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Will Mr. Cockburn Explain? Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn is member for Ontario Toronto. He was elected by the Conservative voters of that constituency as a supporter of the National Policy.

On the evening of the 21st inst, he was a guest of the National Club in this city, where he made a lengthy address in reply to the toast of "The Dominion Parliament."

That speech is given at full length in The Globe although no report was presented. To no Conservative paper was a report of Mr. Cockburn's speech sent, until it had been published by the Opposition group.

We can understand why The Globe should have given an almost entire report of Mr. Cockburn's speech, as it ran on parallel lines to the contentions of the Opposition. But we do not understand why a Conservative M.P. for Toronto should have secured a full report of his speech in the Liberal organ, when the papers of his own party were kept in ignorance thereof.

But this mystery, which is open to explanation, is not so deep as the speech itself. Mr. Cockburn made a feat at reviewing the effect of thirteen years of protection. He gave no facts, but declared in general terms that certain industries fostered by the N.P. might well be let die.

He declared that "the course of trade and manufacture had altered greatly since the N.P. was adopted. Science and its application in industry had made wonderful strides." From this he argued that "a considerable readjustment of the tariff was necessary," as the N.P. had failed, as he inferred, to put our native manufacturers in such a position that they would in time be able to sell their wares at prices as reasonable as they could be procured for abroad.

This attack on the policy he was elected to support needs explanation by Mr. Cockburn. We invite him to state explicitly what industries he wishes to be left to die by the withdrawal of protection. We challenge him to set forth what those "wonderful strides" of science are which have made the N.P. no longer necessary to certain industries.

We ask him to give us a clear, detailed statement of what those goods are which are made in Canada that he desires to import free of duty. These general charges against the policy of Mr. Cockburn's party read too much like a Globe editorial to be allowed to pass without a detailed explanation.

If the member for Centre Toronto has gone back on the principles he has advanced since nominated for that honor, he should issue an address to his constituents and the public, giving his reasons for this change of conviction.

Having supported Mr. Cockburn in his candidature, we now request from him a definite explanation of his speech at the National Club, which has shaken their confidence, both from the medium adopted for its circulation and its extraordinary likeness to the vague generalities of the Opposition press.

Reforms of Municipal Law Needed. The agitation for some radical reform of the municipal laws of this province which has gone on so long in this city and in other places will probably develop a combined movement for replacing the present acts in force by one act more suitable to the present condition of our cities, towns and villages.

The law at present is like a bed-quilt of patch-work, made up from odd pieces left over from other garments. The "Municipal Act" and the "Assessment Act" of 1892 are called "consolidated," but the only consolidation about them was made by attaching incongruous and inharmonious pieces together without regard to the general effect, as counterpane are usually made without a design by thrifty but inarticulate housewives.

One serious defect in the former act is the absence of any penalties for breach of some of its most important provisions. There is also an entire absence of some prompt and economical way of preventing such offenders from putting a summary stop to their work and correcting such abuses.

Take, for instance, clause 78, relating to the qualification of mayors, Reeves and other officials. The act sets forth most explicitly that "no person shall be qualified to be elected a mayor, alderman, deputy mayor or councillor of any municipality unless such person resides within the municipality or within two miles thereof."

There is not a trace of ambiguity about that provision; it is plain enough to have been drafted by a business lawyer. But it is the fact that this clause is made of non-effect by persons who sit at their desks in council as chief presiding officers, aldermen and councillors while residing outside the limits of municipalities they represent.

One flagrant case is that of a reeve who for years has thus violated the law with a daring worthy a better cause. When remonstrated with he takes Boss Tweed's line and simply demands, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" If the Municipal Act has any legal validity, such persons were never in lawful possession of their office, they had no more right to act on behalf of the municipality than persons who were never elected at all. We have grave doubts whether the bylaws they helped to pass have any legal force.

