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PARTISAN DELUSIONS.

One of the delusions of partisan politicians is that conditions which affect political organizations are not universal. The partisan politician seems to imagine at times that he can do as he pleases, and his party can accomplish performances which would not be possible for his opponents.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. At Ward One Liberal Association, on Thursday night, this doctrine was given expression. The Dominion Government, it was stated, had been in power for 13 years, and was apparently stronger than ever. At the same time it was stated that "Whitney cannot last for ever. His party is making mistakes now. A party grows old and weak, and dies the same as an individual."

Exactly similar statements might be made with the names reversed and with equal foundation. To suggest that Laurier is in power for 13 years, and is growing stronger and that Whitney is in power for five years and is growing weaker, is about as useful and as sensible as to suggest that Laurier is making mistakes and that Whitney is making mistakes.

All parties in power grow old and weak, and die. That, however, is after they are born. The trouble with the Ontario Reform party is that it is not born yet. When it gets itself organized and adopts a platform, it is time enough to talk about it making mistakes and dying. At present it is the weak even to make a mistake. The mistakes of the Whitney Government are due to an overabundant strength.

SOME OFFICIALS AND THE MAYORALTY.

Officialdom has nothing to fear from Controller Hocken if officialdom is doing its duty. The ratepayers of Toronto have nothing to fear from Controller Hocken if officialdom is not doing its duty.

Toronto believes that for the most part its officials serve it faithfully, honestly and well. When it finds that certain officials get busy trying to defeat a mayoralty candidate who has a reputation for having business done in a business-like way, Toronto is more likely to be suspicious of those officials than of Controller Hocken. When Toronto sees that these officials apply their energies to the support of Controller Geary, an exponent of the "whitewash and 'can-can' philosophy," as appeared in the parks and gardens investigation, the suspicions aroused by opposition to Controller Hocken will be strengthened.

There is no diversity of interests between conscientious officials and the public. There can be no community of interests between the public and an unscrupulous candidate, who identifies himself with the limited section of officialdom which places self-seeking and private interest before the public service. The street railway and other corporation interests which are supporting Controller Geary, lend a doubtful shade to their allies among the city officials who are actively opposing Controller Hocken.

PEOPLE'S VICTORY IN KANSAS CITY.

On Thursday last week The World reprinted an article from The New York Outlook explaining the issues at stake in the referendum taken on Thursday last in Kansas City in connection with a proposed ordinance extending the franchise held by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which has still sixteen years to run, until 1921. That company has failed to set aside a sinking fund and has \$23,000,000 of obligations falling due within the next few years. In order to finance these securities it has been for the last four years seeking an extension of its franchise, but its previous propositions were defeated. The scheme which formed the subject of the referendum contemplated what was called a partnership plan, but on terms which The Outlook clearly showed simply meant a gold brick for the city and the citizens.

Notwithstanding a lavish expenditure of money said to be unprecedented in the history of Kansas City the voters turned the proposal down by a majority of 700, only two wards recording as in favor of the franchise extension. As the ballot stood at 18,737 against the ordinance and 11,440 in its favor, the result showed decisively that Kansas city electorate fully realized the importance of the matter, and the more so since out of 37,000 qualified voters, 20,377 went to the polls. This is all the more creditable to the public spirit of Kansas City since the citizens' organization that focused public opposition was a purely voluntary one, including prominent members of both the great political parties. On the eve of the poll the committee issued a plain speaking appeal which included a statement that "no

decent man can contemplate the methods used to procure the adoption of this ordinance without disgust. If they can be used successfully, the committee added, "they mean the demoralization of citizenship." Fortunately for Kansas City in the meantime, the citizens have been alert enough to defeat a scheme which would have sewn them up to an unscrupulous corporation for over forty years. If they are wise they will not let the public spirit that has been evoked fall to protect them hereafter.

CITY DEBT AND TAXATION.

While The World believes that the street railway situation is the paramount issue in municipal politics to-day, it does not lose sight of the important questions affecting the city's welfare. A great deal has been said and written about the extravagance of the city council and an endeavor has been made to show that the city debt is over \$40,000,000. This is an altogether exaggerated way of putting the case. If the statement were made that John D. Rockefeller's debts were \$300,000,000, it would be regarded as ridiculous. Yet such a statement is probably short of the mark. A man's liabilities have to be balanced with his remunerative assets. Deducting the revenue-producing liabilities from the Toronto city debt the balance is about \$10,000,000.

