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## GOVERNMENT OF A CITY.

The time for the selection of a Board of Aldermen and a Mayor to control the destinies of this city during the next year, is again fast approaching, and the minds of the people are once more being directed to the question of who will represent them in municipal affairs during the new year which will soon be here.

In the Mayoralty contest, there will be an abundance of excellent material to choose from, if the present candidates continue in their expressed intention to enter the contest. It is the general opinion after a glance at the list of aspirants that Chatham will run no risk this year of having an inferior Chief Magistrate. This is a matter for congratulation. But it is quite different with the aldermanic outlook. All interest seems to centre in the contest for Mayor, and it looks at present as if the aldermanic candidates with possibly a few exceptions will be selected at random at the last moment. This is unfortunate.

There is just as much need for good reliable aldermen as there is for a capable Mayor—in fact, probably more, as the bulk of the work falls naturally upon the chairmen of committees and aldermen, while the Mayor directs the work. If a city is to have good government under the present system of securing such government, it is supremely necessary that good men should fill every chair in the Council Chamber. It is recognized that the present system of government, in the light of modern experience, is wrong, but until the people are ready for a radical change it is necessary to make the best of even a poor system.

The Chicago Tribune has been making an exhaustive research into the government of cities. The correspondent who has been doing the investigating finds that the city of Washington, D. C., is the best governed city that he has visited. The peculiar feature of the investigation and its finding is that the city of Washington has no elective franchise, the government being entirely by a commission appointed by the Federal Government. In commenting on this kind of government the writer says:

"Officials who conduct affairs of the district of Columbia are probably no better or no worse than those who would undertake the same kind of work in other cities. The great object lesson is that in a city like Washington, where there is no elective franchise exercised by anybody, where the government power really is lodged in outsiders, made up of the President and the Congress of the United States, the absence of politics results in the absence of organized graft and in the cleanliness of the city government, which seems impossible to secure under ordinary conditions."

"When one begins to dig into political conditions in Great Britain it is easy to see that the cleanliness of the Scotch and English municipalities is due to concentration of responsibility and nothing else. Few people seem to understand that Great Britain is a country which is governed exclusively by legislative bodies. With a few unimportant exceptions, there are no elected executive officers in the country. The voters' attention is not divided by having to follow the political gyrations of scores of professional office-holders. There are few elections and a surprisingly small number of men to be chosen for public office, while practically all of them act in a legislative capacity and are subject to scrutiny for their public acts at all times."

"In an elective system of government an election by the people becomes so cheap a thing that the better class of citizens despise it, so that the vast majority of offices are filled by men who seek them as a political profession and not on account of the individual honor involved or through any wholesome desire to do something for the benefit of the community."

"The more the subject is studied the more the people of any city will discover that the secret of municipal cleanliness lies, first of all, in an abolition of a great majority of all the elective offices and the consequent reduction in the number of elections, the result being a great economy, great sense of responsibility on the part of the public servants, and a greater facility on the part of the people in choosing better men to provide over public affairs."

"The commission idea of govern-

ment in cities, whether the commission be appointed or elected, is simply a solution of the question of public responsibility. The fewer the number of municipal offices the easier it is for the people to hold their servants responsible for misdeeds, while at the same time every reduction in the number of public servants renders them more desirable, so that a better class of men is attracted than is otherwise the case."

"There are too many elective offices, too many elections and too great a division of responsibility. The voter is confused on the one hand, and the average citizen can see no particular honor in being the holder of one out of a dozen or more possible public offices."

## A WORTHY MOVEMENT.

The recent formation of a Canadian Club in St. Thomas, brings up a subject which has often been commented upon by The Planet, viz., the formation of such an organization in the Maple City.

This movement is making great progress in Ontario, and the Dominion, and it is looked upon with general favor and approval. As one writer puts it, the movement in favor of Canadian Clubs is one of the most favorable features in the life of the Dominion to-day.

