SATURDAY, NOV. 23, 1907.

A GLINT OF REASON.

Toronto city controllers yesterda by their action in conferring with the Electric Light Company manifested the first indications of rea on that have marked their course in the light and power discussion since they were infected with the Hydro-Electric microbes. The great eme into which a few light-headed and ignorant "ownershippers" seek to plunge the unfortunate rate payers of the Queen city will, per haps, now be submitted to examina in comparison with proposal which involve the definite and known, and the Man Who Pays the will be better informed as to what it is proposed to give him for his millions. Three proposals were made by the Electric Light Company, any of which offer the city security to reasonable charges, and as to reasonable charges, and one of which would make it a working partner in the business. Even the st reckless and rabid of the offic-impressed with the presentation made, and it is not improbable that it will lead to an understanding which, disasteful as it may be to the fanatical, will result to the great advantage of the public.

SIR WILFRID'S VISIT.

It is announced that Sir Wilfrid Lauliament make a tour of the West, visiting a number of the principal points be-Lween the great lakes and the Pacific coast. That would seem to indicate that an early general election is not a part of the Premier's programme, and that Sir Wilfrid is not only willing but eager meet and take the Westerners into his confidence. The visit will do good. West will have a chance to hear Sir Wilfrid present his own account of his stewardship and statement of policy, and e enabled to make comparisons between The Opposition leader and the Premier and Sir Wilfrid will gain by the observalion and information gathered in that great and growing part of our country, whose prosperity he has ever sought to

isit of Sir Wilfrid the Montreal Herald throws out a suggestion to the Ontario Liberals which deserves careful consideration. It says:

If the Herald had a recommendation to make in the premises, it would be that the 1. Liberal organizations in Ontario taxe a leaf out of the Western Liberals' book, and morally cudgel Sir Wilfrid into a series of visits to central points in Ontario while the session is on. If he is booked for the West next summer, Ontario can hardly look to have him then, and if the elections come on in the autumn, is there is a fair presumption they will, then the most tht could be socked for would be a few meetings in the heat of the campaign, not at all the thing that is needed. What is needed that is needed that he should be seen in the flesh tho have grown into the franchise muc 1896, and who perfore regard the Drime Minister as more or less of an instruction, glorified, no doubt, by a leng series of brilliant successes at home and abrond, but at the same firme dimmed by the atmosphere of suspicion with which his every action has been invested by critical to the control of the supplicion with which his every action has been invested by critical to the control of suspicion with which his every action has been invested by critical transfer. If the Herald had a recommendation

long series of brilliant successes at home and abrond, but at the same fine dimmed by the atmosphere of suspicion with which his every action has been invested by critics who retuse to overlook his racial origin or he religious belief entertained by the tast majority in his native Province, it is high time for the abstraction to give place to the man. The understrength of the Liberal delegation from ontario is enough to prove that.

Of course, Sir Wilfrid would object to leaving Ottawa, while the session is on, for the work of Parliament is meat that drink to him, and not wanting to have it is easily translated into conviction that he cannot. But if he could leave Parliament to its own resources to go to England, he can let frum on while he runs out into Ontario from Thursday to Monday, now and then. We commend to Ontario Liberals the example of their Western friends, and would ask them to note success of their appeal, Our contemporary does not exagger-

ate the importance of such a series of visits as it suggests. Sir Wilfrid in ne is a mighty influence for Liberalism, on is a mighty influence for and the viva voce presentation of Liberal policy by him would have an effect not to be easily secured by any other speaker. It would tend to dispel prejudice, -to our humiliation be it confess ed-is far too prevalent in Ontario; to love misunderstandings, and to refute fulsehood. It would gratify and stimuate Liberals, and it would win honest Conservatives who put country before party. Sir Wilfrid is a man burdened uch work, but we are confident that if the Ontario Liberals represented to him that he could do his country and his party a service by holding such a series of meetings in Ontario, he would not spare any personal effort to meet their desires. The people like to make the personal acquaintance of their leaders, and the Liberals have cause to feel pride in presenting Sir Wilfrid to the electorate.

BADLY MUDDLED.

