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A Democratic Reform.

By-elections westwards are hailed by some as omens of what is to be expected after the war. Perhaps better omens could be consulted, but no one familiar with the political world can honestly expect a continuance of the present terms of representation. It matters not what side of politics or what partisanship may be felt by the individual, he must soon realize that the so-called victories in general elections in which one side sweeps the country, and the other is reduced to impotence are the consummation of political folly. Whatever they do for one party or the other, the result for the nation is never the best, rarely even positively good, and is a conspicuous failure inasmuch as it betrays the country of about half its potential common sense and paralyzes the rest. Government by committee or by cabinet is not democratic government. The house of commons, if it is to be an operative body, must be elected in a democratic fashion. The object of elections under the present system of party organization is to disfranchise half the population. When this is accomplished it is hailed as a victory. It may be a victory, but not for democracy.

We are fighting to make the world safe for democracy, but we must make it safe at home as well as abroad. It is in the power of the Union government to do this now, by passing a proportional representation act and giving the people of the Dominion a fair chance in a democratic election. The object of elections under the present system of party organization is to disfranchise half the population. When this is accomplished it is hailed as a victory. It may be a victory, but not for democracy.

The big majorities need have no fear. They will be no less the majority than before. But their representatives will be a better class of men, more intelligent, more patriotic, more entirely concerned for the interest of the country. The house of commons with proportional representation would be really democratic, really representative.

The present is a great opportunity to make this necessary reform. If it be missed those responsible will be the first to have cause for regret. The measure is not less needed for the legislatures and the municipalities than for the federal house, but the Dominion should set the example in these days of reconstruction.

Women in Parliament.

Among the great incidents of the war, with the reconstruction of the world which it has involved, many of the social and political changes already accepted are almost passed without notice. It is the custom still among those trained to orthodox and conservative habits of thought to put aside a positive acceptance of the changes and to think that after the war the world will drift back into its old path. These people will find themselves wholly wrong. The changes that are going on are structural, organic and belong to a new order. Democracy, in a fuller sense than has yet been conceived, is approaching and will be established on other bases than the past has contemplated. It is not a change due to the war altogether, or to political forces, or to social evolution merely. It comes of a change in humanity which is as real as it is unrecognized.

One of the signs of it is the acceptance by the mother of parliaments of the resolution to admit women to seats in the house on the same terms as men. The leader of the house stated that a bill would be brought in at once to give effect to the resolution. We may be assured that the next British election will be conducted with the principle of the equality of the sexes fully recognized.

This fact indicates in itself a change in human nature of the most striking character. The early Saracen system was the only one probably that gave women full and equal recognition with men. The Christian system has always distrusted women, pleading St. Paul's views in justification. The churches have been all against sex equality, but all except the most conservative are changing in this respect. The Methodist Guardian is still pleading the physical inferiority of women as a reason against giving them ministerial equality. Some women are stronger than some men. Some women are weaker than some men. Therefore, says The Guardian, women may preach but must not become ministers. The sacerdotal churches would, of course, be shocked at the suggestion of feminine ordination.

Under Christian ideals, however, the status of women has steadily advanced. Our civilization, which is distinctively Christian in principle, could not fail, sooner or later, to accept the equality of the sexes in national affairs. Britain is properly taking the lead in this matter. Ontario should

not be a session behind the mother country in the fuller privileges now to be extended to our wives, mothers, daughters and sisters.

Is President Wilson Right?

President Wilson declares that a Democratic defeat at the congressional elections next Tuesday would be interpreted in other countries as a want-of-confidence vote in the Wilson administration. This the Republican leaders indignantly deny, and wildly charge the president with imputing disloyalty to the Republican soldiers and the Republican purchasers of Liberty bonds.

There is a vast difference between the congressional general elections in the United States and the parliamentary general elections in Canada, Great Britain, France and every other country which has parliamentary institutions. The Americans have not parliamentary government as that term is understood here and is generally understood throughout the world. The difference is not easy to explain to Canadians; to explain it to Englishmen is difficult; to explain it to the people of continental Europe would be almost impossible.

Mr. Wilson was elected as a Democrat and is the head of the Democratic party. The defeat of the president's party following upon the fierce personal denunciation of the president himself by Colonel Roosevelt and others, would be interpreted only one way by the great majority of people in the great majority of foreign nations. This is the cold fact, however unpalatable to the Republicans it may be.

Republican members of congress have loyally supported the president in his war policy. That is true, and probably no one of them rendered more signal service than Mr. Kahn of California. Mr. Kahn happens to be a native of Germany, but no one in the United States on that account questions his splendid patriotism. Yet will it be seriously argued that the election of a German-American to the presidency would not be misinterpreted in Europe even though he happened to have been born in the United States?

