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ONTARIO ELECTIONS

The Ontario elections are on today and it seems as if the liquor policy of the Ferguson government was on trial. There is more than that in the election, however. The Ferguson government is Conservative and today the people of Ontario are Conservative. If today there should be a weakening in the Conservative solidarity, it will mean that the party there is weakening.. However, it is not expected that there will be much weakening and perhaps none. The Conservatives are united; the opposition is divided. The Conservatives have the advantage of eight acclamataions. If the Liberals were strong in the province they would not allow that many seats to go without a struggle. We look for a Conservative victory.

THE OLD COUNTRY STRUGGLE

A political struggle is in progress just now in Great Britain. The Macdonald government, which faced parliament for the second time yesterday, is on trial. Nothing was expected at the previous session, but now the extreme labor people are wondering why they voted Labor if no Labor legislation was to be introduced.

In the speech from the throne yesterday, a speech prepared by Philip Snowden and the other members of the cabinet in the absence of Premier Macdonald, it was announced that the employment situation would be discussed, that a pensions bill will be introduced, that the present unemployment insurance would be extended and that legislation would be introduced dealing with the coal industry. This work, it is expected, will last until Christmas.

But will the government last that long? All depends upon the Liberals and Conservatives. Much, too, depends upon the character of the legislation asked. The Liberals will not oppose a reasonable pensions bill either for widows and orphans or for the aged. There is already a pension provided but it is inadequate. When it comes to unemployment insurance and to legislation affecting the coal industry, there is danger.

BATTLE OF WITS

The Labor government has started well in the foreign field. It has made a name for itself there, but that was comparatively easy.. There were no strongly divided opinions as to the stand that should be taken and Liberal and Conservative sentiment has been behind Macdonald and Snowden. When it comes to domestic questions, the situation is changed. Vested interests are affected the moment important legislation is proposed. That means powerful opposition.

It becomes a battle of wits between the opposing groups. If the opposition can catch Labor on an unpopular question and throw them out by means of an adverse vote, it is probable that there may be a change of sentiment in the country, for electors are very changeable. Doubtless the leaders realize this and will be careful, but behind them is the vast upheaving struggling mass of labor support, some of which is easily satisfied with small things, but other sections of which is demanding a full pound of flesh taken direct from the heart of the nation. If they cannot be satisfied and mollified, the party goes out.

Again, if Macdonald and his government can precipitate an election on some popular cause, they will, backed by their foreign policy popularity, go back to secure a victory at the polls that will give them a good working majority for labor, and then look out. There will be nothing then to hold them back from taking radical action in regard to coal mines and many other matters to which the nation so far has been opposed.

In Canada we are interested because Britain is the most important part of the Empire of which we are a part. What Britain does, the dominions are liable to do. And there is also India to be reckoned with. The present parliamentary battle is bound to prove intensely interesting and every Canadian should watch it carefully.

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SCOTLAND'S GREAT DAY OF REUNION

One of the most impressive moments during the great ceremony which took place when the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church reunited, was the meeting of the two Moderators, Right Rev. Dr. J. Mitchell, left; and Right Rev. Principal Martin, right, on the Royal Mile to St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh.

Tomorrow Night Is Hallowe'en

Suitable Decorations Suggested For Event Which Children Love

(By Betty Somerville)

If a real owl or bat were captured for a decoration for the Hallowe'en frolic, the guests might enthuse with true Hallowe'en spirit. However, they would probably be just as happy if this futile search was not attempted, but that cardboard owls, bats, witches and other spooks, that are seen in art and stationery shops, were used to convey a Hallowe'en atmosphere.

The eerie atmosphere of a Hallowe'en night may be readily simulated by the use of cardboard cut-out decorations, crepe paper decorations, colored lights, as well as the aid of horns, bells and electric fans.

Effective Entrance Decoration

An effective decoration is to cut trees from black cardboard or procure real tree branches and throw crepe paper moss in bizarre colors over the twigs. An attractive entrance is staged in this manner. Old Cardboard Moon may gaze surprisingly through the tree branches, while two tiny owls are silhouetted against him. Flying owls and bats may dangle on strings while one of the three black crows sits on his perch and observes the wonders of Hallowe'en.

A Modern Witch's Costume

The hostess may receive, garbed in a modern witch's costume. No doubt she leaves her cape back in the Witch's Cavern, for she wears a crisp white paper blouse, a bouffant skirt of orange and black tile crepe paper with her pet owl adorning the skirt. She carries a smart little broom to whisk away imaginary cobwebs, that consists of a red stick and a brush made of strips of crepe paper in bright varigated colors. An enticing witch's hat made of black matstock with a gay orange band has a becoming golden cellopane fluted cap for a lining.

Mr. Pussyfoot, a cardboard cut-out, walks cautiously along beside her.

Capturing the Owl

A rollicking Hallowe'en game is capturing the owl. A balloon or large ball is needed. This is decorated with an owl pasted on the side which has been cut from crepe paper or cardboard. Guests sit around in a large circle. The one chosen to be "It" throws the ball. The guests try to keep the ball moving, but not to be caught by the one who is "It" when holding the ball. For if he is caught, he is "It."

