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#### WORSE AT HOME.

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A Tory contemporary expresses horror at the injustice of the Prussian law for the expropriation of property belonging to Poles owning land in certain districts Tory organ has any right to com plain at injustice of this nature. The Prussian law is, of course, invidious, and outrages British principles of justice But it must be said for the Prussian law that it awards payment for the pro-perty taken. Whitney, the little clay idol before which the organs bow, when he wishes to dispossess a citizen of his property or rights, simply deprives him of access to the courts, and passes legis lation forfeiting his claims and giving them to another. No case has occurred under the Prussian law complained of which can in any way compare with the atrocious violation of the first principles of justice involved in the Cabolt Lake and La Rose mine cases. Yet Whitney is so far from appreciating the situation that he appears to think that he excuses his course by saying that he got som revenue for the Province thereby. Who can say how much revenue we may lose to Ontario, and how much injury may be me to Canadian reputation for justice and the security of property if the idea is allowed to go abroad-and Whitney's action in these cases admits of no other explanation-that the Government of Ontario recognizes as sacred no man's rights to property or protection of the courts when the violation thereof will yield revenue?

It is time that the honest electors of the Province rose in their might and declared that there is something dearer to a free people than the extortion of money from its citizens at the expense of all the principles underlying civil rights.

### AN UNWARRANTED FEAR.

Mr. W. S. Lumgair, in his letter yes terday, expressed a fear that if the ald ermen purchased power from the Cataract Company at 10 per cent. less than it can be furnished by the Hydro-Electric mmission, the city would still be in danger of paying a second time for the power it might use in running its elecdrawn. tric light system. It is hardly likely that the aldermen would expose the city to such a danger. To any one who has taken the slightest interest in the proposals made it must have occurred that if the city were to pay for power to be used only in the daytime for pumping and then pay again for power to be used at night for lighting purposes, it would be poor business. And, of course, such an arrangement would not commend itself to the aldermen. There is no danger of them being taken in that way, One of the propositions made looks to the city controlling, by purchase or lease, the present lighting plant. In. event the spectre Mr. Lumgair's fear raises would vanish. If, on the other hand, the aldermen were to deal with the company regarding power for the pumps and electric lighting as separate arrangements, the question of night and use of the power would no doubt day he taken into consideration. If the underground scheme of lighting the city were gone on with, the question would enter into the discussion. In any event, the proposition to leave the adjustment of the price of power-which is to be 10 per cent, lower than the price of Hydro power-to the Hydro-Electric Commission itself should be reassuring to Mr. Lumgair, or any other citizen who has doubts as to the city being properly protected.

## THE GHOST OF A "SCANDAL."

The Spectator, referring to Mr. rehash of the Manitoba Tory "thin red line" fake, out of which he would exclude very much of it. The endeavored to manufacture a scandal, already exploded, says: "Of course the

makes no change whatever. It assu that the lists prepared by the municipa authorities will be fair and non-partisan It is different, however, where there s no municipal organization, or where as in Manitoba and British' Columbia the preparation of the lists is taken out of the hands of the municipalities and entrusted to the partisan agents o the governments of the day. Then such lists are not regarded as fair and accur ate and free from the taint of partisan ship, and the act provides for the revi sion of the same before a Dominion elec tion. And it makes no difference who ther the Provincial Government of the

time or of the Province he Grit or Tory. Observe that in Ontario, where haps the most unscrupulous Tory Gov ernment of recent times works its will restrained by no, fine sense of ethical proprieties, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's bill provides for accepting the Provincial lists as prepared by the municipal authorities. What better indication could be desired that the provisions of the new Election Act have not been dictated by

partisan motives?

