

The Planet

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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The other day, in the Commons, Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, in discussing election corruption, said that he was prepared to go even so far as to take away from the man who does not vote the power of voting for a stated time. It is many years since the Spectator proposed that very thing as a help to the curbing of election crookedness, and still think it would have a good effect.

We do not like the idea of compulsory voting. If a man, by reason of religious crankiness, or for any other reason, does not desire to vote, he should not be compelled to vote. And if a man does not desire to vote, it is no harm to deprive him of a privilege he does not want.

The strong party man always votes. He votes early, and, unfortunately, sometimes often. It is the man who wants to sell his vote who makes most of the trouble—the man who refuses to vote unless and until he is "seen." A law such as that hinted at by Mr. Fitzpatrick would, with the co-operation of the two parties, put this man out of business. He could be allowed to go without voting, thus disfranchising himself.

Another election nuisance is the man who insists upon a carriage being sent to carry him to the poll. There are many of these, and the consequent expense for carriage hire is a big item in the illegitimate expenses incident to elections. The disqualification clause would compel this man to vote or to lose the privilege of voting for some years afterwards.

The "getting out of the vote" is the hard work of the election, and Mr. Fitzpatrick's proposal would very much simplify the operation, and very much reduce the expenses of the election.

We hope Mr. Fitzpatrick will see that his suggestion becomes law. — Hamilton Spectator.

ANOTHER PRECEDENT.

Hamilton Spectator.

It will be noticed that the Dominion Government has submitted that most important work, the redistribution of seats, to a committee of the House, having rejected the proposal to have the work done by judges!

THEY DON'T AGREE

Toronto Telegram.

Just when Hon. G. W. Ross was suggesting that no parliamentary committee knows enough to carry fodder to hogs, Sir Wilfrid Laurier must needs rise up and create a parliamentary committee to make a new political map of Ontario.

SIR A. MACKENZIE'S VISIT.

London Chronicle.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie ought to have a pleasant couple of months in Canada, for which country he has just sailed, to be well in time for his opening concert in Halifax on the last day of the month. The tour is undertaken in a loyal pitch, for in all the thirty-three concerts which the principal of the Academy of Music is to conduct throughout the Dominion nothing but British music is to be rendered. Probably in the Quebec province a little French or even German music would be enjoyed, but the line has been drawn strictly at the national product, and from all indications the tour will be a great success. Starting from the Nova Scotia side, Sir Alexander will touch all the important centres right across the Dominion to the Pacific slope, where half a dozen "shows" are to be divided between Vancouver city and Victoria.

THE NESTOR OF CANADIAN LIBERALISM.

London Chronicle.

Hon. R. W. Scott, the Canadian secretary of state, has just celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. He is the Nestor of Canadian Liberalism and the patriarch of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government. His call to the Canadian bar dates from 1848, and in 1852 he was the mayor of Ottawa. Five years later he entered Parliament, and he has been there ever since. In the Liberal Government of Mr. Mackenzie in the seventies, he held the same office which he now occupies, and which is analogous to that of our home secretary. During the long reign of the Conservatives under the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. Scott was an active leader of the Liberal opposition in the senate. His name is closely connected with Canadian educational and temperance legislation.

ATTEND TO HOME AFFAIRS.

Toronto Star, Liberal.

The Canadian Parliament might be better employed than in passing resolutions advising Great Britain how to deal with the Irish question, or with any other question that does not directly and intimately concern Canada.

If we believe in home rule we should let Great Britain and Ireland rule

The Stimulus of Pure Blood

That is what is required by every organ of the body, for the proper performance of its functions.

It prevents biliousness, dyspepsia, constipation, kidney complaint, rheumatism, catarrh, nervousness, weakness, faintness, pimples, blotches, and all cutaneous eruptions.

It perfects all the vital processes.

William Ross, Sarnia, Ont., took Hood's Sarsaparilla to make his blood pure. He writes that he was all run down, his appetite was gone, and his nerves were so unstrung he could not rest nor sleep. He had tried many remedies without benefit when Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended and he began its use. Three bottles of this medicine entirely cured him.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Accept no substitute, but get Hood's today.

their home affairs. If we ship advice across the ocean we may expect a return cargo of similar goods, and there are a great many people in Canada who think it is considerably more important that this country should preserve her own home rule than procure that boon for Ireland.

Canada is very jealous of her autonomy, and our people get hot under the collar when a Governor-General seeks to crowd them in the way Great Britain would have them go. There are many who watch Mr. Chamberlain carefully to see that he does not meddle too far in our affairs. The moment is, therefore, an unfortunate one for the Canadian Parliament to interfere in Great Britain's dealings with Ireland, or with anything else not purely Canadian in character.

