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The Victory in South Ontario. The election of Hon. John Dryden yesterday places the Hardy Government firmly in the saddle. Surrounded by his trusty lieutenants, the Premier has now a clear course, and the Province again enjoys the full and unimpaired power and vigor of adminestration which have advanced its interests in the past. The speedy return of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Dryden shows that the trend of public favor is too strong in the Government's direction to leave any hope for Mr. Whitney in the ensuing bye-elections. When the House meets again he will find that the Opposition has again shrunk to its normal proportions, and that its once chirrupy spirits have been sadly dash-

There is no doubt that considerable discontent existed in South Ontario. Mr. Dryden made some serious tactical mistakes in the distribution of patronage-always a tender spot-but the general feeling seems to be that he has peen sufficiently punished. He is now fully restored to the favor of his constituents, and the whole Province is glad to see him confirmed in his official post. There never has been a more useful Minister of Agriculture, either in Ontario or in Canada. He is an ideal representative of the farming community. A practical and successful farmer, an able speaker, a reader and a thinker, and above all a man of unblemished integrity, John Dryden is really one of the best agricultural exhibits the Province affords.

Uncle Sam Will Expand.

If the dispatches from Paris are near the truth, the United States has taken the plunge into imperialism, by asserting American sovereignty over the whole group of the Philippines. The imperialists call it destiny; the antiimperialists call it disaster. Whatever the wisdom of the experiment-and time may soon decide the question-it is distinctly the republic's own busimess. It is hard to see how the United States could do otherwise. To hand the islands back to Spain would be the signal for a bloody conflict between the Spanish and the natives. Besides, the United States is under an implied misrule. It would be no kindness to give the Filipinos political independence. They are not fit for self-government. It would be a calamity for themselves and for the large European interests on the islands. To transfer all or any of the group to a power other than Spain would inflame the jealousies of all Europe, and raise a storm at home. A joint protectorate of all the great powers might be practicable, as British and American influence would preponderate. But as the people of the United States have manifestly become enamored of the imperial idea, and want the Star-Spangled Banner to wave alone over the Philippines, their

nay, and no other Government will. Fortunately the action of the United States is in line with British desire. Possession of the Philippines gives the republic a more vital interest, a larger stake, a greater influence, in the eastern question. The Americans, having no territorial designs on China, naturally want the open door. They are thus thrown in with Great Britain. With a naval base at China's door, they will be powerful allies should it ever become necessary to batter down that door. American rule will also improve the commercial conditions and possibilities of the islands, if they are spared the infliction of the American tariff.

own Government dare not say them

The government of the Philippines may prove a formidable task. The natives may not prove tractable. They may revolt even against American rule. That rule may have to be maintained by military occupation. But the United States, having decided for expansion, must bear the responsibility.

A Campaign of Slander.

Premier Laurier has emphatically given the lie to the assertion that Hon. Clifford Sifton would resign or be retired from the Cabinet. As the Premier put it, there was not the shadow of truth in this statement. Those who concocted it knew that it was false. It was part and parcel of the campaign of slander against the brilliant young minister-slander arising from political envy and malice inspired by Mr. Sifton's administrative success, which reweals by comparison the ineptitude of his predecessors in office. Mr. Sifton brought to the Department of the Interior qualities which it had long lacked-brains and energy. He addressed himself to the immigration problem in earnest. He swept out the fossils, devised more enterprising methols, and put wigor and intelligence into the various agencies at home and abroad. The results have been conspicuously successful. The active propaganda directed by Mr. Sifton has greatly stimulated migration to Canada from Great Britain and the United States especially. We are now getting more immigrants from the British Isles than Australia and South Africa together. We are getting increasing numbers of United States farmers of a highly desirable class. The Galician settlements planted in the Northwest by the late administration have been augmented, and several thousands of Doukhoborstis,

effective objection can be raised, are on their way here. But the aliens are only a drop in the bucket.

