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THE NEW CABINET AND THE FARMERS' SUN.

Elections and politics always have been and always must be matters of opinion. When the Drury Government was defeated on the 25th of last month, many farmer candidate supporters predicted that the whole country was going to the demnition bow-wows and that the Ontario Temperance Act was a gone gosling. One enthusiastic supporter of Dr. Leeson is reported to have been so disgusted with the result, and so anxious for the welfare of Ontario from a temperance point of view that he predicted an immediate return to the open bar. In fact he is reported to have stated that the Conservative victory was a victory for the "wets," and that as far as he was concerned, if that was what the people wanted, he would give them lots of it-he would from now on vote "wet" every chance he got and let the world go hang. Another instance has been brought to our notice of a woman this time, who regarded the Ferguson victory from its darkest angle and predicted "rivers of liquor flowing down the streets and drunken men on every doorstep." There is no use trying to suggest that these people were not sincere, but we think everyone will admit that they were at least excited, and possibly do not now hold the night before, that is to say, the morning of the 26th of than that of the Hon. G. H. Ferguson, chosen ast week. June. Possibly the opinion of The Farmers' Sun will calm their fears. It says editorially:

With only one member beside himself able to boast of administrative experience, Premierelect Ferguson's Cabinet will have to demonstrate its fitness or unfitness before the public will be able to pass judgment upon it. It is apparent, however, that Mr. Ferguson has avoided some of the pitfalls that were in his path. It was somewhat generally believed that he would not be able to resist the claims of men like Colonel Currie and of the "wet' element in his following. But in the list, as published, shows that the gentleman from Southeast Toronto has been left out in the cold. In fact, the Cabinet contains only one member who can be fairly labelled an opponent of the O. T. A. In that respect, its personnel may not be pleasing to the army of "wet" voters who flocked to the Conservative standard believing Mr. Ferguson was their main hope, but the Province at large will breath a sign of relief. The Premier-elect has also shown unexpected independence in resisting Tory Toronto domination in making his selections. Apart from the inclusion of Hon Thomas Crawford as Minister without Portfolio, which is more or less an honorary post, with little authority or responsibility, there is only one Toronto member in the Cabinet. The Yorks, of course, have two, but the rest o the Province seems to have been fairly dealt wih.

The choice of W. F. Nickle, K.C., as Attorney General is one reassuring feature. The post is an all-important one, and under a politician interested mainly in preserving party fortunes there would very soon have been ample reason for charging that Mr. Ferguson was rendering thanks to the "wets" by indifferent enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. Mr. Nickle is not the type to play that sort of game. He has always had remarkably little concern for the fortunes of the Tory party and a strong sense of duty is one of his dominant characteristics. Whether Tory "wets" like it or not, the O. T. A. will be enforced so long as it remains on the statute books, and the excellent measures of enforcement inaugurated by Hon. Mr. Raney are not likely to be modified in important particulars.

This, coming from the official organ of the U.F.O., should set any fears at rest regarding the personnel of the new Cabinet, or the ability of the Tories to administer for the welfare of the Province. Talk such as was indulged in during the pre-election days, was foolish, and the statement that the Tories and the liquor interests were in league to defeat the U. F. O. was, in our mind, the most foolish of all. The U. F. O. Government itself went in over the Hearst Government on the combined liquor and temperance vote, and so far as we ever heard, no one accused the Farmers' party of being in league with the "wets."

As a further evidence of the solidity of the Cabinet, we quote the following from The Globe of Monday of this week:

The office of Attorney-General, the most important portfolio in the Ferguson Ministry, the composition of which is announced, will be filled by Mr. W. F. Nickle of Kingston. It is understood that Mr. Nickle was somewhat reluctant to relinquish his private practice and take up residence in Toronto as the wheelhorse of the new Administration. He was offered the post of Attorney-General in Mr. Drury's Government before Mr. Raney took office, and it was largely the pull of home ties and associations in-Kingston that led him at that time to decline the overtures of the Farmers' Government.

There is still a kindly feeling for Mr. Nickle in the U. F. O. ranks, and The Farmers' Sun a few days ago took occasion to say: "W. F. Nickle is said to have his choice of the Attorney-Generalship or the Treasury portfolio. He would do excellently in either. The Kingston man is something more than a politician and has qualified himself for the Treasury post by his thorough study of Provincial finances during the past two years.'

