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God's in His heaven.
All's right with the world.
—Browning.

London, Tuesday, January 7.

The Recent Liberal Victories and
Their Lesson for West
Huron.

The Ottawa correspondent of the
Montreal Gazette (Conservative) thus
morales on the recent Liberal vic-
tories:

"The tide of the bye-elections seems
to have decidedly set against the Gov-
ernment, and there does not appear
to be any option left but for the brunt
of the storm to be borne and an effort
made to get matters into a little bet-
ter shape to meet the general election,
which must follow the prorogation of
the session which opens on Thursday."

And the same journal asserts that in
recent campaigns neither the general
policy of the men in power nor their
Manitoba school policy brought them
strength. This is remarkable candor,
but the returns sustain it. While one
section of the high tax leaders earnestly
pleaded with the electors to sup-
port the Bowell-Caron combination be-
cause it has promised to coerce Mani-
toba without due investigation, an-
other section headed by Dr. Montague
and Mr. Foster—asserted that the
school question was but a mere side
issue, and that it was on the high
tax policy of the Administration that
they asked for a verdict. The verdict
was given on both points, not on one
as the Conservative newspapers pro-
fess to believe when they berate the
Roman Catholic voters for not voting
solidly for them out of gratitude for
alleged favors to come. "A plague on
both divisions of your policy," was the
reply of the electors in the only two
bye-elections so far held where but
two candidates were running. And
the electors emphasized their disgust
at the cheap John statesmen who
have usurped the positions formerly
occupied by such leaders as Sir John
Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, and
Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, by turning a
large Conservative majority into a
substantial majority for the Liberal
candidate. The Catholic electors in
these constituencies, following the ex-
ample of those in Vercheres and An-
goulême, where like tactics were at-
tempted, resented by their votes the
insulting demand of the men in power
at Ottawa that they should be driven
to the polls as a body to support a
foolish, ill-considered and tortuous
course which had been adopted,
through no conscientious conviction of
duty, but as a means of saving polit-
ical adventures from defeat on their
policy as a whole. It will be a bad
day for Canada if a scheme to solidify
any portion of the people, on sectarian
grounds alone is successful.

As the Montreal Gazette acknowl-
edges, the Administration at Ottawa
was beaten on its general policy, as
well as on what Mr. Foster was pleas-
ed to call the side issue, and it was
beaten in constituencies which were
first cajoled and then threatened with
disaster if they voted for the change
of men and measures which they be-
lieved to be for the best interests of
their country.

The object lesson should not be lost
on the electors of West Huron, who,
within the next few days, will be
called upon to choose whether or not
they are satisfied with misrule and
corruption, and the high taxation
which naturally flows therefrom. In
Montreal and Jacques Cartier, where
the vote opposed to the men in
power and their methods was con-
centrated on one man, the high tax
candidate was defeated by an over-
whelming majority. In North Ontario,
where a Patron candidate also entered
the contest and the revenue tariff
supporters divided their vote between
him and the Liberal nominee, the un-
pledged Conservative candidate slipped
in between the two.

Surely the West Huron electors who
are opposed to the policy of the pres-
ent Administration, will allow no
weathercock politicians, or "new
party" self-seeking manipulators to
divert them from concentrating their
votes on the one man in the field
who can carry the constituency against
the Ottawa centralizers. Mr. M. C.
Cameron is a tried and trusted friend
of West Huron. He was defeated in a
bye-election in 1892 by tactics which
ought now to secure for him the sup-
port of all fair-minded men in the
community. He has for years been
fighting for tax reduction, for econ-
omy in public expenditure, for legiti-
mate equal rights for all classes in the
community. With the experience of
the constituencies which have re-
cently voted to guide them, there
should be no division in the ranks of
the West Huron opponents of the men
in power at Ottawa. If more than
two candidates permit in running, let

every true Liberal remember his duty,
and vote so as to make his act ef-
fective in securing the triumph of his
principles.

Canada and War.

The unrest in Europe and the ill-
will entertained towards Great Brit-
ain by more than one of the continen-
tal powers, to say nothing of the crit-
ical condition of affairs in the East,
naturally causes speculation as to
Canada's position in the event of the
motherland engaging in conflict with
one or more countries.

