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LONDON, MONDAY, JAN. 15.

## THE GOVERNMENT VS. DR. SEATH.

The city school inspector, Mr. Ed-  
wards, says that Dr. Seath informed  
him that when the citizens of London  
showed a practical interest in the Uni-  
versity, the Government would assist  
it. The question naturally arises, who  
reached the determination stated? Was  
it the Government or was it Dr. Seath?

If it was the Government, why did  
it not communicate its decision to the  
authorities of the Western University  
or to the deputation from Western On-  
tario, instead of to Dr. Seath? If it  
was the latter, then we have the spec-  
tacle of an irresponsible officer dic-  
tating to the Government what course it  
is to take.

This is one of the charges made by  
Ald. Murphy. He instances the sen-  
ate's application to the Minister of  
Education for Miss Dearn's standing.  
The minister replied that he had not  
the marks, that they were at the Nor-  
mal College. Application there meets  
with refusal, because the education  
department, that is Dr. Seath, will not  
permit her standing to be given. This  
recalls that one of the county school  
inspectors told his county council that  
the Minister of Education is only Dr.  
Seath's grammophone.

But let us examine the dictum itself.  
"Practical interest" can only mean, in  
its connection, financial support. We  
seek in vain through the audit sheet  
of Toronto University for evidence of  
financial support worth mentioning.

Which Toronto gives that university,  
while the Government gives it in round  
numbers a half million a year. Why  
would Dr. Seath make fish of one and  
flesh of the other? Some people are  
constitutionally incapable of impartial-  
ity.

It is becoming more and more evi-  
dent that the governors and the vari-  
ous deputations have been making a  
mistake in going to the Minister of  
Education or the Premier and in ap-  
pealing to Hon. Adam Beck for justice  
and reasonable assistance to the Uni-  
versity. They should have waited on  
Dr. Seath. Then, when he informed them  
that the Government would assist  
him as the citizens of London should  
assist him that such had already been  
shown. They could point to the valu-  
able scholarships that had been offered  
in every county and city included  
in the district; they could show him  
what sums in taxes the citizens had  
contributed, what services the Public  
Library had rendered. Then unless he  
could think of some other shifty ex-  
cuse, he would have no further reason  
for refusing permission to the Govern-  
ment to render long delayed justice to  
the Western University.

Since the above was put into type  
a letter has been received from Mr.  
Edwards, explaining that Dr. Seath's  
promise of Government assistance re-  
ferred to the recognition by the edu-  
cational department of honor degrees  
granted by the Western. That was  
five years ago, and the department still  
refuses to recognize the Western's  
honor degrees, although the city of  
London has in the meantime made an  
annual grant to the University equiva-  
lent to an endowment of \$100,000.

## HOME RULE NOT ROME RULE.

That Home Rule means Rome Rule  
is a cry upon which the enemies of  
Irish self-government place more de-  
pendence than upon any fear of the  
purely political consequences of Home  
Rule. It is illogical to thus associate  
Irish nationalism with clericalism, and  
there is nothing in Irish history to  
warrant it. On the contrary, it was  
a Protestant Irish Parliament that  
won independence from a Protestant  
English Parliament at the end of the  
eighteenth century. Some of the  
greatest Irish patriots—Grattan,  
Emmett and Parnell—have been  
Protestants. The Duke of Norfolk and  
other leading English Catholics actu-  
ally issued a manifesto against Home  
Rule in Gladstone's day on the ground  
that in a self-governed Ireland there  
might be an uprising against the  
Catholic Church. Just now the oppo-  
nents of Home Rule are seeking to  
make party capital of the Papal de-  
cree, "motu proprio," which excom-  
municates laymen who bring ecclesi-  
astical law into the courts. The Pall  
Mall Gazette, a Unionist paper, pub-  
lishes a letter from its Dublin corre-

spondent, in which this passage oc-  
curs:

"There is a theory that the re-  
vival of the decree at this time of  
day is due to Cardinal Bourne and  
Cardinal Logue, who have recently  
been in Rome, and that they wish to  
kill Home Rule because neither of  
them favors that policy. 'I know  
nothing about Cardinal Bourne's  
political opinions, but I do know that  
Cardinal Logue has all his life  
preached Home Rule, in and out of  
season.'

