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in His heaven,
 right with the world.
 —Browning.

Wednesday, January 1.

How's Gathering at Ottawa.

ominion Parliament meets to-
 under most extraordinary cir-
 ces. Never before in the his-
 the Confederation has a Gov-
 orted to the extraordinary
 of holding six sessions in
 ment in order to postpone
 reckoning with its masters.
 e since 1867 has the length
 ment been greater than
 ons—the exceptions being the
 session after Confederation
 erm during which Hon. Alex-
 McKenzie was Premier.

may be asked, has the un-
 e now been pursued?

John Thompson died, and
 known to his associates
 suffering from a malady
 ened his life, secret prep-
 e made for a general elec-
 inter, the object being to
 seize another lease of pow-
 e prestige of the distinguish-
 eolian remained. The death
 n Thompson upset the cal-
 culation of success, but it did not stay
 arations for a general elec-
 e semi-secret action was
 those opposed to the Ad-
 on, augmented by many who
 t a patriotic duty to cast
 ot with the Liberal party, led
 Wilfrid Laurier; and both
 e every preparation for a con-
 ing. Suddenly the tactics
 Bowell-Caron combination
 and instead of an election,
 ession was decreed. The men
 found the electorate so
 opposed to them that they
 e wise to indefinitely postpone
 on of Parliament. They had
 tons of election literature, ap-
 o last year, and were com-
 ead to destroy it. They had rented
 mmittee rooms, in this city
 where, and had to pay rent
 erters which they never even
 t. It was a remarkable "funk."
 they got into Parliament, the
 e party demanded that
 e be coerced into de-
 e public school law, though
 y Council did not even
 uch a change should be
 e section of Mr. Bowell's
 eaded by Mr. Taylor, the
 signed a round robin de-
 at they would vote against
 e measure. Then followed the
 on of Sir Charles Tupper (with
 o to it), of Mr. Oulmet (with a
 ppendage), and of Mr. Angers,
 of Agriculture, for good and
 upshot of it all was that the
 eaking Ministers and Sir
 rupper had their way, and af-
 eoba had been pleaded with
 e something" to get the Admin-
 out of the hole which it had
 others and had itself fallen
 ession ended with the prom-
 other session, beginning to-
 when the Government is
 o be prepared with its coer-
 e measure on the lines of its dis-
 remedial order.

ough at least one-third of the fol-
 ers of the Bowell-Caron Govern-
 in the House of Commons held
 e of senatorships, collectorships
 Government positions, as an
 ent to thorough docility under
 nstances, until the eve of the
 election, Parliament had no
 ured than there was a loud
 e these M. P.s for the price of
 ort.

Mr. Patterson, who
 ected for West Huron by
 most shameful character,
 e a member of the Govern-
 the first opportunity to
 ehip, and went to Mani-
 e member for Cardwell had
 e collectorship of cus-
 e several years ago,
 ent dare not so much
 e and open that
 e because it was

known to be in revolt. Finally, Mr. White put the knife to the throat of the Ministry and resigned. Then Mr. Curran, Solicitor-General, having ominous portents of judgment to come, demanded appointment to a vacant judgeship and got it. Mr. D. Girouard followed suit, and by this means Jacques Cartier and Montreal Center were vacated. Mr. Josiah Wood, M. P. for Westmorland, had previously taken an office, and thus steered clear of the wreck. To crown their ill-luck, the Ministry lost two supporters by death—the members for North Ontario and Charlevoix.

The contests, resulting from these bye-elections, together with those which preceded them last winter, have formed a record of disaster and defeat such as has rarely befallen any Administration. Antigonish, the seat held by Sir John Thompson from his entry into public life till his death, was carried by Hon. D. McIsaac, a representative Nova Scotia Liberal. In Westmorland, the Conservative majority was reduced by 1,400. In North Ontario the Conservative candidate only succeeded by representing that he was against the Government policy. Montreal Center, hitherto a Conservative stronghold, by changing a Conservative majority of over 1,200 into a Liberal majority of 335, threw consternation into the high tax camp, and when, two days later, Jacques Cartier returned Mr. Charbonneau (Liberal) by a majority of 574, even the most perverse supporter of the men in power had to confess that their demoralization was complete. Jacques Cartier is a constituency which has elected a Conservative member from 1878 until now, and at last general election the high tax majority was 276.

