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London, Thursday, Jan. 30.

Hon. James Sutherland Re-elected by Acclamation.

The handsome Court House Auditorium at Woodstock was yesterday crowded to the doors, the occasion being the nomination for the vacancy in North Oxford in the House of Commons, caused by the acceptance by Hon. James Sutherland, of the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries in the Dominion Government. No opposition being offered, at 2 p.m. sharp, Sheriff Brady declared the new Minister duly elected once more as Member of the Parliament of Canada.

No one can tell in advance how the speaking at an after-meeting is going to turn out; but it is not often that the speaking is more successful than yesterday afternoon at Woodstock. Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., in a humorous and felicitous speech, conveyed the goodwill of London and Western Ontario. W. S. Calvert, M. P., Chief Dominion Whip, became at once a favorite with the audience; Wm. Gibson, ex-M. P., received a pleasant reception; timely words came from Andrew Pattullo, M. P. P.; Rev. Dr. McMullen and Mr. Stock. Archie Campbell, the hero of the recent fight in West York, interested the audience. Short but admirable speeches were made by Hugh Guthrie, M. P. for South Wellington, and Col. Thomson, M. P. for Haldimand. These young men will be more heard of farther on.

But the speech of speeches was the beautiful oratorical effort—which needed apparently no effort—of Mr. Charles Maclellan, M. P. for Bonaventure, Quebec Province. There may be one or two Canadian speakers who equal Mr. Maclellan in oratorical charm, but we know of no Canadian speaker, whether he speaks in the language of France, or in the tongue of Shakespeare, who excels him when at his best, as he was at Woodstock.

It is needless to say the new Minister met with an extremely cordial and gratifying reception. To the mollifying influences of the happy occasion, Mr. Sutherland's opponents contributed, by avoiding all vexatious opposition to his formal re-election.

The Dominion Has Had a Prosperous Year.

That the year 1901 has been a prosperous year for Canada, requires no demonstration; but it may be interesting to see the sum worked out from the standpoint of the amount and the rewards of employment. The Labor Gazette thus summarizes the careful official reports for the entire Dominion for the whole year. It is unnecessary to point out the interest and value of such a bird's-eye review. There is nothing like getting at the facts; yet previous to the establishment of the Dominion Labor Bureau, and of the Labor Gazette, there was no adequate method either of collection or publication of the facts in relation to labor. Says the Gazette:

"Reviewing the situation as a whole, the month of December may be regarded as a fitting close to the year, which from an industrial point of view has been marked by substantial progress throughout. In the agriculture, fishing and lumbering industries the harvests have all but unparalleled of previous years. In these industries it has been found possible to secure, in response to high rates of pay, a supply of labor adequate to the demand. In mining, there have been industrial difficulties in some quarters which occasioned temporary unemployment to groups of men, but the output of some of the mines has been in excess of what it ever was, and there has not been a time when skilled workmen were obliged to lack employment unless for self-imposed reasons. In manufactures the record has been the same. Failures of industrial enterprises of any standing have been practically unknown, while not a month has passed without the comment being general, that business premises were being enlarged, the staffs working overtime to keep up with existing orders, or more hands being taken on. Individual trades have shared equally in this prosperity. For the building trades, in particular, the year, in almost all parts of the Dominion, has been an exceptionally active one. The metal, engineering and ship-building trades have been scarcely less active. The printing and allied trades have been well, and at some periods exceptionally well employed, and there has been an equally healthy condition prevailing in many other trades, all which might be mentioned as pointing to the substantial nature of the year's prosperity. Most marked, perhaps, of all, as an index of the year's production and the consequent general employment of the great body of workers, has been the excessive business done by transportation companies. By land and water, the condition has been the same throughout—an extension of facilities and a difficulty in meeting existing

needs. In business and trade generally, prices and wages have ruled high and have been for the most part constant, with an upward tendency in some lines.

"Present conditions point to a continuance during the winter season of the general prosperity of the year just closed, and there are marked indications of there being the usual activity in the spring."

Proposed Thinking Match.

