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#### Elections Are Now Rather Difficult.

In view of the election campaign that is now on it will be well for those in authority to look into the very strict regulations that bind the candidate and agents in future campaigns.

The prohibitions of the election law are not merely confined to gross corruption, but extend definitely to the influencing of voters by any of a variety of methods such as fear, fraud, violence, and even by such possible innocent acts as the supply of food or drink, or by the suggestion of benefits to follow from voting or refraining therefrom. The statutory provisions of this subject are very involved, and candidates are advised in the book of election instructions being sent out from Ottawa to see that their supporters confine themselves "to the administrative organization of the electoral district and the political education of the electors."

Another interesting point is that everyone employed by a candidate for pay or reward in relation to an election is disqualified from voting, and it is a serious offence if such a person attempts to mark a ballot. Candidates and their official agents should, therefore, take effective steps to ensure the abstention from the polls of everyone who serves them otherwise than gratuitously.

#### Must Not Carry Bludgeons To Poll.

The electoral officer points out also that the "carrying of arms," or of even bludgeons, on polling day within a mile of any polling station is prohibited. Not only the selling, but also the giving away of any "spirited or fermented liquor" on polling day is an offence "if the sale or gift is made within any hotel, shop, or other place." Anyone who pays an elector's fare or who hires or lets a conveyance for the purpose of taking electors to or from the polls is guilty of an offence, which, although committed by an agent without the knowledge of the candidate, is sufficient to have the election set aside.

The old trick of publishing anonymous scandal sheets in the dying hours of a campaign has not the same possibilities it used to have. In order that the responsibility for this kind of printed matter may be brought home to the persons who publish them, the law requires that there shall appear on every advertisement, poster, dodger, etc., issued in reference to an election, the name and address of the printer and the person by whom it is published. The omission of this information renders both printer and customer liable to penalties.

Regarding campaign funds—with one not unimportant exception all contributions to any campaign fund must be made by individuals. No unincorporated association or company may under any circumstances apply its funds for election purposes, even through an official agent, and this is equally true of all incorporated bodies, except those which have been incorporated for political purposes alone. The individuals belonging to or accepting for any organization not falling within the exception become individually liable to heavy punishment. A candidate will not become liable to punishment by reason of the innocent acceptance of such money, but candidates and their official agents will, if they are wise, refuse to receive any subscription from any company or association unless it has been incorporated for political purposes exclusively.

These indicate some of the pitfalls along the straight and narrow path of the prospective statesman. One unwary step on the part of a candidate or his followers will put the opponent on the band wagon at the last day.

### Evolution as Much a Fact as Crumbling of Mountains and Erosion of the Deep Valleys

(By Julian Huxley, in the Manchester Guardian)

Long before Darwin's time men had speculated upon the possible evolution of one species or one type of animal from others. Even if we leave out of account the suggestions of other eras of thought, such as those of the ancient Greek epoch or of St. Augustine in the early period of Christianity, and confine ourselves to the unitary development of Western thought which started with the Renaissance, we find numerous thinkers who advanced evolutionary theories. Prominent among these were Erasmus Darwin, Lamarck, and Robert Chambers. The merit of Charles Darwin, however, was twofold. First, the facts themselves assumed a new form in his hands. As presented by his predecessors, they had provided a legitimate basis for speculation. His industry and patient reasoning piled and chained them until they formed a chain of circumstantial evidence so cogent that but one conclusion was possible. And, secondly, he provided a theory to account for the facts and the conclusions drawn from them, and a theory which in its broad lines was seen at once to satisfy all the requirements made on it. That is to say, whereas the theories advanced by earlier evolutionists had been either vague to uselessness or at variance with biological knowledge, Darwin, at the same time as he made inevitable the conclusion that evolution had occurred, provided a plausible and reasonable explanation of the mechanism by which evolution could have been brought about.

