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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 29.

THE AUDITOR'S ADVICE.

An attempt was made to bulldoze
the city council into ratifying the
power contract before it had been in
the hands of the mayor and aldermen
a week.

The members of the council are
abused for asking questions and
seeking to enlighten themselves and
the public on the financial aspect of
the contract, in view of the liability
which taxpayers must assume. This
deliberation Mr. Beck calls "tomfool-
ery," while his organ is "howling
threats at the city fathers. They are
told they have no right to discuss or
analyze the contract; that the citizens
gave them a mandate to sign it, al-
though no citizen saw a copy of it till
it was published in The Advertiser of
May 16.

The city auditor, a totally disinter-
ested person, has dissected the finan-
cial clauses of the contract, and in his
report he applies this cool compass
to the fevered brows of those who
are howling at the council because it
will not sign the document blind-
folded.

"The proposed contract from a
layman's standpoint is very complex,
and a DEFINITE EXPLANATION
OF THE DATA UPON WHICH
THE FIGURES SHOWN IN THE
SCHEDULE ATTACHED THERE-
TO ARE BASED, SHOULD BE
HAD.

"The city will no doubt issue
specifications and call for tenders
for the construction and equipment
of the distributing plant which is to
cost \$250,000. HOW MUCH MORE
IS IT? THEREFORE, DESIR-
ABLE THAT IT SHOULD BE
CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH THE
FULL DETAILS OF THE EX-
PENDITURE FOR TRANSMIS-
SION LINES, OF WHICH THE
CALLED UPON TO CONTRIBUTE
\$671,080, WITHOUT A KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE BASIS ON WHICH
SUCH APPORTIONMENT OF OP-
ERATING AND MAINTENANCE
EXPENSES IS ARRIVED AT?

THE STRUGGLE AT OTTAWA AND ONE OF ITS RESULTS.

One effect of the obstructive tactics
of the Opposition at Ottawa is seen in
this city, where the civil servants—
customs, inland revenue and postoffice
employees—are compelled to wait for
an indefinite time for the monthly pay
which they have earned.

Some two hundred families are thus
affected, and in not a few instances
no doubt, serious inconvenience, if
not hardship, will result.

A similar state of affairs exists in
every city of the Dominion, and all
because the minority in Parliament
seeks to rule.

It is not because a great principle
that these obstructionists are thus
withholding from a large section of
the community what properly belongs
to them and are found day after day
holding up the public business at
enormous cost to the country. They
are playing a partisan game and hop-
ing to impress the country by making
a noise, in the absence of any real
grievance, or any policy or programme
which will appeal to the people of
Canada in the approaching election.
The nominal issue for which they are
fighting is the perpetuation of voters'
lists that have been manipulated by
partisans of the Roblin Government.
With these lists, and the aid of the
Roblin-Rogers combination, the Op-
position feels that it has some hope
of carrying a few seats in Manitoba.
Parliamentary government is daily
being disgraced by the conduct of the
Opposition, and for the first time the
advisability of a system of closure is
being seriously discussed throughout
the country.

The Government, while still adher-
ing to the principle of accepting the
provincial lists so long as they are
honestly made, desires to meet the ex-
isting evils and defects. The Ayles-
worth bill provides that in the prepa-
ration of the lists, nothing shall be
done of permitted, that will in any
way interfere with or disturb lists
that are honestly, efficiently and com-
pletely prepared by the provincial
authorities. If, however, it is found
that the methods which for years have
been a scandal in Manitoba have been
resorted to, the bill provides that
judges shall revise the lists in ac-
cordance with the laws of the province—
that is to say, they will supplement
the work which the provincial authori-
ties ought to have done themselves.
The Government's position is that
Parliament should not divest itself of
authority to insure to the fully qual-
ified federal elector his right to vote—
a position which every Canadian not
bimbed by partisanship will endorse.

THE GERRYMANDER
NO. 2.

If the Whitney redistribution bill
had observed everywhere county
boundary lines, even if, while doing
so, constituencies were not quite equal
in population, no complaint could be
made; but there is no excuse for not
observing county boundary lines when
this is favorable to the Conservative
party in the constituency affected, and
yet to insist upon the observance of
county boundary lines when it is
favorable to the Conservatives, even
though it meant great inequality be-
tween the constituencies. To illus-
trate: The municipalities of Glou-
cester and Osgoode are left in the
riding of Russell although for mu-
nicipal purposes they belong to Carle-
ton County. Why? Simply because
it favors the Conservative candidates
in that district to so arrange matters.

