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CARDS OF THANKS

To the Electors of Ward 2:
 Ladies and Gentlemen.—I wish to convey to you my sincere thanks for the hearty support you gave me for Alderman for Ward No. 2. I hope my work the coming year at the council board will merit your confidence.
 STEPHEN P. PITCHER

To the Electors of Ward 2:
 Kindly accept my warmest thanks for your renewed confidence in me as Alderman for Ward 2. I deeply appreciate your continued support and will endeavor to merit it at all times.
 GEO. WOOLANS

Electors of Ward 4:
 Ladies and Gentlemen.—Joseph Broadbent wishes to extend his sincere thanks to all those who, by their votes and efforts effected his election as Alderman yesterday.

To the Electors of Brantford Township:
 Ladies and Gentlemen.—I extend my most hearty thanks for your liberal support and for electing me to the position as Councillor.
 JAMES A. SCACE

To the Electors of Brantford Township:
 Ladies and Gentlemen.—I sincerely thank you for your honor and kind support you extended to me yesterday for Councillor.
 RUPERT GREENWOOD

To the Electors Ward Four:
 To my supporters and friends, I wish to extend my thanks to you for the way you supported me at the polls yesterday. I will do my utmost in the coming year for your interests and also the interests of the city.
 PERCY R. GILLINGWATER

To the Electors of Brantford Township:
 Ladies and Gentlemen.—I take this means of most heartily thanking you for your strong and successful support in yesterday's elections. I esteem it as a very high honor to have the confidence of so many of

London Deflects.

London has undertaken to clear the metropolitan area of the waifs and delinquents, tramps, wanderers, broken and unemployed men and beggars who have made some of the streets pictures of destitution at night. The embankment is the first section to be cleared up. There is to be no more sleeping on the benches there. When a constable finds a tramp or homeless man, the man will be shunted into an office to be opened by the Metropolitan Asylum Board. He will be given a ticket to a lodging house or shelter, and he will spend the next day in some healthy occupation to pay for his board and lodgings. Gradually the scope of the order will be widened until all the metropolitan district is included. What London is about to undertake, it seems, is the care of the unemployed after fashion. All a man has to do is to get on a bench on the embankment, and he gets employment for one day at least.

Fined Gipsies' Unwilling Host.

The ownership of land is not exactly an unalloyed joy. It has its troubles, but the limit seems to have been reached in a story recounted at the County Police Court. A band of gipsies, bringing fourteen wans, took possession of a field. They were requested to move, but, in the gentle way gipsies have, refused absolutely. The owner of the land, Mr. John Elliott, of Hawkesbury, was served with a summons by the local authority for failing to provide a proper water supply and sanitary arrangements for the unwelcome tenants, and he had to pay the costs of these proceedings, \$7.75. The gipsies have now moved on.

Antidote to Lead Poisoning.

Speaking recently at a meeting in support of the National Anti-Sweating League, Sir Victor Horsey said that lead-poisoning was contracted by inhaling the dust. The real fundamental question, however, was the wage question. People could live for months in an atmosphere of lead dust and not suffer if two things were observed—they must have enough food and must abstain from alcohol. If women were badly paid they could not get the necessary food which was the best means of warding off poisoning.

Get Into Bed.

Mr. Alfred Hands, M. I. E. E., in a lecture at the Camera Club, in London said the safest thing for anyone to do in a thunderstorm, when in an unprotected building was to lie in bed, providing the bedstead was of metal with a fairly high head and foot rails. Lightning flashes occurred on an average on ninety-seven days in the year in this country, and during the last fifteen years 5,600 buildings had been struck and 223 persons killed.

The Largest Dome.

St. Sophia, at Constantinople, which time and earthquakes are threatening with ruin, has a dome of wonderful and striking effect. Yet it is not so large as appears, and in London we can beat it. Its diametrical measurement is 107 feet, and that is about the same as the dome of St. Paul's. The dome of the British museum, however, is 140 feet in diameter, being only two feet short of the biggest dome in the world, the Roman pantheon.—London Chronicle.

Where Pretty Girls Abound.

