

## Two Different Systems

### Political Systems of the United States Compared with those of Canada.

Like this country Canada is in the thick of a great political contest, for parliament has been dissolved and the general elections will be held on October 26th.

The legal term of a Canadian parliament is five years, but almost invariably dissolution takes place some months before the limit is reached, the one exception having been in 1891 in the case of the last parliament of Sir John A. McDonald's ministry. The present parliament has lasted just four years.

The practice, which prevails across the border marks one of the radical differences between the Canadian and United States electoral systems. With us the date is fixed by the constitution and everybody knows that every four years a president is to be chosen on the first Tuesday after the first Tuesday in November.

With the Canadian, as with all parliaments in the British empire there is always uncertainty as to the date of elections, for the reasons above stated and for the further reason that parliament may be dissolved and fresh elections held on the Commons passing a vote of want of confidence in the ministry or on an adverse vote on some ministerial measure.

## An Old Actor Is Dead

J. F. Sweitzer who has Appeared Here with the Crows Theatrical Company is No More.

Jule F. Switzer died Wednesday at Ray, N. D., at the home of Earl Barrington, his associate in the theatrical business, of heart failure, at the age of 56 years, after an illness extending over about four week's duration. "Old Switzer," as he was familiarly known, has been active in his profession for 30 years, the last 22 years being spent with "the Crows," the well known company who are deservedly popular not only in their own of North Dakota, but also South Dakota and western Minnesota.

No more popular or better known actor ever appeared before the public in the above territory than he. At the time of his death, Mr. Sweitzer, together with Mr. Barrington, owned and managed the Crows. He is survived by his wife and young son, Max.

## Shortage Threatened

Purchase Your Winters Supply of Coal now as There is Liable to be Another Coal Shortage.

Unless people put in their coal supply immediately, there is liable to be a repetition of coal shortage conditions, which prevailed during the winter of 1906-1907. Only a quarter to a half of the amount necessary for the winter's consumption has thus been moved. The responsibility for the light movement rests largely with the consumers, who have delayed ordering much later than usual. The docks at the head of the lakes are taxed with stored coal to the limit of their capacity. The cars necessary to move the coal are now available, but with the heavy grain movement, which will be fully underway within the next few weeks, most of these cars will be required for grain service. There is just one way of insuring a sufficient coal supply, and that is to order it now for immediate delivery. With the vivid recollection of the conditions of two years ago still fresh in our memory, we earnestly and urgently advise our readers to take immediate action and do their part in preventing a shortage and suffering by ordering today.

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

One black and white pointer dog about 8 months old. Keeper, holder or anyone having knowledge of his whereabouts, please notify,

Paul J. Hoffman, Cooperstown

Lost—A black horse collar, size 20, between my place and Binford. Finder leave same at Hammer-Alfson Co.

Chas. Behm.