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A PROVINCE RUN IN THE INTEREST OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Fault is being found with the opposition in the local legislature for not making a more aggressive campaign against the trusts, combines, corporations and monopolies which have been dictating the policy of the Ontario Government for years past. The point is well taken. It is quite true in most cases the Conservatives voted against the monstrous measures which were designed to make speculators rich at the expense of the public. But they should have done more. They should have fought them, not only in the legislative chamber but on the stump, and forced the electors to say whether they would vote for Hardy, Ross and the sharks who own them, or for government of, by and for the people.

Take as an instance the Connaught act relating to electric light companies. Could a more scandalous measure in the interest of private corporations have possibly been devised? Yet it was put through with the sanction of the Hardy-Ross Government. The opposition voted against the measure and they deserve credit for so doing, but they have since neglected to make the province ring with the iniquity of a measure which should properly have been entitled "An act for the robbery of municipalities desiring to operate their own electric light plants."

"To-morrow" is municipal nomination day; get your candidates ready.

One thing can be said for this year's council: Whether it did little or much, it did it in a business-like way.

We are glad to see our friend, the Banner, backing us up in the agitation for good roads. Every little influence helps, no matter how small.

The Transvaal constitution specifically forbids civil rights of any description to illegals, Roman Catholics and negroes or persons of color. Is this the reason these specimens of idiocy like Davitt, Redmond, and the rest of the Fenian gang are so much harrassing over the Boer successes?

Fighting on the defensive won't win wars, and the failure of the Boers to take either Kimberley, Ladysmith or Mafeking shows that they are not much good in offensive operations. The moral of all this is that if Buller lets them alone in their defensive positions until they all die of old age he can safely relieve the beleaguered garrisons and bring the war to a glorious termination.

If the duty is removed from coal oil out of the oil fields of Bothwell and Wipeout. If it is not removed the retail price will undoubtedly go to 25 cents a gallon. That means that it will pay the residents of cities and towns to use gas and electricity in place of oil. But the farmers have no such alternative. Is this retribution? It was the rural vote that elected Archie Campbell.

The hitch in calling for recruits for the second contingent, the Mail says, is again due to Mr. Tarte and a small minority in the cabinet who are kicking over the traces. Sir Wilfrid, declares the Mail, has made two trips to Montreal to try and secure Israel's consent to go ahead. The premier and the minister of militia are honestly endeavoring to push matters but are thwarted by Tarte's obstinate opposition. Had they taken the advice of this great family journal and fired the troublesome little minister out of the cabinet when the first difficulty arose all would now be clear sailing. It can't be pleasant for a prime minister to be bullied with threats of a governmental wreck every time he doesn't fall in line with the views of a masterful subordinate.

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We now know the worst. It is always darkest before dawn. Possibly brains are more needed just now than men. However that may be we are going to supply both.—Windsor Record.

That is very patriotic of you, dear boy, but really you must not rob yourself. Send only what you can spare, in the way of men. Let Joe Chamberlain bustle for the brains where they are more plentiful.

The war of "fads" in Detroit schools has resulted, the reformers think, in an almost complete purification of the system from fancy frills. Corsets as an article of female apparel have not been classed exactly as a fad, but war is nevertheless being made upon them in a quiet but insistent way. The school matrons have been asked to doff them and it remains to be seen how many will obey. Should the teachers submit, there is no telling where reform may stop, and this reflection is causing a deal of alarm.

POETIC DESCRIPTION OF THE WAR

Toronto Star.

Each day I read the bulletins,
Quoth little Peterkin,
And I am much perplexed by them,
To guess I can't begin.

How many British troops were slain,
How many Boers they slew;
I really couldn't reckon up,
Nor gaffer, dear, could you.

A mule stampeded once, I'm told—
We lost the Ninth Hussars;
And Winston Churchill got the jail
For running armored cars.

At Mafeking, we had a check,
The British lost a dog,
And somewhere else, I saw we left
A battery in a bog.

And gaffer mine, the eyes are filled
With patriotic tears,
When I reflect how we misspent
Our Dublin Fusiliers.

There's Gattene, the heartless brute,
Who walks his tired force
For thirty hours at a stretch,
While he rides on a horse.

There's Methuen, that gallant soul,
Who leads his leguared men
Unto the weary River Banks,
Then leads them back again;

And doubtless Buller hovers round
Just where, I haven't heard,
I hope he may be saving words,
He never says a word.

And Gery, the tactician, where?
Pray, tell me, where is he?
What part is in the sea?
They say we have in Africa
Five seasoned army corps,
Then why in thunder don't they pot
The fifty thousand Boers?

Still, gaffer, when I read about
The way our soldiers fight,
I cannot help believing that
The war will come out right.

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A FAMOUS BEAUTY DEAD.

Exchange.

One of the famous beauties of the Second Empire, the Comtesse de Castiglione died recently in Paris. She came from Italy and at court attracted the attentions of Napoleon III. and the jealousy of Eugenie. At a costume ball in the Tuilleries, she outdid anything that Paris had seen in scantiness of dress by appearing as Salammbo, clad in her hair, which reached her feet, her jewels and very little else. When she came before the Emperor, Eugenie declared that she must feel cold, insisted on her wrapping herself in a mantle, and never invited her again. At that time, Paul Vaudry painted her full-length nude portrait. This she tore to pieces when her beauty began to fade. She then shut herself up for more than twenty years in her house in the Rue de la Paix, near the Place Vendôme, where the shutters were closed to exclude daylight, and where her meals were brought from a restaurant, preparations being taken that the waiter should not see her. There she has just died, alone.

PRAYERS FOR A RACE HORSE.

According to a London correspondent, the Very Rev. Dean Hoel, of Rochester cathedral, in a recent address, told the following story: A very nice and gentle curate went to a Yorkshire parish, where the parishioners bred horses and sometimes raced them. He was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth the clerk told the curate he need not do it any more. "Why?" said the curate. "Is she dead?" "No," said the clerk. "She's won the steeplechase." The curate became quite a power in the parish.

A Kite Regatta.

The kite season is almost here, and there is an old time sport which is still carried on by the boys who live in the little town of Shawano, in Northern Wisconsin, that may be interesting to boys who live in the East. In this town there is held each spring a kite regatta and prizes are offered for the winners. There are several races, and this is the way they are carried out.

There are two things necessary in this kind of sport. One is a light skiff or canoe, and the other is a lake or body of water large enough to sail in. Each contestant in the race takes five kites, all of large size, and these are the only motor power used. First one kite is flown in the air, and after some fifty yards of twine has been paid out the end of the string is tied to one of the other kites. This is repeated until all of the kites and string are at a distance of about fifty yards apart. When this is done each contestant gets in his boat, and at a given signal all are off for a certain buoy or some other point agreed upon.

This may read like very tame sport on paper, but the real thing is exciting enough to require the best kind of nerve and a cool head. If there is a heavy wind blowing it will be found necessary to have two boys in the boat—one to look after the kites and one to do the steering. Of course, it goes without saying that the strongest kind of twine must be used. In Shawano, where the sport has obtained a strong foothold, fish line is used, and for the last two or three kites three, four and five lines are twisted together. This sport is not without danger, and is no kind of amusement for a boy not accustomed to the handling of a boat or to the use of a fishing line. It is an uncertain sport, too, for, of course, it is necessary to have the wind favorable, but given the requirements, and there are all kinds of opportunity for skill and enjoyment.



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