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CORRUPTION IN BY-ELECTIONS.

The St. Thomas Journal believes that a by-election is the greatest evil that can befall an electoral riding.
"It seems to bring within the limits of the constituency all the forces of evil that can be rallied for either party, and that in defiance of the wishes of the workers on both sides."

There are constituencies in Ontario which were noted for the honesty of the electors before a series of by-elections were held. In which to-day a large proportion of the voters abstain from casting their ballots unless paid to do so.

The Journal then proceeds to give instances in which constituencies were demoralized by Conservatives. Such instances would naturally occur to the mind of a Liberal journalist, but it seems to us that his opening remarks have a more general application. It is true that some of the worst cases of venality, fraud, and corruption in Canada have occurred in by-elections. One of the reasons is that in these elections no great issue is presented to the people. Frequently they are told that it is their interest to support the government which has post offices, custom houses, lighthouses and other good gifts to bestow. This is corrupt in itself, and has been censured by both parties when in opposition. The government view was expressed by a well-known Toronto humorist, who declared that a constituency which went against the government in a by-election violated "the genius of our institutions."

THE FORMER TIMES WERE BETTER THAN THESE.

An American paper has been making a list of the popular songs of the last few years. Immense sums of money must be made out of these productions, and it would be interesting to know whether the men who compose the verses and the music get their share of the profits. The history of ballads and popular ditties would make an interesting book. The interest would be not merely literary and musical, but human. Why do certain words and phrases catch the popular imagination? A doubtful or sentimental story always appeals to the heart of humanity. A song that was very popular some years ago was "The Ragged Dicks." It was a true ballad quality, the simple story and the sudden tragic ending.

The old fellows will tell you that the popular song has deteriorated. Where, they ask, is the modern favorite that will compare with "Sally in Our Alley," or "Shades of Evening," or any of the songs that our mothers and grandmothers used to sing? At first sight it certainly looks as if there had been not only a decline in literary and musical quality, but a coarsening and cheapening of sentiment. But we must bear in mind that it is the best that has preserved the "Changin' Chaser" and "Not for Joe," and "Shoo Fly," have passed into oblivion, and we suppose every age has had similar instances of fleeting fame.

Somebody has been writing to The New York Sun in the same strain about the decline of ballads. Where are the successors of Bill Nye, Bob Burdette, M. Quad and the Danbury News man. The Sun says there has been a similar deterioration in Welsh rabbits, chophouses, boiled oysters and beautiful young burlesque actresses. "The good actors are all dead," the good cigars are all burned up, the best thing a fellow can do is to sit by the fire, drink his gruel or mineral water, nurse his gout and make life pleasant to his friends and relatives by flooding them with reminiscences and never ceasing to remind them that nothing amounts now to much."

VALUE OF COLONIAL MARKET.

Analysis of the trade returns of Great Britain for 1900 and 1901 supplies convincing proof that Britain's opportunities of the future lie in the cultivation of the colonial markets. The figures suggest the venerable controversy that hinges on the actual importance of a favorable balance of trade. Aside from this academic feature of the commercial relations between Britain and her world markets the statistics for the two years provide an interesting comparison:

1900.	
Britain's imports (colonial) \$110,583,706	
Britain's exports (foreign) 252,349,728	
Balance of trade against Britain 141,766,022	
1901.	
Britain's imports (colonial) \$119,416,492	
Britain's exports (foreign) 234,745,904	
Balance of trade against Britain 115,329,412	

The foregoing figures show that foreign countries, while increasing their exports to Great Britain, are giving a declining patronage to the British markets. The balance of trade against Britain grew from \$141,766,022 in 1900 to \$115,329,412 in 1901. In other words, Britain bought from foreign countries \$2,871,964 more in 1901 than in 1900, while foreign countries bought from

Britain \$17,903,706 less in 1901 than in the preceding year. While in her dealings with foreign nations an adverse balance of trade is being steadily piled up against Britain, the colonial trade shows the very opposite tendency.