If Great Britain should keep out of
war with the United States, and it
does not seem possible that any blood-
shed will take place over matters now
in dispute between the two great sec-
tions of the English-speaking race,
Canada would not be very prejudi-
cially affected by a war between Great
Britain and one or more of her neigh-
bors in Europe. Our ocean commerce,
it is true, would be disarranged, and
many of our foreign customers would
be crippled in their buying powers
through the vast expenditures neces-
sary to carry on war, but a foreign
war, to which the United States would
not be party, would constitute our
neighbors the agents for the supply of
all sorts of commodities for the com-
batants. Canada, as a dependency of
Great Britain, might find it difficult
to ship her surplus products to British
or other ports, because of the opera-
tion of hostile men-of-war, of which
nearly all the European powers have
now a greater or less supply; but the
United States, as a non-combatant,
would sail the seas unmolested. We
now sell a very large proportion of
our products to the United States, but
if war demoralized old world com-
merce, and made it difficult for us to
ship direct, there can be no doubt
that our farmers would find dealers
ready to purchase their products and
market them by way of the United
States. Thus, a war to which Great
Britain would be a party, and the
United States free, would leave Cana-
dians in much better shape to with-
er the storm than would be other
colonies, who now have only one string
to their bow—the old world market.

Nevertheless, let us earnestly hope
that the nations of the earth will
avoid armed conflict, and agree to
settle their difficulties by peaceful ar-
bitration.

Western Fair Buildings.

The freeholders of London yesterday
voted to grant \$25,000 for the erection
of new buildings for the Western Fair.
The structures were necessary, and
the Fair is an institution which has
been of great benefit to the city, and
likely to remain so. There was con-
siderable opposition to the expenditure,
but it arose in great measure because
many electors did not thoroughly un-
derstand the relation of the Fair
Board to the city. The expenditures
will be made under the direction of the
City Council, and Mayor Little has
promised that he will see to it that
they are properly made, with a single
eye to the public good. We have no
doubt that before next exhibition
buildings that are creditable to the
city and attractive to the men whose
exhibits we desire to have there, so
that the Western Fair may
be the Exhibition of the West, will
be ready for occupation.

Victory Foreshadowed.

The bye-election in Victoria, B.C.,
to fill the vacancy caused by the se-
lection of Colonel Prior, the Conserva-
tive M.P., who sought re-election after
he had been appointed a member of
the Dominion Cabinet, proves how
greatly public opinion has changed,
even in the former Conservative
stronghold of the Pacific coast.

In British Columbia the electors have
generally sided with the men in power,
and when candidates supporting the
high tax party were not elected by ac-
clamation, it has been with difficulty
that the Liberal nominees have saved
their deposits.

But since the tour of Hon. Wilfrid
Laurier, Mr. Hyman, M.P., Mr. Wm.
Gibson, M.P., and their associates
through the Province eighteen months
ago there has been a decided change,
which has been further emphasized
owing to the proofs of demoralization in
the high tax Cabinet at Ottawa that
have been supplied for some time back.

Monday's election in Victoria proves
conclusively that even British Colum-
bia will at the general election join
Ontario, Quebec, and the Eastern
Provinces generally in swinging into
line against over-taxation and cheap
John statesmanship.

Victoria proved a city of refuge to
Sir John A. Macdonald when he was
defeated in Kingston, but Col. Prior,
though running with all the prestige
of a local man of great influence and
a Minister of the Crown, came within
a few votes of being defeated by the
Liberal candidate. That, too, in spite
of the fact that at last general elec-
tion Col. Prior was elected by an enor-
mous majority over the same candi-
date that ran against him on Monday.
The figures are most significant. While
in 1891, Col. Prior, running as a plain
citizen, had a majority of 600 over Mr.
Templeman, Liberal candidate, in a to-
tal vote of less than 1,700, this week,
with the total vote largely increased,
Col. Prior, a Minister of the Crown,
a distributor of patronage, a promiser
of large things, only carried the con-
stituency by 85.

Our information is that at the en-
suing general election this majority will
be wiped out, and Victoria will return
two supporters for the policy advocated
by Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.

By the Way.

The question now is to which wing
of the Ottawa Government will Col.
Prior, Controller of Inland Revenue,
belong. To those at work, or to those
on strike?

Mr. Robert Fleming defeated Ald.
Shaw in the contest for the Toronto
mayorality. The majority was over
1,700. Mr. Fleming is to be congratu-
lated on his triumph. There were
many influences against him, but he
had a good municipal record, which
enabled him to beat a strong man.

