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PREMIER BRUCE WINS.

The government of Premier Bruce was again returned in the general elections in the Australian Commonwealth. This was expected, though in making voting compulsory the government risked much. The Bruce Administration was a composite one, Nationalists, Liberals and Country parties against Labor. The parties in the last House of Representatives were 46 to 29. Premier Bruce has increased his majority from 17 to 21, with a few returns still to come in. The contest was against the radical element which was dictating to Labor and also putting strong pressure on the supporters of the Government. The premier gave the Commonwealth the facts and asked the electors to decide as to which must rule. He has given a very decided expression that the Government must be supreme.

The Labor party fought on revolutionary proposals. It sought the socialization of industry, production, distribution and exchange, to be effected mainly by the nationalization of banking and all principal industries, such industries to be governed by boards upon which the workers and the community shall have representation. It also proposed to abolish the Federal Senate, the State Legislative Councils (or Upper Houses), and the State Governors. It planned a national monopoly of all insurance, the endowment of motherhood, and drastic amendments to the Defence Act. It flatly opposed any Imperial Federation, wanted a Commonwealth freight and passenger steamship services for ocean traffic, and unlimited legislative powers for the Commonwealth Parliament, the States to possess only such legislative powers as may be delegated to them by the Federal Parliament from time to time. Labor proposed to establish Australia as the greatest Socialistic community in the world. Premier Bruce and his supporters were opposed to Socialism as understood by the Labor party.

CANADA IS ALL RIGHT.

"All in all, Canada is regarded to be in better condition than any other part of the British Empire. If she didn't lie so close to the United States she, perhaps, would be more conscious of the fact. As it is, she is prone to measure her prosperity by that of the United States, and to exaggerate conditions in the republic."

So wrote Mr. Ashmun Brown, of the Providence, R.I., Journal, after a month's visit to Canada recently. He wrote fourteen articles under the title: "Canada, Our Most Agreeable Neighbor," and which has been printed in pamphlet form for wide distribution.

Mr. Brown went to Washington with the conviction that things generally are in a far better condition than most Canadians apparently believe they are. His series gives a wealth of facts, figures, and impressions to support his conviction.

He is of opinion that in the period of rigid self-examination and appraisal through which Canada is laboring, the English-speaking population are showing a streak of pessimism, "traceable, no doubt

BIBLE THOUGHT

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat, and the Lord will reward thee.—Proverbs xxv, 21, 22.

to Scotch ancestry." He thinks, however, that a passionate eagerness on the part of thoughtful Canadians to "face the facts" has led them to overrate their own troubles and to exaggerate the handicaps under which they are laboring to return to pre-war standards of prosperity, growth and development.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Up at Oshawa school reports are causing trouble. Some educational enthusiasts say they should be tabooed on the ground that work should be done for its own sake and that the spirit of emulation should not be encouraged. Such rivalry, they say, harmless though it is, is not one of the best incentives. But human nature is, after all, wisely says the Oshawa Reformer, only human nature and even educationists cannot change it. Boys and girls like to compare their standing with that of others, like to know "where they are at"; the industrious are encouraged to great effort; the laggards are spurred on to take an interest in their lessons. All educationists agree that rewards are better than punishments, that a cheerful, wholesome school atmosphere is infinitely superior to the dour, driving spirit that sometimes prevails. "Keeping in" and "writing lines" are forms of punishment that went out of date years ago or should have done so. Striving for reward, even if it be only to see one's name well up in a printed report, is much better than being driven on by fear of some sort of juvenile disaster.

In the world men strive for honor, fame, position, an initiative that is to be highly commended. The reward, in cash, for service well rendered is appealing. Let us encourage every thing to be well done.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

There is a call for the speedy issue of the public accounts of Ontario—the fiscal year ending October 31st. If this were done there would be time for study and full discussion on the financial condition of the Province. In urging the early publication the Farmers Sun says there is special reason for exceptionally careful consideration of Provincial finances at the present time. Notwithstanding the imposition of gasoline, four-point-four, pop and other taxes, it is reported that the Province is faced with a deficit greatly exceeding the total expenditure of the Province for all purposes twenty-five years ago. It is reported, too, that highway expenditure, after having been somewhat reduced the year before, has in the past twelve months reached a higher point than in any previous year. In any case the people are entitled to know, and at the earliest date possible, the exact situation.

