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"The Advertiser" advocates Obligatory Voting as both necessary and practicable. Nothing would so much purify electoral contests. Nothing would so much enforce the idea that the franchise is a duty, not a chattel.

God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—(BLOWING.)

London, Thursday, Nov. 19.

CITIZENS OF LONDON AND THEIR RIGHTS.

The London ADVERTISER is making a fierce onslaught on the cumbersome and expensive Dominion franchise law, affirming that it deprives both Tories and Grits of their right to vote. Only a little while ago the ADVERTISER had it that the same "iniquitous" law was directed against the Grits alone. (Hamilton Spectator.)

On the first point, in which our Hamilton Conservative contemporary apparently agrees with us, there can be no doubt. The experience at the London Court of Revision has impressed that fact upon members of both political parties. As to the other assertion, the ADVERTISER has pointed out that the law was arranged to give undue advantage to the party in power. It was promulgated as an expedient at a time when the high tax managers were in grievous trouble. That it was demanded by the populace, who had been getting excellent service from the lists compiled by the municipal officers, has never been asserted. If it had been asserted the best proof to the contrary would be found in the fact that not one petition, not one complaint had been made to Parliament up to the time the admittedly "cumbersome and expensive" Dominion Franchise Act was brought before Parliament.

Unlike its high-tax contemporaries, the ADVERTISER has taken care to show, from the proceedings of the revising officer's court, how the measure operates to prevent many of our best citizens from recording their votes in Dominion elections. The fact that the high-tax organs take good care to conceal from their readers the remarkable proceedings that affect so many citizens is to us proof positive that even they are ashamed of the law. That would be a

good sign, were it accompanied by a confession that the law is, as the ADVERTISER has always held it to be, an expensive, unnecessary, vexatious and discriminating measure. Because we have said this, and because we have pointed out how intelligent citizens have been submitted to an inquisition as to their private affairs and have been made the butts of the small wits of the high tax party, it has been represented that the ADVERTISER has attacked the revising officer and the paid retainers of the small coterie in the Conservative party that is determined to render life in London as unpleasant as possible. The ADVERTISER has not misrepresented the proceedings. Its reporters have pursued their labors under disadvantages that might have been obviated, for there was far too much mumbling; but we are assured that the ample reports of the remarkable examinations were as correct as a stenographer could make them.

We are assured by a journalistic apologist for the Dominion Franchise Act that the proceedings at the Revision Court were all right—that is, it is absolutely just that hundreds of young men and old men, too, who have the qualifications of manhood and of good citizenship, should be kept off the lists because of some technical objections or mischievous quibble. And we are told that inasmuch as it was men alleged to belong to the Liberal party who were assailed this week, so next week will come the turn of men alleged to belong to the Conservative party. Therefore, argues our sapient contemporary, the law in all right, the inquisitorial proceedings are absolutely proper. Now, a law that works like the Dominion Franchise Act cannot be defended by any fair-minded man. This can be affirmed without reference to the revising officer or to the legal gentlemen who have aided in the "purification" of the lists.

It is not right that idling sons of rich fathers should be given votes without question as the sole qualification that their father owns property, whereas hundreds of young men, earning \$1 a day, but out of work for a week or two between seasons are deprived of their right to vote.

It is not right that an old resident, who has voted for many years, should now, by virtue of this infamous measure, be deprived of his right to vote because his earnings are \$295 a year, and not \$300.

Even under the law as it stands it should be sufficient that a man solemnly swears his income is \$300 a year; he should not be called upon to lay bare his business affairs to an assembled crowd.

Better still, the grossly unfair measure should be swept from the statute book at the earliest possible moment, and replaced by a law that would permit of simple residential manhood suffrage. All the income voters have now to register; all those who do not get on the first list have also to register. Why discriminate?

In many cases young men have been compelled to wait, day after day, to secure their franchise. In others young men have left their work, at their own expense, waited on the court for hours, despaired of being heard, and have finally chosen to be deprived of their vote rather than lose further time. Then men who have merely moved from one part of the city to another have been compelled to leave their work and dance attendance on the court, or run the risk of losing their votes. Such a law should be repealed. It is an injury to many good citizens in both political parties, and its defenders become fewer daily.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

St. CATHARINES School Trustees have resolved to discontinue their kindergarten. This is a mistake. The kindergarten is the ideal child's place of instruction.