Speaking of the increase in the receipts and expenditures of the country, a condition of things which indicates that Canada is steadily growing into a greater business, the St. Thomas Times eeks to make it appear that it is a husiness—at lower rates of postage, be up, and set about familiarizing himself it remembered—which helps to largely with the subject. increase the figures of both receipts and expenditures, but which leaves a handsome balance to profit, is an evil, and so grave an evil as to make it sigh for the old days of higher rates of postage, smaller business, and \$700,000 to \$800,000

torted from the people for no use, and for the country's benefit is wasted. It would prefer to see the country lagging behind, as it used to do, and trade lying stagnant, instead of being more than doubled. It would rather that we should to the public debt, as the Tories did, and have no great prosperity, than that our annual budget should approach a hundred million, with fat surpluses to stir Tory envy. "This money," it says, re-ferring to the receipts from customs, etc., "must come out of the people of Canada. There is no outside source." Verily, adversity seems to have its educational uses. We can remember when that was organ or by its party at large, as an the N. P. the foreigner was being made The London Free Press is most positive and fire protection, the Mayor and

NO ROYAL DICTATION.

Grit tariff is "just the old N. P.," what

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Some contemporaries in commenting on the recently published letters of the late Queen Victoria speak approvingly of what they regard as certain very active interferences in politics by Her Majesty, and seem to view with satisfaction the visitation of the Royal displeasure upon ministers in the full confidence of the people. We are not at all convinced that such a view of queenly influence of the sort is wise or in keep government. In so far as the personal influence of the sovereign can smoothe over difficulties and bring together the men to whom the people commit the affairs of government, it may be welcomed. But when it is broadly hinted that that is exceeded, and that the Royal influence bends the course of policy from that of the people's representatives, it may fairly be questioned whether the sovereign does not exceed the Royal duty and privilege. King Edward ence, but it is personal and aside from party struggles. And he awakens no resentment. But, to-day more than ever, there would be a very prompt resist ance to any attempt on his part to direct policies or to thwart the will of whose duty it is to govern. 'And there is safety in that spirit.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Jake Sunfield breathes more freely. Toronto has a civic debt of \$18,000,-

000, or about \$70 a head or \$350 a fam-

"Boil the water!" is still the warning sent out to Toronto people. And still some people would have the taxpayers shoulder a big debt for Hydro power and go on drinking sewage.

Whatever the producer gas power may be, it is not to be brushed aside because it was not in the field years ago. It is a new thing. And even Niagara power was not available many years ago.

Well done, fireman! You did a good piece of work last night in saving from Milne works. You earned in a few hours not only your year's salaries, but the gratitude of your townsmen.

The Toronto World says "no citizen will have to pay a single cent "for Toronto's power and light plant. Some good genius just gives the \$2,500,000 to \$5.000,000 that it costs to the city, of

The Victoria Colonist suggests that we build two cruisers and two destroyers detectives on the force are recommended for the Pacific Coast, There is a broad to receive \$1,050 a year. Chief Smith expanse for cruising there, and the four craft could doubtless destroy the product of quite a few hard-working Can- than two hundred. In fact, he would be

Toronto's typhoid death rate is more than double that of Hamilton. Toronto's is 24 per 100,000 population; Hamilton's, 10. Even Chicago's is only 18. Those figures plead for a purer water supply, but Toronto will probably spend its money on the Hydro scheme and let the people die of typhoid.

The New York Herald does not think Canada will agree to give the Yankees \$225,000 is not too much. Perhaps \$250. free pulp and pulpwood in return for the abolition of Uncle Sam's duty on These schemes always exceed the estipaper. And the Herald is probably right. mates, and in this case there is ground But its plea not to abolish the paper duty because it might lead to demands for more tariff changes is a very silly the cost of lighting above the estimate,

The London Free Press wonders why Adam Beck didn't blame his Brantford blunder on the reporters! What sort of ine? It is said that already forty milwas wrong in that matter, as he is in The cause of the trouble is said to be a many more regarding this power quescalamity to the people. According to it, even the enormously increased postal the easiest way out of it was to own

Guelph is dissatisfied with the quality of its water supply, and increased fire protection is dem fire protection is demanded. The com-mission is considering the establishment of practically a new system and a be-

advertisers offer to-day? And if there are good things in the city the Times advertisers have them.

The York County Loan case is to go to the Privy Council. It looks as if the shareholders will have ample reason to

Light Company with what the Hydro scheme offers. It fears that common not regarded by the St. Thomas Tory sense may rule after all, and its rage is

to contribute. They insisted that the tribute to the efficiency of our fire duty was paid by the foreigner. Re- brigade. Queer, isn't it, that while we cently, too, they have asserted that the cannot afford the cost of decent streets present Grit tariff is "just the old N. P." safety in waterworks, and needed police about it. Now, that adds difficulties. If of the aldermen are so eager to let the about it. Now, that adds difficulties. It of the aldermen are so eager to let the the foreigner formerly paid the duty, city in for hundreds of thousands of when did he cease to do so? If the N. P. debt for an altogether unnecessary and "took it out of the foreigner," and the wasteful power and light war?

is all the squeal about? Do the organs there was a large difference between th cost of magnetite lamps in the Cataract Company's tender and the Hydro-Elec tric estimates. True. But you see one was a bona fide tender with a cheque of \$10,000 to guarantee that the com pany would do the work, whereas the other was an irresponsible estimate, or guess, without any guarantee, and which if trusted may "do" the city.

