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God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Wednesday, December 11.

## Husbanding City Water.

When Mayor Little suggested to the

City Council that it should enter on

negotiations with the street railway

company to have that corporation wa-

ter the principal business and other

streets, along which their system is

placed, it was generally conceded that

the proposition was a correct one. The

aldermen, with very few exceptions,

have adopted the mayor's view, and as

in Toronto and other go-ahead cities,

London will next year have a trolley

street watering service, with a decided

saving of cost to the householder and

storekeeper.

Last year citizens paid \$2,500 to the

water commissioners for water for

street sprinkling purposes. As the

street railway company are ready to

water electrically about one-third of

the area watered last year, the saving

in cost will be about \$550 a season.

It is proposed to water seven miles

of street, from sidewalk to sidewalk,

by electricity. The price is \$2 50 per

street mile, which is 2-3 cents a foot

frontage, whereas under the system

hitherto in force 4 cents a foot has

been paid, being a saving of almost

half. When ten miles are watered

by the street railway company, the

saving will be greater, as the cost will

be reduced to \$2 40 per mile. A tax-

payer having a 30-foot frontage will

have his street watered four times a

day all season at a cost of 70 cents,

which, as the mayor says, a man's

wife will save in shoe leather in doing

the dusting under old conditions.

The use of river water for street

watering purposes by the electric rail-

way company suggests the reflection

that it would be better to use that

water for streets on which the trolleys

do not operate. Our fine spring water

supply is too valuable to waste in lay-

ing street dust. It may yet be found

to be the best possible expedient to

refrain for a time from buying springs,

and cease using our unrivaled drink-

ing water for street purposes. The

river can supply all that we need. All

that is required is to devise the best

means to pump it into the carts. In

that, too, the street railway company

may be willing to offer co-operation at

a much reduced cost to the taxpayers.

With our streets watered from the

river, and lawn owners restrained from

using city water except for an hour or

so each evening, the question of

how to keep up an efficient water

supply for domestic and manufactur-

ing purposes, at all seasons of the

year, would be solved for some time

to come.

The change set on foot by the alder-

men will be a popular one.

## Solid Petroleum to Burn.

Much interest will be taken by a

large section of our readers in the in-

vention of fuel, which promises to

cause an evolution in existing methods

of heat and power production. The

Railway Review thus states the case

for the inventor:

"There are being shown in Sheffield

samples of compound compressed pe-

troleum, the invention of Paul d'Humy,

a French naval engineer. M. d'Humy

claims to have solved the problem of

solidifying petroleum and low grade

essential to vessels of war, as the bat-

tleship will be able to stay at sea for

several months without taking fresh

coal or reducing speed. It will be use-

ful, he says, to armies, as the troops

can carry the petroleum about with

them in the canvasbags ready for

use for cooking or for other purposes

on the field. Nor are these advantages

all he anticipates. For pleasure yachts,

and even for open grates in private

houses, compressed petroleum he ex-

pects will supersede raw coal."

The Review comments:

"He might also have added, always

supposing that the invention 'fills the

bill' of the inventor, that it will

make the country practically independ-

ent of strikes. These views are, of

course, the views of the inventor. Ex-

periments on an elaborate scale are

shortly to be made in Sheffield."

## By the Way.

The Hamilton Herald expresses a

hope that Sir Charles Tupper will not

drop his false teeth overboard while

crossing the Atlantic. One thing

Tupper never throws up is a fat Gov-

ernment berth.

The Brantford Expositor has gone to

new quarters, and to celebrate the

event, its enterprising publisher has

issued a souvenir number of an unusu-

ally attractive character. It is an il-

lustrated tribute to the enterprise of

the business men of the capital of

Brant, as well as a handsome chron-

icle of the rise and progress of one of

the leading journals of the Province.

Sheriff Wm. Watt contributes an in-

teresting historical statement of the

birth, babyhood, youth and manhood

of the journal. The Expositor was

started in 1852. At first it advocated

Conservative principles, but under

more advanced management (in

1855) it espoused Liberalism, and

has ever since been a staunch

supporter of progressive men and

measures. To many of us in

the West, the Expositor has in-

teresting associations, as connected

with it at one time or another have

been many writers well known here.

Among its editors have been Mr. John

McKinnon, brother of ex-Chief of Pol-

ice McKinnon, of Hamilton; Bernard

French, formerly of Westminster

township; M. J. Kelly, Inspector of

schools, Brant county; H. F. Gardin-

er, formerly of the "Advertiser," and

now of the Hamilton Times, and Wm.

Watt, sheriff of Brant. Robert Math-

ieson who afterwards was bursar at

the Asylum for the Insane, London,

and now is superintendent of the Deaf

and Dumb Asylum, Belleville, was

part proprietor and business manager

of the paper 25 years ago, and a tal-

ented graduate of the "Advertiser."

C. B. Keenleyside is now business

manager. The present proprietor,

Mr. Pragon, has had control since 1890.

