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LONDON, MONDAY, FEB. 15.

East Lambton.

The electors of East Lambton may safely disregard eleventh-hour tales of bribery and corruption. The statement by Mr. Hanna, M. P., who is fond of circus methods, has all the earmarks of a rosbach. It is in keeping with the unscrupulous tactics employed to defeat Mr. Jenkins, of which the London Free Press today furnishes an example. That paper professes to credit the malicious rumor that Mr. Jenkins is working out of the pocket of the Standard Oil Company in favoring the reduction of the tariff on crude oil. Its assertion that the lowering of the duty from 5 cents to 2 cents per gallon would close down the oil wells of Enniskillen will excite only derision among those acquainted with the conditions of the oil industry. As a matter of fact, the oil producers themselves agreed in the first place to a reduction of 2½ cents per gallon. It is likely they would have come to this resolution if they imagined their interests would suffer? If they felt that a reduction of 2½ cents was safe, is it possible that another half-cent would spell ruin? The refiners asked the producers to concede this extra half-cent, and finally a committee appointed by the producers reported in favor of meeting the refiners' request. It is dishonest to represent the oil-producing industry of East Lambton as being menaced by the Standard Oil Company or the other refiners. The interests of producers and refiners are identical. Many who are familiar with the oil business are convinced that unless crude oil can be brought in under a lower tariff to supplement the Canadian supply, the great refining industry in Lambton will be crushed out of existence or reduced to insignificant proportions. The Canadian oil producers would suffer with the refiners, and the County of Lambton would lose its chief source of wealth. The situation is a very critical one for those who are engaged in every branch of the oil business. Mr. Jenkins has a large stake in the business, and may be depended upon to take whatever course will, in his opinion, conserve it. The oil region will do well to have so influential and able a representative to plead its case before Parliament.

The Poet of the Habitant.

The local reading public will hear with pleasure that Dr. Drummond, the poet of the habitant, is to pay the city a visit. No North American poet, except possibly James Whitcomb Riley, has been so widely read in the past few years. He is one of the small but widening circle of Canadian writers, whose work is appreciated and paid for not only at home, but in the United States and Great Britain. Poetry is sometimes said to be an unpopular form of literature. But few novels have sold more successfully than the verse of Kipling and of Dr. Drummond. Nor does critical opinion on these writers diverge widely from the favor of the people. When we find so considerable an authority as Edward Dowden among the Kiplingites, and when the London (Eng.) Athenaeum pronounces very highly on Dr. Drummond's work, we may be satisfied that our Canadian poet, as well as Kipling, owes his general popularity not to superficiality or any "pandering to the mob," but that he has qualities which commend him to all classes of readers, to the cultivated as well as to the less thoughtful or less learned.

Though the sale of Dr. Drummond's books has been very large in the United States, where, in fact, they were published, he appeals most nearly to a Canadian audience. His subjects are, it is true, provincial rather than national or general, but his manner is widely Canadian, even imperialistic at times. His humor and his pathos are distinctively racy of the soil, as they are also peculiarly his own. The simple gentility, the out-of-doors freshness, the downrightness of his method are decidedly Canadian, as distinguished from the preciosity, the epigram, the wordy humor or the bookishness of much English writing, and the posing, the inattention to fine detail, the want of sympathy and the exaggeration in American work. Dr. Drummond's outlook is sanely patriotic. He makes the French Canadian dear to the English reader. Something of what Kipling has done for the promotion of world-wide British unity, our poet is trying in a smaller sphere to effect among Canadians. The pan-Canadian feeling as a strong undertone in all Dr. Drummond's work, becomes a living passion in the "Habitant's Jubilee Ode," and gives the Canadian reader a new sense of national dignity and union.

