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LONDON, FRIDAY, DEC. 24.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The public spirit of a number of citizens connected with the Board of Trade, the Real Estate Owners' Assoother organizations, has had some rewise the case.

will count so little for or against him. Nothing will be heard, we are confident, of either party machine. Politics has cut no figure in municipal affairs for some time, and it looks as mission, is merely a board of directors chosen to do the business of that joint! City of London.

the three money bylaws, and give rea- date. The excellent reference library sons why at least two of them - the of books dealing with Canada is much garbage bylaw and the sewerage bylaw-should be adopted.

WHAT THE BRITISH GOVERN-MENT PROPOSES TO DO.

The present British Government, in the words of Mr. Churchill, is making "the largest, the most deliberate, the most resolute attempt at social organization, which any living man can remember." It is "fighting for Eng-

some 150 bureaux will open their doors. The whole country is to be labor for the first time a market like the market which is enjoyed by all spirited man, will add to the economic tions and wages of labor.

thanges would go a system of unemployment insurance. This insurance would be compulsory, and at first would be confined to the following trades: (1) Building, (2) engineering. (3) machine and tool making, and (4) shipbuilding, the laborers in these trades being included. No less than 2,500,000 adult males, or, roughly, onethird of the industrial population. would be embraced in the scheme. Both work-people and employers would contribute, and the state would grant a substantial subvention. The German system of insurance cards, to which stamps are affixed every week, would be adopted. When a worker in one of these trades lost his employment all his card to the nearest labor exchange, him a job or paying him unemploy- election purposes.

Another reform would be invalidity insurance to provide for the sick, the invalided, and for the widows and sembled him. Probably his crime, like orphans of the broken soldiers of industry. The insurance would be compulsory and would be effected as far into. Society is responsible for many as possible through the existing bene- of its enemies.

Another feature of the government's policy, which even the House of Lords £10,000 to Winston Churchill for the dared not oppose, is the Development defence of free trade. If he had given books for not inconsiderable sums of ceroses and buffaloes roamed over not as you would get enough sove- the Welsh nation is too small to quar- not a sign anywhere in the country of mote afforestation, road making, har- not have been surprising, but it would dertaken vigorously or slacked off ac- considered moral in the one case and

something to steady the rocking of the quarters although he makes no pre- was wholly derived from the sale of his industrial boot to average the condi- tence of enceting for the Covernment books. industrial boat, to average the condi- tence of speaking for the Government. tions of the labor market, and pre- On the whole Sir Wilfrid Laurier vent those fluctuations which are so adopts the proper attitude when he cruel and harsh on the individuals says that tariff reform is a question whom they affect.

bill has been already passed to regu- some of its members. late wages in the sweated trades.

Here in bare outline is the social reform programme of the Government There is a house across the way that is fighting for the people against Where last year childish shouts were privilege and monopoly. It ought to commend itself to humane and enlightened Canadians.

Canadians everywhere will join in felicitating Lord Strathcona in his remarkable escape from death in the There used to be a sliding place streets of Old London. Though in his 90th year, the high commissioner is one of the busiest men of affairs in the great city. He is accessible at all times to those desiring information or advice about Canada at first hand, and his whole department is always at the No child peers from the widow there service of the inquirer

An article in a London weekly describes his lordship's duties in detail. Whether it is 10,000 acres of land or an apple orchard the inquirer wants, ciation, the Municipal League, and or whether it is to know the most suitable market in Canada for his sults. It is due to their efforts that particular wares, the best resources electors will have wider choice for the of the establishment and the kindliest Council and the Public Utilities Com- courtesy of its head and its officers mission than would have been other- are always at his disposal. And such One very gratifying feature has been the energies even of Lord Strathcona, the absence of all party considerations. unwavering though he is in his devo-There has never been a municipal tion to the department. Every post election in which a candidate's politics brings a shoal of letters from almost every part of the world; every day brings its battalions of callers.

