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EAST MIDDLESEX'S OPPORTUNITY.

The electors of East Middlesex have an opportunity of making the coming contest a referendum on a number of important questions.

There is no doubt that all over the province even among Conservatives who continue to support Sir James Whitney's administration, a tide of dissatisfaction with his indolence or obstinate resistance to needed reforms continues to rise. Dissatisfied Conservatives, why not indicate to the premier, in no uncertain way, what you want done?

Do you want the bar abolished? Vote for Mr. Laidlaw, the Progressive candidate. The liquor interests are spending money to elect his opponent. Which side are you on? Let Sir James know.

Do you want tax reform? The Whitney Government up to the present has refused to grant it, though influential Conservative papers in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, etc., have demanded it. Vote for Mr. Laidlaw, the Progressive candidate, and see the scales drop from Sir James' eyes.

Do you want the educational system reorganized, and a straightforward, consistent policy adopted in regard to bilingual schools? The Minister of Education is admittedly inefficient and his bilingual policy lacks every element of stability. Vote for the Progressive candidate in this by-election, and Dr. Pyne will have to step down and out.

Do you want workmen's compensation? The Government is still promising legislation as it has done for seven years back. Even promises would hardly be given if it had not been for the enormous pressure of the Liberal party and the Labor interests. These interests had better keep up their activity if the legislation, when it ever comes, is to be adequate and modern.

Vote for Mr. Laidlaw, and cure the Government of procrastination, palsy, and paralysis. The election of Mr. Laidlaw will act as an anti-toxin on the Government's sleeping sickness. It will be like putting it quietly and lovingly in their coffee.

Do you want more attention to the problems of agriculture? The Minister of Agriculture is known to be as inefficient as the Minister of Education. Vote for Mr. Laidlaw, the Progressive candidate, and spur the Government to a reorganization of the department of agriculture.

Electors of East Middlesex, wake up the Seven Sleepers and smash the bar that drags them.

HALF-CONVERTED.

The Toronto World, which two years ago was a most violent opponent of reciprocity in food stuffs, and wanted Canada's traffic to go east and west as one of the great safeguards of the Empire, has now come out as strongly in favor of free wheat and flour.

We are pleased to note the change, though the conversion is rather late, and is not yet perfectly complete. But the amusing part is that it is berating the Liberal papers, or some of them, for not speaking out louder and helping in the good work. It complains that they are keeping silence. So far as we know, they are all in favor of reciprocity in wheat and flour, only they would like to have it extended, so as to take in the other natural products provided for by the Liberal Government's agreement with the United States. Their position is pretty well known. Why they should tumble over one another in rushing to the support of the part-converted paper that used to scold them for advocating reciprocity? They have no influence with the Government, so far as we can see. In fact, the more they say about it, the less likelihood would there be of Mr. Borden agreeing to it.

Never mind us. Hammer away at your own leaders; convert your own contemporaries. You may do some good if you drag them along as far as you have yourself progressed. Then, if you can bring them up a short distance you can move on higher. In time you will all get up to the Liberal platform.

A NEW NAVAL POLICY.

The Montreal Star has always been a pronounced advocate of a centralized navy, supported by contributions from Canada and the other dominions. But it is beginning to hedge, and suggests something else. Not because it is better, but because it will give the Government a chance to "outbid the local fleet fakirs." It quotes a declaration of the premier of New Zealand that Britons of the "outer marches," including Australia and Canada with his own dominion, aspired to as complete supremacy in their own waters as Britons of England should have over the Atlantic.

This, the Star declares is a "very

natural and very praiseworthy feeling," though we fail to see how it is consistent with the centralized navy which it says is the only safe policy. Therefore, those of us who believe that "the true basis of British naval supremacy" is to be found in "one supreme and centrally-directed navy," must prepare to meet this praiseworthy local desire. The plan suggested is to follow the Churchill idea of creating a sort of flying imperial squadron, based on Gibraltar, but moving about the ocean continuously, and dropping into the ports of the different dominions occasionally.