1900.

Balance of trade against Britain 7,506,581

Britain's imports (colonial) \$105,573,706

Britain's exports (colonial) 108,080,287

Balance of trade in Britain's favor 2,506,581

The contrast between Britain's trade with foreign countries and her trade with the colonies is striking.

In Britain's trading with foreign nations an adverse balance of trade of \$101,194,828 in 1900 grew to an adverse balance of trade of \$115,329,412 in 1901.

In Britain's trading with her colonies an adverse balance of trade of \$7,506,581 in 1900 grew to a favorable balance of trade of \$2,506,581 in 1901.

These figures can have only one meaning. If Britain chooses to accept the balance of her trade, the favorable balance of trade is the result of a change. If, on the other hand, Britain wants to open up at the points of least resistance markets for her surplus products, her efforts should be directed towards the colonies.

The colonies are buying more from Great Britain than any other country is buying from Britain. The opportunity clearly lies in the development of the trade that offers most encouragement to her producing interests.

The colonies are the markets for the industrial products of Britain. They are clearly evident from the trade statistics for 1900 and 1901.

FULL TIDE OF PROSPERITY.

Conditions in Canada and the United States are admirably reviewed in Mr. E. J. Walker's address at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Commerce.

The recklessness of stock speculation during the past year was duly emphasized. Mr. Walker points out that it is difficult to draw the line between legitimate enterprise and gambling in securities, but he very clearly sets forth the folly of speculation by people who have not the means to protect their margins.

Mr. Walker is to be commended for his discouragement of the attempted short cuts to wealth. The collapse of last year's stock boom threw a blight on the city of Toronto, and the ill effects will not soon pass away.

Canada, Mr. Walker admits, is in the full tide of prosperity. He believes that Canada cannot fail to go rapidly forward, and that undue speculation alone can operate adversely in the long run. It is not within the range of human probability that this great productivity can be continuously maintained, and Mr. Walker forecasts a period when we cannot profitably support for the time being some of the great industries we have established.

The tone of Mr. Walker's address is distinctly optimistic. He does not shut his eyes to the lessons of history—that we must expect lean years as well as years of prosperity. He warns, but he throws out no alarming danger signals. He shows the limitations of the sources of the country, and mentions the inevitable results of over-production and ill-advised flotations; but there is nowhere to be noted in his address (the strain of the pessimist).

Reviewing conditions in the United States, Mr. Walker refers to the immense crops harvested last year, the heavy traffic of the railways and the money which is to be spent in railway improvements. Against these favorable conditions are noted the disturbance of the American money market, the effects of the coal strike and the warfare that is being made upon the trusts.

"If," says Mr. Walker, "steel is still the barometer of trade, and a decline in its use is a presage of depression, it is interesting to note that we are at the end of a year of unparalleled production and that the mills are as full of orders as ever."

CHEAPER COAL, CHEAPER GAS.

No, no, the Consumers' Gas Company does not know whether the free admission of soft coal will mean a reduction in the price of gas. The removal of the duty must mean cheaper soft coal. That inference is not challenged by the officials of the Consumers' Gas Company. The reduced cost of production of gas would, the company's management coyly admits, supply Toronto consumers with a strong claim for a reduction in price.

A stronger claim for a reduction in the price of gas pre-supposes the cheapening of the cost of development. Admission of this important point by the Gas Company officials carries with it the suggestion that the people of Toronto may hope for cheaper gas. The cost of production is to be reduced and the Consumers' Gas Company does not know whether or not it will be able to supply Toronto at a cheaper rate. If the cost of production were to be increased, the Consumers' Gas Company would soon let the people know that there were substantial reasons for increasing the price of gas.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

The Farmers' Advocate for January devotes a great deal of attention to free rural mail delivery. One letter is written from British Columbia which goes to show that free delivery would strengthen the morals of the rural districts, help to keep the boys and girls on the farm, and enhance the value of property in the rural districts, and tend to double the business done by the post office there. Another correspondent says that a number of the present mail routes could be made the basis of delivery routes at a very small increase of cost. It is also pointed out in an editorial that the farmers of this country are entitled to increased facilities in connection with the mail service of this country, and that all they have to do to get an improved service is to demand it of the government, and of their representatives in parliament.

