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London, Friday, Feb. 27.

The Bye-Elections.

The return of Hon. E. J. Davis in North York, by double the majority he received in May, is a crushing rebuke to political fakism. His opponent, T. Herbert Lennox, made a burlesque campaign, apparently with the sole idea of exploiting himself. His nose-play in swearing himself on the Scriptures disgusted intelligent people, and his attacks on the personal character of Mr. Davis alienated many Conservative voters, who know the Minister of Crown Lands too well to believe that he countenanced or practiced rascality to secure his previous election. The charges of gross corruption against Mr. Davis had no basis or we may be sure that they would have been pressed in the courts, in the hope of smirching a minister of the crown. Mr. Davis offered to resign his seat and pay a share of the legal expenses already incurred in the election petition rather than put both parties to the cost of a trial, amounting to thousands of dollars, and create the ill-feeling which would be caused by the proceedings in court. Lennox jumped at the offer, but Mr. Davis would probably have preferred to go on with the trial if he could have foreseen the malicious use Lennox would make of the agreement. The result yesterday is a sufficient answer to the calumnies that have been heaped on the minister. He has lived in North York all his life, and the people of the riding have taken his word before that of his opponent with his self-swearing outfit. This is likely the last that will be heard of Lennox and his circus methods. He succeeded only in making himself ridiculous.

In North Bruce, Mr. Clark, Conservative, has been re-elected by 52 majority. His majority in May was 5. Dr. Stewart, his opponent, pledged himself to support a prohibitory law, and clergymen and temperance workers took the platform in his behalf. Mr. Clark refused to pledge himself on the question. As Center Bruce went "yea" in the referendum by 1,600 majority, the inference from yesterday's vote is that a good many people in Center Bruce are Conservatives first and prohibitionists second. The temperance men missed a fine opportunity to strengthen their cause in the Legislature. Mr. Clark, the member-elect, is the editor of the Kincardine Review, and one of the best of the younger Canadian journalists.

A Telephone Fight.

The Bell Telephone Company are defendants and the Crown is prosecuting in an interesting case which is being tried at Whitevale, Ont. Last fall the farmers and business men in the vicinity of Markham, Whitevale, Green River, Greenwood, Pickering and Claremont, in the counties of York and Ontario, tried to interest the Bell Telephone in their district. The company asked \$35 per telephone per annum on long term leases, besides a bonus for the work, and an extra charge for messages to Toronto. The people would not pay these prices and organized the Markham and Pickering Co-operative Telephone Company. They constructed 32 miles of line between the points mentioned, and equipped some 24 telephone stations, at a cost of \$1,100. After paying out this amount they absolutely owned the system. The line was extended to the door of the Locust Hill station on the C. P. R., the nearest railroad point to the locality, but they were informed that no instrument could be put in the depot without the consent of the Bell Company. They discovered that the Bell had an exclusive contract with all Canadian roads. The Bell refused to permit the farmers' line to run into the station, although the Bell had no phone in the depot. The matter was taken up by the Toronto World, which secured a legal opinion that the exclusive contract was in violation of section 520 of the criminal code and was in restraint of trade. On this showing the farmers filed a complaint with the Whitevale magistrate, charging President Sise, of the Bell Company, with criminal conspiracy. They refused then the offer of the Bell to be permitted to run their line to the depot, asserting that the scope of the case had increased to take in all Canada. They refused to compromise unless the exclusive contract was surrendered.

The case opened yesterday and the Crown produced a copy of the contract between the Bell and the C. P. R. The Bell agrees to furnish all C. P. R. offices and stations with telephones, and had the exclusive right to do so. In return the railway company furnishes free transportation to the employees of the Bell. Each company is to grant the other facilities for carrying wires and lines over its poles, bridges and other premises. One witness, Dr. Fish, testified that the Bell Company threatened to take out his Bell telephone if he did not give up his co-operative phone. The co-processor of the co-operative line claimed that he had been intimidated by Bell agents. Alpheus Hoover, a miller, near Locust Hill, told of ineffectual efforts to get a co-operative telephone in the C. P. R. station, and said that if the contract could be abolished the whole rural district would be covered with co-operative telephones. The C. P. R. station agent said that

It was at the special request of the Bell Telephone Company that the co-operative telephone was not permitted to be placed in the station. A number of merchants and others testified to the great inconvenience caused them by lack of co-operative telephone connection with the C. P. R.

The German Agrarians.