But this is quite large enough, to make a virtue of necessity. We do not want extravagance, but there is no extravagance in necessary and well-spent money. It is the extravagance and the ill-considered and unnecessary expenditures.

The present increase in assessment values would produce at the rate of 25 per cent a revenue equal to 21 1/2 mills on last year's assessment. So large a sum as that is not required, nor should it be spent. A rate of less than 10 mills on the assessment of last year would produce an amount equal to last year's revenue. Ald. Foster, who is seeking a controller's chair in the next council, believes that the city can get along very well on a rate of 17 or 17 1/2 mills at the most. "In this we quite agree with Ald. Foster. The income at this rate will be larger than last year's, and the permanent officials would be well advised to consider their estimates with such a figure in view."

MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

In his annual address to the Forty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada, which with the directors' report and a relative financial statement, appears elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Hadden, the general manager, expressed the opinion, supported by the statistics, that Canada is enjoying an era of prosperity unexampled in its history. This was fully reflected in the returns of the bank's business for the year to 30th November last, showing that the net profit amounted to \$33,159.57, equal to 13 1/2 per cent upon the capital as against \$738,597.19, or 12.30 per cent, earned during the previous year. From recent indications the directors believe that the outlook is equally promising for the current year, the property properly deprecate any over confident prediction.

Adding the balance of credit of profit and loss account, the directors had not less than \$1,232,157.81 to deal with, only \$30,000 of which was taken to meet the annual dividend of 8 per cent on the paid up capital of \$6,000,000, but of the balance, half a million was transferred to the reserve fund, now standing at the handsome figure of \$4,500,000, built up, except \$90,000, entirely from the surplus earnings of the bank. After reducing the bank's premium account by \$100,000, and contributing \$50,000 to the officers' pension fund, there remained \$1,023,157 of surplus earnings carried forward at credit of profit and loss. In view of these results, Mr. Hadden might, without out-cry, have gone further to claim that the record of the Merchants Bank was fairly good. At the least it cannot but be thoroughly satisfactory to the shareholders.

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Life Lost In Hotel Fire.

SALMO, B. C., Dec. 17.—Fire which destroyed the northern Hotel last evening burned Frank Kennedy, a 40-year-old man, to death. Kennedy was in the hotel when it was threatened to wipe out this town.

AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Peremptory list for divisional court for Monday, 20th inst., at 11 a.m.:
1. Re Perkins and Dowling.
2. McCull v. Cane.
3. Reid v. Toronto Railway Co.
4. Ford v. Can. Express.
5. Johnston v. Grant.
6. Goodall v. Clarke.

Non-Jury County Court.

Peremptory list for non-jury county court, before Judge Denton, Monday, Dec. 20, at city hall, at 10:20 a.m.:
25. Roberts v. North Toronto.
26. Winter v. Ellis.
27. Pratt v. McCormick.
28. Sierling Bank v. Morgan.
29. Hall v. Antipinsky.

Non-Jury Assize Court.

Peremptory list for non-jury assize court, Monday, Dec. 20, at city hall, at 11 a.m.:
21. Bearish v. Bell.
22. Smallwood v. Powell.
23. Lindsay v. Imperial Steel.
24. Peterson Lake v. Steindler.
25. The City of Nova Scotia.
26. Lochrie v. Consumers' Cordon.

Master's Chambers.

Before Charles W. K.C. Master.
Helm v. McLean.—H. Cooke, for defendant, moved on consent for order dismissing action without costs. Order made.
Grist West Life Assurance Co. v. Shields.—Ironside (Bicknell & Co.), moved on consent for an order vacating a default judgment and allowing defendant to enter appearance. Order made.

Re O. E. and Pickering.—F. S. Bastien, for the alleged widow, moved for an order for the ownership of certain money in court. G. G. Flaxton, for next of kin. Order made for trial of issue in a summary way by the judge of the county court of Essex. The next of kin to be plaintiffs.

Leige v. Vance.—R. G. Agnew, for defendant, to dismiss for want of prosecution. Finberg (Heyd & Co.), for plaintiff, moved on consent for an order striking out of the pleadings a statement of claim in four days, motion dismissed. Costs to defendant in any way.