#### "Only a Theory"

What the evidence was which he collected in such overwhelming battalions I have attempted to outline in my first article. He marshalled it and showed that all of it was consistent with the idea that the various forms within a group had developed or evolved from some common ancestral form, while a great deal of it was inconsistent with the only other theory which had been put forward to account for the facts—namely, the theory that all the hundreds of thousands of different existing species had been created as they are, once and for all, by a divine fiat. Indeed, for much of the evidence no other theory seemed possible than that of evolution. Especially was this true of the succession of related fossil types in the rocks of one area, and of the existence in embryos of higher animals of organs like gill-slits or notochord now found in the adults of lower types from which the higher forms could be presumed to be descended.

People sometimes talk of the theory of evolution as "only a theory." It is "only" a theory in this sense—that no one has yet watched all the stages by which one species is produced from another species or one group from another group; and this, of course, is chiefly a matter of time, since evolutionary processes appear to demand centuries or millennia instead of years or decades. But a scientific theory, in the accepted and proper sense of the term, is (as opposed to a mere hypothesis) an attempted explanation which not only satisfies the known facts but enables us to prophesy other facts, and does so better than any other explanation that has been advanced.

#### Later Confirmation

This is very much the case with the theory of evolution. Generations of biologists have been digging up facts all over the world since 1859, yet no single one of these has been hostile to the theory of evolution. Many of them (especially the detailed studies of fossils and the proof of the chemical similarity of the blood of animals which the evolutionist claims as closely related), support it more cogently and in greater detail than those which Darwin had at his command. And many of the facts have been unearthed because the evolution theory made us suspect that they should be there if search were made—for instance, the discovery of extinct men and ape-men in varying degrees intermediate between modern man and the higher apes.

Let me repeat that not only does it account for the facts better than any other theory, but that no other theory has ever been advanced which is not immediately and conclusively negated by large bodies of known fact. In this way evolution is as much a fact as that mountains have been raised by foldings of

the earth's crust, deep valleys carved out by erosion, and islands like our own separated from the mainland by gradual subsidence. The evidence in both cases is circumstantial, not direct; but it is none the less conclusive.

#### Darwin's Argument

The new method which Darwin advanced to account for evolution was what he called natural selection. The following was his line of argument: If we look at the domestic breeds of one animal we shall often—as with dogs or pigeons, for instance—find them so different from each other than a systematist unacquainted with the facts would classify them in different species, genera, or even families. This diversity has been brought about by the artificial selection of man in a few centuries or at most millennia. If we can find any selective process at work in nature it would have whole aons in which to work, and could account for the diversity of animal and plant forms, for the beautiful way in which they are adapted to their mode of life, and for the fact that improvement accompanied by extinction of less satisfactory types has taken place during geological time. Now, as Darwin proceeded to point out, this selective process must exist, since it follows automatically from the following known facts: First, that variations are constantly occurring in all directions in organisms; secondly, that certain kinds at least of these variations are inherited; thirdly, that in all species, even the slowest breeding, more young are produced than can survive. The last fact must lead to a struggle for existence; this will lead to a survival of the fittest; and this, with the aid of the first two sets of facts, to a progressive hereditary alteration of species—in other words, to evolution.

#### Acquired Characters

Other explanations of evolution have been offered. The only ones that demand serious consideration are various modifications of the original Lamarckian hypothesis, which assumes that the effects of use and disuse, the effects of training, or the direct effects of external environment accumulate in the race—in other words, that acquired characters are inherited. For this, however, no conclusive proof has ever been offered. Weismann showed on what unsatisfactory evidence the accepted belief in the process rested. Later work, such as that of Kambinger, has not yet been accepted because so far no other scientist has been able to confirm his results. It is highly probable that in certain cases we shall find other agencies affecting the germ plasma; but it is to all intents and purposes certain that neither the important large steps in evolution nor the fine details of adaptation of organs can have been accomplished by this means.

The key to the problem remains in the study of variation. Variation of evolutionary value starts in the hereditary constitution, not in the modifications

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#### HOTEL ARRIVALS

##### Prince Rupert

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##### Central

S. Hudson, F. H. Hothard, J. A. Ryan, and F. Duggan, C.N.R., S. Grails, city.

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