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PUT THEM OUT OF THEIR MISERY.

After some hesitation the Globe has come out with an article giving reasons why the Ontario Government should be supported in Muskoka and Sault Ste. Marie—North Renfrew, for some reason, is not mentioned. The title is "Strengthen Premier Ross," and that is probably the best line, or rather the only line that is left to the friends of the administration. If the article is a signal of distress rather than a war-cry, that is the fault of circumstances. The Government is beyond medical aid, and it would be a more humane act to put it out of its misery than to pump oxygen into its lungs. About a year ago it threw out hints in the direction of a coalition. As these came to nothing, it made last winter the same appeal that it is making to-day—that it should be strengthened in the by-elections then pending, so that the ministers would have time and energy to attend to their public duties, without being worried by the fear of a defeat in the Legislature. We must have some strong Government, said the Globe; the parties will not have a coalition Government; Mr. Whitney cannot give us a strong Government; the only resource is to "strengthen Premier Ross." This had a reasonable appearance; the province certainly had to be governed in some way; and shortly afterwards the Government was able to announce that it had now "the three Norths," and had also obtained the allegiance of Mr. Gagey. Mr. Gagey had originally been elected as a wicked Tory, but had seen the light, and his heart had been melted by the spectacle of Mr. Ross and his colleagues "building up Ontario."

By electing Government members in the "three Norths" the people did their best to "strengthen the Government," yet the Government showed no indications of renewed vigor. There was a lot of curious dickerings in North York, not at all indicative of strength. North Renfrew was kept vacant, as it is to-day. (The Globe says that a vote to strengthen the hands of the Premier will be a patriotic vote, and he who casts it will in future years recall his action with pride.) But for some reason the Government will not allow North Renfrew to take part in the patriotic work of strengthening the Government.

Then Gagey, to put it mildly, proved to be a source of anxiety and discomfort rather than of strength. We will not go over the incidents of a famous political trial, but hurry on to the report of Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge, which was loudly proclaimed as something that would "strengthen Premier Ross." Still, the government did not seem confident of its strength. The by-elections were delayed for several months, and even to-day the electors of North Renfrew are not allowed to take part in strengthening the government.

In the meantime the newspapers favoring the government have been sounding anything but a confident note. The Globe has told us that the canker of corruption has eaten into the body politic; The Kingston Whig has demanded a reform of the civil service; The Huron Signal protested against the trickery practised in Centre Bruce; The Huron Expositor said that the course of the government illustrated the saying that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

We doubt whether this last attempt to "strengthen Premier Ross" will be any more successful than the earlier ones. North Renfrew is abandoned, so that even the winning of Muskoka and Sault Ste. Marie would leave the government no better off than before. The province is thoroughly tired of the present government, and wants a change. It may want a Whitney government; it may want a non-party government; in any case the right case to pursue is to "assist nature," as the physicians say, to allow public opinion to work its way, whatever may become of the politicians. There is no use in prolonging the agony of a dying government. The elements of a strong government must be in existence, and the sooner the people grapple with the question of forming such a government, the better for all concerned. — Toronto World.

BALEFOUR'S LONG FELT WANT.
Toronto Telegram.

What the Balfour Government really lacks is a great statesman like Hon. James Sutherland, who could get up and tell the Duke of Devonshire and other retiring cabinet ministers that they are "kickers" and "soreheads," and never amounted to anything anyway.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

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Oct. 14.—The parsonage Guild of Christ Church will give an at-home to-morrow evening from 8 to 10, at the residence of Mrs. E. Miller.

Miss Grace Huff has accepted a position as book-keeper with the firm of Wells & Wells.

Geo. Barker is back from his trip to the old country.

L. V. Peters' fast paper, "Master Roy," won another race last week, at Richmond, O. He goes this week in the 2.15 pace at Lancaster, O.

Geo. Westfall, who has been visiting his home in town, returned to Detroit this morning.

James McVean was in Chatham yesterday and Monday serving as a jurymen.

Bert McKim and family, of Chatham, are in town.

Thos. Donnelly has rented the Elgie property, on the road to the station, and moved in yesterday.

Miss Mabel Leonard, who has been spending the summer with friends in Detroit and Windsor, is back in Dresden. She and her mother will spend the winter here.

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RUTHERFORD.

The Methodist people of this place have beautified their church by papering and painting inside, and on Sept. 27th and 28th they held their anniversary and tea. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Tupperville, was present, as did three eloquent and practical sermons. Our esteemed pastor, Rev. Mr. Osterhout, secured two of Chatham's popular young ladies, the Misses Baxter, who did their part towards pleasantly entertaining us. Proceeds—nearly \$900.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gragg and daughter, Croton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hanks and Stanley, Langbank, attended our tea meeting.

Mr. John Edder, Camden, purchased 25 young hogs here recently, also Mr. Alex. Hooper, of Camden.

Tom Erwin, Thamesville, was in this vicinity purchasing cattle.

A number from here took in Florence Fair Saturday.

The Presbyterians held their tea Monday evening last.

Mr. T. Prescott, councillor, and Mr. John Spearman was at Florence last Saturday.

The North Dawn Methodists held a very successful tea on the 4th and 6th.

Farmers are busy sowing wheat yet. There will be a hot time in the old town in our municipal contest here this year coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBrayne attended Dresden Fair.

Political matters are quiet. Some say we will have an election this fall.

Rev. and Mrs. Osterhout were at North Dawn Sunday.

Call MacDonald moved to Dresden Monday and Mr. H. Shaw will move on his farm he recently purchased.

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THE ORATOR.

Senator Hoar's Views Upon His Exalted Office—Translation of Latin and Greek and Practice in Debating Society.

In my opinion, the two most important things that a young man can do to make himself a good public speaker are—

First. Constant and careful written translations from Latin or Greek into English.

Second. Practice in a good debating society.

It has been said that all the great Parliamentary orators of England are either men whom Lord North saw, or men who saw Lord North—that is, men who were conspicuous as public speakers in Lord North's youth, his contemporaries, and the men who saw him as an old man when they were young themselves. This would include Bolingbroke and would come down only to the year of Lord John Russell's birth.

So we should have to add a few names, especially Gladstone, Disraeli, John Bright and Palmerston. There is no great Parliamentary orator in England since Gladstone died. I once, a good many years ago, looked at the biographies of the men who belonged to the period who were famous as great orators in the Parliament or in court, to find, if I could, the secret of their power.

With the exception of Lord Erskine and of John Bright, I believe everyone of them trained himself by careful and constant translation from Latin or Greek, and frequented a good debating society in his youth.

Brougham trained himself for extemporaneous speaking in the Speculative Society, the great theatre of debate for the University of Edinburgh. He also improved his English style by translations from Greek, among which is his well-known version of the Oration on the Crown.

Canning's attention, while at Eton, was strongly turned to extemporaneous speaking. They had a debating society, in which the Marquis of Wellesley and Charles Earl Grey had been trained, before him, in which they had all the forms of the House of Commons, and the treasury benches, and an Opposition. Canning also was disciplined by the habit of translation.—From "Oratory," by Senator George F. Hoar, in Scribner's.

Minuteness of Watch Screws.

Modern Machinery contains some interesting facts about the minuteness of some of the screws made in an American watch factory. It takes nearly 130,000 of a certain kind to weigh one pound.

They appear in their true character—perfectly finished bolts. The pivot of the balance wheel is only one two-hundredths of an inch in diameter, and the gage with which pivots are classified measures to the ten-thousandths of an inch.

A jewel hole in which a pivot fits is about one five-thousandth of an inch larger than the pivot to permit sufficient play. The finest screw for a small-sized watch has a thread of 200 to the inch.

What a crowd of distinguished subjects dwells in Fictionshire! And the women folk of Fictionshire! My sakes, they're an odd lot! Take the duchesses, for instance. Only the old and ugly ones have morals. But to lead a moral life it appears to have a bad effect on the duchesses of Fictionshire. It soars their tempers and sharpens their tongues; so that, after all, one must prefer the unmoral duchesses. These, of course, are the young and pretty ones. They do not seem quite so vague to us, either, these naughty duchesses. We are quite willing to believe in them.