HICK'S PREDICTIONS.

April the 1st and 2nd are reactionary storm days, on and about which may be expected a decided rise in temperature, falling barometer, high humidity, and rain, and thunder storms. The storm diagram shows a Mercury period to be central on the 4th, so that cloudy and unsettled weather, with snow squalls very probable in the north, will be very natural for several days at this time. The moon at first quarter on the 4th, and in perigee on the 5th, will aid in prolonging these disturbances, extending from the 6th to the 11th. About the 7th it will change to very warm in western sections, winds will shift to easterly and southerly, the barometer will begin falling, and storms of rain, with some active hail, thunder and wind, will pass eastward over most parts of the country, from the 8th to the 11th inclusive. Look first for high temperature, low barometer, rain, thunder and hail, followed later by westerly gales, rising barometer, with fitful squalls of snow and sleet northward, and a very general and decided change to colder. After a few mornings of chill and frost, over all sections central and northward, change to warmer, with falling barometer, and more April storms will centre about the 13th and 14th. A regular storm period is central on the 19th, the moon being at last quarter on the same date, and in apogee on the 18th. As we enter this period look for change to much warmer to set in from the west—say about the 17th. The barometer will begin falling in the same section with the rising temperature, and from about Saturday, the 18th, to Tuesday, the 21st, very decided storms will run their regular course from west to east across the country. Very warm, humid weather, with low barometer—things probable at this time—may well suggest storms of great energy, and cause that degree of watchfulness and caution on the approach of storm.

OVER-DRAWING THE ACCOUNT

Every hour in the day you are using up nerve force, body tissue, blood cells, energy—everything that means health. Always taking away, always borrowing—do you ever pay it back? The thin body and pale blood say no; the reserve force is about gone. There is a general weakness and the body is run down. You have overdrawn your account; you must make up the deficiency, but how?

Scott's Emulsion makes it up with interest. It will clear you of the debt you owe health and give you a working surplus of solid flesh, good blood and healthy tissues.

In Scott's Emulsion the necessary element of fat is plentifully supplied in the most palatable and easily digested form. It enters the system quickly and without effort. There's no tax on the digestive organs—no strain on any part of the body.

We'll send you a sample free upon request.

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GEMS OF SPRING...

We cannot exaggerate the beauty of our New Spring Overcoats. Scores of customers who have called to see them, and buy them, pronounce our assortment the finest and most complete they ever saw. The trade on them has surprised us, but the man that looks them over cannot resist the temptation to buy, because prices are unprecedently low. Every kink and turn of fashion is honored in the making of our Superb Spring Overcoats.

Gents' 38 oz. back Overcoats in Coronation Cloth, Chalk Line and Plain Gray Cheviots with silk facing, \$6.50 to \$12.00.

Combination Rain and Spring Overcoats, \$10.00.

Boys' Spring Overcoats, \$6.00 up. We sell Waterproofs for Boys.

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clouds, which the circumstances warrant. As in the other storm periods in April look for high barometer, westerly gales and very cool nights that is immediately behind or west of the actual storm area. The next period in which storm conditions will develop and run their course from west to east, will be central on the 24th and 25th. The moon passes northward across the celestial equator on the 24th, and on and touching that date a series of highly electrical storms are almost certain to develop. Showery, stormy conditions will not pass off until after new moon on the 27th, after which date will follow a brief, short change to much cooler and frosts northward. April comes to its close in the opening days of a Vulcan storm period. Hence, falling barometer and change to warmer will be in progress as the month goes out, summing up the whole matter, we believe that April will be an average good month for all industries.

HOME RULE COMING.

Sweeping Measures Advocated by Government.

London, April 4.—The correspondent of The Daily Chronicle at Dublin claims to have the authority of a member of the present Government for the statement that the Government intends to dissolve Parliament at the end of the present session, the general elections being held in the autumn. The leading plank in the Conservative platform at the elections, affirms the correspondent, is the demand for a more radical extension of local government in Ireland, providing for the establishment of a Legislative Council at Dublin which will have the control of the Irish police. It is understood further, asserts the correspondent, that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain warmly supports the Government's project, and that the economies that Secretary Widdicombe promised in connection with the Irish land bill largely depend upon its realization. Neither Gerald Balfour, President of the Board of Trade, nor the present War Secretary, Mr. Brodrick, would be included in the next Cabinet. According to the supposed plans of the Government, the Dublin Chamber will consist of representatives of the Irish County Councils and will deal with local matters, such as gas, water and railways.

