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London, Wednesday, June 8.Sad are the obituaries of the Presidential
booms that have come to grief by the side
of the waters of Minnehaha within the
last 24 hours.D'ALTON MCCARTHY, M.P., has appar-
ently learned the lesson that a public man
cannot, at the bidding of an unscrupulous
leader, put his principles into his pocket if
they are worth anything.The Hamilton Spectator says it is a farce
to oppose the Gerrymander Bill. What
are honest men sent to Parliament for if
they are not to oppose a measure that is
intended to stifle public opinion?THE ADVERTISER thinks the Lieutenant-
Governor should be elected by the people.
And if the Lieutenant-Governor is not
the Governor-General?—[Kingston Whig.]
Why not, indeed? The Advertiser
believes in responsible government from
start to finish.MR. CAMPBELL, member for Kent, in-
tends moving a resolution in the House in
favor of allowing the importation of
illuminating oil in bulk. A similar motion
was put on the paper by Mr. Macdonald,
M.P. for Winnipeg, but dropped at the
demand of Sir John Thompson.The session of the day at Ottawa was
the report of Mr. McCarthy that "he
hoped he had not fallen so low as to regard
Hon. Mr. Haggart as his leader." So far
as Mr. McCarthy is concerned, it is ap-
parent that recent coatings of whitewash
applied to the unscrupulous Minister of Rail-
ways has had no practical effect.An aluminum launch propelled by a
naphtha engine has been built at Zurich
for service on the lake. The outer surface
of the vessel is polished, no paint being
used. Only the hull of the craft is
aluminum, and yet the saving in weight is
35 per cent. How would a craft like this
do for traffic on the River Thames?

ON THE RIGHT ROAD.

When men who have hitherto been
strong Conservatives condemn the rascally
Gerrymander Bill, and refuse to be bul-
dozed into perpetuating the evil, surely
honest, independent citizens of all classes
must recognize the need for a change.
D'Alton McCarthy, Col. O'Brien and Mr.
Weldon can speak with authority on the
subject because they are in the Conserva-
tive ranks, and they know that the Car-
ling, and the Montagues, and the Roome, and
the Hutchins, and the Marshalls, who
are in Parliament by virtue of the gerry-
mander of 1882, or worse, can hardly be
expected to condemn an extension of the
system.Independent men may well ask, as these
Conservatives have asked, what faith can
be placed in a cause whose leaders dare not
submit it to the ungerrymandered elec-
torate?Mr. McCarthy's motion may be voted
down, but that should not end the agita-
tion for the abolition of the gerrymander,
for the placing of the rearranging of the
constituencies in the hands of an independ-
ent court, and for the restoration and
maintenance of city and county boundaries.
If we cannot get it without a constitutional
amendment then let the agitation never
cease till the law is established which shall
overturn the atrociously unfair system, and
compel the doing of justice to all parties.

FIRST BALLOTS.

In view of the contest at Minneapolis, it
is interesting to note that there was no
contest over the Republican nomination in
the conventions of 1864, 1868 and 1872.
The nomination in each case was by accla-
mation.In the convention of 1870 this was the
vote on the first ballot: Blaine 285, Mor-
ton 124, Bristow 113, Conkling 99, Hayes 61,
Hartman 58, Jewell 11, Wheeler 3. The
nomination was made on the seventh bal-
lot and Hayes was chosen.In the convention of 1880 this was the
vote on the first ballot: Grant 334, Arthur
278, Edmunds 93, Logan 63, John Sherman
30, Hawley 13, Lincoln 4, William
Tecumseh Sherman 2. The nomination
was made on the fourth ballot, when
Blaine was chosen.In the convention of 1884 this was the
vote on the first ballot: Sherman 229,
Gresham 111, Depew 99, Allison 87, Alger
84, Harrison 80, Blaine 35, Ingalls 28,
Rusk 25, Phelps 25, Fittler 24, Hawley 13,
Lincoln 3, McKinley 2. Harrison's
nomination was made on the eighth
ballot.SOUTH LONDON'S RECORD—HOW
MR. CHISHOLM MANUFACTURED
A MAJORITY FOR MR. CARLING!The man who occupies Mr. Hyman's seat
in Parliament rarely opens his mouth with-
out putting his foot in it. When he under-
took to correct Dr. Landerkin of South
Grey, in regard to the London and Middle-
sex section of the Gorrymander Bill, the
member for Judge Elliot was made to spend
a humiliating quarter of an hour. The
newspaper reports did not give
much space to the incident; but the official
report of the House supplies the encounter
in full. Dr. Landerkin had shown that the
pretense at equalizing constituencies in
Eastern Ontario was a hollow mockery,
and he proceeded:Then going westward to the city of Lon-
don, I find the Government has left two
wards belonging to the city out in the
county, and have taken one town that
belongs to the county and added it to the
city. The two wards they left out gave a
Reform majority, and the ward they took
in gave a Conservative majority.Mr. Carling—The honorable gentleman
is not stating the actual facts. The two
wards did not give a Reform majority.
Mr. Landerkin—Did East London not
give a Reform majority?
Mr. Carling—No; it gave a Conservative
majority.The fact of the matter is that the majority
for Mr. Marshall in Ward 5 was only 3.

