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London, Tuesday, November 22.

The Ballot Boxes.

In the desperate attempts that are being made to fasten fraud upon the Ontario Government there has been nothing more audacious than the effort of those who are prominently connected with the West Hastings ballot box charges. So black does their conduct appear that it is questionable which would be the greater wrong against the public—the wrong committed by those who seek to associate the Provincial Government with this affair, or the wrong committed by those who conspired to defraud the electors, by means of these bogus boxes, if indeed such a conspiracy existed.

The accusers wish to smirch the Liberal party. They cannot print the finger of suspicion at the Dominion Government, which sent its officers to investigate the case; and, besides, the Dominion Government is entrenched for another term, at least. But they are foolish and unscrupulous enough to try to switch the infamy to the Ontario Government, which they know will soon go to the country. It is patent to every intelligent person that the Ontario Government could have had nothing to do with the business, for several reasons:

1. The Ontario ballot is similar to the Australian ballot—it is a numbered ballot. It will be within the memory of all that the Opposition in more than one campaign made this one of their strongest charges against the Administration. It is clear that numbered ballots would prevent any substitution of ballots. The substitute would be discovered as soon as the box was opened.

2. The Ontario Government owns no ballot boxes, but uses the boxes belonging to the various municipalities. These could not be replaced by boxes with handles and other patent devices.

3. No scrutineer would permit a deputy returning officer to turn a handle to direct the course of one ballot, and not act similarly with reference to all, if ballot boxes had handles, which they have not.

4. No Government would patent such a box.

We do not think it necessary to point out more plainly than we have done how absurd the charge is that the Government agreed to pay \$50,000 for the patent. Perhaps one of the worst features so far disclosed in connection with the matter is the introduction of a magistrate who permitted hearsay evidence. This goes to the country as a means of legal slander. The administration of justice has been above suspicion in this country, and it is necessary that magistrates' courts should be above suspicion, as well as every other court.

The Ontario Government should take such steps as may be necessary to prevent magistrates' courts from being used for unjust purposes, and such steps as will lead to the punishment of those who, in the manner described, have sought to fasten responsibility on the Administration for acts which no member of the Government would for one instant countenance.

In the meantime, let no one be misled. The facts will disclose that the Government has not been either directly or indirectly connected with any fraud, and that the present accusation is only one of the many unscrupulous attempts made, and to be made, to poison the public mind.

Brighter Days For Russia.

It seems as though the Russian Empire is on the eve of great organic changes. The awakening of intellectual life in Russia during the present century has exercised a profound political influence. As the people became more enlightened, they became more restive; and as they became more restive the reactionists, who have controlled the empire, excepting during the reign of Alexander II., have become more despotic and oppressive. Nothing in the history of Russia has been so revolting as the legislation against the Jews and the suppression of Finland, within the reign of the present Emperor. It would appear that Nicholas has seen light at last and is resolved to take occasion by the hand and adjust the political institutions of the country to the rising tide of liberalism before they are overwhelmed by it.

This is the interpretation which the world will place upon the conduct of the new Minister of the Interior, in summoning a conference of the presidents of the Zemstvos. The Zemstvo is an assembly made up of nobles and delegates elected by landed proprietors, householders and peasants, and having jurisdiction over local matters within a province or district. The Zemstvos were the creation of that enlightened ruler Alexander II., who freed the serfs. He planned a still greater extension of the principle of popular government—an imperial legislature—but was assassinated before it could be realized. His death was ascribed by the Russian authorities to nihilists, but it is generally believed he was the victim of the reactionists, who excreted his liberal ideas. His successors have tried to undo his work by encroaching on the powers of the Zemstvos. These were reduced to a shadow by M. de Plehve, the late Minister of the Interior, who was assassinated a few weeks ago.

