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NO GERRYMANDER.

La Minerve, the newspaper mouthpiece of Mr. Oumet, the high tax leader in Quebec, continues to assert that Quebec was not submitted to a sufficient gerrymander in 1892, and that a new cutting and carving of the constituencies must take place before the ensuing general election. This advocacy of an interim gerrymander undoubtedly proves that Mr. Oumet is cognizant of the fact that the present Administration cannot again be returned to power unless foul means are adopted. Let the men in power at Ottawa insist on the gerrymander scheme if they will. They will find that Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and those who follow his lead have enough strength in Parliament to prevent its passage during the life of the present Administration. And the people generally would indorse their attitude of hostility.

ESTABLISH A WESTERN PRISON.

The grand jury at Toronto called the attention of the Government to the overcrowding of the Central Prison in that city. No doubt some action will result. As a large number of the prisoners are taken from Western Ontario, the best means to relieve the overcrowding would be to reconstruct the London Jail, now never filled to its limit, and arrange to have a provincial place of confinement for Western Ontario established here. There is really no reason why the Central Prison should be enlarged, and prisoners from the west be taken long distances to it for punishment, when so workable a plan for relieving that place of confinement can be devised for a less expenditure of public money. The enlargement of the London Jail by the taking in of the comparatively vacant lands surrounding it would provide all the room necessary.

THEY IGNORE THEIR LEADER.

Premier Bowell is apparently unable to control members of his Cabinet. The men who ought to be his subordinates keep taking up attitudes contrary to what he declares to be the policy of his Administration, and cause the old man no end of trouble. There was a vacancy in the Supreme Court, the other day, and Messrs. Oumet, Tupper and Caron offered it to one Quebec lawyer while Premier Bowell himself wrote to another Quebec lawyer, urging him to accept it. Much speculation now exists as to what the men in power would have done if both lawyers had accepted the one position.

This incident is a repetition of what took place in Ottawa last session, when a Minister in the Commons stated the Government policy in regard to the Hudson Bay Railway scheme to be one thing, and the Conservative leader told the Senate, an hour or two afterwards, that it was something entirely different.

How can a Government stand whose members are constantly fighting among themselves?

MADILL WANTS LISTER DEFEATED.

Rev. Mr. Madill, chief of the P. P. A., who worked so hard to secure the defeat of Sir Oliver Mowat, is still at work endeavoring to defeat Liberal M. P. S. He appeared at a gathering in Forest the other day and announced that he and his friends had no use for Lister, and that he must be defeated at all hazards.

Sarnia needs a new postoffice, and Mr. Madill asserts that it has not got it because the electors, being true to their conscientious convictions, have sent Mr. Lister to Parliament instead of a supporter of the men in power, whose views they could not honestly indorse. The P. P. A. leader, therefore, wishes Mr. Lister to be defeated, and if possible to have the Conservative party triumph. To secure this end, a so-called "independent" candidate is meanwhile put in the field, and it is expected that by this means the corrupt dispensers of postoffices may slip in their candidate!

This is a nice, convenient arrangement for the P. P. A.-Conservative combine, but the electors of West Lambton have surely had their eyes opened to the true position of affairs by this time.

Sarnia should have a new postoffice, if it needs it, regardless of who is returned to serve the constituency in Parliament, and in the new Parliament, of which Mr. Lister will be a member in spite of the unwarranted attack on him, the needs of every constituency will be fairly weighed for a Liberal Government will be in power, and it will deal justly with every constituency.

POINTS.

Who that has inspected the rotten, filth-laden cedar blocks which the workmen removed from Dundas street today will say that wooden pavement is not conducive to disease?

The Duke of Sutherland's two sons, the Marquis of Stafford, who is 7, and Lord Allister Gower, who is 5, attend the village public school at Golspie with the tenants of his children and workmen. The duke is doing his boys a good turn.