Since the recent Liberal gains in Ontario, there has been a loud outcry in Opposition circles for a new deal in the management of the Conservative party. Writers in the Conservative newspapers are especially severe on their leaders. One of these, in the newspaper of the Opposition member for East York, asks:

"Is there no one to raise the standard for the people? What means this deadly silence? Let us think."

That is right. Start a thinking match, and invite the unreasonable critics of the Administration to enter the competition, and remain in it for a long time before they again essay to discuss public affairs. The trouble with them is that they talk before they think, and so make no impression on the country.

The Case of Young Norton.

While a certain sympathy may naturally enough go forth for a young man like Ransom Norton, who pleaded guilty to tampering with the municipal ballot box, and also for his very respectable friends and connections, it was impossible for the Police Magistrate to have done otherwise than he thought it his duty to do. Magistrate Love did not go either beyond his duty of beyond public opinion in his severe reprehension of the practice for which young Norton, an otherwise respectable and well-meaning young man, is to undergo a term of imprisonment. We believe the vast majority of the electors on each political side desire that elections, whether political or municipal, should be honestly conducted. Anything else should be regarded as intolerable. It is true there are "smart alecks" on both sides, thinking themselves quite clever, when they are simply silly, who appear to consider all things fair in war, and who talk glibly of "fight the devil with fire." But we repeat that the mass of the electorate on each side are both respectable and conscientious, and have no sympathy with either electoral trickery or corruption.

Our Convict Population.

The annual report of Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, on the penitentiaries of the Dominion, contains much that is interesting to the public. Dealing with the operation of the ticket-of-leave acts, which have now been in operation for two years, the Minister points out that during the year ended June 30 last 199 tickets-of-leave were granted, of which 126 were given to convicts in penitentiaries, and the remaining 73 to prisoners confined in jails and other public prisons. This shows an increase of 54 on the total number of tickets issued in the previous year. Of these, one was canceled by the full remission of sentence, in order to enable the recipient to be taken to a foreign country for medical treatment; another was withdrawn because a prisoner declined to accept it; and a third was canceled for breach of its conditions. Returns received during the year show seven forfeitures for conviction of indictable offenses; four of which are chargeable to the year 1899-1900. Adding the three remaining forfeitures for conviction to the cancellation for breach of conditions of license above mentioned, there is a total of four licenses revoked for misconduct during last year, being the proportion of 2.01 of the total number of licenses issued. The Minister of Justice is warranted in reaching the conclusion that the acts have proved successful from a reformatory point of view, while the reports from the penitentiaries show that they have been a stimulus to good conduct on the part of the convicts, and have had an excellent effect upon discipline generally.

The report of the inspector shows that the average daily penitentiary population, which was 1,250 in 1894-95, and rose to 1,417 in 1900-01, has been reduced to 1,405. To the operation of the parole act during the past two years the check given to the gradual increase of population is credited. There was only one escape from the penitentiaries last year. Indeed, there have been but eight escapes in the last seven years, and as in nearly every case the runaway was caught, returned, and duly punished, there does not seem to be much wisdom in anyone indulging punishment running the risk of trying to get away. The number of convicts released on parole from the various penitentiaries last year was as follows:

Kingston	47
St. Vincent de Paul	43
Dorchester	16
Manitoba	4
British Columbia	12
Total	122

Of the 1,382 convicts in custody at the end of the year, 147 were under 20 years of age, 575 from 20 to 30, 343 from 30 to 40, 190 from 40 to 50, 74 from 50 to 60, and 43 over 60. There are 54 prisoners serving life sentences, 1 is in for 30 years, 5 for 25, 1 for 23, 1 for 21, 17 for 20, 1 for 18, 2 for 17, 2 for 16, 23 for 15, 23 for 14. Of the life prisoners, more than 90 per cent are incarcerated at Kingston.

There are 1,251 white convicts, 54 colored, 27 Indian, 10 Indian half-breed,

and 10 Mongolian; 938 give their birthplace as Canada, 132 England, 87 Ireland, 13 Scotland, 5 Newfoundland, 3 West Indies, 1 Australia. Of the remaining 203, 168 were born in the United States, 20 in Italy, 19 in France, 15 in Germany, 13 in Russia, 7 in China, 6 in Denmark, 5 in Norway and Sweden, 4 Austria-Hungary, 2 Portugal and dependencies, 3 Japan and 1 Syria.