President Lincoln played politics to the extent of fighting battles to influence state conventions. He could never have won the war had he not been a consummate politician. He believed, and rightly believed, that success at the polls was no less important than success on the battlefield. Indeed, had he not carried the congressional elections of 1862, European intervention would have been almost inevitable. Mr. Wilson is up against no such emergency as his illustrious predecessor. He may be taking unfair advantage of the situation, but there is reason to believe he is right in saying that the administration's defeat at the polls next Tuesday would be misinterpreted in many quarters as a slap in the face for the president.

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Wiping Out Physical Obstructions in Cities.

Montreal, like Toronto by means of its Bloor street viaduct, is getting relief from a great physical obstruction by the opening of traffic of the Canadian Northern tunnel under Mount Royal. The mountain is between the harbor and the river and the country to the north and west of it. The tunnel, now in use, in a wonderful way relieves the congestion, just as the Bloor street viaduct has afforded surprising relief to the people of Toronto and set in motion a new force of expansion. Both of these works have been opened within the past few days without any beating of drums or speechmaking; the people see the importance of them all the same, nevertheless.

Political Notes

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's birthday will be celebrated by a banquet at London, Ont., at which the Liberal leader is expected to deliver a notable address. Sir Wilfrid was born Nov. 20, 1841, and is therefore in his 77th year. He is in excellent health this fall—much better than he was last summer—and he can always be trusted to deliver an interesting as well as an eloquent speech.

Some months ago the Laurier Liberals mapped out a plan for organization by districts, and London is the centre for western Ontario. On Nov. 19 there will be a district convention, to which delegates will be sent from all the counties west of Toronto. The convention, or conference, will be followed by a banquet on the 20th.

There has been some dissatisfaction with the way in which some of the organization work has been conducted. Hon. Charles Murphy, Charles S. Gibbons of London and others are said to be bent upon excluding from the councils of the faithful those Liberals who voted for Union government last December. Others, like Hon. George P. Graham, W. C. Kennedy, M.P., and Wellington Way, M.L.A., are said to favor extending the right hand of fellowship to any and all Liberals who show any inclination to approach the "murderers' bench." Some of the staunchest supporters of Sir Wilfrid believe the past should be forgotten and a reconciliation effected between the warring wings of the Liberal party. They would probably blacklist Mr. Rowell and one or two others, but they would be glad to shake hands and make up with the rest of the brethren who parted with Sir Wilfrid on the conscription issue.

Fred Pardee, M.P. for West Lambton, is a Union government supporter who is said to be anxious to return to the Liberal fold. It is an open

"VOT IST? A BLITZARD?"



secret that Mr. Pardee declined a portfolio before the Dominion election a year ago, and it is said on good authority that he again declined when the offer was renewed last August.

Something has seriously delayed the long-promised cabinet reconstruction on a fifty-fifty basis, and one reason is said to be the disinclination of many leading Liberals to enter the government, although they supported conscription at the last election.

Sir Wilfrid up to date has steered a middle course. He has stood by his faithful supporters and has given them a free hand in organization work, but he has been careful not to quarrel with or even speak harshly of the Liberals who parted company with him on the issue of conscription. Indeed, he has kept on excellent terms personally with some of the Liberals who entered the government. It is therefore anticipated that in his defence at London he will make a strong plea for a reunited Liberal party. He may refer to his own advancing years and the necessity for a successor being selected; also indicate that all Liberals will be given a chance to help write the platform and select the leader of the new Liberal party.

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Ida and the Housing Proposition

BY IDA L. WEBSTER.

On Monday the council will once more be asked to consider the housing proposition as proposed by Controller O'Neill. To those who are not already familiar with the idea, we might say that the controller wants to have the building restriction bylaw lifted from houses within the limits of Bloor, Parkhurst and the water front. Some people seem to imagine that if this is done and owners of jerry houses within the district mentioned are permitted to turn their dwellings into three or four-roomed apartments, all sorts of conditions will arise. They keep harping on the fact that "slums" will rise up and that it will never be possible for the city to get rid of them.

This will not be so, for the very fact that persons having houses which they wish to convert in this manner will keep them up to the standard, and it will not be house owners on such streets as Alice, Agnes, Elm and others throughout the city who will take advantage of the new law, because the folks who are now living on those streets are perfectly content with conditions just as they are.

But it will mean that numbers of houses on Jarvis, Sherbourne, St. George and others where there are large homes, in which the owners are not now living thru one cause or another, will be made over into small apartment houses, with all the sanitary conditions which the law will call for. As it is now, these houses are being made into rooming places, and as such they are not at all desirable, that is, they have not the bathroom facilities which any house

being occupied by numbers of people should have.

Then again, at the present time, it is almost impossible for the ordinary office girl to pay the price which is being demanded for rooms in a nice section of the city. In some cases these prices run as high as \$8, and it is just a matter of taking it or leaving it, because if you do not then some married couple will. Remember, besides paying for the room, the girl must get her meals out. She must also pay for all her laundry, because if there is one thing which rooming houses hate more than another it is a female who tries to save money by doing her washing in her room; in fact, such a thing will not be tolerated in most of them.