The fruits of Mr. Sifton's immigration policy were sufficient to put his opponents in an ugly humor, which, seeking vent, found it in slandering the minister over the Yukon administration. The sudden necessity of organizing that remote region was a trying emergency, but Mr. Sifton met it with supreme foresight and energy. From the very birth of Dawson City British law and order have been as sovereign there as here. All that Mr. Sifton could do to insure honest, efficient government was done. We do not know whether there have been individual cases of corruption among the officials. Neither do those who have been villifying Mr. Sifton and the whole Yukon staff. But we do know that Mr. Sifton invited evidence of wrong-doing and adopted measures to punish it wherever proven. Even if there was misconduct on the part of subordinates, it would be malicious and unjust to lay the blame on a minister thousands of miles away, almost cut off from communication. Mr. Sifton has to rely on his chief deputies who are on the spot, and no one has substantiated a single charge against any of these men. Not one reproach can truthfully be leveled at Mr. Sifton in conection with anything that has transpired in the Yukon. He has invited full inquiry; not tried to stifle it, as the Conservative ministers always did. The venom poured on Mr. Sifton is the natural penalty of his splendid achievements. The Conservative party, with its fatuity of leadership and its bankruptcy of talent, may well envy the Liberal party its possession of so young and promising a statesman; but that is no reason why It should hate and revile him. The country is not going to be deprived of his services by the snarling pack at his heels. As Sir Wilfrid Launier well says: "He is too good a man and too

Now for Lennox!

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efficient a Minister to lose."

To add to the woes of the Opposition, the death of the ram Dan is now announced.

The Opposition call it a peg-leg Government, but it seems to be getting there with both feet.

The Toronto World has got into a pickle by saying there are no pickle factories in Toronto. It seems there are half a dozen. How many are pledge to free the natives from Spanish | there in London? If not any, why not?

If France and England intend to ing without a word." fight, we hope they will postpone it until the London street car strike is settled. A local and a foreign sensation at the same time are too much for a quiet, law-abiding community like this

London doesn't feel the street car tie-up very much. Five minutes' walk will take anybody to the city limits in that town.-Hamilton Specta

Four minutes' walk in a certain direction in Hamilton will land anybody in a swamp.

An effort will be made to induce the British Government to send the Twen- He answered: "Life is walting for the ty-first Lancers through Canada on their way to India. The Lancers might find it harder to struggle through the mass of Canadian admirers than through the dervish ranks at Omdur-

The election of Messrs. Gibson and Dryden shows the emptiness of the objection to their retention of their portfolios. The petty quibbles of the Opposition on this, and on the constable question, have been completely brushed away by the people, and by the courts.

the hearts of the people," said President McKinley very prettily when he boomed the expansion policy on his recent trip west. If expansion begins to entail a large standing army, the people may think that the aforesaid currents flow through their pockets instead of their hearts.

Henry Norman will succeed the late Harold Frederic as London correspondent of the New York Times. It is an excellent choice. Mr. Norman is a brilliant journalist, a successful author, a great traveler, and an acknowledged authority in international affairs. Born in England and educated at Harvard, he is specially qualified for his new work, and his influence will be all on the side of Anglo-American

amity. Yesterday's Toronto Mail, re South

Ontario elections, quotha: "Let decent men get out and vote; let honest, unpurchasable electors aim a blow for political morality, and the honor of the constituency will be

We are happy to say the electors did exactly what the Mail recommended. Decent men got out and voted. Honest, unpurchasable electors aimed a blow for political morality. The honor of the constituency was saved. John Dryden was elected.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

South Ontario. [Unidentified.] With the under dog in the canine

'Tis well to sympathize; But place your pile on the other pup-Therein discretion lies.

No Friends of the Strikers. [Toronto Star.] If the riotous demonstrations in Lon-

don the Less are the acts of sympa-

against whose merits as colonists no thizers rather than of the strikers, from our friends."

Money Mis-Spent.

[Hamilton Times.] Of the \$51,600 that Chic to spent on a so-called peace jubilee, \$15,000 was spent for oratory—all of the type-written sort. The committee should be indicted for misappropriating \$14,999 of

Proof Required.

[Pittsburg Dispatch.] Nikola Tesla's new idea to transmit electric energy long distances without wires cannot be characterized as merely the dream of a daring inventor, but Mr. Tesla will have to do the transmission act before he can convince a large proportion of the public that his plan is practicable.

The Strike a Lesson.

[Hamilton Herald.]

