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Young Men and Their Votes.

The four days' registration of voters in the city of London has added 2,746 names to the voters' list on which the contest for the seat in the Ontario Legislature will be fought two weeks from Tuesday next.

This is an enormous increase in the voting strength of the city, and it upsets the calculations of the Opposition politicians who were boasting two weeks ago that their canvass of the city had been completed, that they had 700 odd names in all ready to be added, and that it was impossible for the Liberals to match that number. The result of the registration is the best answer to that contention. It proves that the large majority of the young men in the city are today, as they were in the last provincial contest, in favor of the Government which passed the law that enables them to vote. The Liberal Government of Ontario is not afraid to trust the people. Its franchise measure insures that every man who has a stake in the country shall be enabled to go to the polls. Unlike the iniquitous Dominion franchise law, which Mr. Whitney and his friends for years aided in keeping on the statute books, and never once opposed by voice or pen, the Ontario act organizes no inquisition into the earnings, wash bills and other personal expenses of a young man before he is permitted to assert his manhood.

The Ontario law makes no discrimination in favor of the rich man's son and against the man born in humble circumstances. The Dominion law, soon to be repealed by the Liberal Government at Ottawa, is offensively unjust in this regard. The Ontario act provides an up-to-date list. In the last Dominion election hundreds of men in this city, who had come of age or who had obtained citizenship by years of residence here, were disqualified. Under the Ontario act every man who has lived here three months, and in the Province for twelve months, is entitled to vote, and the registration now completed shows that there are thousands who highly value this right. But under the Dominion law, so often upheld by the Opposition leaders, who now seek the votes of these young men, not only was this large class disfranchised, but they were humiliated by the spectacle of hundreds of men who were not living in the country, and who had no longer an interest in it, returning to vote, and, in fact, to decide the election.

How can the Opposition leaders, after having aided in thus treating the sturdy young manhood of the country, expect to get their votes now? Not certainly on the record of Mr. Whitney and his associates, and it is by their fruits that we must judge men and policies.

The young men of the Province are the hope of Ontario. They are intelligent. They have read the history of the past. They have studied the records of the two parties now contending for their suffrages. The proud position of the Province today, under the Administration that has held sway, is the vindication of one party; the public record of the Opposition is the standard from which the Opposition must be judged. From every independent investigator come the frank confession that in moral, moral, educational progress, no country or province is in advance of Ontario today. Dr. Clifford, the distinguished Englishman, who visited

Canada, New Zealand, and Australia last year, states that Ontario leads them all in provision for the education of her people, care for the afflicted and unfortunate, labor laws, temperance advancement and Sunday observance. Then even Conservative journals in other provinces hold up Ontario as a model for them to copy. Where is there a province which has so husbanded its natural resources that it can keep out of debt, have an interest-bearing surplus as a nest-egg, and yet give yearly financial assistance to every laudable project? It may be said that in carrying out this programme the Government has had the assistance of the Opposition at all times. Not so. When Mr. Whitney's leader at Ottawa declared that not one stick of timber, not one pound of minerals, not an acre of territory in the northwestern half of the Province, should be permitted to belong to this Province, did Mr. Whitney and his friends stand up for Ontario? By no means. Mr. Whitney and his associates were quite content to let the manipulators seize our valuable minerals, forests and agricultural lands.

Supposing the enemies of Ontario, who had no other interest in our northwest territory than to get a share in the distribution of the timber limits and mineral lands, had not been overcome by the Government of which the present Premier of Ontario was a member, where would the rich heritage of the people be today? In the hands of speculators—given away for a mere song. Indeed, the distribution had been begun when the defenders of the Province overcame the enemies of Ontario, and secured for the people the splendid territory, from the riches of which it can be confidently asserted will receive sustenance for many a year to come. If direct taxation is far removed from the rising generation of Ontario, it is due to the determination, prudence and economy of our present rulers, who preserved to them this splendid territory, and husbanded the resources of the Province for the benefit of the whole people, and not for the speculators.

He must be extremely credulous who would expect the young men of Ontario to vote for the Opposition with full knowledge of the past history of this Province.

The Essery-Hobbs Experience Revived.

Our city contemporary is making its usual claims of fabulous gains in this city in the registration of voters. But our contemporary made exactly the same claims over the Essery-Hobbs registration, yet the Conservative candidate was defeated by 803 votes. The fact is, that the Opposition managers have really been kind enough to register the names of many scores of voters who will not vote with them on the 1st of March. As in the Hobbs-Essery contest, it will be found on the day of polling that the bulk of the new vote will declare for a continuance of the present reign of good government in Ontario.

It is believed that the rush to the Yukon this year will exceed the famous '49 experience in California. There is little use in cautioning people about the risks of going. Once a man makes up his mind to go, a ship's anchor will not hold him back. It is a craze, if not a disease, and must run its course. Fortunes will be made, but many will have nothing but trials and empty purses for their pains. It is always thus in a rush for the gold fields.

A Danger To Be Avoided.

The Toronto Mail and Empire, which is the chief Conservative journal, once more asserts that a new Normal School should not be built in London. Briefly, its argument is that the pupils of Western Ontario ought to journey to Ottawa and Toronto for their Normal School training. That the importance and convenience of London as an educational center for the populous West should not be recognized, is the logical conclusion.