Lecturing in Dublin under the auspices of the National Literary Society of Ireland, Mr. W. Dawson alluded to the proverbial beauty of Dublin women, and said the most beautiful were to be found among the women who sold fish and other things on the pavements. They were really beautiful and really Irish.

"My nerves were very bad, and I control my arms and legs," writes Mrs. Robert Bustard, Maxwell, N.B. "Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured me of what I believe was the early stage of locomotor ataxia or paralysis. I cannot describe what I suffered, but now I am entirely cured."

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Obituary.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Simeon Hewitt at the residence of his brother, Mr. John Hewitt, Grimsby Ont., will come with a great shock to his many friends in Brantford. Although suffering from pneumonia his condition was supposed to be improving. However, yesterday word was received in the city that he had sustained a sudden change for the worse, and Mr. Jack Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Watrous, and Mr. Harry Hewitt left for his bedside.

Mr. Hewitt was already in attendance on his father. Mr. Hewitt had been well known in the city and County for many years. He was in business in Brantford for a long period, but retired some time ago.

Mr. Hewitt was a man of genial personality and he had many warm friends. He leaves to mourn his loss: Miss Hewitt, Mrs. Logan Watrous, Mr. John Hewitt, and Mr. Harry Hewitt.

To them the very sincere sympathy of a large number of acquaintances will be extended.

THE STANDING

(Courier Leased Wire).
 OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—The six new Senators to be appointed for the Western Canada and the filling of the two Ontario vacancies, will make the standing in the Upper House: Liberals, 58; Conservatives, 25. A Liberal majority of 33.

PASSED RESOLUTION

(Courier Leased Wire).
 Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—The executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Ottawa, has passed a resolution expressing its high regard for Sir James Whitney, in view of the fact that certain newspapers have seen fit to unjustly criticize the leader of the Conservatives of this province, and have gratuitously taken it upon themselves to demand his retirement from his present position, and where such criticism and demands are repugnant and distasteful to the Conservatives of this city.

IN HIS YOUTH.

St. John Simon Tells of the First of His Political Adventures.

Sir John Simon, a blessed with the gift of the gab in an especial degree. He has established something of a record by speaking for nine and a half days on the telegraphic question. According to a shorthand writer's computation the speech contained 410,000 words, and filled 631 pages, yet Sir John only used the briefest of notes.

To wind up a legal lawyer and let him talk for this length of time is a frightfully expensive business, but Sir John long ago proved that he is worthy of his high position. He is now forty years of age, and has attained his high position solely by his own abilities.

His father was a Congregational minister, who managed to send his son to Oxford College, Edinburgh, and later to Exeter University. Sir John's rise at the Bar was remarkably rapid, and in 1896 he entered Parliament as Liberal member for the Walthamstow Division of Essex.

He has combined politics with his legal engagement in a manner which proves that his somewhat frail form is no index to his vitality and powers of endurance. Throughout the great telephone case his evenings have been occupied in making speeches in the country and in the House of Commons, and yet he has never exhibited signs of exhaustion.

When speaking at a political meeting recently held at Manchester Sir John Simon dropped into a reminiscence of his youthful days. "My first political recollection is of something that occurred, I think it was in 1878, when I was a very small boy, going to a dame's school in Moss Side. I remember well going out of the gate of the little house where my father lived then, and as I went out carrying my satchel to school, one of his friends came running down the street waving a newspaper and shouting something to my father. I think it was about one of the first speeches Mr. Gladstone made in the early days of his Midlothian campaign, and I heard my mother calling me back because I was wearing a blue tie. I can see her little figure running up the stairs and running down again with a red ribbon, which she tied round my neck, and so I went to school."

Aches and Pains of rheumatism are not permanently, but only temporarily, relieved by external remedies. Why not use an internal remedy—Wood's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acidity of the blood, on which rheumatism depends and cures the disease.

BRIGHTENS MAN'S HABIT.

Tailor Anticipates Pendulous Swing To Brilliant Mues.

