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About "Machines."

A local clergyman advises that the party machines be smashed in the interests of temperance and other virtues. Unlike that blessed word, Mesopotamia, the word "machine" has a terrifying sound in the ears of many good people, who have never come in contact with the real thing. In their imagination the machine is some invisible and impalpable horror, or a sort of Frankenstein monster, which devours its creator. Yet the component parts of this mysterious entity may be seen in the pews, and sometimes in the pulpit. The Opposition press assures us that the recent Liberal convention was an assemblage of the machine, but the ministers of the Gospel kept company with it and were not ashamed. Churches must have machines - quarterly boards, vestries, synods, presbyteries, conferences - and why not political parties? The machine is merely the executive of the party for electoral purposes, and it is not disputed that it has necessary and honorable functions to fulfill.

Those who make the machine can unmake it. It is a good servant, but we are free to admit that it often makes a bad master, when the indifference or supineness of the members of a party enables the tail to wag the dog. It deserves to be smashed when it becomes arrogant or corrupt, but it will not be smashed by people of such unctuous rectitude that they refuse to touch politics for fear of soiling their fingers. The machine is no better and no worse than its creators, that is to say, the rank and file of the party. The good folks who want to smash it or make a better one should fall into the ranks and exert their influence from the inside, instead of hurling objections from a distance.

Municipal Candidates and Private Corporations.

The relations between municipal corporations and the private corporations which hold municipal franchises constitute perhaps the greatest problem of municipal government.

In some cities, the municipal councils and the companies owning and operating public utilities are always at war. In other cities, the companies buy up the councils and there is peace. Sometimes the companies respect their contracts, and where they do there is little agitation for municipal ownership.

In London the council and the franchise corporations get along fairly well, and the public has at present no serious grievance. A periodical fusillade of letters and an occasional lawsuit usually straighten out the differences between the city and the street railway company. A couple of years ago the city was in danger of being tied up to an electrical monopoly, the council having refused an independent power company permission to string its wires on the streets; but public opinion asserted itself so strongly that the mayor and aldermen turned a somersault, and there has been no trouble since. These difficulties, however, are apt to occur from time to time, and it is highly important to the community that anyone who is elected to the municipal council should have no very substantial interest in any corporation which derives its franchise from the municipality. Neither should he be in the pay of any of these corporations, as solicitor, director, or in any other capacity. This refers to a street railway company, an electric light or power company, a gas company, or a telephone company. For instance, it would be a misfortune, when the municipalities are co-operating in the matter of long-distance transmission of Niagara electrical power, if a mayor or alderman felt that his private investment in a local light or power company would be affected by any action the city might take with regard to that momentous question.

It is to be hoped we are not treading on anybody's corns by these few remarks, but if so, the public may as well know it.

The Minnie M.

The cruise of the Minnie M. is the principal atrocity charged against the Ontario Government. The Minnie M., an American port number of persons to the Michipicoten district on the day of the Sault Ste. Marie bye-election, it does not appear from the evidence at the election trial whether these men, actually "plugged" the votes of bona fide electors or not, but this point is not material. The fact that rogues were hired for the purpose of personation was a scandal and a crime, which calls for the severest punishment. Admitting for the sake of argument that the members of the Government, or the organizers of the Liberal party, are knaves, would they be fools enough to conceive such an enterprise, which by no possibility could be carried out in secrecy? It was bruited about the town of Sault Ste. Marie and the Attorney-General was informed of it while speaking at a meeting the night before the election, and warning his hearers to avoid corrupt practices. Naturally, he could not imagine that anyone would be so insane as to attempt such a thing, and after receiving assurances from election workers that the story was an invention of the enemy, he dismissed it from his mind.

The expedition was organized, and by whom? By a party organizer or any individual, or set of individuals, for whom the Liberal party could be held responsible? Certainly not. This crazy and criminal project was initiated by one man, an official of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. He may have been prompted by gratitude toward the Government for its policy with respect to the Soo Company, and his employees a policy which saved thousands from distress, if not starvation, and revived the great industries upon which their livelihood depended. Whatever his motives he thought he was working in the interests of the Liberal candidate and the Government, whereas he was doing them the greatest disservice. He kept his own counsel, and no responsible Liberal was in any way connected with his undertaking. The law has been set in motion, and those who have been reported by the judges for their share in the crime will be tried and punished.

If Carnegie really wants to die poor he might bet on a few footraces.