Now then if there were small apartments of three or four rooms in a rooming house faster than anywhere else, such a thing will not be tolerated in most of them. Now then if there were small apartments of three or four rooms in a rooming house faster than anywhere else, such a thing will not be tolerated in most of them. Now then if there were small apartments of three or four rooms in a rooming house faster than anywhere else, such a thing will not be tolerated in most of them.

Then again these apartments would be absolutely ideal for the newly-married. Of course, they would not be all practical for people who have young children, and it might be an excellent idea to make it impossible for the owners to rent them to people with families larger than the apartments could comfortably accommodate. These small apartments would afford at least privacy, which is a thing that is unknown in rooming houses, and they would also be a god-send to the hub population of Toronto.

If Controller O'Neill were advancing this theory for the entire city housing, then there might be some sense in throwing it out, but such is not the case. He is merely trying to alleviate in slight degree the pressure which is being so keenly felt among the citizens who are forced to live in the downtown section. He is just as anxious for homes to be erected in the outlying districts as anyone else, and he knows that people who are bringing up children should be in that sort of a home, but at the same time he knows that working girls, and women with grown daughters or sons who have to earn their livelihood, should be provided with some accommodation other than a rooming house.

It is to be hoped that the members of the council will not persist in mixing "tenements" with these three or four-roomed apartments, because there is no similarity whatever, and at the same time try and remember that this situation is not being proposed for the benefit of every citizen in Toronto, but just a few who are probably the most needy.

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That this glorious human Brotherhood,
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TODAY'S POEM

WHEN THE WIND ROCKS THE TREES TO SLEEP.

By Robert Todd.

Ever listen to the wind
Like humming of the bees
Sometimes it gins real
An' shakes 'em rough 'n can be.
As it says 'savin'—
You hearken unto me.
An' then it gins quite calm agen.
An' stillness seems to creep
Across the trees, 'cause, you see,
The wind rocks 'em to sleep.

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

Mrs. Curtis Gossips With Clara Roberts About Brian.

CHAPTER LXXVII.

Brian had flushed when Kenyon Roberts had asked him where the business college was situated. Had he not, Kenyon would have thought nothing of it as the locality was one in which such a school might well be located. But that sudden flush and embarrassed look, the gone in a moment, told a story to the astute young lawyer.

They had a really gay time while eating the rabbit and Ruth felt sure she was going to be very happy again now that she was at home. Once more she thought: "I will ask Mr. Mandel not to send me away from home; he is absolutely necessary; and not for so long a time!" She would meet Brian more than half way in trying to be together all the time.

When they were preparing for bed, Kenyon Roberts said to his wife: "I wonder what Hackett is up to?" "Why—what do you mean?"

"Nothing much—perhaps it is my notion, and I should say nothing about it to you. But when you and Ruth were making the rabbit I asked him where the school of typing was located, and he said: 'Down near the square' and flushed peculiarly. The queer part of it is that I have seen him several times lately—while Ruth was away—going in that direction with his arms full of paper bundles. Looked like groceries."

"Nonsense! what would he be carrying groceries down there for?" "I'm sure I don't know, but hope he isn't carrying on an affair with one of those village girls. Ruth is too nice a woman to be up against anything like that."

"You remember that Mollie King we met that night we called on the Curtis?"

"Yes, why?"

"Well, I met Mrs. Curtis the other day. She is pretty much of a gossip, and she told me that Mrs. King and Brian used to be 'thick as thieves.' Perhaps he goes there. She lives down there near the square."

"I hope not! Altho I recall being favorably impressed with Miss King. She seemed a good sort."

"I liked her, too! Mrs. Curtis said everyone always liked her; and that her friends were astonished when she married Ruth. He had been going with Mollie so long, they thought he was going to marry her."

"Too bad Ruth has to be away from him so much," Kenyon yawned. "We men don't like to come home to a worshipping home, you know."

"Answered, then they both forgot Brian and Ruth, in planning something for themselves."

"Well, Brian, how did you get along?" Ruth asked after their guests had left.

"Pretty fair, I guess." Had Ruth been looking, she would have seen him flush as he had when Kenyon Roberts had questioned him.

"Man or woman?" Ruth was brush-

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ing her hair and did not look up as she put the query.

"A woman! What pretty hair you have, Ruth," adroitly Brian changed the subject.

"Do you think so?" pleased at the compliment.

"Of course I do! Did you have a good game tonight?"

"Very! Clara won, and you know how pleased she is when she does win."

"Roberts tell you any news? Has he any more new clients?" Brian unconsciously was a bit jealous of Kenyon Roberts, yet he liked him.

"No—but he thought it fine you were studying typing," again Ruth veered around to the subject.

"He said he taught himself, but that he did not type correctly, altho he made good-looking letters and briefs."

"I am learning the touch system," "He said he wished he had! That it was the thing to do."

Again Brian changed the subject.

Tomorrow—Arthur Mandel Knows About Brian's Evenings With Mollie.

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