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The Coming Bye-Elections.

We in this fine old county of Middlesex are more interested, naturally, in the bye-elections soon to come off for the Legislature, than any other section of the country outside the constituencies in which the contests take place. The new Premier of the Province, who appeals to the electors for endorsement of the progressive programme which he has placed before them, is not only a member for a division of the county, but was born, educated and pursued his calling in Middlesex. If for no other reason than that he is a talented son of Middlesex, the large majority of the people hereabouts will be glad to hear that in the bye-elections the people decide to say to him, "Go ahead; you have set before you a programme that will be of immense benefit to the Province. We will give you a fair trial in the work of carrying it out." Take the two Elgins, for example: there seems little, if any, reason to doubt that on this occasion they will prefer to support the Government rather than the Opposition. In the last contest, it was found, some indiscreet promoters of the election of Mr. Macintosh, in the west riding, and of Mr. McIntyre, in the east division, obtained votes for them by corrupt means, and thus the Liberal nominees in the one riding, and the Conservative nominees in the other, lost their seats. But there was this difference between the circumstances attending the unseating of Mr. Macintosh and the unseating of Mr. McIntyre, in the east division, that in the case of the former, the majority of over 200, and Mr. McIntyre had a majority of less than 50. Allowing for the irregularities and corrupt methods in each case, it can scarcely be contended that the Conservatives in the west riding can hope to wipe out the majority of 200 polled for Mr. Macintosh in the last contest; whereas it is contended that, by deducting the corrupt votes polled for Mr. McIntyre in East Elgin, and adding to the vote of the Liberal nominee a number of votes inadvertently left unpolled at the general election, a supporter of the new Premier can be returned with a handsome majority.

Hon. Mr. Ross has shown that he is a worthy successor of the eminent men who have headed the Government of Ontario since Confederation, and there is every indication that not only in the two Elgins, but in the Province generally, his programme, as outlined in recent addresses, is heartily endorsed.

The Big Three.

At the New York Chamber of Commerce banquet, last week, Whitelaw Reid declared that "if there are three great nations in the world that God and nature meant for eternal peace and amity with each other, those three are Great Britain, Germany and the United States." Among the causes binding them together Mr. Reid cited their common interest in the "open door" and the fact that they were indispensable customers to each other.

The Chicago Times-Herald refers approvingly to Mr. Reid's speech, Americans, it says, seldom stop to think that more than one-half of their exports go to the British empire, and that nearly one-half the remainder goes to Germany. For the year ending June 30, 1898, the United States' exports to all countries were \$1,227,203,078, of which \$654,334,256 went to the British empire, and \$156,772,279 to Germany. The United States also bought from the British empire in the same period, \$208,635,516 worth, and from Germany, \$34,242,795 worth. Germany last year was the heaviest foreign customer of Great Britain, and Great Britain was the largest purchaser from Germany. From this it will be seen that the three nations are drawn together by self-interest as well as by ties of blood and lineage.

It is a fine thing to see Germany and the United States standing up for the "open door." It suits Great Britain's purpose well. Otherwise it might be asked by what right two nations like Germany and the United States presume to ask for the open door abroad when they keep their own doors closed and padlocked. They demand what they will not concede. Great Britain on the other hand concedes at home what she demands in China—a free market. If Russia managed to shut the commercial door of the Chinese empire, the United States and the powers of Continental Europe would have no legitimate grievance—they would be merely getting a dose of their own medicine. Great Britain would be the only nation justified in making protest. For a time she stood alone as the champion of free commerce in the East. She was fitted by principle to play the role—the United States and Germany were not. However, German and American inconsistency in this case may well be overlooked, as it plays into the hands of the British, and it may be that the broader view taken by Germany and the United States in the external trade relations will react favorably on their domestic policy.

Premier Ross in his Brantford speech on Monday night referred to the labor laws of this Province, and quoted the statement of Mr. A. W. Wright, one of the five paid Conservative organizers for Ontario. Mr. Wright, writing as a commissioner to inquire into labor laws, and as an officer of the Knights of Labor, said: "While there are still some improvements which we labor cranks would like to see enacted, I am free to say that the Ontario has not much to learn from any State in the Union in this respect, and is immeasurably in advance of most of them."

English Capitalists Coming.

Sixty of the leading wood pulp and paper manufacturers of England will visit this country in June next. The Governments of Ontario and Quebec will accord them an official welcome. Mr. S. C. Phillips, M.S.C.I., a prominent English publisher, is now in Canada, completing arrangements for the tour. The purpose is to investigate Canadian pulp resources, in connection with the paper trade. Mr. Phillips, who has several times looked over the ground here, is convinced that Canada must through her enormous natural resources become in time one of the most important factors in paper manufacture for the whole world. The English manufacturers, he says, have demonstrated to their entire satisfaction that Canadian spruce makes a stronger sheet of newspaper than the Scandinavian varieties. In fact, Mr. Phillips affirms that several English paper-makers are so much interested in Canada as a wood pulp country that they have decided to invest largely and erect a plant here for the manufacture of necessary raw material for their mills in Great Britain. A syndicate of Scotch paper-makers have already erected a mill in the Lower Provinces, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, who make 700 tons of paper a week at their own mills in England, have had a representative in Canada this year looking for a suitable site for a large wood pulp plant.