The allied fleets are displaying no indecent haste in concluding their call on Venezuela.

It is to be hoped that the All-Canada

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Thursday Will Be "Dollar" Day

What can I get for a "dollar"? How often you hear that expression used by shoppers. On Thursday we're going to demonstrate what our January Sale will give for a dollar. It will be "Dollar" Day at this store, when unusual values at that price will be placed on sale throughout the store. Only carefully selected lines have been chosen, representing worthy, seasonable, up-to-date needs for home and personal use. Seldom have we presented a more interesting list of prices than this for to-morrow:

Dollar Offerings in Sheets and Pillow Cases

300 pairs Fine Bleached Hemmed Sheets; made of heavy quality plain and t. ill sheeting; size 80 x 90 inches; regular price \$1.30 per pair; Thursday \$1.00

600 pairs Fine Cotton Pillow Cases; made of selected soft-finished heavy cotton; sizes 42 and 45 inches by 36 inches; our regular price 35c per pair; Thursday four pairs for \$1.00

Skirt Lengths for \$1.00

300 Skirt Lengths of English Herringbone, good weight, suitable for unlined skirts, etc. In choice variety of colorings, 50 inches wide, 4-12 yards in each length, regular value \$2.13 per length, Thursday \$1.00

Dress Lengths for \$1.00

500 Dress Lengths of Plain Amazon Suiting and Tweed, with two-toned Zibeline effect, medium weight for general wear, in good variety of fast colors, 42 to 44 inches wide, 6 yards in each dress, regular \$2.40 per length, Thursday \$1.00

Floor Oilcloths

1800 square yards Extra Heavy Oilcloth, in the following widths: 36, 45, 54, 72 and 90 inches, showing a strong range of block and floral designs, all thoroughly seasoned, suitable for dining-rooms, kitchens, halls, etc., regular prices 35c and 40c a square yard, Thursday four square yards for \$1.00

Groceries

On Thursday this group of Groceries for one dollar:
A pound of pure India and Ceylon Tea at 25c; a pound of our finest Creamery Butter, eight pounds of Choice Sugar, and Granulated Sugar, and five pounds Choice Cleaned Currants; all for \$1.00

Men's Boots

Off sale Thursday at noon:
251 pairs Men's Lace Boots; all styles and shapes; broken lots, but including sizes 6 to 11; boots that this store sells at \$1.75 and \$2.00 a pair; on sale Thursday, at 12.15 noon, for \$1.00

For Men

This collection of Dress Needs for men:
A pair of our 25c Suspenders; a pair of our 25c Cashmere Sox; a pair of our 18c Link Cuffs; half a dozen Turn-down Collars, and a White Unadorned Shirt; Thursday the lot for \$1.00

Horse Blankets

125 All-wool Kersey Horse Blankets, neat colors, in checks and stripes, strongly strapped and perfectly finished, regular \$1.50 each, Thursday \$1.00

Chairs and Rockers

100 Chairs and Rockers, assorted patterns, in golden oak and mahogany finish, with close cane seats, regular prices \$1.75 to \$2.50 each, Thursday \$1.00

Men's Sleeping Suits

Men's Pyjama or Sleeping Suits, fine Madras and Ceylon flannel, broken sizes in each, military collar, large pearl buttons, fancy stripes and plain white, sizes 36 to 44-inch chest measure, regular prices \$1.50 and \$2 per suit, Thursday \$1.00

Men's Trousers at \$1.00

Men's Trousers, made of heavy Canadian tweeds, brown checks and Eloffs cloth, dark colors, three pockets, well made, sizes 32 to 40-inch waist, regular prices \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, Thursday \$1.00

Boys' Reefers and Suits

Broken lots and sizes of Boys' Reefers, Two-piece Suits and Odd Knee Pants, the latter double-breasted, in dark tweeds, sizes 22 and 24, the reefers are Norway style, in sizes 20, 21, 22 and 23, and the knee pants are sizes 30, 31, 32 and 33, in brown and dark corduroy, well made, regular prices have been \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.25, Thursday \$1.00

THE TORONTO DAILY STAR WILL HAVE A MORE COMPLETE LIST

Flannelette Wrappers at \$1.00

175 only Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, colors navy and white, red and black, blue and black and red and white, some have square frill over shoulder, flounce on skirt, braided trimmings, others of American make, flannelette, have two frills over shoulder, flounce on bottom of skirt, braided trimmings, sizes 32 to 42 inches, in an assortment of colors, now selling at \$1.25 and \$1.50, Thursday to clear at \$1.00

\$2.25 Flannel Waists at \$1.00

150 only Ladies' French Flannel Waists, newest shades, back and front finished with wide tucks, regular \$2.25, our regular price \$2.25, Thursday \$1.00

12 Yards Queen's Own Cotton \$1.00

2400 yards English Bleached Fine Cotton, cambric finish, Queen's Own brand, 36 inches wide, our 12-1/2 yard, Thursday 12 yards for \$1.00

20 Yards Unbleached Cotton \$1.00

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Six 25c Huck Towels \$1.00

300 pairs Bleached Linen Huckaback Towels, firm, even weave, with hemmed and fringed ends, superior quality, plain and colored borders, assorted sizes, regular \$1.50 a pair, Thursday 6 pairs for \$1.00

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CONSERVATIVES DISSATISFIED.

Under the heading "Reorganize," The Brockville Times of Jan. 10 says:

There has been a feeling of dissatisfaction in Conservative ranks for some time with regard to the management of affairs in the party, and that feeling was accentuated to the point of exasperation by the result of the by-elections on Wednesday last. The mass of the Conservatives feel that their cause is just and right, and that the Grit government is thoroughly rotten and discredited, but they also feel that there is something radically wrong about the organization and management of the party affairs in Ontario, when, under such circumstances, the government is allowed to flinch from the Conservative party seats which may justly be claimed as properly Conservative. The rank and file are getting discouraged.

We have no doubt that there was rank rascality perpetrated in the government cause in all three ridings. We have no doubt that the "machine," with its criminal staff, was at work on Wednesday, but with proper management and organization a great part of this should have been neutralized and checked.

Another serious cause of complaint upon the part of the rank and file of the Conservative party is against the disreputable saw-off in election protests and against other secret deals by a few on the inside. The saw-off is wrong and inexcusable. It is not much better than compounding a felony. It is played out. If it ever had any effect that effect is no good now. If there are no grounds for a protest, then there should be no protest entered. But if there has been corruption and good ground for a protest the protest should be entered and carried thru to the bitter end. The saw-off is simply hiding corruption and it can not pay because it is dishonest. It certainly does not pay those Conservatives who put up their good money, bona fide, for the prosecution of the protest, but who see the protest dropped and no sign of their money. What becomes of the money?

What right had the Conservative managers to make this secret deal with Hon. E. J. Davis for example, whereby Mr. Davis agreed to resign if the cause was not proved further? This case of Mr. Davis' affected not only Mr. Davis and his Conservative opponent but the people of the entire Province of Ontario. We are all interested and affected by the investigation of any case of political corruption. If this corruption is not exposed it will never be eradicated. We want no political corruption in Canada, either in Conservatives or Grit ranks.

There is no good in mining matters any longer. Conservatives are heartily sick of the way in which their affairs are managed in Ontario. They have a good cause and good men in the party, but the organization must be absolutely weak when so little is effected with such good opportunities. As a matter of fact the fight was lost last May by ardent, muddle-headed carelessness upon the part of the Conservatives. There were two or three strong Conservative seats simply thrown away owing to neglect and cocksure indifference to ordinary effort. Had there been proper organization this would have been attended to in time, and to-day the Conservatives would have been in power.

