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Sober Second Thought.

This province has been so long accustomed to good government that, like good health, we take it as a matter of fact, and fail to realize what we have until we lose it. We believe this view of it had much to do with the bye-election results, as compared with the general elections. Take, for instance the temperance vote and our own city. The Ross Government lost a supporter and Whitney gained one by the presence of the temperance candidate in the field. Many voted for Mr. Daly sincerely believing they were thereby furthering the cause of temperance, when in fact, they were striking a blow at the best friend the temperance cause ever had. They were playing into the hands of their opponents. Subsequent events, particularly the vote polled in the referendum, have shown how unjust were some of the accusations against Mr. Ross, and if tomorrow a vote was taken in many constituencies where Conservatives hold seats, the verdict of the general election would be reversed. Doubtless the temperance electorate, having had time to weigh the facts, and desiring to do right, helped to return the Government supporters in the north ridings of Perth, Grey and Norfolk.

Mr. Ross has earned fresh laurels. He fights like a man. His "life is in the right." He worthily and ably follows Sir Oliver Mowat, and the province can rest assured that the past policy of the Ross Government will be continued and that whatever a government can do to advance and perfect the conditions of life in this province, will be done. Well done, Ross!

The Roorbach.

It is almost 60 years since the thing that has come to be popularly known as a roorbach came into existence under that title, although under other designations it has doubtless been known for a very much longer time. The bye-elections that took place on Wednesday last have settled which party is to hold power in the Province of Ontario for another term of years. The Dominion elections are also some distance removed from us in all probability, and it might be well for those who have used the roorbach in the past to consider in these calmer moments that supervene after the strife, whether it were not well to let this thing that was conceived in iniquity, die, and pass into a merited oblivion.

For one thing, it is decidedly unfair. That which lends a true zest to all contests is that the game should be played fairly, and the grasping of victory by unfair methods is no real triumph. "Not the winning counts, but the winning fair." Even then if an election is to be gained by aid of the roorbach, no honorable man should wish to gain advantage by this unfair method. If men are so foolish as to change their vote and opinion because of some startling story published the last day before the polling, no political party worthy of the name should wish to take such unfair advantage of an opponent.

But does it ever serve such a purpose? The trick is well-known, and even the electors whose intellectual gifts are of a low grade have come to realize that the story published of some monstrous iniquity that has just been discovered is almost sure to be unworthy of credence. There is perhaps no way by which it could be shown to a demonstration how many votes are gained in any particular case by such tactics, but the probability is that they are exceedingly few, and frequently, instead of changing votes as they were intended to do, by their every extravagance effect an opposite result. It was heralded far and wide that there had been some underhand method to control the vote of the employes of the Grand Trunk shops in Stratford, and that Mr. Whitney and his lieutenants had exposed this wickedness and had received assurance from headquarters that there was no thought of pressure being applied to influence the elector's free choice. The silliness of the tale was manifest on the face of it, and judging by the results, if any effect was produced it was the opposite of that which was desired. One can easily imagine one or more of the Grand Trunk employes, men of intelligence, waxing wroth when this fairy tale appeared in the newspapers, and saying to themselves that any man who was posing as the defender of their liberties as freemen was not the sort of man to receive the votes which they might poll. The day has passed for railway corporations to interfere with any man's right to vote, as his conscience may lead him, and there is no such defender needed to stand or to pretend to stand between such tyrannical power and the workmen of Ontario.

This case is given as a timely illustration of the apparent uselessness of the roorbach, although no election is held that we have not the same fault in evidence. It has not always been on one side, but whatever proportion of blame may be assigned to the opposing parties and their newspaper advocates, it is pretty plain that the trick has become, in Ontario at least, stale, flat and unprofitable, and that it is time it was laid away on the shelf with other worn-out political armor. We are some distance from the ideal state of affairs yet, but a long step will be taken when, by common consent, the contending parties will depend on the presentation of their claims as they have been brought forward in the campaign, without endeavoring to sway men in the last hours by some absurd tale of discovered iniquity, which has opportunely been laid bare, and which calls for judgment on the sinners.

Mr. Blake's Letter.

Mr. Blake's letter was made the text for attacks on the Government during the contests in North Perth, North Grey and North Norfolk. It is much to be regretted that Mr. Blake wrote the letter referred to, as the name Blake has been for many years associated with the Reform party in this province and always with honor, his father, the late Chancellor Blake, having been regarded as even a more eloquent man than either of his sons, the Hon. Edward Blake or the Hon. S. H. Blake.

