THE FRUIT OF THE TREE.

In discussing the City Council situation a great deal of high-flown monacese is being spoken and written. The actual facts are these: The Conservatives know that under the at-large system they can control the council, and the Liberals know that under the ward system they were able to control the council very frequently. Therefore the Liberals want to "reform," and the Conservatives want to hold fast to that which is good. The present council, with its majority of Liberals, is not the product of the at-large system.—Spectator.

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That is a somewhat remarkable statement-remarkable not only for its confession of disregard for the interests of good city government, if party exigencies can be served by their betrayal, but also for the things that are not so which it alleges. The organ candidly states its reason for wishing a continuance of the system that has proved so unfortunate for Hamilton, and it is a wholly corrupt and partisan one—the control by the worst elements of its party of the affairs of the ratepayers, that these affairs may be made subservient to machine politics. This is hardly news, but the bald and shameless confession of desire ot betray the city is somewhat striking.

It says "the Liberals want to reform" the council; the Conservatives "want to hold fast to that which is good"that is, those for whom the organ speaks wish to continue the system which has given us such municipal rule as the people have been experiencing. But the Spectator is not fair to some of the members of this year's council, who, although Conservative, are desirous of getting rid of the at-large system which so lends itself to the abuses in which the Spectator glories, to the injury of the city and the disgrace of its government. Mayor Stewart is not a Grit, whatever it may accuse him of, and Ald. Bailey, Clark, Nicholson and Anderson are as high in the confidence of Hamilton Conservatives as is the Spectator; they all voted against Ald. Lees' was not a party one, and probably the the by-law at this time had not a little servatives who have the good of the city sneers at; and probably a vote of the fix the date. conneil which did not involve considerable expense in referring it to the people result very differently to the Spectator's expectation.

But perhaps the last sentence of the Spectator paragraph is the most remarkquoted utterance. It contains two misstatements, (1) that the council has a majority of Liberals, and (2) that it is not the product of the atlarge system. If it is not the product of the at-large system, it is nothing; it was chosen by that system, and the changes that have taken place in it since its constitution have been made under the same law. We do not wonder that the Spectator should wish to disown it, after the scenes of Tuesday night, but it cannot be allowed to do so. Moreover, the occasion and cause of these scenes were due to, and the legitimate results of, the at-large system. They illustrate its purpose and how it is served. Nor is it true that there is Were that the case, and the Liberals were leagued as a party to have the der the Star is as mad as a wet hen. ward by-law submitted now, it would have been done. That the council is now so evenly divided is the result of the atlarge system having served another of its ends—enabling party favorites to climb into office by way of the municipal party slate. Two of the "dominant aldermen have since the beginning of the year been retired to salaried jobs in the city's employ, and Liberals have succeeded them; but the Liberals have not a majority even now. If they had, it would make no difference to the Times' condemnation of recent disgrace ful events at the board. Aldermen at least owe the appearance of respect to the people whom they are chosen to And what the citizens have seen is but the ripe fruit of a very evil treepartisan municipal rule and the system which serves it at the expense of the ublic without regard to the tools used or the questions at issue.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, October

Now that the site for the Home for nptives has been decided upon, lot us hope there will be no further hitch

The by-election in Brockville will not he long delayed. The nomination is set for September 30, with polling a week later. As yet no opposition candidate

Would it not be well for the Police Commissioners to offer a reward for the capture and conviction of the murderous assailants of Policeman May? The peo ple would support them in such a course

Dismiss Dr. Boattle Nesbitt because of Commissioner Starr's findings of bribery? Oh, not Whitney will find some other solution. He won't monkey with the

The picturesque story about the Mayto housing Hindu immigrants or sending them to Ottawa was a pure fake of the agencies that are doing their best to magnify the "yellow peril" mole hill

into a mountain. If all the rescals in British Columbia were in jail, the ques-tion of the Japanese immigrants would be easily disposed of.