#### **INCENSE FOR BORDEN.**

It is somewhat amusing to find the leading Tory organ claiming for Hon. Mr. Borden, whose Halifax platform de clared for public ownership of the tele graphs and telephones, the credit for placing these services under the regula tion and control of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners. But nothing stumps the Mail and Empire. It is even laiming for Borden the credit of the Lemieux bill-which, as will be remem-bered, was bitterly assailed by Tory politicians and press, denounced as med esome, utopian, and sure to be a failare, and ridiculed even after its passage by the organ itself. Now, it claims for Borden the credit of Laurier's proposed Hudson Bay Railway scheme, and even seeks to make it appear that the Government's announced intention to divide the territory to the north among the various Provinces is one of Borden's bright ideas. Give the organ a little time, and it may yet inform m that Borden built the pyramids, levelled the prairies, and raised up the Rocky Mountains. The Mail does not lack zeal in Borden's cause; its trouble is that it

**MISDIRECTED ENERGY.** 

## It is an object lesson in economics to

study how much of the labor of man kind is devoted to the production and distribution of things which are not cessary to the race, and many of which may even be wasteful and injurious. The figures of the nation's drink bills tell a startling tale. In 1906 the United Kingdom disposed of 38,891,101 barrels of beer, 39,302,402 gallons of spirits, 12,328, 691 gallons of wine, and about 15,000,000 ons of other liquors, a quantity which indicates a vast thirst indeed. The cost of this is placed at \$809,681,829, giving each person in the Kingdom close to 30 gallons, costing about \$18. The proportion of this that was actually necessary was doubtless very small, in-

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Uncle Sam's bill for the same year is also very large. While Great Britain's consumption of 1,287,710.729 gives her lead, population considered, the United States people slaked their thirst what he is trying to do is "to carry one with no less than 1.874.225,409 gallons of the Hamilton seats for Mr. Scott, who of liquor of various sorts. A striking feature is that the new world drinkers drank more than three times as much distilled spirits as the British people. whose excess was in beer, and the tendency is to greater indulgence in spirits itself being arbiter of the figures! year by year.

How much of the huge bill paid every year for tea, coffee and other table drinks is to be classed as unnecessary, is a question that will awaken controversy. A strict rendering of the Word same applies to tobacco in its many forms. While to the users of the present that even Hydro engineers are "worthy age many indulgences come a sort of habit necessity there is little doubt that life could be supported compelled to that degree of economy. And were they to be eliminated from the reckoning, how less strenuous would the struggle to supply the daily wants be-Then were sense and reason and ju tice to prevail, and the thousands of millions every year spent on war and war way Company before it knows exactly preparations saved to productive endeavor, and the misdirected energy of millions were applied to make the world better, happier, more comfortbale, what pany, some of the details might be left a revolution would be accomplished! We should not need to stint ourselves of sur tea and coffee and cigars. There would Life would become less of a struggle. There would be plenty of wealth for the pursuit of the sciences and arts. Endow ments for the uplifting of the race, the conquering of disease and the cultivation the gentler graces would be multiplied. Monuments to celebrate the destruction of millions of lives, and the holding of one people in subjection by another might be fewer, but liberty, justice, brotherhood, happiness would bring this earth much nearer to heaven.

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now, you young fellows, get your ames on the list of voters! How much does the campaign fund get out of the La Rose mine dieker, and how much goes to brother-in-law?

The Mayor dearly loves a fight. Bu this continual scrapping at Council and committee meetings is getting to be mewhat of a nuisance.

What did Mr. Henry New, whom Whitney at the command of the machine kicked off the Hamilton License Board think of Whitney's square deal boast?

And to think that after all their abuse of domestic science those "new bloods" should be trying to steal the credit for its introduction in order to give it to

andidate Scott! There are a lot of old country voters competent to register and vote for Wardrope and McClemont. Drop in any night to the Liberal Club and get all necessary information. The officers

will be glad to help you. Law comes high. Our own city law department costs not far from \$5,000 a

car; and that is not the whole tale of lawyers' fees and costs. In the electric light arbitration case a Toronto lawver, named Rose, has a little bill of \$365. We have not yet heard that the Tory machine has sent Mrs. John Hoodless a

manly apology for its attempt to steal for Scott the credit for the good work which she did for Hon. G. W. Ross for technical education for girls. Shame on such an unchivalrous machine!