It is doubtful whether the debaters, these officials signed as legal instruments. Certainly those who purchased such bonds ran a considerable but an unknown risk. It is customary for purchasers of municipal debentures to investigate their validity, but in the cases we refer to, it never entered into the heads of the legal investigator that such instruments would be signed by a presiding officer who had no lawful authority to act in that capacity. Were his successors in office and his colleagues to repudiate such bonds, they might be ordered to replace such invalid ones at a great cost, as settlements and damage to the credit of any municipality which had allowed an unqualified official to act.

involve a heavy penalty for its commission. There ought also to be a prompt, inexpensive mode of revoking the election of any official who secures his post in defiance of the act. Another weak spot is in clause 431, which ordains that:

In case a member of the council of any municipality, either in his own name or in the name of another, enters into a contract of any kind, or makes a purchase or sale in which the corporation is a party, or is interested, the contract, purchase or sale shall be held void.

This clause is quite openly set at defiance in places known to all. It is the case of the street car lines, which are operated by corporations, in which even presiding officers have a direct, personal interest. Chapters to projected electric railway companies have been granted by municipalities, in which companies the reeves of villages and the wardens of counties are on the Board of Directors, who have used their official influence to secure concessions that would not have been given had the municipal act been obeyed. The rights of the ratepayers have been sacrificed for the naked advantage of some powerful officials.

All over the Province there are privileges being solicited from corporations by electric lighting and transport companies. These privileges have a large element of money value. The ratepayers now are not alive to their own interests in this matter, they are either indifferent, or so over-anxious to secure this class of accommodation that they give concessions of enormous value without any proper equivalent, and they allow their Reeves and Wardens to break the law by sitting in those offices while directly interested in those concessions. The gravity of these unlawful proceedings is so serious that a penalty should be attached for any breach of the law in these matters, and an inexpensive and prompt method be provided for remedying abuses of this class.

The St. Catharines Star gives rather a good answer to The Hamilton Times, which has been complaining of the falling off in farmers' prices. Barley is down, so is wheat and so is The Times, which now sells for a cent less than a few years ago. It is a copy. And yet The Times is still making as much money as it ever did.

The SEARCH-LIGHT. Charles Dickens had a horror of the publicity that gathers about the personality of great men. He was so sensitive that he carried his dislike of it so far as to insert in his will a clause in which he requested his executors to make no account to make the subject of any monument, memorial or testimonial. I read my claims to the remembrance of my country upon my published works, and I am satisfied with his record as a Mayor and with his integrity as a man. Now, if we like these other men, we should be as true to the great men of the past as to the public for placing in one of the London parks has been decided by the authorities, with thanks.

There is an as yet unmarked spot for destruction—with the object of making a new street from Harbour Circus to Fleet street—and a sentimental protest against its extension in the name of the city. It is difficult to feel any sympathy with the self-styled archaeologists who desire to retain this shabby old street. There is no reason for its being beyond the fact that for a short period it was one of the Inns of Chancery. It has long ceased to have any connection with the law or lawyers, and the dignified houses which once stood on it are now the property of a few speculators. The name of the street is a relic of a bygone era, and it is a pity that it should be lost. The name of the street is a relic of a bygone era, and it is a pity that it should be lost.

Voltaire's favorite retreat was, as all the world knows, the Castle of Cirey, the residence of his vivacious friend, the Marchioness de Chaulieu. The news is that the historic castle is sold to a French millionaire—a large manufacturer, for 2,500,000 francs.

The Niagara River Electric Railway. The Niagara Falls (Ont.) Board of Trade is in an interview with Superintendent Grant of the electric railway he says: "We have the track all laid and ballasted the entire length, except near Queenston. That part of the mountain to the docks at the water's edge is graded and ready for the tracks. Our own interest is to run the rest of our road from Queenston to this place by steam as the grade is so heavy, but we have to wait until the new electric road is completed by the Ontario Power Co. The line will be completed by Christmas. Kennedy & Company of Owen Sound, Ont., have the contract to furnish the turbines which will drive the generators. However, our engineer, Mr. W. T. Jennings, is working on the design of the turbines. These wheels will be able to run on a half a dozen 200 horse-power dynamos to generate electric power for the line."

The General Electric Company of Toronto have the contract to put in the system, and they have asked for tenders on the poles from the Niagara Falls to the mouth of the river. It is hoped that the road will be completed and ready for operation on May 1, 1930.

An exceedingly interesting feature of the discussion going on in Canada in regard to the political union of that country with the United States has been the renewed effort by the Tory Government and party to popularize the idea of Imperial Federation, which has for its object the establishment of more intimate relations between the United Kingdom and its colonial dependencies. Hitherto these dependencies have had no representation in the British Parliament, and have taken but little part, if any, in the ways in which the Mother Country has been engaged. The idea of Imperial Federation received its greatest impulse from the Trent affair and its great development in the establishment of the Dominion of Canada. It is well known that this measure was opposed by the majority of the British States, and that the revival of the discussion at this time in favor of applying the principle to all the dependencies of Great Britain is due to a desire on the part of British and Canadian statesmen to bring about a closer union. It is possible, the discussion in favor of annexation.

It is apparent to close observers that Mr. Gladstone and Lord Rosebery, while giving their support to the idea of Imperial Federation for the purpose of uniting the Empire, are growing sentiment in Canada in favor of annexation to the United States. Only a few days ago the Hon. Charles Tupper, son of Sir Charles, and himself Minister of Finance, declared to a reporter for a Canadian newspaper that "Canada copies in England the policy of the governing classes there in the feeling of the governing classes there is the liveliest interest in the welfare and progress of our Dominion on all sides."

Lord Rosebery also spoke in the name of the great friends of the National Liberal Club in London. Mr. Bryce, the author of "The American Commonwealth," is an ardent insular federalist, and is doing all he can to promote federation. Mr. Parkin, the "Daily Chronicle" federalist, is now making a tour of the Dominion, and is speaking wherever he can get a hearing.

Of course our country is great and strong and does not need to notice the small ripples of sentiment which show themselves on the surface of political affairs in neighboring countries, but discussions which indicate a change of government, such as might seriously affect our own affairs, should not only claim but receive the closest attention of our statesmen as well as our Government.

Commercial reciprocity, free trade, colonial dependency, Imperial Federation and political union are all subjects of the first importance to the United States. They are peculiarly American questions, and every aspect and change of opinion is worthy of the most serious consideration. It is not the least of our responsibilities to the permanent peace and prosperity of the continent unless it is also mutually from interference in its affairs by European powers, and this is also a subject of the first importance to the people of the United States and British possessions are united in one government, under one flag, and under one law.

The attainment of this end ought to be the aim of all patriotic statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic. It is a subject which should be discussed by all parties without regard to party associations or to the narrow interests of any one section of territory for the republic has always proved profitable and popular, and it can be made so again. It is a subject which should be discussed by all parties without regard to party associations or to the narrow interests of any one section of territory for the republic has always proved profitable and popular, and it can be made so again.

He stands the Test. From Saturday's Telegram. So good that the leaders and organs of the backward movement are driven to seek for business in the transactions of his agencies.

The private integrity and personal honesty that could not be successfully assailed in the last bitter campaign will not suffer under the present one. Toronto's aggressive honesty will not be attacked by any of the scoundrels who are now trying to win back the estate which they enjoyed at the city's expense. The blow which was given to the scoundrels by the Mayor's refusal to strike him will not be in vain. Toronto knows the source of the attack and such slanders will utterly fail to weaken the Mayor's position. The Mayor's honesty will not be attacked by any of the scoundrels who are now trying to win back the estate which they enjoyed at the city's expense.

But One Duty to Perform Now. From Saturday's News. Last night's meeting left nothing to be desired. It was large, orderly and enthusiastic. The Board of Health, the Mayor and the citizens of all shades of political opinion were present, and the vast assemblage joined almost unanimously in paying honor to the Mayor's record. The Mayor's record has been admitted rendered during the year now closing.

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The GREATEST TROTTER YET. All Others Helped—Clark's Xmas Horse Review. One of the features of the holiday season to horsemen is The Xmas Horse Review. It has taken a place at the top of all publications of its class. Enclosed within a beautifully illuminated cover, its 300 pages contain notes on the best trotting horses of the first interest and importance to turfmen and breeders of the trotting horse. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

"Hotel Vendome," New York. Toronto visitors New York should make their home at the well-appointed and fashionable "Hotel Vendome," corner Broadway and Forty-first streets. The "Hotel Vendome" is a short distance from the Central Hotel, and offers direct service from the West Shore and Erie Railway ferry docks. The hotel is situated in the heart of the city, and is a most desirable place for tourists. The hotel is situated in the heart of the city, and is a most desirable place for tourists.