The new minister, Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, has lost no time in reversing the policy of de Plehve. Today comes the intelligence that the Zemstvo representatives, whom he assembled, have unanimously drafted a memorial, calling for the creation of an elective body

which shall be in reality a parliament for the empire. This is one of the most impressive and significant documents which have been penned in Russia since the days of Alexander II. It is more important to Russia and the world than the war in Manchuria. It may be that the Russian bureaucracy will thwart reform for a time, but the movement will be given a new impetus by the action of the Zemstvos delegates and must sooner or later break down resistance. The memorial which they have signed may become the charter of Russian liberty.

Mr. Pettipiece's Renomination.

East Lambton Liberals have shown only common gratitude in renominating Mr. Pettipiece by acclamation for the Legislature. He has been an aggressive and painstaking member, and has made a special study of one branch of legislation—railway taxation—which he has pursued with much ability and perseverance.

In his address yesterday Mr. Pettipiece administered a stinging rebuke to Mr. Whitney for this passage in his recent public letter:

"The attitude of the Opposition on the question of the proper assessment of railway property was made clear by their efforts to pass the Pettipiece bill as a basis for action—efforts which failed when the promoter of the bill abandoned it and joined the Government in killing it."

The measure known as the Pettipiece bill was referred by the House to a committee of 21 members, ten of whom were Conservatives and eleven Liberals. This committee sat during the sessions of 1903 and 1904. When Mr. Pettipiece moved that the committee report favorably upon the principle of the bill he failed to get a seconder, although Mr. Whitney and some of his principal colleagues were members. Later, when the member for East Lambton moved the second reading of his bill in the House, Mr. Whitney suggested that the measure should be taken up and there. Subsequently Mr. Hanna, the member for West Lambton, suggested to Mr. Pettipiece that if he would divide the House on the bill, the Opposition would support it. As Mr. Pettipiece points out, this was a trick to defeat the Government, and he refused to act the traitor and play into the hands of a party which was not an honest friend of the cause which he had at heart. The Government decided to appoint a commission to visit the United States and collect information, bearing upon the question. This commission had consulted the experience of different States of the Union, and has accumulated a mass of data which it has been sifting for months, so as to present its report to the Legislature at the next session. The result will throw a new light upon the problem. Whether or not the Legislature goes to the full extent of the Pettipiece bill, the member for East Lambton will be entitled to credit for pressing the question on the attention of the House, and stimulating public interest.

A New York man has hanged himself as a protest against his wife's housekeeping. This was a much more gentlemanly method than beating her.

The war will not be in vain if it has exposed the rottenness of Russian officialdom, and thereby paved the way for a new order of things.

The City Council last night gave notice to failfast and hard-working municipal servants that they need not look for promotion when a vacancy occurs.

Parliament has been called to meet on Jan. 11. The law-makers have a hard choice. They have to endure either an Ottawa midwinter or an Ottawa midsummer.

Conservative newspapers quote the Portland, Me., papers as jubilating over the victory of the Laurier Government. Which shows the Portland papers know no more about the Grand Trunk Pacific contract than the Conservative press.

Three hundred fugitives from the Russian army reached Halifax yesterday. It is not altogether a reproach to these poor fellows that they chose to flee rather than fight. They would be fighting for a despotism, not for a country.

Mr. Clancy, the defeated of West Lambton, has been nominated for West Kent. He seems to be a standing candidate among the Conservatives of the western peninsula. The prospects are that he will continue standing for want of a seat.

It will be a miscarriage of justice if Mr. Smith, the Conservative candidate for Wentworth, takes his seat without a new election. The county judge has thrown out all the ballots deposited in one polling booth, because a deputy returning officer by mistake, numbered them.

This subdivision gave Mr. Sealey, the Liberal candidate, 25 majority, and in the whole constituency his majority was 15. If Mr. Smith has a fine sense of honor he will refuse the seat under such circumstances, though he would have precedents for claiming it. It may be, however, that the higher courts will redress the wrong.

Woman's Weapon of Defense.

[Baltimore American.]

Mrs. Youngwyte—I don't want such pale, sickly-looking celery. Haven't you some with a good, healthy color to it?

