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## CANDLEMAS

Candlemas day is familiar to many Canadians as a religious festival, but to those in whose church it is not celebrated it remains unknown, or known chiefly through two scraps of antiquated weather prophecy, neither of which would be likely to receive the endorsement of Old Probabilities. One of these asserts that on that day the hedgehog comes out of his hole to see if he can see his shadow; if he can, he goes back again to sleep; if he cannot, spring is near, and it is time to wake up and issue in the other:

If Candlemas day be fair and bright,  
Winter will take another flight;  
If Candlemas day be foul and rain,  
Winter is gone and won't come again.

Yet, besides its significance as a date in religious history and a turning point in the seasons, Candlemas in the old time had other and more domestic associations, some of them of a very pleasing kind.

It was customary, says the Youth's Companion, in some regions to observe it by the serving of candle cakes, little round or heart-shaped cakes, frosted and sprinkled over with sprigs of angelica or sugared rose-leaves, and with a little candle in the centre of each. Or, instead of these, a single large cake set round with many candles, like a great birthday cake, held the place of honor on the table. In either case there was an indoor procession; each member of the family bore a lighted taper, and they made the round of the house, sometimes singing as they moved, visited every room "to bring luck and drive the shadows out," and concluded their march in the dining-room or kitchen, where the candle cakes and a special kind of hot spiced posset were served to the participants.

Always an abundant illumination was enjoined, and no one who could afford candles grudged them on that day, if he desired his household to be fortunate. Still another quaint old rhyme explains why:

Kindle ye candles at Candlemas, for  
see many candles yet shine  
From Candlemas day to Candlemas,  
will see many joys to be thine.

## THE POPULAR MAJORITY

It is claimed by the Tories and conceded—very reluctantly—by the Grits, that the Ross Government represents only a majority of the people: that more people voted for the gentlemen on the Opposition side of the Legislative Assembly than for the gentlemen on the ministerial side of the same body. The only thing in dispute in connection with this matter is the size of the popular majority. Shortly after the election the Tories claimed that it was in the neighborhood of 7,000; but various Grit figure manipulators took it up and reduced the 7,000 materially. Mr. Preston, M. L. A., editor of the Brantford Expositor, was one of them, and made a bad mess of it, as our readers know.

It is a question of some importance, and the Toronto World has taken it up, and has arrived at the result that the Tory popular majority in Ontario is 5,988—very nearly 6,000. The World explains that "in the constituencies where bye-elections have been held, the general election figures are not used in the calculation. In computing the popular majority, T. H. Preston, M. L. A., used the original figures, and then added the majorities obtained in the same constituencies in the bye-elections. This is obviously wrong. For the city of Ottawa, where all the people vote for two men, the World has taken only the majority obtained by the candidate at the head of the poll. Adding the majority obtained by him, 616, to that obtained by the other successful candidate, both being Conservatives, the total is 1,095, but the figure does not show the excess of Conservative voters over Liberal, as each votes for two men.

"There was no poll taken in Center Grey, Mr. Lucas, Conservative, being elected by acclamation. To arrive at the political complexion of the riding, it is necessary to go back to 1908, when Mr. Lucas was elected by a plurality of 1,691. This is added to the Conservative total in computing the popular vote. The independents are left out altogether, though some time ago Mr. Preston claimed the vote given for D. R. Ross in North Oxford in 1902, as Liberal, which it was to a large extent. The World has given the Liberal majority in North Oxford as 977, the independent vote being eliminated in the bye-election. In the general election, the independent

vote, outside of North Oxford, did not bulk large. Here are the figures: Middlesex, Wade, socialist, 18; North Oxford, D. R. Ross, Liberal prohibitionist, 1,130; South Toronto, Corner, socialist, 163; James, socialist, 100; North Toronto, Hallie, socialist, 81; Tripp, socialist, 23; West Toronto, social labor, 265; Wellwood, socialist, 79; East Toronto, Simpson, socialist, 375; Kemp, social labor, 75; South Wellington, Carter, prohibitionist, 413; West Elgin, Wilshire, socialist, 427; West Hamilton, Colquhoun, independent Conservative, 89; Roadhouse, socialist, 195; East Hamilton, Gordon, socialist, 375; East Kent, Johns, 197; Lincoln, Nelson, prohibitionist, 180; Manitoulin, McMillan, socialist, 250."