Wait for the fixed expiration of the season, and only about 100 round trip from Suspension Bridge to Washington. Tickets will be returned on or before Jan. 5, 1930. You can also return to New York by paying \$4 extra. Through sleepers. For further particulars apply to S. J. Sharp, 19 Wellington street, Toronto.

California or Mexico. The Wabash Railway have now on sale round trip tickets at very low rates to southern points, including Chicago and Cincinnati. The only line that can take tourists via Detroit through St. Louis and Kansas City and return there via Chicago and (vice versa) finest equipped trains on earth, speed through six states of the Union. Special winter rates to the land of the Aztecs and Toltecs. Special climate and scenery in the winter months. For full particulars, apply to the table and all information about side trip on new ticket office, northwest corner King and Queen streets, Toronto.

Dr. Fests Losses Still Appeal. In the Queen's Bench Division Court on Saturday last, Dr. Fests loss of \$100,000 was the subject of a judgment by the non-suit of Judge MacMahon of his action against the Temperance Life Assurance Co. was dismissed. The judgment was given in favor of the company. The judgment was given in favor of the company.

Do not be discouraged if other insurances have failed to give you relief. Member's Kidney Cure is a new and powerful remedy, combined with a mild action on the liver. It is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

At Bond-street Congregational Church the address of Rev. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People was given. The address was given by Rev. Dr. Williams, who is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

Are you a sufferer with corns? If you are get a bottle of Dr. Williams' Corn Cure. It has never been known to fail.

CHRISTMAS IN TORONTO. The Special Services in the Churches—At the Public Institutions as the Christmas Eve.

The weather yesterday was quite reasonable. A mantle of snow had fallen late on Christmas Eve, and yesterday the weather was breezily fresh. There was a good deal of driving out for family reunions. At night the temperature dropped below zero, and the streets after church-time were well lit with gas.

Home joys were participated in yesterday by high and low, rich and poor. In fact, "would seem that for one day of the year, long year there was no poor. The generous hand of charity is outstretched, and blessings are plentiful and rich. How peaceful that hope.

A becometh Christian folk they duly awoke and saluted "the happy morn," and with glad hearts and voices they sang hymns of praise to the Lord and laurel-bedecked temples of praise. Here there was little variation other than from former years in the observance of those of sterner churches. The fruitful theme of sterner churches.

The musicals were well as popular, and heard with or at the church porch from many sanctuaries The World found that Charles Wesley's famous Christmas hymn, "Hark! the herald-angels sing," was sung with a new fervor. There are still some who are not yet converted. Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic hosts, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Mill he has his story by. Born that man no more may die; Born that man no more may die; Born that man no more may die.

Next in popular admiration appeared to be the song of Bishop Heber, known throughout all lands: "Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic hosts, Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

The inmates of no home in the city were happier than the patients in the General Hospital. It was the annual Christmas treat and entertainment, due to the munificence of Mr. (Col.) Hamilton and Miss Fanny Hamilton. The patients were treated to a most enjoyable and profitable evening. The patients were treated to a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Rev. C. O. Owen invited a blessing, and also delivered an address. Kindly words were spoken by Dr. O'Brien, Rev. E. Smith and Miss Dunn gave readings, and choruses were rendered by some of the patients. The evening was a most enjoyable and profitable one.

The Catholic Ladies' Hospital Visiting Society did not forget the patients either. A Christmas dinner was served to the inmates of this excellent society. A basket of fruit was presented to each patient. The patients were treated to a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Large crowds attended the cathedral from 6 a.m. High Mass was sung by Vicar-General, Rev. J. J. O'Brien. The Mass was celebrated at that early hour. The Mass was celebrated at that early hour.

At 10.30 Solemn High Mass, Coronation Mass, was celebrated by Rev. Father Ryan, assisted by Rev. Father Carberry as sub-deacon and Father Carberry as sub-deacon. The Mass was celebrated at that early hour.

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as able deputy during the Doctor's southern tour, and will relinquish his trust with the knowledge of having merited the hearty appreciation of his many and ardent musical hearers. The public next Sunday morning and evening will be occupied by the W.M. in person.

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD. People's Popular Christmas Concert. The following is a condensed program of the concert to be given this evening in the Pavilion: "The Christmas Story," Mr. McKendry; "The Christmas Story," Mr. McKendry; "The Christmas Story," Mr. McKendry.

Miss Agnes Knox is leaving for permanent residence in Canada, and will be very far away from Toronto. She will be very far away from Toronto.

Herbert L. Clarke to-night. The concert to be given in Association Hall to-night counts to receive the support of the lovers of good music. Mr. Herbert L. Clarke, who has come all the way from New York to fulfill this engagement, is Canada's and is fast becoming America's greatest organist. Mr. Clarke is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

"The Rambler from Clara." With new songs, music, scenery, scenic effects, and a company of specially selected artists, Dan McCarthy returns with his play, "The Rambler from Clara," for a brief holiday visit. He comes to his old home, Jacobs & Sons' Opera House this afternoon, where he will be welcomed by his hosts of admirers. The play is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

The famous Theodore Thomas Orchestra will give their grand concert at the Pavilion to-morrow evening. It will be a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

Commentator with the matinee to-day, Robert Mantel will open a week's engagements at the Grand Opera House in his dramatic drama, "The Face in the Moonlight," in which he has made the success of his life. "The Face in the Moonlight" will be presented on Friday and Saturday evening.

The Kiddminster News (a West of England paper) says: "The cry for protection is strengthening every day. The working classes, who by adopting trade unions, declared for protection against unskilled competition at home, are beginning to enquire whether it would not be wise to enlarge the scope of their operations and go in for protection against foreign competition also. All these and many other matters are being discussed in the public brain, and events will show some strong man to take affairs in hand and shape and carry out some policy that will restore prosperity to our flagging industries, and once more place Great Britain in the van of commerce."

Half Dozen Christmas Hampers. Willow-bordered baskets packed for shipping, containing two bottles, according to choice, of brandy, Scotch, Irish or Canadian whisky; gin or rum, and four bottles, according to choice, of port, sherry, Madeira, claret, Sauternes or Burgundy. Orders from any point will receive prompt attention. William Marsh, wine merchant, 79 King street, Toronto. Telephone 1708. Wine collection and delivery from 7 and 7 1/2 Yonge street and 2 and 2 1/2 King street. The largest in the Dominion.

Blackie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough which in recent cases it may be said never to fall, it is a medicine prepared from the active principles of various medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

Chief Beaver Gets a New Trial. The Queen's Bench Division Court on Saturday set aside the non-suit of Judge Ross in the case of Beaver v. G.T.R. for election. The case is a most valuable and suitable for framing. Specially mentioned also are the various trotting horses which are being bred in the Dominion of Canada. The review is a most valuable and suitable for framing.

County Judges May Try Foreign Cases. The Queen's Bench Division Court on Saturday, in the case of Rogers v. Lewis Hughes (president), Mr. O'Connell, Mr. O'Hagan, Misses Fay, Higgins, Hoskin, O'Connell, Cassidy, McCarthy.

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A WARM HEART. Or How to Fill Two Baskets with One Hand.

For hundreds of years back, a little, grey-bearded, bright-eyed, genial-faced, good-hearted, happy old gentleman's appearance has been hailed by millions of children of all ages and climes with unbounded demonstrations of joy, and his visit has never failed to produce smiling faces and happy homes seen among the fathers and mothers. Mr. Santa Claus is looked for as anxiously this year as ever before, and we hope that not one home or little heart in this great city will feel the pang of disappointment at his non-appearance. But the little German dwarf is not the only Santa Claus the world has ever produced, and although we do not have our parcels without some return, we do the very best thing to do, by placing within the reach of everyone the easy possibility of doing for themselves or others the greatest amount of good for the least possible outlay. The fact is, we wish to express our gratitude for the favors and patronage that have been bestowed upon us for the year that is just passing away, and our idea is that as the public has been our benefactor, the public should be our benefactor in return. How to do this properly is the great difficulty. If everything in this department were given away for nothing only a small portion of the public would have been supplied, as the public are very numerous. But we have devised a method by which we can give an acknowledgment of our indebtedness to the public for the favors and patronage that have been bestowed upon us for the year that is just passing away, and our idea is that as the public has been our benefactor, the public should be our benefactor in return. How to do this properly is the great difficulty. If everything in this department were given away for nothing only a small portion of the public would have been supplied, as the public are very numerous. 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