Take the municipalities of Card-
well and Peel—it must be recollected
that the Premier refused to take any
other census than that of 1901, stat-
ing that the municipal census was not
reliable, and therefore we are adopt-
ing in this argument the 1901 census.
The riding of Cardwell had previous to
the gerrymander, 17,473 of a popu-
lation. Peel had a population of 18,
032; that is, Peel was greater than
Cardwell by 559; but on the pretext of
following county boundary lines, the
township of Albion including Bolton
Village, was taken out of Cardwell
and put over in Peel, to which it be-
longed for municipal purposes, thus
leaving Cardwell with only 14,030 of
a population, while Peel has 21,475, or
Peel is greater than Cardwell by 7,445
or upwards of 50 per cent. This is
deliberately done because Mr. John
Smith, one of the fathers of the
House, has been able to carry Peel
for the Liberals by a very narrow ma-
jority, but by throwing Albion and
Bolton on to him, the riding is made
Conservative by at least 150.

When these facts were driven home
to Mr. Whitney on the floor of the
House by Mr. MacKay, in order to at-
tempt to justify the barefaced and
contemptible gerrymander, he delib-
erately made the false statement that
Albion in years gone by had been
"ravished" from Peel by the Liberals,
and he was but removing the in-
iquities they had perpetrated. Mr.
Bowman, who followed in the debate,
read from the British North America
act of 1867, to show that the township
of Albion, which includes Bolton, was
placed in Cardwell by the fathers of
confederation and had never been re-
moved therefrom during any redistri-
bution, thus giving the lie direct to
the Premier's excuse for this bare-
faced outrage.

A glance at the map will show that

MR. BECK SHOULD'N'T WHINE.

The Hon. Adam Beck whines be-
cause Liberal speakers in the course
of the campaign have mentioned the
name of a member of his family in re-
ferring to the jaunt of the Beck horses
to Europe.

As a matter of fact, it was Mr. Beck
himself who first introduced another
name, that of an estimable lady, into
the controversy. Emulating the first
Adam, this Adam, when confronted
with the item in the public accounts,
tried to unload the responsibility upon
someone else.

All that any Liberal speaker has
said has been to show that horses from
the Beck stables are Beck horses, and
that, though they no doubt are very
fine animals and are well entitled to
the numerous ribbons which their
owner proudly boasts they won in Old
London, they were pretty expensive
exhibits for the Province. There was
also a lack of candor in the public
accounts. Had Mr. Beck, when chal-
lenged on the question, frankly ad-
mitted that the horses sent at the pub-
lic expense were Beck horses, and
drawn no fine distinctions between his
horses and others in the Beck stables,
he would have appeared in a much
better light.

BOUQUETS FOR MR. BECK.

Mr. Beck's organ gleefully quotes
from the Woodstock Sentinel-Review.
Here are a few citations from the same
newspaper which the organ overlooks:
"By his conduct in this matter (the
Mearns letter) Mr. Beck will griev-
ously offend many of his friends. The
man who shows that he cannot be
safely entrusted with a private letter
is not likely to win much confidence
in regard to weightier matters. NO
MAN WITH ANY PROPER SENSE
OF RIGHT AND WRONG WOULD
USE A PRIVATE LETTER AS HON.
ADAM BECK HAS USED THE LET-
TER HE HAS RECEIVED FROM
DR. MEARNS."

"The public have now the assurance
of a member of the Whitney Govern-
ment that in regard to the most im-
portant question now before the peo-
ple, or likely to come before the peo-
ple, the Government is playing fast
and loose, that the word of no man
connected with Government, NOT
EVEN THAT OF MR. BECK, is any
longer to be trusted. It is an extra-
ordinary revelation."
"Nor can Mr. Beck afford to keep
silent if he desires to save his own
reputation. While, according to his
statement to Dr. Mearns, he did not
know the minute when the whole
power project would be up in the air,
he was assuring the public that THE
WHOLE GOVERNMENT WAS AT
HIS BACK, and quite in accord with