The farmers in this country could take lessons in political organization from the German Agrarians. The latter held a convention in Berlin this month, attended by eight thousand delegates from all parts of the empire. The Agrarian League numbers 250,000 members, and employs fifty lecturers to drum up recruits and promote agitation in the country. The whole aim of the league is to keep up the duties on agricultural products. Germany has reached a stage in her development resembling that of England before the repeal of the corn laws. She has become a great manufacturing nation, and agriculture is declining in relative importance. The result is that she is obliged to import immense quantities of foodstuffs, and the tariff has so increased the cost of living that the working classes are constantly agitating against the agricultural duties. The Agrarians point to the heavy duties on manufactured imports, and claim to be equally entitled with other classes to protective privileges. The Agrarian League is now at open war with the Government, whose chief concern, according to the agrarians, is to secure foreign markets for German industry. The league denounces the new tariff legislation, and has precipitated a struggle which will probably end, as it ended in England, with the emancipation of industry and the abolition of the protective system. Count Posadowsky, the Minister of Agriculture, hinted at this when he told the league that "those occupations which had not enough vitality to preserve them could not be artificially maintained." In Canada the conditions are reversed. A farmers' organization would be interested in maintaining a low tariff, as this is a food-exporting, not a food-importing, country.

The Center Bruce prohibitionists threw cold water on their cause yesterday.

A higher critic has challenged the Kaiser's theology, and may be arrested for lese majeste.

The Canadian bullock has no reason to be loyal since he is put to death if he touches British soil.

T. Herbert Lennox swore himself on the Bible before the election, but may now feel like swearing without one.

The Sultan has been compelled to promise reforms in Macedonia, but it is beyond all the powers of Europe to reform the Sultan.

High Clark will strengthen the Whiteites without hurting the Government. The Premier has seven majority with North Renfrew to hear from.

Literary.

[Town and Country.]
Mistress—What in the world are you putting ashes on the floor for, Bridget?
Bridget—Shure, mum, an' didn't yez say to doost the parlor?

The Best They Had.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
While in one of the smaller cities of Ohio recently the writer came across a sign prominently displayed in the window of the main store of the town, which reads as follows:

PICKLED PIGS' FEET.
OUR OWN PUT UP.

—GEORGE S. JENKINS.

Sweet Belle Mahone.

Soon beyond the harbor bar
Shall my bark be sailing far;
O'er the world I wander lone—
Sweet Belle Mahone,
O'er thy grave I weep good-bye,
Hear, oh hear, my lonely cry;
Oh, without thee what am I—
Sweet Belle Mahone?

Chorus.
Sweet Belle Mahone!
Sweet Belle Mahone!
Come for me at heaven's gate,
Sweet Belle Mahone!

Lonely, like a withered tree,
What is all the world to me?
Life and light were all in thee,
Sweet Belle Mahone,
Daisies pale are growing o'er
All my heart can e'er adore;
Shall I meet thee nevermore—
Sweet Belle Mahone?

Calmly, sweetly slumber on,
Only one I call my own!
While in tears I wander lone,
Sweet Belle Mahone,
Faded now seems everything,
But when comes eternal spring,
With thee I'll be wandering,
Sweet Belle Mahone.

Beyond Endurance.

[Smart Set.]
The slender woman faced the burly burglar's revolver, without a tremor of terror, for, as is well known, the weakest are the bravest.
"Tell me where the money is hid," he hissed, most truculently, "or I'll fire!"
"Never!" she answered determinedly, and with a marked accent on the "r."
"Kill me, if you will, but I will never reveal the hiding place of my husband's hard-earned hoard! Villain, do your worst!"
"I will!" snarled the scoundrel, baffled for the moment, but not beaten. "Tell me, instantly, or I'll drop this big, woolly caterpillar down your neck!"
In three minutes more he had bagged

the hoodie, and was splitting the midnight darkness in a northeasterly direction.

So Easy.

[New York Herald.]
It is easy to understand that with this vast increase of wealth and development of resources without corresponding increase of population—it will be a summer's day task for enough Americans to move over the boundary line from our own great Northwest to capture the country—to take possession of it legally, both for citizenship and for annexation, as all good citizens have a right to do, and to make it part of the American Union, corralling the vast gold, copper and magnetic iron deposits, with all the fisheries, timber lands and invaluable wheat growing districts of Canada West.

The Southwestern Traction Company.