SENSIBLE WOMEN.

"The really sensible women," says a doctor, "are those who wear just sufficient clothing to keep from being arrested." Maybe so, but we are doubtful! In defence, however, of the statement the medical man insists that the more sunshine and fresh air our bodies get, the healthier we are. There is very little disease among savage tribes other than that which is indigenous to their climate. They are immune from most of the ills which beset the white people. They live close to nature in regard to dress and food. We get our lung diseases in the first place from being too much wrapped up, and experts in hygiene say that it is better to "harden" our chests than to be forever protecting them against cold. The discarding of almost armor-plated garments and the abbreviation of dresses at both ends, is producing a finer and healthier race of girls, who get more exercise out of one game of tennis than their grandmothers got out of a whole year of ladylike tapping of a croquet ball. But, along with the Oswego, N.Y., Palladium-Times, we don't go as far as the "doc" would.

LONG IN POSSESSION.

A few nights ago in Derbyshire, the Lord of the Manor of Norbury entertained a number of his kinsfolk at a dinner to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the grant of that manor to William Fitzherbert, his ancestor. The grant was made by the prior of Tutbury in 1125. For eight centuries there has been an unbroken line of the descendants of the family living on this particular land. What a lot of history has been made during that period. It would be difficult to make the descendants of these families believe that they could live anywhere else but on these ancestral acres.

MORE POWER TO HER.

Whenever some girl or woman distinguishes herself by some new invasion of man's field, whether it be in athletics, the fine arts or the world of business, some staid gentleman is sure to arise and say: "Ah, but she should be devoting herself to raising a family of fine young

children." You've all heard something like that.

And it's such a foolish remark it's almost pathetic. Would the world be any better, asks the clever editor of the N.E.A. publications, if women like Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and Jane Addams had given up their careers to "raise a fine family of children?" Of course it wouldn't.

There'll always be children enough. And if a woman is able to make her contribution to the race in some other form—more power to her.

WATCH THE MERGERS.

The Toronto Globe is not enamored with the suggested era of mergers and big business though it admits the elimination of waste and fair profit making are not objectionable. But a combination epidemic may follow the proposed legislation in the United States Congress giving the railways of that country from five to seven years to reduce competition, at the end of which period consolidations are to become compulsory. While the railways are public service institutions in the strict sense of the word, all business enterprises are to be devoted to the service of the public, and the argument can be advanced that what is advantageous for one class of business is advantageous for another.

The chain store is damaging the individual merchant, but because of its service the public accepts it willingly. Combinations of other sorts may be brought about with equal benefit, but with potential danger to the public welfare. Canada has had its share of expensive and dangerous mergers. The government should scrutinize all propositions and safeguard public interests. Nothing should be permitted to take place in Canada to retard the developments they are on the eve of fruition. Capital must not be cramped or confined in reaching its fullest desires.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Brazil is now heralded as a land of promise to the European emigrant.

Canada is a great rich country and investors are just beginning to realize the fact.

A new definition for the optimist is—one who believes that anything can be settled once and for all!

Standardization of everything in the land is destroying initiative and thinking. Is this a desirable thing?

The late Justice David J. Brewer, asked what was the extreme penalty for bigamy, replied, "Two mothers-in-law."

And now Hamilton aldermen want a tax put on baby carriages. Wrong, the tax should be paid to parents for filling them.

So live, advises a philosopher, that you can get sick and be delirious without later worrying over what you said.

The bouquets in King Tut's tomb gives the idea that the Egyptians said it with flowers. There's nothing new, Eh?

The experts of the United States Department of Agriculture propose to exterminate the mistletoe. We see a lot of our fun vanishing.

Judgment has been given in favor of the United States and against Britain in an arbitration. It has happened before, Alas! or Alaska!

Beer is consumed in England at the rate of a half-barrel for every person in the country. But for the teetotalers it would be a barrel a head.

