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CLEVELAND must get 500 of the votes in the Democratic convention to secure his nomination.

REV. DR. DOUGLAS is only now beginning to find out how bad a man he is, says the Stratford Beacon. Neither he nor the public would have heard anything of his weakness had he not undertaken the task of smashing the Terry idol.

The School Board of St. Paul, Minn., has decided to make no distinction of sex in the matter of teachers' salaries, women receiving the same as men for the same work. Why should there be any discrimination? In educational matters, of all things, there should be perfect equality.

We have had a few warm days in June, but unless the Montreal weather prophet is much mistaken the torridity is nothing to what we may expect in July. The forecast is as follows: "A hot, sultry July. Great heat, great storms (tornadoes), copious rains, damaging lightning. A whole summer in itself."

Bro. KRIS, the special agent retained by the liquor makers to combat prohibition before the commission, is in the city. There is a consensus of opinion that Bro. Kris is the right man in the right place. If he cannot prove that the chief thing needed to a country's prosperity is an increasing consumption of intoxicating liquors, and that no community can progress without sustaining plenty of agencies for distributing them, no man can.

The Hamilton Spectator opposes the ADVERTISER's proposition to "heckle" candidates for public honors, as is the practice in Great Britain. It says that down in Hamilton they have only attained the stage of civilization where hooting, hissing and stamping of feet could be expected if "heckling" were deemed advisable; and naturally it reaches the conclusion that "heckling" of that sort cannot be a success. Hamilton must be retrograding since Alex. McKay became the exemplar of oratory in the midst of it, or the Spectator man must have a poor opinion of his friends and neighbors. Let us exempt Hamilton, therefore, and once again assert that in all other municipalities it would be a good thing if a candidate for public honors were treated on the British plan—were compelled to answer every reasonable question propounded at the close of his address. The people, always exempting our contemporary's constituency, cannot know too much.

FRUITS OF TRADE RESTRICTION.  
It is reported from Washington that President Harrison advises Congress to take retaliatory measures against Canada because the Dominion Government imposes discriminating tolls upon United States vessels passing through the canals. The cause for this contemplated action lies in the fact that the Dominion authorities charge United States vessels passing through the Welland Canal 18 cents per ton if they tranship at Ogdensburg, N. Y., while if transhipment takes place at Kingston or Montreal only 2 cents per ton is charged. Serious results may flow from this additional step in the retaliatory trade war between the two countries. The question could have been settled long ago, and settled to the mutual advantage of both countries if Canada had an Administration really anxious to make the best of its opportunities. Instead of that we have a set of jingoes in authority who believe that close and friendly commercial intercourse with our neighbors is not desirable, and we have newspapers representing monopolist interests, continually asserting that the less intercourse our people have with the United States the better it will be for them. The system is all wrong. It is a distinct injury to the mass of our population and can only result in trouble if persisted in. Conciliation, not retaliation or invitations to retaliation, is the proper policy for a country like Canada.NATURALLY AGAINST GLADSTONE.  
Recent cables say the German Government is anxious for the defeat of Gladstone in the coming contest. This is natural enough. We suppose every other despotic Government in the world is opposed to the advance of Liberal principles. Nothing more fantastic has been seen or heard for generations than the attitude and talk of the present German Emperor. "I am your ruler, and none other. Obey and Reverence me." What the sturdy people of Germany should do is to establish a Republic and let their little kingdoms and semi-royalties earn an honest living as private citizens.

## LIBERTY OF SPEECH.

There is a report that Mr. Elgin Myers, county attorney of Wellington, has been called to account by Premier Mowat for public expressions in favor of Continental Union. The report is probably inaccurate, or at least exaggerated, as the cardinal principle of anything like a truly democratic community is the right of free speech. There is no more reason why any citizen of Canada should be debarred from stating publicly his preference for Continental Union, than from free utterance in favor of Canadian Independence, Imperial Federation, or our present position, as Colonists. Why, even Sir John Thompson, reactionary as he ordinarily is, expressly stated in reply to a question in Parliament respecting the definition of "sedition," that no one could think, in a free country, of constraining open advocacy of Continental Union as opposed to the inherent right of free discussion. Were it to be held otherwise one might as well live in Russia. The right to know, to utter, to argue freely, well said Janus, is to be prized above all other liberties. Without that right, indeed, all other liberties rest on insecure foundations.

LONDON WEST AND LONDON'S HUMILIATION.

One of the most significant backdrops in connection with the Dominion Gerrymander Bill is the resolution of Sir John Thompson not to pitchfork London West into the city.

As Mr. Carling and his newspaper apologists have been assuring the public that it was absolutely necessary that this East Middlesex village should be placed in the city to "equalize" our population, people in this neighborhood are once more reminded that when a wrong is undertaken by men they have to take a good many sharp curves to make good its defense.

Everybody knew that it was not the "equalization" of the Middlesex ridings that the gerrymanderers had in view when they advised the London West scheme. And though the Administration has now reluctantly drawn away from it, the means of the expedient of foisting a county village upon the city, in order to fatten its population roll, while compelling decent citizens, to the number of 10,000, to vote all over the county, cannot be gainsaid.

