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## Cooking the Figures.

Replying to The Advertiser's assertion that outside of Toronto the Laurier Government had a popular majority in Ontario, the Toronto Telegram says:

"Taking out the results in the twelve or fifteen Ontario constituencies which the French-Canadian vote carried for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the returns show that the Conservatives have a popular majority of 25,000 among the English electoral districts of Ontario."

We have gone carefully over the census returns and find 21 ridings in this Province in which there are over 1,000 people of French-Canadian origin. At the Dominion election these ridings divided as follows:

Conservative.	Liberal.
Carleton.	Essex North.
Simcoe East.	Essex South.
Conrad and Stormont.	Renfrew North.
Dundas.	Ottawa (2).
Leeds.	Russell.
Muskoka.	Prescott.
Algoma West.	Glenora.
Renfrew North.	Algoma East.
Kent West.	Nipissing.
Hastings East.	
Hastings West.	

Eleven Conservative seats and ten Liberal seats in 21 ridings in which the French-Canadian vote is a factor. The Telegram's statement is a brazen falsification of the election figures, but that is the sort of thing regularly seen in that hotbed of prejudice, Tory Toronto.

## Ontario Reaping the Results.

The Ontario opponents of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract argued strongly that this Province would be sidetracked by the new transcontinental road. The reply was that so far from this being the case, Ontario had everything to gain, because the new road would be practically an extension of the Grand Trunk system, which covers every section of this Province.

The proof of this is seen in the activity of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The C. P. R. is forestalling its rival by branching out in Ontario. Its line from Toronto to Sudbury is being pushed so vigorously that construction work will go on all winter. In the Canadian Gazette the company gives notice of an application to construct a line from Georgian Bay to a point on the C. P. R. system in Eastern Ontario. Such a road would parallel the Canada Atlantic, which has been acquired by the Grand Trunk. Another line is projected from Sarnia or some point on the St. Clair River to a point near London.

The C. P. R. is thus preparing to give the Grand Trunk a race in this Province. This is the immediate effect of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract. It stands to reason that the Grand Trunk, with its foothold in nearly every municipality in Ontario, will be a powerful working partner of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Each road will contribute to the revenues of the other and the volume of traffic between this Province and the Canadian West will grow apace. The C. P. R. is handicapped by its limited connection in Ontario and with its usual enterprise is proceeding to occupy more of the field.

All of which goes to show that the advocates of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract were right in claiming that Ontario would be a great beneficiary of that project.

## Mixed Politics in Quebec.

The situation in Quebec seems to prove that the much-abused party system is rooted in human nature, and is bound to assert itself under free institutions. The Conservative leader, Mr. Flynn, advised his party to effect itself in the recent Provincial elections. A few Conservative nominees refused to obey his mandate, but, strictly speaking, there was no regular Opposition in the contest. Having the field to themselves, the Liberals straightway produced a split in their own ranks. In one of the Montreal ridings a Liberal convention put up a candidate, Mr. Langlois, against the late Speaker of the Legislature, Mr. Rainville, who was accused of being the tool of private corporations. Premier Parent came to the support of Mr. Rainville, and endorsed him as the candidate of the Administration. The two English Liberal papers and one French Liberal paper backed up Mr. Langlois, who was elected by a comfortable majority.

In Quebec East, Quebec West and several other ridings, the regular or Government candidates were also defeated by independent Liberals. Premier Parent's difficulties did not end here. Senator Choquette, a prominent Liberal, charged him with supporting Mr. Dantell, the Conservative candidate in Charlevoix, in preference to the Liberal nominee, Dr. Smoot, because the latter had criticised the Premier. The Senator also made serious accusations against the administration of the Crown Lands Department. As a result Premier Parent has entered suit for \$25,000 damages.

If no Conservatives had been elected at all, the functions of an Opposition would continue to be fulfilled in the next Quebec Legislature. This feature in the Liberal party, so far from being a weakness, is a symptom of a sound and healthy condition. It shows that Quebec Liberals are not under a dictatorship and that they are not disposed to cohere merely because they have possession of the flesh pots. The Parent Government has a splendid record of economy and efficiency, but it will be none the worse for having candid friends at its elbow.