[Hamilton Times.]
The Southwestern Traction Company, which contemplates building a line of electric railway from this city to Glenora via London, with numerous branches in the west, seems to be on the eve of success in the matter of financing the scheme. The project is the most ambitious of all the electric railway undertakings of Canada, and it is said that English capitalists will back it.

The Wind.

[Westminster Gazette.]
The wind is tapping at my window pane. Off he has come and he will come again, Seeking to win an entrance, but in vain, Poor lonely wind!

Naught but the frozen earth around he sees, He shivers as he passes through the trees. Not long ago he was a balmy breeze, Poor changed wind!

If I were now to open my window wide, To let you in, what should I lose beside, The very warmth for which you long have sighed, Poor frozen wind!

So, if I seem your pleadings not to mind, And on your sorrow turn a glance that's blind, Remember, if I could, I would be kind, And help you, piteous wind!

FATAL FIRE IN LOWELL

A Business Block, Hotel and Office Building Destroyed.

A Newspaper Correspondent Amongst Those Killed.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 27.—One or more persons lost their lives in a fire in the Burbank block early today. The building was used for business, lodging-house and social purposes. The street floor contained stores, the second, third and fourth floors lodging rooms, and the top floor a dance hall.

There were 75 lodgers in the house when the fire broke out, but all apparently had escaped. When the ruins cooled off sufficiently to permit a search, the body of Mrs. Sarah P. Kittredge, local correspondent and agent for several periodicals, was found. Later it was reported that four other persons were missing, and a search of the ruins was continued. Several persons sustained burns and other injuries. The Bevelier Hotel, which stands next to the Burbank block, was threatened for a time, but a heavy fire-wall proved an effective barrier. The financial loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Killed His Child and Himself.

New York, Feb. 27.—During the absence of his wife yesterday, George F. Flexenberg, who has been acting strangely for some time, shot and killed his two-year-old son and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

The Ferguson council decided to purchase a set of scenery for the stage of the town hall, at a little less than \$100. They also passed a resolution to be forwarded to the Dominion Government, protesting against the Wellington Battalion being reduced from ten to eight companies.

Two more cases of smallpox have developed in Bayham Township. Two young girls, pupils of the Central school, were discovered to be suffering from this disease. Both houses are quarantined, and the Central and Richmond schools have been closed in consequence of the outbreak.

A Putnam correspondent writes: The annual report of the Burnside cheese and butter factory for 1922 shows: Total pounds of milk, 4,555,012; manufactured butter, 5,880 pounds; cheese, 270,555 pounds; yield, 2.11 and 19.45 average price, 21.39 cents and 10.39 cents; paid patrons, per 100 pounds milk, \$14.00 cents and \$7.48 cents; total receipts, \$32,480.82; paid the patrons, \$35,355.37; for manufacturing, \$3,773.89. It was unanimously voted to pay for milk by the factory test, as in the past year. George A. Boyes was re-elected sales manager. Wm. Uglow, secretary-treasurer. Wm. P. Dundas, auditor.

HALF SICK

Generally the expression is, "I don't feel half well," though sometimes people say, "I feel half sick." But there is no such thing as being half sick. The man who says half sick is all sick. As a rule, the cause of the weak, tired, half sick feeling is disease of the stomach, resulting in loss of nutrition and consequently in physical weakness.

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores strength by enabling the perfect digestion and assimilation of food. It makes half sick people all well.

"I suffered for four years with pain in my stomach, so that at times I couldn't work at all," writes Mr. Frank Smith, of Col. "I wrote to you about my sickness, and was told to use your medicine, which I did with good results. I only used four bottles of your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and must say that I am entirely cured and am now in the best of health. I highly recommend your medicine to any sufferer."

"Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol and is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics. It is strictly a temperance medicine.

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A teaspoonful in a glass of water and you get a draught of

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Get in good condition for the trying winter days—take a nature's tonic that aids digestion—that acts gently—that cleanses the system—that keeps the blood rich—the circulation perfect—and the nerve centres keyed to the right tone—and the whole anatomy aglow with the fire and the vigor of good health.

At all Druggists.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

STANDARD DRAMAS AND COMEDIES.

The Glick Stock Company play a most up-to-date repertoire of standard dramas and comedies. On Monday night, ladies' night, they open with "North Carolina Folks," a beautiful southern drama, full of pathos, yet with plenty of laugh-provoking comedy. Others of their plays are "The Trapper's Daughter," "California Detective," "Reuben in New York," "Fanny Accused," "A Florida Romance" and "Wanted—A Baby." They also carry many interesting, amusing and clever specialties that do not allow of a moment's waste from the rise of the curtain, till its final fall.