"However, there is a general feel-  
ing in this country that the church  
is not enthusiastic on the subject,  
and that it dreads the opening of  
Irish as Home Rulers, individually,  
point of view. The great majority of  
the Irish Home Rulers, individually,  
as many of them were Parnellites at  
the time of the split in 1890, but the  
church is the church, and the church  
always has its own policy."

Those who say in one breath, as the  
Pall Mall Gazette says, that Protest-  
ants will suffer from Catholic aggres-  
sion under Home Rule, and in the next  
breath represent the Catholic Church  
as opposed to Home Rule, are not safe  
or sincere advisers. Irish nationalism  
has its roots in the indestructible  
qualities of race, and has no more to  
do with clericalism than has the na-  
tionalism of Scotland and Wales. If  
Irish priests favor Home Rule, it is  
because they are Irishmen, not priests.  
It is significant that many of  
them, and a great proportion of the  
laity, supported Parnell after his  
catastrophe, though the hierarchy dis-  
owned him.

## A POINTER FOR COL. HUGHES.

Hudson Maxim, brother of the in-  
ventor of the Maxim gun, in a lec-  
ture upon warfare of the future, said  
that an army of 100,000 Canadians  
could be landed from aeroplanes in  
the suburbs of Buffalo, take the city  
and then, mounting the skies again,  
fly on to Cleveland before it could be  
halted by any American force not  
supplied with aerial machines.

Here is a possibility that has been  
overlooked by the eagle eye of Colonel  
Sam Hughes. He talks of teaching a  
million Canadians to shoot accurately  
at Americans who invade this country,  
but his plan is pusillanimous and  
costly, compared with the one kindly  
provided by neighbor Maxim. The  
colonel assigns to a million Canadians  
the hum-drum duty of sitting down  
and waiting for the enemy, whereas  
a hundred thousand of them could, by  
taking wings, carry terror and de-  
struction into the enemy's country and  
keep him busy at home. This is the  
sort of warfare that ought to appeal  
to the soaring spirit of the Colonel,  
who crushed the Boers by offensive  
operations. No doubt if his attention  
is called to Mr. Maxim's proposal he  
will give it a trial. The man who  
has set out to arm a million Cana-  
dians is equal to any undertaking.

Will the abolition of the Newmarket  
Canal be hailed by the Nationalists as  
another nail in the coffin of the navy?

Rider Haggard has been knighted.  
This is less a tribute to Author Hag-  
gard than to Squire Haggard. His  
work for the rural revival for Eng-  
land since he became a landlord, will  
prove more enduring than his books,  
and more useful.

United States millers ask for a re-  
duction of grain rates from the Cana-  
dian Northwest, as they wish to mill  
greater quantities of Canadian wheat  
in bond. It makes the flesh creep to  
think that Canadian wheat may go  
south in spite of the election.

The Borden Government has discon-  
tinued the Newmarket Canal. The  
canal was denounced by the Conserva-  
tive party as useless, and the party  
would be inconsistent if it carried on  
the work. Even North York cannot  
complain. It elected a Conservative.

Mr. Carnegie confesses in the wit-  
ness box that his profits jumped from  
\$6,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the first  
three years of the Dingley tariff. This  
reveals the Dingley bill as a great  
monetary measure. But for it, Mr. Car-  
negie would not now have so many  
millions to spend in libraries.

Professor Leacock complains that  
Canadian politics are hopelessly en-  
twined with commerce, and that opin-  
ions are largely manufactured by "the  
interests." There is much truth in this  
observation, and Professor Leacock  
helped in the reciprocity campaign to  
strengthen the conditions which he  
now deplors.

The German parties now begin their  
log-rolling for the second ballots. In  
some constituencies the Socialists, Lib-  
erals and Radicals will join forces to  
defeat the Conservatives or Clericals,  
and in others the Liberals and Radicals  
will join with the Conservatives or  
Clericals in return for aid given by the  
latter in other divisions. The second  
ballot is a source of wire-pulling and  
corruption. Proportional representa-  
tion is free from these evils, and is  
more equitable. It is likely that some  
form of it will be incorporated in the  
redistribution of seats which is to  
follow the passage of the manhood  
suffrage bill in Great Britain.