> The Spectator is very much dissatis fied because the deputy-returning offi cers' list contains on it nearly as many Grits as Tories; and it declares that "the curse of politics in municipal affairs is working now." The situation could hardly be worse than last year when to give jobs to Tory partisans a chosen. And is there anything in law or decency that should warrant one political party in hogging all these jobs? The aldermen are right in acting fairly and seeking first for competent men.

favoring the indeterminate sentence. We do not read his remarks that way; rather that the court should impose severe, but determinate sentence, leav ing the convict to shorten it by his good ehavior. And to effect that proposal no radical change in the law is sary. Even now we release convicts be fore the expiry of their terms on ticket of leave, and find that good results fellow. But we do not think that Judge McMahon would advise leaving any man to serve a life sentence for a trivial of-fence, if it suited a turnkey or jail employee to keep him incarcerated

other side the newspaper advertisements of the department stores about this time of the department stores about this time contain the following card:

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

Buy your presents early—early in the day and early in December. That will be your biggest gift of the holidays to the workers behind the counters and on the delivery warmer.

This idea originated in Cleveland, where for several years the Merchants' Asso ciation has been successful in pushing back holiday shopping into November and early December. It is good enough to copy here. While planning and providing for the pleasure of others we should take care not to bring unneces sary hardship upon the store people.

Montreal's Chief of Police wants two undred more policemen, and the Police Committee has recommended to the City Council that his request be granted. In addition to this it is recommended that the men's wages be increased. Firstclass men to receive \$15 a week second class \$13 and third-class \$12. This is an increase of \$1.50 a week for the firstclass men and of 50 cents a week for delighted to get twenty.

The Board of Works agreed yesterday to recommend the council to submit by-law for \$225,000 to pay for an electric light distribution system. The Hydro-Electric engineer's estimate was \$175,000, but the aldermen are inclined to think his figures too low. We think that they are right in that, and that if we are to go into the scheme at all 000 would be nearer the requirement. for suspecting that the figures are not too generous. This will, of course, raise but nobody will be astonished at that

Is India threatened with another fan lion persons are in danger of starvation. failure of the usual rainfall. The mon-soons that bring the needed annual moisture were looked for in vain. In the famine of 1900 the British Government expended \$70,000,000 in measures of rethis and of other help, one million of the population in the stricken districts died of practically a new system and a by-law for \$125,000 will probably be sub-starving people will be an appalling one

great captains of industry are growing tired of the Huns, Italians, Poles and native labor, though dearer, is cheaper in the end. A despatch says that the experiment of dropping the foreigners has been a success in the works of the The Toronto World is frantic to incoherency because the Toronto controllers are comparing proposals by the Electric discharged all the foreigners and substituted Americans last week. there be any truth in the above many more toreigners will nave to return home, for there are whole towns and vilmills composed almost entirely of these

Toronto News: Thousands have suf-fered from the violin playing of people who would have been better employed shoveling coal.

Chicago Tribune: A Massachusetts Judge has granted a divorce to a man whose wife persistently searched his pockets. No experienced husband needs to be told that this practice on the part of a wife constitutes extreme and repeat.

writers have very dirty minds. It may be a pose, as they may not be normal. In either case, self-respecting mortals sheuld not brook contact with books, written to all intents, for those who can see neither beauty nor purity in the world. How hogs even when perfumed, wallow, should not give a filip to the

Montreal Star: One man made \$3,000, 000° in Wall-street, but who were the poor devils who lost it?

Buffalo Courier: There is a certain grin humor in the statement by the Board of Health to the Common Council to the effect that the offices of the Health Department are in an "unsanitary condition, arising from overcrowding, artificial light, lack of ventilation and the like."

Ottawa, Free Press: The man

Toronto News: The editor of this col-umn has been asked to print a poem by Peter Ryan. Never!" We respect Mr. Ryan too highly

Signs of Winter.

(Toronto Telegram.)