The new Attorney-General may be trusted to keep what are known as "The Interests" in their place. He has been for many years an outspoken critic of the Mackenzie group. In 1914, while a member of the House of Commons, he opposed with the utmost vigor the granting of further aid to the Canadian Northern and urged that the Government of Sir Robert Borden take over the road and operate it as a public ownership enterprise. At that time Sir William Mackenzie was a power in the land politically. In various ways he made life miserable for the too independent member for Kingston. To a suggestion by Sir William that Mr. Nickle should "ge over to the Opposition," the member for Kingston replied in a speech that is still remembered in the House of Commons. He declared it better a thousand times that he should go out of public life than that Mackenzie and Mann should put their hands on his throat and make the public think a man dare not stand up and express his conviction in the House. "I would sooner go down to defeat in Kingston," he added, "if I am a candidate in the next election, than I would be in Mackenzie's shoes and so far forget the order to which I belonged as to adopt the tactics of the South African savage, and blow a poisoned dart into the back of an unsuspecting enemy."

After that speech, which contained much weighty argument as well as keen invective, Mr. Nickle was labelled "dangerous." To-day events have proved his judgment to be sound. The Canadian Northern is a part of the National Railway System, the Mackenzie interests are no longer a factor of importance in Canadian political life, and the "rebel" of 1914 is the Attorney-General of Ontario. "Wets" and "drys", rich and poor, the strong and the friendless-if Mr. Nickle's past record is an indication of the future-will obtain equal justice from the chief lay officer of the Crown

in Ontario. There are few surprises in the Cabinet. Messrs. Price as Provincial Treasurer, Henry Minister of Public Works, McCrea as Minister of Mines, and Dr. Godfrey as Minister of Labor and Health, take portfolios for which they have

shown aptitude. Mr. John S. Martin, the new Minister of Agriculture, has had no previous experience in the Legislature, but he has qualities that should enable him to make a great success of the work to which he has set his hand. He is a University graduate, he was a High School Principal for seven years, he is now perhaps the best known raiser of Wyandottes in North America. His fame as a pouitryman has spread far and wide, and poultry from his Port Dover farm have provided the nucleus for some of the most famous South American strains. Mr. Martin has the knowledge, the business training and the will to serve well the interests of agriculture in Ontario.

Of Mr. James Lyons of Sault Ste. Marie, the new Minister of Lands and Forests, little is known in political circles. He has been active in the business life and the municipal affairs of the Sault for a considerable time, but this is his first venture into Provincial politics. Mr. Goldie of Guelph becomes Provincial Secretary. Mr. Ferguson's Government will thus contain three members without Parliamentary experience, but this will be made up for by the debating strength of veterans fike Ferguson, Nickle, Price, McCrea and Godfrey.

There need be no fear. Ontario is safe, so far as the past year is going to attend Normal outfit and has converted several Conservative party is concerned. Like others, they after the holidays, but in the mean- piles of poles into firewood. make mistakes and arouse the ire of the Opposition, time is with other associates picking Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie and but we doubt if, in the history of the Province, this fruit in the fruit district. Province was ever represented by a stronger Cabinet same views that they did on the morning after the than that of the Hon. G. H. Ferguson chosen last week.

THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT'S NEW VENTURES

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Canadian printers have a new opposition in the Dominion Post Office Department Recently the information was sent out to Postmasters that the Department would supply manufacturers, or any others desiring them, with envelopes with the postage embossed on the corner at a price. The postmasters were instruct- friends here. ed to canvass any persons or firms they thought would take up the idea and send the orders in to the Depart- bour spent last week with Teeswater ment. Just what success they have had in their new friends. scheme we cannot say, but we do say that it is small potatoes on the part of the Government to allow any of their Departments to go out and solicit trade under the noses of those who pay the taxes and who are now taxed in every conceivable manner by both the Dominion and Provincial Governments. The Government allows any firm doing a large business in circular or catalogue work to use a stamp in the printing of their envelopes bearing the inscription "Postage Paid in Cash." This being the case, why could not the Government allow the same privilege to wholesale paper houses or envelope manufacturers, who could then supply their patrons with these envelopes in any quantity desired. Taxing an industry at every turn, and and evening services. See bills for then going out and soliciting trade under its nose does full particulars. not appeal to us as a very fair business proposition.