## POOR MEMORY.

[Tit-Bits.]  
There is no doubt that the tying of a  
piece of string round the finger is really  
good aid to poor memory; but there is a  
well authenticated case of a man who  
tied a piece of cotton around his finger  
in the morning to remind him to get his  
hair cut.  
On his way home to dinner that evening  
he noticed the piece of cotton.  
"Oh, yes, I remember," he said.  
And, smiling proudly, he entered the  
accustomed shop and sat down before  
the tonsorial operator.  
"Er—yes, sir," said the artist, puzzled  
inquiry in his tones.  
"Er? Oh, yes; cut my hair, please,"  
commanded the absent-minded one curt-  
ly.  
"Why, certainly, sir, if you wish it,"  
said the artist. "But you won't mind my

mentioning the fact that I cut it this  
morning, will you?"

## HOW TO TREAT THEM.

[Boston Journal.]  
"Give a man a banquet and a woman  
a new gown and each is happy," re-  
marked McBride.  
"Treat 'em like a Christmas goose,"  
you mean," corrected his friend.  
"Like a Christmas goose? I don't get  
you."  
"Why, stuff 'em and dress 'em!"

## THE KIND WANTED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
"I have the faith that moves moun-  
tains," he declared.  
"I wish," his wife complained, "you  
had the faith that would move the ashes  
out of the basement."

## BARK AND SQUEAL.

[Washington Herald.]  
"Nothing lost here but the squeal," de-  
clared the pork packer. "Are you as  
economical in conducting your busi-  
ness?"  
"Just about," answered the visitor.  
"I'm in the lumber business. We waste  
nothing but the bark."

## SAME EVERYWHERE.

[Buffalo Express.]  
"Why are you bundling up so warmly?  
Don't you expect to get on a car at the  
corner?"  
"Sure; that's why I'm dressing warm-  
ly."

## THE BREED.

[Puck.]  
May—"Is her coat Persian lamb?"  
Pay—"No; Podunk mutton."

## WHY HIS SPEECH WAS A FAILURE.

[Judge's Library.]  
"When I rose to speak, it was so still  
in the hall you could have heard a pin  
drop."  
"Yes."

"Well, I stood there for a moment,  
looking out over the audience and fram-  
ing my first sentence, and I am sure that  
I should have been able to get along all  
right, but, just before I had got ready  
to utter my first word, some fool in the  
back end of the hall yelled, 'Louder!'"

## U. S. PRESIDENTS.

[Washington Star.]  
We have never elected a businessman  
to the presidency—have never even nom-  
inated such a man for the office. Law-  
yers, soldiers and politicians have had  
the call.

## THE NEW YEAR'S HONORS.

[London Daily News.]  
The most curious thing in the colonial  
list is not Mr. Borden's privy councilor-  
ship—that is natural enough—but the  
baronetries of two South African magis-  
trates. The colonies are divided in their  
attitude towards hereditary honors. Can-  
ada and South Africa do not mind peer-  
ages and baronetries, while Australasia  
has a very definite objection to them.  
As Sir Joseph Ward learned to his cost,  
sir Joseph's defeat at the recent election  
was largely due to his acceptance of a  
baronetcy, and feeling was so strong  
that a bill was introduced into the New  
Zealand Parliament to prohibit the ac-  
ceptance by New Zealanders of heredi-  
tary titles. It is commonly said that the  
Englishman dearly loves a lord, but  
Australia and New Zealand are the most  
purely English of the Dominions. They  
are not partly French like Canada or  
partly Dutch like South Africa.

## THE ONE GRAIN OF COMFORT.

[Ottawa Free Press.]  
There is one grain of comfort: Dr.  
Sprague will never stray back to his  
Orange haunts, with a dinky little  
French beard and his hair cropped a la  
Bourassa.

## MAY BE HIS NEXT DEAL.

[Victoria Colonist.]  
Sir William Mackenzie says Canada  
will resent any discrimination in favor  
of United States vessels in the Panama  
Canal. Then why does he not go down  
to Washington and buy the canal, so as  
to put an end to any possible unpleasant-  
ness?

## BRIGHT SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

[Greenwood Ledger.]  
Times are becoming more prosperous  
in Greenwood. Another church resumes  
steady operations this week.

## HAIRCUTS GALORE.

[Detroit Free Press.]  
Since the Chinamen are discarding  
their queues, modernized China looks like  
a good place to start a barber shop.