The statement yesterday sent abroad to the effect that Rowley, the Elgin Loan Company defaulter, had been par-doned after serving four years of his 12-year sentence, turns out to be without foundation. People who were inclined to question the wisdom of clemency in his case at this time will be surprised to learn that his case has not even beer

At Dunnville Mr. Borden presented a sort of tame political vaudeville in his mock heroic challenge to Hon. Mr. Aylesworth to prove him guilty of personal election wrongdoing. But Mr. Borden did not take the trouble to explain that rather suggestive letter of his to Mr. Graham, warning him not to take the risk of having the boodle entrusted to the handling of "men in public life in the party," and advising the choice of agents in whom the party had confidence in the constituencies. Why did he not explain that?

Tue report of Judge Winchester and Mr. King on the Toronto telephone strike is a most voluminous one, and the most biased could hardly venture to find fault with it as being too favorable to the company. In the matter of the "listen ing board," however, of which some papers made so much, they seem to convinced of its necessity, and they recommend that legislation be secured to make the divulging improperly of news by telephone operators an offence pun ishable as such offences by telegraph operators are now legally punishable.

This Hon. Mr. Aylesworth is the Dominion Minister of Justice, and as such controls the election trials. If he decides to bring a trial on, that trial is brought on; if he decides to postpone a trial and permit the charge to hang over the accused for an indefinite time, that is what hanners—Hamilton Spects. that is what happens .- Hamilton Specta

That is a gross misstatement, and one which is not easily excusable, on the part of our contemporary. It knows perfectly that the Minister of Justice has motion. The fact is that the division to do with the time an election trial question of the cost of submission of purposes of the Controverted Elections Act is to remove that matter entirely to do with the decision of individual from his influence, he being a member aldermen. We know that hosts of Con- of the Cabinet. The time of the trial of an election petition is controlled enat heart wish to see a change that will tirely by the petitioner's counsel, who work the "reform," which the Spectator applies, and the judges of the court, who

The Dundas Star has another grievance against the Laurier Government. A man and wife and six children with tickets for Dundas arrived at the Dundas flag station of the T., H. & B. on Sunday sent nobody to meet them and welcome them to the Valley City. Says the Star: "Arriving in a strange land, with no one to meet or direct them, it must have been a chilly experience." It must have been chilly. The experience of this family will raise the ire of thousands of our people who were immigrants themselves, government of their time always had the Mayor and a brass band at the station to meet them, and a table groaning with delicacies and a suite of rooms in the best hotel awaiting their enjoyment. And this poor man who got to Dundas on Sunday night had actually to wait till Monday monring before he could get a majority of Liberals in the council. a job as a blacksmith at good wages in the Bertram establishment. No won-

BABY TORTURED BY ITCHING RASH

Face and Feet Covered-Rest Broken and Would Cry Until Tired Out—"Cradle Cap" Added to Baby's Torture—Tries Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment.

IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND SPEEDY CURE

"My beby was about nine months old when she had rash on her face and feet. Her feet seemed to irritate her most, especially nights. They would cause her to be broken of her rest, and sometimes she would cry until she was tirredout. I had always used Cutturas Geap myself, and had heard of so many ourse by the Cuticura Remedies that I thought I would give them a trial. The improvement was noticeable in a few hours, and before I had used one box of the Cuticura Olintment her feet were well and have never troubled her since. I also used it to remove what is known as "cradle cap" from her head, and it worked like a charm as it cleansed and healed the scaip at the same time. Now I keep Cuticura Olintment on hand in case of any little rash or insect bites, as it takes out the inflammation at once. Perhaps this may be the means of helping other suffering bables. Mrs. Hattle Currier, Thomaston, Me., June 9, 1900."

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A single set is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and selly humors, ecsemas, rashes, and irritations, with loss of hair, from infancy to age, when all other remedies and even the best physicians fall. Guaranteed absolutely pure. Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants. Children, and Adults contract the Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants. Children, and Adults contract the Complete Section of the Skin, and Cutting Resolvent for in the form of Chocolate Coastel Pills, and Skin and Cutting Resolvent for in the form of Chocolate Coastel Pills, and wissels aftray to Purify the Bood. Soid through the Coastel Pills, and the Coastel Pills a

Saturday the Last Day of Our Four **Great Sales**

Ostrich Feathers, Ladies' Long Gloves, Fine Muslins and other Wash Goods and Ladies' Coats at a big reduction on regular prices.