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The Australian Colonial Governments have been requested by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to supply all procurable information about the decline of the fur seal fisheries in the southern hemisphere to be sent to the Canadian Government. Canada wants the information for use in connection with the Bering Sea question. Hunting the southern fur seal, or sea bear, was an important industry in the early part of the present century, but it is reported that the islands on which they then abounded are now cleared of seals. The habits of the fur seals of the Northern Pacific Ocean and of those of the southern hemisphere appear to be very similar, and it is thought that the history of the decline of the southern fishery may indicate some proper system of protection for the seals in Bering Sea. The whole question comes up in the proposed arbitration.

The Delanian doctrine of rest by voluntary muscular relaxation is alleged to be confirmed by the experience of those who have acted upon this theory in overcoming insomnia. Nothing so quickly brings sleep as the voluntary disposal of the body and limbs in such fashion as to promote muscular relaxation. The legs and arms should be so placed as to bring them in contact with the mattress at as many points as possible. This affords support and relieves the muscles. The body should be disposed in like fashion, and if all has been done properly the woe of sleep will presently have the consciousness of resting with his whole weight directly upon the mattress. When once this feeling comes sleep usually follows. The plan is far better than the old one of repeating the numerals or going over some meaningless series of words, for it has the double ad-

vantage of putting the physical man into an attitude of repose and of distracting the mind from whatever thoughts are at enmity with sleep.

DR. GATLING, the inventor of the deadly instrument that bears his name, views his gun as a philosopher would. "Yes," he said, with a smile, to a correspondent the other day, "I'm the cause of the Gatling gun. I invented it. I look on it as one of the great philanthropic works of the age. Saved the soul of lives, my gun has. How? By scaring people. Its mere presence has kept down more tumult and riot, and without even parading the streets with it, than anything else I know of. I've letters to show to that effect. People who don't stop to think might carry an idea round with 'em that I'm a bloody-minded man. Not much. I'm for peace every time. So's my gun." There really does seem to be something in the idea that the more destructive the implements of war the more thinking will men indulge in before they rush into it.

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[Jewellers' Circular.]
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ONE OF THE MONOPOLIES.

[Montreal Herald.]
The Canadian manufacturer says that "if every sugar refinery in Canada were closed it would mean the throwing out of employment of less than 1,000 men." And yet, in order—as it was pleaded—to give employment to that small number, and to enable sugar refiners to pocket enormous profits, the people of Canada, since 1879, have been taxed at the rate of \$3,500,000 annually and are still asked to pay \$1,500,000 a year. Consumers would save \$1,000,000 a year by closing the refineries and giving discharged employees each an annual pension of \$500.

FACTS ABOUT OCEAN TRIPS.

[Hartford Times.]
The main reason why faster trips are made from Europe to New York than from New York to Europe lies in the fact that the steamers coming westward can generally obtain and keep a fuller head of steam, owing to the greater drafts of the funnels. Due to the prevalent westerly winds. If these are but moderate, they increase the draft to a degree which more than balances whatever hindrance the head winds might otherwise exert against the speed of the steamer. Again, many engineers claim—we cannot say with what truth—that Welsh coal gives a better result than American coal.

THE N. P. AND THE FARM.

[Collingwood Bulletin.]
The executors of the late T. W. Fair have sold lot 30, con. S. Nottawasaga, 220 acres, to Wm. Stewart for \$8,000. Ten years ago the property changed hands at \$12,000. Six years ago, when Mr. Fair died, it was valued at \$10,000. Two months ago a bid of \$9,000 was refused. Now the executors, Conservatives, are forced to recognize the drift of the country under the National Policy, accept \$8,000 and are glad to get it. The property for a homestead is everything that could be desired, soil, fences, buildings, orchards and location, and with a lower tariff and free trade relations, would be worth the highest price named above.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

[Toronto Globe.]
The popular verdict will be that the churches and the secret societies had better leave one another alone, or, still better, join hands instead of fighting. Most of the societies have for their basis the idea of the brotherhood of man, and the churches. If any of them have got hold of the notion that the brotherhood of man is an accomplished fact, and that there is now plenty of time to fight among themselves, the sooner they rid themselves of that delusion the better. In New York Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Jews and men whose religion cannot be divided, have banded themselves together to diminish the poverty, disease and crime of the great city. They have come to the conclusion that the forces for good will be more than a match for the forces of evil when they are united, and not before. Let the champions of the churches and of the secret societies keep their ammunition for the common enemies of mankind.

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