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THEY GOT THE CREDIT AND MUST BEAR THE BLAME.

For some years after the Laurier Government came into power there was a large increase in Canadian exports. The Government did nothing to promote this increase, yet the Liberals claimed all the credit for it. However, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, there was a decline of about sixteen million dollars in the value of Canadian exports as compared with those of the fiscal year 1903. For the month of July, 1904, the first month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, there was a decline of \$2,493,116 in the value of exports as compared with the same month of the previous year. The figures for August and September have not yet been published by the Government and are not likely to be until after the elections. If the decrease shown in the month of July continues throughout the twelve months the decrease in exports will be about thirty million dollars, making a decline of about forty-six million dollars in two years. Now, if the Laurier Government are to be given credit for the increase of exports during the early years of Liberal administration they must take the blame for the great decline during the closing years of Liberal rule. If it is fair to attribute the former increase to the beneficence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates, it is equally fair to ask why they are now reducing the exports. In the year 1900 Liberal candidates asked for the votes of the people on the ground that there had been a great increase in exports that year. Is it not reasonable that those who voted for Liberals in 1900 on that account should vote against them in 1904 because of the great decrease in the value of exports?

ICHABOD.

Toronto Telegram.

"Mr. Ross is such a good man—"
Ontario is sick unto death of Hon. G. W. Ross, his eloquence and his goodness.

Eloquence is useless if it almost exclusively employs itself in the utterance of apologies for infamy.
Wherein is the profit of private goodness that unequally yokes itself to public badness?

The useless eloquence and over-worked personal respectability of Hon. G. W. Ross are the barren figures of Ontario politics.

The eloquence of Hon. G. W. Ross has been admired by Liberals while the weakness of Hon. G. W. Ross was passively corrupting the party's very soul.

The respectability of Hon. G. W. Ross has half blinded Ontario to the process of its own degradation.

A dull man would have lacked Hon. G. W. Ross' gifts of expression which induced Ontario Liberalism to put its head in the noose of his most incompetent leadership.

A bad man would have lacked the Hon. G. W. Ross' respectability and Ontario can find no value in the private respectability that does not bear the fruits of public righteousness.

Ontario has weighed Hon. G. W. Ross, his eloquence and his respectability in the balance. Mr. Ross has been found wanting. The respectability which cannot establish virtue in the conduct of a Government should not be allowed to perpetuate the vices of that Government's life.

THE ELEMENTARY QUESTION.

Toronto News.

Notwithstanding the uncontradicted testimony at Saul Ste. Marie, that the Attorney-General was warned of the trip of the Minnie M., and refused to interfere, ignoring the sworn statement of Mr. Lorne Hale, that Hon. J. R. Stratton engaged to send workers into North Kenton, and promised to pay the general expenses of the campaign, which totalled tens of thousands, the Premier stood before his constituents and before the Province, and said: "In no case, neither in the general nor in the bye-election trials, was any agent of the Government connected with the wrongdoing so much deplored. No connection of that kind was shown in North Perth, North Norfolk, North York or the Soo. Every case of corrupt practice exposed was the work of men for whom the Government was in no sense responsible. They may have been outsiders, but they were not appointed by the Liberal organization of the Province or the Liberal party of the Province." There have been many deplorable incidents in the politics of the Province during the past two years, but nothing that marks more surely the decay of a great party organization than the attitude of its leader towards the elementary question of an honest ballot.

MONTREAL HERALD SAMPLED.

Vankleek Hill Review.

As a sample of the kind of stuff that is being dished up in the government controlled newspapers read these:

"Mr. James Coristine, manufacturer, a life long Conservative, decides to give his support to Laurier." — Montreal Herald.

"Mr. James Coristine never said he intended to vote for Laurier." — Montreal Herald.

Remember both items are from the same paper.

GLOBULAR MENDACITY.

Hamilton Herald.

Lord Dundonald suggested that Canadian boys between the ages of 14 and 18 should get the benefit of 100 hours' drill. Evidently his idea was that the drill should be extended over the school period. The Toronto Globe calls this "boy conscription," and accuses Lord Dundonald of attempting to "force" the boys to become "soldiers" in the "army." Malicious falsehood such as this is hardly less culpable than the electoral corruption which causes the Globe to drop a few occasional tears.

POLITICAL LIABILITIES.

Ottawa Journal, Independent.

