

SHOWN BY BY-ELECTIONS. In Three Years Liberals Have Carried Thirty By-Elections and Conservatives Nine-How Canada Has Pros

Mimico, Dec. 21.-The battle for Centre York closed at Mimico amid scene of enthusiasm which, considering the strength of Conservatism in this part of the riding, was strik-

pered in Eleven Years-Mr. Paterson

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**MR. PATERSON** 

TO MR. FOSTER.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

The being administered. Thirty Elections to Nine. Since the general election of 1904 there had been thirty-nine by-elec-tions, and of these the Conservatives had carried nine and the Liberals thirty. (Applause.) That had been the pronouncement of the country. These elections had taken place in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. In only four cases had there been a change in the representation. The Conservatives won Colchester, but as an offset to that the Liberals won the City and County of St. John, New Brunswick. Then the Conservatives earried London, and the Liberals won North Bruce, so that they were absolutely even. (Applause.) Per-haps the Conservatives might claim that the Liberals had suffered defeat in the return of Mr. Verville, who ran as a Labor candidate for one of the divisions of Montreal. If for the sake of argument that claim were allowed, then the situation was sim-ply a difference of one seat in three years, which meant at that rate that the Liberals would be out of power in ninety years. (Laughter and ap-plause). As a matter of fact, how-ever, the Conservatives were not en-titled to claim that the return of Mr. Verville meant the loss of a Lib-eral seat, for in every no-confidence yote brought on by the Opposition Mr. Verville meant the loss of a Lib-eral seat, for in every no-confidence-vote brought on by the Opposition in the House Mr. Verville had voted with the Government. If, therefore, the Liberals claimed one gain in three years, at the same rate of pro-gression the Conservatives would by-and-bye be out of the House alto-gether. (Laughter and applause.) It was no small test of the confi-dence of the country in the Govern-ment that at the end of eleven years of administration, with by-elections going on in all parts, they stood to-day in probably a stronger position than they did when they took office. Proceeding to refute Mr. Foster's ar-gument that the prosperity of Canada was due to the old National Policy, which the Liberals had adopted, Mr. Pat-erson observed that if that were so, then the Liberals helten he claused the

erson observed that if that were so, then the Liberals hal better be allowed to the Liberals had better be allowed to the Liberals and better be allowed to work the old instrument better than the Conservatives did, and get much better results. (Laughter and applause.) An elector—Is it due to the Govern-ment or to the Almighty Being?

Results of Liberal Administrations, Mr. Paterson acknowldged that no untry had been more bountifully bless country had been more bountifully bless-ed by Providence than Canada, but he and the rain only fall upon the earth when the Liberals are in power? Do they cease when the Tories are in pow-ere" (Laughter and applause.) If not, how could they explain the prevalence of so much better time during the Lib-eral reign except on the ground that the

Haven't you a weak spot, a place where cold and inflammation always set-

# Little Weapon Has Been Discarded by Army Council.

Army Council. London, Dec. 22.—The Army Council has adopted a modified form of the Ja-panese bayonet for the British army. It is seventeen inches long, as compared with the present bayonet of twelve inchs, and affords a thrusting length of approximately 61½ instead of 30½ inches. Instead of being two-edged, with a back and single groove, slightly tapered to a point. The crossguard, with one side having a deeply curved or hooked terminal, facilitates the stack-ing of arms. ing of arms

## Are Your Joints Lame?

of so much better times during the Lib-eral reign except on the ground that the Liberal Government had known better how to take advantage of the conditions and blessings and had used them to bet-ter purpose. To emphasize the contrast between the two administrations Mr. Paterson pointed out that while the in-crease in foreign trade amounted to only fifty millions in the last eleven bounded up to the extent of three hun-dred and fifty millions during the past eleven years. (Applause.) And along with that vast increase the present Gov. joints or limbs—the cure is simple—a good rub with Nerviline and then apply Nerviline Porous Plaster. These great rubefaciants inwariably cure strain, swelling, weakness and muscular pain. There is no mystery about this. Nervil-ine is the most penetrating liniment known—consequently it gets where the trouble really is. Nerviline Porous Plas-ters are great healers and draw out con-gestion. Be sure you get the genuine, substitutes can't do the work. THREE SKATERS DROWN.

THE DISCUSSION. The Chairman-I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of this report. Mr. Thomas Long—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the reports that have been placed before you are, I consider, of an excellent nature, and I have much plea-sure in seconding the motion. I am sure that we are all pleased and satisfied at the report laid before us. Considering the condition of trade all over Canada, I think that this report is one with which all the shareholders should be satisfied. (Hear, hear).

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I may say that I am very pleased, and I am sure we all are, to see our ex-general manager, Mr. Hague, present with us to-day. (Applause.) We hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing him at many such meetings as this in the years to come. I have great pleasure in seconding the adoption of this report.

The Chairman-Are great parset in seconding the adoption of this report. The Chairman-Are there any questions to be asked by the Shareholders? If not, I will ask your approval of the report. There being no questions, the report was then put to the vote, and unani-mously adopted.

commit Magnstrate Alpheus F. Wood for contempt of court through the publish-ing of a letter in the North Hastings Re-view, of the village of Madoc. In this letter there was considerable comment upon the action brought by Mr. Walter Lowry against him for \$10,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

## BLOTTER AND DIARY.

Andrew Usher & Co., of Edinburgh, cotland, the celebrated makers of Scotch whiskeys, has sent out a hund-some and useful blotter and diary to their customers. Scotch scenes in the corner make it very attractive.