Single persons still largely predominate as transgressors, 932 of the convicts being unmarried, 408 married and 42 widowed; 140 say they are abstemious from intoxicants, 758 temperate and 484 intemperate; 295 cannot read or write, 93 can read only. The remaining 1,039 can both read and write. The creed of the convicts is thus given:

Roman Catholics	787
Church of England	132
Methodist	141
Presbyterian	105
Baptist	61
Lutheran	23
Other creeds	81
No creed	2

The gross expenditure and revenue are given below:

Gross expenditure. Revenue.	
Kingston	\$182,118 49
St. Vincent de Paul	\$24,489 77
Dorchester	\$1,103 92
Manitoba	\$2,149 35
British Columbia	\$2,074 63
British Columbia	\$1,561 58
Totals	\$433,927 88
	\$31,389 25

Binder Twine Manufacturing at Kingston Penitentiary.

There is a reference in the report of Penitentiary Inspector Stewart in the last annual report of the Minister of Justice will no doubt give rise to some discussion both in and outside of the House of Commons. The inspector thus deals with the question of the binder twine production and sale at Kingston Penitentiary:

"The twine factory affords employment to about 40 convicts for whom it would be hard to find other work. From the date of its commencement its success has been rendered difficult by the persistent misrepresentation of our twine by a number of manufacturers and importers, whose efforts to obtain larger prices have been frustrated by its operation. The experience of the past season leads to the conclusion that the suggestions contained in the resolution adopted by the House of Commons at its last session cannot be followed without loss to the institution. It is with diffidence that I venture an opinion inconsistent with the wisdom of Parliament, but I respectfully submit that the suggestions referred to do not meet the case in view. In practice, the twine dealers purchase their entire stock early in the spring, in order that their agents may dispose of it before harvesting begins. They are not likely to solicit and accept orders for stock that may or may not be available on July 1 following. Having purchased their stock they are not likely to complete for any larger lot of twine subsequently placed on the market. Again, few farmers purchase their twine before harvest and when they are able to estimate the quantity required, and they are not interested in offers available before that time. A compliance with the suggestion contained in the resolution makes twine available to farmers at a period in the year when they are not likely to purchase, and places a large quantity of twine on the market long after dealers have completed their stock. The usages of the trade seem to require that the provisions of the resolution should be inverted—the stock on hand in the early spring being disposed of by tender, and the subsequent dynamite at a later date."

The system thus condemned was that unanimously agreed to by the House of Commons at its last session. Whether the House is prepared to change its views, in the light of practical experience, remains to be seen.

The Drinking Water "Cure."

Of alleged "cures" for disease, or means for prolonging human existence, there seems to be no end. Here we have Dr. Wood telling a gathering of New York vegetarians that the great specific for preserving health and insuring longevity is—water. During the past year, Dr. Wood declared, he had taken about a gallon of distilled water every day, and the result was that he had become stronger, healthier, and more elastic and flexible in joint and muscle, although 62 years of age, than he has been since boyhood. The chronicler says he demonstrated his flexibility by placing the palms of his hands flat upon the floor without bending his knees, and by standing on one foot and putting the other to his face. He said he had stood on a box eight inches in height and touched the floor with his fingers. The results, Dr. Wood claimed, were produced by the powerful solvent properties of distilled water in removing from the system the deposits of lime and other earthy salts and other minerals which bring on premature hardening of the tissues. He pointed out that neither boiling nor filtering rendered impure water safe to use. Disease germs, he contended, spread with great rapidity in the best filters and pass through with the water. The only safe water to use for drinking and cooking is that purified by distillation. Here in London it is easy to get an abundance of good drinking water, for our source of supply is unequalled on the continent, and there is a trifle too much lime in it for the comfort of the consumer. We question, however, if many of our citizens could be prevailed upon to drink day in and day out a gallon of water, be it ever so pure.

In Great Britain, despite the big traffic that there is on the railways, there is much complaint of the rates charged to the public. Mr. K. B. Murray, secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, says that the cheapening of inland freight is one of the pressing needs of the United Kingdom. Though the country invented and applied steam as a means of transport, it has, he says, at present probably the dearest system of land carriage in the

world. It costs less today to carry sugar from Hungary—thousands of miles across Europe to London—than to carry the same sugar over the rails of an English railway from London to Manchester. If this is the case, there must have been some blundering, or very excessive profits, as a result of the construction and operation of British railways.