The usurper of Mr. Hyman's seat in Parliament will make nothing by this miserable attempt or by his determination to minimize the importance of London. Here we have a city of nearly 32,000 persons, but in Parliament and in the newspapers it is spoken of as having but 22,000, because the Dominion Government persists in keeping two wards in rural constituencies. It is different with Hamilton. Though London East has been a part of the city for nearly ten years, and London South for over two years, the people in both wards are to be kept voting in the county for ten years to come. Why? Because London would be too big, too important, if its people were permitted to vote as a unit. Surely there can be no other explanation, for Hamilton only annexed a portion of South Westworth last year, yet the people in the new ward will in future vote in the city.

But it may be said, London would be too big to be represented by one member; if so, then give her two. She certainly is the only city in Canada with more than 30,000 inhabitants that has not two members. But even though London should be given but one member, if the people in Parliament, and they were allowed to maintain their community of interests, they would not complain.

The Administration made a big mistake, even as a matter of policy, when it indorsed the theft of Mr. Hyman's seat; it equally errs when it decrees that this important city shall have its electoral interests scattered all over Middlesex a day of reckoning will come.

THE DEHORNING COMMISSION.  
The dehorning commission met again last week in Toronto, and as in Tilsonburg, Brownsville and London found numerous witnesses favoring the practice of dehorning cattle. Time has softened the asperities of those whose complaint of cruelty caused the prosecution in London and the subsequent appointment of the commission; and many who at first believed the practice to be barbarous and indefensible, are now inclined to recognize the arguments produced in favor of dehorning as reasonable and to believe that the sufferings of animals to have been greatly exaggerated. The tests made in the presence of the commissioners at Tilsonburg proved the operation to be almost, if not entirely, painless; and the results of dehorning are now everywhere admitted to be beneficial. The animals become more docile and less brutish, and danger of injury to man or beast is entirely removed. The shipment of dehorned stock is made safer, and no injuries are found on the carcasses after the animals are killed. The value of cattle is therefore greater, dead or alive, after dehorning, and it is now a foregone conclusion that the report of the commissioners will indicate that the operation of dehorning is humane and beneficial when performed by skillful hands and with due regard for the age and condition of animals operated upon.

The appointment of the commission has been condemned by a correspondent in an Owen Sound monthly, expense being the bugbear. If the critic had been able to attend the inquiries made in court before London magistrates, week after week, until rancor and ill-feeling had been stirred up between neighbors to an alarming extent, he would be prepared to defend rather than condemn the appointment of the commission. Harmony has been restored where animosities had been created, and the question of the propriety of dehorning will now be settled permanently and at less expense than had already been incurred in a single suit.

## BRANTFORD'S "BOGEY MAN."

What a lot of free advertising Brantford is getting over the fact that its Board of Trade have sent Erasmus Wiman, the Canadian New Yorker, as a delegate to the convention of Boards of Trade in Great Britain.

The gravamen of the charge against the Brantford men lies in the assertion that Mr. Wiman may prove too able a talker for the other members of the convention. He has, as we all know, strong views regarding Canada's future in commerce and in material development. Suppose he states these views to the convention fully and frankly—who is to be hurt? Certainly not the Canadian delegates if they know their business. If they do not agree with Wiman, if they can show that his trade views would not advance Canadian interests, what a chance they will have to distinguish themselves, and to help this country.

Surely this shrewd son of Canada is not an ogre, and the twenty or thirty keen business men who will sit with him in the Congress as fellow delegates from Canada a parcel of school boys afraid of being eaten up in argument! These gentlemen may well crave to be saved from the defense of high tax editors who have prematurely entered on the silly season.

A PATRIOTIC STAND AT OTTAWA.  
The opponents of the Gerrymander Bill are doing good work in the House of Commons.

In the last few weeks the statesmanlike contentions of the independent Liberal and Conservative members who have opposed the reconstruction of the constituencies on a basis distinctly hostile to the public interests has had one good effect. It must have convinced all honorable men that either our constitution is radically defective or it is wrongly interpreted if it permits of such racialities under the name of "redistribution." We believe with Hon. David Mills, Hon. Mr. Davies, D'Alton McCarthy, Hon. Wm. McDougall and Mr. O'Brien that the system is unconstitutional, and that it will be so declared if its opponents choose to push it to an interpretation by the highest court of the land. The latest convert to this view is Hon. Michael Adams, the veteran New Brunswick Conservative statesman, who is disgusted beyond measure with the cutting and carving of the constituencies indulged in by Sir John Thompson and his associates.

It is true that, under pressure of public opinion, and in order, if possible, to cover over the worst features of the bill, a few of the lesser attempts at gerrymandering have been abandoned. But the fact remains that the admitted dishonest rearrangement of the constituencies in 1882—now asserted on high legal authority to have been unconstitutional—as well as the butchering of constituencies undertaken this year is adhered to despite the fact that not a supporter of Sir John Thompson has defended the measure of 1882, while many have condemned it.

All right thinking men will indorse the patriotic stand taken by the Liberals and those Conservatives who would rather be honest than hide-bound partisans. These men, at great disadvantage to their own private interests, have remained at Ottawa to fight the battle of popular rights. They ask nothing but justice for all classes of the community, and if it is not obtained the country will know the reason why.

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