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A TIME FOR COMMON SENSE

Under the above heading the Woodstock Express has the following to say editorially, and it may be mentioned that the Woodstock Express is an independent paper which supported the Laurier Government in the recent Dominion elections:

The question for the electors is not, which of the political parties is the more corrupt, but what is the best method of dealing with corruption? It is a time for the exercise of a little common sense.

It is probably true that one party would be just as bad as the other if it had the chance; but that is no reason why one party should be kept in power forever. Any party is liable to become corrupt as the result of a long tenure of office. THE REMEDY IS TO TURN IT OUT WHEN IT SHOWS SIGNS OF CONTAMINATION. When the other party fails in its duties and responsibilities, turn it out, too. The same human nature is common to all parties, and similar influences will produce similar results in both. Political parties are but instruments in the hands of the people for the working of the popular will. When one instrument goes wrong, the people should be prepared to take up another and use it so long as it can be used to advantage. No elector is under any obligation to support any party, simply because it bears a certain name. THE ELECTOR'S DUTY IS TO HIS OWN CONSCIENCE AND INTELLIGENCE, AND HE CAN BEST DISCHARGE HIS DUTY BY KEEPING HIMSELF FREE TO JUDGE AND TO ACT.

As a matter of policy it would be well to have more frequent changes of government than has been the custom in this country, and especially in Ontario. It is surely in the interests of the country that the people should have the best that both parties can produce. If one party is to be kept in power all the time, and the other in opposition, the country will not get the best (that is in either party). The party in power will eventually get into a rut, from which it will find it impossible to extricate itself. The power of patronage will take the place of the free choice of the people and the government will cease to be responsive to the popular will. Finally the idea will go abroad that one particular set of politicians has a monopoly of the genius for government, and the other set, which has never been given an opportunity, is without capacity.

Many well-meaning people are willing to admit that the Liberal party has been too long in power in Ontario, and that its continuance in power is not for the good of the country, but what is to be done? They ask. The Conservatives would not be able to form a government that would have any chance of success. They have heard the fiction repeated so often, and they have grown so accustomed to the rule of one party that they have actually come to believe that there is no alternative but to keep one party constantly in power.

The same fiction was prevalent among Conservatives as a result of many years of Conservative government in the Dominion. Many honest Conservatives came to actually believe that capacity for government was the monopoly of one party. But the Liberals have been in power now for eight years, and have just been returned by a popular majority sufficiently large to indicate that the people are fairly well satisfied with their capacity for government.

The exercise of a little common sense would make it clear to any ordinary elector that the fact of a man calling himself a Liberal or a Conservative is no indication of his capacity for the transaction of public affairs. TO FIND OUT WHAT THERE IS IN ANY MAN IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT HIM TO THE TEST. It is an old saying that one never can tell what a man may do till he is tried. Some of the most successful men the world has produced have been men who gave no promise of what was in them till they were actually set to work.

There need be no fear of the consequences if the Ontario Government is defeated. The government of the country will go on just the same, doubtless with renewed vigor. THERE MAY BE GOOD REASON TO DREAD THE CONSEQUENCES IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT BEATEN. A VICTORY WOULD MEAN AN ENDORSATION OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN REVEALED DURING RECENT YEARS. It would be a mandate from the people to continue in the same way.

THE DISTRESSING ABUSE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Many people will sympathize with a writer in the Nineteenth Century points out the Chicago Journal, who complains that the custom of gift-making has degenerated into a system of barter.

How true this is we all must realize with the approach of Christmas and the shopping it entails. Pretty soon we shall sit down some morning, look over our memoranda, find out who sent us presents last Christmas, remember what was the approximate cost of each, and then start on a tour of the shops to purchase gifts about the same value. And these we shall send to our creditor friends with a written message of Christian charity and holiday good cheer, but heaving over each parcel a heavy sigh of relief that this is off our minds and we are even.

Nor is that the worst of it, for very often we seriously embarrass our finances by paying our obligations of this sort and many a bill collector has made a man's life miserable for months because of such meaningless tokens of love and affection that generally do not exist. As a matter of fact, the Christmas present, like the wedding present has become a nuisance. It had its origin in a sweet sentiment, but that sentiment, except in the cases of families that are closely knit in genuine fondness (and how many are they?), has long since been destroyed by the ever-increasing costliness of gifts. The generous simplicity of the past is gone and ostentation has taken its place.

