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HONEST ELECTIONS RESTORED.

As is well known, for years before the present Government came into office elections were improperly manipulated and all sorts of offences were committed to defeat the wishes of the people. Sir James Whitney immediately put a stop to such practices. The result is that not one election since he took office has been contested, and not one ballot of the hundreds of thousands that have been cast since he became Prime Minister has been disputed.

At the outset the numbered ballot was abolished, and the people were given a secret ballot, with heavy penalties for any violation of it. The new ballot is one that cannot be manipulated, and severe penalties have been enacted, including imprisonment in some cases, to stop offences against the ballot. Corrupt practices have been rendered punishable by very heavy penalties.

In order to afford additional protection to the people, a law was passed at the last session of the Legislature prohibiting political subscriptions by corporations, by Government contractors and by the holders of liquor licenses.

Under former Governments the constituencies were so arranged that the minority of the people elected the majority of the members of the Legislature. Thus, in 1886, while the Conservatives had a popular majority of 9,869, the Liberals had thirty more seats in the Legislature. Again, in 1902, although there was a Conservative majority of 7,333 in the votes cast, the Liberals had a majority of four in the House. In order to overcome this injustice, redistributions were necessary, and have also been rendered necessary by the growth of population in New Ontario and other parts of the Province.

PROTECTING PUBLIC RIGHTS.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, which was established by the Whitney Government shortly after it came into office, has been doing splendid work for the public, protecting public rights in the matter of the electric railway and telephone franchises. At the outset the Railway Board established a two-cent-per-mile passenger rate on the electric railways of the province. It has brought electric railways under control and supervises their equipment and settles disputes between railways and municipalities, bringing order out of chaos.

One feature of the Board's work is the validation of debentures issued by municipalities. Last year debentures involving about \$3,000,000 came under the scrutiny of the Board, and 130 municipal by-laws were validated. In the majority of these cases special Acts of the Legislature would have been required if the Board had not been empowered to deal with the matter. Thus the Board has saved municipalities much expense and delay.

In the control of the telephone business an important work is being done by the Board, which is rapidly developing. The Board is now superintending the interchange of business between various telephone companies, and thus affording a protection to the public and at the same time preventing large and powerful companies crushing competition. The rapid growth of the telephone business throughout the province has made it very important that there should be a speedy and final method of protecting the public rights, and in this respect the Railway and Municipal Board is proving of great advantage to the public.

The Board is empowered to adjudicate upon disputes as to assessment. Last year it decided cases involving assessments aggregating five and a half millions of dollars.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN BILL.

The Borden Government bill giving aid to the Canadian Northern Railway yesterday passed its third reading, once more by the comfortable margin of 47.

For some two weeks the members of the Opposition sought to pick flaws in the splendid bargain made under the circumstances, but without result. A feature was the readiness with which Mr. Meighen, Solicitor-General, who prepared the measure, met all quips and criticisms. From first to last he showed a marvellous mastery of much intricate detail, and gave

most straightforward answers and explanations. In all the Liberals unsuccessfully moved seven amendments.

The debate served to once more demonstrate that Laurier is the king of somersault artists. First of all, he said that the line must be completed, although differing with the Government method. Next he allowed a follower to move the six months' hoist, which, if carried, would have killed the measure. That suggestion defeated, he yesterday vaulted back again to his former position that something should be done, although differently.

With loss of office the White Plumed Knight seems to have also lost his political cunning.

A CONTRAST IN BARGAINS.

A Liberal paper says: "The Tories are fated to make bad bargains for the relief of big railways; witness the disastrous one with the Canadian Pacific 30 years ago."

In what respect was that measure disastrous? The company was pushing ahead with its main line, when all at once, owing to disturbances in the money market, and to the hostility of the American Pacific lines, it found it could not raise any more money on its securities except at a ruinous shave. Accordingly, in 1883, the Administration of Sir John Macdonald passed a relief bill, which was changed in 1884 and again in 1885 and 1886. It is not worth while giving the details. But the upshot of it all was that late in 1886 all matters between the Government and the company were closed up to their mutual satisfaction, the Government taking over some 7,000,000 acres of the company's land subsidy in payment of a sum slightly exceeding \$10,000,000 then owing to it after the bulk of the advances made to the road had been repaid.

The aid thus rendered to it enabled the company to complete its main lines five and a half years before the time originally stipulated. The West at once began to fill up, and the lands which the Government had received in lieu of cash rose in price considerably beyond the value that had been placed upon them. Since then, as everyone knows, the Canadian Pacific has been our sheet anchor in the London market, its success rendering it easy for Canadians to sell the securities of any worthy project.

On the other hand, the guaranteeing by the Laurier Ministry, in 1911, of over \$35,000,000 for one of the subsidiaries of the Canadian Northern brought the country nothing in the way of direct compensation, while it encouraged that company to build for 1,000 miles east of Port Arthur through the howling waste above Lake Superior, which, with other things, is responsible for its present afflicted condition. A good many of Sir Wilfrid's followers were dissatisfied, but the reciprocity election was at hand, and the campaign chest had to be filled to the brim in order "to put down Tory corruption."

OUR CORNERED COTEM.

The Expositor, in answer to the expose of the Courier as to that paper having most improperly claimed credit for Rowell regarding the Workmen's Compensation Act, makes the admission: "It is true that Mr. Rowell did not take up the agitation until 1911, because he was not in public life until then, but from that time on he kept it up, and pointed the way to a solution, until, finally, in 1914, four years after the appointment of Sir William Meredith as commissioner, the Government acted upon his report and brought down a bill."

Bosh! Sir James, during the election of 1911, and before Rowell was a member, outlined his plans and announced the appointment of Chief Justice Meredith to make an exhaustive enquiry.

The Grit attitude of that time was voiced at a Rowell mass meeting in Toronto, when Mackenzie King, ex-Minister of Labor, said in Rowell's presence that Liberals did not want to see any judge on the job.

It was this sneer which led Toronto Saturday Night (a thoroughly independent paper) to say during the course of an article: "To anyone familiar with the public career of Sir William, such an insinuation is rankly unjust. Mr. King cannot be unaware that the distinguished jurist in question was long a member of the Ontario Legislature, and was leader of its Opposition for a considerable period. He seems to be unaware, however, that Sir William was the best friend that the cause of labor ever had on either side of the Ontario House, and that he forced on the old Mowat (Liberal) administration practically all the measures for the protection of labor interests that are on the statute books of Ontario. If Mr. King had taken the trouble to ask any labor leader, Grit or Tory, who was a member of the Trades and Labor Council during the early nineties, about Sir William Ralph Meredith, he could have learned that on such questions the distinguished jurist is much more radical in his views than the average public man. When in politics he initiated more measures of practical use to the workmen than ever emanated from the former Minister of Labor. Any suspicion that he will not perform

his duties fairly and sincerely is absolutely groundless."

So much for the man whom Grits sought to belittle when his great task, since so successfully accomplished, was first commenced.

Meanwhile our cotem, would show some sense by dropping the subject like the proverbial hot potato.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Brewster. * * * Westbrook. * * * We win. * * * Both Brants. * * * Can't figure it up any other way. * * * Got to have another Tory procession in this good burgh on Monday night, June 29th.

FALSE AND CRUEL

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and were picked up by a boat from the Eureka. We were given every possible attention, both on the Eureka and by the people of Rimouski and we now feel no ill effects from our experience."

Asked whether the Empress moved under her own power, after the collision Mr. Adie said that he could not be sure, but he did not think she could have moved any distance. His wife and Miss Gaunt were both positive that her engines were stopped at the time of the collision.

"It makes me angry," he said, "to hear the claim made by the Starbuck that the Empress was going full speed ahead, for that is certainly not true and it is also maddening to hear the reflections made against Captain Kendall."

Mr. and Mrs. Adie and Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt will remain in Toronto until Sunday, when they leave for New York to sail for home by the Aquitania.

William R. Perrin, architect of the Toronto civic abattoir, died suddenly.

Public Library Board Meets

The Public Library board held a meeting last night when those present were E. J. Carlin, F. W. Ryerson, Rev. G. A. Woodside, T. Hendry, D. J. Waterous, Colonel Howard, Judge Hardy and Mayor Spence. A good deal of business was gone through. The principal item was the report of Judge Hardy upon the Ontario Librarians' conference in Toronto and it was considered highly satisfactory.

Janitor John Chapman tendered his resignation after 14 1/2 years service. He expressed his appreciation of the past kindness of the board and his sorrow at terminating his appointment on account of ill-health. He was made a grant of \$40 as an appreciation.

Miss E. Carlin was authorized to attend a special course on reference work at the Library School held in Toronto.

The three lady assistants at the library, Miss Carlin, Miss Draper and Miss Middlemiss, were each granted an increase in salary.

An application will be made to the Carnegie Corporation of New York for \$3,000 granted as the second instalment of the extension costs. Electric lights will supply illumination in the new stack-room being built and wires will also be used for the lighting of the two standards upon the back of the building will be lowered steps of the library. The fence at the to the level of the windows.

ATTACKS MAN

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on his body, severely injuring him. Other attendants rushed to the spot and quickly overpowered and disarmed her. She kicked, struggled and screamed for some minutes until she was handed over to the police. The woman evidently was of good education, and she was very stylishly dressed.

A letter was left in the Dore Gallery by the assailant, in which she

Brantford Drops Out of League

Brantford has dropped out of the Western Ontario Baseball League. This was the announcement made by President Reed of the Brantford Club this morning. The reason given by the president was the trouble the local executive had with the president of the League over Agnew, who came to the local team from Hamilton. Agnew had no sooner arrived in Brantford than the Guelph team tried to get him, and he told Mr. Reed he had accepted their offer. This, President Reed maintained, was contrary to the by-laws of the Association, which state that no team in the league can interfere with a player from any other team. The case was threshed out at the last meeting of the executive, and he was expelled from the league. In the face of this ruling the president of the league took it into his hands to allow Agnew to catch last Thursday and Saturday. The result was that the Brantford club decided to drop out entirely from the league.

asserts that militants heretofore have been "too ladylike." She adds: "To stop this, you must give us justice. We are willing to die for it before we give in. We have tried all other ways. We have been too ladylike in the past. Now we are going to fight, and you arise to take our places. I have joined an allow us to be killed. Others will die in the war."

One of the pictures destroyed was "Love Wounded," a priceless engraving by Bartolozzi.

Mr. W. K. McNaught was defeated in the Northeast Toronto Conservative convention, Mr. Mark H. Irish receiving the nomination along with Hon. Dr. Fyne.

Birthdays of Note

WEDNESDAY, JUNE THIRD

Today is the King's birthday. His Majesty was born on June 3, 1865 at Marlborough House and is thus forty-two years of age.



pretensions, national and unillustrated. It is one which on that occasion his experiences are preserved of certain stories 1901. Several ex-Dominion in he visited the Prince of Wales of him when, as their observation familiar. From a personality. Is King George's Tom Canadians fifty-years-of-age. ture is worth repeating. A dinner of considerable proportions was given in his honor by one of the Keenan-menters. Among the guests were a clergyman and his wife who were familiar with the Prince's appearance. The lady was nervous and asked a question of the dinner many questions as to how she should behave. The latter gave her some advice and impressed on her that she must not speak to the Prince or Princess unless they opened the conversation. At the dinner what was her surprise to see that the clergyman's wife had been placed beside his Royal Highness and that she was talking away to him with great volubility. When she had a chance she asked her if she realized to whom she was speaking and learned that the worthy lady thought it was one of the officers of the Prince's staff. Her dismay, on hearing that it was the Prince himself, was intense, for she had been guilty of asking him many personal questions, notably about his wife and children. It is said that His Royal Highness enjoyed the joke very much and next day sent her a photograph of the Princess and their children.

Also born to-day:— Robert Bell, former chief geologist, Ottawa, born Toronto, 1841. Hon. W. F. A. Tarzoon, attorney-general, Sask., born Bathurst, N.B., 1877.

Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

THE SPEED MANIAC

Where'er he hies he simply flies the dust behind him thickens; and my abode he burns the road and kills my pup and chickens. He rots his horn as though in scorn of folks who travel slowly; like falling stars he noisy car attains a speed unholy. He does not care for your despair, he heeds your angry feelings; he soars and rips and tears and zips, and drunken leaps and reels. Forgo galoot who toils afoot, he does not care a stiver; he scares the mules that farmer tools—they bolt and kill the driver. Along his track for miles he dead and maimed are lying, he merely sniffs at mangled stiffs, still he goes a-flying. When brought to court, this measly sport is made a few plasters, when he should wait for years in jail for causing such disasters. Throughout the land, the thing we stand in awe of, we've got to—and all our kicks do serve to fix the sahned with the auto. Perhaps some time 'twill come as crime to run amuck, doggone along the pile, and chase and strafe and maim the people on it.

WALT MASOX.

The C. N. R. aid bill was put through its final reading in the Commons after two more Liberal amendments had been voted down.

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LOCAL

Tax Notices Out. The tax notices are now being sent out from the city hall and should be in the hands of the citizens within a few days.

Real Estate Transfers. The real estate transfers for the month of June for the past month total most of the number for 1913, when they totalled 120.

Will Close on Wednesdays. The Grocers and Butchers city have decided to close their stores on Wednesday afternoons, June, July and August.

Acknowledge Donations. The Managers of the Galt Hospital gratefully acknowledge the donations: A fresh fruit stove; Whitaker Bros. 100 lbs. and rolls of toilet paper; Mintern, Burns, Smith and Livingston and Williams; and Heyd and Hartig's meat.

Building Permits. Building permits were granted morning to John Dewar, 55 Avenue, for a frame porch house, valued at \$50; Wm. for an iron garage on Collio between Market and Galt, \$50; to Alfred H. B. for a house on Sheridan street, valued at \$100.

Called to Brantford. Miss Alice Kersell has been to her home at Brantford on the death of her uncle, Mr. Edgar who died on Monday in the Galt General Hospital only a few days illness. The takes place to-day from the of Mr. Andrew Kersell, Brant Mount View Cemetery, Galt.

King George's Birthday. His Majesty King George Fifth will be 49 years old to-day in honor of the occasion all ment employes, bankers and will enjoy a whole holiday. The lic school children and Collegiate pupils are enjoying a holiday. In England, there is general holiday.

The Acreage of Brantford. The Canadian economic bureau written Mayor Spence re that certain information about acreage of Brantford, etc. In the ing fact was arrived at by assessors that the total acre Brantford is now 3000, and the est value of a lot 40x126 feet city is \$1250 per foot.

Appeals Dismissed. The applications on behalf Stockdale, Receiver of the Valley and the Trust and G Company which have been for some months and which had adjourned from time to time, on Monday before the Appellate Division which was given Appellate Division in December by which the appeals against trial were dismissed, the object to obtain further time to perfect conditions imposed by Chief Meredith. The application was to extend the time for the warrants by the city to discharge back taxes. The result of yesterday hearing was that both of these cations are dismissed and judgments of Appellate Division missing the appeals stand on.

NEIL SAT BAR

Men's tan ca regular \$5.00, new Mrs. see 10x8 k boots, sizes 11 to 2 Small boys' sizes 8 to 10, Satur Girls' box kps, sizes 8 to 10 1/2, S

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