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Four Planks in Their Platform.

The London Christian Citizenship Union, in its platform, given in our local columns today, takes the ground that there should be no party politics in municipal affairs. That has always been the contention of The Advertiser; but when, as is the case this year, the Conservative leaders put candidates for mayor, aldermen and school trustees in the field, by way of the party convention, how can this new organization expect the Liberals not to take some means for the defense of their interests? They would be more than human if they did not.

We certainly agree that representatives of the people should only be chosen from "the standpoint of moral and business qualification." The large majority of the citizens of London will agree to that, and, let us say, in justice to them, the taxpayers have generally regarded this principle in the selection of their representatives. In plank three, the Union suggests that part of the aldermen shall be elected by the whole city and part by the wards as now. We have no objection to that change. But to effect it the Legislature must first change the law. The issue is therefore one that can most fittingly be raised at the ensuing Provincial election in the city than in a municipal contest.

The Union says it will aim at municipal control of all the great enterprises, such as the street railway, the gas and electric lighting concerns. For a quarter of a century the question of civic ownership of the electric railway will not be a live question, as the charter of the company, granted 23 years ago by the city, does not expire till 1925. The citizens recently had an opportunity to vote for a civic electric lighting plant. They endorsed civic ownership of public lighting in the abstract, but when the question of spending money for a plant was put before them, they voted it down, the advocates of civic ownership say, because they had not sufficient information before them. We believe that by-and-by the ideal city, which we all wish London to be, will own all the great natural monopolies within its bounds, and perform in a co-operative manner all work that can be better accomplished in that way than by individual effort. For this reason, we take no objection to any citizen or body of citizens striving to advance the cause of civic ownership as opportunity arises. This idea is not new. It has been ably advocated at the London Council Board by Ald. Parnell, the candidate of the people for the majority of 1896.

Much interest has been taken throughout the country in the recent address delivered by Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Longford, at the banquet given to Lord Aberdeen in Toronto. We therefore print today the full text of the address. It is a comprehensive deliverance, which will well repay perusal.

While opponents of the Ontario Government have been condemning the new county council system, by which a large sum is annually saved to the taxpayers in every county, it is noteworthy that not a petition for a change back to the old order of things has been received.

Canada in Britain.

The leading English financial journal, the London Statist, in its latest issue, has the following statement from a well-informed writer on the subject of the present disposition of British capitalists with respect to foreign investments:

"It is obvious, however, that the public is once more eagerly looking out for a new field of investment, and there is much to support the view that the next great investment will be towards Canada. Upon the whole, there seems no scope for great enterprise equal to that offered in Canada. It is now proved that Canada has immense undeveloped resources, not in gold only, but in other minerals, and she has a large area of fertile and unsettled land."

Canada has indeed been discovered to the Motherland in this year of her Majesty's jubilee. The preferential treatment of Great Britain in our new tariff is directing attention to our position as a country to a most gratifying extent.

During the ensuing year the Ontario Provincial grants to education will amount to \$721,382 08; in the same period Quebec will grant \$430,010 for education.

City Refuse Disposal.

The London Board of Health says that this city now only needs an efficient system of garbage collection to make it the cleanest as well as the prettiest center of population in Canada. It is already the healthiest. The objection may be made that the garbage collection system would be expensive to the taxpayers. Not so. Hamilton has had a weekly collection of garbage from its householders for many years. When it was established the cost was held up as a bugbear, but the sponsors of the scheme were unmoved by it. It has since been proved by experience that the civic co-operative system of collecting and disposing of domestic and general refuse costs the individual taxpayer less than the

old haphazard method, which had the further disadvantage that it resulted in the wholesale accumulation of waste matter and disease-breeding filth. The prompt and efficient collection of city refuse cannot much longer be postponed.

Quebec Province last year had to pay \$1,550,874 on its public debt; Ontario has no public debt. On the contrary it draws a large sum annually from its surplus.

This is the season of the year when Canada really desires to be known as Our Lady of the Snows. But the snows come not, and John Frost remains afar off.

Bicycle Horrors.