If this country is to make such progress in the future as its vast possibilities open up to the optimistic amongst us, it is essential that the people should not be in a state of constant warfare so that the country is divided into two warring camps. There always will and always should be legitimate differences of opinion amongst us, and in the varied differences of earnest men will be found some solution of many of the pressing questions which demand attention. It is because Canadian Clubs make for unity rather than for differences that such high hopes are entertained of their future work and their effect upon the country at large. For successful democratic government it is necessary to form a healthy state of public opinion and by no other means can this work be done so well as by the meeting of men who are divided on political, religious and social questions, meeting on common ground and discussing questions not as they effect individuals or sections, but country at large. The movement has gone forward in such a way as to show that the country was ready for it and prepared to welcome a change from the extremes of party divisions. However successful Canadian Clubs may be party divisions will probably continue, but their asperities will be softened and relieved and we shall no longer have the extremes of bitterness between people who are one and whose aims are alike.

However strongly cosmopolitan a man may be in sympathies and feelings he will often be strongly in favor of the individual who takes his stand upon the principle of "my country right or wrong." When, however, the same sentiments are expressed for party the difference is marked, and cannot carry the same feelings. A man's patriotism for his country always finds an echo in the breasts of even philosophic individuals. The same feeling for party leads the philosopher to condemn such conduct. There is no excuse for subordinating a man's views of right or wrong in favor of party policy and though Canadian Clubs may not have as part of their program the formation of feelings of this character, it is inevitable, if their work progresses as it is believed it will do, that it will lead to the formation of strong public opinion which will admit nothing like wrong doing on the part of a political party, however strong parties may be. It is this formation of a strong and healthy public opinion which not only ensures the success of the movement in favor of Canadian Clubs but goes much deeper and leads to the strongest foundation for the success of democratic government in a manner that the world has not yet seen. The extension of the movement is one in which, everyone in Canada will rejoice and its success assures the future of democratic government in its best and highest forms.

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On Friday of last week, the village of Duart, in the Township of Orford, was visited by a very destructive fire, laying waste a portion of the business part of the vil-

lage. The flames were first discovered when bursting out of the Messrs. Tait's factory. The fire spread and several buildings were destroyed.

A. B. McNab, postmaster at Durham, has absconded to the States with about \$3,000 Government paper. He leaves his wife and family behind.

The Wesleyan Methodists talk of erecting a new church at Toronto, capable of accommodating four thousand persons.

The man who was killed at Mr. E. L. Stoddard's mill, at Bond Harbour, was a fireman named David Barclay. His leg was broken in two places and his body badly bruised.

An oil tank at Wyoming burst last Friday and its contents, 1,000 barrels of oil, scattered in all directions. Mr. Taylor, the owner, will lose some \$500 by the accident.

It is reported that three Fenians have been sent from the United States to England for the purpose of assassinating the Queen.

The house of G. D. Townsend, of Niagara Falls, was entered on Monday night last, and robbed of silverware and other articles to the amount of \$1,000.

A German was buried alive in Newark and rose from the grave two hours afterwards by means of a patent coffin intended for the use of persons buried in a trance.

R. O. Miller, of the firm of R. O. & A. M. Miller, is in Montreal making purchases in fall goods.

A disastrous fire occurred at Thameville last week by which one thousand bushels of grain were burned; eight large stacks of wheat were consumed. They belonged to Wm. Watts, hotel keeper in the village.

It is thought that the stacks were set on fire by some incendiary, as they were far apart and some across the road. The trick was mean and cowardly, and a reward is offered for the offender. The loss will be \$1,000.

A machine for cutting hair has just been invented. This, apparently, is the slippers.

Farmers are bringing their grain from Moss and Delaware to Chatham to sell. Small towns like Toronto, Hamilton and London afford little competition and poor prices.

Two soldiers, while blasting at Point Levi, were blown up last week—one killed, other badly hurt.

A Hamilton rat the other day attacked a little child of Wm. Park, biting it on the neck and arm so as to leave the baby weltering in blood. Mr. Rat tried a second attack and was killed.

