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WHITNEY'S "SQUARE DEAL."

Henceforth, let no admirer prate of
 the honesty, courage and straight-
 forwardness of Hon. J. P. Whitney.
 That myth has been exploded. Yes-
 terday the Premier had the effrontery
 and hypocrisy to characterize his re-
 distribution bill as a square deal. He
 defended and championed the whole
 miserable business. Mr. Whitney's
 bluster and bravado have been mis-
 taken by some for courage, but the
 gerrymander is the weapon of a cow-
 ard. A Government that uses it stabs
 its opponent in the back.

The case of Essex County is an ex-
 ample of his "square deal." North
 Essex has a population of 32,788, and
 South Essex of 26,183, according to
 the municipal census of 1906, as fol-
 lows:

ESSEX SOUTH.

Municipalities.	Population.
Amherstburg, town	2,296
Malden, township	1,389
Colchester North, township	1,920
Colchester South, township	2,660
Gosfield, South, township	2,968
Gosfield North, township	1,883
Essex, town	1,299
Kingsville, town	1,578
Leamington, town	2,860
Tilbury West, township	1,706
Tilbury North, township	1,892
Mersea, township	2,971
Pelee, township	636
	26,183

ESSEX NORTH.

Municipalities.	Population.
Malden, township	2,639
Rochester, township	2,991
Sandwich East	2,762
Sandwich South	1,965
Sandwich West	2,594
Windsor, township	2,848
Belle River, village	594
Windsor, city	14,509
Anderson, township	1,947
Sandwich, township	1,829
	32,788

To equalize the population it would
 be necessary to transfer one or more
 municipalities from the north to the
 south; but the Whitney Government, in
 defiance of every principle which
 should govern the case, has increased
 the disparity by switching North Til-
 bury from South Essex to North Es-
 sex. The only object is to wipe out
 the Liberal majority in the south rid-
 ing. The mere figures are damning
 to the Government:

	Population
North Essex at present	32,788
South Essex at present	26,183
A disparity of	6,605

	Population
North Essex, gerrymandered	34,680
South Essex, gerrymandered	34,296

A disparity of 10,384
 North Tilbury gave Mr. Auld, Lib-
 eral, a majority of 140. The whole
 riding of South Essex gave him a ma-
 jority of 135. The gerrymander leaves
 him in a minority of one.

In Huron the trickery is equally ap-
 parent. The present population of
 West Huron is 19,516, and of East
 Huron, 17,464. The Government shuf-
 fles some municipalities from the west
 to the east riding, and others from the
 east to the west. To equalize the
 population? Not at all. The munici-
 palities switched from the west to
 the east have a total population of
 8,364. The municipalities switched
 from the east to the west have a
 total population of 8,456. The popu-
 lation of each riding is scarcely af-
 fected by this juggle, but the political
 complexion of West Huron is com-
 pletely changed. A Tory majority of
 179 is thrown into the west riding,
 and a Grit majority of 69 taken from
 it, and placed in the east, where the
 Grits are bled. By this device West
 Huron's Liberal majority of two is
 converted into a Conservative major-
 ity of 216. West Huron is to be re-
 named North Huron, and East Huron
 is renamed Center Huron, and this
 new electoral map, stamped with
 fraud, is sealed with approval by that
 straightforward statesman, J. P.
 Whitney.

In Middlesex the gerrymander is
 equally outrageous. The three ridings
 in their present form divide the
 county population as follows:

East Middlesex	18,592
West Middlesex	14,755
North Middlesex	14,253

There is no pretence of equalizing
 the population by the Whitney gerrym-
 ander. It makes matters worse.
 East Middlesex is untouched, and the
 equality between the other ridings is
 destroyed for party purposes. North
 Middlesex will have a population of
 15,903, and West Middlesex only 13,
 104. Metcalfe and Strathroy have been
 added to the north riding, and Lobo

subtracted, in order to make it a safe
 Conservative seat. It is an outrage on
 fair play and geography alike.
 And this is the reward the Liberals
 get for their honest dealing in the
 redistribution of 1903!

THE EMPIRE'S WONDERFUL GROWTH.

The marvelous growth of the popu-
 lation and of the trade and commerce
 of the British Empire, and its won-
 derful productiveness, are concisely
 set forth in a report recently issued
 by the British Board of Trade.