The idea seems a little muddled. If this flying squadron is for the purpose of policing the Pacific, which seems to be meant, why base it on Gibraltar, instead of some of the Dominion's ports, say Vancouver or Sydney? It will not be a strictly local one for it will belong to three of the dominions. But it will certainly be a "separatist" fleet. And that, we have been told, ad nauseam, is treason of the blackest color. It is admitted that this may be more expensive for us than Mr. Borden's plan, for it may mean the burden of one or more battle-ships to make the squadron effective. And it seems to us it is not so very long ago that we saw in this same paper a condemnation of the Liberal policy on account of its great cost. But then what a chance, we are told, it will give the centralizers to say to those who want a local navy, "These fakirs may give you one battleship and a few cruisers for perpetual playthings, but we will give you five battle-ships always at your call, and frequently in your harbors." Principle does not seem to count for much. The suggestion simply amounts to doing something that is wrong, if it will give an opportunity to "dish the Grits."

We fear this particular star is wobbling in its course. The "emergency" seems to have faded from its vision; it is beginning to realize that the desire for a Canadian policy in naval matters is stronger than it thought. It is trying to guide itself by the Tory polar light of expediency, but it cannot go straight. So it zig-zags. We fear it will please neither party, and set into the unenviable position of the man between two stools.

MISPLACED SYMPATHY.

Mr. Rowell is accused of blackening the memory of the late George Neely by asserting that the liquor interests spent money in his behalf in the last two elections in the riding. We quote from the report of Mr. Rowell's speech, delivered in London on Nov. 15, to show the falsity of the charge that he cast a personal reflection on the late member:

"The other fellows had the influence of the bar, as was proved by the fact that in the last two provincial elections in East Middlesex collections had been taken up in Toronto among the liquor men there to help the Government candidate. He did not blame the candidate, as the work had originated outside, but it showed that the liquor men had naturally allied themselves with the Government."

Mr. Rowell, as will be seen, was careful to state the money came from outside the riding, and to exonerate Mr. Neely.

The liquor interests were not concerned about Mr. Neely himself. Their object was the defeat of the political party pledged to the abolition of the barroom. They intend to spend money in behalf of every Government candidate, with or without his sanction or knowledge. It is with them purely a matter of business. The fact that they consider their interests threatened by the success of the Liberal party, even in a by-election, should induce temperance Conservatives to vote for the Liberal candidate.

Don't let the barroom finish its work. Vote for Laidlaw.

A vote for Laidlaw is a vote against Duff and Pyne, the two most grotesque misfits that ever climbed into a cabinet.

The story that Mr. Rowell will be repudiated by Liberals in his own riding is so palpably a fake, that it wouldn't deceive a political baby.

Telephoning by wire to a distance of 4,000 miles, a recent German feat, makes this old world shrink again, and reduces it to a whispering gallery.

Rev. Mr. Fish told the Orangemen that he had Sir James Whitney's promise to come to East Middlesex and explain his position on the bilingual question. Sir James is not coming. Why? Because no man likes to straddle a fence on the public platform if he can avoid it.

East Middlesex Conservatives who vote for Laidlaw will be doing the Whitney Government a service as well as the temperance cause. The Toronto Mail and Empire says that Sir James is willing to banish the bar if the people of Ontario show him they want it banished. The election of Mr. Laidlaw would hasten this change of policy.

The London Outlook says that war on Mexico by the United States would be a money-grubbers' war. As a matter of fact, American financial interests in Mexico are angry at Wilson for refusing to recognize the Huerta Government. Wilson and Bryan are acting from idealistic motives. Happily for Anglo-American amity, this is recognized by the British Government and most of the British newspapers.

FROM VANCOUVER TO LOBO.

Mortuary statistics do not often give satisfactory study in comparison, but the rule is sometimes violated. A week or so ago the Vancouver newspapers

reported the death of a lady at the age of 26, who was "the first child born in Vancouver." On its heels followed the announcement of the death of the first child born in Lobo, in Middlesex County, Ontario, at the age of 92. What a distance separated those women, both geographically and as proof of the country's development!

VERY DUCAL.

[New York Sun.]
Pointing out the vanity of titles to a group of debutantes at a tea in New York, Frederick Townsend Martin said:

"On a boat returning from Europe I once heard a pretty girl say enthusiastically to a young man:

"And so you met a duke—a real live duke!"

"Yes," he answered, yawning.

"Oh, tell me," said the girl, with a rapid look, what was the duke doing?"

"He was engaged," said the young man, "in a high-kicking contest with a chorus lady."

HARD LUCK.

[Detroit Free Press.]
"My grandma—" said the office boy, tremblingly.

"Nothing doing," said the manager, shortly.