Scientists say that ground squirrels, prairie dogs and other animal species use their tails in talking to one another by means of signals. They must have some conclusive tales to tell!

More than forty representatives of important English manufacturing companies are in Canada at the present time looking over the market with a view to establishing branches, agencies or factories. This is welcome news.

"The Savings of the Week," published in a recent number of The Observer, gives Lord Ullswater's trenchant hint to parliamentarians: "There are three golden rules in the House of Commons: Stand up, speak up and shut up."

There is a proposition to create a sixth Great Lake in Northern Ontario, and the great advantage will be that it will be bottled up so tightly that Chicago won't be able to steal any of it, says the Brockville Recorder.

Detroit hotel men are insuring their patrons for forty-eight hours after the check out. They find it good business. The policy costs the guests nothing. It provides for the payment of \$5,000 for loss of life, \$2,500 for loss of limb, and \$25

weekly indemnity for wholly disabling injuries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, has appointed the Bishop of Southwark to preside over the permanent committee of six leading doctors and six clergymen to advise the church on all matters relating to spiritual healing and healing questions.

There are some people who are wonderfully punctilious about the observance of ritual and law, and sin every day against the principles involved, the spirit of the law. They remind one of the Publican who went up to pray!

There would be less crime if there were more frequent examples of such efficient co-operation of police, legal and judicial authorities as was shown in the capture, trial and conviction of two burglars at Sherbrooke within a period of ten hours.

If spirited discussions and the passing of resolutions bearing on important matters count for anything, the convention of the Associated Board of Trade and Chambers of Commerce just closed should bear abundant fruit is a comment of the Hamilton Spectator.

News and Views.

Is Steadying Europe. Brantford Expositor: All honor to the League of Nations. It is steadily getting Europe on an even keel on the hitherto stormy sea of international politics.

Accent on the Novel. Arkansas Gazette: Pretty Girl Aids in Novel Swindle.—Headline. They've been doing it ever since the publishers started putting their pictures on book covers.

Are Inviting Death. Montreal Gazette: When will hunters learn that the only safe end of the gun for them is the butt? Pulling a gun towards oneself by the muzzle is inviting death.

Will Soon Talk Hotly. Peterboro Examiner: Canadians, viewing the lower taxation benefits their American cousins are enjoying, are sooner or later going to arouse themselves to a vigorous demand for the same kind of treatment for themselves.

Election Talk Discounted. Calgary Albertan: From Toronto comes the report of a matrimonial rush, and it is explained by improvement in employment. We were led to believe during the election here last month that there was no such thing as employment in Eastern Canada at all.

A Good Man Elected. Goderich Signal: The election of Thomas McMillan in South Huron was balm to local Liberals for many reverses elsewhere. Mr. McMillan is expected to make his mark in Parliament as the champion of the farming interests. This was his third "try," and if he had failed of election this time, he might have despaired of ever attaining the place in public life for which his friends believe him to be peculiarly well fitted. However, he has triumphed at last and should be one of the most useful members of the new House.

School Pupils' Two Languages. Toronto Globe: Some speaker recently said that school pupils today have two languages: one which they use in the classroom, and another,

composed largely of slang, which is used elsewhere. Perhaps they have become so clever that they can assume dual personalities at pleasure: present a cultured personality when occasion demands, and the other side when the spirit moves them. In this case, their critics would doubtless say, the spirit moves them oftenest in the direction of jazz music and slang.

Wit and Humor

Fine Record. Ruth—Do you know father has never spoken a hasty word to mother? Tom—How is that? Ruth—He stutters.

A Bright Light. They sat together on the sofa and admired the new engagement ring. She looked at the diamond and whispered, "My, John, isn't it clear?" "Only two more payments, dear," he replied.

Guessed Right. The electrician was puzzled. "Hi!" he called to his assistant, "put your hand on one of those wires." The assistant did as he was told. "Feel anything?" "No." "Good!" said the electrician. "I on before the law was passed?"

Before Parliament Functioned. The teacher was giving the class a lecture on "gravity." "Now, children," she said, "it is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth." "But, please, teacher," inquired one small child, "how did we stick on before the law was passed?"

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