## BY TELEPHONE.

[Boston Herald.]  
"My husband is a fool," snapped Mrs.  
Owter Town.  
The visitor expressed only mild sur-  
prise, but the suburban lady was moved  
to explain:  
"You know, I wanted to persuade our  
husband to live in the nests we provided for  
them. So I telephoned my husband to  
bring home a couple of artificial eggs  
with him."

## WELL, AND DIDN'T HE?

"Didn't he? The idiot brought home  
a pair of cork legs!"

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

[Norfolk Virginia Pilot.]  
A right to throw his mother-in-law out  
of his house if she refuses to go quietly  
because it was pretended that he was  
a Michigan judge rules that man has  
when he demands it. It is a safe wager  
that he is either a bachelor or a widower,  
or if married, that his wife is an orphan.

## WISE DAMESEL.

[Life.]  
First Saleslady—Are you going to marry  
that gentleman that comes here every  
day?  
Second Ditto—Nope. I'd rather have a  
job without a husband than a husband  
without a job.

## A THOROUGH TEST.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]  
"Inspector, that woman I said was al-  
ways listening on my party line must  
have quit."  
"What makes you think so?"  
"Why, my wife has been listening for  
three weeks and hasn't caught her yet."

## THE WAY OF WISDOM.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
The wisest man may be fooled, but  
not twice in the same way by the same  
person.

## PROGRESS OF A BUREAU.

[Kansas City Times.]  
Scientific forecasting has progressed to  
a point where the weather bureau is  
able to predict a cold wave almost as  
soon as it arrives.

## CAUGHT IN ICE FLOES

Thirty Fishing Vessels Threatened  
With Destruction Off Newfoundland  
Coast.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Thirty  
American fishing vessels with 64 crews  
of frozen herring, valued at \$500,000,  
are imprisoned in the ice floes off the  
coast of Newfoundland and threatened  
with destruction. In response to an  
appeal from Collector of Customs Jor-  
dan, of Gloucester, Mass., Assistant  
Secretary of the Treasury Bailey to-  
day ordered the revenue cutters An-  
dros-Coggin and Gresham to their as-  
sistance.

## A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.



"The mayor will act at once."

The discovery of whiskey in horse-  
collars at Conant makes plain the  
origin of the famous "horse's-neck."

## SOME "HOWLERS."

Some of the latest English schoolboy  
howlers are as follows:  
The young Pretender was so called  
because it was pretended that he was  
born in a frying-pan.  
Grace Darling was a light house-  
keeper's daughter.  
Lord Raleigh was the first man to  
see the invisible Aladdin.

The South of the U. S. A. grows  
oranges, figs, melons, and a great  
quantity of preserved fruits, especially  
tinned meats.

Milton married a young girl who ran  
back to her parents, so he wrote a  
sonnet on divorce.

The saddest thing King John did was  
to lose his crown in the laundry.  
The father of Henry IV. was John  
of Groat.

The American war was started be-  
cause the people would persist in send-  
ing their parcels through the post  
without stamps.

Prince William was drowned in a  
butt of Malmsey wine; he never  
laughed again.  
Richard II. is said to have been mur-  
dered by some historians; his real fate  
is uncertain.

There are five continents, a. e.  
l. o. u.

One may not mount that he owns  
not a car when snowshoes and tobog-  
gans are to be had for the renting.

Count that day lost on which a  
French cabinet does not resign.

Some citizens are complaining that  
their meters have hydro-phobia.

The second act of Mr. Borden's com-  
edy has started at Ottawa. Sir Wil-  
frid Laurier will write the criticism.

The experiences of the Canadian  
missionaries in their flight to Shanghai  
makes it plain that the Chinese have  
not shorn their barbarism with their  
knives.

A Toronto shoe-shiner was in court  
for biting his partner. The hearing  
might have been "When Greek Eats  
Greek."

## Buy it by the Box

of any dealer

It costs  
little by the  
package—but  
less by the  
box

Give regular  
help to teeth—  
breath—appetite—  
digestion—and  
save money  
besides



Each  
box contains  
twenty packages  
—Each package  
contains five  
sticks

Each  
stick is full  
of refreshing  
mint leaf juice—  
the flavor that  
lasts—and lasts

Look for the Spear  
The Flavor Lasts

## NOT A QUITTER.

The proud and gayly plumed bird,  
Proned to cherry stealing tricks,  
Does south when stormy winds do  
blow,  
But the spunky little sparrow sticks.