Blg Reduction in the Price of Long Silk Gloves

5c Long Black Silk Gloves 49c

Long Colored Silk Gloves

regular 75c, for 621/c \$1.65 White or Cream Long Silk Gl Evening Shades, in Long Silk Gloves,

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| Long White or Cream Silk Gloves | 756 White or Cream Long Silk Gloves | 490 \$1.25 Long Black Silk Gloves .. 79e \$1.00 White or CreamL ong Silk Gloves \$1.25 White or Cream Long Silk Glove \$1.50 White or Cream Long Silk Glove

The Last Day of Special Prices on Ostrich Feathers

\$1.00 Black Ostrich Feathers ... 50c \$3.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$2.25 \$1.19 Black Ostrich Feathers ... 75c \$4.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$2.75 \$1.25 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$80c \$5.00 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$2.75 \$1.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$1.00 \$1.75 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$4.50 \$1.75 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$4.50 \$2.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$5.00 \$2.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$5.00 \$2.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$5.00 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$6.00 \$2.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$6.00 \$2.50 Black Ostrich Feathers ... \$8.75

White Ostrich Feather Reductions

\$1.00 White Ostrich Feathers, Saturday \$1.50 White Ostrich Feathers, Saturday \$2.00 White Ostrich Feathers Saturday \$2.00 White Ostrich Feathers Saturday \$3.75 White Ostrich Feathers Saturday \$4.25 White Ostrich Feathers, Saturday

Colored Foxtall Feathers \$3.75 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$2.75 | \$6.50 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$4.50 | \$5.35 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$4.00 | \$8.50 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$6.50 | \$6.50 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$4.25 | \$10 Colored Ostrich Feathers \$7.50 |

Thousands of yards of Wash Goods at a Big Reduction

25, 33, and 50c Wash Goods to clear at 15c

100 Fall and Winter Coats at Half Price \$10.00 Jackets \$5.00 \$15.00 Jackets \$7.50

\$10 Ladies' Fall and Winter Coats, grey and brown Tweeds, three-quar-plain cloths and light and dark Tweeds or length box back, on sale Saturday ting, worth up to \$15, Saturday \$7.56

Two Good Bargains from Our Skirt and Suit Dept.

\$4.00 to \$7.50 Shirts | \$10.00 Shirt Waist Suits

S2.98

Dress Skirts in black, navy, brown and green, Lustre and Cloths, also fawn and navy Lustre Waists, trimmed light and dark tweeds, all the newest designs, skirts worth \$4 to \$7.50, Saturday sale price \$2.98 Saturday \$3.95

Stripe Flannelette 7c

Staple Dept. Specials Saturday

10c Roller Towelling 6½c

300 yards Roller Towelling, blue border, good 10c quality for 61/2 c

\$1.25 Bed Spreads 89c

\$1.50 Table Napkins 75c

The Enormous Consignment of Graniteware

Consisting of 134 cases, has all arrived, and is being unpacked rapidly. All lines mentioned below, which are a full assortment of what we have, will be ready for Saturday's business, and we do not hesitate in saying that the best values you have ever seen will be here, and it will pay the small dealer to purchase a supply, as in nearly every instance the price is much lower than the regular wholesals figure.

	regular wholesale figure.		
G	100 dozen first grade White Milk Pans, 3-quart size, each		81/2
	100 dozen first grade Grey Pudding Pans, 3-quart size, each		. 9
-	75 dozen 1-quart Milk Pans, on sale at, each		. 5
d	75 dozen 11/2 quart Grey Granite Milk Pans, each		. 6
	20 dozen Enamelled Side Dishes, on sale at, each		. 5
Ľ	20 dozen Enamelled Side Vegetable Dishes, each		. 4
L	25 dozen Grey Enamelled Jelly Cake Tins, each		. 5
	50 dozen Grey Enamelled Soap Dishes, each		
H	50 dozen Grey and White Enamelled Milk Skimmers, each		. 5
L	40 dozen White Enamelled Soup Bowls, each		. 7
F	25 dozen 14-quart Granite Kneading Pans, each		49
Ρ.	50 dozen Grey Enamelled Saucepans, covered, each		10
C	10 dozen Granite Bake Pans, worth 35c, for only	'	15
H	20 dozen Granite Wash Basins, regularly 25c, for		10
C	20 dozen Granite Wash Basins, regularly 30c, for		18
	No. 8 Stove Pots 39c No. 9 Stove Pots		41
	No. 8 Tea Kettles 50c No. 9 Tea Kettles		
C	Large Rice Boilers, each 56c Large Berlin Saucepans		
Ŀ	Medium Rice Boilers, each 45c Medium Berlin Saucepans		3
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Brush Mops Each 10c