The Dominion Government has again fixed Thanksgiving Day at much too late a date. November 21 is far too near Christmas. Thanksgiving Day should be not later than Nov. 1. Why not change it to be midway between Labor Day and Christmas?

The misuse of the term "lady" is aptly illustrated in the following news item: "The young lady who obtained money from certain Stratford merchants by representing herself as president of the Y. W. C. A., pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday morning, and was let go, in view of the fact that she had already spent ten days in jail."

Hamilton's assessed value is now \$619,544 more than one year ago. Her increase in population is only 312—being 48,803, against 48,491 at last assessment. It is apparent that our sister city is not retaining the natural increase of her population.

Of the Duke of Cambridge it may be said that nothing became his official life like the leaving of it. He knew that he was no longer wanted as commander of the British army, and he had sense enough to quit.

A constituency that produced a John Dryden may be pardoned for thinking it has more Cabinet material. Ontario county has warrant for its ambitions.

Since France became McKinleyized her foreign trade has steadily declined. Franch should profit by the lesson of her sister republic in America.

The remarkable speculating craze in Britain shows that there is a pile of money floating around there. Some of the South African mines promise to sink it effectually.

Uncle Sam finds difficulty in getting native crews for his new warships, though he pays better than any others. The American does not seem to have inherited the sea-loving nature of his Anglo-Saxon forefathers.

It will not be a surprising thing if the Conservative party in Britain undertakes to reform the House of Lords. The reactionaries in the past have effected notable reforms but seldom until the Liberals compelled them to.

The Ottawa Citizen (Conservative) says that Sir Mackenzie Bowell, when replying to the delegation who wanted Mr. Smith, M.P., made Minister of Agriculture, remarked that "he had been obliged to take a Cabinet that was already made." It is made evident every day that Sir Mackenzie has no control whatsoever over his Cabinet. The tail swings the dog at Ottawa.

The Catholic university at Washington, D. C., is now open to women. It has hitherto devoted its energies entirely to the education of priests, but in future women will be freely admitted to all the college courses, only they will not be permitted to matriculate or secure degrees. By and bye that additional privilege may be conferred on them. This course has been adopted in order that the convents of the United States may be kept abreast of the modern movement of education. It went into effect on the opening of the college year, Oct. 1. It is hoped and expected that wealthy Roman Catholic women will come forward and endow scholarships for this department.

HOW MEN BECOME TRAMPS. Josiah Flynt writes in the October Century on the very important topic of "How Men Become Tramps." The principal causes or sources of vagabondage, as he understands them, may be briefly recapitulated:

1. The love of liquor.
 2. Wanderlust—the love of wandering.
 3. The county jail, owing to the promiscuous herding of boys and homeless wanderers with criminals.
 4. The tough and rough element in villages and towns.
 5. The comparatively innocent but misguided pupils of the reform school.
- Though not, properly speaking, a cause of vagabondage, the non-enforcement of law is its nursing mother, and misguided and misapplied charity its base of operations. The tramp evil is not so much a disease as a symptom of public ill-health. As such, and all the more because it is such, it deserves to be more thoroughly investigated, more reasonably apprehended and more boldly treated.

HARD LINES.
He—I can't stay but half an hour.
She—Too bad, George. You won't have time to bid me good night.

FASHION AND TRADE.

Fashion is again bringing prosperity to Bradford, as it has in times past brought idleness to the wheels and hunger to the inhabitants. Two-thirds of the mohair of the world is manufactured into weaving material in Bradford, and a recovery of a long-lost popularity by mohair and lustre goods has created a tremendous demand for the products of Bradford, and sent up the price of mohair from 24 to 64 cents a pound, and of the yarn from 48 cents to \$1.03 a pound. Almost incredible fortunes have been made by firms that had large quantities of mohair on hand when the boom began. A few years ago Bradford was prostrated because the fashion decreed the use of soft, lustreless fabrics. Of course, to a certain extent Bradford could learn to make these, but this only slightly mitigated the blow; the channels of trade, the arts of operatives and the styles of machinery do not change so readily as the whims of fashion, and Bradford went into a deep eclipse. There is a tradition in England that the makers of shell combs were brought to the verge of starvation by a change in fashion, which sent all existing combs into retirement and stopped abruptly the sale of more. The situation being explained to the Queen, she benevolently appeared in public with shell combs, and the business recovered its prosperity. Four or five years ago an English actress appeared in a New York stage with a straw hat that was a novelty. A manufacturer took note of the style, and in a few days had the trade supplied with its reproductions. It proved popular, and though he was protected by no registration of the design or other legal discourager of imitation, he made \$32,000 net profit that season on that particular style of hat. Fashion is a powerful ally in trade, and also a remorseless enemy.—New York Journal of Commerce.