The disappearance of the curlers'  
"trophy" recalls the famous horse that  
"got spurious and ran off" in a decan-  
ter.

Inspector McCallum reported that  
there was no suffering in the city,  
while right next to him was the M.  
H. O. trying to thaw out his olfactory  
attachment.

## INDOOR SPORTS AT APPIN.

[Strathroy Age.]  
A second checker match will soon  
be in progress—Appin correspondence.

## ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY.

[Hensall Observer.]  
A lot of our young people who  
drove up to Kippen last week got  
rather a cool reception, being mistaken  
for a charivari party.

## THIS ITEM IS A HABIT.

[Strathroy Age.]  
One of the holiday visitors in town  
writes expressing a favorable opinion  
of Strathroy girls, and hopes to return  
in the near future.

## A GOOD WORD FOR EBEN.

[Strathroy Age.]  
The telephone lines were working  
overtime on election night, and Eben  
shed information that fairly bristled  
with figures. Now if we can just fix  
it so that we can vote by phone, we  
can run this township pretty slick—  
Fast Williams correspondence.

## HIS VIOLIN IS SILENT NOW.

[Aylmer Express.]  
John Reid, of Copenhagen, called on  
us last week. He states that his badly  
wounded hand is coming along nicely,  
but the fact that he cannot play the violin  
any more, John has enjoyed playing  
his favorite instrument for many years  
and his playing has been a source of  
pleasure and benefit to all his friends  
and also a great assistance in the choir  
at Copenhagen so that he will not be  
the only one who will miss it.

## HORNS ENOUGH FOR BOTH.

[Zurich Herald.]  
A country paper tells of a farmer  
who went home drunk one night and  
long ago and became the victim of an  
irrespressible desire to get still drunker.  
So he determined to hitch up his  
horse and drive to town for more  
whiskey. Just as he was putting the  
unlashing touches on the harness ar-  
ranging him he said to himself, "This  
horse has horns." He brought out his  
lantern and found he had harnessed a  
cow. He muttered, "I'm drunk enough  
now," unharnessed the beast, and went  
to bed. Moral: Know when you have  
enough.

## LIEUT.-COL. CAMPBELL

GUEST OF OFFICERS

Given Send-Off By Staff of 7th

When Leaving For

Bermuda.

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Campbell, of the  
Seventh Regiment, was entertained at  
a dinner by the officers of the regi-  
ment on Saturday evening at the Tra-  
vellers' Club.

All the members of the staff were  
present, and expressed their good  
wishes for the safe return of their  
commanding officer, who is leaving on  
Tuesday for a six weeks' trip to Ber-  
muda.

A number of toasts were introduced,  
and in the speeches the officers re-

THREE CITIES TO URGE  
UNDERGROUND WIRES

Mayor Graham Will Join With

Hamilton and Toronto in

Deputation.

Mayor Graham will join with Mayor  
Geary, of Toronto, and Mayor Lees, of  
Hamilton, in forming a Deputation to  
interleave the Attorney-General, Hon.  
J. J. Foy, on Wednesday morning at  
11:30 o'clock to urge upon him the  
necessity of enacting legislation to  
compel all electric, telegraph and tele-  
phone and other companies to put  
their wires underground where con-  
duits for that purpose have been pro-  
vided.

This question has been coming up  
frequently of late, and it is proposed  
to settle the matter at once.

"Mayor Lees, of Hamilton, called  
me up today and urged me to attend  
the interview," said his worship, "I  
am heartily in favor of the object for  
which we are asking. It would mean  
much to the city of London if the  
poles on the streets were taken down  
and the wires put underground. We  
have the conduits and we could  
readily accommodate the various com-  
panies. Mayor Geary will join us in  
Toronto, and we will make our de-  
mands as strong as we possibly can."

The water commissioners are in  
favor of the step, and will send down  
a communication urging the At-  
torney-General to initiate the necessary  
legislation.

In your FOUNTAIN PEN  
use

Stephens'  
Ink

The Pen starts  
instantly, & never  
clogs, because the  
colour-matter is  
in perfect solution.

W. G. M. SHEPHERD, MONTREAL, SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA