

..The Planet..

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CONSERVATIVE SUCCESS IN NORTH BRUCE.

The election of the Conservative candidate in the by-election in N. Bruce cannot be regarded as otherwise than deeply significant.

In the general contest the fight was very close and Mr. A. McNeill, the Conservative only beat Campbell, the Liberal by a majority of one vote.

A recount resulted in the declaration of a tie and the contest of yesterday, thus became necessary.

Mr. Halliday carried the Conservative standard on this occasion and despite the Herculean and sinister efforts of the Ontario and Dominion Governments he has succeeded by a safe majority.

The result is deeply significant of the present feeling in the Province of Ontario and it is one more mark in the handwriting on the wall for Ross.

SAVING OF OVER \$600.

It is not often that the Maple City succeeds in realizing over \$600 in the letting of a contract for a year—yet that is what Water Commissioners Dr. J. L. Bray and W. D. Sheldon virtually secured for Chatham in the letting of the civic coal supply to the Lake Erie Railroad on Thursday evening.

The commissioners have been gaining annually in their coal purchase, but the present contract buries all previous records. A careful examination shows that the saving to the city will be \$240 on the purchase price, estimating the amount of coal required at 1,400 tons, the usual tonnage utilized; and between \$400 and \$500 on the test of the mineral, which proved exceedingly satisfactory. Dr. Bray and Mr. Sheldon deserve the gratitude and congratulations of all the ratepayers.

This civic saving, too, will have its effect, it is to be hoped, in quelling the carrying criticism of the little few against the Lake Erie Railroad. This Road has never proved antagonistic to Chatham and its interests—it has, in fact, been a material instrument in promoting them. But the saving of that \$600 puts a very practical side on the advantages to be gained by the cultivation of the company.

All they have to do now is to give us those car shops, and we'll be content.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

It will be good news to the people of Newfoundland that Britain has determined to establish a naval base in the island, somewhat similar to that at Esquimaux, in British Columbia. The site is to be Marquis on Placentia Bay, and the construction of a graving dock and other naval works will be entered upon and pushed through. One of the chief objects in view will be the training of the hardy fishermen for the purpose of a Naval Reserve. Although at present this action of the British government is a matter in which Newfoundland alone is directly concerned, yet it is by no means without interest to Canadians. For "Britain's Oldest Colony" is the guardian of the Gulf; and were it to fall into the hands of a foreign power, the St. Lawrence route would be virtually blocked. Moreover, Newfoundland will, in all probability, east, in her lot with the Dominion. If she does not do so, there is great likelihood of her joining the United States. One thing is certain; she will not forever quietly bear the annoyances and hardships of the French shore claims. France may be right or she may be wrong in her position; but unless some satisfactory settlement of the question is reached, Newfoundland loyalty will be subjected to a strain greater than it will bear.

NOVEL SUGGESTION.

Mr. A. A. Wright, of South Renfrew, on motion for second reading of the Solicitor-General's bill to amend the Franchise Act, will submit a proposition for the adoption of a new ballot. Mr. Wright's idea is a novel and ingenious one, and on the face of it extremely simple. He thinks it will prevent the spoiling of ballots and do away with the uncertainty as to the voter's intention, which often results from the ballot being imperfectly marked, besides reducing the possibility of fraud to a minimum.

Mr. Wright's plan is that after the nomination the candidates shall forward their photographs to the returning officer, who shall have them printed on small strips of paper and used instead of ballots. The photographs would be equal in number with the voters on the list. On polling day the returning officer would hand to each voter a photograph of each candidate, folded and initialed. These the voter would take with him behind the screen and from them select the man of his choice. The voter would then hand to the returning officer the photograph of the candidate for whom he intended to vote and it would be deposited in the ballot box. The other photographs would be de-

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stayed in the presence of assembled officials and the voter.

Mr. Wright deems his plan so simple and effective that it will cure all the evils resulting from the present ballot. No marking by the voter is required, and the most illiterate man could make his choice without difficulty. Mr. Wright is not aware that the photographic ballot is in vogue anywhere, and is anxious to see the experiment made in this country.

ONE ON CARNEGIE.

Here is a story of Carnegie told by himself:

"One winter Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Schwab were spending a few days in Florida and as a lark went to a colored church. After the sermon the minister asked for a collection for whitewashing the church. When the basket was passed to Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Schwab they dropped in a couple of crisp bills of large denominations. When the basket was placed on the desk in front of the colored divine that worthy put on his spectacles and, with astonishment stamped on his face, closely examined the bills and then, addressing the congregation, said:

"De whitewashin' of dis church will begin to-morrow, providin' that these here notes dat de gen'lmen in de rear ob de church dropped in de basket am not counterfeits."

FOR OLD AGE

To the old, as to babies, the even balance of health is more important than anything else in the world. The possible health, in age, is not high and strong; it is only even.

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Ross had better commence to pack his little grip.

The Conservatives of North Bruce did well in taking a Holiday on Wednesday.

North Bruce would like to have it mentioned that Ontario is still Conservative.

Speaking about the city's business interests, if we should compare the 400 with the 5—But, no matter.

Wonder if the unfortunate five will have to put up for the other 450 "complaint" blanks that were not used?