the ridings of Brockville, with a popu-
lation of 18,322, and Leeds, with a
population of 19,254, were more com-
pact and better shaped ridings than
they are under the gerrymander, and
there was no excuse for interfering
with them on the ground of popula-
tion, as to equality of population. Hav-
ing failed to be fair as to the prin-
ciple of county boundaries, Mr. Whit-
ney's statement as to any attempt to
equalize the population of the consti-
tuencies is simply ludicrous in face of
the facts. We have seen that he tink-
ered for party gain and upon no prin-
ciple with the ridings of Cardwell and
Peel, Brockville and Leeds, although
the difference in population in each
case was less than a thousand. If, as
he stated, the main basis of his ac-
tion in the redistribution bill would be
equalization of population, why did he
make changes between ridings when
the difference in population was less
than 1,000 and leave the following
ridings with the following differences
in population absolutely untouched:

West Lambton	\$4,808
East Lambton	\$2,470
Difference in population, 12,338	
West Kent	\$3,523
East Kent	\$3,232
Difference in population, 10,296	
West Elgin	\$5,685
East Elgin	\$7,391
Difference in population, 7,754	
South Ontario	\$2,018
North Ontario	\$7,391
Difference in population, 4,627	
North Perth	\$9,255
South Perth	\$2,620
Difference in population, 8,633	

NORTH AND SOUTH ESSEX.

The population of North Essex was
20,560, that of South Essex, 27,975,
leaving a difference of population of
2,400. In an attempt to defeat John
Auld, M. P. P., the Liberal member
for South Essex, notwithstanding the
fact that North Essex had a population
of 2,400 more than South Essex, the
Premier had the hardihood to take the
Township of North Tilbury, with a
population of 2,191, from the south,
which is the lesser, and add it
to the north which is
the greater, making the dis-
parity in population, 4,592. The only
reason for this is that North Tilbury
gave at the last election a Liberal ma-
jority of 140, and Mr. Auld's majority
in the whole riding was but 139;
therefore by this change his majority
is swept away from him.

Tomorrow we shall deal with the
flagrant case of Middlesex County.

the work he was doing and the policy
he was following. If it is possible for
Mr. Beck to reconcile his statement to
Ald. Mearns with his public utter-
ances his own sense of propriety as
well as his duty to the public should
call upon him to make the attempt.

If the Liberals win a seat or two in
Toronto they will recover stolen goods
from the Whitney Government.

"The appliances and electrical con-
trivances of today might be thrown on
the scrap-heap tomorrow,"—Hon. J. P.
Whitney.

Says Mr. Beck to the council:
"Open your mouth and shut your eyes,
And I'll give you something to make
you wise."

The Liberal motto is "Trust the
People." Mr. Beck will not trust them
sufficiently to allow them to vote upon
the power contract.

The workingman who read or heard
Mr. T. H. Preston's speech at Queen's
Park cannot conscientiously support
the Whitney Government.

It is said that a man under certain
conditions "sees double," but the Free
Press reporter who said there were
2,000 people at the Jubilee Rink on
Wednesday night, saw quintuple.

Mr. Alex. Wright, the Independent
Conservative candidate in West Toron-
to, has thrown his bomb, as he prom-
ised. He accuses the regular Conser-
vative candidate, W. D. McPherson, K.
C., of having advised Gamey to leave
Toronto during the Stratton-Gamey
investigation, and of concealing the
fact when Gamey's absence was dis-
covered. If this is true, why did Mc-
Pherson counsel Gamey to go away,
at a critical moment of the inquiry?
That trip to Buffalo needs further ex-
planation.

If Industries gravitate toward cheap
power, what would become of London
under the Niagara power scheme? Power
can be purchased at the Falls for
\$9 to \$10 40 by the hydro-electric
commission, which proposes to sell it
to London at prices ranging from \$24
for 5,000-horsepower to \$41 68 per
horsepower for 2,250-horsepower, and
at a still higher price if less power is
taken. On the theory that the price of
power is the determining factor in the
location of industries, Niagara Falls,
Ont., would attract all the factories
of Ontario. But, fortunately, power is
not the only or the chief factor.

BOVRIL

on the links—helps
eye, nerve and
muscle.
BOVRIL is a
nerve and muscle
food.



THE CANNY WOODER.

[Penny Pictorial.]

It was fair time in Selkirk, and Sandy
and his sweetheart were wandering round
arm-in-arm enjoying the sights. Present-
ly they espied a smart-looking pie shop,
which they promptly entered. Sandy or-
dered one pie, sat down and commenced
to eat it. Meanwhile the girl looked shy-
ly on.
"Is't fine, Sandy?" she timidly asked.
"Aye, 'tis awfu' fine, Jennie," he an-
swered. "Ye should buy one!"

OVERDONE.

[Philadelphia Inquirer.]

He-Artists say that five feet four is
the divine height for women.
"Five feet four (crossly)—You know I am
five feet nine."
He (quickly)—You are more than divine,
my dear.

THE FEMININE VIEW OF IT.

[Baltimore American.]

"Nell, what is a panic?"
"It is something, my dear child, which
gives your husband a good reason for not
ever ask him for money for new
clothes, house fixings or a little outing."

NO EXCEPTION.

[Black and White.]

The Maid—Do you believe it's unlucky
to get married on a Friday?
The Abominable Bachelor—Certainly.
Why should Friday be an exception?

THE TOURIST'S PARADISE.

[Glasgow News.]

From the profit-making point of view,
as might be understood, France is an
every tourist's paradise. The country par-
excellence, and the annual income from
this source is something like \$100,000,000
sterling, though French bankers have
even put it at \$120,000,000 sterling. These
are amazing figures, and represent more
than 13 per cent of the population, while
the per capita export of domestic products
is only 15.

A GREAT NOVELIST.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

This "mild way," the critic shows,
has been followed with the happiest re-
sults, by De Morgan, the author of those
three astonishing and delightful novels,
"The Sign of the Cross," "The Sign of
the Cross," "The Sign of the Cross."
"Somehow Good." De Morgan does not
shun the dark aspects of existence; he is
not lacking in courage and realism. But
not having failed from distant climes,
What chance on earth has Willie Grimes?

SPRING MILLINERY.

[Mazie V. Caruthers, in New York Times.]

A maiden drew from his white box
her last year's best straw bonnet.
She twisted and turned it, but oh, dear
me!
It had "been" worn upon it!
So she vented her rage upon the innocent
thing—

Poked dents in its year-old crown,
And then, to complete its destruction
quite,
On its brim danced a vicious break-
down!

The sorry chapeau remained where it
fell,
For several days in a corner,
When the maiden, for want of something
to do,

Pulled it out, like a female J. Horner,
And found that, because of the twists
and the turns, it was decidedly
The "creation" once perched on her
pate.

Presented a style very chic of its own,
And now wore a shape up-to-date.

From this will be seen that Dame Fash-
ion is a very clever creature.

No style is too queer or bizarre,
And 'tis comfort to know, when outland-
ish you look,
Just that more modish you are!

ENGLAND'S OVERWORKED

[Southgate Recorder.]

Nowadays the management of a church
and all the social and parochial organ-
izations which form a part of the work, is
a business which keeps a clergyman hard
at work seven days in a week, leaving
him little or no time for study. Is it any
wonder that he fails to become a great
preacher?

SPENDTHRIFTS.

[New York Times.]

A miser is a wretched creature, but not
more contemptible than a glutton or a
spendthrift. Many of us have more
clothes than we need to wear, eat more
than is good for us, and have so much
of sight-seeing and theater-going that our
minds are filled with vague and useless
impressions.

A MISFIRE COMPLIMENT.

[The Bellman.]

When Tolstoy was recuperating in the
Crimea a party of rich Americans arrived
in a yacht and asked permission to see
the great Russian. Tolstoy sat upon his
balcony like a Buddhist idol, and the
Americans filed silently and slowly before
him. They had promised not to speak a
word; a glimpse was all they wanted. One
lady, however, refused to be bound by the
contract. "Leo Tolstoy," she exclaimed,
"all your writings have had a profound
influence on my life, but the one which
has taught me the most is your—"
Here she awkwardly forgot the name of
the work. The sick author leaned over
the rail of the balcony and whispered
with a smile, "The Dead Souls?" "Yes,
yes," she replied. "That book," said Tol-
stoy, "was written by Gogol, not by me."

LONDON'S COUNTY HALL.

[Municipal Journal.]