The Grit government is discredited and the people are with the Conservatives as the popular Conservative majority of 7000 votes and the half-breath escape of the government last May showed, but the Conservative party will never win against the Grit government with all its resources and army of officials if it does not have proper organization. Good organization and system is just as essential as a good cause.

The time has come for plain speaking in the Conservative press. The rank and file of the Conservative party are dissatisfied with the organization in their party. They do not know where they are at. They want a thorough change, and they want it soon. It is time the Conservatives held a convention and arrived at some decision. We are voicing the sentiments of a number of loyal but disappointed Conservatives who feel that there is something essentially defective in the organization of the party.

From the Woodstock Express, Jan. 12: On the front page of Saturday night, where the writer discusses, in the first person singular, "Things in General," we find the following paragraph in a reference to the recent by-elections:

If the opposition had been able to create any genuine enthusiasm or to have fired the imagination of the people, they would not now find themselves conducting a disastrous and hopeless rear-guard action. But they sought to fix attention on the sins and shortcomings of the administration, instead of developing qualities of their own, which would command respect and respect. While complaining of widespread electoral fraud and corruption, they were themselves not unsuited with political dirt. Could anything be more sickening than their recent course in compromising with the evil they had denounced, instead of turning on the light as it was their duty to do, both to the public and to themselves, if they were sincere in their professions and honestly determined to expose and exterminate the "machine"?

How could they hope to be taken seriously in their outcry against political crookedness, when they were industriously seeking their own safety in the disreputable game of "saw-off," and compounding the felonies which they alleged in more than one constituency, by accepting the abandonment of seats as ample explanation for the offences charged, thus burying in investigation and burying the truth?

Now, this is but the simple truth, and the sooner the Conservatives realize it the sooner they will begin to make some progress. The sins of the Liberals may be as black as night, but the fact that they are not able to help the Conservatives until the Conservatives have something to offer on their own behalf. We believe there is sufficient independence, sufficient honesty and sufficient purity in this country to turn any corrupt party from power just as soon as it can be shown that there is a party law corrupt to take its place. Until the Conservative party in Ontario can show that it would be some improvement on the party in power, there is little use howling about the sins of the Grit machine. The people are sick

Almost Racked to Pieces.

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hearing about these sins. They know all about them. They know they are as black as need be. What the people want to hear about is something that will ensure an improvement.

WANTS INVESTIGATION.

Editor World: I think The World is entitled to the thanks of every honest man for the stand it has taken on the coal question, and should go on and expose the whole matter. There is no mistake about it—it is a regular hold-up, or a combination among the dealers to make hay while the sun shines. A good many things need explaining. For instance, why should \$100 a ton of coal when I was told yesterday that Prescott they can get all the hard coal they want for \$6 a ton, and almost any of the small towns, east and west, for \$7 a ton delivered, and without trouble? Why, then, should we be held up for \$10 a ton here? It looks like a fraud. Go ahead, Mr. Editor, and what a meal and the Mayor and the Council will help you. The poor people demand it, and as a property owner I am willing to give my share of the cost of investigation. Then we would perhaps find out what those men are who pretend to be so good to the poor and denounce any man who would dare to starve them. The fact that they are not able to help the Conservatives until the Conservatives have something to offer on their own behalf. We believe there is sufficient independence, sufficient honesty and sufficient purity in this country to turn any corrupt party from power just as soon as it can be shown that there is a party law corrupt to take its place. Until the Conservative party in Ontario can show that it would be some improvement on the party in power, there is little use howling about the sins of the Grit machine. The people are sick

Methodists of Toronto.

London, Jan. 13.—Clement Van Buren, who recently visited Canada, says that the Methodists of the City of Toronto were taking the leading and commanding positions in everything that affects the citizen.

Doubtfuls to Meet.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—The Doubtfuls will shortly hold a mass meeting to settle the land tenure and religious questions. Peter Verinegan is with the government.