With a total area of 11,323,000
 square miles, the Empire possesses a
 population of 387,991,000, England, of
 course, is the most densely peopled por-
 tion of the Empire, its population be-
 ing 364.5 to the square mile. The most
 sparsely peopled portion is Australia,
 with but 1.5 to the square mile, Cana-
 da coming next with 1.6. London
 sits leads by a long way all the cities
 of the Empire, as well as of the world,
 in population, with 4,753,218, Bombay
 following a long distance behind with
 382,000, and Calcutta, with 955,926. Of
 the Canadian cities, Montreal is still
 first in population, having 405,000,
 while Sydney leads the Australian cities
 with 538,000.

The figures as to trade volume are
 stupendous. The foreign and inter-im-
 perial trade of the Empire last year
 reached in value the total of \$7,438,-
 161,420, of which \$5,509,467,100 repre-
 sented foreign trade, and the remain-
 der inter-imperial trade. The United
 States was the Empire's best custom-
 er, purchasing last year \$809,000,-
 000 worth of British and colonial
 products and manufactures. France,
 with \$333,000,000, comes next; then
 follows Germany, \$260,000,000; Hol-
 land, \$195,000,000; Belgium, \$166,000,-
 000, and Russia, \$146,000,000.

The figures as to shipping show the
 extent to which the British Empire
 leads all other nations on the seas,
 apart altogether from her fighting
 navy. The tonnage in 1906 of ship-
 ping cleared in the United Kingdom
 from and to all British colonies and
 possessions reached the enormous
 total of 6,998,979 tons, against a grand
 total of all other countries of 7,550,-
 080. It was also a busy year in ship-
 building in the Empire, 1,100,000 tons
 of steam vessels having been built in
 the United Kingdom; 7,634 at Hong
 Kong (which is the second largest
 port in the world, in point of ton-
 nage of vessels entered, London being
 first by about 17,000 tons, and Liver-
 pool third), and 5,823 tons in Cana-
 da.

Wonderful indeed has been the
 growth of production and productiveness
 of the Empire during the decade
 1896 to 1906. For instance, the pro-
 duction of cotton increased from 910,808,-
 000 pounds to 1,971,894,000 pounds;
 wool, from 820,583,000 to 1,038,153,000
 pounds; wheat, from 322,500,000
 bushels to 528,900,000 bushels; tea,
 from 265,410,000 pounds to 413,602,000
 pounds; coal, from 208,273,000 tons to
 284,255,000 tons; oats, from 280,500,000
 bushels to 353,000,000 bushels; pig iron,
 from 8,713,000 tons to 10,644,000 tons;
 gold, from \$55,000,000 to \$250,000,000;
 diamonds, from \$20,000,000 to \$45,000,-
 000; while throughout the entire list
 of products there have been propor-
 tionate increases.

A REBUKE FROM A FRIEND.

IT WILL NOT BE ARGUED
 THAT THERE IS ANY IMPROVE-
 MENT IN THE NEW ARRANGE-
 MENT ON THE BASIS OF POPU-
 LATION, AND THE CROWDING
 INTO ONE RIDING OF THREE
 OUT OF THE FOUR TOWNS IN
 THE COUNTY IS NOT TO BE
 JUSTIFIED FROM ANY ECONOMIC
 OR POLITICAL STANDPOINT.
 FROM THE MERELY PARTISAN
 POINT OF VIEW THE REAR-
 RANGEMENT MEANS, TAKING
 THE FIGURES OF THE ELECTION
 OF 1905, THAT SOUTH HURON
 WILL HAVE A CONSERVATIVE
 MAJORITY OF ABOUT 650 OR 700;
 CENTER HURON, A LIBERAL
 MAJORITY OF ABOUT THE SAME
 AND NORTH HURON WILL BE
 ANOTHER "SAFE" CONSTITU-
 ENCY BY AT LEAST 250. WE ARE
 LEAVE IT TO THE READER TO
 BE MR. WHITNEY'S WISHES OR
 IDEA OF THE REDISTRIBUTION,
 AND WE HOPE THE DISCUSSION
 IN THE LEGISLATURE WILL
 LEAD TO SUCH CHANGES AS
 WILL ALLOW OF HONEST AP-
 PROVAL BY ANY FAIR-MINDED
 MAN. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO
 DO RIGHT.—Goderich Star (Con-
 servative).

