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PRE-ELECTIONALITIES.
Rumors of dissension in the ranks of the local Conservative party need not be taken too seriously by anybody who is interested in the general result. It is only a matter of detail so far as the party is concerned, and the party is probably not yet sufficiently stirred up to change the conditions which produce such situations as exist at present. The sole question for the public is usually what candidates will be the parties ally them to choose between. The number of independent electors in times when there is no vital, heart-rending issue at stake, may be judged by the support any gentleman receives who desires to put himself up as a simple pure independent. The independent who secure solid sympathy are those who impersonally represent some immediately important principle.

In ordinary elections the only thing considered is party and personality, and the chief weakness of the parties is that they do not sufficiently consider personality. The adroit compromises between pull and patience, who are usually offered to the public for their suffrages, scarcely do the parties justice. What is needed is a little more active participation of the latent membership of the parties in making choice. We believe that any worthy candidate would be quite eliminated to the advantage of the former, if the machine element were not given such dominant control of the conventions. The complaint of dissatisfied partisans at present is that the conventions are already all picked and packed; and all that the public can do is merely to accept the choice offered them—Hobson's choice. There is, of course, the impossible alternative for a party man voting for the other party's candidate. But what Conservative or Liberal ever did such a thing until after the election was over?

The situation has been complicated to the minds of some, and simplified for others, by the double-shooting of four of the pieces of ordnance known as Toronto constituencies. It would have had a finer effect to have had eight pieces of artillery to discharge instead of four, but destiny in the shape of no one knows what decided otherwise. The electors need have no fear. None but good Conservatives will be nominated by the conventions. It is highly probable that one or two independent candidates may come forward outside the usual party lines, making tax reform or equal suffrage a special ground of appeal. There is a strong need for a few independents in a legislature where the parties exist in the proportion of six or seven to one. Mr. Stedholme is as nearly independent as a legislator can be, but it is difficult for him, like Dundas's, to flock all by himself. A few of a similar feather would hurt neither of the existing flocks.

It is not likely that the party candidates will ever show the possession of higher average powers until the present convention methods are modified. They have served the party systems well, but it is generally recognized that they have not served the public so well. Some day perhaps the public will hold a convention and nominate candidates. The public could elect them, too. But who is to distinguish between the public and the parties?

IPSWICH ELECTION.
That the by-election at Ipswich, the capital of the County of Suffolk, was regarded as of special importance at this juncture, needs no other evidence than the appearance on the platform of Mr. Lloyd George. It is unusual for cabinet ministers to take a hand in the fray, but in this case not only was there the gravity of the political situation to consider, but also the fact that the ministerial candidate had only recently been raised to that rank and had failed to hold his previous constituency in the southwest division of Bethnal Green. For both party and personal reasons, therefore, the government undoubtedly deemed success to be of vital moment, and the strenuous nature of the campaign is shown by the large vote polled. In 1912 Ipswich had 15,337 names on its voting lists and 15,535 ballots were cast on Saturday. Even with allowance for a possible increase in the number of possible voters in the year, the percentage is exceptionally high.

Ipswich is a double-barreled constituency and has consistently returned two Liberals since the Boer war election of 1900, when a Conservative was returned as second member. The difference between the lowest Liberal and the highest Conservative vote was 344 in December, 1910, and 248 in the election of the previous January, when the late Mr. Sylvester Horns was first returned as junior member. At this last election to fill the vacancy caused by his death, the Conservative candidate has been successful by a majority of 227 over both his Liberal and Socialist opponents, polling the highest vote ever cast in Ipswich.

What effect will this result have on the political situation is the question that will be asked all over the United Kingdom, and answered in accordance with the individual peculiarities of each who undertake the task. British Governments usually suffer quite a number of "stunning" blows of this kind without marked injury to their plans and policies. But coming at this time, the defeat of Mr. Masterman may easily still further complicate an already difficult, and grave crisis. It will unite the opposition to even more determined attempts to compel a general election, and there are other possible influences which may weaken the government's activities. Any impairment of prestige at a time when prestige is indispensable, means a check that is often the precursor of disaster.

RATING REFORM IN BRITAIN.
In a recent speech at Sheffield, Mr. Herbert Samuel, president of the local government board in the British cabinet, outlined some of the local government proposals for the relief of local taxation. He agreed with the description of the present British system as at once the simplest in the world and the most unjust. It discouraged building, lowered the standard of houses for the working classes, taxed the poor heavily and the rich lightly, and placed heavier burdens on a man with a large family than on the man with a small family. "These undesirable results it accomplishes by levying local rates on the rental paid by the occupier, or if the occupier be also the owner by assessing the yearly value equivalent to the rental the premises would yield. In this way the British system approximates in effect to assessing the value of the site and buildings, as is common on this continent."

