolmie 41, M. Knowlson 39, M. Mark 39, R. G. A. Linton 39, R. Graham 36, M. Brokenshire 29, H. Anderson 18. Absent—D. Puffer, K. Miller, T. O'Loughlin, M. Webster, R. Fallis.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Bryan was recently presented by a New York admirer, with an Elgin watch, which sells in the United States for \$10.58 and which the Bryan admirer bought in England for \$7.98. It bears an inscription setting forth these figures and pointing out that the high tariff of the United States enables the Elgin Watch Company to levy a toll of \$2.60 on each watch sold to a buyer in the home market. That watch should be useful to Mr. Bryan as a tariff object lesson, illustrating how "the foreigner pays the tax."

Lucky.
(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

Man wants but little here below. And lucky 'tis 'tis so. For woman wants most everything When Christmas comes, you know.

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Carpets	Carpet Squares	Curtains
Table Covers	Couch Covers	Grills
Cloaks	Suits	Skirts
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Wishing all our Friends a Merry Christmas.

This Store will be Closed all day Wednesday, Dec. 25th

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