Table Decorations

Decorations for the Hallowe'en party are easily procured. A bright decorated crepe paper table cover and napkins readily aids the hostess. Three cardboard cut-outs of witches or cats pinned around a bowl of fruit makes a quickly made table decoration for the centre. Slip covers of decorated or plain crepe paper for the chair backs may be stitched upon the sewing machine in no time, and artfully achieves a pleasing decorative effect. Then, too, ingenious favors may be easily made by using candy peppermints or rolls of candy and wrapping them in gay colors of cellophane decorated with gummed Hallowe'en seals.

Hallowe'en is such an amusing time that half the fun of the party is planning appropriate and entertaining decorations.

BASEMENT SCORCHED

The basement of A. W. Lipsin's residence on Graham Avenue was scorched about 9 o'clock this morning when fire was caused by an overheated furnace. The upstairs portion of the house was not affected. The fire department soon had the blaze in check.

Wedding rings were made of agate and iron in ancient Roman times.

TALK ABOUT MORALITY

Normal School Instructor Tells About Old-Fashioned Methods of Inculcating

CHILDREN NOT SERIOUS

Morals Largely a Social Outgrowth and Customs Dictate Them to Large Extent

NELSON, Oct. 25:—That teaching of morals in the classroom, enjoined by the regulations of the department of education, should be systematic, and should not be merely the utilization by the teacher of such incidents as arise, was the contention of J. M. Ewing, of the staff of the Victoria normal school, in a brilliant address before practically 200 teachers of Kootenay and Boundary at their two-day convention here. The Victoria educationalist held that the traits to be taught should be definitely selected by principal and teachers in conference, and then introduced in the course of teaching.

Days of Real Sport

Mayor R. D. Barnes, who extended Nelson's warm official welcome to the visiting teachers, told of the days of real sport, when he went to school in Scotland, where his father, a six-footer, was a teacher for 40 years, and demonstrated on him daily his theory that to spare the rod was to spoil the child. A similar theory on teaching of morals was entertained by the athletic and fiery giant who was principal of his school, and who, in an endeavor to satisfy himself that he had soundly thrashed the unidentified boy who had hit him in the face with a piece of a lobster, worked over every boy in the room, taking an hour and a half to complete the job.

That this system of teaching morals was happily past, was conceded by Mr. Ewing, who recalled that he too underwent Scottish training, and then, a green teacher, got on the staff of the Nelson schools. Due to the fact that children do not take education as seriously as their teachers, and to the fact that their minds are resilient, Mr. Ewing felt that perhaps the Nelson children whom he led along the path of learning for six months escaped without too serious damage.

Definitions Wanted

"The highest morality shall be inculcated," said the department, and from a thousand pulpits one could hear that one of the chief aims of education was character-building. Like many another glittering and sonorous phrase, however, this did not translate into anything definite. It was essential first to define morality, and then to ascertain what situation must be produced so that morality could be taught.

Conceptions of morality varied from age to age, and Abraham's views on polygamy were not moral in the sight of the present age, which held to monogamy. Even in one country, such as Canada, there might be several moral standards. Thus, the people of Nelson had a Doukhobor problem; however sincere the Doukhobors might be, their ideas of morality did not coincide with those of the people of Canada.

Accepted Patterns

Morals, Mr. Ewing declared, were peculiarly a social outgrowth, an adaptation to the needs of the community. Today's morals might be described as the standardized behavior patterns of the human race. Some might object to this materialistic view of morals, and hold that they had their roots in religion, but though morals and religion might be akin in their precepts, their origins were entirely different. The basic idea of morals was that they were standards by which people might live together with the least friction.

Mr. Ewing felt that manners should be included in morals. If morals were the wheels by which life operated, manners were the lubrication, and should equally be taught in the classroom. In the language of John Dewey, they were "minor morals."

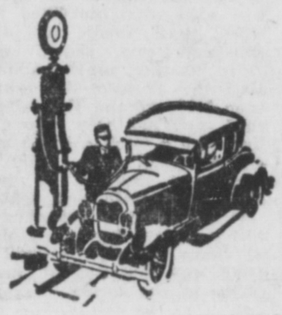
Mad by Public Opinion

The real force behind morals was public opinion, which was exerted in ways ranging all the way from education to execution. Men suited themselves to the society in which they happened to be, and if it had a high moral standard they complied. Dewey stated that all had a gallery to which they played, and if it was a high gallery morally, those playing to it acted on a high moral plane. Children were known to have three of four vocabularies, which they used under different circumstances, that being their way of accomodating themselves to different planes of conduct.

Children, said the speaker, had certain instincts, which impelled them to different courses. The instinct of gregariousness caused them to accomodate themselves to the group. Then some had the instinct of self-assertiveness and others of submissiveness. But he doubted whether a child came into the world with a moral instinct. It had to acquire the manners and decencies of life. Further, it did not become moral, but was made moral.

Delegates Duties

On the home was the duty of teaching the child the elementary decencies and standards of life. But in recent years, said the Victoria man, there had been a breakdown of the home. Now, the chief object of the home, if it had an object, was to take care of the young, but that responsibility was today being delegated to everybody. Even the amusements of the young were commercialized. When the institution connected with education began to break down, the school had to take over the unfulfilled duty. It was the residuary legatee of all educational institutions and its responsibility was increased by the breakdown of the home.



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