## The Water Supply.

The question of the city water supply is making one of its periodical appearances. It cannot be shelved indefinitely; a dry summer may force it upon the public in anything but a comfortable way.

The present supply is approximately 4,000,000 gallons per day, and the consumption about half a million less. The water commissioners last year engaged an engineer, who has the reputation of being an expert in this branch of work, and he reported that the supply of water at Springbank could be supplemented only to the extent of about 1,000,000 gallons per day.

A local engineer of reputation, at the request of one of the commissioners, submits a report asserting that 6,000,000 gallons per day, now running to waste in the neighborhood of Springbank, may be impounded for the city's use.

Another engineer, Mr. Jennings, of Toronto, has been appointed by the board to go over the ground. He has just reported his conclusions. Citizens generally will hope that ample reserves of spring water may be found under conditions which will permit of its being economically piped to the waterworks plant at Springbank. The river is a last resort, and ratepayers must be absolutely assured that there is not a sufficiency of water in the neighborhood of Springbank before they will consent to a duplicate system. So far there is a conflict of engineering testimony.

## How Not to Catch Cold.

[Journal of Health.] People are most likely to catch cold in the back than they are generally aware of, and if neglected may prove a serious matter. The back, especially between the shoulders, should always be kept well covered, and never lean with your back against anything that is cold. Never sit with the back in a direct draught, and when warming it by the fire do not continue to keep the back exposed to the heat after it has become comfortably warm. To do so is debilitating.

## Forgive and Forget.

[Charles Swain.] Forgive and forget. Why, the world would be lonely. The garden a wilderness left to decay. If the flowers but remembered the killing breeze only. And the fields gave no verdure for fear of the storm.

## An Old Graft.

[Detroit Free Press.] He—We had a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day. She—I suppose you learned all about the family tree. He—Yes, and as nearly as I could figure it, the branch that bore all of the illustrious fruit was cut off about 150 years ago.

## Doing and Telling.

[Illustrated Bits.] "Henpeck tell his wife everything that he does." "Yes; and he does everything that she tells him."

## Gathers None.

[Detroit Free Press.] Tortoise—There is no moss on my back! The Hare—That's because you're a species of rolling stone.

## An Automatic Proposal.

[Exchange.] An auto sped along the road. About a mile a minute. Carrying a precious load. For Ruth and Ralph were in it.

Ralph chanced to be a love-lorn swain. And wanted to propose. Each time he tried, he tried in vain. His secret to disclose.

At last he triumphed in his strife. And thus he said to her: Along our roadways, dear, for life Let me be your chauffeur.

## Need for Caution.

[Yonkers Statesman.] "Do you care for Browning?" asked the gentleman with the long hair of the lady with the painted cheeks at the reception. "Not so loud, please," whispered the woman; "husband has an awfully jealous disposition."

## Revising the Tariff.

[New York Times.] "What's the row? What's the row?" asked Business on parade. "They've called on extra session, Sir," the duty sergeant said. "An extra session, and for what?" asked Business on parade. "To tinker with the tariff, Sir," the duty sergeant said. "Can't you hear the lusty wailing of the infant industry?" He's afraid they'll take his bottle in the scrimmage, don't you see? And he's just a nursery youngster, Sir, an' feeble as can be. So he's got down to fight it in the morning."

"What's the plan? What's the plan?" asked Business on parade. "Its friends are going to tinker it," the duty sergeant said. "And who is that? And why is that?" asked Business on parade. "So's not to harm the precious thing," the duty sergeant said. "Its enemies might harm it, Sir, and that's the reason why. Its friends are going to tinker it wherever it's too high. You know it is a tender thing, an' delicate an' shv. An' it might get dreadful hurt in the morning."

"What's the noise? What's the noise?" asked Business on parade. "The frightened manufacturers," the duty sergeant said. "Afraid of what? Afraid of what?" asked Business on parade. "Afraid of business confidence," the duty sergeant said. "You know there are so timid, Sir, an' strike their timidity. The machinery down to Washington let it be notheother. An' the country to the bow-wows in the morning."