The new county hall will be erected on
the south side of Westminster bridge, and
the total cost is estimated to reach
\$1,500,000. The council is now paying for
its office a sum of about \$28,000 annually.
The annual charges in respect of the new
buildings will range from \$24,600 this year
to \$77,000 in 1916-17, from which time it
will decrease by about \$200 a year. There-

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Values for a Yard.....

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Mattings, so if you are at all interested we
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day or tomorrow. The choicest patterns
will go to the early buyers; for this reason
delay would mean a loss of first choice. The
qualities are one and all superb, and a large
variety of patterns—Roman stripes, Ori-
entals, inlaid and floral patterns (plain on one
side), in greens, natural, reds, fawns and
browns; 30c to 50c values. One of the most
amazing values this store has ever offered.
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You'll not need to be asked twice to come for these. The mere reading of this ex-
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in desirable colors, and very neat patterns; made of sheer materials; waists neatly
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tern lining, silver-plated knife... \$1.50
Silver-Plated Biscuit Jar, satin fin-
ished, bright engraving \$3.25
Set of Fish Carvers, in velvet-lined case, silver-
plated, engraved blades, fine
white handles, English make.... \$4.00
Fine Porcelain Salad Bowl and Servers,
silver-plated, best English
make \$6.50
Crumb Scraper and Tray, solid brass,
antique finish..... \$3.25
Bronze Bust, French Empire design,
real marble base \$3.25

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CLOIN GOES FAST MILE
THEN BREAKS DOWN

Belmont Park, May 28.—James R.
Keene's Collin, undefeated champion
2-year-old of last year and winner of
the Withers' stakes, his only start
this year, has broken down. He
worked a wonderful 1¼ miles this
morning in 2:05, said to be the fastest
time ever worked by a horse. He
stepped the mile in 1:33 1-5. The
mile and a furlong was covered in
1:52. It is not known definitely
whether he has gone for good or
whether his injury is only temporary.
Collin has started thirteen times in
his career and is unbeaten. He will
not start in the \$25,000 Belmont
Stakes to be run here Saturday. Mr.
Keene will now depend on Celt.

THE TURF.

Winners Yesterday.

At Belmont—Big Chief 11 to 20.
Arionette 4 to 1, Trance 9 to 10, Celt
3 to 5, Juggler 11 to 5, Frizette 8 to 5.
At Woodbine—Sandal 8 to 5, Rag-
man 5 to 2, Call Boy 11 to 5, Pho-
tographer 9 to 10, Spencer Reiff 15 to
1, Eldorado 7 to 5.

THAMESFORD TOPICS

Many Visitors in the Village—A Most
Enjoyable Picnic.

Thamesford, May 28.—A great many
visitors took advantage of the excur-
sion rates to spend the holiday with
friends. Mrs. Webber and two daugh-
ters of Hickson, visited with Mrs. J.
A. McDonald; Mrs. Seellan and two
sons, of Berlin, visited with the Misses
Seellan and Mrs. Ross; Mr. Charles
Mills, of London, spent the day with
James McEllan after an absence
from the scenes of his boyhood for
27 years, and noticed a great many
changes. Rev. T. A. Watson and fam-
ily spent the holidays in Woodbridge,
and a stranger supplied his pulpit on

SUNDAY.

Communion service will be held in
St. Andrew's Church next Sabbath.
Rev. J. G. Stuart, of South London,
will preach the preparatory sermon
on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Arnold Bain, who underwent an
operation for appendicitis a few weeks
ago, returned to his home here on
Monday evening. All hope for him a
speedy recovery.

Miss Anna Dundas entertained a
number of her schoolmates at a pic-
nic party on Monday afternoon in Mr.
McKay's woods, where the little folks,
under the supervision of some of the
parents, enjoyed themselves to the
fullest extent in fishing, wading and
other timely sports. No accident oc-
curred to mar the pleasure of the vil-
lagers on such an ideal day.

Mr. James Hodgins, of Rectory
Church, Chatham, who has been at-
tending the synod at London, spent
the evening of Monday with Mrs.
Morgan Free and other friends.

Mr. A. S. Sheppard, of Ingersoll, is
staying with her mother, Mrs. Nel-
son, who has returned from London
for the summer.
Mrs. T. J. Newton spent Wednesday
in Woodstock.