We believe in woman suffrage, but have a suspicion that the city council believed in it last night with such unanimity because a good many ladies will exercise the suffrage on Jan. 2.

A wonderful religious revival in Wales has banished drunkenness in entire districts. That's one method of temperance reform that may be tried without an act of parliament.

Mr. Whitney says that if he comes into power he will create a minister of mines. Gage expects the job on the ground that he helped to undermine the Ross Government.

A \$10,000,000 cotton merger has been organized in Montreal. The next step probably will be an application for an increase in the tariff so that dividends may be paid on the ten million.

Our contemporary has the nerve to compare the amount of the debenture debt incurred during Mr. Beck's regime with that incurred during Mr. Little's mayoralty term, when the city's splendid sewerage system was constructed, and the asphalt pavements laid.

Editor Cote's heroic defense of La Presse against the machinations of its secret owners has broken down at last. He was outflanked on Saturday, and an editorial was slipped in behind his back. Gage isn't the only man in the party who is an expert in slipping. There's slippery work somewhere.

Does Mr. Whitney propose, should he come to power, to make the man who falsified that deposit slip, and then, in fear of the result of his action, fled to Buffalo, the Minister of Mines? Does he believe Ontario will stand for it?—Globe.

The Conservative party will stand for anything its leaders do. Mr. Whitney knew that when he embraced Gage in the first place.

The Free Press made much ado the other day over the denunciation of the Ross Government by Rev. Edward Soffley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, formerly of this city. Says the Brantford Expositor: "Yes, we have heard of Mr. Soffley, and know him to be a pronounced Conservative, who, while living in this county took advantage of a church garden party to deliver an elaborate eulogy of Sir John Macdonald and the work of the Dominion Conservative party." A clergyman who could approve of the record of the Dominion Conservative party must be well, a pretty strong Conservative.

The Hamilton Herald says The Advertiser is advising a quick remedy for the evils of ring rule when it suggests that Liberals should support only Liberal candidates for municipal office. In the same edition of the Herald we read: "In fact, whether or not the Liberal machine (in Hamilton) would of its own volition have introduced the party plan in civic elections, it was obliged to do so in self-defense when the Conservative machine openly sought to dominate the civic government and Toryize all branches of the civic service. The blame for beginning the evil work must rest with the local Tory leaders." Precisely! The Hamilton Liberals were obliged to introduce the party plan in self-defense. The London Liberals may have to do likewise. But why call it a quick remedy?

A Gratuitous Slander.

[Toronto Globe.]
Mr. A. P. Wood's deliberate inclusion of Mr. James Vance's name in his written decision in the Belleville criminal libel case was entirely gratuitous and unwarranted. There was not a particle of evidence of any sort produced in the magistrate's own court, to justify his accusation. If he had intended to stigmatize Mr. Vance he should have had him called as a witness.

Room for Improvement.

[Philadelphia Press.]
Tess—So Cholly is to marry Miss Crabbe. He's entirely too young for her, don't you think?
Jess—Oh! he'll age rapidly enough after he's married to her.

The Hypnotic Church Fair.

[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]
A Massachusetts man drew a \$175 horse at a church fair.
"What horse was that?"
"I don't know. That's what the ticket cost him."

Bottom of What?

[Judge.]
The Japanese Emperor smiled upon the court. "And what," he asked, "what news of the war?"
"There are, your majesty," answered the Prime Minister, "reports of a battle off the coast."

"I am convinced," observed the Emperor with a twinkle, "I am convinced that if there has been any trouble on the coast the Russians are at the bottom of it."

More Light Needed.

[The Argus.]
The general denial does not, however, square quite so well with Mr. Blair's silence in the face of the extraordinary misrepresentation placed upon his action by the Conservative press.

The resignation was hailed as "A Perfect Bombshell in the Liberal Camp!" it was declared that Mr. Blair had resigned "because he could not bear to see his country ruined," that the Grand Trunk was in consternation, and that the whole fabric of the Liberal party was falling to pieces.

Then came mysterious rumors of other "bombshells" of forthcoming revelations and even of the arrests of very prominent public men.

Now it is alleged that one of the shells which failed to explode was the retirement of a number of Quebec Liberal candidates after nomination on the pretense that they were so shocked by the revelations that they dared not face their constituents.

The weak spot in Mr. Blair's armor is that with or without his knowledge and consent, but certainly without pretest from him, his resignation was exploited for all it was worth to injure the Government and that he permitted his now-declared motives to be grossly misrepresented.