"—died before I was born," the boy went on, "and I ain't never had no excuse for going to the opening game."

THE ATTRACTION.

[Baltimore American.]
"What do you think of the movement to encourage women to take up farm work?"

"Well, women always were attracted to husbandry."

SOME WOMEN HAVE THAT PREFERENCE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"My dear," he said to his wife, who had called him up by telephone, "won't you please talk a little lower? I can't understand more than half of what you say."

"Half will be plenty," she replied, "preferring to be misunderstood rather than to miss saying all she wished to say."

WHY THEY DESERTED.

[Buffalo Express.]
"Many of the men you numbered among your friends have deserted you," observed the uncle.

"Yes; I found that I could not keep their friendship without keeping them," explained the wealthy youth.

WHEN?

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Over in London they have a new dance which is called the "shark swish." When are they going to introduce the "mermaid wiggle?"

WASTE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
A farm expert estimates that it costs \$6 a year to feed a rat. This is almost as great a waste as it is to feed the people who subsist on free lunch stations.

A POOR SUBJECT.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
The man who thinks only of himself isn't likely to have much to think about.

THE CONQUEROR'S RETURN.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"I was rather embarrassed," the amateur hunter confessed.

"Why so?"

"When I got back to camp after my first day out in the woods, I greeted me by singing 'See the Conquering Hero Comes.' And all I had done was to shoot off my guide's left ear."

TREAD SOFTLY.

[Punch.]
Caretake (showing tourist round old castle)—"S-s-s-h—Go quietly, sir; this is the 'laid chamber of 'Bloody Rufus'—I 'out an old on inside a-setting on chicken eggs, an' I don't want 'er disturbed."

ON THE WAY.

[Punch.]
Fond Grandmother—"Understand Spanish? Speak French and German? What a talented little lady you are to be sure." The Little Lady (proudly)—"Yes. And my governess says this after a while I may speak English correctly."

ADVICE TO THE YOUNG.

[Montreal Post-Express.]
If advice were needed by the young just entering on life to save them from sinking into hypocrisy, it might be embodied in each case in two words. Be yourself. But we must go farther, and say: Be your best self.

A REFORM NEEDED.

[Montreal Telegraph.]
Surely Canada cannot allow justice to be so trifled with that a man who is carried into Parliament on a wave of crime, shall be allowed as a reward, to sit there for a whole year as the honored representative of the people?

WHAT MCBRIDE DOESN'T SEE.

While Sir Richard McBride is burning in heartless Canada should fail in its duty to the empire as he sees it, the howling down of cabinet ministers suggests that the provincial duties to be attended to in the Vancouver district.

LOSS OF CHILD LIVES.

[Kingston Weekly.]
Yes, it is significant that the public indignation of the people boils over the ill-treatment of children at home or abroad, but the indignation should be replaced with a solicitude which will show itself in the care and protection of infant life. In Ontario one baby in every ten dies before it reaches the age of five. Why? Because the mothers do not know how to rear them. It is an awful indictment, but it is a true one.

THE LIBERAL FATHER.

[Philadelphia Record.]
Bibbs—Is your rich father-in-law liberal?
Dobbs—Well, when I married, his daughter he gave her away.

OR THEY'LL BE THROWN OUT.

[Boston Transcript.]
She—Do you love me for myself alone?
He—Yes, and when we are married I don't want any of the family thrown in.

WRONG MEDICINE.

[Birmingham Age-Herald.]
"Dobbs says that he is a man who takes his medicine without complaining."
"That's true; but he has a mistaken idea as to the medicinal value of alcohol."

NOW, WOULDN'T THAT BE NICE?

[Woman's Home Companion.]
Plain water's big enough, I hope.
But soapuds taste so mean;
I wish they'd make some candy soap
To keep our faces clean!

ABE MARTIN



Th day has gone by when you have to "invited anybody" to dinner two. What's become of the old time grocer who blew in the sack?

ODD ONES

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

Gets Dog But Less Dough. Bedford, Pa.—Charged with having killed a dog while hunting, W. G. Hillis, a director of the First National Bank of Youngwood, Pa., was fined \$100 and \$25 costs. Hillis paid in a jiffy.

A Christian Burial. Kingston, N. S.—Easter C. Searling, weight 80 pounds, was buried on the grounds of the Episcopal Church at West Park, where he lived at a rectory. He was a cat, probably the largest in the country.