This strike is one more illustration of the folly of granting municipal franchises to private companies without safeguarding the interests of workmen well as those of the municipality with every restriction that prudence can suggest. It is always unsafe to bank on the magnanimity and generesity, or even the justice, of private companies which are in business to make money.

Sympathy for the Strikers.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.] The London Advertiser seems to reflect the better sentiment of that city when it sympathizes with the street car employes as against the city. At this distance the points of the dispute may not be so intelligible as on the ground. But it would be interesting to know how the men were to get their grievances redressed except through concerted action. They are surely within their right and displaying common sense when they prefer to "hang together than hang separately." As long as they observe the law and continue to act with moderation, they will receive and deserve public sympathy and support. Incidentally, the dispute shows the danger of corporations giving away valuable franchises involving public rights. If civic corporations had sense enough to run their own street car systems, street lighting, waterworks, and such like, they would in most cases find these fruitful sources of revenue. This has been shown in the case of Glasgow, as well as elsewhere.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Unexpected Pleasure.

"By Jove! I'm awfully glad to see you here, Miss Brown! When I first came in I felt quite nervous—everybody look-ed so awfully clever!"—Punch

Not What He Intendea

"I suppose, Henry," said the old gentleman to the new son-in-law, "that you're aware the check for £1,000 I put among your wedding presents was

merely for effect?" "Oh, yes, sir!" responded the cheerful Henry, "and the effect was excel-lent. The bank cashed it this morn-

Life. "Now, what is life?" I asked my little

son. He laughed and answered: "Life is asked a little maid. She under-

Sweet innocent, that life was "being

good. I asked a youth, who, biting at his glove, Confessed, abashed, that he thought

life was "love. I asked an old man, honored, wise and

grave.

Argument.

"Leonidas," exclaimed Mrs. Meekton, suddenly interrupting herself, "do you remember how this argument start-

"Yes, Henrietta. You said that I always insisted on arguing a point, and I said that you did, and then the conpearance, and nothing was done. versation gradually developed." George L. Mints, a tailor, of Ridge-

Well Expressed.

Old Gentleman (dictating an indignant letter)-Sir,-My stenographer, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you; I, being a gentlemtn, cannot think it; but you, being neither, "The currents of destiny flow through | can easily guess my thoughts.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Grand Trunk Changes-Award of the Board of Arbitration.

G. T. R. Trainmaster Whittenberger, of Stratford, was on Tuesday appointed successor to Trainmaster Cunningham, who resigned his position some time ago. Mr. Cunningham has been trasferred to a similar position on the G. T. R. at Island Pond, Vermont.

W. E. Davis, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, and D. McNicholl, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, are back from Chicago, where they have been attending a meeting of passenger men on business connected with the immigration traffic. Their deliberations will be resumed in Buffalo on the 9th or 10th of this month.

The award of the board of arbitration of the Joint Traffic Association in the matter of differential appeal on the part of the C. P. R. against the decision of the board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association, which upheld the differential rate of the G. from Toronto to New York, has been announced. In brief it puts the C. P. R. on the same basis as the G. T. R. The G. T. R. runs from Buffalo to New York over the Lehigh Valley road, which had a differential of \$1 25, and as the C. P. R. runs over the New York Central, which is not a differential road, it had to charge \$1 25 higher than the G. T. R. Both roads can now quote

the same rate out of Toronto. Mr. J. J. McCarthy, formerly of this city, and who for the past eight years has held the position of passenger agent for the West Shore and New York road in Toronto, has been appointed general western passenger agent of the West Shore at Chicago. The appointment will be a popular one, both among railway men and with the traveling public, among whom Mr. Mc-Carthy is widely known. The position to which he has been promoted was much sought after, there being 150 applicants, many of whom used every in-

fluence at their command to secure it for themselves. Mr. McCarthy never even applied for it, and the offer was made him in consideration of his long and faithful services to the company. He is a native of London, and has several sisters living in the east end.

A Brantford Photographer Has a Close Call for His Life.

Safe Crackers at Work in Brantford-Paris Man Badly Hurt-Windsor Races a Failure-A Guelph Deaf-Mute Arrested for Stealing-Ridgetown Tailor in Trouble.