This is very good news, but not surprising. Our illimitable spruce tracts until a few years ago were considered little better than an encumbrance to the ground, but they were suddenly invested with untold value by the discovery that spruce could be converted into paper. That was the beginning of a new industry which is attaining mammoth proportions. Pulp mills, where the spruce logs are ground into the fiber from which paper is made, are springing up in Ontario, Quebec, and the Lower Provinces, that at Sault Ste. Marie being the largest in the world. Without a doubt we have in Canada the largest reserves of pulp wood on earth. For that reason we should be able to make both pulp and paper more cheaply than any country. Instead of exporting the raw material, we should aim to work it up at home, and export the finished product. This is true not only of pulpwood, but of other natural resources which we possess in plenty.

Michigan lumbermen who are wise are saying nothing but sawing the wood right here in Ontario.

In Hamilton, prominent citizens have started an improvement society, to aid in beautifying the streets, parks, etc. To a great extent it supplies the deficiencies of the local board of works. There is scope for an improvement society in London, too.

A New York swindler promised interest at the rate of 10 per cent per week on cash deposits, and actually secured \$4,000,000, ostensibly for "investment." Then he disappeared with most of the money, leaving many people ruined. There is a good deal in the saying that a new fool is born every minute.

The Winnipeg Free Press quotes these telling figures to show the progress of Manitoba in the past ten years:

	1888.	1898.
Wheat yield	7,201,519	25,313,745
Oats	3,415,104	17,408,252
Barley	1,951,561	4,277,927
Potatoes	1,338,986	3,253,993
Acres under cultivation	934,268	2,584,481
Population of province	66,582	229,831

Serious complaints come from Great Britain against shippers of Canadian apples. In some cases old clothes, and other rubbish have been found in the barrels; in others the apples have been inferior to the variety ordered. If these frauds continue the whole Canadian apple trade will be ruined, as the American cheese trade was by shipping the "filled" article to England. Offenses of this kind should be punishable as crimes, or at least some means of prevention should be adopted.

The St. Thomas Times, staunch Conservative, advises its political friends to steer clear of the Manitoba school question, and let sleeping dogs lie. The Times, alluding to the report that Sir Charles Tupper had said the question was not yet settled, says:

"We do not believe nor shall we believe without better evidence that the astute old Opposition leader has taken any such absurd ground. In our opinion the school question is, for all practical purposes, as dead as Julius Caesar, and whatever we may think of the means and motives that prompted Sir Wilfrid's policy, we are glad to give him credit for having accomplished the job. We hope the day is past for that kind of thing forever."

What Others Say.

A Chunk of Wisdom.

[Montreal Herald.]
The gossip in a home decreases as the library increases.

Buller Is Brief.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Good old Sir Redvers Buller will never die of writer's cramp acquired in the preparation of war news from South Africa.

Must Grin and Bear It.

[Windsor Record.]
We can see passing our doors every day trains on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific carrying American export cattle, flour and other products at a rate much below what they will haul Ontario products for.

"Lest We Forget."

[Dundas Banner.]
The Toronto News does not take much stock in the French-Canadians. It looks upon them as interlopers. It seems to forget that it had not been for the French-Canadians, this coun-

try would today be part of the American republic, flying the Stars and Stripes, instead of being part of the British Empire and flying the Union Jack.

Light and Shade.

Gladys—I thought you said he was rich?
Mildred—Oh, no! I merely said he had more money than brains.

Hobbs—My landlady has both strong and weak points.
Dobbs—What are they?
Hobbs—Butter and coffee.

Mr. Watson (brutally)—What makes you limp so? Shoes too small?
Mrs. Watson (dilly)—No: feet too large.

"I don't see how you can stand these big dressmaking bills. My wife always makes her own clothes."
"Is that the reason people so seldom see you in her company?"

McKINLEY'S NEXT MESSAGE

Forecast of the Document Which Is To Be Read at the Opening of Congress.

New York, Nov. 29.—A forecast of the president's forthcoming message is telegraphed from Washington to the Herald. It says:

"The most important features of the message relate to the new dependencies and to the financial question. The essential features on these topics are: Sovereignty is to be established throughout all the Philippine islands, and to be permanently maintained. Civil government is to be extended throughout the islands as rapidly as possible on terms somewhat similar to the arrangements effected for the government of the Island of Negros. "Attention is invited to the report of the Philippine commission as to why it is impossible to hold general elections to part with the island and as to the great commercial advantages in holding them.