Anybody can be a fool. Why not distinguish yourself by being sensible?

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Things to Live With..

Whatever is best, whatever is newest in Carpets and Curtains, Portieres and Coverings, whatever the new season demands in the little world of decorated things that belong to the home is here, fit for the most modest or the most exacting. Fashion is as imperious here as in dress goods. Its decree is not so pronounced, perhaps, because you expect to live with your home decorations longer. Worthy goods, correct styles, newest patterns at the lowest cash prices is giving our Housefurnishing Department lots of business these days. Bring along your measurements—let us figure the cost—and the saving to you.

English Velvet Carpets—Superior quality, rich, heavy deep pile, in elegant designs, rich color combinations, body and border to match, special cut and sewn at per yard

English Wilton Carpets—rich, handsome designs, newest colorings, special cut and sewn at per yard

New Imported Tapestry Carpets—firm, heavy quality, in large range of choice designs and colorings, special cut and sewn, per yard

Heavy tapestry carpets—In handsome new spring patterns and colorings, splendid wearing quality, large range to select from, cut and sewn per yard

Tapestry carpets—Good wearing quality, in latest designs and colorings, special at per yard 35c and 50c.

All wool carpets—Heavy two ply carpets, full yard wide, made from thoroughly scoured yarns, splendid range of reversible patterns and colorings, cut and sewn at per yard

Superior two ply all wool carpets—Extra heavy, firm make, full yard wide, pure scoured yarns, latest reversible designs, new spring colorings, special cut and sewn at per yard

Best three ply all wool carpets—Firm weave, new designs and colorings, special cut and sewn at per yard

Union carpets—Full yard wide, in large range of choice reversible patterns, latest colorings, splendid values at per yard 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and 50c.

Hemp carpets—In floral and stripe designs, reversible colorings, wide widths, at per yard 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c.

New Brussels Carpets—direct from the English makers. Firm, heavy quality, in good range of new patterns and colorings, cut and sewn at per yard

White canvas matting—Fine soft quality, bright silky finish, 28 inches and 30 inches wide, very fashionable material for waists, etc., special per yard at 15c and 25c.

Embroidered P. K.'s—Fine white corded P. K.'s, firm quality, embroidered, in pink, sky and black silk dots, very natty material, special per yard

Flaked crash suitings—Medium weight, 28 inches wide, guaranteed fast colors, in sky, navy, pink and linen grounds, flaked in white, special per yard

Silk and lace stripe challies—A very pretty material, cream ground with open lace and colored satin stripes, will make a handsome waist, special per yard

Empress batiste—Fine quality, 34 inches wide, in plain shades of white, pink, sky, cream, helio, nile, cardinal, castor, navy, rose, canary, reseda and black, fast colors, special per yard

Novelty waists—Fine wash fabrics, in new Dresden designs and silk mixtures, exclusive novelties direct from Paris and London, special per yard 25c, 40c, 50c, 65c and 70c.

Lace stripe zephyrs—Plain grounds, in pink, sky, cardinal, black, navy, reseda and linens, shades with white open lace stripes, very stylish, sheer materials, in fast colors, special per yard

Plain Scotch zephyrs—Superior quality and finish, 28 inches to 32 inches wide, colors pink, sky, oxblood, navy, Oxford, cardinal and reseda, special per yard 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c.

White muslins—In fancy lace and openwork stripes, very pretty designs, at special per yard 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c.

Fancy corded white muslins—Wide, medium and narrow cords, fine quality, at per yard 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c and 25c.

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Best Five Frame Brussels Carpet—extra heavy, firm quality, in handsome new designs, rich colorings, special cut and sewn at per yard

Japan matting—An immense range of new spring patterns, imported direct from Japan, lovely new colorings, the best value ever shown in the city, at per yard 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c and 40c.

Scotch linoleums—4 yards wide, extra heavy quality, in choice tile, block and floral designs, worth regular 65c yard, special per square yard

Floor oil cloths—The largest range of patterns in the city, 1 yard to 2 1-2 yards wide, special per square yard 25c, 35c and 50c.

Mercerized canvas—Fine quality, rich silky finish, 28 inches wide, in plain shades of pink, sky, cream and navy, special per yard

Flaked zephyrs—A very stylish material for waist or dress, 28 inches wide, colors pink, nile, sky, oxblood, navy and Oxford, warranted fast dyes, special per yard

Linen suitings—Fine heavy quality, 31 inches wide, in colors Oxford, nile, sky, pink, and navy, fast dyes, special per yard

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