Fancy Baskets 75c for 59c 3 dozen Japanese made Baskets of fine willow and marked regular at 75c, will be reduced for Saturday to 59c

Glassware Tumblers on sale at . . . 3c each
Berry Dishes, 20c, for 10c
Jelly Glasses, each . . . 3c
Cream Pitchers, each . . . 5c

Towel Rollers 5c 6 dozen Wooden Towel Rollers, I inches long, will be cleared on Saturda at the low price of 5c eac

China Department Bread and Butter Plates, each . . 5 c Cups and Saucers complete, 3 for 25 c White Scolloped Dishes, 35c, for 29 c Large White Pitchers, each 39 c

Saturday Sale of Fresh Groceries 12 lbs. Redpath's Best Granulated Sugar 520

Or 7 pounds for 32c to customers purchasing \$1 worth of other grocerie Baking Powder 9c Can Ginger Snaps 5c lb.

Extraordinary Purchase of Shoes

In the face of the fact that Shoes have advanced 25 per cent. in price, we have made a purchase of samples in Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, which will go on sale Saturday at least ½ and in some cases less than ½ of old up Saturday. You will be satisfied.

Other Shoes Under Price for Saturday

\$5.00 Shoes \$2.98

\$3.50 Women's \$2.19 McPherson's Men's High Class Patent Leather Balmorals, Blucher or straight cut, dull tops, also Goodyear welt soles, regular \$5.00 Shoes, Saturday.. \$2.98 military heel, regular \$3.00, for \$2.19

We want you here Saturday morning, and will give you values in Shoes never before seen in Hamilton

\$3.00 Women's Shoes

Children's Velvet Coats, in red, navy, green and fawn, made with a yoke and deep collar, all well lined, sizes 1 to 4 years, on sale Saturday \$3.00 \$2.19

Children's Shoes 75c

A fine lot of Children's Shoes, odd

Saturday Special Price News From the Largest Dress Goods Department in Hamilton

\$1.00 Eolienne 69c

44-inch Eolienne, in pale blue, green, brown and cream, value \$ for

750 Lustre 59o

75c Amazon 59c

44-inch Amazon, in light and dark navy, light and dark brown, myrtle, and garnet, regular 75c, for . . . 59c

50c Cream Lustre 39c

Over 1,000 Pieces of Dress Goods in This Stock When You Can't Find What You Want, Come Hare

Three special lines of Squaw Bags gon sale Saturday.

\$1.25 Grenadines \$1.00 | Black Silk Eolienne 750 46-inch Black Silk Grenadine, floral patterns, regular value \$1.25, for \$1.00

Great Values from the Ready-to-**Wear Section**

We have 25 only Corset Covers, in sizes 32 to 38. They are slightly soiled saturday morning we sell them at less than Half Price.

80c to \$2.00 Corset Covers ... 49c 50 to 75c Corset Covers ... 25c 37½ to 45c Corset Covers ... 19c 30 to 35c Corset Covers ... 15c

100 Shirt Waists to be Cleared Saturday Morning \$1.50 Shirt Waists for 49c

Sample Shirt Waist

manufacturer's model samples o season's Shirt Waists, black, white red and navy silk, in sizes 34 to 6, very stylishly trimmed; price 1-ess than if bought in the ordinary way

Don't Forget the 4 Sales

Lace Department

Infants' Department

No better place in Hamilton to outfit the little one. Everything here you need, and at a little lower price than

