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THURSDAY MARCH 27, 1902.

The Liberal members of the Legislature are beginning to seek shelter from the coming storm. Hon. J. T. Garrow, of West Huron, has secured a seat on the Bench, and Mr. John Loughrin, of Nipissing, has been appointed Master Registrar of Deeds for that riding. The gentleman nominated last fall to contest South Huron in the Liberal interest against Harry Elber, the present member, has left the field.

The Milwaukee Sentinel thus counsels the fire-eating editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal: "Warlike Col. Watterson advises that we occupy Canada when she gets fractions. We tried it, colonel, a long, long time ago, when the populations were relatively the same. Our school histories properly say very little about what happened. Let us not occupy ourselves with occupations; let us pray rather for our young sister whenever she goes astray."

The Canadian Templar, after denouncing the loaded referendum of the Ross Government in unmeasured terms, gives this pointer to the prohibitionists on how to get even with their deceivers: "Prohibitionists who want to rebuke the government will have ample opportunity to do so in the general elections, no matter when the referendum is held. The way to get at the government is to defeat its candidates for the legislature."

W. R. Brock, M. P. for Centre Toronto, who followed Jabel Robinson, M. P. for West Elgin, in the budget debate, commenced his speech as follows:—Before addressing myself, Mr. Speaker, to the particular questions before the House, I cannot refrain from paying a tribute of esteem to my hon. friend who has just preceded me. We must admit that he is the only independent member of this House, elected as such, who has the courage of his independence. He was returned as an independent, and during the two sessions he has been in the House he has not in any way departed from that line of policy and is to-day still as independent as he was when he first canvassed his electors.

The Toronto Telegram's Ottawa correspondent writes: R. L. Borden, to-day lifted himself many degrees in the estimation of his following. The material upon which he founded his reply to the budget speech was anticipated, but no one looked for such a powerful announcement of the Conservative tariff policy. The responsibilities of his office have developed the Opposition leader. His speech this afternoon far exceeded any of his previous efforts in the House, and won generous recognition from both political parties. The applause of the Opposition benches was no artificial creation. It came in spontaneous outbursts and demonstrated a party's genuine pride in the achievements of its leader.

Mr. Justice Mills of the Supreme Court was unable to attend the annual dinner of the parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa, but wrote to the president the following words of wisdom:—"I very much regret that I cannot be with you tonight. I hope that my failure to join you on this occasion will not lead you to infer that I am no longer interested in your social gathering. I am, because they are important to the life of a body of men who are doing the country a great service. The country owes to the gentlemen of the press a great debt, and press men owe it to themselves to be loyal to truth and public duty. Stand for the country first, and then stand fast for upright party men. My best wishes are with men of the press gallery."

The death occurred at West Lorne Thursday morning, of Richard McQueen, aged seventy years and nine months, from paralysis. Deceased was formerly a veterinary surgeon by occupation, but owing to ill-health has not been able to practice during the past six or seven years. He was born on the old Talbot road, about one mile and a quarter east of Fingal, and was a son of the late Col. McQueen. He moved his family to West Lorne about the year 1878.

Duties of Auditors.

The Provincial Auditor, Mr. Lalog, commends the following directions regarding the duties of municipal auditors, which councils should see carried out:

1. Compare assessment-roll with collectors' roll to see that the assessed values on which the rates are levied are correctly entered.
2. Compare school section entries with school section map and check valuations on which school-rates have been levied.
3. Verify the correctness of all rates and taxes levied by by-laws, proceedings of council, engineer drainage wards and certificates, statute labor lists, fence viewers' awards, county treasurers' accounts, school trustees' requisition or other authority.
4. The collectors' account with the treasurer should be examined, and also settlement of the roll, which should be verified under oath and in accordance with sections 147 and 148 of the Assessments Act.
5. Every stub of the treasurers' receipt book and every document or roll audited should be properly stamped as required by the act of 1896.
6. The treasurers' vouchers should be carefully examined to see that each payment was authorized by proper authority and that a proper receipt is attached.
7. The auditors' report should refer to the condition of the treasurers' security, and also to the insurance on corporation property.
8. The auditors should show what cash balance, if any, is due from treasurer to municipality—and where such balance is deposited.
9. If any source of revenue has ceased to exist, or if the last payment has been made on any special assessment, the auditors should make a report to that effect in their report.
10. It is very important that the auditors should make themselves familiar with the by-laws of the municipality, and it is incumbent on them to make a special report of any payment made contrary to law.