Berlin Saengerbund Society will hold ball on New Year's.

The windsor races were a failure financially. This is due to bad weather. Paris was in darkness on Monday night, owing to a break at the power

A delegation from Ingersoll's council has been inspecting Windsor's public building.

During October there were registered in Chatham 10 births, 20 deaths and 14 marriages.

Mayor Hewer, of Guelph, exhibited at the Erin township fall fair a squash that weighed 230 pounds.

factory, Brantford, on Monday night. Damage slight. No clew. The safe of the Gibson Coal Com-pany, Brantford, was cracked on Mon-

Incendiaries set fire to Fair's cigar

day night and some \$4 stolen. The customs collections at St. Thomas for October were \$7,485 28. The births were 12, marriages 5 and deaths 9.

Postman Day, of Brantford, broke his leg on Tuesday, while on his rounds. He tripped on a plank and fell heavily. Mr. James McKay, builder, of Paris,

was badly injured on Monday by coming in contact with a buzz-saw in his planing mill. Collector Dunlop reports that collections at inland revenue office, Chatham,

are as follows: October, 1898, \$2,033 76; October, 1897, \$1,264 39; increase, \$769 30. Local Manager Eskert, of the Bell Telephone Company, Windsor, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on Dec. 1. He will engage in business

in Hamilton. The St. Marys Literary and Dramatic Society will produce the three-act com-edy, "She Would be a Widow," on the evenings of Nov. 15 and 18, in their hall

in the separate school. A deaf mute was arrested in Guelph on Saturday charged with stealing \$5 from a Hillsburg farmer. He digitated his regret at having fallen from grace, and will be dealt with accordingly.

Mrs, John Thompson, widow of the late Mr. John Thompson, one of the most prominent citizens of Tilsonburg, died on Saturday. Mrs. Thompson was 78 years of age. She leaves three sons and two daughters.

At Sandwich on Monday morning 200 men started digging the trench for the Standard Gas and Oil Company's pipe line to the South Essex gas fields. Gangs will be put on all along the route and the work rushed to comple-

George Pearce, who with his twin pauper brother entered the house of industry at Berlin in 1890, died Sunday, twine were famil aged 79 years. The far ones at the institution, and the surviving one is grieving greatly at his brother's death.

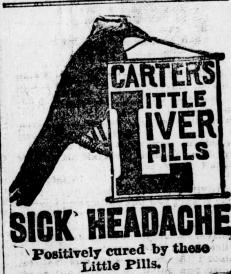
John L. Davidson, a photographer and draughtsman at the Waterous engine works, Brantford, had a close call for his life on Monday. He was taking a picture when his clothes became caught in a cog-wheel. The power was reversed just in time.

While Mr. Laskey, of Paris, was winding up the big clock in his store window on Saturday night, the big clock weight fell and crashed through the heavy plate glass window. Two passers-by narrowly escaped the flying pieces. Damage about \$50.

St. Thomas Times: It looks as though the People's Telephone Company were a dead bird. Last night the People's deputation was supposed to wait on No. 1 committee and present their case to the members. Mr. A. E. Wallace is the only one who put in an ap-

town, who was committed for trial by Magistrate McKinlay on a charge of conducting a lottery, was arraigned before Judge Bell on Tuesday to elect for The alleged lottery consisted in the disposing of 35 suits of clothes, valued at \$25 each, to 35 men for sums from \$1 to \$3 50, by means of drawing numbers from a hat. The case was not concluded.

Judge Finkle, of Woodstock, has returned from Missouri, where he obtained proofs of the death of George C. Miller, who was some years ago his partner in the lumber business, and who went away under a dark cloud. Miller died from heart disease in Maryville, Mo., on Nov. 16, 1892, and was buried on the following day. By establishing this fact Judge Finkle becomes richer by about \$12,000. Of this amount \$10,000 is insurance which had been assigned to him, and which he kept paid up, on Miller's life. It was only recentthat Judge Finkle learned positively of Miller's death. Rev. Father Brady. of London, informed him of it.



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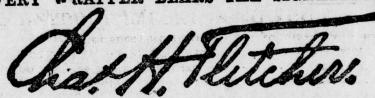
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