Though the Expositor was vigorously

conducted before, he has added new

life to it, and made it thoroughly ef-

ficient in every department—a con-

dition of affairs of which its business

patrons and readers have taken due

notice. Brantford is a good newspaper

town for a good newspaper, and that

the Expositor undoubtedly is.

Premier Bowell indignantly denies

that he will be deposed from the high

tax party leadership.

Hon. P. J. Otey, Congressman from

Virginia, will at the present session

of the United States Congress offer a

bill providing for the pensioning of

the Confederate veterans. The North

and South will be decidedly close to-

gether if Mr. Otey's bill ever becomes

law. It is scarcely probable that Con-

gress will listen to the proposition.

The Southerners were the conquered.

They must bear the burden arising

from their defeat.

The motion to impeach Mr. Bayard,

the United States ambassador to Great

Britain, is inspired by his strongly

anti-high tax deliverance. It seems to

be a case of the galled jade wincing.

Queen Victoria is as versatile as she

is great. She not only sets the fash-

ions of the world, but has taken first

prize at a cattle show with her Short-

horn heifer.

In some respects Japan is far be-

hind in civilization. For 200 years

there has not been a crime, a lawsuit,

a fellow who was behind in his taxes

or an appeal for an appropriation from

the Government in the town of Hanko,

Japan. What would be thought of the

people of a Canadian city if such a

## Piling Up the Debt.

No matter how difficult it may be

for the average taxpayers to raise mo-

ney, the Dominion Government contin-

ues to play the spendthrift. It col-

lects high taxes on many necessities

of life, and when that does not bring

enough of money to squander, it goes

into debt a few millions of dollars.

Here is how the public burdens have

been increased the last year, as shown

in the official statement of the na-

tional debt at the end of November,

1894 and 1895:

	1894.	1895.
Gross debt	\$321,089,396	\$327,793,239
Assets	74,520,126	70,549,507
Net debt	246,569,270	257,243,732

The country needs a change.

## The Bye-Elections.

The Dominion bye-elections take

place as follows:

North Ontario, Thursday, Dec. 12.

Candidates—McGillivray, Conservative;

Gillespie, Liberal; Brandon, Patron.

Conservative majority at last election,

245.

Cardwell, Tuesday, Dec. 24. Can-

didates—Willoughby, Conservative; Hen-

ry, Liberal; Stubbs, McCarthyite. Con-

servative majority at last election, 248.

Montreal Center, Friday, Dec. 27.

Candidates—Hingston, Conservative;

McShane, Liberal. Conservative major-

ity at last election, 1,214.

Jacques Cartier, Monday, Dec. 30.

Candidates—Conservative, not selected;

Charbonneau, Liberal. Conservative

majority at last election, 208.

West Huron, Thursday, Jan. 14. Can-

didates—Conservative, Weismiller;

Cameron, Liberal. Conservative major-

ity at last election, 19.

Charlevoix, date not yet chosen.

## MR. FOSTER TRIPPED.

Mr. Foster made an extraordinary

argument at Orangeville, writes the

Ottawa correspondent of the Globe.

As one proof that the country was

prosperous now and not in 1878 he said

that the "adverse" balance of trade

was \$28,000,000, under Liberal rule and

only \$1,000,000 in 1878, meaning that

this was the excess of imports over

exports. In view of the fact that this

kind of adverse balance was \$34,-

000,000 in 1883, and that from 1879

to 1893 inclusive the "adverse" bal-

ance was \$200,000,000, Mr. Foster's at-

tempt to deceive the electors into a

belief contrary to the proof of the of-

ficial figures is wholly unworthy of

a man occupying his position. He also

stigmatized the Liberals as prepared

to discriminate against the mother

country. The Liberals in Parliament

moved and voted for the following

resolution: "Inasmuch as Great Brit-

ain admits the products of Canada in-

to her ports free of duty, this House is

of opinion that the present scale of

duties exacted on goods mainly im-

ported from Great Britain should be

reduced." Mr. Foster and all his fol-

lowers voted down this resolution, and

now to hear him one would think the

Liberals had voted against it, but in

fact every Liberal member, beginning

with Mr. Laurier, voted for it.

## The Atlantic Monthly for December

continues Gilbert Parker's serial, "The

Seats of the Mighty"; Rowland E.

Robinson demonstrates that there is

beauty and romance in something as

prosaic as "A New England Wood

File"; John Pliske gives a chapter of

early history in "The Starving Time

in Old Virginia"; "The End of the Ter-

ror," Robert Wilson, relates a colonial

incident; W. F. Tilton gives the his-

tory of "The Feast of the Spanish Ar-

mad," "The Song of a Shepherd,"

"The Hamadryad," E. A. C.

Valentine, and "The Song of a Cher-

ub." "Notes from a Traveling

Diary" and "Notes from a Traveling

Diary" are by the justness of

Lafayette Hemm's strictures on the

tendency to heed the Japanese ideas of

art on European standards. Boston:

Houghton, Mifflin &amp; Co.

## The Christmas number of McClure's

Magazine is full of good things, among

which the average reader of fiction will

welcome with particular pleasure an

illustrated paper by R. H. Sherard on

Hall Caine, with portrait and pictures

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