If you doubt this, just try sending no Christmas gifts next Christmas and the Christmas following, and see what happens. You will find that the man who gives no presents gets none. Even the glowing and philanthropic humanity of the Christmas season takes account of the dollars and cents and insists upon value received.

It is time for a reform of the abuses that have surrounded and spoiled the beautiful custom of celebrating Christ's birthday with evidences of peace on earth and good will toward men. As it is practised now it is commercial, sordid and destructive of everything but hypocrisy.

THE KAISER'S INCOME

As German Emperor William II. receives \$650,000 a year, of which, after necessary items of expenditure in the shape of gifts and charity donations have been deducted, only about \$25,000 remains for personal use.

As King of Prussia, however, the Kaiser is treated with greater liberality. He receives from this source an annual sum of \$3,925,825. On this he must keep his family as there is no separate grant for the Empress or the Princess. He also has to make good any deficit in the receipts of the Royal Theatres at Berlin, Hannover and Cassel, pay for Court concerts, and maintain his gardens and castles.

The Kaiser's castles number fifty-two. He also has eighty-three farms. Many of these he has never seen. A year ago his list of castles was increased by one in Switzerland, which was bequeathed to him by a Swiss admirer.

Straight character cannot come out of crooked living.

Little things console us, because little things afflict us.

USES OF CHALK

Precipitated chalk can be used daily with or without castile soap for cleansing the teeth. It would be well for those possessing sensitive teeth if after eating acid fruits or salads they should rub precipitated chalk around the necks of the teeth and between them on retiring. A little chalk used when the teeth are brushed during the day is also excellent for soft and chalky teeth.

Precipitated chalk is also a cosmetic. It can be used in the evening or daytime for whitening the skin in the place of ordinary powders, which are extremely deleterious. A lump dissolved in a little water, to which a drop of glycerine or sweet oil is added if desired, can be applied to the face and neck with a soft cloth. Either before or after it is dry, gently wipe off the visible powder with a piece of flannel. It is absolutely harmless, but will dry the skin unless some good cream food is used at night to repair the drying tendency of the chalk. If applied wet at night, softened with water, on pimples or inflamed blotches, by morning the inflammation will be much lessened.—American Queen.

THE CANADIAN WEST

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barley crops were equally as good as the wheat.

From my own experience and from what old settlers told me, I readily concluded that the climate was preferable to Manitoba, not being subject to frosts, rust, hailstorms or drought. The finest horse, cattle and sheep ranches I ever saw were out there, and the ranchers told me that little or no feed is required during the winter months. About ninety miles north of here is where Mr. Tobey, who has written several letters from Minto, is located.

Now, boys, what I have told you are facts, and you don't need to be in this country long until you have a bunch of bills with a \$100 wrapper. I refer you to Mr. John Campbell, of Harwich and Howard townline, or to Mr. Geo. Thompson, better known as Manitoba Thompson, of Chatham, and anyone wishing to secure cheap land in the west, homesteads, or litigation, can refer them with confidence to Mr. John Jackson, the Saskatoon Valley land man, of Saskatoon, Sask.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for so much space in your valuable paper, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. C. McMULLIN.
Souris, Man., Dec. 10th, 1904.

DOUBLE DROWNING.

Two Brothers Named Lecompte Less Their Lives.

Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 16.—A double drowning accident occurred in the rapids here, just below the Canada Atlantic bridge. The victims were Pierre and Alexander Lecompte, aged 19 and 20, respectively, who were engaged in drawing wood in a scow from Isle aux Pommettes. They were crossing, but unfortunately they had on too heavy a load to handle the scow properly, owing to the quantity of flow ice. Before they could reach the shore the icy water had done its work. Both became so benumbed that they were unable to row. Two young men, Charles and Bid Lavallee, who went to their rescue, only got near enough to see them embrace each other as their boat went into the rapids.

Crushed Beyond Recognition.

Walkerville, Dec. 16.—The badly mutilated body of a colored man was found on the Grand Trunk tracks, three miles east of here, yesterday morning. His head was so badly crushed that it is impossible to estimate his age. He was probably stealing a ride.

Two Dead, Five Injured.