"What will these do? What will they do?" asked Business on parade. "Oh, Congress won't do anything," the duty sergeant said. "And who is that? And why is that?" asked Business on parade. "Too many infant industries," the duty sergeant said. "We're all so tender-hearted, Sir, an' when the infant industry strikes their timidity. The machinery down to Washington let it be notheother. An' the country to the bow-wows in the morning."

## Couldn't Fool Him.

[New York Telegram.] "Got a letter for me?" "Name, please." "Say, can't you see the name on the letter?"

## A Question of Looks.

[Harper's Weekly.] A salesman for a bicycle concern met a farmer to whom he tried to sell a wheel. The salesman in vain gave him up for the time, but determined to make another effort on his return trip. A month later he made his way to the farmhouse, only to learn that his prospective customer had invested his savings in a cow—an act of folly upon which the salesman was moved to comment. "Why," he exclaimed, "think how easily you might have ridden about the country on a bicycle! You'd look funny riding into town on a cow!" "Hump!" rejoined the farmer, "I reckon I'd look a blamed sight funnier trying to milk a bicycle."

## Hence These Tears.

[La Junta (Col.) Republican.] There is a sound like the knell of summer. The leaf is stained with the dye of the autumn suns and the frosts, mingling, make a thousand hues and colors. Oh! voice of the winds, we hear the whistling among the boughs, like unto the swish of the scythe as it cuts the grass; and so falleth our loved ones, and we whisper our sorrow with the breeze of the autumn makes dirge for the summer.

## What Soothes Russia.

[Petersburgskaya Gazeta.] Hope, that whined goddess, hovers over us, and whispers soothingly: "Be of good cheer; the God of Russia is powerful; many a great deed yet yet be accomplished!" And have we a right to doubt it? The stronghold of the national Russian spirit is impregnable, and the rest will follow of itself.

## MR. SPENCE'S REPLY

Secretary of the Dominion Alliance Makes a Statement.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Replying to the statement given out today by Hon. R. B. Borden, which asked certain questions of the Dominion Alliance, Mr. Spence, secretary of the Alliance, said tonight that members of the Alliance executive who were present at the Liberal convention, expressed the strong conviction that the convention would not have rejected the vital clause three, had it not been for the appeals of the cabinet ministers who spoke. The dissatisfaction expressed in the manifesto of the Alliance was at the cause of the failure of promises that had been made to treat with respect the mandate of the referendum, and to undertake such legislation as the liquor evil demand. The temperance legislation approved by the convention in itself was good, and if the proposals made were embodied in legislation it will be a fair and valuable step in advance. "Our dissatisfaction is because of the inadequacy of what has been proposed as compared with the pledges upon which there has heretofore been given to the Government a very large support from electors who vote always for the interests of temperance, and who feel that advantage has been taken of their adherence to principles, so as to benefit a party without promoting the temperance cause to the extent that was promised."

## THREE TIED FOR FIRST

Standing of the Teams in the A. O. F. Carpet Ball League.

Teams representing Court Pride of the Dominion and Forest Queen met in the former's rooms last evening and played a game in the A. O. F. Carpet ball League series. Court Pride won by a score of 28 to 19. Courts Excelsior, Magnolia and Brighton are now tied for first place in the league, each having won four games and lost one. The standing is as follows:

Excelsior	Won 4	Lost 1
Brighton	4	1
Magnolia	4	1
Forest City	4	1
Forest Queen	4	1
Pride	4	1
Stella	4	1

## The Blood Is the Life.

Owing to the faulty action of the kidneys and liver, the blood becomes filled with disease germs that peril health. The first warning is a backache, dizziness, headache, or lack of vital energy. Act quickly if you would avoid the terrible ravages of chronic kidney complaint. Get Dr. Hamilton's Pills today. They cure kidney and liver complaint for all time. No medicine relieves so promptly—nothing in the world of medicine cures more thoroughly. For good blood, clear complexion, healthy appetite, the proper treatment is Dr. Hamilton's Pills; 25c per box at all dealers.

## A Woman Who Swears

Because her corns ache, should get Putnam's Corn Extractor; it removes corns in 24 hours, causes no pain, doesn't injure the flesh; a thousand imitations prove the value of Putnam's. It's by far the best corn cure.