"Attention is called to the fact that the Cuban census will not be completed until Dec. 1, and as the Spaniards have, under the treaty, until next April to decide whether they will become citizens of the island, it will not be possible until that time to elect by the people to determine upon the future government of the island. The question of the annexation is therefore left open. Great stress is laid upon the improvement in the island during the year. President McKinley recommends that civil government immediately replace the military in Porto Rico, a civil governor to be appointed, and a council or legislature to be elected by the people, property and educational qualifications to be prescribed for voters.

"As to Hawaii, the president suggests immediate legislation to put in effect a territorial form of government and the modification of the pending bills to correspond more nearly with the present government of the islands." "The president refers to the trade situation in China and the verbal assurance received by this government from powers having spheres of influence in that empire that American trade rights will be respected. He has requested that these verbal assurances be placed in writing. This feature of the president's message is looked forward to with considerable interest by the diplomatic corps.

"The regulation of trusts and great commercial combinations so as to prevent the stifling of competition, but without hampering the development of American manufacturers and commerce, will be urged.

"The construction of an inter-oceanic waterway is again urged.

"Three armored cruisers, three protected cruisers and two gunboats are asked for, and also authority for the purchase of Krupp armor; an increase of officers and men in the navy, and increases in the army to meet new conditions in connection with colonies, are pointed out as necessary."

SOO PASSAGE SHUT AGAIN

Two Steamers Grounded in Little Rapids Cut.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Nov. 29.—At seven o'clock yesterday morning the steamer Siemens and consort Holly, and the steamer New Star, grounded in quick succession in a bunch at the head of the Little Rapids cut, just below the lighthouse, thus effectually blocking the Hay Lake Channel, which is only 300 feet wide.

The Siemens' bow is aground on the west bank, and she lies square across the channel. The Holly, which collided with the Siemens, had her nose poked into the side of the latter about amidships, while her stern went hard aground on the west bank.

The North Star, which was close behind the other boats, all of which were bound on the west bank, was wedged between the east bank and the stern of the Siemens, where she was landed in an effort to avoid a collision with the Siemens.

The Siemens is 400 feet long and the Holly 316 feet.

The Holly was released at ten o'clock, and tugs immediately began work on the Siemens. Her release will be much harder than that of the Holly. Vessels without cargo used the old channel.

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10 dozen Fine Mocha Lined Gloves, regular price \$1. We are selling them just now, per pair.....75c
20 dozen Extra Fine Shirts, 4-ply linen bosom, unlaundered, reinforced back and front, strong, durable, full-size Shirts, regular value 65c, all sizes.....50c

Shoe Department.

This department is alive with interest just now. Special attention is directed to warm slippers. We have a big assortment at from 12c per pair to \$2.00.

A great deal is being said about this and that special make of shoe for men, at so and so, or that manufactured name for women, at such a price. Our plan is to handle just such lines as we can recommend. It makes no difference to the wearer what name a shoe has so long as it fits and wears. We guarantee every pair we sell, the customer gets more for the money here, and we back up the wearing quality. Men's and Women's Shoes, all the sensible shapes and styles, at from \$1.25 to \$3.50. Our big sellers are our \$2.50 and \$3.00 lines. Boys', Misses' and Children's Shoes, the lines that wear, at from 75c to \$2.00.

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PERISHED IN THEIR HOME

Husband and Wife Burned to Death—Two Men Fatally Scalded.

New York, Nov. 29.—Two persons were burned to death, several were injured and a score or more had a narrow escape for life in a fire that burned fiercely yesterday in a four-story brick building at 140 Houston street. The dead are: Wm. Heimbolt, aged 60 years, and his wife, aged 65. Both were crippled and probably unable to escape. A son made his escape by jumping from a window. George Reid, who boarded on the fourth floor, jumped from the window, injuring himself internally. Several others, in escaping, were slightly burned.

CLOSE CALL.

Chatham, Nov. 29.—A man named Houston, fireman on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, fell from his engine yesterday morning as it was passing over the bridge crossing McGregor's Creek, but sustained only slight injuries. His escape from death was miraculous, as he fell a distance of nearly 50 feet, alighting on the creek bank.

C. P. R. FIREMAN KILLED.

Fort William, Nov. 29.—A freight train bound west collided with the east local at Fornmart, on Monday. Fireman Ellison, of Hat Portage, on board the freight, jumped. The tender was derailed and fell on him, killing him instantly.

TWO MEN FATALLY SCALDED.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—August Lizotte and Narcisse Labale, two of the victims of the scalding accident Monday at the Paquette sash and door factory on Parthenais street, in which a dozen men were injured by the bursting of a steam pipe, have died of their injuries at Notre Dame Hospital.

The ambulance horses of the Amasa Wood Hospital in St. Thomas, ran away a few days ago, causing the death of one of the team.



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