The Aldboro Election Case.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Friday: Rex ex rel.; Talmie v. Campbell.—C. St. Clair Leitch (Dutton), for the relator moved to commit ten witnesses put to them upon an examination before a County Court Judge for evidence upon a proceeding in the nature of a quo warranto to void the election of the respondent as Reeve of the Township of Aldborough. E. E. A. DuVernet, for a solicitor who has been served with notice of motion on behalf of the witnesses, objected (1) that the motion, if it could be heard at all, must be to the court; (2) that the witnesses had not been personally served; (3) that the material in support of the motion had not been filed or served; (4) that there was no practice under the municipal act warranting this motion, and the rule under the judicature act did not apply. J. D. Shaw (Rodney) for the respondent. Motion stands for a week to enable the relator to serve the witnesses or hope to an arrangement with the solicitor. Objections not to be waived by adjournment. Costs of today to be disposed of by judge who hears the motion.

Mr. Robinson's Amendment.

In the House of Commons Thursday Jabel Robinson expressed the hope that there would be no more begging for reciprocity at Washington. He deprecated expenditure beyond our revenue. He concluded by moving an amendment as follows: "That in the opinion of this House the increased expenditure that is taking place from year to year is unequalled for and unwarranted and contrary to the professions of the Liberal party, and in accordance with those professions the expenditure in this country should not exceed the income. We believe the time has arrived when the interests of the farmers should be considered, especially in view of the fact that the Government cannot protect to any great extent the productions of farmers and as a moderate step in such direction the duty on agricultural implements should be reduced to 15 per cent, and the duty on coal oil should be reduced to two cents per gallon."

"THE REFERENDUM."

[Written for THE DOMINION.]
"Bold enough to be honest; honest enough to be bold.
Let those words be engraven in letters of gold:
They are those of a leader—heard, too, by a crowd—
On the floor of the House they were uttered aloud.
Twice Whitney them spoke—in the chamber across
They fell like a bomb on his colleagues and Ross,
Who, ere spent was their echo, all wincing and all quailed.
For they felt at that moment true manhood prevailed.
So felt, too, the many who overhead sat
In breathless suspense at a spectacle that called
Forth approbation, they scarcely suppressed.
Of the brave, manly words that a hero expressed.
A fair, honest foe one can meet and admire—
A false, faithless friend may we never require.
The former's straight lance we may parry or miss,
But the latter will surely betray with a kiss.
How stands in the balance, those leaders when weighed?
The one bold, but honest; the other afraid
To mount either nag lest the other may pass,
So, astraddle of both, see "the man and the ass."
Prohibition, long ridden, the nag's lean and ass
But the other fat broncho seems good for a jaunt;
They make but a badly matched pair, it would seem.
But "Rarey," when mounted, is proud of his team.
They have carried him long on a rough, craggy road,
But the weaker one now boldly kicks at a load
So great that the camel would bend 'neath its weight.
While lightly is laden his better fed mate.
This mate, now, is sportive, and loves not the hand
That leads off to dangers where yet he may strand.
He, too, may enlist with a much sfer guide,
And thus leave the old jockey with no nag to ride.
'Twas indeed a great blessing if so they'd arrange
For 'tis time, oh, 'tis time for a much desired change.
When this province, at last from an incubus free,
Can strangle corruption, restore purity;
Can again raise its head, lowly humbled with sin,
For the acts and the crimes that have blackened its name,
Committed that rulers should long retain power,
More desir'd of a dance for many an hour."
[O.R.]

AT THE KENT ASSIZES.

Charles Norris Acquitted—Brewer Gets \$1,500 Verdict against the L. E. & D. R.—Grand Jury's Presentment.

The case of Charles Norris, charged with stealing \$315 entrusted to his keeping by Dennis Lamb, heard at the Chatham assizes last week, excited considerable interest here. The case occupied part of Tuesday and nearly all day Wednesday. The Banner-News gives the following report:

Mr. Justice Ferguson, in charging the jury, said that, according to the English law a man was innocent until he was proven guilty, and that it was the work of the crown to prove him guilty beyond a doubt. If there be any doubt the prisoner must get the benefit and the jury must bring in a verdict of "not guilty."

He said this was a very important case. A man entrusted with money, who fraudulently uses it for his own gain or for any other purpose than in the interest of the owner, is guilty of a grave offence as if he had actually stolen the money. The evidence went to show that the prisoner was a man who did not drink, while Lamb did take intoxicating liquor, and foolishly handed his money, Lamb swore he gave the prisoner the money, while the prisoner swore he did not get the money. The judge charged strongly in favor of the prisoner.