Callaghan v. Guardian Feather Bed.—G. G. Flaxton, for plaintiff, moved to postpone trial because he is not ready to proceed. Z. Gallagher, for defendant, contra. Motion dismissed without prejudice to any application that may be made hereafter. Costs in cause to defendant.

Paul v. Town of Parry Sound and eight other actions against same defendants.—H. L. Drayton, K.C., for defendants, moved to consolidate or stay all but one action. W. N. Ferguson, K.C., for plaintiffs, contra. After discussion, motion adjourned to be brought up by either side on two days' notice. Defendants undertake not to collect taxes in question until trial of Paul's action, but to dismiss other actions for want of prosecution.

Cosgrave v. Davidson.—W. R. Smyth, K.C., for plaintiff, moved for judgment under C. R. 603. A. W. Ballantyne, for defendant, contra. Motion dismissed. Costs in cause.

Bigwood v. Johnson.—S. Denison, for judgment creditor, moved for attachment order. Order made. Returnable on 20th inst. Costs reserved.

Stokes v. Abraham and Miller.—R. G. Agnew, for plaintiff, moved for order for appointment of guardian ad litem to infant defendant Miller. G. H. Gray, for defendant, contra. On his undertaking not to object to the absence of a guardian ad litem, motion dismissed. Costs in the cause.

Stewart v. Dickson.—C. A. Moss, for defendant, moved to set aside notice of trial as irregular, cause not being at issue. H. S. White, for plaintiff, contra. Order made. No costs.

Matthews v. Moscov.—Davidson (Aylesworth & Co.), moved on consent for an order dismissing action without costs. Order made. Costs in cause.

Schroeder v. Hallman.—G. G. Flaxton, for plaintiff, moved for order for better attendance protection. G. Bell, K.C., for plaintiff, contra. Motion enlarged until 20th inst. Trial to be postponed until January 1st.

McGowan v. Charlton Sawmill Co. G. H. Kingston, for plaintiff, moved for an order for issue of a writ of writ of summons for service out of the jurisdiction. Order made.

Henderson v. O'Donnell and Patrick v. O'Donnell.—A. Aylesworth, for plaintiffs, moved to consolidate the two actions. R. G. Agnew, for plaintiff, contra.

fit in each action. Order made. Costs in the cause.

Judge's Chambers.

Before Meredith, C.J.
Re Baccant.—F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for executor, moved for order for payment into court of \$500, to the credit of certain infants. Order made.

Re Blum v. Ross.—Gray (Briggs & Frost), for Geo. T. Ross, moved for an order declaring lunacy. C. G. Jones, for inspector of prisons and public charities. Order made. Inspector to be committee of the estate.

Re Barron Brick Co.—Gray (Briggs & Frost), for the company, asked enlargement of the motions to wind up company. J. H. Moss, K.C., for petitioner. H. S. White, for another petitioner. Enlarged peremptory until 1st February, 1910, with liberty to petitioner to bring motion on, on one day's notice if occasion requires. Costs occasioned by postponement to be paid by the company as the condition of enlargement. Costs to be fixed by the clerk in chambers, and if not paid in a week, winding-up order will issue.

Bank B.N.A. v. Jamieson.—A. O'Hell (Hamilton), for defendants, moved to commit a witness to gaol for contempt in refusing to be sworn as a witness on a pending motion. Upon filing writ on consent order to go for payment by respondent witness of the costs occasioned by his non-attendance and the costs of this motion, order not to issue until 10th January next.

Re Bannan v. Statute v. Bannan.—G. C. Campbell, for applicant, asked enlargement of the motion herein as negotiations for settlement are pending. Enlarged until Jan. 1st next.

Ryan v. Britton.—F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for E. C. Ryan, moved for an order for payment of \$100 out of court for maintenance. Order made that a sum not exceeding \$50 be paid out to the official guardian to be expended by him for maintenance as need arises.

Burns v. Walsh.—F. Aylesworth, for plaintiff, moved for an order for the sale or partition of the estate of Patrick Walsh. A. F. Lish, for defendant, Susan Walsh. H. T. Kelly, K.C., for executor of Ed. Stock. Motion enlarged to enable plaintiff to bring an action, and if action not brought within six months motion will be dismissed with costs. Applicant to pay clerk in chambers, to be fixed by the clerk in chambers.