The recent practical test of the Ross and Lee-Enfield rifles by the committee appointed by the Militia Department is said to have resulted in favor of the Ross rifle in almost every test made Who is it that has been so deeply inter-

ested in crying down the Ross rifle? The Hamilton Spectator objects to the Globe's reference to the Provincial machine's false and libellous literature as "Whitney's scoundrelly election pamph-But it does not attempt to defend let." the falsehoods of the pamphlet, or even does not recognize where the line be make its readers familiar with its char tween the ingenious and the ridiculous is

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The McClemont workers are meeting with most gratifying encouragement in the East. Hundreds of old Liberals who took no active part last election, and many of whom were deceived into voting for Whitney, will do yeoman work from now till the polls are closed on

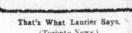
new Liberal voters. If that story of 50 or 60 special con stables, under Detective Rogers, firing upon a crowd of C. P. R. freight handlers Owen Sound who are said to have been behaving "quite paeceably," be true. there should be some Government inves tigation into the matter. Firing upon men whose behavior is peaceable is not to be tolerated, even when it is done by special constables. ----

The Toronto World appeals to Hon. J. S. Hendrie to prevent Hamilton from purchasing power at a "professed" lower rate than that offered by the Hydro-Electric Commission, and explains that was an avowed opponent of the public power proposition." two years ago.

like that term "professed" lower rates. The rate offered is 10 per cent. less than the Commission's price, the Commission Those people who, a few months ago, conceived the notion that all they had to do was to call on a Hydro engineer

to render any services they required, free, gratis and for nothing, may now undeceive themselves by glancing over the list of amounts paid, or to be paid, to Engineer P. W. Sothman. It shows





Winston Churchill's defeat a short time

ago in Manchester has been somewhat dashed by the result in Dundee on Sat-

urday. We have been treated to fore

casts which made it extremely doubtful that in any circumstances Churchill

would be elected, and the Chamberlain-

(Toronto News.) The compilation of the voters' lists build be in the hands of non-partisan The and honest officials.

> Keep Window Open. (Toronto Star.)

(Toronto Star.) All this shows that prejudice dies hard, and that people still try to ex-clude what they call the "night air," as if there were any other kind of air available at night.

What's the Fowler Scandal? (Montreal Gazette.) The promulgation of scandals against public men is being denounced as Can-ada's national sin. Those who are doing the preaching would do better if they went farther back and denounced the

cause of the scandals Brazenly Partisan.

(Brockville Recorder.) (Brockville Recorder.) The Recorder has contended all along hat never in the history of the Province tas the administration of the Liquor License law been more brazenly partisan than since the advent of the Whitney jovernment at Toronto. From every vection of the Province come reports of political manipulation, and in many places the element of graft looms up sery largely. ery largely.

## You Might Well Ask.

(London Advertiser.) What sort of citizens were the Ham what sort of citizens were the riadi-ition Conservatives who turned out in honor of George W. Fowler, M. P.: He had the brazen hyporrisy. to talk of Government "muck" requiring his ser-vices as a muck-raker. If it were true Fowler would be in his native element. What hope is there for the Federal Opp sition when such men are among i June 8. And there's a large crop of leaders ?

> Get Posted, Colonel, (Kingston Whig.)

(Kingston Whig.) Colonel Hendrie, at the pow-wow which Mr. Whitney attended, expressed the opinion that no one could tell what Mr. MacKay's position was on the three-fifths clause. No one who ever occupied a seat in the House, perhaps, save Col. Hendrie, could have any doubt upon this point. Mr. MacKay has been all along an advocate of a majority rule or option law, and at the last session he put Minself on record as the seconder of Mr. Preston's motion to this effect. If the colonel presumes to cducate the masses during the campaign it be hooves him to get posted. Mr. Mac

campaign it be osted. Mr. Mac hooves him to get posted. Mr. Mac Kay will be visiting Hamilton some of these days, and he may take some o the pomp and egotism out of the Minis ter without portfolio, while he under goes a necessary enlightenment.