Inheritance.

[Isabel Mackay.]
There lived a man who raised his hand and said,
"I will be great!"
And thro' a long, long life he bravely knotted
At Fame's closed gate.

A son he left, who, like his sire, strove high place to win—
Worn out, he died, and dying, left no trace.
That he had been.

He also left a son, who, without care,
Or planning how,
Bore the fair letters of a deathless fame
Upon his brow.

"Behold a genius, filled with fire divine!"
The people cried,
Not knowing that to make him what he was,
Two men had died.

Another Slander.

[Toronto News.]
Certain Conservative journals insinuate that Mr. Ross was a central figure of an intrigue to drive or worry Mr. Hardy out of the Premiership. The charge rests upon no authority, and we should imagine the papers who set going. There is no doubt that the relations between Mr. Ross and Mr. Hardy were cordial throughout all of Mr. Hardy's term, and just as cordial after Mr. Ross had succeeded to the Premiership. In fact, no one who knows anything of the personal relations between the two men, or has any knowledge of Mr. Ross' attitude towards his predecessor in the Premiership, will believe the story which certain Conservative papers have set going, and which Mr. Hardy, if he were living, would be the first to deny and resent.

Snowflakes.

[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.]
Out of the bosom of the air,
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest-fields forsaken,
Silent and soft and slow
Descends the snow.

Even as our cloudy fancies take
Sudden shape in some divine expression,
Even as the troubled heart that makes
In the white confusion, confession,
The troubled sky reveals
The grief it feels.

This is the poem of the air,
Slowly in silent tread recorded;
This is the secret of despair,
Long in its cloudy bosom hoarded.
Now whispered and now revealed
To wood and field.

She Didn't Call Him Kenneth.

[San Jose.]
Radiant, beautiful Frances Bing
Had a fortune and also a family tree;
She could paint and write magazine
poems and sing.
She was just as clever as she could be.

Unto this beautiful maiden, one day,
Came an Apollo whose last name was
Hanks.
He came, and the glad god of love had
his way.

To the fates the fair bride gave her
heartiest thanks.
Unto this happy and fortunate pair,
Came, in due season, a son; his sweet
ma.

Didn't insist upon naming their heir
Kenneth, but called him Jake, after
his pa.

The Zemstvo.

[From the Boston Transcript.]
That kinky little word, "zemstvo," which appears so frequently in news from Russia these days, is derived from "this noun," meaning land, and the verb "vopest," meaning to signify "the voice of the land" and is a council of landed proprietors appointed to deliberate and report to the central executive, the wants of the rural population. It is something like an English county council without the latter's authority, yet that authority is what it now pleads for. The zemstvo was founded in 1864 and Alexander II. intended it as one of the most important of his reforms.

Increased Immigration.

Ottawa, Dec. 20. — There is a net increase of 3,383 in the immigrant arrivals in Canada for the five months ending Nov. 30, as compared with the same period of 1903. The arrivals from the United States were 18,630, and from Europe through ocean ports 24,318. For the same period of last year the immigrant arrivals from the United States were 17,871, and from Europe through ocean ports 28,615.

Sore Throat and Coughs.

A simple, effective and safe remedy for all throat irritations is found in
Crescote Antiseptic Tablets
They combine the germicidal value of Crescote with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice.
10c. All Drugists.

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"Oh, just down to the store for a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil," said Mrs. Surface, who hates puns, walked on. But she remembered, and when she contrived a weak back there was another customer for Dr. Thomas' Oil.

Lever's V-Z (Vine Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

Colds

How often you hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

SMALL CRAFT LEFT INTACT

Russia's Big Ships in Port Arthur Harbor Ali Unfit for Service.

Telegraphing under date of Dec. 18, Vice-Admiral Togo says: "There is no room left to doubt that the enemy's ships in the harbor of Port Arthur are totally unfit for service. I have reason to believe that the battleship Sevastopol has been disabled by our attacks. It is certain that at least six Russian torpedo boat destroyers remain intact in the harbor."

