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impressive. It is to the wise and righteous use of large accumulations of capital that the world must look for its future progress and happiness, rather than to Utopian schemes for an equal distribution of property amongst all men, without regard to their fitness.

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**T**HERE is no organization in Canada presenting, in its very nature, the same possibilities as the militia of being manipulated for party purposes. Fortunately this branch of the public service has been kept clear of politics, except in rare cases when it did some effective work both in Montreal and Toronto. The Montreal garrison, the strongest in Canada, have certainly been badly treated by the present Government. They have borne their slights meekly, however, until the South African contingent affair added the last straw to the load, several capable officers who were strongly recommended to the Department being refused appointments, and commissions given to less competent men. It has been practically but informally decided to organize to support Opposition candidates in the next general election, as an object lesson to those responsible. Dr. Roddick, who is a military man, and Mr. Quinn will receive support that would ordinarily have been accorded to Government candidates, and an effort will be made to defeat Mr. Penny, who, it is rumored, will be opposed by Hon. A. Atwater, Q.C., the present representative of Mr. Penny's division in the Provincial Legislature.

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**"THE PUBLIC"** is proverbially an exacting and ungrateful employer. Everybody considers himself at liberty to growl and grumble at officials of all ranks, from Premier to policeman, and the guardians of the peace, at least in Montreal, are systematically and regularly abused. The city police force is not perfect—no human institution is, but there are in its ranks a number of good, conscientious officers, who endeavor to do their duty and earn their money like men. Wholesale abuse of the force is unreasonable, and can only be dictated by malice. The inspection of the corps on Monday showed as fine a looking body of men physically and mentally as could be found in any city in America, and the drill was most creditable.

FELIX VANE.



### LATE SOCIETY NEWS.

**O**N Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. W. R. Miller, 308 Stanley street, gave a large and very delightful tea. In fact, it was quite one of the most successful of the season. The house, which is in old colonial style, was brilliantly lighted, and in every room cut flowers and flowering plants were in profusion. In a small recess in the large hall, beside the stairs, the orchestra was hidden behind a screen of palms and rubber plants, and the music was much appreciated, not being too much "en evidence," as it usually is, and yet able to hold its own above the buzz of conversation. Blazing open fires in the hall, drawing-room, billiard-room and boudoir, gave a delightfully cosy appearance without making it uncomfortably warm. The tea-table was unusually effective, with its centre-piece of huge yellow chrysanthemums, and silver vases of the same flowers, but white and yellow both, and its profusion of old silver. Those who assisted in the tea-room were: Mrs. R. Wilson Reford, Miss Dunlop, Miss M. Gillespie, Miss L. Dunlop, Miss E. Scott, Miss G. Cundill, Miss Ewan, Miss A. Ewan, Miss Campbell. Mrs. Miller, with her sister-in-law, Miss Miller,

received the guests in the long drawing-room, and, though there were some 300 present, there was no unpleasant crowding, owing to the roomy proportions of the house.

Among those invited were: Lady Van Horne, the Misses Van Horne, Mrs. H. Montagu Allan, Mrs. A. A. Allan, Mrs. H. A. Allan, Mrs. H. MacKenzie, Miss MacKenzie, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. MacTier, Mrs. Bond, the Misses Bond, Mrs. Hayter Reed, Miss Robertson, Mrs. J. M. Pangman, Mrs. J. Pangman, Miss Pangman, Mrs. Macintosh, Miss Macintosh, Mrs. Wanklyn, Mrs. R. B. Angus, the Misses Angus, Mrs. D. F. Angus, Mrs. J. C. Hatton, Mrs. Law, Miss Law, Mrs. Dunlop, the Misses Dunlop, Hon. Mrs. Waud, the Misses Waud, Mrs. Reford, Miss Reford, Miss Symmers, Miss M. Campbell, Mrs. Clouston, the Misses Clouston, Mrs. E. B. Greenshields, Miss Greenshields, Mrs. S. Greenshields, Mrs. F. W. May, Mrs. G. C. May, Miss Howard, Mrs. S. P. Stearns, Miss Stearns, Mrs. Eadie, Miss Eadie, Mrs. J. T. Molson, the Misses Molson, Lady Hickson, the Misses Hickson, Lady Hingston, Mrs. G. R. Hooper, Mrs. C. Meredith, Mrs. H. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Durnford, Miss Durnford, Mrs. G. Ross, Mrs. Mark Molson, Mrs. G. Molson, Miss Molson, Mrs. A. Molson, Miss E. Molson, Mrs. Wolferstan Thomas, Miss Thomas, Mrs. E. Stuart, Mrs. D. Lorn Macdougall, Miss Macdougall, Mrs. J. Law, Mrs. H. B. Macdougall, Mrs. A. T. Paterson, Miss Paterson, Mrs. H. S. Holt, Mrs. A. M. Esdaile, Mrs. Cassels, Miss Cassels, Mrs. W. M. Ramsay, the Misses Ramsay, Mrs. W. Rae, Mrs. Cook, the Misses Cook, Mrs. Parker, Miss Parker, Mrs. H. Wingham, Mrs. Wingham, Miss Wingham, Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, Miss Hill, Mrs. G. F. Benson, Mrs. Raynes, the Misses Raynes, Mrs. E. H. King, Mrs. H. B. Yates, Mrs. Maclellan, the Misses Maclellan, Mrs. F. Maclellan, Mrs. Riddell, Miss Riddell, Mrs. H. C. Scott, Miss Scott, Mrs. J. J. Redpath, Miss Redpath, Mrs. H. Graham.

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**T**HE possibility of a dance to be given at the Windsor, during the Christmas holidays, by a number of well-known young bachelors, is a pleasant one to anticipate. When the "Baby Bachelors" were in the habit of giving their annual dance at the Kennels, there was not any so much looked forward to, or enjoyed. And, as it is said some of these "Babies," who decided a year or so ago that they had outgrown the title, are likely to be among the promoters of the entertainment, its success seems assured.

Mrs. Lewis Skaife, Hutchison street, gave a very pleasant little tea on Tuesday for Miss Hart, of New York, who is visiting her.

The Montreal Club, Hospital street, which has been a great success as a midday resort for down-town business men, is trying to secure one of the upper floors that are being added to the head office of the Merchants Bank. Lunch clubs so situated are growing more popular in the American cities because of their freedom from street noises and their excellent light, ventilation and outlook.

Mr. S. O. Shorey and Miss Shorey had a novel, though unpleasant experience on the continental trip, from which they have just returned. Yellow fever was raging in New Orleans, but it did not prevent their thoroughly exploring the city. On taking the train for the north, they were locked in their pullmans for three days, the health authorities in the different States through which they had to pass not allowing them to disembark at any point.

**L**ORD KITCHENER has given the Queen an Arab donkey, and the Emperor Menelik has sent her some beautiful zebras, which are now in the London Zoo. The keeping of wild animals is growing among the wealthy English people, although a private menagerie is a very expensive and troublesome luxury. The finest private zoo in England is owned by Mr. Rothschild. His zebras are especially handsome, and he frequently drives them four-in-hand.