> It is Different There. (St. John Sun.)

Mr. Borden knows, although he not the fairness to tell the House, that under the Nova Scotia, system, there is an absolutely fair and there is an absolutely fair and non partisan revision of the voters' lists In sharp contradistinction to the sys-tem which obtains in Manitoba, where the revision is wholly in the hand-of partisan registration clerks ap-pointed by the Government, the re-visors of Nova Scotia are not ap-pointed by or in any way subject to the control of the Government. They are appointed by the Municipal Coun the control of the Government. In are appointed by the Municipal Co cils, and the fact is that to-day least one-half of the revisors in Scotia are supporters of and in



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Reformers denv that there was any thing wrong with the work done for Leech in 1904. They could not well do anything else." They could not; nor in comfort without them were the race could any Tory who regards struth. What Mr. Roche did not tell the Tory Club, and what the Spectator takes mighty good care not to tell its readers. that after keeping the matter alive for a couple of years or so for the purpose of manufacturing a scandal for partisan ends, even prostituting to that purpose the important power entrusted to the Provincial Attorney-General, to ing charges in the courts, the Manitobe Ministers, when forced to come into the Assize Court, and when scandalous delays could no longer be obtained, shirked the issue. They dropped the entire matter, withdrew the charges, and be plenty for all, with much less labor. allowed the "thin red line outrage cases" to thus end in farce! Intelligent readers will draw their own conclu

#### A REASONABLE PROVISION.

The Winnipeg Telegram attempts a mewhat undignified bluff by offering to pay \$25 to any elector in Manitoba is not already on the voters' list "who is refused registration if he applies in the regular manner and is legalqualified to vote under the law." Quite apart from the fact that even ere it shown-it involves futuritythat no call would be made for the Telegram's money, the proposition does not cover the case of the illegal registraof voters by the partisan officials of the Manitoba Government who prepare the liste

But, as the Times has already pointed out, the provisions of the new Elections Act aim at securing fair and non-partiests only. In the Provinces where reparation of the lists is left to miciful officials entirely, the act

Rudneski, whose affidavit is attacked by Hon. Mr. Rogers, of Manitola, and who is described as "a bad egg," and "a deny their allegations. He is reported jail-bird," turns out to have been one of the men engaged in the Tory organ ization work under Mr. Hastings, Provincial organizer for the party dur ing last election. He was probably qual-ified for the work demanded of him. ified for the work demanded of him. While such men are kept to do the Min-isters' behests, is it reasonable to think that the Dominion Government should wish to leave to the Manitola Executive the preparation of the voters' lists? Here to the making of his life. This ideal can not be fulfilled in this generation, per-hits evil, and all tramps arrested will be prosecuted to the limit. Dr. W. F. Bryans has been nominated the preparation of the voters' lists?

000 for services re city lighting plant, there is Sothman and Gabey, re electric light arbitration \$442.40, and then there something like \$400 in connection with the city pump tenders.

The Times is not disposed to quarrel with City Solicitor Waddell's advice that the city should not commit itself to any specific agreement with the Street Railwhere it stands, if the idea is not push ed to the extreme. If the city agrees in the main to the proposals of the com for future negotiation rather than have the whole matter blocked for some time. Now, however, that the subject has be referred back to the committee, it is to be hoped that it and the company will get together without loss of and determine as to the details.

