

Yesterday's Nominations.

Nominations were held yesterday for the provincial bye-elections in East and West Elgin, South Brant and South Ontario.

In South Ontario Mr. Charles Calder, Conservative, defeated Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, in the general election of March, 1898. Mr. Calder was unseated in the following September for corrupt practices by agents, and Mr. Dryden was successful in the bye-election, but lost his seat for the same reasons as Mr. Calder. The causes which defeated Mr. Dryden in the first place were purely local and personal, some dissatisfaction having arisen over the patronage in the riding. The irritation has been forgotten, and it is pretty certain that Mr. Dryden will be elected on his public record, as the best friend the farmers of Ontario ever had in office.

South Brant has been opened by the resignation of Hon. A. S. Hardy, whose majority was 527. Mr. Hardy's popularity, his long services to the riding, and his prestige as Premier, were factors in creating such victory, but the riding is normally Liberal, and a strong candidate like Mr. Preston will command the full party vote. His opponent, Mr. Henry, was sufficiently popular to defeat Hon. William Patterson in 1896, but was unseated for corruption (by agents), and in the bye-election was badly beaten by Mr. Heyd. Mr. Henry's chronic candidature is beginning to pall on his own party.

In East Elgin Mr. Brown, Conservative, had a majority of 29 at the general election but was unseated by the courts. The narrow margin by which his victory was won will probably disappear in this contest, as bye-elections have a tendency to swing toward the powers that be. Mr. D. McIntyre is again opposing Mr. Brown and is conducting a vigorous campaign.

In West Elgin the vicissitudes of party fortunes bewilder speculation. Mr. McNish, Liberal, and Mr. Macdonald, Conservative, are again in the field. The latter won by a majority of one in the general elections but was unseated and defeated. Mr. McNish, in turn, resigned his seat when he learned of the grave wrongs perpetrated by outsiders who came into the riding unknown to himself or the local Liberal organization. There are special reasons why the Liberal party in West Elgin should pool its full strength in this election. A victory for Mr. McNish will wipe out the stain unjustly put upon the good name of West Elgin Liberals by the attempt to associate them with the tactics imported into the last campaign. Let them show that they can win by their own efforts. It is also due to Mr. McNish to give him the fullest measure of support as an answer to the calumnies which have been heaped upon him undeservedly. Mr. McNish knew nothing of the devious methods employed in the bye-election and the people of West Elgin, who know him as a sincere and straightforward man, should feel it a point of honor to vindicate him in the eyes of the province.

The President's Message.

President McKinley's annual message to Congress is not a sensational document. The most positive feature of it is the recommendation that the gold standard be adopted absolutely and entirely. There has usually been some equivocation in official utterances on the currency question, but the President evidently thinks the time has come when the silver forces in Congress can be safely challenged and the sound money programme carried to its logical conclusion. The present abundance of gold in the country makes it an opportune period to insure the continuance of the gold standard by providing adequate gold reserves. The President also reiterates the need of amending the national banking act so as to allow of greater elasticity in circulation. The American banking system is one of the worst in the world, but Congress has always failed to take hold of it in a thorough, courageous manner.

The message contains some commonplace strictures on the trust evil. To say that combinations are obnoxious to the common law and the public welfare, when they control the market in some particular line "by suppressing natural and ordinary competition whereby prices are duly enhanced to the general consumer," is the veriest platitude. The President recommends that action be taken to check monopolies and trusts, but he does not suggest the remedy. Neither he nor his party will touch the root of the evil, which is the tariff. As a sop to public opinion, Congress may pass some laws, ostensibly aimed at trusts, but the chances are that any new steps will be as ineffectual as the present mass of anti-trust legislation.

