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THURSDAY, FEB. 27.

## THE POLICE APPOINTMENT.

The congratulations which this journal extends to Mr. John Holmes, the newly appointed Chief of Police for Chatham, are sincere. It is a source of satisfaction to know that the Board of Commissioners were enabled conscientiously to fill the responsible position without having recourse to non-residents of the municipality.

Mr. Holmes has reason for self-congratulation. He was chosen by capable gentlemen from a large list of applicants, many of whom were doubtless of excellent calibre. He stood as a candidate simply upon his own merits, prepared to stand or fall by a judgment on his individual worth and fitness, with no petitions to bolster his case, nor so far as we are aware—any "personal plugging" to further his interests. It was an honorable and self-respecting stand—a pleasing augury to the acceptance of an important and responsible civic post. Mr. Holmes was sincerely believed when he told the citizens through The Planet yesterday that it was his "warmest intention to fulfil the duties of the office as carefully as the good reputation of this city demanded."

"Whereof shall I commend him," Napoleon is chronicled as retorting to Ney, when the gallant Gaulic marshal appealed for reward to a heroic officer, "He did but his duty."

Chatham's Board of Police Commissioners have done their duty—a statement to which the addition of commendation or congratulation is superfluous. They performed their responsible task in the highest conception of its obligations; they exercised the personal judgment to which their office committed them; they honestly aimed for the city's best interests, regardless of prejudice or pressure.

The result will, we believe, be an emphatic endorsement of such methods. The true spirit in which the Commissioners acted is especially evidenced by the stand of Chairman Houston. Notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear upon him, he placed his conception of the public weal prior to personal inclination and, while an earnest advocate of a home appointment, pointed out honestly and openly the advantages which his extended experience told him must accrue from the selection of a tried official, even if he came from elsewhere. That Mr. Houston's colleagues held the view that the local applicant would meet all requirements was a source of satisfaction to himself, and brought the adhesion to duty and personal sympathies into harmony in the selection.

In passing from the question of this appointment—now so satisfactorily settled—The Planet may be permitted to say that it opposed the candidature of Mr. Henry Smyth because, in the view of this journal, such a choice would not have been conducive to the public interests. Every community doubtless has more or less experience with the Man Always After Office. And, almost invariably, he is a man safe to leave out of office, elective or appointive. This is especially the case when the position to which he aims is one demanding sterling integrity, sincerity, vigor and honesty of purpose and action.

This journal has no quarrel with the citizens who signed Mr. Smyth's petition, but we regretted to see many esteemed names hawked around in an effort to hoist an applicant whether his own record and personality apparently could not carry him. That so many petitioners sought, after signing, to counteract the evidence of moments of weakness should be a lesson to us all in the matter of signing the pedlar's scroll. Else the value of petitions, now so rapidly deteriorating, will altogether pass away. Such a result would be genuinely unfortunate.

However, surely there should be little occasion for further annoyance in this respect. To one with a perennial

ardor in the chase for office a petition bearing 946 good names should prove a perpetual asset and Mr. Smyth will, doubtless, demand its return and place it on file labelled, "For Future Engagements." In such a capacity it should never become dust-covered, moth-eaten or decayed.

## THE UP-TO-DATE CELESTIAL.

The western nations may rue the day that they awakened up China. That country is absorbing western civilization and ideas with startling readiness. In the forefront of the civilization movement is Minister Wu Ting Fang, Chinese ambassador to the United States. Wu is decidedly up-to-date. He talks English like an American, as a postprandial jollier he can give cards and spades to Chauncey Depey, his wife and family are social favorites in Washington, and Wu himself is always good for a column or two of interesting reading every time a bright newspaper interviewer presses the button.

The average American, especially the average westerner, regards the Chinese in bulk as "coolies" and about three degrees below the negro in the anthropological category. Fancy the astonishment of ex-Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, who has come east to urge restrictive legislation on the Chinese question, when he met Mr. Wu in the rotunda of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday. A mutual friend attempted to introduce them, but when Wu heard the name his glad hand clinched and went up dangerously close to the nose of Mr. Phelan and he proceeded to tell the San Franciscan a lot of things about himself he never heard before—at least from a Chinaman. A heated argument followed and Phelan told Wu the Chinese were a filthy lot and Americans proposed to keep them out of the United States.

"Then we'll keep the Americans out of China!" retorted Wu. "Yes, we'll keep you out of China!" He repeated it as if for emphasis. "We can get along without you. What have you got that we must have?"

"We have western civilization," said Phelan.

"We can get western civilization from Europe," was the rejoinder.

Phelan changed his ground and said the Chinese were different from other races because they did not assimilate or divest themselves of their eastern ways. "Have not I divested myself of my eastern ways?" queried Wu. The argument attracted such a crowd in the stately precincts of the hotel that the management had to have the corridors cleared, and as a parting shot the occidentalized representative of the Flowery Kingdom invited the Californian and all like him to "go way back off the earth and sit down."

The incident appeared to quite nonplus the Californian commissioner, who had evidently not before come in contact with the up-to-date style of Chinaman, and the verdict of the auditors of the argument, which lasted about a quarter of an hour, was that Minister Wu got decidedly the best of it and enlarged Mr. Phelan's views on the Chinese nation. Times have changed since the days of Truthful James, when a mere Chinaman can invite a Pacific Sloper to get off the earth—and still remain on it himself.

## HAVE EARNED IT.

Hamilton Spectator.  
Those Lascar Conservatives deserve even prohibition!

## AN HONORED PATIENT.

Toronto Telegram.  
Senator James McMullen deserved a private ward in the institution which he once described as a political hospital.

## HUBBY'S NAME TOM!

St. John Telegraph.  
Mrs. Carrie Catt has been re-elected president of the National American Woman Suffrage association. As her name did not seem to handicap her peaceful efficiency in the past, there was no scratching of her ticket.

## BAD PARTY MANAGEMENT.

Stratford Herald.  
The conduct of the Conservative Government of Manitoba and the Conservatives of Lisgar, Man., is trying to the general Conservative public. Whoever the party or parties were who brought out a Conservative candidate in Lisgar in the election held there on the 18th inst. deserved defeat if they were the only ones concerned in their failure.

## DEVERY'S LUCK.

Stratford Herald.  
Chief of Police Devery of New York, who was dismissed by the new administration, was twenty-three years on the force, only three years of which he was in command. The total of salary for the full time of his service would be \$59,000, from which would have to be deducted twenty-three years' living expenses. Yet when retired he was able to purchase \$377,800 worth of real estate and to offer \$100,000 for more. How the thrifty Mr. Devery managed so handsomely to multiply his means he has never clearly explained. No wonder the people are asking, "Where did he get it?"



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## POLITICAL PROMISES.

Woodstock Express.  
Why may the Irish agitators not promise an Irish rebellion in order to catch American dollars, just as Premier Ross promised prohibition to catch prohibition votes, and Premier Laurier promised free trade to catch anti-protection votes?

## DUNDONALD'S CHANCES.

Montreal Gazette.  
Lord Dundonald is likely to be the next commander of the Canadian militia. He became widely and honorably known as a cavalry leader during Buller's campaign for the relief of Ladysmith. He comes of combative stock, and seems to be as good as his pedigree. Under Ottawa conditions he may be expected to hold General Hutton's old position for as much as three months.

## THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND

Many People Still Inquiring About Joseph Brown's Case.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are acknowledged to be a Wonderful Working Medicine—Many Other Miraculous Cures Brought to Light.

Oshawa, Ont., Feb. 26.—(Special).—One effect of the publication far and wide through the press of the miraculous cure of a case of Paralysis here in Oshawa has been to bring to the surface a great many similarly wonderful and well authenticated cures by the same remedy—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mr. Brown, whose case has caused all the sensation, is a modest unassuming mechanic employed in the Oshawa Malicious Iron Works. Since the publication of the facts of his case and its cure he has been overwhelmed with letters of inquiry from all over the country, and to each of these he answers simply: "Yes, Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me after all the doctors and hospital specialists had given me up. I couldn't walk and had to be fed like a baby for four months, but the pills soon fixed me up and I have been all right ever since."

He has also been in receipt of not a few letters from others who too have found Dodd's Kidney Pills a life-saving remedy when all else had failed.

Several of these, encouraged by Mr. Brown's example, have written to the papers reporting their cases and all are very enthusiastic in their praises of the medicine.

## STRONG WORDS.

"I condemn the conditions surrounding the referendum as unjust and unsatisfactory."—Rev. Dr. Mackay.  
"I am going to fight this Government until I can fight no more."—Rev. Dr. Ross.

"Mr. Ross' speeches are a mosaic of broken promises that will not hold water."—F. W. Daly.

"I will oppose the Government to the last ditch unless we get fair conditions."—Rev. Wm. Frizell.  
"Any kind of measure we receive from the Ross Government will oblige prohibitionists to do all the voting."—Rev. C. T. Scott.

"We are going to have a referendum."

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