Mr. Whitney's idea of a square deal
 is a cold deal for his opponents.

Will somebody furnish a plain
 English translation of that hydro-
 electric contract?

After that gerrymander, how can
 Mr. Hodgins, of North Middlesex, look
 his constituents in the face?

Seeding has begun in the west.
 What shall the harvest be? The reply
 means much to this country.

The Advertiser has dealt in detail
 only with the gerrymander as it af-
 fects this western peninsula. In Peel,
 Brockville, Leeds and Hastings, the
 effect of seats has been equally bare-
 faced.

On the basis of the popular vote,
 the Liberals of Ontario should have
 44 seats instead of 29 in the present
 Legislature. This is not a proof that
 the arrangement of the ridings was
 unfair to the Liberals. There will be
 always inequalities of this kind under

any system of representation by con-
 stituencies. But the Conservatives
 have no complaint as to the way it
 worked out in the last election, and
 they cannot honestly pretend that a
 redistribution is necessary to rectify
 wrongs.

WINTER RESORTS.

[Judge.]
 "Humph!" ejaculated the Japanese offi-
 cer, "we could land an army in California
 within twenty days!"
 "True," replied another dignitary, "but
 could we keep it there long? I've read
 that living expenses there average \$20 a
 day."

UP IN A BALLOON.

[Century.]
 Floating softly up into the blue ocean
 of air, watching the earth sink slowly
 away beneath us and fade and change
 quietly to an immense map spread before
 our wondering eyes—such are the first im-
 pressions of balloon voyagers.

MEANING MADE CLEAR.

[Philadelphia Record.]
 Tommy-Top, what does the Bible mean
 by "having eyes they see not, and having
 ears they hear not?"
 Tommy's Pop-Chaperones, my son.

WOMAN'S REASONING.

[Philippines Gossip.]
 Husband (arriving with his wife at the
 Azcarraga station, just as the train
 steamed out)—There! If you hadn't taken
 such a fearful time dressing we shouldn't
 have lost that train.
 Wife—And if you hadn't hurried me so
 all the way here we shouldn't have such
 a long time to wait for the next one.

IN IRELAND.

[James P. Hays, in Toronto Saturday
 Night.]
 There's little gold in Ireland,
 But it is more to me
 Than all that's hid in mountains
 Or sunk beneath the sea.
 They're humble folk in Ireland,
 But they are sure to me
 Than all the lords an' ladies
 Ye'll find across the sea.

There's one wee lass in Ireland,
 An' she is more to me
 Than all the gold an' all the girls
 That ever I did see.

WHITNEY'S DISGRACE.

[Toronto News.]
 It is a shame and a scandal that a man
 who has occupied a position for fifteen
 years, and who has been a member of
 the House of Commons for twenty years,
 should be so completely disgraced for
 any other pursuit, should be harassed, held
 under suspicion, and perhaps finally dis-
 missed through the machinations of the
 office-hunters of his party to which he is
 thought to have been opposed.

MARRIED FOR KEEPS.

[Toronto Star.]
 Many Buffalo couples are said to be
 getting married at Toronto. Without
 cracking up our own goods, we are bound
 to say that in this country the united
 state is a much more reliable article than
 it is in the United States.

THE USES OF HISTORY.

[Toronto Star.]
 Mr. John Cooper has been apprising the
 Canadian Club of London of "The Uses
 of History." Asked to tell it down, we
 would say—to point a moral, adorn a tale,
 and enable university professors to feel
 that they know more about it than other
 people.

THE OLD, OLD PROBLEM.

[Sam Kiser.]
 One problem is always before us.
 Wherever man settles it goes.
 When Adam was driven from Eden
 He studied it, too, I suppose;
 Down through all the ages and eras
 We may follow its trail if we will.
 Though thousands and thousands have
 solved it,
 Men daily are solving it still.

It never has ceased, and it never
 will cease to bring sorrow and pain;
 Of all the hard problems that e'er
 Have furnished a task for man's brain,
 This oldest of problems has given
 The widest and deepest concern—
 This problem of living on profits
 That other men labor to earn.

NOT FORGOTTEN AT HOME.

[London Gazette.]
 Those Canadians who still think that
 Canada is a somewhat neglected daughter
 in the house of her mother, would do well
 to study the daily question paper of the
 British House of Commons. It evidences
 clearly enough how much Canada is in
 the minds of public men, and how many
 are the who are eager to in-
 form themselves and the public upon
 Canadian affairs. Among the members
 in whose names these questions most fre-
 quently appear are Sir Gilbert Parker,
 Mr. Hills (the member for Durham), Mr.
 Pike Pease (one of the tariff reform
 planks in the House), Mr. Bonar Law
 (who rejoices in a Canadian birthright),
 Mr. Evelyn Cecil (an offshoot of the
 August Cecil family), Mr. Remnant (one
 of the young tariff reform stalwarts in
 the House), and Mr. Mitchell-Thompson.

A STANDING TERROR.

[Toronto Saturday Night.]
 It is said of Mr. Studholme that he is
 a quite sensible man to talk to while he
 is sitting down, and that it is only when
 he stands up to make a speech that he
 forgets time, place, reason, everything,
 and just talks without aim or end. The
 same thing in a milder form has been
 observed in other men. If there is any
 truth in what is said of Mr. Studholme
 in this regard, it might be well to suspend
 the rules of the House and permit him to
 sit while speaking. It is worth trying,
 anyway.

NO WHITNEYS THERE.

[Daniel Webster.]
 When did any English minister, Whig
 or Tory, ever make such an ineffectual
 mark to make an outing of tide waiters?
 When did he ever take away the daily
 bread of waiters and gaugers and mea-
 sures? When did he ever go into the
 villages to disturb the little postoffices,
 the small contracts and everything else in
 the remotest degree connected with gov-
 ernment? A British minister who should
 do this, and should afterwards show his
 seat in a British House of Commons,
 would be received by a universal hiss."

HIS APPEAL DISMISSED.

[Life.]
 He—if you refuse me I shall go out and
 hang myself to the lamp-post in front of
 your house.
 She—Now, George, you know father
 said he wouldn't have you hanging
 around here.

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 dy known.

ASQUITH CERTAIN FOR LEADERSHIP

But England is Guessing as To the Cabinet Make-Up.

OLD-TIMERS MAY STEP OUT

London Press Criticises the King for
 Being Away During Parlia-
 mentary Crisis.

London, April 6.—Herbert H. Asquith
 the chancellor of the exchequer, who
 has been summoned by King Edward
 to Biarritz, crossed by the night boat
 from Dover to Calais tonight en route
 to that place to see the King, whose
 absence at a time when it was fore-
 seen that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's
 illness must lead almost in-
 evitably to a cabinet crisis, provokes
 criticism in the English papers.

There has been a rumor that the
 King would return to London on Sat-
 urday, but it is very doubtful.
 In his letter of resignation to the
 King, Sir Henry advised his majesty
 that he was resigning, and that he was
 in fact, no rival for the leadership
 of his party and the Government. His
 accession to the premiership undoubt-
 edly will sooner or later lead to sweep-
 ing changes in the constitution of the
 late ministry, but in the unprecedent-
 ed circumstances of the present, Sir
 Henry's resignation was postponed for
 a time in the belief that the King
 would find it convenient to return to
 London.

The friends of Winston Spencer
 Churchill, who figures as a likely cabi-
 net candidate, contend that he would
 be able to carry his seat in Man-
 chester, but taking into consideration
 the result of all previous by-elections,
 particularly that at Peckham, no Lib-
 eral seats are regarded as too safe at
 the present time.

In any event, whether Mr. Asquith
 decides to complete the reconstruction
 of the cabinet now, or postpone it, any
 difficulty that he is likely to experi-
 ence will arise rather from redun-
 dancy than paucity of talent among
 the young members of the party
 awaiting recognition. It will be the
 most impossible to find places for all
 the deserving aspirants, while further
 embarrassment is not unlikely through
 the reluctance of the older members
 of the cabinet to make room for fresh
 blood.

It is an open secret that the party
 expects the retirement of the Earl of
 Elgin, the colonial secretary; the Mar-
 quis of Ripon, lord privy seal; Lord
 Tweedmouth, first lord of the admir-
 alty; H. J. Gladstone, secretary of
 state for the home department; John
 Sinclair, secretary for Scotland; and
 Sir H. H. Fowler, chancellor of the
 Duchy of Lancaster, but it is very
 doubtful if they can be persuaded to
 yield their places.