Mr. Marketman—Sure, Miss. Here's some with a bright, fresh green tint that is right fresh from the tree. Sorry you saw that white stuff; didn't intend to offer it to nobody.

Mrs. Youngwyte—Ah, that is better! I'll take a quart of it.

Letters to the Advertiser

THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

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after the long, slim pointed of Venetian fame wherewith many a bravo has been effectively armed. Indeed, some hats are equipped with sword or dagger-like handles, making the resemblance to a weapon more complete. There is no reason, therefore, why the hatpin should not be armed with new and dangerous powers. In the hands of a courageous and determined woman it would be mighty and would prevail. No wonder that the would-be assailant in Paterson, when he was finally able to appear in court, presented—according to the newspaper reports—a pitiable appearance.

Hereafter let us hear nothing of the defenseless sex. Every woman carries a hatpin, and, therefore, every woman is armed. Let her go forth boldly, banishing all timidity and conscious that before the onslaught of the hatpin all men must quail.

Restricted Applause at Glasgow.

[London Globe.]

Music hall audiences are very much restricted in Glasgow. In one of them a notice on the walls says that "Whistling or cheering with the feet is strictly prohibited."

Management the Thing.

[Hamilton Times.]

Municipal ownership of municipal franchises is all right. But there may be reasonable differences of opinion as to whether the franchise should be given to aldermen being heaven-born operators of all public services.

An Ingrate.

[Toronto Star.]

Although Mr. Stratton points out that the asylum accommodation has been increased, Mr. Gamay simply refuses to take the hint.

An Imposing By-Product.

[Puck.]

School Teachers—showing off her best boy before visitors—Now Perkins, can you name some of the important by-products of the steel industry?

Perkins—Yes'm; Carnegie libraries.

Led to Jail by His Dog.

[London Daily Mail.]

Old and blind, a man was sentenced to a week's imprisonment at Waterford for being drunk and disorderly, and his dog was allowed to spend the night in the lock-up with him.

Next morning the prisoner, led by his dog and escorted by the police, was taken to the jail, and at the gate the animal whined so piteously on being parted from its master that the man was ordered to go to the public pound with his canine companion.

The Idea!

[Indianapolis Sentinel.]

"It is bitter cold," remarked the shivering husband, "Why don't you button up your jacket?"

"The idea!" exclaimed the wife. "Why, if I did that no one would know it is lined with fur."

Not Inherited.

[Pinceton Tiger.]

Gossip No. 1—Did Miss Hanson get her good looks from her father or mother?

Gossip No. 2—From her uncle; he keeps a drug store.

Why He Failed.

[Town Topics.]

Dyer—So Higbee has become bankrupt?

Wyld—Yes. He tried to run a 40 horse-power auto on a 5 horse-power salary.

Proof Lacking.

[Chicago News.]

Mrs. Thirteenth—Both of my other husbands had more sense than you.

Thirteenth—You must be mistaken, my dear. All three of us were foolish enough to marry you.

An Ingenious Toper.

[London Judy.]

"What have you to say for yourself?" demanded the bailie of the drunk and disorderly.

"An verra sorry, sir," returned the charge, "but a cam' up frae Glasgow in bad company."

Pointed Paragraphs.

[Chicago News.]

In the course of time the oldest inhabitant becomes a survivor.

If you feel inclined to criticize some one, stand in front of a mirror.

Never Judge by Appearances;

the homeliest girl usually has the most money.

Before jumping at conclusions find out what is on the other side of the hurdle.

When a woman has poor luck with

her cake she doesn't save any of it for company.

Never judge a merchant's cash receipts by the number of lady shoppers in his store.

From the hob's point of view no

man ought to do enough work to render a vacation necessary.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good-natured because he is too lazy to stand up for his rights.

A man will never acquire a fortune

unless he is proof against the habit of buying useless things because they are cheap.