Where the error appears to have been made by Mr. Blake, was in mistaking what was at most a personal contest between two claimants for the Helen mine, for a principle of sufficient magnitude to justify him in attacking the Government. What he complains of is similar to the complaints made every day regarding the results of law suits. Both sides cannot win; the losing side naturally feels aggrieved and frequently alleges that there has been a miscarriage of justice. It is said in one of our courts a lawyer was pressing, with little success, for a verdict for his client, and finally blurted out, "But how am I to explain it to my client?" The judge said, "Just tell him you couldn't get it through the judge's thick skull. I've known that explanation to be given more than once." It would have been far better if Mr. Blake had followed some similar course, rather than the one he did, but we must allow the best men sometimes to stumble. We must not forget the good he has done. He is a man whom Londoners have delighted to hear and honor in time past. In private life he has been open-handed in his benefactions, giving large sums to charitable and religious purposes. His great ability commands respect, and we hope personal differences will not prevent him from continuing to ally himself with the Reform party, which has always sought the best interests of the country, whose past, in which he and his family have taken a prominent part, has been a glorious one, and whose future, unless all signs fail, will be more glorious still.

The aldermen this year may save themselves the trouble of making committee slates. The Club will do that for them.

The Toronto Mail says the people of Ontario will hear the result of the bye-election with indignation. This is really funny. The three tailors of Tooley street must haunt the Mail office.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has returned from the sunny south in the pink of condition. This must be annoying to the London Free Press, which had already picked out his successor.

Chamberlain has sharply rebuked the Pretoria burghers for crying for more without returning thanks for what has been already given them. This will correct the impression that he went to South Africa simply to soft-soap the Boers.

A Toronto dispatch says the Ontario Legislature will probably be called together at an early date. No bye-election can be held in North Renfrew till the House meets, and there is no knowing when decisions will be handed down in the election petitions now hung up in the courts. Public business should not be kept waiting on the convenience of the judges.

Mr. John Lewis has transferred his brilliant pen from the Toronto Globe to the Toronto World. This will be a heavy loss to the Globe, but Mr. Lewis may do something towards steadying Billy Maclean's erratic organ and raising its tone.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury was another of the great men trained in the "bracing school of poverty," as Carnegie calls it. In an address not long before his death the primate of all England spoke thus frankly of his early struggles:

"I have earned my own living since I was 17 years of age. Though I had received an excellent education, and though I have exerted my brains to the full stretch of their powers, I have experienced many privations in my time. I have known what it was to be unable to afford a fire, and consequently had many cold days and nights. I have known what it was, every now and then, to live upon rather poor fare, and I have known—what perhaps I felt most—what it was to wear patched clothes and shoes."

A feature of the London municipal election was the dead set made on the Medical School by its enemies. The election of a representative to the Hospital Trust was fought bitterly, and the enemies of the school won. Just what the effect on the school will be remains to be seen, but evidently many Londoners have no love for the institution.—Hamilton Times.

The Times is right in saying that a dead set was made on the Medical School by its enemies. The people of London, however, do prize the institution, and when they wake up to the fact that it is being unjustly treated they will make it warm for somebody. They have been deceived by the slanders and misrepresentations of men who are jealous of the school and its faculty.

Heart Beats.

[Health.]

In almost all cases of organic trouble, the heart is apt to beat rapidly. Irregular habits, worry, dissipation, overworking until the nervous system is a wreck, is a sure way to create a 90 pulse rate. However, when there is no organic trouble, the remedy is to correct the errors of living, sleeping regularly, eating regularly, exercising well, thus making better blood. If there is no heart trouble this is the best way to correct that condition.

Anxious thoughts sometimes perplex the wife who sees maternity before her. If she is treading an untried path, she sometimes frets herself into a nervous condition which is injurious and prostrating. If motherhood has already been a painful experience she is apt to shrink from the coming trial and by her very mental anxiety increase the possibility of her suffering.

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Like the Rest of Us.

[Atlanta Constitution.]

"Ef Satan wuz once in heaven, how comes he ever got out er it?"

"Well, like many anuther po' devil, he couldn't stan' prosperity."

A Shrunken Monarch.

[Brooklyn Eagle.]

Old King Coal
Was a merry old soul,
As he sat in the summer sun.
He was fat and full,
And could readily pull
The scales to a solid ton.

But now, I am told,
That the wintry cold
Has pinched him past all bounds.
When he steps on the scales,
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By several hundred pounds.

A Tribute to Our Banking System.

[New York Post.]

Although the crop of 1902 was much the largest ever gathered in the Canadian Northwest, there has been at no time any deficiency of banking facilities to handle it; nor has there been any rise in the rate of interest in consequence of the movement. On the contrary, Canadian bank facilities have also been largely used for crop-moving purposes on our side of the line during the same period. The gist of the matter is that in Canada there is substantial freedom of note issue. The banks can put out their circulating notes whenever there is a demand for them. They are not required to buy bonds and lock up their capital and go through a rigmarole beforehand. These facilities for note issue are denied to our banks; hence the superiority of the Canadian system in its power to respond quickly to the demands of the crop-moving season.

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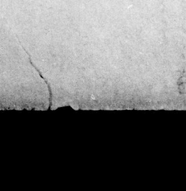

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