Another development which is re-
 garded as not impossible is that Mr.
 Asquith will make overtures to Lord
 Rosebery to join the cabinet at some
 future time. Mr. Asquith is supposed
 to be nearer in sympathy with Lord
 Rosebery in the political field than
 with the Radicals, but speculation in
 this direction need hardly enter into
 the present calculations. Beyond the
 fact that David Lloyd-George, Win-
 ston Spencer Churchill and Walter
 Runciman, the financial secretary to
 the treasury, will be included in the
 new cabinet, all is conjecture.

Brilliant Young Men.

The two former members among the most
 brilliant of the younger men, church-
 men, all with all his historical name and
 fine record as a writer and politician,
 is the better known abroad. During
 his tenancy in the colonial office, he
 has displayed industry and ability fully
 warranting the confidence of his
 leaders. David Lloyd-George is a
 brilliant parliamentary debater and
 platform speaker. With the retirement
 of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman
 he is left the undisputed leader
 of the Radical wing. He earned
 great reputation for his capacity he
 showed in dealing with great trade in-
 terests, and he is accredited with
 having engineered through the House
 of Commons measures involving the
 delicate negotiations without having
 made a single mistake of importance.
 It is probable that the resignation
 of Mr. Bannerman is a great loss to
 Ireland. As to Mr. Asquith, there is
 nothing to say yet. I do not intend
 to attack him. I see what he
 does or fails to do."

Parliament has been adjourned un-
 til April 14 to enable the issue of
 writs for the re-election of new min-
 isters, so as to have the elections
 during the Easter recess. A meeting
 of the Liberal party is expected to be
 called at an early date, at which Mr.
 Asquith will make a declaration of
 policy and invite the party to ratify
 it. This meeting will give formal con-
 firmation and recognition of Mr. As-
 quith as the new leader of the party.
 It is announced that the King has
 conferred knighthood of the garter up-
 on the Earl of Crewe, lord president
 of the council, and knighthood of
 the thistle upon Lord Tweedmouth. These
 are regarded as Premier Campbell-
 Bannerman's last recommendations to

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Local Chinamen Were Discharged Police Couldn't Identify Chinks

And Magistrate Love Dismissed
 Them—A Victory for
 R. K. Cowan.

At the afternoon session of the trial
 of Lee Wing, and twelve other Chinamen,
 charged with playing fan-tan, Mr.
 R. K. Cowan put in such a strong de-
 fence that Magistrate Love had no
 hesitation in dismissing the case.
 The evidence taken in the morning
 was that of Sergeant Birrell and Ser-
 geant Downs, who for a month have
 been watching the premises at 282
 Dundas street, and reported that
 on every Sunday night there
 had been gambling going on, and
 that through a back window they had
 seen money passing to and fro on a
 table at which Chinamen were playing
 with beads and buttons.

An Idyl of Spring Founded On Fact

A certain quite well-known citizen
 of South London went down town to
 see the lights last evening.
 He saw them, but the glare im-
 paired his vision.
 He started for home, it is stated,
 but found himself wandering in the
 remoteness of West London.
 So he switched.
 He shortly afterwards found him-
 self at the brink of the River Thames,
 with the lights of dear old South
 London twinkling in the distance.
 It sure was a long way round, and
 he was, oh, so tired.
 Why not take a short-cut home?
 He gazed at the majestic Thames,
 peered his oars out, and on, and
 tucked them under his arms, and
 started to swim.
 He got across all right, although the
 water was somewhat tough, and the
 water was none too warm.
 On reaching the shore, he gathered
 up his wearing apparel, but he had
 lost his coat. He still clung to his
 overcoat.
 Then he started to find his resi-
 dence.
 Just as he would get close to it
 somebody would remove the place,
 and he would have to start his search
 all over again.
 Up and down the streets he wan-
 dered, looking for home.
 He has a policeman's nose in sight.
 Here the beleaguered individual was
 wandering around in his shirt sleeves
 at 1:20 o'clock in the morning, soaked
 within and without with much wet-
 ness.
 He addressed the wandering boy and
 asked him where he was going.