The jury retired at 3.40 and returned in half an hour with the verdict mentioned. The Planet's report of the trial contained the following:—
Walter Mills, of Ridgetown, handled the case exceptionally well for the defence and made a telling address to the jury. In addressing the jury the judge said that they had been rather long drawn out, but it had been most thoroughly tried. The charge is a serious one—that of stealing. Speaking further he charged in favor of the prisoner "by the British law," continued the judge, "every man is innocent until he is proved guilty."

The jury at Chatham in the case of Brewer vs. L. E. & D. R. returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,500. On Dec. 15, 1900, Ernest Brewer while driving, was struck by a train on the Lake Erie crossing near Dresden. His two horses were killed, wagon destroyed and he received injuries which resulted the defence alleged, in deforming him for life. He sued for \$2000 damages. The case was first tried last year, when the jury disagreed.

Grand Jury Presentment.

To His Lordship Justice Ferguson: We the grand jury at the present assizes, beg leave to make the following presentment:
We wish to congratulate Your Lordship, and the county on the lightness of the calendar that has been placed before us. We might say that we think the cause is the good administration of the laws of the province, also that the people of the Dominion generally are law-abiding.

We were highly pleased in listening to Your Lordship's address, and noting the deep interest taken in explaining to us our duties; also the interest taken in regard to this body visiting the various public institutions; and heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by Your Lordship in reference to the observance of the interest in which public money is expended.

This jury, in view of the recent outbreak of smallpox in this county commended the action of the board of health of the different municipalities in stamping out the disease and would further recommend that they use every legitimate means to prevent the spread of the disease in future.

We visited the jail and found everything as usual, in a high state of efficiency, and highly approve of the system of heating and lighting that has been recently adopted by the authorities.

We visited the various county buildings, viz: The registry office, Harrison Hall and House of Refuge, and heartily commend the county officials as to the general condition of affairs.

We were much pleased in visiting the three charitable institutions, the two hospitals, and the Home for the Friendless, and were very favorably impressed as to the manner in which they were conducted, and the noble work that is prosecuted therein.

On the recommendation of Your Lordship, we visited the two Collegiate institutes, one wholly under the jurisdiction of the county, at Ridgetown, and also the one in Chatham.

In the Ridgetown school, we found a very efficient staff of teachers and the attendance in each department large; the school is fully equipped with the modern appliances.

In the city school we also found everything conducted in the most up-to-date manner, and in keeping with this progressive age.

We heartily endorse Your Lordship's suggestions as to the occasional visit of the grand jury to these institutions, as they cannot fail to be of benefit to the public generally.

All of which we respectfully submit:
G. R. LANGFORD, Foreman.

Eloping Couple Caught.
Mrs. Pierce, wife of Cornelius Pierce, watchman for the Michigan Store Works, Detroit, disappeared last January. Many of the household goods and a neighbor, George Brown, were missing at the same time. Pierce learned that the couple were living in Wallaceburg. He secured a warrant charging Brown with bringing stolen goods into Canada.

The man was arrested Thursday and there was great hugging and kissing between Brown and Mrs. Pierce, right in front of the husband before the cruel officers of the law could separate the loving but erring couple.
Brown appeared before Magistrate Houston of Chatham who explained that under the law a man was liable, who eloped with another man's wife and took any of the husband's property. Brown was remanded until today.

Mrs. Pierce and the children left for Detroit. There will now be a fight between husband and wife for the possession of the children.

A clause has been added to the Petty Trespasses Act, making it a trespass to cross gardens and lawns. As the law has stood only enclosures were protected.

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Ridgetown, Mar. 27, 1902.

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New Tapestry Carpets in pretty patterns, both light and dark grounds, a good weaver at 50c
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New English Brussels Carpets, our own importations from the manufacturers, and consequently the best carpet for the money in Western Ontario; special at 1.00 and 1.35
New Velvet Carpets in nice shades of bronze, good quality at 1.25
New Hemp Carpets, one yard wide, big range of patterns at 10, 12 1/2, 15, 18, 20 and 25
1 1/2 yards wide 35
New Jute Carpet, looks like a tapestry worth a dollar a yard, nice patterns for 45

Saturday Specials.

Men's black sateen shirts, all sizes, regular 65c, Saturday 48
6 lbs Redpath's No. 1 granulated sugar 25
4 lbs good clean currants 25
1 dozen dinner plates 89
1 dozen breakfast plates 78
1 dozen tea plates 38
Green lettuce, radishes, onions and cabbage.

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We have a new assortment of rugs, all sizes from the smallest to the largest at 75, 1.15, 2.90, 4.25
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Other ones, all new designs in all shades and colorings, 15, 18, 20, 25, 35, 40
Cocoa Matting.
Cocoa matting, nice for steps or halls
27 inches wide at 40c a yard
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