In his reference to the joint high commission, the President reiterates that the American commissioners proposed that the Alaskan boundary question be laid aside, and the remaining issues between the two countries be proceeded with, but this the British commissioners declined to accede to. The inference of the President's remarks is that the onus rests upon the British commissioners for the failure of the conference. But Canadians know that the boundary dispute was the crux of the negotiations, and that upon the action of the Americans in that matter depended the terms the Canadians were willing to offer in the other questions under discussion. It is gratifying to note the President's cordial references to Great Britain, and to the attitude of

the United States toward the South African war. The American people will be pleased to note that the revenue bids fair to balance the expenditure again after a long series of deficits. For the first time since the civil war the number of pensioners shows a decrease, but the roll is apt to be swelled later on by the present war.

The School Remains.

Our Ottawa correspondent wires that the Military School in this city will not be closed up, nor will No. 1 Company, R. R. C. I., be transferred from this city to Toronto.

The inference is that the Minister of Militia has vetoed General Hutton's proposition, which, if carried out, would be highly detrimental to the interests of the Western Ontario militia.

The Minister's decision was no doubt hastened by the urgent representations of Col. Leys, M. P. P., who went to Ottawa specially for that purpose. It is fortunate that London and the military district of which it is the center, have had so vigorous a champion, as the City Council or no other public body made any move in the matter.

Truth is stranger than some of those war dispatches.

The unhappiest Canadians today are the 39 who have been left behind at Cape Town.

A British bayonet charge was always irresistible. The Boers take it for granted, and don't wait.

Newfoundland will come into the Dominion some day, but the Dominion has no desire to annex Newfoundland's political squabbles.

The evil that men do lives after them, and the question of the justifiability of the present war will linger for many a long day in the debating societies.

The report that the Boers are without sufficient medical equipment is a sorry reflection on the Transvaal Government, which has been spending millions every year on military preparations. If it has neglected the humanitarian side of war, it has been guilty of a heinous crime.

The Canadian regiment has been thought worthy to keep company with the best of them. It has been placed side by side with the Black Watch and the Seaforth Highlanders. These crack corps usually have hot work to do, and if it comes to that they will have no reason to be ashamed of their colonial brethren.

There are seven vacant seats in the House of Commons—Berthier, Chambly and Vercheres, L'Orignal, Sherbrooke, LaSalle, West Ontario, and Winnipeg. The member for Berthier, M. Beauséjour becomes postmaster of Montreal; Chambly is opened by the death of Hon. Mr. Geoffrion; Sherbrooke, by the death of Hon. W. E. Ives; L'Orignal, by the appointment of Dr. Rivest to office; LaSalle, by Mr. Bourassa's resignation; West Ontario, by death of Sir Jas. Edgar, and Winnipeg by the death of Mr. Jamieson. There are also six vacancies in the Senate.

What Others Say.

Bully.
[Toronto Star.]
Bull, Buller, bullet.

Spirited.
[Hamilton Spectator.]
If Dutch courage is induced only by consumption of schnapps, Oom Paul's men must be the greatest jag carriers on earth.

Big Programme, Big Man.
[Brockville Recorder.]
Conservatives complain that Hon. George W. Ross has mapped out a big programme. So he has, but Mr. Ross is a big man.

No. Only Ham Bones.
[Kingston Whig.]

The London Advertiser invites the closest scrutiny into election methods in London. "Let us have a thorough house-cleaning," it remarks, "from cellar to attic, and especially the attic." Does that mean that we are to have more about the pig's feet? Surely not!

Deadly War Missiles.
[Chicago Democrat.]

In 1870 an ordinary shell when it burst broke into from 19 to 30 pieces. Today it bursts into 240. Shrapnel fire in 1870 scattered only 37 death-dealing missiles. Now it scatters 240. A bomb weighing about 70 pounds 30 years ago would have burst into 42 fragments. Today, when it is charged with peroxide, it breaks up into 1,200 pieces, each of which is hurled with much greater velocity than the larger lumps which were scattered by a gunpowder explosion.