The latest stunt of the Department, however, is to vine service in the Presbyterian inform the postmasters of a new departure whereby Curch on Sunday evening speak the Department is having a series of slides made in highly of the address by Rev. Mr. which are depicted the various phases mail matter Smith. passes through while being handled by the Government. Postmasters are advised that it would be a good thing if they could manage to deliver addresses, illustrated by these slides, to the various Young People's Societies. churches and other local affairs, and also state that a booth on the fall fair grounds might be used to further

the interests of the Postal Department. Locally, we feel sorry for Postmaster Smith. In ad- with Mr. R. Cook of Ceylon to visit dition to meeting the night train around ten o'clock, kindred hereabouts, and then on to getting the mail out in the morning at 6.30, and at- Ceylon. He retains wonderful vigor. Wheat tending to his other multitudinous duties in he daytime, we presume that now he will have to arrange for a tour of this section of the Dominion served by Durham post office and deliver addresses at all the week that dressed 460 pounds. schools, churches, picnics and what-not. To bring to a close his Chautauqua campaign, he will be expected this week. The crop is a good averto wind up at the Durham Fall Fair and give a sort of age. miniature Johnny J. Jones Exposition and explain to the gaping and wondering mob the proper way to spit visited kindred in the neighborhood Potatoes, per bag...... on a postage stamp to make it stick, and the elite man- last week. ner in which it should be dropped into the hole in the wall up at the post office.

We have thought for a long time that the printers were about as big a set of fools along some lines as it would be possible to find, but will now have to confess that the Postal Department at Ottawa is running them a close second.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Glorious Twelfth.

Durham has moved to Holstein for to-day... in Toronto, going down with Ivan

"Patronage Records Are Shattered," said a newspaper heading the other day. Coming so soon after the election we thought the Tories were at it again. However, it was nothing alarming. It was just the "patronage" records" on the railways operating out of St. Thomas that were "shattered" over the holiday.

Hanover is famous at last. A former resident of that place was proclaimed winner at a whist tournament of the Toronto Whist Club.

There's one thing that can be said about the new styles in ladies' skirts. You can't see some of the legs the ladies haven't got.

"Cut the Weeds" should be the slogan at this ime of year. A weed cut now will kill a lot that will be here next spring.

CRISP COMMENT

Irene Castle seems to dance from one husband to another.-Buffalo Commercia!.

The accent in the fresh proposals of Germany is on the |fresh,"—Asheville Times.

That shop where they are making artificial lighting must be an aggregation of bolts and nuts.-New York Tribune.

We presume President Harding soon will be writing back "What so rare as a day in Juneau?"-Arkansas Gazette.

The Russian people are said to be inordinately fond of moving pictures. Now we know what is the matter with them .- New York Tribune. What will become of our young people? wails an

Ohio editor. We suppose they'll grow old and worry about the young people, too.—Florence Herald. Even thugh Henry Ford does not run for the Presidency, he is getting a whole lot of free advertising, the

value of which he understands,-Hamilton Herald. A Chicago business man died in a taxicab. If you have a weak heart, it doesn't do to watch the meter .-American Lumberman.

Fining the Rhenish city of Duisburg the enemy's regulations looks like a mere slap on the wrist .-Hamilton Spectator.

A Port Elgin minister, reports the Brantford Expositor, has left the ministry to become a rural mail courier. This is an exchange of poverty for destitution .- St. Catharines Standard.

Lets of people wouldn't mind just now if the sun were to go on strike.—Border Cities Star.

A lucky man is he who, after permitting his backyard garden to grow up in weeds, finds that the weeds make good "greens."-Kansas City City Star.

Persons wishing to buy German marks should hurry or they will get more than they hoped for .- Buffalo

That better homes and better roads program is good, but the better the roads the less time left to improve homes.-IndianapolisNews.

A well-known theatrical producer used to be a brick-layer, and he's beginning to wish he ws still in the sme trade.-New York Tribune.

Corner Concerns (Our own correspondent.)

Haying is now on, at least sweet clover and alfalfa cutting. The crop is a good one. Fall wheat is also good. In fact, prospects are good for all kinds of field crops.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grasby spent a few days last week visiting friends here before leaving to visit her sons, John and Thomas, of Brussels and Scarborough, respectively.

Mr. Calvert and two sisters of Kincardine spent over the 1st with Mr. Thomas Wilson and family.

on Sunday to learn of the sudden deaths of Mrs. Alex. Milne and Mr. Charles Smail. The latter was well day. known around the Corners.

this part at present. Messrs. Walter chie families. Ferguson, William Marshall, Thomas Tucker and your scribe are having garage and driving shed for Mr. Arthat kind of work done.