A savage people, who have never been taught anything better, would scarcely take delight in such an exhibition of human torture as is now drawing to a close at Madison Square Garden, New York city. A more revolting exhibition than a body of human beings engaged in a continuous six day and night bicycle contest could scarcely be invented. In order to win, the men have to remain almost without sleep for the entire period, while using every muscle in their body to propel their machine to its utmost capacity. As the end of the contest approaches, one after another of the wheelmen have been dropping off, some physically wrecked, others mentally dazed, if not actually insane, while those who remain in the competition appear more like wild animals than human beings. Medical men assert that so great is the torture from loss of sleep, accompanied by violent exercise, that not one of the contestants will ever again enjoy the health and strength with which they entered the arena. It is a sad commentary on the degeneracy of present-day "sport." But why do the authorities allow it? If a man jumps into a river, he is looked up for trying to take his life. Are not these crazy wheelmen, who risk their lives in a foolish contest, valueless except as a mere money-making exhibition, equally guilty of attempting self-murder, slower though the process may be?

Hon. Edward Blake will leave for Great Britain by the steamship Teutonic on the 29th inst.

In his interesting address at the annual gathering of the Ontario Experimental Union at Guelph Agricultural College, this week, Prof. Goldwin Smith referred to his first visit to the college 25 years ago, when it was young and struggling, but now it was securely established in the confidence of the province, and likely to return to the province tenfold or one hundredfold for the money spent upon it.

A Good Move as to Trees.

An Ottawa correspondent informs us that the Department of the Interior has taken up the question of timber supply and forest preservation in the Northwest. Mr. E. F. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, has been appointed a commissioner to go into the subject and inquire how the forests should be maintained. Suitable areas for permanent forest reserves will be selected, and it will be ascertained whether some lands in the west poorly adapted for agriculture could not be as well planted with trees. Information will be gathered as to what means are most effective in preventing forest and prairie fires. This is an excellent move. It has been approved by the experience of Scotland, that on land where ordinary farm crops could not be grown, trees take root and reach full fruition, yielding, in the course of a generation, a good income for little labor. There is no reason why even poor land in Canada should be without a value of some kind. The Government does well to set the settlers a good example in turning even poor soil to account. A tree grows while one sleeps, as the old Scottish landlord told his son, and asks for no consideration, but to be let alone.

No paper does handsomer color work than the Illustrated Buffalo Express. Last year's holiday issues are well remembered and no doubt preserved in many homes. The Express this year announces its holiday number for Dec. 19 and its Christmas number for Dec. 26. Both will be printed in colors, with many choice art and literary features.

BEWARE OF THEM.

[Boston Courier.] The gunners that hunt in the fall, tra la, tra la, Are a very precarious race; They scatter their powder and ball, tra la, tra la, In any direction at all, tra la, Within this terrestrial space; Which is why we this warning vehemently bawl: Keep aloof from the hunters that hunt in the fall.

WASN'T SURE ABOUT IT.

[Chicago News.] Diggs—Is your daughter improving in her piano-playing? Biggs—She is either improving or else we are getting used to it; I don't know which.

IF WE may believe Dr. K. S. MacDonald, who has been reading a paper on "The Decline of Hinduism" before the Calcutta Missionary Conference, the decay of caste is proceeding at an unexpected rate. He says the educated classes pour contempt on caste, observing it for personal ends in public, but utterly ignoring it in private. Eating houses, he says, are multiplying rapidly in Calcutta, in which Hindus eat all sorts of food, little recking whether prepared by caste cooks or not. The seclusion of females is passing into desuetude. Western musical instruments, the harmonium and piano, have found their way into the harems and Hindu young ladies are learning music—some even becoming expert violinists and vocalists—from European professors.

AIMED AT TEACHERS

Who Earn Additional Money—A Resolution at a School Board Committee—Three New Teachers To Be Advertised For.

No. 1 committee of the board of education met last night and decided to recommend several changes in the teaching staff of the public schools. The changes proposed were that Miss Colquhoun be transferred from Park street school to Aberdeen; that Miss Lee take charge of part I, St. George's; that Miss Phillips go to part II, Albert; that Miss Phoenix act as substitute from January to June in Miss Sales' place at Part I, Rectory street, while Miss Cole attends the Normal, and that Miss Robinson and Miss Cooper be transition teachers at St. George's. The committee also decided to purchase one of the British Empire maps of the world at \$8 50 each. These maps were shown to the board at the last meeting and highly recommended by Inspector Carson.