The opposition to the establishment of the Normal School in London comes mainly from discouraged politicians or from journals printed in other cities, which object to the new institution because it emphasizes the importance of London. But the school will be built, in spite of the crusade against London; and in spite of the disgraceful tactics of Opposition politicians within our borders, who cannot bear the idea of a Liberal M. P. being credited with having overcome outside competition with this city, the new institution will be completed inside of the next year. Plans are already prepared. They were described by The Advertiser and by other enterprising journals some weeks ago; and as we have already stated, as soon as the frost is out of the ground arrangements will be made for the beginning of the work of construction. The only trouble to be avoided—it is remote, to be sure—is the possible triumph of the Conservative politicians who have, in the Legislature, and out of it, denounced the establishment of the institution in this city, and who might be relied on, if placed in a position to thwart the aspirations of the citizens of London, to join in a crusade against our interests that would result in the determination not to proceed with the work. Fortunately for London, the success of the Opposition is not among the probabilities.

The Best-Governed Province in the World.

There are countries acknowledged to be well governed, as there are countries acknowledged to be badly governed. Those acknowledged to be well governed are:

Those in which law and order are well maintained;
Those in which the public revenues are conserved;
Those in which agriculture is promoted and fostered;
Those in which opportunities for general education are provided, so that no child need grow up in ignorance.
Those in which ample and kindly provision is made for the care of those who suffer from mental aberration or the loss of any sense or faculty.
Those in which the citizenship and equal rights of every nationality, class and creed are recognized and respected.

Now, judge this Province by the foregoing or any other test, and it must be conceded that Ontario is the most fortunate and best governed country in the world.

It is never time to make a change for the worse.

Yet a change for the worse in every respect might be made as readily through over-confidence or neglect as through deliberate intention. Every citizen of Ontario who values the priceless blessings of good government, as enjoyed in this great Province, should keep constantly in mind the weighty words of a statesman at a time of national crisis: "Men say that God moves slowly, yet will not let a good cause fail. Let them refresh their plerity by a glance at his ways in history and reflect that he visits wasted opportunities not less than wickedness with ruin."

Henry Corby, the whisky manufacturer, is managing the Whitney campaign in the Belleville district.

The Free Press is trying to cover up Mr. Marter's tracks. It says that Mr. Marter was in London on Saturday on personal business. This is disingenuous to say the least. Mr. Marter came to London, not on personal, but on political business. His pilgrimage was to the shrine of the P. P. A. With Mr. Marter, M.P., Dr. Roome and other Conservatives who are wire-pulling in the Provincial elections, he promoted the "holy alliance" between the P. P. A. and the Conservative forces. The manipulation was intended to be secret, but it stands revealed. At the conference with Mr. Marter were the two leaders of the P. P. A. in the West along with the others named.

Mail Service.

Nine out of ten of the rural mail routes to and from London proceed on the proper theory of arriving in the city in the forenoon and returning in the afternoon. This allows the mails to be received and answered on the same day. The one exception almost has been the service reaching Fernhill, Popular Hill, Coldstream, etc. We understand that some reasonable compromise arrangements, fair to everybody, are probable in the near future, by which all interests and views will be fairly met, and under which, in all probability, there will be retained the advantages both of a morning and of an afternoon service.

Not in London alone are new manufacturing enterprises contemplated under the new order of things. The Canadian Manufacturer, in its fortnightly summary, gives the following, among others:

The Royal Paper Mills Company's pulp mill at East Angus, Que., is rapidly nearing completion. Hon. W. B. Ives will be manager.

St. John's, N. B., will benefit by Mr. Spurr's new pulp mill, which will likely be built at Indiantown or Carleton Place.

The I. B. Kleinert Rubber Company, of West Virginia, has secured a license from the Province of Ontario to manufacture rubber goods and dress shields, etc., in Ontario.

A new enterprise at Hanover, Ont., is the Hanover Woollen Mills Company (Limited), to which a charter has been granted.

Word comes from Paris of a curious and successful experiment that a florist there has made. He has managed to give the chrysanthemum the scent of the rose, the sunflower the scent of the jessamine, the calla lily that of the violet. A rose by any other name may smell as sweet through this experiment, but it is to be hoped that the French florist will not try to improve on nature when it comes to the perfume of the real rose.

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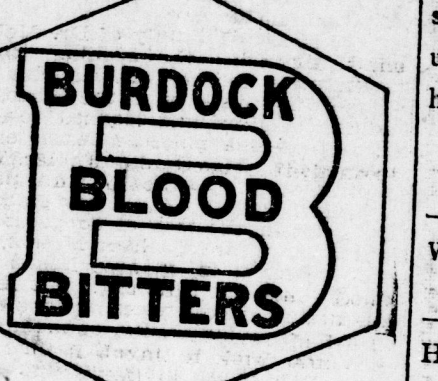
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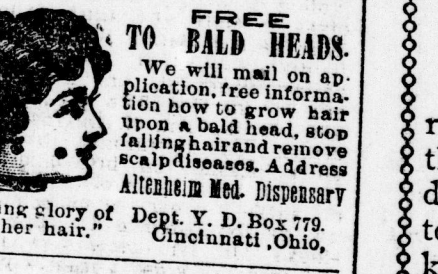
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White Unshrinkable Flannel, 32 inch, very fine, worth 50c, selling at.....40c	Oxford Shirting, worth 12c, at.....9c
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