Do You Hear It? (Canadian Courier.)

Consulted Physicians to No Avail-Uses Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills and Is Soon Perfectly well—The Disease Having Left Her Entirely.

CANNOT RECOMMEND CUTICURA TOO HIGHLY

"I take great pleasure in informing you that I was a sufferer of eczema in a very bad form for the past three years. I consulted and treated with a number of physicians in Chicago, but to no avail. I commenced using the Cuticura Remedies, consisting of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills, three months ago, and today I am perfectly well, the disease having left me entirely. I cannot recommend the Cuticura Remedies too highly to any one suffering with the disease that I have had. Mrs. Florence E. Atwood, 18 Crilly Place, Chicago, Ill., October 2, 1905. Witness: L. S. Berger."

Muchof Interest to Every Woman Is Found in Cuticura Pamphlet.

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Complete local and constitutional treatment for distressing, debilitating conditions from which women suffer may be found on page 5 of the Cuticura Pamphlet wrapped about the Cuticura Continent.

The pure, sweet, gentle, yet effective properties of the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills, commend them to women, especially mothers, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair and hands, for the treatment of inflammatory and ulcerative conditions, as well as mostefficacious medicinal agents in restoring to health, strength and beauty pale, weak, nervous, prematurely faded, run-down women.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adults con-

It is reported from Pittsburg that the

HERE AND THERE.

rocks the boat in summer is usually the one to test the first ice in winter, And isually gets his name in the paper—the obituary column.

of date. Not only has Judge Choquet ruled against corporal punishment in the Borgan case, but the Toronto education authorities have declined to support the

Toronto Start Until the pneumonia

Regina apprehends that summer is waning when "a thin film of ice" about 9 inches thick forms on the placid surface of Pile-o'-Bones Crick.

FOR WOMAN'S EYE

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infanta, Children, and Adults con-traction of the August Children, and Adults con-contracts to Heast the Skin, and Cutteur, Receivest for in the form of Chocolste Coasted Fills, in visal of acty), for Furtify the Blood. Soid throughout the Poston, Masset set Mailed Free, Cutteurs Book on Ceure of all Skin, Scalp, And Blood Dissease.

Monday Will be Another Day of Great Bargains

* 10c to 20c White Lawns 5c

9 o'clock Monday morning we put on sale 500 yards of White Lawn, mancturer's remnants, that would sell at 10 to 20c, Monday bargain day . . 5 c

121/2c and 15c Prints 5c

20c Pillow Cases 10c

50 dozen White Cotton Pillow Cases, finished ready for use, made from a good strong cotton, and would sell in the ordinary way at 20c, Monday bargain

171/2c Linen Toweling 10c

Seconds in Bleached Linen Table Covers

100 Linen Table Covers, slightly imperfect, but not enough to in any way air the wearing qualities, Monday price one-third less than regular.

Corticelli Embroidery Silk 2 Skeins 5c

Hand Made Crochet Mats 15c

35 dozen Hand Made Crochet Mats, from 7 to 12 inches in diameter; the otton in these mats worth more than our Monday bargain price 15c

Samples of Swiss Handkerchiefs

A sample lot of 50 dozen Swiss Handkerchiefs, all in good condition. They out Monday at just 1/2 the original selling value.

15c to 35c Collars and Scarfs 5c

19c Men's Cashmere Socks 10c

pairs Men's Black Cashmere Socks, regular value for 19c, Monday

75c Comb Sets 49c

100 Comb Setts, each sett put up in a separate box. These Combs gilt trimmed and would make a good present, regular 75c value, Monday . . 49c \$2.25 Kid Gloves \$1.49

Tan, Black and Grey Kid Gloves, 12 button length; every pair guarand, 3 domes, value regular for \$2.25, Monday Bargain Day \$1.49

Two Lines of Stockings 35c for 15c

35c Cashmere Hose 15c | 35c Worsted Hose 15c Just 15 dozen Ladies' All Wool Cash-

15 dozen Heavy Worsted Stockings, sizes 3½; no better stockings for a big boy, on sale for half an hour Monday 15e

75c to \$1.25 Silks 39c

\$7.50 Jackets \$2.49

Great Silk Sale

We have decided to clear up our stock of Fancy Silks, so Monday some 1,500 yards will go on sale at half and

\$10,000 worth of this season's stylish ing price.