No one can sympathize with the charlatans who have been worsted in these contests. They deserve defeat. They were not contented with the aid of fraudulent voters' lists, appeals to race and religious prejudices, and the expenditure of enormous sums of money. They arranged these elections without the slightest regard for the British principle of fair play. Instead of holding them all on one day, they fixed their contests so that their gangs could go from constituency to constituency, bedeviling and corrupting the electorate and preventing a fair verdict. North Ontario, with its two-faced campaign, was selected for the first struggle, and since then the Ottawa centralizers have lost every seat. They formerly held all four seats; in not one of them have their candidates received a majority of the votes. The disaster which has come to the Bowell-Caron combination is but an indication of the views of the country as a whole. If the Government has any doubts on this subject, it will have further evidence when West Huron and Charlevoix are heard from, and if it still doubts, let it award its senatorships and other promised jobs to the waiting M. P.s, and see who will take their places. The men in power are thoroughly discredited; the Government is a wreck, drifting towards the rocks. Is there not even the virtue of resignation in the council chamber at Ottawa?

Why Not Help Cuba?

The New York Sun makes a strong plea for the recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States. If the United States were to take steps to recognize the right of the islanders to rebel against the misrule of Spain, it would go a long way to remove the impression which prevails in many quarters that the intervention of the United States in the Venezuela boundary dispute has been resolved merely because Great Britain is the chief disputant.

Such a recognition of the rights of a struggling people would certainly serve to secure a greater respect for the Monroe doctrine than is likely to be obtained if the Cubans are left to their own resources by the greater nation on this continent.

By the Way.

A happy New Year to every one of the many thousands of "Advertiser" readers.

Leap year has arrived. Keep to the right, ladies!

The meaning of Venezuela is "Little Venice."

Even before New Year's Eve, the Dominion began to turn over a new leaf politically. A change will be beneficial to the great majority of the people.

Even if Premier Bowell were beheaded, as his former professed warm adherents call for, his decapitation would not reconcile the people to the high tax policy and continued misrule.

The old year went out like a lion whose tail has been twisted.

We wish our friends a happy New Year, and we proudly receive the same cordial salutation from them. But wishing each other a happy New Year will contribute but little toward this

blething. Much depends upon ourselves. We may not avert accidents and disasters, but, generally speaking, we may make ourselves happy if we will. Our health is largely in our own hands and no less is our happiness.

The Toronto Star, which cannot be said to have affection for the Liberal party, has this to say about the concerted vilification of the Hon. James McShane by the organs of the Bowell-Oulmet combination: "Jimmie" McShane is a better fellow in every way than was the Government's candidate in Cardwell, and yet five Cabinet Ministers and a trainload of followers, heelers and shouters went to his support and took a barrel of money with them, which was used in debauching the constituency in the most flagrant manner. This really was a disgrace to Canada." Mr. McShane needs no defense. He is the member-elect of the chief manufacturing and mercantile constituency in the country, and he has been given the confidence of the men who know him best. Why not blackguard them, disgruntled contemporaries?

The St. Thomas Times (Conservative) argues that an attempt should again be made by the high tax leaders to get the support of D'Alton McCarthy.

If such a series of overwhelming defeats as have been sustained by the Ottawa Government were registered against a British Administration, its leader would have the good sense to understand the public voice and would undertake no serious legislation with a moribund Parliament and a discredited following. But Premier Bowell is neither a Salisbury nor a Rosebery.

If this New Year does not bring peace, it will not be because the great mass of the people favor war. Nevertheless, it yet seems easy in times of international troubles, for some men to foment strife.

After every defeat of the Ottawa Administration, there is a demand in many Conservative papers for the decapitation of Messrs. Bowell, Caron and Oulmet. The belief seems to be that these three are the wreckers of the party once successfully held together by Sir John Macdonald and Sir John Thompson. The fact is, the Ottawa political fabric is suffering, not from lack of roof, but from dry rot. The people are tired of high taxation and "smart Allick" statesmanship.

The "Brummagem" Government has been found out.

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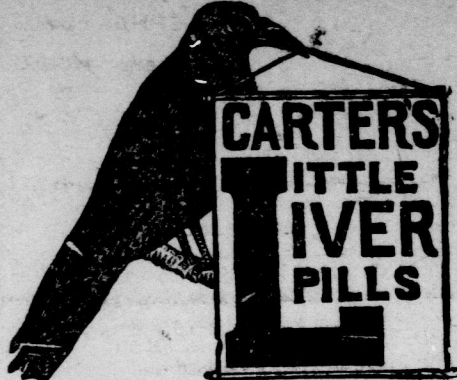
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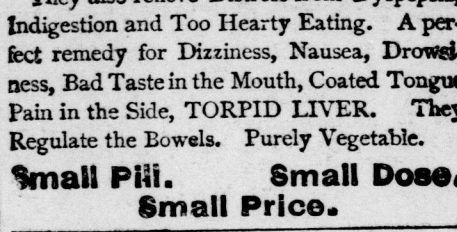


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