The report proceeds:

Mr. Landerkin—What did South London
do?Mr. Carling—It gave a Conservative
majority.Mr. Landerkin—Where have you left
them?

Mr. Carling—Where they were.

Mr. Landerkin—Where were they?

Mr. Carling—In the county.

Mr. Landerkin—South London, I am
told by the honorable member for Bothwell
(Mr. Mills), gave 100 Reform majority.Mr. Carling—The honorable gentleman
who contested South Middlesex last time
informed me that the portion of the riding
which is now South London gave 31 Conserva-
tive majority.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell)—No.

Mr. Carling—I had it from the gentle-
man who ran at the last election, and he is
my authority.Mr. Mills (Bothwell)—The honorable
member for South Middlesex can tell you
better.

Mr. Carling—I do not know that he can.

Mr. Landerkin—In order to settle the
matter, I will refer to the book.Mr. Roome—South London is divided
into several polling divisions, and not into
municipalities, and therefore you cannot
find the return in the book.Mr. Landerkin—I cannot find it just
now, but I was informed as I said, and the
Minister has made the statement of the
matter. Am I not correct in stating that
the municipality of London West is taken
into the city by the bill?

Mr. Carling—Yes.

Mr. Landerkin—I understand that gives
a Conservative majority.Mr. Carling—What justification can
there be, except a political justification, for
leaving wards out of the city that belong
to the city, and taking wards into the city
that belong to the county?Mr. Carling—Does the honorable gentle-
man wish me to answer that?

Mr. Landerkin—Yes.

Mr. Carling—I may state to the hon-
orable gentleman that East London has a
population of nearly 6,000 people, and the
county of East Middlesex has a population
of something over 19,000, and London 23-
000; but by taking London West, with a
population of 1,900, from East Middlesex
and adding it to the city, it nearly equal-
izes the populations of East Middlesex and
the city of London.Mr. Landerkin—It is very desirable the
population should be equalized there, be-
cause the city of London has only one
member, and the present population of
London is in the neighborhood of 22,000.
That is up to the unit of population now.

Mr. Carling—East Middlesex has 26,000.

