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## CONTROLLERS' TION BY THE

## RIGHT! DRESS!

There is a tide in the affairs of men  
which appears to be setting strongly in  
the direction of the four seats of the  
board of control. There are ten of  
these men endeavoring to  
drift as rapidly as possible  
with the current of public opinion,  
but the most progress seems to be  
made by those who rely on some native  
opinions of their own. The list  
now includes in alphabetical order  
Messrs. Church, Foster, Maguire, Mc-  
Carthy, O'Neill, Simpson, Spence,  
Sweeney, Ward and Yeomans. In the  
classic metre of the Bay Street aris-  
tocracy, "As many more would make a  
score."

Which of them will make the score is  
quite another question. In a large  
field, the old members have a decided  
advantage. The average voter puts his  
cross opposite a familiar name, whe-  
ther he knows the man or not. If he  
has ever applauded the noble senti-  
ments which candidates utter at pub-  
lic meetings, he feels consistently  
bound to vote for the man he clapped  
his hands at, even if another man be  
better. But these are rare cases, for  
few citizens go to these public meet-  
ings when they can go to bed instead.  
Some men take great credit to them-  
selves for voting for the man they  
don't like, as the unpleasantness  
of the sensation justified the act, and  
on the general principle that all duties  
must be dischargeable. This is the  
ground usually taken by Liberal voters  
who record their suffrage for Grit can-  
didates, and by Conservative electors  
who feel constrained to support prime  
old Tories. But, of course, as we all  
know in Toronto, such cases are ex-  
tremely rare, and in municipal con-  
tention no one ever asks to what side of pol-  
itics a candidate adheres. The sur-  
prise of strangers at this act of for-  
bearance may be modified by the in-  
formation that nobody needs to ask.  
Everybody knows. But everybody  
agrees to pretend he doesn't.

One is tempted to parody the classic  
"Ten Little Niggers," thus:

Ten little candidates getting into  
line.  
One wrote a policy, then there  
were nine.

But then at this stage of the pro-  
ceedings even a poet can scarcely  
conduct the elimination proceedings  
with sufficient accuracy to justify his  
muse, and the rumor that would war-  
rant the verse is so slightly founded  
that Controller Maguire has as good  
a chance as anybody.

Several old war horses are getting  
sharpened to keep them from slipping  
in the frosty weather, but war horses  
are not so popular just now except for  
the marine service. The newest aspir-  
ant for the controller's salary once run  
for mayor. Since then he has been a  
Great Lord High Commissioner, and  
this experience is said to be bad for  
controllers. Another new man in the  
control entry is said to be utilizing it  
as a sort of Chiltern Hundreds, so that  
he may cease to be an alderman  
gracefully, and with a degree of glory,  
even tho' it be a degree below zero.

Another candidate now in the council  
is said to be assured of election and  
will poll a big vote. Even the Bay  
street aristocracy joins with the Don-  
lands Democracy in support of John  
O'Neill. Controller McCarthy is re-  
garded as invincible, and Aid. Yeomans  
is likely to fight it out with the two  
Tommes.

## BRITISH NATIONAL INSURANCE

## BENEFITS.

Within a month from now the sick-  
ness, disablement and maternity bene-  
fits of the British National Insurance  
will become available to the 14,000-  
000 men and women entitled to par-  
ticipate in them. Notwithstanding  
all the attempts to mislead the work-  
ers and to create prejudice against its  
initiatory operation the system it  
established has moved with smoothness  
and despatch and only in compara-  
tively few and isolated instances have  
recalcitrant employers been haled in  
to court for refusing compliance with  
its requirements. In every case the  
magistrate promptly enforced obedi-  
ence. Referring to the act recently  
Mr. Lloyd George remarked that since  
it came into operation 250,000,000 in-  
surance stamps had been sold and it  
could be imagined what a lot of tick-  
ing there had been. The chancellor  
saw symptoms that the misrepresenta-  
tion to which it had been subjected  
was losing its influence. People, he  
said, were beginning to understand  
the act, its purposes, machinery, me-  
thods and objects and once the big  
benefits began to flow it would be  
idle to tell falsehoods about the act.  
The amount that will be available on Jan.  
15 when these benefits open will reach

the colossal sum of \$40,000,000, and  
actuaries calculate that it will be 1917-  
18 before these outrun the premium  
income, but the interest on the in-  
vested funds will then be available.