Probably that's the human side of us—to accept evil report on hearsay evidence. It is only the sides of which we require proof positive.

For my part, if I am to get abroad at all, I had rather revisit Ruritania, which isn't on any map and doesn't pretend to be, or kang awa up into Thrums, where there are the joys and sorrows one can believe in and understand.—Sawell Ford in Reader.

A Green's Voluntary.

Sir Frederick Bridge, the English musician is a good story teller, according to T.A.T., and has a fund of amusing personal experiences to draw upon. One of the great musician's best stories is about a provincial church organist, who was once a pupil of his. This young man was appointed to an important church in the Midlands. In course of time he married. During his absence his volunteers were much missed by the congregation. They had always been appreciated and their removal was looked forward to with regret.

Sir Frederick Bridge, "the intense amusement of the people when the newly-married organist gave as his first voluntary, upon his return, Handel's 'Wait Her, Angels, to the Skies.'"

Prosperity's Victims.

"You! Complain of being half-starved on account of high prices! Why, man, you are making a fortune off your truck farm."

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Modern Soldiers Have Every Reason to Be Grateful that They Do Not Live When George Was King.

These was one Swift McNeill, M. P., in the reign of King George II. In fact, parliament was occupied, for the most part, by faddish members, who were content to sit and listen and vote, without finding fault with anything.

Such as has been talked, and written, against the state of our army, we would appear to have improved somewhat in the efforts of our fore-fathers. A young officer of the period of George II. was (according to records) absolutely discouraged from displaying undue zeal, or striving to fulfil the meaning of that blessed word "efficiency." He knew perfectly well that if he distinguished himself in action another in was quite likely to be promoted over his head. In fact, "interest" was a sine qua non; the man who had influential friends, and, of course, plenty of spending cash, got on all right; and if he had a handsome wife, so much the better for his advancement.

To such a state of degradation had the army sunk at about the time when Hogarth's "March to Finchley" was painted (1746) that it was common for tradesmen and others in difficulty to enlist in the Foot Guards. This was done with the collusion of the commanding officers, who, having "scopped" the pay of the tradesmen and others in difficulty, exempted them from all military duties; and their uniform protected them from arrest by the civil power. It is hair-raising to read the old records; and as for punishments, the Duke of Cumberland's general orders contain on three consecutive days sentences of eight hundred, five hundred and eight hundred lashes, served out for "theft," "mutinous expressions" and "insolent behavior." Deponent has one occasion witnessed the infliction of the regulation half-hundred during the "early sixties," by what sort of castiron back must the "swadlow" of a century and a half ago have possessed?

Bashing of that sort is still popular in China, and only the other day a man named Shen Chien (which reads "degre") was caned to death by the order of the Emperor Dowager. The punishment lasted for two hours. But he was only a journalist, and wrote things, and objected to modern improvements. In the Duke of Cumberland's army there were other pretty little punishments, calculated to make the soldier love military service such as "picketing" and the "high horse" for picketing the culprit's naked heel rested on a sharpened stake, driven into the ground, his right wrist and right leg being drawn up as high as they could be to a hook fixed in an adjoining post. This amusing sport lasted a quarter of an hour or so; and he who had to ride the high horse bestrode a sharp ridge formed of planks, with his arms tied behind him. Heavy weights were attached to both feet, and the "horse" (which was on wheels) was then drawn up and down. This ride was productive of the direst results to the unfortunate victim and the soldier of to-day has every reason to be grateful that he did not live "when George was King."

Men as Housemaids.

"He is my housemaid," was the defence put forward in a London police court by a Streatham gentleman summoned for keeping a male servant without a license. From inquiries made at various registry offices where male as well as female servants are negotiated, a representative of the Daily Chronicle learned that, though no one has been known to apply for a "male housemaid," large numbers of men, especially foreigners, are employed in private as well as in numerous boarding-houses, to do the greater part of the work of housemaid. And in many cases it is declared they do it better and with greater vigor. They are not expected to make the beds, but they will sweep the floors, and the staircases, keep the area and basement of the house clean, polish the silver and boots, and, above all, wait at table, the appointments of the dining-room being in their charge.

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