50c Jackets 15c

Infants' Cream Wool Jackets, slightly oiled in handling, value 50c, for 15c

75c Cashmere Tams 50c

Boys' Cream Cashmere Tams, nicel

Velvet Coats \$3.00

50c Embroidered Bonnets

29c

Infants' Embroidered Silk Bonnets with good full net, frill and flannelett-lined, value 50c, on sale Saturday 29c

\$2.00 Dresses \$1.39

\$1.00 Corsets 75c

Bag Department

\$1.00 Bags 69c

Squaw Bags in black, tan and brown the \$1.00 kind, for 696

75c for 50c

Squaw Bags in black and tan only ordinary 75c, for 50c

50c for 35c

Heavy Leather Squaw Bags, good value for 50c, Saturday 35c

Alarm Clocks

150 Alarm Clocks, nickel, \$1.00, for

50 Alarm Clocks, nickel, \$1.25, fo

75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Silks

49c

50 Alarm Clocks, nickel, \$1.50,

Laces 6 yds. I5c

Torehon and Val. Edgings and Insertions, worth regularly 5c per yard, on sale Saturday, 6 yards 15c

\$1.00 Fine Mull Embroiderles 50c

Fine Mull Embroideries, from 4 to 8 inches wide, in cream and white, worth up to \$1.00 per yard, for 50c

50c and 75c Applique 25c

50c Val. Edgings 25c doz.

Fine Valenciennes Edging, ½ included wide, worth 50c per dozen, Saturday

Hosiery Department

50c Stockings 3 for \$1.00

40c Stockings 29o

Large Boys' Worsted Stockings, size $9\frac{1}{2}$ only, regular 40c value, to clear 29c

29c Lisle Hose 19c

Ladles' Vests 50c

100 dozen Ladies' Heavy Autum Tests, extra weight, extra value 500 Ladies' Vests 25c Heavy Natural Vests, long sleeves dozen, special for Saturday . . 250

Black Tights 50c Ladies' Black Tights, full range of izes, elastic band, fast colors, price

Special Saturday Sales

\$3.00 White Lawn Waists \$1.99 \$2.25 and \$2.50 White Lawn Waists \$1.59

Three Great Values in

White Lawn Walsts for

\$2.00 Waists for \$1.29 75c White Cotton Drawers 29c

Housefurnishing Dept. Saturday

Tapestry Table Covers

We place on sale Saturday 25 samples Table Covers, all good colors, size 2x2 yards, or 2 yards x 2½, heavy fringe all reund Saturday's price follows \$1.50 Table Covers ... \$1.23 \$2.75 Table Covers ... \$1.98 \$2.50 Table Covers ... \$1.49 \$3.25 Table Covers ... \$2.49

20c Muslin 15c

White Curtain Muslin, frill on both sides, wide openwork stripe, 45 inches wide, will go on sale Saturday for 15c pink or blue border, regular \$3.65, for \$2.95

\$1.50 White Blankets \$1.25

\$3.65 White Wool Blankets \$2.95

Snap in Lace Curtains

Best quality White Flannelette Blankets, large size 68x80, will go on sale Saturday for \$1.25 saturday \$1.

We Have One of the Largest Silk Stocks in Canada 틸

Not because we do the largest business but on account of the big advances in price we have purchased largely in order to protect our customers.

Great Values in Silks at 49c

for shirt waist suits, regular \$1. mirt wasst suits, regular \$1, for

\$1.25 Silk Velvet 59c

Black Silk Velvet, slightly damaged, regular value \$1.75, for 59c regular \$2.00, Saturday \$1.25

Embroidery Department 50c Chiffon Veiling 30c

\$1.00 Veils 39c Ready-made Veils, in white, blace and white and blue, 52 inches long

value \$1.00, for 39

75c Point d'Esprit 39c 4 boxes Point d'Esprit, 36 inches wild with tiny dot, suitable for waists, goo value at 75c, Saturday's special pric 390

Great Sales Saturday

Broche Silks, in evening shades, good ralue for \$1.00. Saturday 49c

\$2.00 Peau De Soie \$1.25

Sale of Granite Ware Sale of Silk Gloves Sale of Ostrich Feathers Sale of Ladies' Jackets price Sale of Wash Goods

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