Re Downs.—S. W. Burns, for Patrick Downs, moved for an order removing proceedings from surrogate court into the high court. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for J. M. Downs. J. T. White, for executor, asked enlargement. Order made.

Ward v. Waddle.—F. Aylesworth, for plaintiff, asked enlargement of motion in a partition matter to enable them to strike out jury notice in any action. IV. A. Skeans, for defendant, contra. Order made.

The King v. Sciarone.—T. J. W. O'Connor, for defendant, moved for the discharge of a prisoner on return of habeas corpus. E. Bayly, K.C., for the crown, contra. Reserved.

London and Western Trust Co. v. South Western Traction Co.—J. B. Holden, for the purchaser, moved for a vesting order. S. W. Burns, for receiver, contra. The certificate to be amended and order made.

Single Court.
Before Meredith, C.J.
S.S. No. 1 Sturgeon Falls v. Sturgeon Falls.—J. A. Ferguson, K.C., for plaintiff, moved to continue in court. G. H. Kilmer, K.C., for defendants. The defendants by their counsel undertaking not to take up payment of the money in question if they pay it over to the school board as an answer to proceedings in the way of judgment by the plaintiff for recovery of \$1000 levied by the defendants. Text so far as it was by act of the defendants. Judgment reserved.

McKenzie v. Maple Mountain Mining Co.—J. W. Bain, K.C., for plaintiff, moved for judgment of Glute, J., dated May 18, 1909. R. C. Levesque, for defendant, contra. Plaintiff's action was to recover \$255 alleged to be due from defendants for services rendered by the company from September 1, 1907, to Feb. 12, 1908, at the rate of \$100 per month. At the trial judgment was given for plaintiff with costs. Plaintiff's appeal from that judgment argued.

Glute, J., held at the trial that there had been no compliance with the provisions of the Ontario Companies Act, Ed. 7, c. 34, s. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

With the exception of the general by-law, which Glute, J., rightly holds to be ultra vires. The appeal is dismissed with costs. Plaintiff's appeal from that judgment argued.

Pulling v. Willcraft.—F. Aylesworth, for plaintiff, moved to quash the appeal from the county court of Essex or that the judgment be expedited. R. U. Macpherson, for defendant, contra. No order except that costs of motion be paid in appeal.

Re Perkins and Dowling.—R. A. Reid, for Albert Perkins, appellant from the decision of the mining commissioner. J. M. Ferguson for respondent. Argument of appeal adjourned until Monday next at request of appellant's counsel without prejudice to any and all objections of counsel for the respondent.

Pearman v. Sutcliffe.—H. Cassels, K.C., for plaintiff, on appeal from the judgment of the fifth division court of County of Victoria, dated Nov. 8, 1909. R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., for the defendant, contra. Argument of appeal reserved from yesterday and concluded. Judgment reserved.

Hammond v. Canadian Guardian.—Eric Armour, for defendants, appealed from the judgment of Latchford, J., of Sept. 29, 1909. W. H. Hunter, for plaintiff, contra. The plaintiff, widow of W. H. Hammond, sued to recover \$43.50, being amount of a policy on the life of W. H. Hammond, for \$1000, less \$55, amount of a loan thereon. At the trial judgment was given for the plaintiff as prayed. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Gunn v. Miller.—T. H. Lennox, K.C., for the defendant, on appeal by the plaintiffs from the judgment of the county court of York.

By direction of the court Mr. J. H. Smith appears to prove the state of the account of the plaintiffs and defendants respectively on March 14, 1908, and he having brought the stock book instead of the ledger, the examination

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James Albert Brown has issued a writ to recover amounts alleged due on subscriptions for stock in the American Henderson Roller Bearing Co. against Sydney Smith, \$300; J. B. Lemoine, \$100; J. F. Smeley, \$50; Charles J. Jones, \$100; Charles Elliot, \$50, and five others from Ottawa.

A.L.D. BREDIN FOR CONTROLLER.

In the advertising columns of to-day's ward three as alderman for the past two years, announces his candidature for a controllership in the city's cabinet, and solicits the "vote and influence" of the electorate on the merits of his record during these two years' service in the city council.

Ald. Bredin, for private reasons and because of very large and growing business interests, had determined to resign altogether, and it was only after being urged by his friends for the sake of the excellent service he had rendered as an alderman of the "business men's ward" that he consented to enter the field for a controllership.

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