The work of carefully collecting at the high commissioner's office informathough it had been permanently ban- tion of all kinds which may be useished, as it ought to be. The stock- ful to the merchant or others seeking holders of a business concern would knowledge respecting Canada and its laugh at the suggestion that they trade, is of great importance. At the should scrutinize the party complexion office a full supply of maps, charts. of the men whom they were choosing etc., is always available and proves of for a board of directors. The City Coun-great value to those interested in encil, or a body like the Utilities Com- terprises connected with the Dominion. Pains are taken to keep the intellistock company, the Corporation of the gence service abreast of the times, and to insure that the supply of the vari-The Advertiser will discuss later on ous words of reference, etc., is up-toused by authors and journalists as well as by the public generally, and chambers of commerce, public libraries. and other institutions throughout the Ends Well United Kingdom, and British consulates on the continent are regularly furnished with information respecting Shrew." Canada, such as will enable many inquiries to be answered on the spot. No opportunity is lost, when Canadian interests seem to demand it, of The first steps towards the estab- communicating with the press or of lishment of a uniform national system obtaining full publicity through it on of labor exchanges have already been any special questions that may arrive. taken, and by February next year The press is also supplied with the periodical reports that are issued by divided into ten divisions, all co- the Dominion and Provincial Governordinated with a national clearing- ments, and with regular weekly state- can afford to have friends. The demands Guardian has no representative among house in London. At these exchanges ments respecting the Dominion and workingmen can be told with speed its potentialities. This information is and with assurance where they ought also promptly conveyed to a number to go to find employment, and, what of special newspaper correspondents, is quite as important, where they the English offices of the Canadian ought not to go. The plan will give railway and steamship companies, the heads of all the great British financial other commodities of infinitely less institutions, the Canadian emigration consequence. It will replace by a agencies and a large number of in- houses'-you've made it read 'houses'." scientific system the old method of fluential financiers and others identified personal application, which is almost with Canadian interests in Great the hawking of labor about from door Britain. In short, as this English We watched the trooping children play to door. Such a process, by putting paper says, by keeping in touch, in a About the old house, once so gray an end to the aimless wanderings to manner at once sympathetic, system- And still. Then darkness tell, And one by one they said farewell. and fro in search of work, which has atic and scientific with commercial The music and the laughter stopped, needs in the mother country, or in the The play was done, the curtains dropped wealth of the country, and must in Dominion, the high commissioner's With each last cry across the snow, the end have the effect of standardiz- office has achieved results the im- And we, Old Friend, were left alone! ing throughout the country the condi- portance of which it would be difficult What was it lost, that we had known? to over-estimate. No tribute to the Old Friends and True, must even we Hand in hand with the labor ex- high commissioner's office would be complete without reference to Lord Strathcona's right-hand man and The new lives come, the old lives go: secretary, Mr. Griffiths. Thousands of The aging heart grows more austere. Canadians can testify to his courtesy. It may be that the strain and stress and are grateful to him for voluntary

> The jibes at Canada's "tinpot" navy But plain it stands: no more we hold prove nothing but the existence of Earth's fond good-fellowship of old! 'tin-pot" Canadia s

The municipal election will be held on New Year's day. The vote should Age shall not strip our very heart be larger than usual.

Mr. Balfour says that the colonial preferences will be withdrawn unless That lent its youth to us tonight he would have to do would be to take Great Britain reciprocates. This is And thanks to that strange tugids. Enduring Love by which we live, untrue of Canada at least. Mr. Balfour Thro' childlike eyes and childlike act which would be responsible for finding has misrepresented this country for We yet shall hold our youth intact!

The man Stefoff, hanged at Toronto Thursday for murder, had the face of Where Laughter, holding both his sides, an idiot, if the newspaper pictures re- Made all our days seem Christmastides!

A Dundee manufacturer has given

entirely for the British people and The paupers and the children are to that " be unbecoming for him to exbe rescued from the workhouse, which press his views. The country is to is to be abolished. The feeble-minded be congratulated upon the refusal of and inebriate classes are to be given Parliament to pass the imperial preexpert treatment. An anti-sweating ferential trade resolution urged by

THE HOUSE ACROSS THE WAY.

heard:

But all is sitent there today, Save for the sadly whispered word; No holly wreaths with ribbons graced In yonder windows shall appear; No letters in the frost are traced-They'll have no Christmas tree this

There in the yard where children played

By one who had a merry face The loudest noise was always made; But not a child is sliding now, And all is sadly still today; shadow seems to rest,

Upon the house across the way. To see the postman come and pass; No toys are piled in corners where The doors last year were locked, alas Within the house across the way

No pleasing, festive signs appear:

hey speak in whispers there today And have no thought of Christmas

BECOMING NATURALIZED. An alien wanted to be naturalized, and was required to fill out a blank. The first singing? three lines of the blank had the following questions: "Name?" "Born?" "Busi-

He answered "Name-Michael Levinsky." "Business-Rotten"

SURE OF HIMSELF.

is morning? Patient-Yes, doctor; it hurts me to breathe-in fact, the only trouble now ms to be with my breath. Physician-All right. I'll give you something that will soon stop that.

PERHAPS GET A MONUMENT. The first railway or steamboat corpor

are tired of the tipping nuisance will

reap a great reward. SHAKESPEARE ON BASEBALL.

[Chicago Tribune.] will go root.-"Richard III." you strike like the blind man Much Ado About Nothing." Out, I say .- "Macbeth." I will be short .- "Hamlet."