# A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Insane Man Kills Wife, Daughter and Brother.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 22.—A triple tra-gedy occurred near Cameron, Mo., yes-terday, Albert Filley, a farmer, supposed-ly insane, having killed his wife and daughter and his brother. Marshal Smith, of Cameron, found and arrested the alleged nurderer, who was seated in the room where the three

John F. Shea

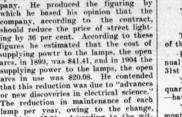
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eleven years. (Applause.) And alon with that vast increase the present Gov ernment had lowered the tariff, lessene

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the manufacturer by giving him lower duties on raw material. Why Times Are Better. What had been the result? In the five vears from 1901 to 1905 the products of their manufactures amounted to two hundred and thirty-three million dollars more than those of the preceding five years—a gain of fifty per cent. in home manufactures, together with the gain of three millions in their foreign trade. In addition they had given a preference to the old motherland. While the Conser-vatives went round shouting their loy-alty the Liberal Government demonstrat-ed their loyalty by their acts. (Ap-plause.) The Conservatives complained that they had increased the expenditure enormously, but the extra money had been wisely spent in the development of The country, in improving the means of transportation, and in improvements what had brough back threefold what had been put into them. They had as a matter of fact added only five millions to the public debt, while the Conserv-tives, spending one hundred millions lass in developing the country, had had to

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Ives, spending one hundred millions lass in developing the country, had had to borrow sixty millions.
Increased Revenues.
Mr. Paterson went on to show how the improvement of transportation facil, so the country. In 1806 post office receipts amounted to about \$3,000,000. In 1906 they were \$6,000,000, and in the interval the cost of postage had been reduced. Customs revenue, which in 1596 was twenty millions was

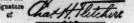
### Two Young Men and a Girl the Victims.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 22.-Three per cons were drowned by breaking throug sons were drowned by breaking through the ice while skating on Onota Lake to-day. The victims were: Henry Nor-ris, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris; Henry Ano, aged 20, a drug clerk; Miss Alice Mosiener, aged 16, employed in a silk mill.

## Blind Boy Lost in Crowd.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 22.— Willie Merriot, a 12-year-old blind boy from Blackwell, Ont., a few miles from Sarnia, who, with his mother, was in the stores here shopping on Friday, disappeared in the crowd. The mother searched for him all the afternoon, and notified the police

Bears the Bignature of Chart H. Flitchure



## Powder Storehouse Wrecked.

mously adopted. The General Manager (Mr. E. F. Hebden)—The statement before you gives the result of our best efforts in the management of your property for the past six months. The figures may, perhaps, speak for themselves. I hope you will think the statement a not unfavorable one. In this connection I should like to bear testimony to the loyalty and excellent work and spirit of the staff at large, all the members of which are actuated by an ardent desire to promote the Bank's beat interests. best interest

"The general banking and commercial situation has been recently epitomized by the chief officer of the premier Bank of Canada, supplemented by the present practical interest has been said. If it were for me to make any re-marks to you on the present occasion, I should like to say that there has, per-haps, never been in recent years in Canada a time when a policy of moderation in public and private affairs was so plainly called for as at present, and in say-ing this I believe I am only expressing a thought uppermost in the minds of most thinking responsible men in Canada. The change in the commercial and conomic situation in the neighboring republic for the worse, within the past few months, has been kaleidoscopic. It is now happily showing signs of improve-ment. In Canada we are altogether better situated, and it is our good fortune to be working under a better banking and currency system. But this is a slow-ing down time with us, a time to take stock of our positions, and to retrench and be mutually helpful withal, by being moderate in our commitments and un-dertakings, and thereby introducing a factor into affairs making for the re-taining of all our advantage, which can only be interfered with by untimely op-time." The general banking and commercial situation has been recently epitomized

The Chairman-"The next order of business is the election of Directors, and I would suggest that Messrs. Black and Patterson act as scruntineers." Moved by Mr. M. S. Foley, seconded by Mr. A. Piddington, that Messrs, John Patterson and C. R. Black be requested to act as scrutineers, and that only one ballot be taken for the election of Directors.

Mr. George Hague—"I am inclined to think that this course is hardly formal enough for such an election of Directors. I think the motion should read, "That the scrutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors,"—and unless this course is followed someone may call this election in question. We are all agreed upon the names, and I suggest that this course be followed."

Moved by Mr. J. Patterson, seconded by Mr. George Hague, ti Serutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors Merchants' Bank of Canada for the ensuing year; that the

	H. MONTAGU ALLA
MR.	JONATHAN HODGSON
MR.	THOS. LONG.
MR.	C. R. HOSMER.
	C. F. SMITH,
MR.	HUGH A. ALLAN
MR.	C. M. HAYS.
MR.	ALEX. BARNE"
MR.	F. ORR LEWIS.

The Scrutineers cast one ballot in accordance with tals motion, and the Chairman declared the gentlemen mentioned therein elected as Directors of the Bank.

There being no further basiness the meeting then adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.











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