Following are the general election majorities:

	Con.	Lib.
Addington.....	377	227
Algonquin.....	152	340
North Brant.....	340	376
South Brant.....	268	64
Brockville.....	898	1,226
Bruce, North.....	1,344	504
Bruce, South.....	684	88
Cardwell.....	88	112
Carleton.....	502	328
Elgin, East.....	362	57
Elgin, West.....	484	860
Essex, North.....	498	188
Essex, South.....	18	143
Frontenac.....	150	36
Glenora.....	316	321
Greenville.....	465	53
Grey, South.....	276	235
Grey, Centre, (accl.).....	136	104
Haldimand.....	152	80
Hamilton, East.....	897	509
Hamilton, West.....	689	131
Hastings, East.....	339	604
Hastings, North.....	81	202
Hastings, West.....	350	204
Huron, East.....	243	283
Huron, South.....	210	185
Huron, West.....	132	618
Kent, East.....	178	317
Kent, West.....	123	443
Kingston.....	1,194	748
Lambton, East.....	569	116
Lambton, West.....	874	807
Lamark, North.....	447	44
Lamark, South.....	977	
Leeds.....		
Lincoln.....		
Manitoulin.....		
Middlesex, West.....		
Middlesex, East.....		
Middlesex, North.....		
Monk.....		
Nipissing, East.....		
Nipissing, West.....		
Norfolk, South.....		
Northumberland, East.....		
Northumberland, West.....		
Ontario, North.....		
Ontario, South.....		
Ottawa.....		
Oxford.....		
Parry Sound.....		
Peel.....		
Perth, South.....		
Peterborough, East.....		
Peterborough, West.....		
Prescott.....		
Prince Edward.....		
Port Arthur.....		
Renfrew, South.....		
Russell.....		
Simcoe, Centre.....		
Simcoe, East.....		
Simcoe, West.....		

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Stormont.....	386
Toronto, East.....	922
Toronto, North.....	282
Toronto, South.....	730
Toronto, West.....	1,545
Victoria, East.....	572
Victoria, West.....	99
Waterloo, East.....	266
Waterloo, South.....	98
Welland.....	112
Wellington, East.....	454
Wellington, South.....	227
Wellington, West.....	103
Wentworth, North.....	31
Wentworth, South.....	299
York, East.....	322
York, West.....	419

The bye-election figures were:

	Con.	Lib.
North Perth.....	206	272
North Grey.....	272	100
North Norfolk.....	100	449
North York.....	449	44
Centre Bruce.....	44	194
Muskoka.....	194	247
Sault Ste. Marie.....	247	598
North Oxford South.....	598	977

The totals are: Conservative majorities 20,188; Liberal majorities 15,291. Conservative popular majority, 4,897. Add to this Lucas' plurality in Centre Grey in 1898, 1901, and the grand total is 5,988.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Leo Miller, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.

H. C. Hall, of Blenheim, spent yesterday in town.

When you want an anti-tick design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

Charles Jacklin, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.

H. A. Taylor and William Scott, of Wallaceburg, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

To Rent—Nicely furnished house, corner Adelaide and Murray Sts. Apply to Mrs. O. S. Sheldon or to T. M. French, Box 309, Chatham. 1w

Herbert J. B. Mortimer, of Mt. Forest, was in the Maple City yesterday on his way to Dresden, where he has accepted a position as mechanical foreman of The Times newspaper. Mr. Mortimer is well known in the Maple City.

Estimates cheerfully given on plumbing, hot water, steam and gas fitting, jobbing work promptly attended to. Your patronage is respectfully solicited by R. McGo. Coyle, King street, west. Phone 391.

Found—Buffalo Robe, on Wednesday, day, owner can have it by paying for this advertisement and applying to J. W. Hastings, Park street, Chatham. 1w

The police have secured the names of the three Chatham lads and the two travellers who are said to have participated in the row on Fifth street Monday night. The three young men are James Pritchard, Vandermere and Chas. Melvin, and the travellers are Jenkins and McKinnis. The travellers evaded service on Tuesday and went on to Windsor. Warrants were issued and when they learned of this they at once decided to come back. It is only fair to the two travellers to say that they called up the police by phone before leaving the city and offered to settle and further called up the Chief last night from Windsor, expressing the same willingness.

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Boys' Reefers—Sizes 22 to 29 in. fine frieze, nap cloths, beavers, etc., colors navy, grey, brown and black, extra well made, fine tweed or Italian linings, storm or velvet collar, regular prices \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00, clearing Friday at

\$1.90

Men's Overcoats—Odd lines and sizes in fine frieze, beavers and serges cloths, colors, grey and black, regular \$10 each, clearing Friday at

\$6.90

Men's Overcoats—A few sizes left in our \$7.50 and \$8.00 frieze and beaver overcoats, clearing Friday, at

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\$7.