Trustee Logan said that teachers were being allowed to give up their positions temporarily in order to make a little money at something else. He said he would move at the next meeting of the board that what money teachers make in this way revert to the board. In the discussion it was pointed out that the law provides that certain positions outside of the regular duties of the teacher must be filled by teachers, such as civil service examiner, a place held by Principal Graham of Simcoe street school, for several years, and now held by Principal Stewart, of Talbot street. During their absence filling these duties substitutes were paid \$2 a day, while the teachers' regular salaries were paid as usual. This matter was not broached during Mr. Graham's term as civil service examiner.

A resolution was passed, that the substitutes provided to take charge of the principals' rooms in such cases receive \$1 per day, the same as other substitutes. Three teachers for the Collegiate Institute staff will be advertised for. Applications to be placed on the substitute teaching staff were referred to the Inspector. It was decided the Boyle medal should revert to the pupil who stood second highest in the midsummer examination at the Princess avenue school, the pupil standing highest to get the Robb medal. D. S. Robb's application for a reduction of his substitute fee was again refused. The principals will be asked to see that pupils of whom complaint is made to the trustee and officer are absent through illness, as it has proved annoying to citizens to have the trustee officer calling at their homes without occasion. Reference was made to the date on which the schools close this term—the public schools on Dec. 22 and the Collegiate Institute on Dec. 17. The members present were Dr. Teasdale (chairman), Dr. English, Messrs. Greenleaf, Leach, Johnston, Bridle, Stephenson, Macpherson, Secretary McElheran, Inspector Carson, and Principal Merchant.

FLURRY IN WHEAT.

Goes Up to \$1 00 and May Reach \$1 25 Before Christmas.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The "squeeze" which sent wheat here on Thursday up to \$1 00 produced an extraordinary situation in speculative circles. The bulls dumped hundreds of thousands of bushels into the pit to keep the price down, the bears hugged and squeezed the quotations in frantic endeavors to find a stopping place, but the rise came, with a close at \$1 07. Some prophets who see great punishment in store for the big men without wheat tell of \$1 25 or \$1 50 wheat before Christmas Day.

Mr. Armour said: "I am not short a bushel of wheat. I am simply doing an aggressive elevator business. I believe wheat will be worth \$1 25 in any market of the world before a new crop is harvested."

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Christmas Silks.

23-inch Pure Japanese Silk, in all colors, for fancy work, draperies or cushions; selling for 25c.

Fancy Blouse Silks, all new colors, regular price 35c, selling for 25c.

Special line of Pure Silk Surahs, all new shades, regular 40c, selling for 25c.

A magnificent range of Fancy Blouse Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 35c.

Fancy Blouse Silks, extra value at 75c, selling for 50c.

Black Silks.

A special line of Black Silk Surah, extra good value at 65c, selling for 50c.

Black Beau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price \$1, selling for 75c.

Black Beau de Soie Dress Silk, regular price \$1 50, selling at \$1.

Black Satin Duchess Dress Silk, regular price \$1 35, selling for \$1.

Black Figured Duchess, for skirts, pure silk, regular price \$1, selling for 69c.

A special line of Art Silks, regular price 50c, selling for 25c.

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The reduced rates on everything in these departments accounts for our crowded showrooms. Everything here is in favor of the buyer.

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Linen Tray Cloths at 10c, 15c, 25c, 40c and 50c. Hemmed Table Napkins, 23x23c, fine damask, regular price \$2 75, selling at \$2.

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In Basement.

Special bargains in Flown Blue Dinnerware, China Tea Sets and Toiletware.

Very special attractions on our 15c and 25c tables. Also a special table of Fancy Glassware will be shown. Be sure you see it.

Quadruple-Plated Silver Tea Service, regular price, \$10, selling for \$7 25. Makes a handsome present.

Quadruple-Plated Silver Butter Dishes, regular price \$1 75, selling for \$1 24.

Quadruple-Plated Silver Teapots, for one week only, selling for \$1 69.

Coal Ash Sifters, selling for 11 each. Coal Scuttles, selling for 25c, 30c and 35c.

Mincing Knives and Bowls, all sizes, also a large assortment of Tin and Granite Ware at special prices.

Our Grocery stock, as heretofore, will be found the very choicest, and contains everything wanted for Christmas.

Cowan's Soluble Cocoa, 15c a pound. If you have not used it just try it.

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50 pairs Men's Three-Buckle Over shoes, regular price \$2 25, selling for \$1 50.

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