Miss Sarah McCallum, who taught

week-end with her grandmother, Orchard. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, at Holstein.

having and harvesting. with her little daughter, is visiting improvement in the general appearrelatives here for a time.

Mr. William Aljoé of St. Marys is holidaying for a week or two among Mesdames, Robert and James Bar-

Miss Ruby Matthews left last week | fever. to spend a few weeks in Niagara district picking fruit.

Born.—On June 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston one evening.

James Hargrave, a son. making necessary arrangements for ter, Mrs. Will Derby, Jr. what they hope will be a very successful anniversary on Sunday, July Margaret, visited recently with Mr. 22, and a garden party on the follow- Thomas McRonald. ing Monday in Mr. James Johnson's orchard. In all probability Rev. W. Grierson is well again after her re-H. Hartley may take both afternoon cent illness.

The Orangemen who attended di-

Traverston.

(Our own correspondent.) The weather will be unsettled till

after the Glorious Twelfth. Though in his 86th year, Mr. Joseph Cook of Maple Hill rode out

The animals supplied to the beefring are proving good ones thus far. Mr. Basil Davis supplied one last Quite a number begin hay-making

Mr. and Mrs. John Haley of Osprev Eggs

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cook and ne- Sheepskins phew. Murray, of Detroit, autoed over to the Cook homestead on Sunday, bringing Miss Jennie and Clifford back with them. Tom and Muriel are enjoying good times in the City of the Straits, but have a warm spot in their hearts for old Zion and

its people. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey and family of Toronto were visitors with Young Bros. of Townsend's Lake last week. Mr. Oren Peart is enjoying a week

Edwards on Sunday. Mrs. Robert Milburn and a number of others spent some busy hours in Zion cemetery lately, beautifying the family plots. There are still quite

a number in need of attention. Miss Edna Nichol has resigned her position in S.S. No. 5 and the Trustee Board are advertising for a -ue-

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hooper of Priceville vicinity, were guests at Mr. W. J. Greenwood's the first of the week.

Edge Hill. (Our own correspondent.)

Mr. Clarence Robinson and sister Alma attended a picnic at Pike Lake

on Thursday. Mrs. McCannel, Lambton street, is the guest of her niece, Miss McDon-

Mr. George Williams of Toronto spent a few days at his old home.

Mrs. J. G. Firth is in Toronto this

Mrs. Robert Renwick, Jr., of Dro-

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ORONTO

more, and Mrs. William Weir, Jr., visited their cousins, Mrs. W. J. Ritchie and Mrs. W. G. Firth.

Mrs. John A. Little of Dundalk is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Ector.

Mr. Ernest Greenwood enjoyed a motor trip to Port Elgin on Tuesday. Mr. Harry Williams is visiting friends in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. McPhail and family of Priceville were guests of the Mc-Donald family the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson and fa-

mily attended the anniversary services in connection with the Hamp-This neighborhood was shocked den Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Mrs. Gillies of Holstein was a guest of the Misses Edge on Thurs-

Mrs. George Firth of Grand Valley Re-shingling barns, is common in has been visiting the Firth and Rit-

Mr. Alex. Morton is erecting a thur Edge.

Mr. Ernest Greenwood is busy our school very successfully for the these days with his circular sawing

family visited on Wednesday with Miss Minnie Lennox spent the Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McGuire,

A number of willing workers met Mr. Wilfred Barbour is home from at the school on Tuesday afternoon his school to assist his father with and cut the grass and repaired fences, woodshed, outbuildings, windows. Mrs. James Barbour of Moose Jaw, etc. They made quite a noticeable ance of the school property.

South Bentinck

(Our own correspondent.)

Mr. William Grierson and Miss Bessie, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper of Paisley St. Paul's Church people are busy visited recently with the latter's sis-

Mrs. James McRonald, Norman and blur or tarnish for many months,

Glad to report that Miss Susie Miss Helen Milligan is in Burling-

on, fruit-picking, for a month or so. Mr. John Park of Detroit is visiting at his home here during his father's illness. Mr. Albert McRonald left Monday

for Kitchener, where he will work on the C. P. R. Master George Hahn of Durham was a recent visitor with his uncle,

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Mr. Alex. Grierson.

Miss Ella Park returned to Toronto after visiting at her home.

Mr. William Derby, Sr., and family were at Eugenia recently. , Mr. Alex. Grierson was the latest

to purchase a new car. The beef-ring started last week Mr. James Park has been under | for this year. It was put off later so the doctor's care lately with typhoid that it would continue longer in the

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