How G. W. Ross tells the correspondent of Le Canada that "he owes himself to his party." So a party man does—but not too much so. The idea that the first duty in politics is to one's party is at the bottom of all rottenness. It means that because of party interest, the men in politics who are honest and clean must not turn upon men who on their own side are dishonest and dirty. This is the surest protection for the cause of the honest protection for the cause of the honest. The first duty any decent man owes himself to in anything is the right.

GOOD MAN APPRECIATED.

Toronto News.

The way in which the name of Hon. George E. Foster was received proves the hold that he has upon the imagination of his party, notwithstanding a certain coldness of demeanor that is temperamental. His platform gifts, his mastery of finance, his readiness and resourcefulness in debate make him a necessity to the federal opposition, and the fact seems to have taken hold upon the rank and file. The demonstration evoked by the mention of his name was second only to that given the leader. Coming after four years' retirement from the activities of politics this manifestation of popular appreciation is indicative of the regard of the rank and file of Conservatism for one who, whatever his faults, has a clean and honorable record, and undoubted gifts for parliamentary service.

NEAREST DUTIES FIRST.

St. Mary's Argus.

The world is full of larger or smaller editions of people who find nothing so dreary, commonplace or repugnant as "doing the next thing." The duty at hand is the one to be postponed or set aside though it be natural ministry to the ones who should be nearest and dearest. Every village has among its residents the man who is always ready to lend a hand to political celebrations, to hoe a neighbor's garden, mend the gate or split kindling for his wife, but who leaves his own garden choked with weeds, his own gate off the hinges, his own wife to make out as well or as ill as she may without assistance. The thanks of the volunteer service abroad far outweighs the home appreciation for duties done or the approval of his own conscience for meeting his obligations like a man. There are more flattering returns for playing Lord and Lady Bountiful than for performing home duties, but the man or woman who does one to the neglect of the other stands on a rotten foundation.

SITUATION NOT COMFORTABLE.

Toronto Telegram.

The political situation is not exactly comfortable.

We have three seats vacant, the parties tied at the magic number of 47, the government majority consisting of the speaker alone, and two protests yet to be heard from.

Under such circumstances public attention naturally, even if erringly, goes to the representative of the crown, the lieutenant-governor.

And the lieutenant-governor who is reported to consider it most outrageous impertinence for the papers to approach the lieutenant-governor of the province on a question of duties, is also reported to offer the following words of soothing import:

"I know very well what I shall do when the proper time comes."

The people of Ontario may be satisfied at that. No question on that score is raised. Nor is there any question of the propriety of the lieutenant-governor locking in his own bosom the knowledge of what he will do when the proper time comes. But his honor, as reported, appears to entertain curious views regarding the subject of "outrageous impertinence."

We have it on the authority of an ancient saw that a cat may look at a king. To seek to obtain a lieutenant-governor's "views on his duties" may not be a wisely planned enterprise, and for a lieutenant-governor to hand out programs of his action in such a situation in advance would be less wise. But in the face of a peculiar political situation the minds of the people of Ontario may, without impertinence, entertain the thought, "What is the lieutenant-governor going to do about it?" or "Will the lieutenant-governor do anything?"

The innocent curiosity on the part of the people takes form in the newspaper attentions to which the lieutenant-governor objects. His honor quite properly keeps his own counsel as to what he is going to do, but the sentiment he indicates at the curiosity is scarcely what would be expected from a public man.

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I hope Ald. Edmondson won't get so hopelessly interested in the election so that he will forget to boom the new market by-law.

Attack Mr. Clements personally if you can and thus draw a red herring across the trail. This seems to be the organette's program.

The dollar Thursday excursion tickets to Detroit via the C. P. R. are still in vogue. This information may be worth something to you.

When will I be able to teach the local "Liberal" organette that it is argument not abuse that the people want. That's why everybody reads the Satchel column.

I'm afraid that I'll have to see now that the building of the armories is not just an election dodge, and it will be necessary for me to prosecute the work to completion.

To the Liberal Association, Chatham—Kindly don't have any more election posters printed without consulting me. Here I have told the people I don't know what adequate protection means and you are using it for a plank in our platform.
(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER.

A LITTLE IRONY.

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REGINALD RICHARDSON

Reginald Richardson, who for the past four years has been book-keeper in the office of Houston & Stone, left to-day for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will in future reside. Mr. Richardson has always been both a business and social favorite and his departure from this city is much regretted. His bright and kindly manner endeared him to a host of Maple City friends. He was also a prominent member of the Maple City Cricket Club and he holds a proud position in the records of the club as both a batsman and an exceptionally skilled bowler.