Mr. Samuel explained that parliament would be invited to say that the relief of local rates proposed in Mr. Lloyd George's pending budget should go wholly in relief of rates upon houses and improvements and none of it on relief of the rates upon land values. This will necessitate a separate valuation for the land on the one hand and another valuation for the houses and improvements. This is the government's belief to be essential for the future sound development of the British rating system, and it also holds that the taxation should be at different rates and be accompanied by limitations to new houses for the purpose of preventing an excessive number being erected to the acre and that there should also be proper provision for parks, gardens and open spaces. In their main lines these proposals follow the general principles on which assessment reform in Ontario has been urged as yet without effect.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION.
Altho the course to be taken by the Dominion Government regarding the claim to enter Canada made on behalf of the four hundred natives of British India now on board ship at Vancouver is quite clear, it is not the less satisfactory to know that the right of any self-governing dominion to regulate immigration is generally admitted. The claim that because an individual, whatever his race, color or character, has been born under the British flag, he is on that account entitled as matter of right to remove from his birthplace and settle in any other part of the empire, cannot be successfully maintained. No such inherent right exists and the idea that it does has arisen from the confusion of "subject" with "citizen." These terms are not synonymous nor convertible.

In the course of his speech on February 12 in the imperial parliament on the question of the South African deportations Mr. Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, dealt with this point. "British citizenship," he said, "is really a misnomer. It does not, in fact, exist. It is an attempt to make of liberal a translation of civilis Romanorum sum. What does exist is British subjecthood, which entitles its possessor to the protection of the sovereign through the executive. But it gives the individual no right of entry to or license in any part of the empire if he attempts to violate the laws which it is within the competence of a dominion to pass and administer." Nor can it give a right to enter contrary to the terms of any prohibitory or regulatory law governing immigration enacted for the presumed advantage of any dominion.

The principle thus enunciated was distinctly affirmed in the propositions regarding naturalization unanimously agreed upon at the last imperial conference, and on which the bills introduced in the Imperial and Dominion Parliaments are based. The last of these propositions expressly declared that "nothing now proposed would affect the validity and effectiveness of local laws regulating immigration and the like or differentiating between classes of British subjects." The acceptance of this safeguarding article, by implication acknowledged that re-

gulation of immigration fell properly within the jurisdiction of each dominion. Where objection has been taken it has referred rather to the method of exclusion than to the object. Unfortunately the present Viceroy of India has given some countenance to the motion presented among the natives of that dependency that their position as British subjects entitles them to unrestricted entry into Canada or any other dominion. That notion ought to be discouraged, and the return of the four hundred to their native soil or to whatever port they came from should be on the straight ground that no right of the nature claimed can be admitted.

AT OSGOOD HALL.
ANNOUNCEMENTS.
Monday, 25th inst., being a statutory holiday, the offices at Osgood Hall will be closed.
Judges' chambers will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at 11 a.m.:
Peremptory list for second divisional court for Tuesday, 26th inst., at 11 a.m.:
1. Maher v. Roberts.
2. Cairns v. Canada Refining Co.
3. Rumball v. Skeans.
4. Shaw v. Torrance.
5. McDougall v. Stephenson.
6. Birch v. Stephenson.

Master's Chambers.
Before J. A. C. Cameron, Master.
Devonshire v. Dodd—Stoneman (Master) v. Dodd—Stoneman (Master) on consent dismissing action without costs and vacating his pendens.
Thurston v. Home Bank of Canada.
—A. E. Knox, for defendants, moved for interpleader order. T. S. Elmore for plaintiff. S. W. Burns for claimant. Order made. Costs reserved to judge trying issue.

Single Court.
Before Hodgins, J. A.
Granger v. Canadian Home Circles.
—L. F. Bellmuth, K.C., for plaintiff, moved for injunction restraining defendants from enforcing new rates against plaintiff until trial, and from making any steps to suspend him from benefits of J. E. Jones and N. Somerville for defendants. Reserved.

Before Middleton, J.
Re Francis Richardson Settled Estate.—D. S. Constable, for Toronto General Trusts Corporation, obtained order on consent authorizing trustees to sell lands of testator and confirming sale already made. The trustees to hold purchase money on trust for as they hold real estate under the will. Costs out of the estate.

H. H. Ellis presented his certificate of fitness and was on the flat of the judge sworn in and enrolled as a solicitor of the supreme court of Ontario.

NAVIGATION SAFER ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.
MONTREAL, May 23.—Six ocean liners went out of port at dawn, as the rain last night made navigation on the St. Lawrence safer. The Heppner and the Cassandra, sailed for Glasgow; the Laurente and the Lake of Geneva, for Liverpool; the Ascania for London; and the Pallanza for Rotterdam. Each carried very little passenger freight and fewer passengers than ordinary. Ten million bushels of grain had entered the port thru the Lachine Canal this season, so there is plenty of grain to complete the loads of the liners.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES SHEEP RAISING.
(Special Correspondence.)
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., May 23.—A bill recently introduced in the legislature had for its object the incorporation of the Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders' Association. It was the intent of the bill to protect owners of sheep, as far as possible, against the ravages of sheep-killing dogs in order that sheep breeding might be encouraged as well as the production of wool and mutton. When sheep are killed by dogs, and the owners of the dogs cannot be found, the Sheep Breeders' Association will acquire into the matter, and may, after investigation, pay the owners of the sheep a fair price for the sheep so killed. A fund for this purpose, as well as for the encouragement of sheep of the best breeds will be provided by the government. In 1891 there were 141,000 sheep bred on the island, and in 1911 only 90,000. The falling off was caused mainly by the development of the more profitable dairy industry, ravaged by dogs and the wire fences. This year a special effort is being made to revive the industry. More instruction in sheep husbandry will be given by the government, and every method followed that will lead to the development of sheep raising.

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