If the Province is in debt, and running behind annually, what is Mr. Ross doing with \$1,468,492 in the bank? Can't Col. Matheson fathom this mystery?—Kingston Whig.

He could, if he would try. But to admit that the investments bearing interest and bank account of the Province are assets would upset the apple cart of the financial critic of the Opposition entirely.

Even his political opponents must sympathize with Mr. Matheson, the financial critic of the Opposition, when he is called upon by his leader to try and prove the impossible in that investments made on behalf of the Province, which bring annually hundreds of thousands of dollars interest into the public treasury, do not exist! What a twisting and a turning is necessary to even make a semblance of a case under such adverse circumstances.

Lord Aberdeen, who is an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, has made remarks recently with regard to the stage, some of which have attracted widespread attention. Addressing the twentieth annual conference of the Church of Scotland Young Men's Guild, he earnestly advised them to encourage all movements tending to make the theater serve a higher purpose in society. He refused to condemn the theater as an evil, but praised it as a social organ, which it is folly for the church to decry. The noble lord's contentions are being freely criticized on both sides of the Atlantic, but he is not without his defenders. Indeed, the whole subject of public entertainments and the right attitude of the church in relation thereto is as yet far from being settled.

IN THAWING DYNAMITE

Three Men Met Instant Death at New Glasgow.

One Man Killed and Four Injured in a "Slip" at a Foundry.

Tragedy at a Ball—Dancer Slain by a Lover Jealous of Attention to His Fiancee.

THREE MEN KILLED. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—A dispatch from New Glasgow says that three men—John M. Sutherland, Wm. Sutherland and John Wilkes—were killed yesterday afternoon while thawing dynamite at a mines.

TRAGEDY AT A BALL. Elmora, Mich., Jan. 30.—James W. Woodford, of Elmora, was killed at a country dance Monday evening. He was a commercial traveler and an expert dancer. When Woodford stepped out of the farmhouse later, it is alleged, he was hustled to jail to prevent lynching.

RUNAWAY CARS. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 29.—Three people killed, two fatally hurt and a score of others more or less injured, was the record made by two runaway cars on the Monongahela branch of the Pittsburgh Railway Company tonight. Dead—V. John McFadden, aged 24 years, East McKeesport; Mary Kinkead, 19 years, East McKeesport; passenger on second car, Robert Trush, 29, conductor, Pittsburgh. The car, driven by Chas. Wright, motorman, and Alex. Sanders, colored, died. The accident happened at the foot of the long hill running into Wilkesburg from McKeesport. A car without passengers got beyond control of the motorman, and dashed down the hill, a quarter of a mile long, with terrific speed. At the bottom it jumped into the Pennsylvania Railway station, carrying away the side of the depot and tearing up the platform. A large crowd gathered about the wreck, and twelve minutes later a second runaway car came tearing down the hill and plowed into the crowd with death-dealing force.

DEADLY "SLIP." Chicago, Jan. 29.—In an accident known as a "slip" at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago, today, Mitchell Bronsch was killed and John Polackowich and three others, names unknown, were severely injured that they will probably die. The steel company refused to make known the cause of the accident, but it is thought the cold weather chilled the molten iron at the top of the blast furnace until it hardened and clogged. Then when the men opened the vent at the bottom to draw off the metal, the whole mass fell down, forcing the scorching metal out upon the workmen with a splash. The men were covered from head to foot with the white hot metal.

SAVED FROM SUICIDE. Windsor, Ont., Jan. 30.—H. Pierce, aged 55 years, of this city, jumped into the icy waters of the Detroit River from the car ferry Great Western yesterday afternoon. Owing to the large quantity of floating ice and the fact that he wore a heavy fur overcoat, he was rescued with much difficulty. When he regained consciousness he assigned domestic troubles as the cause of

Grocery and Crockery Department in Basement.

The Punians Carson McKee & Co.

The New Idea Pattern 10c.

FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY.