A movement has been initiated which has for its object the brightening of the clothes which men wear. From the tailors' point of view this is a dull age. Men wear only sombre colors, a reflection of the grey things of life, with none of its beauties. The women, by the way, tread the right path. Their dress to-day is as beautiful as ever it was, and just as expensive. But the men, say the tailors, are depressing and in no way worthy their title of the "lords of creation." So a revolution is coming. In the van of this movement is Mr. H. Dennis Bradley, of the West-end tailoring house of Pope and Bradley. He has every hope of seeing a Merry England in which men will not be ashamed to wear colors, and when the black or dark coat of the neglected to strictly gloomy functions.

"The only way for us to begin," said Mr. Bradley, "is by encouraging a taste for brighter hues. It is no good talking of changing the form until brighter ideas are accepted; once men are accustomed to seeing colors on their fellows they will be prepared to see radical changes of form, and such changes would certainly follow in time on the adoption of more cheerful colors. If men once accept pink as a taste for brighter hues, they will in time see that trousers are not suitable garment for the employment of pink, and will therefore adopt some other form of neither covering."

"I think that there is no doubt that within the next few years our dress will undergo considerable changes in style, color, and material. The manufacturers are sympathetic and already produce materials in beautiful colors whose only fault is that they are a little in advance of the courage men. What we want is pioneers, individuals with a little courage who will not shrink at the idea of wearing a green waistcoat simply because it is green. Pioneers are always hard to find, of course, but they are coming. There has been an enormous change towards brightness in the last ten or fifteen years if you look at the hats and dressings, the socks and underclothing, the garments that are hidden. Ten years ago they were all of the 'wall-wool' variety, without color of any kind. Now look at socks and undergarments; they are produced in the most beautiful colors. Go into the chambers of any well-to-do bachelor, and you will find his bath gowns and dressing gowns are of the most delightful color schemes. Men are fond of color just as much as women, but they do not like to show it to the world."

"And, above all," concluded Mr. Bradley, "let it be understood that this is not a plea for what we used to call the 'masher' and what is now called the 'masher' in color and brightness, but we want it all in harmony and taste."

More Schoolboy "Howlers."

Speaking at a meeting recently, Dr. T. J. Macnamara, M.P., told some amusing stories of quaint sayings attributed to children, which he had collected from the school boys of various parts of the country. Here is a selection.

Teacher: "What is a mediator?" Pupil: "Please sir, a mediator is a chap who says, 'Hit me instead.'"

Teacher (to a London class): "What is grass?" Boy: "Grass is what you have to keep off."

"Why would David rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord?" "Because he was always outside while the sermon was being preached."

"How do you know the earth is round?" "Because it says in the Bible, 'World without end.'"

When he once asked a London class of boys, added Dr. Macnamara, what they would say if they were to see the sun rise in the west, he got the reply that it was impossible.

"But," he persevered, "supposing I still declared that I had seen the sun rise in the west?" "Well," one of the little girls at length replied, "I should think you must have got up rather late."

Stripped at the Law.

Dickens describes in his novel "Bleak House" the woes of those who were involved in suits in the chancery court, and the delays to which they were subjected before the English judicial procedure was reformed. Tradition says that an artist once represented the same idea in much less space. Two suitors in chancery, being reconciled to each other after a very tedious and expensive suit, applied to him to paint a device in commemoration of their reconciliation, peace and amity. He gave them entire satisfaction by painting them in the act of shaking hands—one clad in his shirt, the other without even that.

"Faylor" Day in the Rifles.

F Company, 1st King's Royal Rifles, became noted in Pietermaritzburg as the "Faylor" Company, having no fewer than seven "faylor" in its ranks—probably a record for any company in the Army. On the outbreak of the Boer War they were ordered to Dundee, Natal, and their first conflict with the Dutchmen occurred at Glenoee. The casualty list that night read as follows: Lieutenant Taylor, killed; Colour Sergeant Taylor, severely wounded; Sergeant Taylor, killed; Bandsman Taylor, severely wounded; Pioneer Taylor, severely wounded; Private Taylor, killed.

Net of Much Account.

The lord chief justice of England used to sing in a choir of a parish church. A woman once asked the vicar to point out Sir Richard Webster as they sang. The vicar replied, "Well, ma'am, that's the vicar and them's the curates and I'm the vergier, but as for the choir, as long as they do their duty, we don't inquire into their antecedents."

BUCKINGHAM SECRETS

HOW A GREAT STATE FUNCTION IS PREPARED.