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## WHO GETS THE RAKE-OFF?

To the Editor of The Planet:

The above is the question one resident of Park street asks of the other these days. In fact, I find the expression has extended all over the city. It sounds strange, so far away from St. Louis, Mo. There, some city commissioners would hold a meeting and divide as much as \$10,000 between them as a rake-off on a civic contract.

As the system being introduced here, the actions of some of our aldermen tends to that impression. At the last meeting of the council we and them proudly announcing that they had carried through a street paving contract last year in defiance of a Provincial Statute, and were prepared to do the same thing again. The statute referred to states distinctly that on receipt of a petition signed by not less than two-thirds of the owners of property on a street, representing not less than one-half the value, the Council may take the initiative. But our Councilors boast that they took the initiative on a petition signed by only one-half the owners. They escaped so successfully last year that they have jumped into the same illegally this year in an attempt to force "pet" pavement on Park St. Some weeks ago a Mr. Frost, of the Walkerville Asphalt Block Co., a man who has no more interest in Chatham than a stray hen—came here and decided that it would be a great benefit to Park St. property owners, between Duke and Queen Sts., to have an asphalt block pavement. His then, no doubt to give weight to his arguments, engaged the services of a tomb stone man to canvass the property owners with him. The argument he used in some instances was that it would only cost a few dollars a year; others thought they were signing a recommendation for the style of pavement he spoke so highly of.

However, by one means and another he secured 38 names. Now, I understand there are 80 owners between Duke and Queen Sts., on Park. Two-thirds of these would be 54, or 19 more than he received. Then, I understand that several of the 38, when they found out the facts of the case, and that their names were legally taken off his petition, thus reducing the number to only about one-half of the two-thirds required. Yet, we find this body of Aldermen (when you think of it, how appropriate the name; the Alder tree has no solid centre, only pith, and does for pop-guns) have the ignorance or assurance to override a Provincial Statute, and take the initiative, and attempt to force the people of Park St. to put down and pay for this their selection of pavement.

They imposed upon the people on one street last year, but they will find they have struck the wrong class of people on Park St. to put up with such Aldermanic Tyranny. It will be to the advantage of their reputations to reconsider and stop their illegal proceedings, or they will find it such a cold day for them and Mr. Frost that they will discover the tomb stone man engraving the epitaph of "failure" on their aldermanic careers.

Overriding the law in such a barefaced manner has spread the idea abroad that some of those men can answer the question, "Who gets the rake-off?"

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## WHY CARRY A HAMMER?

In a naughty world it's astonishing how prevalent is the moral attitude of everybody. No day goes by but the veriest scoundrel denounces the manners or the morals of his companions. Not only do the scoundrels and the bad people indulge in daily moral piracies, but so also do careless Bohemians and even good people.

Some simply obliterate everybody about them by a few well-directed oaths. Some do it with sarcasm, some with sweet reasonableness, some with logic, others with philosophy, but they all do it.

A man who hates to be moral is yet known for his vituperative tongue.

A woman who has too much taste to be ethical is famous for her scandal-mongering.

A man who has too much culture to be a preacher, and too little will to be vituperative, takes it out in simple denunciation.

A drunken darkey stood on the street corner the other day, stupidly staring at a horse and cart standing driverless by the curb.

"He oughter have more sense," he muttered to himself, "than to leave that there rig there."

From all this, we too, may draw our little moral.

But we won't.

It's too obvious.—N. Y. Telegraph.

## PILL TRADE MARK IMITATED

## Druggist and Clerk are Held in Bail for Court.

Charged with infringing upon the trade mark of Carter's Little Liver Pill Company, Joseph T. Griffith, a druggist at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Vine streets, was held in \$800 bail for court this afternoon by Magistrate Jermon, and at the same time Griffith's clerk, Joseph C. Fore, was held in \$800 bail for court on the same charge, and also for selling certain articles the sale of which is prohibited by law.

The men were arrested this morning upon warrants issued by Magistrate Jermon, at the instance of Brent Gopd. No. 130 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York, and Charles C. Orcutt, No. 12 Junee Terrace, New York, representatives of the Carter Company. They stated that the latter had spent \$30,000 in advertising and getting their label known, and did not purpose to permit others to reap the benefits.

The label in question is a small one containing a large letter L, and the one used by Griffith is an exact copy except that it does not contain Carter's name.

The prosecution showed how easily the imitation product could be palmed off on the would be purchaser of Carter's pills, owing to the similarity of the label, and held that it was evidence of a deliberate attempt to deceive.—Philadelphia Telegraph, Jan. 27, 1904.

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