Boers and Diamonds.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
The Orange Free State Boers, who are investing Kimberley are playing for a big stake. A writer in an American paper declares that there are probably at this time \$100,000,000 worth of diamonds stored in the besieged town. What a "snap" it would be if the Boers could capture the diamonds and, above all, that political Koh-i-noor diamond, Cecil Rhodes. But it strikes us that before many moons the Boers will need food and shelter and much more than Kimberley diamonds on their shift fronts. Still, a few millions in diamonds hidden away might come handy to some of the chief footers after the cruel war is over.

Origin of Lyddite.
[London Telegraph.]

Lydd, the little Kent town at the southern extremity of Romney Marsh, on the Southeastern Railway, known for its government artillery range, has the distinction of giving its name to this explosive, which the general public regarded as the result of ingenious

experiments by the scientific officers at Hythe, rather than a practical munition of war. Its terrible nature may be judged from the fact that it has been known to kill at a distance of 150 yards by its mere concussion.

Numbers Not Everything.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
There is one grain of comfort for Canadians in this Transvaal war. It is exemplifying the fact, not for the first time, that the numerical strength of a people is no criterion of their power in offensive or defensive operations. The relative strengths of Canada and the United States in 1812 contrasted more unfavorably for us than it does at the present time, yet there were Queenston Heights, Capture of Detroit, Stony Creek, Lundy's Lane, Chateaugay and Beaver Dams. Canada more than held her own on land.

Light and Shade.

Mrs. Flashout—Yes, Bobby; all these beautiful silk dresses of mine come from a poor, little, insignificant worm! Bobby Flashout—Yes, mamma, and papa is the worm, isn't he?

"I wonder if all men are fools," snapped Mrs. Enopet during a little domestic tiff the other morning. "No, indeed, my dear," replied her husband. "I know a number of men who are bachelors."

"Is your husband a courageous man, Julia?" "Courageous? He went down street and told my dressmaker positively that she shouldn't make my street gowns trail."—Detroit Free Press.

Hoax—I have just patented an invention that will be of incalculable benefit to the human race? Joak—What is it?

Hoax—A photographic collar-button that will make its own profanity when it rolls under the bureau. — Chicago News.

Shooting Tenant (just arrived for the game). "What a beautiful place to live, Dougald!" Dougald—"It's no a bad place to live. But what was ye think o' havin' whusky fifteen miles for a glass o' whusky?"

Shooting Tenant—"But why don't you buy some and keep it?" Dougald—"Ah, mon, but whusky will na' keep."—Punch.

CIGARETTES KILLED HIM

The Habit Barred Him From the U. S. Army—Fatal Gunning Accident.

CIGARETTES KILLED HIM. Charlotte, Mich., Dec. 6.—George Lohr, a well-known young man, died yesterday of consumption, brought on by the excessive use of cigarettes. At one time Lohr went to Fort Wayne to take the regular army examination but was rejected on account of the cigarette habit.

HANGED HIMSELF. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 6.—A cattle buyer and farmer of Pympton, named Sheppard, hanged himself at his barn yesterday. Dependancy is supposed to have caused the suicide. Sheppard was about 40 years old.

KILLED HIS BROTHER. Hanover, Mich., Dec. 6.—Three-year-old son of Will Crispell had his leg shot off at the knee by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his older brother. He died from the shock 36 hours later.

DEATH FROM DRINKING LYE. Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The victim of an unusual case in medical practice died at the Protestant Hospital Sunday morning. Edwin Wilson, 4 years old, drank a quantity of lye about a year ago, which caused an obstruction of the tube leading to the stomach, the result of which was that the child, who was healthy and full of life, died of the tube, and the little fellow's efforts to vomit produced a dangerous abscess. The abscess pressed on the child's heart, causing death. The effect of lye in the throat is said to almost invariably result in a similar affection, and cases of a like nature in Montreal, Toronto and New York have terminated fatally.

The Nineteenth.

"The Nineteenth and Their Times" being an account of the four cavalry regiments in the British army that have borne the number "nineteen," and of the campaigns in which they served, by Col. John Edgworth.