Thou canst not hit it; hit it! hit it! Love's Labor Lost." He knows the game,-"Henry VI." O, hateful error.-"Julius Caesar." A hit, a hit, a very palpable hit!-Hamlet.

He will stea!, str.-"All's Well That Whom right and wrong have chosen as umpire.—"Love's Labor Lost." Let the world slide .- "Taming of the

He has killed a fly.-"Titus Androni-

"What an arm he has .- "Coriolanus." They cannot sit at ease on the old bench.—"Romee and Juliet." Upon such sacrifices the gods themselves threw incense .- "King Lear."

FRIENDLESS.

[J. A. M., in Toronto Globe.] No editor of account is without his eneof his office sometimes require the

THAT TRICKY ALPHABET. [Tit-Bits.]

"What do you mean by this, sir?" demanded the angry advertiser. "What's the matter?" inquired the pub lisher of the country paper. "This advertisement of 'our delicious canned meats from the best colonial

THE CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS.

The waning lamp of mirth burned low

Find evermore what used to be? Man lives by change; through ebb and

We lose and gain, yet year by year Of our mad times tempt joylessness; It may be that our feverish days favors. He is an asset to the Do Forget the old more genial ways; It may be, too, the ashes of

Dead hopes and dreams have smothered

Yet thanks to one small spark, Old Friend, As down the Deck of Things we trend, Of all its old congenial art! Aye, thanks to each small voice and

light And thanks to that strange fugitive. And thanks to one still jovial day We still, Old Friend, shall make our way By thought and mem'ry through the snow To Youth and that lost Long Ago,

RUSKIN'S PROFITS FROM HIS

BOOKS. [London Chronicle.] The profits made by Ruskin from his books were in the end very large, and fully justified his belief in being practically his own publisher. In "Fors Clavia country field" in Kent, told Mr. E. T.

BY THE CARD. [Philadelphia Record.]

occupying the pastorate of a western church in his early career, Dr. George H. Ferris had a deacon whose character had always been above reproach until a certain prayer meeting which followed a sermon, during which the elder had soundly slumbered at the opening. "Will Brother Jones kindly lead?" was asked by the pastor. Waking with a start at the mention of his name, the deacon almost broke up the service by replying, "I led last time; it's your turn. What's trumps?"

SHOP TALK.

[Judge.] A young woman of Toledo, Ohio, was asked by a friend as to the likableness of a young chap who for some time had been paying devoted attention to the young woman in question.

"Oh," replied the fair one, carelessly, William is a nice enough fellow, but he talks shop too much." "How's that?" was the next question. "I thought he was a street car conduc-

"So he is," returned the other, "and he's continually saying, Sit up closer.'

NATURAL. [Cleveland Leader.] "What is loaf sugar?" inquired Mrs.

"Why, it's sugar in the form of loaves, suppose," anwered her spouse. "Why?" was wondering," said Mrs. J., "if that was what they made sweetbreads

A VALUABLE VOICE.

Farmer's Wife-I hear your son making money out of his voice at the Byles-That's right, mum.

Farmer's Wife-Where did he learn Byles-Oh, 'e don't sing, mum! 'E calls

DID SOMEBODY FAKE THAT OTTAWA TALK

Physician-Have you any aches or pains A Vain Search for the Manchester Guardian's Canadian Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—The cabled report of an alleged interview with a Canadian minister in the Manchester Guardian, in which one of Sir Wilation keen enough to see that the public frid's colleagues expresses himself as being strongly in favor of the British ministerial programme, has not created much excitement here. One thing would appear to be certain, and that is that no Canadian minister of the crown deliberately gave such an interview for publication. The idea prevails that the interview has either been manufactured out of the whole cloth. or else that some irresponsible individual has concocted a perversion of some opinion privately expressed by Canadian minister.

It will be remembered that only a few days ago, the Manchester Guardian quoted an alleged expression of orinion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that the Premier promptly took occasion to deny that he had said anything either one way or the other on the British political situation.

Those who have occasion to discuss British politics with ministers of the crown are invariably impressed with the great care they take not to say a word for publication which would indicate their sympathy with either one party or the other in Great Britain. That any minister would deliberately give out the interview, which appeared in the Manchester Guardian mies. Indeed, it is held that no editor is not believed here. The Manchester the recognized correspondents of the capital, and all the newspaper men who are in the habit of sending cables to the mother country disclaim having sent any such message. .

The probabilities are therefore that if anything was sent it was by some occasional mail correspondent.

BONES AND TUSKS IN THE ARCTIC ICE

Thousands of Fossil Ivory Have Been Taken Away by Traders.

London, Dec. 23.-Islands if ivory the Victoria Institute in London the other day.