Careful Organization Is the Key to the Success With Which the Elaborate Details of Precedence Are Carried Out—All Invitation Lists, Are Revised By Their Majesties With Great Care.

Only those actually engaged in the duties can have any idea of the amount of work that is involved in organizing a Court function at Buckingham Palace, and it is only by dint of the most careful organization and forethought that these can be carried out. Take the four or five Courts that are held there as an example. The first step in connection with these is for the Lord Chamberlain to issue an official notice, usually about the end of the year, to the effect that a certain number of these will be held, and that all ladies desiring to be present should notify him of their wish before a certain day.

Immediately applications from those anxious to make their bow before the King and Queen commence to pour into the Lord Chamberlain's office in the Stable Yard, St. James's Palace, and of late years it has invariably been found necessary to close the lists long before the appointed day, so numerous have the applications become. The real work then commences. Every letter has to be most carefully examined, and a host of other details gone into. Facts quite unknown to a man's intimate friends are somehow or other in possession of Buckingham Palace. How these facts are discovered is one of the royal secrets which are never revealed. All inquiries proving satisfactory the name is entered upon the list of those duly qualified to receive Their Majesties' command to be present at their Court, to be holden upon such and such a night.

When the whole of the applications have thus been dealt with, the Lord Chamberlain and his assistants are then confronted with the fact that there are several hundred more names upon the lists than can possibly be invited. Without speaking, not more than a thousand persons can be present at any one Court, so that this means that only about four hundred presentations can be made. The work of sifting out the names has then to be undertaken, and this is about the most thankless task that could possibly be imagined. When, after some weeks' hard work, the task is accomplished, the lists are then forwarded to Their Majesties for their approval. It is not generally known that both King George and Queen Mary go through the names most carefully and make several alterations, removing people whom for good reasons they do not desire to recognize, and adding names that perhaps, have been omitted. It is not very often, however, that the latter course is taken.

When the lists are returned, carefully checked, and the names have been bearing the royal seal at the foot of each page, they are once more overhauled in order that, as far as may be possible, the ladies whose names have been passed may be "commanded" to the Court they have indicated as being most convenient to themselves. When this work has been got through, the highly-prized pieces of cardboard are filled in, signed by the Lord Chamberlain, receive the official seal of his department, and are dispatched to their fortunate recipients. The old custom is still adhered to of sending these by hand when the addresses are in London, the post only being resorted to for the country. A small army of royal footmen and others is specially impressed for this work.

With the approaching of a Court, the department of the Master of the Household, especially if it be the first Court of the season. The whole of the state apartments at Buckingham Palace have to be most carefully overhauled and prepared for the eventful night. The throne has to be brought forward, removed from the sheetings that have encased it for several months, and given a general retouching. Carpets have to be unrolled and carefully inspected to see if moth or other insects have commenced their ravages. Carloads of plants and flowers pour into the palace from the royal nurseries at Frogmore, and have to be arranged while the preparations for the setting of the supper for between a thousand and twelve hundred guests, royal officials on duty, etc., is in itself no light task.

The supper for the general company is now all cold, though there are dainty cups of hot, clear soup ready for service to the guests as they depart. There is, however, a special hot supper to be provided for the King and Queen and the other members of the royal family, as well as for a few of the more distinguished guests present whom Their Majesties specially desire to honor. This supper is served in the royal ante-room, which stands at the end of the Terrace Room, entrance being gained to it directly behind the throne. There is also another hot supper provided downstairs for the royal household in attendance, to which each member has the privilege of inviting two guests.

The whole of the cold supper is prepared in the great kitchens of Windsor Castle, and is sent up to Buckingham Palace upon the morning of the Court. The hot supper is, of course, prepared in the palace itself under the personal supervision of Mr. Cedard. The wines come from St. James's Palace, where the royal cellars are maintained. There is a very complete and up-to-date bottling plant here, where all the still wines are bottled for use at the royal table.

Prior to the opening of a Court Queen Mary makes it her custom to inspect the whole of the arrangements in order to see that nothing is lacking for the comfort or convenience of her guests, while the King often takes a stroll in the great suite of reception-rooms in order to see how everything is progressing.

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