A staff officer of the naval brigade who landed at Port Arthur, reports as follows: "The battleship Peresviet is lying 200 meters northwest of the Tiger's Tail Peninsula, with her bow turned northeast, half north, and at high tide the water reaches to the torpedo tubes in her bow. She is submerged to her stern walk and lies aground without listing. Her central funnels are severely damaged. The battleship Poltava lies 200 meters north of the point of Tiger's Tail. Her bows point east, southeast, half east, and at high tide is submerged to her after deck. She is, doubtless, aground, and does not list. The battleship Retvizan lies 100 meters east of the Poltava, her stern toward that vessel. Her condition is worse than that of the Poltava. She is listing five degrees to starboard and her deck is constantly submerged. The battleship Pobieda lies 200 meters northeast, half east, of the point of Tiger's Tail, with her bow pointing northeast, half north. Her deck on the starboard side must be submerged at high tide. Everything seems to show that she is aground. The protected cruiser Pallada lies 100 meters east by north of the Pobieda. Her stern is toward southwest, half south, and she is listed five degrees to port. At high tide the condition of her decks is about the same as the decks of the Peresviet. She is doubtless aground. The armored cruiser Bayan lies 400 meters south southwest, half west, of the harbor entrance. She is listed five degrees to half east. She is listed 15 degrees and appears to be aground. The above-mentioned four battleships and two cruisers have been abandoned and no boats are seen near them."

Tien Tsin, Dec. 19. A junk, which anchored here today from Port Arthur reports that four Japanese torpedo boats were sunk during the attacks on the Russian battleship Sevastopol, which they say has now sought refuge under Golden Hill.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar
Mr. William Thomas Lanorgan, provincial constable at Chapeau, Ont., says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment, and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by all druggists.

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January 3rd, 1905.

The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

WILLIAM SPITAL,
Secretary-Treasurer.
London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1904. 51c-tyw

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FINE NOTTINGHAM LACE
CURTAINS—Dainty patterns, suitable for parlors, libraries, etc. Special values for the holiday season, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4.00 per pair.

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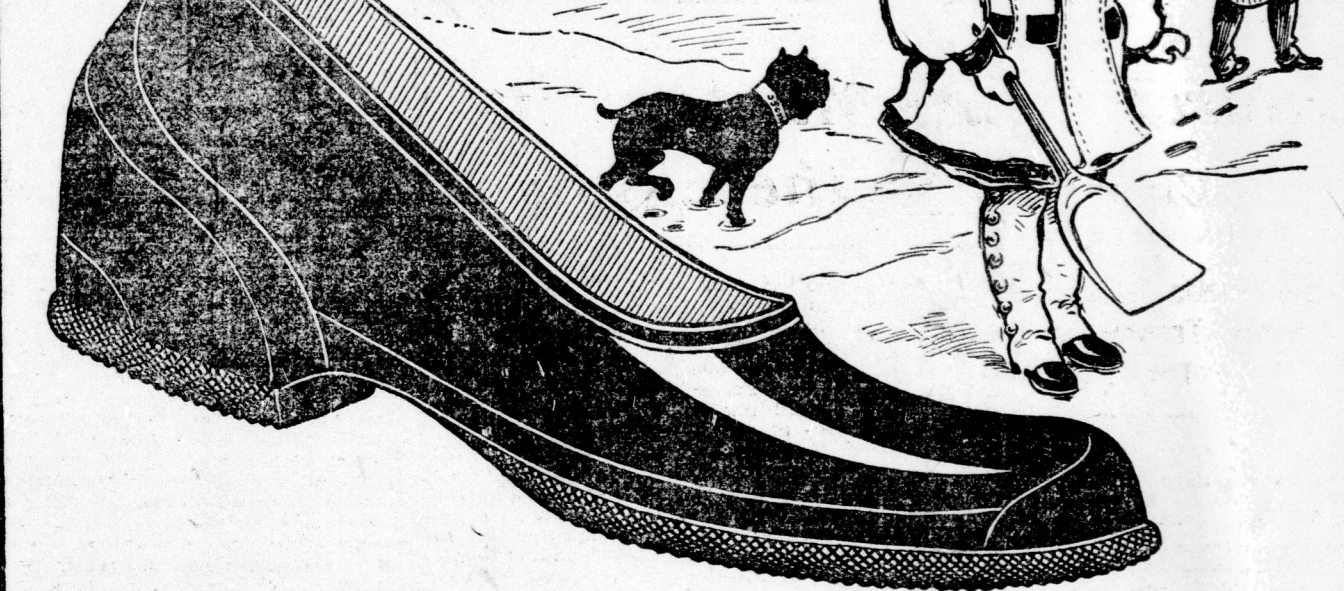
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