THE OTHER SIDE.

The Altruistic Review scores Cornelius Vanderbilt for the expensive levee he gave at his new house-warming—thinks "the angels must have pined the man who could lavishly waste great sums when countless numbers were suffering from hunger." It might have occurred to the reviewer to ask to whom the great sums were paid. The florists came in for a large share—and they are a humble folk who have to work for every bloom that they sell. Which would be better—to pauperize them with unearned money, or to make it possible for them to earn a living by buying their products? What he did gave profit and pleasure to all, and made a beggar of nobody. The confectioners and bakers and decorators and artists and dressmakers had their share of that hundred thousand dollars or more. Every dollar of it went to working people in payment for work.—Chicago Interior.

SCHOOLS AND THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

The Evangelical Churchman regrets that the Provincial Synod should have placed itself on record as in favor of denominational schools. "The passing of such a resolution," it says, "cannot but do serious injury to the Church of England in the community." It goes on to say, however, that the vote does not represent the majority of the members of the Church of England in Canada. The Churchman points out that some of the most pronounced high churchmen spoke against it. Rev. Dr. Langtry stated in the debate that while he had for years agitated in favor of a denominational school system, he had now come to the conclusion that it was impracticable. Dr. Pearson, of Holy Trinity, bore testimony to the admirable moral qualities and results of the public schools. The Churchman itself adds: "A denominational school system would be a poor, inefficient system, conducted at the greatest cost, with the most extravagant waste of resources. Where would such a system have any chance of existence in this country outside of the larger towns? Conceive the effect of half a dozen denominational schools in a school section in the country or in a small village. It brings the whole scheme to a reductio ad absurdum."

THE POPULAR LEADER.

He Is in Much Better Trim, and Stronger Than He Was Twenty Years Ago.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—James Sutherland, M. P. Liberal whip, has received word from Hon. Wilfrid Laurier that he is greatly improved in health and will be quite able to undertake the Ontario tour beginning next week. The Liberal leader suffers from a bronchial trouble frequently, but Mr. Sutherland says he is 50 per cent better than he was twenty years ago.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

The Minority Strengthened by Principal Grant and Anglican Bishops.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 2.—Replying to an address of Roman Catholics at Selkirk yesterday, Archbishop Langevin said that the cause he and all his Catholic friends had been fighting for the past five years had been greatly strengthened by resolutions passed at the conference of Anglican bishops in Montreal recently favoring separate schools, and also by the letters of Principal Grant voicing the sentiments of the Presbyterian Church.

Taman's furnishing establishment, Corrie, was entered by burglars, who stole a large number of wedding suits and other things.

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FACULTY OF MEDICINE—Tuesday, the 17th September at 9 a.m.

FACULTY OF ARTS—including the Special Course for Women, Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 9 a.m.

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE—Wednesday, Sept. 18th, at 9 a.m.

The fee of \$5 (see Calendar) must be paid to the secretary before admission to the examination.

The Lectures will begin as follows—Faculty of Medicine, for 1st and 2nd year students, Sept. 24th; Faculty of Arts and Applied Science, Sept. 23rd.

Intending students can obtain all necessary information on application to the undersigned.

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The Calendar stating details of each course, day and hour of Lecture, Fees, etc., may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

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