Charlestown, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Two persons were killed and five others seriously injured yesterday by the collapse of a suspension bridge across the Elk River, which connects East and West Charlestown. On the bridge when it went down were six children on their way to school and other pedestrians, together with six teams. Those who went down with the wreckage fell 40 feet into the ice cold waters of the river.

EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP.

Five Men Killed By Boiler of Massachusetts Blowing Up.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Three men were killed yesterday and two others were so badly injured that they died an hour later by an explosion of a boiler on the U. S. battleship Massachusetts at League Island navy yard. There were half a dozen men at work on the boiler-room when the explosion occurred.

The gasket on one of the boilers blew out and the suspension bridge exploded closed the automatic door thus preventing the escape of the men from the compartment.

Naval Tug Sinks.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—The United States naval tug Mohawk sank at her mooring at the navy yard yesterday. One of the deck hands who stuck to the whistle cord, blowing signals of distress until the vessel went down, was rescued with difficulty.

FORGED BY USING CARBON PAPER.

Martineau On Stand in Government Suit Against Banks.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Action was begun here yesterday before Justice Anglin by the Dominion Government to recover \$75,000, which had been paid by banks on forged cheques drawn in the name of the Militia Department by Abundus Martineau, a clerk in the Department.

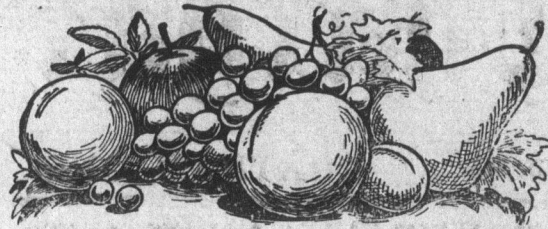
Martineau, who is serving a seven-year term in Kingston, was called by the Government and told how he had made the forgeries by using carbon papers under a genuine signature to get an outline carbon signature on the cheque, which he then filled out with ink. Martineau said he lost about \$60,000 of the proceeds of the forgeries in stock speculations.

The case will probably last several days. The Bank of Montreal is the defendant, but the Quebec, Sovereign and Royal Banks are made third parties, as they accepted the forged cheques as deposits.

Diet Turbulent As Ever.

Budapest, Dec. 16.—The Parliamentary truce has been short-lived. The session of the Lower House yesterday witnessed a repetition of the turbulence which has marked most of the recent sittings. The Opposition members declined to recognize the new rules of procedure, and greeted the Premier's attempts to speak with a storm of invectives and other noisy interruptions. Premier Tisza stood for thirty minutes appealing for a hearing, but was finally forced to desist by an unceasing chorus of "resign" from the members of the united Opposition.

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Receipts at Fort William during the same period were 12,500,000 bushels, as compared with 10,600,000 bushels last year, an increase of 17 per cent.

Shipments from Fort William were 11,733,000 bushels, as compared with 10,068,000 bushels last year, an increase of 16 per cent.

The balance of wheat left in the C. P.R. elevators at Fort William is 1,000,000 bushels.

DO NOT WALK ON THIN ICE

If You Have Catarrh You are in Danger—It Breeds Dyspepsia, Bronchitis and Consumption.

Aside from the extreme offensive and odious nature of the disease, catarrh is also very dangerous if left to run its course unchecked. The constant droppings into the throat, which are mostly swallowed during sleep, cause poisonous disorders of the throat, stomach and lungs, which rapidly develop into dyspepsia, laryngitis, bronchitis, and consumption. When these diseases become established, especially the latter, the result is too well known to need pointing out.

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Union Men Found Guilty.

St. Catharines, Dec. 16.—A jury in the sessions last evening found Edward Day, William Hodgins and William Bentle, members of the local union of the International Brotherhood of Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, guilty of a conspiracy to prevent Albert A. Clay, a painter, from working at his trade. The judge said he would not deliver sentence until Jan. 24, and the men were bailed out in \$100 each.

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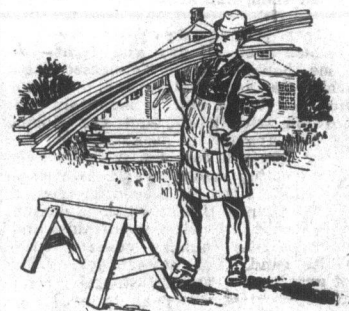
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