Nothing teaches like actual expe-  
rience of insurance benefits. In an-  
swer to an offer of \$500 in prizes, of-  
fered by "The Money Box," an illus-  
trated paper issued for the purpose of  
explaining the act, for essays on past  
sufferings that could have been avoid-  
ed had the act been in operation at  
their happening, upwards of \$500  
were received. All were real human  
documents containing many pathetic  
pictures of the misery and havoc  
which the scheme is designed to pre-  
vent. Homes and family possessions  
sacrificed, sick domestic servants sent  
to workhouse hospitals, and discharg-  
ed unfit physically to take another  
situation, clerks losing their situations  
thru illness or bankruptcy of their  
employers, and ultimately obliged to  
send their mothers, wives and families  
to the workhouse, and endless other  
instances of unmerited suffering.

Whatever defects the act may have  
can be remedied, but it is certain it  
will never be removed from the statute  
book. Once the allowances began to  
be paid and the masses of the poor  
realize practically what national in-  
surance means, it is certain there will  
be a great revulsion of feeling in fa-  
vor of the Aquith government. The  
act has been grossly misused for po-  
litical and electoral purposes, but the  
day is fast coming when it will no  
longer be possible to play the game  
of misrepresentation.

Is Toronto's Growth a Crime?

The sum and substance of The Tele-  
gram's opposition to a greater Toronto  
is that growth involves increased re-  
sponsibilities, more work for officials,  
wider municipal problems to solve  
and more money to provide.

But isn't Toronto and her people, as  
a matter of fact, overjoyed that the  
wonderful growth is going on. Who  
would wish a stagnated city? What  
would other cities on this contin-  
ent give for similar conditions?

Toronto is soaked with prosperity.  
And The Telegram will say with taxes  
as well.

Toronto is growing faster than any  
other city in America. But if we are  
we must live up to it.

We have neglected to do things  
that should have been done three  
years ago. But we're getting them  
done now, and with the carrying of  
the bylaws now before the electors  
the congestion will more or less begin  
to lessen. More car lines and main  
streets to the suburbs will ease off  
the pressure a lot.

The Teranley street-tube as a cep-  
tral carrier of the civic car lines and  
the radials is the next big thing.

## PARCELS POST.

The World hopes that the Canadian  
postmaster-general will put an ad-  
vanced parcels post into service on  
New Year's Day. He has all the ma-  
chinery in his office necessary for the  
enlargement and he has the unanimous  
declaration of the house of commons  
last session in its favor. Why let Un-  
cle Sam have the lead in this great  
reform, that will help among other  
things to reduce the cost of living?

One of the greatest changes in the  
lives of the American people will be-  
gin in that country two weeks from  
today.

## FARM CREDIT AND BONDS.

At the recent conference of govern-  
ors of the states of the neighboring  
Union, they decided to support the ap-  
peal made by President Taft, to have  
uniform laws enacted by the state leg-  
islatures for the furtherance of farm  
credits. They favored a new farm bond  
different in nature from the old form of  
farm mortgage, which attempted no ad-  
justment between the needs of borrow-  
er and lender. As proposed, the new  
farm bond is expected to remove the  
difficulty the farmer finds in borrow-  
ing money and prove as marketable as  
the ordinary municipal bond. The pre-  
sident suggested the formation of credit  
institutions on the model of those that  
have so greatly aided the farmers of  
Germany and France, but the govern-  
ors taking part in the discussion were  
not quite prepared to make so novel a  
departure.

The Globe asks: "Shall Canada Hire  
a Substitute?" and we reply, yes, if  
she puts the wages high enough.

## WHAT NEXT?

Regina (Sask.) Daily Standard, Dec. 10.  
We would we had Billy Maclean, M.P.,  
representing Regina in the house.

We would head a petition to Billy Mac-  
lean, M.P., to come out and run for this  
seat.

Billy Maclean, M.P., understands west-  
ern needs much better than the great  
body of the western members, and cer-  
tainly he can express them to much bet-  
ter advantage.

Probably one of the reasons Billy Mac-  
lean, M.P., better represents the west  
than the western members is because  
Billy Maclean, M.P., was not elected on  
the reciprocity platform.

Billy Maclean, M.P., made a speech on  
freight rates the other day which we have  
carefully perused in Hansard.

That's why we say to Billy Maclean,  
M.P.: "We'd like to have you with us."

"Oh, Freddie, don't you think you've  
had enough ice cream?" said Aunt  
Maggie, in helping him a second time.  
"No, I don't feel sick yet."