A MUSICAL TREAT

The Philharmonic Society held a very successful initial meeting in the auditorium of the Free Library last night. There was a large chorus in attendance and practice was started at once on Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," which will be put on at an early date. The music is wonderfully sweet and all were high in praise of its excellence.

A piano has been placed in the auditorium and the room is bright, airy and warm, just an ideal place to practise in.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"The Real Widow Brown"—Oct. 13.
"Town Topics"—Oct. 15.

Quinlan & Wall's Minstrels—Oct. 26.
Marie Wanwright in "Twelfth Night"—Nov. 2.

Way Down East—Nov. 4.
On the Bridge at Midnight—Nov. 14.

The Mummung and Humming Bird—Nov. 17.

Rodney Stock Co.—Nov. 20, 21, 22.
Anne Blauque, in A Little Outcast Dec. 9th.

J. H. Wilson, in Prince of Tatters—Dec. 16.

Alice Neilson, in the Fortune Teller—Dec. 21.

Bonnie Briar Bush—In March.

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REAL WIDOW BROWN.

If you want to enjoy a good laugh, go and see "The Real Widow Brown" when she comes to town to-night. This lady is the leading character in one of the best farce comedies on the road. The play is and has been a great success wherever it has been produced, and it is safe to say its popularity will be duplicated here. Manager Scammon has introduced a number of startling innovations in the shape of bright and catchy songs and fascinating dances. He possesses a company of recognized ability, each individual being selected for his or her personal and artistic qualities. Unlike the average farce comedy, this play possesses a decidedly amusing plot, hinging on a case of mistaken identity. Its wits and jokes are refined and up-to-date and you do not have to sink a shaft to find them, but unlike the Klondyke, all the mental nuggets are found on the surface. In "The Real Widow Brown," you won't have to dig for laughs.

"TOWN TOPICS."

Fashionable boarding house life often furnishes scenes and sayings that are called funny. But the real thing is hardly equal to stage productions based upon them, nor as laughable. What, in this respect, is said to be "holding the mirror up to nature," with various exaggerated phases, is the farce comedy "Town Topics" which is one of the most popular of its kind. This play will be presented at the Grand, on Saturday, Oct. 15. The first act represents a boarding house scene in New York City, and here the fun, that lasts until the end, begins. The chief characters are Mrs. Quick, the landlady; her jealous husband; a German professor, with a colored valet; two chummy young men, who believe it better to "jump" their board bills than to pay them; and several pretty young women. The second act takes place at the Quick's seaside home, and the third and last act at their city residence. There is abundant diversion throughout the performance, so much fun making it crowded into it that not a dull moment can be found. The songs, dances, specialties and costumes are new and up-to-date.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," in which Miss Marie Wanwright is to appear here soon in the role of Viola, is a series of amusing and confusing contraptions, due to Viola's running at large in the disguise of a page

among the titled folk of Illyria. This one of the merriest productions of Shakespeare's many-sided genius.

The Detroit papers, are advertising "Way Down East," for three nights, commencing to-day, at the Detroit Opera House. The company have all their old favorites in the cast and the play will be presented in the same lavish manner as heretofore. This company play in Chatham at the Grand, on Friday, November 4th, next.

Local Briefs

Found, not lost, or extra, The Urban add. See it.

A. H. Patterson advertises a good second-hand furnace, for sale, very cheap.

Dr. Robert Ingram, of Rushton's Corners, visited his friend, Dr. Sullivan, yesterday.

Real Widow Brown is in town. Crowds are going to see her at the Grand to-night.

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Mrs. D. Park, Park Street, who has been on a visit with her daughter in the Northwest, has returned home.

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The wedding took place in Detroit Tuesday evening, at 6 o'clock, of John W. Clements to Mrs. Delia M. McVay, of Detroit. Mr. Clements was formerly of Chatham.

Mrs. William Carlie, Edgar Street, who has been on a month's sojourn among relatives and friends at Woodstock and vicinity, returned home last evening, much improved in health. Do you realize that every organ in the human body is composed of tiny cells called tissue? If this tissue is healthy you need have no fear of disease. Vito Tonic renews the tissue and builds up the system. Messrs. Gunn & Co., Chatham, keep it in stock.

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