If it costs \$9,000 for the Ross government to pretend to investigate the election frauds in West Elgin, how much would it cost to bring one or two of the scoundrels who perpetrated the frauds to justice?

The "stop-the-war" cranks in England should send Botha some of their missionary leaflets, aptly remarks the Ottawa Citizen.

Perhaps Premier Ross will permit us to call his attention to the handwriting on the wall, as traced by the fingers of North Bruce.

There is still said to be yawning vacuum in the civic vaults which Ald. Marshall had prepared to receive the "scores of complaints" against Engineer Shackleton that the Banner didn't have after all.

Says the Woodstock Express, independent:—The more is seen of it the more it becomes apparent that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statesmanship is like his Free Trade policy, merely a theory.

It is said that Mr. William Ball, to whom, as head of the 400 petitioners for the reinstatement of Mr. Shackleton, our harmless contemporary presumed to give a certain lecture on civic business methods, pays more taxes into the civic coffers than all of the five "complainants" together.

Another enigmatic gem from our lofty-minded contemporary—Mr. Marshall seems to be negotiating with himself for Hedge fence stock.

The only unnecessary negotiating that Ald. Marshall did was in preparing for the "complaints" the Banner didn't have and couldn't get, or, to be plain, taking that erratic publication at its word.

Down in Texas: it is an offence against the law to play cards elsewhere than in a private house. The legislature tried to pass a law against card-playing even in private houses, but the Senate wouldn't go that far. The wise men of Texas evidently believe that it is sinful for the people to fritter away their time at card-playing when there are other pastimes of a more exciting nature, no grog lynchings, for instance. But isn't it strange, how, in spite of evolution, human nature remains true to itself? The illustration of straining at the gnat and swallowing the camel is as applicable to-day as ever it was.

INGRATITUDE.

Banner-News.
The Planet offers to lend us some of its old cuts. Not on your life.

THE EDITOR'S HUNGRY AGAIN.

Dundas Star.
It's up to the regiment now to give us a dinner equal to the one on Friday night.

PERSISTED IN TAKING CHANCES.

Hamilton Spectator.
We knew that the French would monkey with that duel business until somebody got hurt.

WE SHOULD SAY SO.

Dundas Star.
The officers present wore men's dress and full dress and made the civilians look quite plain by comparison.

IT MAY BE.

Toronto News.
The Cook charges may not turn out to be so true and startling as the Government's desire to prevent the investigation might lead one to expect.

LOUD.

Dundas Star.
The Duke of York should not miss Dundas on his trip through Canada. The Duke it is said, will confer honours while on his colonial tour. How would Sir Chub Collins sound?

NOT AFRAID OF THE LAW.

Toronto News.
Gen. Ian Hamilton recommends that Boer prisoners be sent to Canada to work on the railways. The general has his own opinion of an alien labor law.

THE SPEC. HITS IT.

Hamilton Spectator.
The exact difference between the fiscal policies of the Liberals and Conservatives is the difference between a tariff for the many and a tariff for the few.—Toronto Globe. Exactly: the Tories want a tariff Canadians; the Grits for Americans and other outsiders.

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A REASONABLE GUESS.

London News.
The Hamilton Spectator heads an item, "Much gas used, annual meeting of shareholders of Hamilton company." Guess Bill Maclean, Sam Hughes and some of the rest of the Ottawa boys must have been there.

WILLIAM'S WIDE ESCAPE.

New Denver, B. C. Ledger.
In Germany the other day a piece of iron was thrown at Emperor William, which slightly wounded him in the face. Fortunately for William that it was not a Slovan beefsteak that hit him.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Hamilton Spectator.
Forty-eight years ago to-day news came from Dublin, Ireland, to the Spectator, to the effect that beet root sugar experiments in Ireland had proved altogether successful. Mr. Ross is not quite up to date.

A GOOD MEASURE.

Hamilton Herald.
Mr. Lumsden's bill, the object of which is to put habitual drunkards in the category of irresponsible persons unable to manage their own affairs, may be regarded as temperance legislation. It passed into law it would undoubtedly cause many drunkards to brace up and attend to business. As it is a good many drunkards are under the mistaken impression that they are generally regarded as "good fellows."

VAULTING AMBITION.

Montreal Star.
The effort to compel the gas people in New York to enclose their meters in fireproof vaults would lead to the expenditure of about twenty odd millions. What particular benefit to the community would result from the vault movement being carried out is not very apparent, but it is more than hinted that certain parties who have a strong "pull" are interested in the building of the vaults.

A NEWS ITEM CORRECTED.

London Free Press.
To-day (March 19) is the 1,945th anniversary of the death of Julius Caesar, the great Roman general and statesman. He was assassinated in the senate house by Brutus—Editorial in London Advertiser. Chunks of timely information such as this are well calculated to keep a paper thoroughly up-to-date and its readers well posted on the happenings of the day. At the same time, as the Roman police records show Julius Caesar was killed while the Julian calendar was in vogue, whereas at the present day we use the Gregorian calendar, which would make the anniversary fall on the 25th of March. So our contemporary information is ten days ahead of time.

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6 lbs. Figs, 25c.
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Matches, 10c package for 8c.
4 lbs. Dried Apples, 25c.
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John McConnell

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