This company comes with the best of press notices from American cities, where they have been doing an immense business. By the present demand of tickets there will not be an empty seat in the London on Monday. During the week some valuable prizes will be given.

A COUNTERFEITING OUTFIT.

A complete and expensive array of counterfeiting implements are shown in the "den" scene of the new detective play, "The Counterfeiters," which comes to the Grand on Monday evening. The den is located in an old, abandoned tunnel, and is a most unique and picturesque work of stagecraft. Seats now on sale.

THE NUMBER GROWS

Two More Parties Are Interested in Musicians' Actions.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 27.—The court today granted an order adding Joseph Weber and the American Federation of Musicians, of which he is president, as defendants in Crosswell's suit against the London Musicians; also granted a commission to clinchmate to examine Weber in connection with the canceling of the charter of the London branch of the federation. Weber and the federation are now parties in the three actions.

ABUSING THE TREES

New York the Greatest Offender in the Country, Says Mrs. Britton.

"In proportion to her population, New York has fewer trees than any city in the world, and those she has abuse worse than any city in the world," said Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, of the Botanical Garden, while speaking at the Normal College.

One of the most important abuses which she pointed out was that of placing guy ropes with scarcely any protection, about the trunks of shade trees. This offense is of frequent occurrence in the case of large buildings and the subway are being constructed.

"The living portion of a tree is on the outside, just between the bark and the wood," said Mrs. Britton, "and so, if guy ropes must be attached to the trees, or stumps placed there, nothing short of thick boards or semi-cylinders of iron should protect them, and take all the strain of this living part of the tree."

"Another common abuse of trees in all cities is cutting off the tops, while in the trunk, the bark and the wood are sound," said Mrs. Britton, "and so, if guy ropes must be attached to the trees, or stumps placed there, nothing short of thick boards or semi-cylinders of iron should protect them, and take all the strain of this living part of the tree."

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To Our Customers:

For a few days we must ask your kind indulgence and pardon for any inconvenience we may cause you during the time required in allotting space to and arranging the various departments in the new building.

In a few days we will be fully settled in our new and modern stores, and promise you better service and better stocks in the larger premises.

Watch this space for our further announcements of New Spring Merchandise now soon to arrive.

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Cushions! Cushions! Feather and Down Cushions from 50c each. Goose Feather Pillows, Mattresses, Springs, Beds, Brass and Iron Bedsteads, from \$4 each. Bedroom Suits, Sideboards, Spring Couches, Fancy Chairs, and Hunt & Song Mattress and Feather Pillow Manufacturers, 603 Richmond street north. Telephone 367.

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Settlers' Low Rates West.

Via Chicago and Northwestern Railway, every day, from Feb. 15 to April 30. Colonist, on way second-class tickets at extremely low rates from stations in Ontario and Quebec to points in Colorado, Utah, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California, also to Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nelson, Rossland, etc. Full particulars, rates and folders can be obtained from B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King street, Toronto, Ont.

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To many points in the States of California, Oregon and Washington.

EVERY DAY.

The Union Pacific will sell One-Way Colonist Tickets at the following rates from Missouri River terminals:

\$25.00 to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and many other California points. Tickets on sale Feb. 15 to June 15, 1923.

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For full information call on or address H. P. Carter, T. P. A., 14 James building, Toronto, Canada, or F. B. Choate, G. A., 125 Woodward avenue, Detroit, Mich.

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Fixed capital in agriculture in the United States is four times that in manufactures.

PREVENT DISORDER.—At the first symptoms of internal disorder, Parmenter's Vegetable Pills should be resorted to immediately. Two or three of these salutary pellets, taken before going to bed, followed by doses of one or two pills for two or three nights in succession, will serve as a preventive of attacks of dyspepsia, and all the discomforts which follow in the train of that fell disorder. The means are simple when the way is known.

One is now loaded into lake schooners at the rate of 7,000 tons an hour.

THERE ARE SO MANY cough medicines in the market that it is sometimes difficult to tell which to buy; but if we had a cough, a cold or any affliction of the throat or lungs, we would try Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine who have used it think it is far ahead of all other preparations recommended for such complaints. The little folks like it as it is as pleasant as syrup.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.

FLORIDA EXCURSION

New York to Jacksonville and Return, \$38.97.

Including meals and berths, via the magnificent new CLYDE LINE STEAMER APACHE, March 12. Tickets good for return for six months.

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