The origin of this regiment goes back to 1759, during the "Seven Years' War," and it was then known as "Drogheda's Horse," and numbered the "Nineteenth." It was disbanded three times, and the fourth regiment that now bears the title "Nineteenth Princess of Wales' Own Hussars," was originally raised by the East India Company on the outbreak of the mutiny of the Bengal army, and received its present number in the transfer of its services to the crown. The regiment, during the 140 years of its existence, has had an eventful career and seen much active service. Twenty-four years in India, from Warren Hastings to Wellesley, gave it opportunities of

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Christmas Slippers, Etc.
Women's Felt Julietts, fur trimmed, turn soles, very soft and comfortable \$1.35, and \$1.65
Women's Satin Julietts, fur trimmed, turn soles, pretty shape and color \$2.00
Men's Fancy Velvet and Leather Slippers, fine, stylish and comfortable, at \$1.50 and \$1.75

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JAPANESE SILK for fancy work or evening wear, in every tint and color (pure silk), 20-inch width, per yard 25c, 27-inch width, per yard 45c
Japanese Art Silks for Christmas fancy work, cushion tops, screens and drapes, blended in art patterns and floral designs, all pure silk, 27-inch, per yard 75c
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Our 25c Tables contain dainty Bisque Figures, Handsome Paper Weights, Hand-painted Trays and Boxes, Crystal Vases, Candlesticks, Penwipers, Blotters, Inkstands, Novelties in Tape Measures, Fancy Pin Cushions in Watermelon, Corn, Peas, Apples, and numerous other fancy designs, Fancy Match Safes, Vaseline Boxes, Stamp Boxes, Brush and Comb Trays, and dozens of other pretty and useful gifts.
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Ladies' Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
30 dozen Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special at 10c, 12c, 15c and 20c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with lace insertion and lace corners, special at 12c and 15c
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10 pieces of our best Plain and Twill Gray Flannel, 27-inch, regular 20c a yard, Tuesday and Wednesday 15c
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Our best 40c and 45c Plain and Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 8 1/2, 9 and 9 1/2, Tuesday and Wednesday, per pair 30c

Smallwares
In Stationery we are showing the daintiest assortment of Fancy Papers in Wedgewood fancy colors, azure and cream, per box 25c
One table of Havelin's Limoges China Goods, consisting of Dinner, Tea and Breakfast Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bon-Bons, Pickle Dishes, Butters, Soup, Dinner, Bread and Butter Plates, Vegetable Dishes, Casseroles, and, in fact, anything you may require in Havelin China Goods at import prices.
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Fine Damask Lunch Cloths, heavy knotted fringe, 36x36, special price 85c
Damask Lunch Cloths, 33x33, fine and fringed, at 50c
Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, 16x24 35c
Hemstitched Plain Linen Tray Cloths, 16x26, embroidered corners and centers, special, each 35c
Fine Damask Finged Tray Cloths, 22x30 45c
Hemstitched Linen Dollies, embroidered, 7x7, each 35c
Hemstitched Linen Dollies, embroidered, 9x9, each 25c
Swiss Open Work Dollies, 6x6, each, 5c; 8x8, each, 7c; round 10c
Hemstitched Applique Shams, each \$1.00, 75c and 50c
Swiss Shams, scalloped edge, each, 45c, 50c, 62 1/2c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75
Fancy Towels, fine damask, knotted fringe, 2 rows of drawn work, 23x19, each 75c
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Fine Hemstitched Huck Towels, fancy damask borders, 22x44, each 60c
Handsome Linen Drapes, hemstitched, embroidered ends, each 30c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00
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The work gives a full and complete history of the regiment from its formation, also the names of all its officers from 1760 down to 1899. All who have ever served in the regiment or who have had friends or relatives in its ranks, will find it a most useful and interesting work. It has several excellent plates, also maps and diagrams of the localities where the battles took place, and in which the regiment participated. The work is published by John Murray, Albemarle street, London, Eng. The price is 16s 6d.

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