Mixed the Colors. Mendham, N. J.—Miss Mabel Mordick was so frightened at the sight of a black snake in a basket that her hair turned gray. She has been hysterical for three days.

He Orit Stay Home. (Biff!) Havana.—The Cuban state department ordered the immediate deportation of Oritie McManigal the dynamiter, should he attempt to land here.

As Clean As Mud. Edinburgh.—Robert Williams, a London actor, remarried his first wife, who divorced him, after he married and was divorced by the woman the first Mrs. Williams named as co-respondent.

Goddess Starts Something. Chicago.—An argument as to whether Goddess of Liberty holds aloft a torch or a lamp started a fight and a fire in a rooming-house and caused two arrests.

Soup For a Penny Now. Denver.—The city commissioners have just inserted in the proposed new city liquor law a clause forbidding free lunches.

Militants. Boulder, Col.—Because they found it necessary to spank three pupils for violating rules, three young school mistresses were attacked successively by four grown youths and four women. The girls routed them all.

Tanques at Sixty. H. C. Van Vorhes, aged 69, bank president and former congressman, makes no secret of the fact that he is taking tango lessons and says he enjoys it.

LADY RICHARDSON WAS DISAPPOINTING

Pretty and Graceful but Not a Genius—Vaudeville Was Entertaining.

It was a good vaudeville show. It would have been considered a fair week's presentation at one of the variety theatres in Detroit or Toronto, and it cannot be said that anyone who was present could quarrel with the performance.

What London thinks of classic dancing is another thing, and what London thinks of "passionate" French drama-ette is again another thing. Perhaps London's opinion of the performance of Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson fully deserving of the designation, "the famous titled dancer." She certainly presented a perfect picture as a nymph at the wood, and the who who read poetry and interpret emotions she was a delightful experience, but as seen with a mind that was supposed to appreciate the rest of the performance, she was a disappointment.

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Liquor Interests Draw Ridiculous Herring Across the Trail

Of all the herrings dragged across the trail by the liquor interests in the East Middlesex campaign the most puerile and obvious is the cry of the London Free Press that the secretary of the East Middlesex Liberal Association was the solicitor of the hotelmen of London Township in the legal proceedings which led to the invalidation of several local option votes.

What has Mr. Jared Vining, not as secretary of the East Middlesex Liberal Association, but in his private capacity as a lawyer, to do with this by-election contest, and its chief issue, Abolish the Bar?

Is the Free Press so appalled at the prospect of Conservative temperance men voting for a temperance candidate that it thinks it can deter such men from voting for their lifelong principles by raising such a futile side-wind?

Temperance men in this contest show every sign of going to vote for Laidlaw and for their temperance principles above party politics. Hence the

Free Press and its panic. Mr. Jared Vining is not the issue. Laidlaw and McFarlan are the issues, and "Abolish the Bar" against the liquor interests.

John Laidlaw is the candidate of the Temperance Alliance and of the Liberal party, which stands for the abolition of the bar.

John McFarlan would give no definite statement as to his stand on Abolish the Bar, and his answer was not satisfactory to the Temperance Alliance. He is the candidate in the interests of the Whitney Government, which will not co-operate with Rowell and close the bars all over Ontario, and which is leagued with the liquor interests.

Are temperance electors, in a situation like this, likely to vote for McFarlan and against their own candidate, Laidlaw?

It is because the Free Press knows that they are not likely to do this, that it is throwing up clouds of dust. McFarlan is against Abolish the Bar. Laidlaw is for Abolish the Bar.

Scores Bryan for Inaction in Mexico

John Hays Hammond Declares Emphatically That Those Who Have Invested Their Money Should Be Protected Instead of Being Told To Get Out.

[Canadian Press.]
Worcester, Mass., Nov. 22.—John Hays Hammond, mining expert, speaking here last night at the closing session of Clark University, conference on Latin-America, declared that he would not invest in a foreign country as long as William J. Bryan is secretary of state. He said any man who would make such an investment is lacking in sense.

"A nation that does not protect its citizens and investors is unworthy in the name of a nation," declared Mr. Hammond, after saying that honest workmen, encouraged to locate in Mexico, would be thrown away the savings of a lifetime.

"They are told to get out; flee the country, where their all is located," said Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond said that the Mexican Development of Subjects was "The Development of Subjects was American Trade."