The greatest of all New Year reso-
lutions: Beat the Combines.

In Hamilton, Mr. Geo. E. Tuckett
has been elected Mayor by a large ma-
jority, defeating the retiring mayor,
A. D. Stewart, who asked re-election
for a fourth term. Hamilton is a bad
town in which to endeavor to monopo-
lize municipal honors. This is the
second mayoralty candidate who in
recent years has been turned down in
that city because he asked for a fourth
nomination. The winner is a former
Londoner. He made his first success-
ful effort in business here. Old-timers
will remember him as a storekeeper,
in partnership with Mr. Cole, in the
early days of the American war. Mr.
Tuckett sold out his interests here and
moved to Hamilton, where he has built
up a large business. He is a shrewd
man of affairs, and should make a
good mayor. The third party candi-
date was left hopelessly in the rear,
receiving only 87 to Mr. Tuckett's
4,696; it is impossible to conduct a
campaign with a platform of practi-
cally one plank, however able a candi-
date may be.

Points From Petrolia.

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The New Year Well Fegun—Splendid Re-
ception at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

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Petrolia, Jan. 6. Messrs. W. Phoenix
and C. McDermid left on Friday night for
New Orleans.

Miss L. Hamilton spent Sunday with
friends in Detroit.

Electric lights have been put in the Pres-
byterian church, and were started for the
first time on Sunday night. There is a
chandelier with 24 lights in the center of the
church and brackets with two lights on the
walls, making a great improvement over the
oil lamps.

The managers of the Columbus rink have
decided to admit ladies free, and opened
Saturday night. There was a very large
attendance.

Mr. C. G. Northcote has moved his stock
of groceries to Stratford.

Messrs. T. S. Thomson and James Sav-
ing, jun., leave today for London to take a
term in training.

Mr. George Moncrief, M.P., is in Ottawa
attending Parliament.

Mr. G. B. Barclay leaves today for Den-
bigh, Ont.

The week of prayer is being observed
here in the different churches.

Mr. Geo. Nelson and family have moved
to Sarnia.

The New Year's reception in connection
with the Young Men's Christian Associa-
tion of Petrolia, held on Wednesday, was a
pronounced success, and if the presence of
the hundreds of young men who attended it
is an indication of promised co-operation,
the new year will prove the best in the
history of the institution. To the Ladies'
Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Dr. Dunfield is
president, and the general secretary, Mr.
Williamson, is due great credit for the com-
petence of the arrangements which con-
tributed to make the day a successful one.

The reception committee of young men
are also to be commended for their untiring
efforts in the entertainment of the visitors.

The rooms were tastefully decorated, and
across the building on the outside was
stretched a streamer bearing the message,
"A Happy New Year." At 10 a.m. a game
of basketball was commenced in
Victoria Hall between two teams
of nine men each, captained by
Messrs. Geo. Boyce and F. Holbrook.

This exercise was decidedly interesting and
enjoyable to the many spectators, some of
whom for the first time witnessed this game,
which was first introduced here several
months ago by the Y. M. C. A. When
in time was called the score stood 16 to 7 in
favor of Boyce's men. Messrs. Barker and
Williamson acted as referees. In the after-
noon at 2 the reception commenced at the
rooms, where the ladies had made ample
provision for the many visitors. In the
parlors games and attractions of various
kinds were in order, and an informal pro-
gramme of selections by the orchestra, with
instrumentals by Mrs. Barrett, and Messrs.
Dunfield, McHattie, Hodgson and Walker,
all of which added much to the afternoon's
enjoyment. In the evening the rooms were
filled to overflowing, and after several
hours of social intercourse Mr. Albert Dun-
can took charge of the programme as chair-
man, which position he ably filled. The
Y. M. C. A. orchestra delighted the
audience with their selections, and the
ability shown by the young musicians
was the subject of much favorable comment.

The following are the members: Messrs. J.
McHattie, A. Bicknell, F. Wilkinson, H.
Clarke, E. Clarke and Chas. Clarke. This
organization is proving a valuable aid in
association work. Recitations were given
by Messrs. Seaburn, Hamilton, Farr and
Jno. Fraser and the general secretary. Both
at the conclusion of their remarks also gave
recitations. After the programme, refresh-
ments were served and a large number re-
mained until a later hour engrossed in games
and conversation, after which all went home
feeling satisfied that the first day of the
new year had been profitably spent.

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