\$1.25 to \$1.75 Sateen Skirts 75c

75c Blinds 49c

50c Children's Bonnets 25c

\$4.50 Coats \$2.99 Children's White Bear Coats, also black, cardinal and brown, our regular lines, worth up to \$4.50, on sale Monday, Bargain Day, for ... \$2.99

75c, \$1 and \$1.25 Underwear 49c

75c Men's Dress Shirts 29c

Another Clearing Day

in Our Great Base-

ment

50 Plain Cloth Tailored Jackets \$15 for \$10

Two Great Bargains in Ladies' and Children's Shoes

Monday morning we put on sale two lines of Shoes—a \$2.50 Ladies' Shoes for \$1.65, and a \$1.00 Children's Shoe at 69c. Sale starts at 9 o'clock.

\$2.25 and \$2.50 Shoes \$1.65 \$1 Children's Shoes 69c Women's Vici Kid Bals, Blucher cut,

Women's Vici Kid Bals, Blucher cut, patent tip. extension soles, extra back leather soles and insoles, double stitch-strap, military heel, fancy mat calf facing, sizes 2½ to 7, regular \$2.25 and \$2.50, Monday bargain \$1.65 | \$1.00, Monday \$1.00 |

The Last Chance to Buy 50c and 65c Underwear 29c

We have reserved 35 dozen Ladies' Union Undervests, that sold for 50 to 65c, for Monday's selling at #9c. Sale starts at 9 o'clock.

Samples of Ladies' Silk Waists This is the last lot of about 50 dozen Silk Waist Samples, so Monday to ce a quick clearance we have marked the whole lot at \$1.99 and \$2.99

\$8 Shirt Waists \$2.99 \$5 Waists \$1.99 Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists in white, black, white and colors in a lot of nicely trimmed Waists, ordinary value up to \$8.00, Monday's sale price . . . \$2.99

\$1.50 and \$2 Wrappers for 69c 5 dozen in all Wrappers, made from wrapperette print, all good dark colors and regular value for \$1.50 and \$2, Monday's bargain price 69e

Half Price Sale of Furs Monday

Never in the history of this business have we sold so many Furs eason as we have done in the past week, you should have your share.

\$35 Sable Collars \$15

\$10 Stoles \$5

\$11 Ruffs \$5.50 \$50 Stone Marten Ties \$20 \$4.99 Marmot Stoles \$2.50 Natural Stone Marten Ties, trimmed with chenille and silk fringe, lined with pink brocaded satin, regular price \$50, Monday's price \$20

\$33 Stoles \$20 Mink Stoles, trimmed with r heads and tails, lined with fawn caded satin, regular \$33, for . .

\$12 Thibet Stoles \$6 Brown Thibet Stoles, 2 yards long, lined with brown satin, regular price, \$12, for \$6. Large Pillow Muff to match, \$10, for \$5.

\$3.50 Coney Stoles \$1.75 Brown Coney Stoles, trimmed with chenille fringe and cord, ornaments, regular \$3.50, for \$1.75'

Marvellous reductions on good, useful Kitchen Utensils, have been the orders recently in our great basement, and again on Monday this value giving will be repeated.

Japanned Coal Hods With Collar 35c

3 dozen Black Japanned Coal Hods, with round funnel spout, will be sold on Monday morning for only 35c each Graniteware Almost

Given Away

China Cups and Saucers at 10c Complete Dainty Thin China Cups and Sau-cers, in pink, blue, and clover leaf pat-tern, on sale Monday cheaper than porcelain, complete 10c

Blue Willow Plates 10c each d Butter Plates will be cleared Monday for only 10c each China Vases 25c

Bedroom Lamps 20c

Handled Glass Lamps, with brass urner and flint chimney, will be sold in Monday for 20c Cream Pitchers 5c

6 dozen dainty Clear Glass Cream itchers, will be sold on Monday Fancy Work Baskets at Half Price

Marmot Mink Stoles, trimmed with fancy cord ornaments and tails, satin lined, regular value, \$4.99, Monday. A quantity of Fancy Work Baskets, some plain, others padded, will be sold on Monday at exactly half price.

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

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Montreal, Nov. 21.—One of the most interesting features of the present money stringency in the United States is to bring more clearly before the resident ever bank bits up here of the the state of the transfer o

Can Birds Understand?

A Little Contrast. (Belleville Ontario.)

The Tories might ear, "But we built railroad." They did, but what were the conditions? The Conservatives granted thirty
millions of acres to the railway companies,
and as a result 3,48 miles of railway were
built. The Liberal Government had not
granted a single acre to the railway companies, but during the last eleven years, under
their administration, 4,328 miles of railway
had either been built or placed under con-