These islands were discovered by next year. Russian explorers at the end of the eighteenth century and have been exploited by traders in fossil ivory ever since. As recently as 1898 some 80 .-000 pounds of fossil ivory was offered for sale at the fair at Yakutsk.

To the earlier explorers it seemed that one islet known as Liakoff's Island was "actually composed of the bones and tusks of elephants, cemented together by icy sand. The horns of buffaloes, or rather of musk oxen, and rhinoceroses were also wonderfully abundant. The sandy shores and slopes were full of mammoths'

In 1886 a German, Dr. Bunge, explored Liakoff's Island. "The sand and gravel," said the lecturer, "were found to rest in blocks of ice and the alluvial beds were rull of the bones of mammoths, rhinoceroses and musk oxen"-this after bundreds of years of visits from ivory hunters. Trawling showed that the bottom of the sea near the island was strewn with tusks and bones.

These extraordinary discoveries are rehistoric times Siberia enjoyed a comparatively mild climate, and a

cording to the state of the labor market, so that when employment was brisk very little should be done, and when employment got slack the work when employment got slack the work of development could be continued of development could be continued of development could be continued of the state of the state of the labor marking over the ruins of the House increased and the destruction down that in addition he had increased a valuable stock. From one issue of 'Modern Painters' he cleared form over the ruins of the House increased a valuable stock. From one issue of 'Modern Painters' he cleared form over the ruins of the House was complete. After a time the waters subsided slowly and the islands which had formed mountains in the land rose of his large private fortune in various shop was rated at £947; £924 for this gigantic castle, with its magnificent the would not forsake Carnaryon for and over the ruins of the House was complete. After a time the waters subsided slowly and the islands which had formed mountains in the land rose above the sea. Why the climate forms of benevolence and enthusiasm, the heart of one of the Cardiff, the meeting (says the Ex-

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Austrian China.

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UNIONISTS ORGAN

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materials and less manufactured George Wyndham at Dover, declared that Lloyd-George meant to tax landlords until they were compelled to drive unfair bargains with either a nidden among the Arctic ice lying prospective tenant or the town counnorth of Siberia were described in a cil. Old age pensions would not have paper read by Dr. Gath Whitley at come out of the present government's budget, but out of the simple expedient

of not paying for the navy, trusting to Neville Chamberlain, at Birmingham, said that what was wanted was more business and more employment. Neither the fears of the Chancellor of the Exchequer nor the grievances of Churchill against his relatives in the House of Lords would divert them

The Fighting Chancellor. Mr. Lloyd-George, when speaking in Cardiff, made another comparison of assessment values, this time in rela-

tion to the Marquis of Bute's Welsh

tstate. He said: Well, now, if you can stand me a little longer, let me take my first proposition, that we are simply charging the landlord upon the real and not the nominal value of the land. I cannot do better than give you one -giving you a few facts. There is a All we say is that the tailor has to very fine old castle in South Wales; pay full value on his premises. explained by the following theory: In it is now in the hands of a Scottsman called the Marquis of Bute. It is a Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking in a magnificent building; it is the Marquis Carnarvon schoolroom, said: of Bute's South Wales' residence. It "Whatever the House of Lords may valuable land in the heart of Cardiff. lish, they will always tyrannize over a

Act. A fund is to be created to pro- the money for tariff favors it would rel with the House of Lords, but our that deep movement which was going mote afforestation, road making, harnot have been surprising, but it would ing but what would please the Bishop of sided, the sea rose and the animals that castle is now rated with all that valuable land at £924 per annum. But impostent to us and the same analysis. The present situation is essentially valuable land at £924 per annum. But impostent to us and the same analysis. terprises. These works are to be unthing suggestive in the fact that it published for Ruskin "in the middle of congregated in great numbers on the sea rose and the same applies sea conspirators had planned.

Nothing had happened just as sea conspirators had planned. mountain tops. Even these were at stop a minute. Next door to this castle to Ireland. Neither Ireland nor Wales grounds in the heart of one of the Cardiff, the meeting (says the Ex- all over the world.

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them that I really must apologize for castle away; that is not the proposal, overcome,

Chancellor in Tears.

If you were to sell that land, I will small nation like the Welsh. By itself

or two cases, one or two concrete il. most prosperous cities of the em-change Telegraph Company), cheered lustrations. How they loathe these pire; next door is this small tailor's vociferously, during which he broke cases; they think facts are so vulgar, shop rated at £23 higher every year, down and wept. finishing his sentence so common, it is so rude to mention Well, now, nobody wants to take that quite inaudibly. He sat down quite

Sir Gilbert's Remarks

Sir Gilbert Parker, speaking at Lav ngton street baths, Southwark, said that a week had gone since the second chamber had referred the budget back has over a hundred acres of land, in- do with a strong nation like the Eng- had happened in that week? Wild speeches had been made by five cabi-