The Zoological Gardens in London have acquired four Japanese apes. One of their chief peculiarities is that the tail is reduced to a stump. Gongs, clogs, noisemakers, and other trappings are quickly relieved by Yapo Cresson tablets. ten cents per box. All druggists.

Actors belonging to the Court Theatre, Vienna, are not allowed to perform for charitable purposes, except in payment of a certain fixed fee which is handed over to the pension fund of their theatre.

## Your Rainy Day Skirt

Ought to be made of Cravenette. "Cravenette" is damp-proof and water-proof keeps you "dry as toast." It is made in a great variety of plain colors and fancy mixtures. Sold by the yard and in ready-to-wear garments. AT LEADING DRY GOODS STORES.

## CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

## HOLIDAY NECKWEAR.

Our great holiday selling of Ladies' Fine Neckwear has commenced. We have on hand a very handsome and well-assorted stock of Ladies' Collars, Silk Chiffon, Beaded Applique with silk velvet trimming, all sizes and colors, at from 25c to \$3.00.

## LADIES' BELTS.

We have the best and newest selection of Ladies' Belts. Special for the Christmas trade.

## LADIES' LEATHER WRIST BAGS.

Our stock of Ladies' Leather Goods is unsurpassed. Specials in Ladies' Wrist Bags and "Peggy from Paris."

## Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Our Handkerchief Counter was never better prepared to serve the Christmas shopper—never able to save you more money. The following are a few of the "good things."

Finest Quality Irish Linen, artistically hand-worked, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs. Specials for the Christmas trade at 75c to \$2.25. Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, especially good for holiday gifts, at 12½c to 18c.

## EVENING WEAR.

Newest Ideas. Newest Materials.

Our range of the newest fabrics has been selected with great care—only the newest and very latest fabrics have been purchased. Charming effects in light, fancy materials for evening wear, in Fancy Gauzes, Fancy Chiffons, Fancy Lisses and the "New Linen Batiste," in checks.

## New Trimmings For Evening Wear.

Most beautiful selection of the Newest Trimmings for Evening Gowns. Very special qualities and most suitable Embroidered Chiffons, Crystal Jet, etc.

## The Finest Laces.

The very best selection of Real and Imitation Laces. French-Made, All-Silk Black Laces, and Handsome Allover Laces, in white, cream and ivory. Beautiful designs.

"What We Advertise Is So."

KINGSMILL'S

Newest Novelties for Christmas.

## RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

Having crossed the rubicon, the die is cast.

"To retire from business while you can, and not when you must," is a good motto, and not always followed.

The entire stock of over \$35,000 must be sold at cost or less than cost, and the public can rely upon this principle being carried out. All the stock is regular goods, and none has been purchased or will be purchased to deceive buyers. However, I will take orders for any kind of goods and sell them at cost. This is a rare opportunity for customers, or for those who have never been customers. Try me. All goods will be guaranteed as sold, as arrangements have been made with the successors to the business for this purpose. Promises must be fulfilled. All goods have been purchased for cash, and consequently well-bought.

## This Store Will Be Closed Until Wednesday Morning, Dec. 7th.

For the purpose of marking goods down to cost or less; however repairs will be taken in and given out all the time.

Large stock of Purses and Hand Bags, Ladies' Umbrellas of the best quality, Lemaire's Opera Glasses, Gold-headed Canes and Manicure Sets in silver and ebony. Sterling Silver Goods in every line of the trade's heavy stock. ENTREE DISHES, Pearl-handled Dessert Knives and Forks; Ivory Handles, Celluloid Handles of the English Rodgers—the best makers of these goods in the world. DIAMOND RINGS GALORE. Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by these brilliant diamonds.

All goods sold and found as not represented will be taken back and money returned.

I have thought it best to sell straight to the public instead of calling in an auctioneer, as I then shall have sole control of the selling, and there will be no misrepresentations.

.. PRICES TO FOLLOW ..

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Store Open 9 to 12:30, 2 to 5:30, 7 to 9, Daily, Commencing Wednesday Morning.

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