It might have been supposed that, after the scattering broadcast of the astonishing statements made in "Free Speech," George W. Fowler, M. P., of "wine, women and graft" fame, would have deemed it incumbent upon him, in appearing before the Tory Club of Hamilton, to make some explanation or defence. We have not heard, however, that he summoned courage to seize the occa

to have indulged in some gibe at Hon. Mr Emmerson, That however, does not take the place of an explanation of a matter so much affecting his own right to appear before honorable men.

of their hire." Besides the trifle of \$2, Scotia are supporters of and in many cases active workers for the Tory party

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(idderich Signal). (idderich Signal) (idderich Signal) Trust the Municical Lists. (St. John Sun.) Ta all the other provinces, no matter what the politics of their govern ments, the Dominion Government ac-cepts the lists without question be-eause they are framed upon the muni-cipal assessment rolls, assuring that every man who pays taxes shall have a vote. In Manitoba and British Col-mbia the lists are framed by special ly appointed partian officials, who possess and have heretofore used the shut out most injuitously the mames of opponents. The Dominion Govern ment's purpose is to prevent toffi-cials previous to cach federal election to ensure the preparation of honesa-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the really dubied the alongerity in mame of opponents. The Deminion Govern-ment's purpose is to prevent offi-tials previous to cach federal elections the quotied the sits form measure displayed by Conservatives. If they really dubied the honesty of fiber-in this no reasonable ground for the site of his vocation. Childle-1 dis difficus which make the mam, intention in this matter; if they really dostrey in all the other provinces. **Trames Infect C. P. R.** Montreal, May 11.—A small array of special constables is being sworn in for the steet, where they will leasons of their am all the other provinces. **Trames Infect C. P. R.** Montreal, May 11.—A small array of special constables is being sworn in for the steet, and all tramps arrested with the reak decided to deal sternly with the p

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the Adjutant-General to-night an-need that Private Mike Beacham, of the First United States Cavalry, ran amuck, killing three and wounding three of his comrades, one mortally. The dead are First Sergeant William Hoey, Private G. Wilson, Private Thomas Wood wounded-Private ward Fatally Ed

ward Woodward. Details of the tragedy are lacking, but it is presumed that Beacham was but it is presume temporarily insane

INSANE TROOPER RAN AMUCK.

He Killed Three of His Comrades in

the Philippines.

Manila, May 11 .- A telegram received



Edmonton, May 11 .-- Charles Pethrick, Edmonton, May 11.—Charles Pethriek, Austrian, 23 years, was drowned in Sas-katchewan River on Saturday afternoon. In a fit of insanity he crawled on a log boom, in the river, traversed it from end to end, then jumped into the river and swam to another boom. He sat on this and ate an apple, then dropped off into the water again.

the water again. Town Will Buy Railway Bonds. Dunnville, May 11.-A by-law to as-sist the Dunnville, Wellandport & Beamsville Railway by the purchase of \$30,000 of the railway company's bonds was carried to-day by a large majority.

Scotch Coming. Ottawa, April 11 .- Twenty-two Scottish farmers will arrive in Canada dur-ing August and September on the invita-tion of the Government to make a tour

tion of the country. They will be selected by Captain Sin-clair, Secretary of States for Scotland, who is well known in the capital.

Car Robbers Arrested at Winnipeg

Car Robbers Arrested at Winnipeg. Winnipeg. May II.—A gang of three men, who have been robbing C. P. R. freight cars, were arrested to-day by the city police while dividing the swag in an empty house. They had \$1,000 worth of merchandise in their possession. Their names are: S. Gordon, L. Jackson and Charles Overly, all ticket-of-leave men.

Electors of Ontario. Root out this corrupt tree: Yeal kay its sapping branches low To wither on the les: Elect the men whonjoor filded classes More than the independent mind. Whose its parliament what's right. Who ne'er from us shut out Pull down the window

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The Temptation of Eve.

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The roofs of Lee sum of So long vas the while That I diligently Served God. Through faithful mind, My Master. The Lord binned— I am like a devil, -Casedmon. (About 570