BEST YEAR IN  
HISTORY OF  
COMPANY

National Life Assurance Com-  
pany of Canada Has \$18-  
500,000 of Insurance in  
Force, Which Shows a Gain  
of \$4,000,000 Over the Vol-  
ume of Business in 1911.

The National Life Assurance Com-  
pany of Canada has today closed the  
most prosperous year in its history.

Head Office, National Life Cham-  
bers, Toronto and Adelaide streets.

Applications for new insurance as at  
the 14th Dec, 1912, total over \$7,000-  
000. This is an increase of almost 85  
per cent by way of comparison with  
1911. The annual premium income on  
the business in force has passed the  
\$700,000 mark. The premium income  
and interest income have passed the  
\$800,000 mark. The volume of insur-  
ance in force is approximately \$18,500-  
000, which shows a gain of over \$4-  
000,000 by way of comparison with the  
volume of business in force at the close  
of 1911.

The National Life is in the happy  
position to again report no arrears of  
interest or principal on any of its in-  
vested funds, nor has the company lost  
a single dollar thru any of its invested  
funds. This is a continuous record  
covering a period of fourteen years.

Under the Government Insurance  
Act the company could have held its  
books open until 31st December, and  
counted business received from this  
date to the close of the month; how-  
ever, it was decided to close the books  
at this time to enable the company to  
have everything in order for its annual  
meeting, which takes place on Wednes-  
day, Jan. 8, at 3 o'clock in the after-  
noon.

## Struck on Head

## Farmer May Die

Police Searching for Thomas Hopper,  
Accused of Assault by  
Injured Man.

SARNIA, Dec. 16.—(Special).—With  
a lunge wound inflicted on Sunday  
by an ex-James Smith, a farmer, re-  
siding in Euphemia Township, Lambton  
County, is lying at his home in a  
critical condition. With injured man  
alleges that the blow was struck by  
Tom Hopper, another farmer, who  
lives in the same township.

The matter has been reported to  
Crown Attorney Bucke of Sarnia, and  
an investigation will be made. The  
police of Lambton have re-  
ceived instructions to arrest Hopper,  
who is believed to be in hiding, altho  
he thinks that he has left for the  
States.

According to Smith the assault was  
committed over a week ago.

## PREMIER ROBIN ILL.

Suffers From Recurrence of Heart  
trouble—Invested With Knighthood.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—(Can. Press).—  
Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier of Man-  
itoba, who is returning from England,  
is a guest at the Chateau Laurier. This  
afternoon at Rideau Hall he was in-  
vested with his knighthood by H. R. H.  
the Duke of Connaught.

Sir Rodmond is in bad health and is  
suffering from a recurrence of heart  
trouble, concerning which he has  
consulted specialists while abroad.

Sir Rodmond leaves for home this  
evening. Attorney-General Campbell is  
here to meet him.

## New Victor Records.

If you wish any new Victor records  
ring up Y. O. De Firmo, Heinemann &  
Co., Limited, Main 658-183, 185, 197  
Yonge street. They will deliver them  
to your address at once.

## MCDONALD ELECTION PROTEST.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—J. G. Foley,  
clerk of the Ottawa school board, has  
announced that the Ontario Govern-  
ment on the occasion of the deputa-  
tion from associated separate school boards  
of the province, which will wait on the  
minister of education at a date yet to  
be fixed.

## Conviction Quashed.

Judge Morson yesterday quashed a  
conviction by Magistrate Kingston,  
who fined Alexander Hurst, keeper of  
the Vendome Hotel, \$100 and costs for  
selling liquor in more than quart quan-  
tities. The judge held that the charge  
had been improperly laid.

## Christmas Doodads

Ribbons and beads and silk! Bows  
and ribbons and strings! And would  
that I had a gift of song to tell of  
the Christmas things! From Windsor  
up to the Pole, C.B. out to B.C., out  
of the stores in scores they roll to  
hang on the Christmas tree; and the  
s u w in her red tulle, the maid  
of the bustling town, are both as busy  
as they can be from morn till the sun  
go's down, with needle, thimble and  
thread, linen, leather and paint, mak-  
ing up useful and dainty gifts—and  
also some that ain't! At it from dawn  
till dark, and from dark till the dawn  
shows grey! Our part to guess, and  
to guess aright, what they give us  
on Christmas day. By doubts and  
fears we're racked, as we grasp at  
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