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The case of Miss Frankie Orser, of Boston, Mass., is interesting to all women.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I suffered misery for several years. My back ached and I had bearing-down pains, and frequent headaches. I would often wake from a restless sleep in such pain and misery that it would be hours before I could close my eyes again. I dreaded the long nights and weary days. I could do no work. I consulted different physicians hoping to get relief, but, finding that their medicines did not cure me, I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it was highly recommended to me. I am glad that I did so, for I soon found that it was the medicine for my case. I feel splendid, have a fine appetite, and have gained in weight a lot."—Miss FRANKIE ORSER, 14 Warrenton Boston, Mass.—"I am so glad to hear of those who are cured by this medicine."

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ask, (1) Who is this gentleman? By whom, and at what time, was he empowered to send forth this "Episcopal document"? Is he acting as bishop's secretary during the present interval? (2) Why was not this "Episcopal document" sent to one and all? Not Canon Godly, himself, but a great body of his fellow-delegates have not been favored with it. Yet with this body unapproached, and others appearing, it is not surprising that the writer of this "Episcopal document" mentions by name the names of the delegates, and the holy office of bishop, names which he says have appeared in print and otherwise. From this list, in print, or in the "Episcopal document," so it seems, he selects two from the Diocese of Huron, both well-known men; but why, he asks, has he left out in his circular other names which appeared in print, side by side with those of his own selection, names of other men, and well known to the Diocese of Huron? Why? Why this distinction? Read between the lines and give your own verdict.

The writer of this present letter has been for many years a delegate of the Synod of Huron, and has been favored with the same, equally with his brethren, with all "Episcopal circulars" to clergy and laity of the diocese, but this "Episcopal document" is not even addressed to the poor laity. This "Episcopal document" is sent to "some" of the clergy only, and these clergy are to look after the lay delegates. The writer and many others have been overlooked and are not worthy. Why? Is it because we are not "strongly evangelical"? If it is, it is much to be regretted that this term was used, as everyone knows what this means, and it would be against the Rev. Canon Godly, who is the writer of this circular. It is a part leader, addressing his followers. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this space in your column.

EVANGELICAL DELEGATE

Circular alluded to.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—The present crisis in diocesan affairs is surely a cause for much prayer and earnest thought. All are looking around for a suitable successor to our late revered bishop, and as it seems desirable that an effort be made to select the best names, it has been thought well to ask a number of the clergy to indicate, if they feel so, those who in their judgment would likely meet with most favor. Names have appeared in print, amongst them being Rev. Dean Davis and Ven. Archbishop Williams, of this diocese, both well-known to us all. From outside were Rev. W. J. Smith, of Nova Scotia, at their first meeting to elect Rev. A. H. Baldwin, well-qualified, except that his age (65) would be against him. Rev. Canon Godly, who was the choice of Nova Scotia Synod, and though then not free to accept, is now in a position, it is said, to do so. It is here that the transfer of his interests from Toronto would be a great gain for Huron College and the diocese.

HOW TO CURE A TERRIFIC HEADACHE

Many people suffer from an aching head, and are often obliged to get relief from so-called headache powders and nervine-sufficing drugs. They never get cured because they start wrong. Such people should do a little common-sense thinking. Headache is simply the result, a warning signal, of a far more serious trouble. Usually it means bad blood, positive or negative, or sluggish liver. Headache sufferers are often nervous, cross and irritable. Their sleep is disturbed and they are unable to get on their feet. The liver and the bile elements poison both nerve and brain. Smith's Eucalypti and Butternut Pills cure headache by removing the cause. They are Nature's true laxative, and give tone to liver activity, are a positive cure for biliousness and a torpid liver. Get your liver right by using Smith's Eucalypti and Butternut Pills and your head won't ache, your nerves won't weaken, nor your food digest. They cure headache, constipation, and biliousness. Each bottle, Price 25 cents at all druggists.

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(Signed), J. W. P. SMITH.

London, Oct. 26, 1904.

Stoned the Grand Duke.

Rome, Nov. 22.—The Grand Duke Cyril of Russia arrived here yesterday on his way to Naples. As the train was leaving, Florence, a stone was thrown at it which smashed the glass of a window of the carriage in which the grand duke was riding. He was not injured.

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