John Tiffin, aged 78 years, died at his residence in Camden Township on the 6th ult. He was one of the first settlers of the Township, settling there in 1817. He was a native of Westford County, Ireland.

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A large number of railway men will be called to give evidence, and Chief King served summonses yesterday. Pending the hearing, Morris and Farrell will not be placed under arrest.

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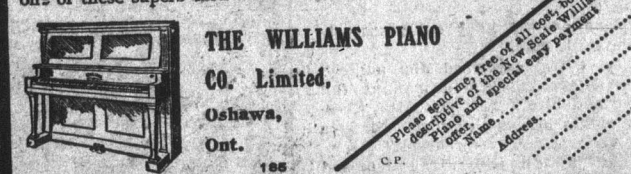
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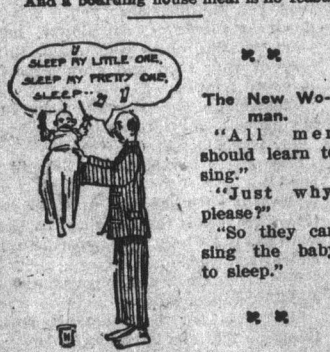
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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

### OBVIOUS.

It's cheaper to walk than to ride;  
The center is not the outside;  
The fellow with dough  
Has more of a show  
Than one who has nothing but pride.  
A hotchpot is warmer than snow;  
A mule that is dead cannot go;  
A horse in the lead  
Is better for speed  
Than one that is crippled and slow.  
It isn't sweet spring in the fall;  
One-half is not greater than all;  
A train that is wrecked  
Will seldom connect;  
A dwarf isn't noticeably tall.  
A crazy man seldom is sane;  
A loss isn't much of a gain;  
A man in a box  
Is always about  
Unless he has taken a train.  
A dollar is hardly a V;  
A blind man the point cannot see;  
A pain in the eye  
Is not in the thigh,  
Nor yet is it down in the knee.  
You cannot go west going east;  
A bunson is never a beast;  
A cow and a half  
Is more than a calf,  
And a boarding house meal is no feast.



**The New Woman.**  
"All men should learn to sing."  
"Just why, please?"  
"So they can sing the baby to sleep."  
**All She Knew.**  
"In the country where I was staying they had chickens every day for dinner that were raised right on the place."  
"Didn't they get them at the butcher shop?" asked the little girl.  
"No; they went out every morning and killed one with a hatchet."  
"Oh, dear! Were they too poor to have an automobile?"  
**The Only One.**  
"I'd like to borrow you."  
"You may."  
"Only?"  
"Only what?"  
"I don't know where I could find another like you to pay you back."

**The Tainted Ores.**  
The sorry breezes sweep again;  
Hay fever's come to town;  
Its victims seek relief in vain  
And wander up and down.  
With fevered hands their grips they pack  
And for Potosy swiftly tack,  
Avowing that they won't come back  
Until the earth is brown.

**No Longer Willing.**  
"I believe in giving the devil his due."  
"I used to believe that way too."  
"What changed you?"  
"Self interest."

**Natural.**  
"He says he just loathes concealed people."  
"That's not surprising."  
"Why?"  
"Nobody likes competition."

**In the Pen.**  
"Time gets the best of us."  
"Yes, and occasionally some of us at time."

There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so.



"Had you reason to expect a proposal from him?"  
"Yes."  
"His devotion, I suppose."  
"No; my inheritance."

### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

When a man begins to get light headed his friends are justified in being filled with dark forebodings.  
A really trustworthy person doesn't necessarily have anything to do with a trust.  
Who takes a tip on the nose seldom gives one to the waiter.  
A good salary ought to secure a good man, but sometimes it only makes a good fellow.  
People who point with pride in one direction are apt to look with contempt in another.  
There are obviously two sides to the trust question—the outside and the inside.  
Some people talk freely of intellect just as if they were personally familiar with it.  
Slow people are apt to stick fast.  
The fine color that is to be seen on faces show that vacation took nicely.

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