Sir Richard Cartwright—And the three
other Middlesexes, how much are they?Mr. Carling—I cannot say for North
Middlesex, but I think it is about 25,000.Mr. Landerkin—My statement hardly
agrees with the statement of the honorable
Minister, and that is, that South London
gave Mr. Armstrong 93 majority.Mr. Carling—I have it from the gentle-
man who contested the riding with Mr.
Armstrong that in that particular locality
which now is South London, taken from
Westminster township, that it gave him a
majority of 31.Mr. Mills (Bothwell)—My honorable
friend will see that is impossible, because
Mr. Armstrong had a majority in every
polling division of the whole township, in-
cluding South London, except one.Mr. Carling—I have the information
from Mr. Chisholm, who contested the rid-
ing with Mr. Armstrong.Mr. Landerkin—I have the return here
of the vote cast for Mr. Armstrong
and Mr. Chisholm in every division except
one. Poll No. 17, Armstrong 106, Chisholm
45; No. 18, Armstrong 116, Chisholm 78;
No. 19, Armstrong 116, Chisholm 78;
No. 20, Armstrong 171, Chisholm 114; No.
21, Armstrong 44, Chisholm 37; No. 22,
Armstrong 69, Chisholm 44; No. 23, Arm-
strong 48, Chisholm 58. This is the first
instance where he got a majority in all these
divisions. Poll No. 24, Armstrong 84,
Chisholm 61; No. 25, Armstrong 117, Chisholm
21; No. 26, Armstrong 84, Chisholm
89. All the majorities that he got were
5 in that place and 10 in the other, and Mr.
Armstrong must have had in that township
I should say 200 or 300 majority. That
township includes South London.Mr. Carling—The boundaries of South
London were divided a year or a year and a
half ago into the city, and what is stated
to me by Mr. Chisholm, according to the
boundaries that were divided by the city
and by the township, is that there was
actually a majority of 31 inside of the vil-
lage of London South, which is in West-
minster. I have read the returns of all
the wards in Westminster, and it does not
bear out the statement that the honorable
Minister says Mr. Chisholm made to him.
It establishes the correctness of the state-
ment I have made, that these parts that
were favorable to the Reform candidate
were left out and the one that was unfavor-
able to him was put in the city. It shows
that the statement I made was correct,
that this was not done so much for equal-
ization as to increase the vote that favors
my honorable friend.Mr. Carling—I may say that if South
London had been taken from South Middle-
sex and added to the city South Middlesex
would have a population of 14,000 and
London a population of something like
26,000 or 27,000.

Mr. Landerkin—How can the Minister

reconcile that to the fact that Leeds and
Greenville have a population of only 13,000?
If this is going to be defended on the ground
of equalization the honorable gentleman
had better get some other argument.Mr. Carling—The honorable gentleman
refers to what was done in London, and I
am explaining exactly how the matter
stands.Mr. Landerkin—You have explained how
the matter does not exactly stand, and I
am explaining how the matter does stand,
and I am borne out by the blue books.
Mr. Speaker—I am sure the House must
see how inconvenient it is to carry on this
cross-fire of conversation from one side of
the House to the other. I would suggest
that the honorable member be permitted to
conclude his speech.No wonder that the Speaker came to the
aid of the foolish old man who has usurped
the seat for which Mr. Hyman was chosen
by the electorate. By no possibility could
Mr. Carling make it appear that the juggling
with the constituencies of London and
Middlesex was undertaken to do justice.
He might just as well have stood up in
defense of the conduct of his compatriot in
the great seat steal.It will be observed that when Mr. Car-
ling was cornered he at once saddled the
blame for the misrepresentation on "the
honorable gentleman who contested South
Middlesex last time." The "honorable
gentleman" referred to is Mr. A. G. Chis-
holm. Now, Mr. Chisholm may not be a
very brilliant fellow; he may be a poor
arithmetician; but it would be impos-
sible for a schoolboy, with the figures
for Westminster, including South
London, before him, to reach the
conclusion that Mr. Chisholm had
either 31 of a majority or any majority at
all in South London. Indeed, but for the
fact that South Middlesex is in a gerry-
mandered hive of Liberals, and therefore
much of the interest in an election has
been taken away, the Liberal majority in
South London, as well as in the con-
stituency as a whole, would have been
much larger. Everybody but the man
who, in this notable instance, followed his
usual practice of borrowing other men's
brains to establish his views, must recog-
nize this fact.It was indeed cruel of "the honorable
gentleman who contested South Middlesex
last time" to stuff the "honorable gentle-
man who represents Judge Elliot's time"
in the shameful manner now laid bare.But why should Mr. Carling turn to any
honorable gentleman for his information
when the blue books are before him? If
he were the member for London his con-
stituents would have good reason to be
ashamed of his incapacity.

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THE DUTCHMAN'S PINT.

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[London Advertiser.]
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