The last Friday in January and first Saturday of February will mean much for the one who will brave the cold and participate in the feast of bargains laid out for these days. It's a double event—the end of Stock-Taking and beginning of another business year. Come and see us Friday and Saturday, and we'll make it doubly interesting for you.

Dress Goods.

French Flannels, 39c.

20 Waist Lengths French Flannel, new patterns and colors, assorted; regular 50c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 39c

Silk Velvets, 25c.

A few ends Plain and Fancy Silk Velvets, black, fancy and plain, in gray, sky, cornflower, garnet regular 50c to 75c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 25c

13 ends Homespun Suiting, all-wool, ends of 2½ to 5 yards each; regular 75c and \$1, Friday and Saturday to clear 50c

150 Remnants of Dress Goods at half-price and less.

Gents' Furnishings.

Men's Black Wool Ribbed Hose; regular 25c, Friday and Saturday, per pair 19c

Men's Wool Underwear; regular \$1 per suit, Friday and Saturday, per suit 75c

Men's Fine Natural Wool Underwear; regular \$2, Friday and Saturday, per suit \$1 58

Men's Heavy Wool Socks; regular 15c, Friday and Saturday, per pair 11c

Clothing.

Men's Fine Tweed Pants, well made; regular price \$2 25 and \$2 50, Friday and Saturday \$1 75

Boys' 2-Piece Heavy Tweed Suits, sizes 22 to 28; regular \$2 50 and \$2 95, Friday and Saturday \$2 25

Vaseline.

Vaseline, regular 10c bottles, special Friday and Saturday 5c

Stationery.

Exercise Books, fine ruled paper, special Friday 2 for 5c

House Furnishings.

5 pieces Brussels Carpet, 3 excellent patterns, with borders to match; regular price \$1, Friday and Saturday, per yard 75c

Tapestry Carpets, extra quality, small patterns, suitable for bedrooms, halls and stair carpets to match; regular price 50c; Friday and Saturday, per yard 40c

Hosiery.

Boys' Heavy Scotch Wool Hose, sizes 8½, 9 and 9½; regular price 50c, Friday to clear 39c

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose, seamless; regular price 35c, special to clear 25c

Vests.

Ladies' Union Vests and Drawers, good quality; regular price 50c, special to clear 39c

Blouses.

Ladies' Black Satin Blouses, trimmed with white stitching; regular price \$2 25 and \$2 50, special to clear 75c

Staple Department.

5 pieces only Flannelette, assorted colors, Friday only, per yard 10c

800 yards extra heavy English Flannelette; regular price 12½c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 8½c

330 yards fancy Paris Waist Cloths, assorted lot; regular prices were 12½c, 15c and 18c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 10c

450 yards Fancy Wrapperettes and Colonial Flannels, in navy, black, brown, green and purple, spots and figures; regular 10c and 12½c, Friday and Saturday, per yard 8c

Grocery Department.

22 lbs. Redpath's Granulated Sugar for \$1 00

1 can Peas, Tomatoes and Corn for 25c

1 lb. Imperial Blend Black or Mixed Tea for 25c

3 lbs. Washing Soda and 4 dozen Clothes Pins for 10c

6 lbs. Redpath's Granulated Sugar for 25c

1 large tin of Clark's Pork and Beans, with Chili Sauce, special, per tin 30c

1 dozen Valencia Sweet Oranges and 1 dozen Choice Bright Lemons for 25c

6 tins Sardines, in oil, for 25c

30c String Broom, balance left over from last week, for 25c

Crockery Department.

12 Decorated China Dining-room Lamps; regular \$1 40, for \$1

10 only Printed Toilet Sets, with gilt, to clear \$1

57-piece Printed Dinner Set, gilt edge; regular \$7 75, for \$5

25 Brown Rock Tea Pots for, each 1

Special Announcement Tomorrow. Watch This Space.

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Questions Answered.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Your query is written on both sides of the paper and is otherwise not exactly clearly expressed. The council had no power to authorize A. to dam the water back. The adjoining landowner has a legal cause of complaint. The council as such has no power to compel A. to remove the dam or to pay him for his work under the circumstances as stated. The proper remedy is to call on the township engineer and act a new award.