An important aspect of Dr. Drummond's poetry is the out-of-doors air just mentioned. In this, like all the great Canadian authors, Prof. Roberts, Mr. Carman, Mr. Thompson-Sutton and others, Dr. Drummond touches a dominant note of our time. Nothing has been more noticeable in recent years than the increased interest in the observation of external nature. Text books and guide books have been multiplied, and are now in the hands of many more than professed students. Probably the concentration of population in the cities is responsible for the redoubled eagerness of city people to seek the country, the lakeside, the "summering place," the quiet rural fishpond, or the November hunting grounds. On the hills in the sunny season may be found the amateur geologist. There, or in the silent canoe, many a botanist beginner compares the "specimens" with the pictures in his book. And where can this

phase of popular study or recreation find surer development than in Canada, the great out-of-doors country, the land of cool and spacious summers? Dr. Drummond, both as a man and as a writer, is possessed with the open air feeling. He is a notable hunter and fisherman, as everybody along the St. Maurice River knows. Then "in the breathing of the woodlands" he takes what holidays he can. As an out-of-doors man he likes the French lumberer, especially an old one who has stores of reminiscence, and can go back to "Le Vieux Temps," when all was uncluttered and unconventional. The character and being of such a man is divined by Dr. Drummond with a swift and primitive insight. There is a sureness and spontaneous rugged power in Dr. Drummond's rhythms, as in his language. Finer harmonies may be missed, but for swiftness and headlong anapaestic rush he has few equals among contemporary poets. The easy flow of his verse should lend itself remarkably well to public reading, especially with the poet's own powerful voice. If the exquisite blending of quiet fun with a certain sad regret for a fading past can captivate an audience as it holds the reader enchanted, those who hear Dr. Drummond will have a unique treat.

Partisanship in Civic Affairs.

The Ottawa Citizen sticks to its role as an apologist for the party system in municipal affairs. It argues that the system fixes the responsibility for good or bad municipal government on one of the two political parties and claims there is no effective responsibility where each alderman is a party unto himself. The Citizen adds: "If the municipal system existed in the Ontario Legislature, the loss Government would not live out the day, but we are sure 'The Advertiser' will agree with us that it were better that the Ross Government lived until a dominant party with a majority of the total membership of the House is ready to take over the responsibilities of government than that they should be entrusted to an agglomeration of cliques or factions liable to smash into their original fragments the moment any strain is placed upon them. We would be glad to have 'The Advertiser' explain why the system which is best for the transaction of the most important national business should be inadequate or undesirable for the transaction of the affairs of a mere municipality."

We are just as strong believers in the party system as the Citizen, but our contemporary fails to make a distinction between the government of a municipality and the government of a country. In the latter case people divide upon certain principles; to name a current issue, the tariff. Even in Ontario politics the Opposition claims to have a distinct programme. It is when there are no principles or no questions of public policy separating the parties that the party system shows its evil side. What are the principles or questions of public policy to divide parties in the government of a municipality? There are none, and consequently no rational basis for the party system. A member of the Ottawa Citizen staff, who toured the old country two years ago, to study municipal problems, contributed glowing accounts of the efficiency and progressiveness of municipal government there. The British cities enjoy the best government in the world, and it is entirely divorced from party politics. This is no condemnation of the party system, which has achieved its greatest triumph in the British Isles. The British people see there is no relation between the administration of a municipality, which is purely a question of spending taxes to the best advantage, and the administration of the nation or empire in which questions arise which do not touch people's pockets alone, but appeal to class interests or prejudices, to different habits of thought, and often to fundamental differences in human nature. In the United States the party system has been a success in federal and state affairs, but has wretchedly failed in the municipal sphere. As for fixing responsibility on the aldermen, the British ratepayers manage to do it without partisanship, and why not Canadians?

If these British bye-elections keep on, the Liberals will have a majority of the House without a general election.

Eight Dominion bye-elections tomorrow in four provinces. Will there be any signs of that upheaval, which Mr. Borden sees in all the provinces?

We still cannot understand why our Conservative fellow-citizens balk at a duty of 70 per cent on china. If that isn't adequate protection, what is it?

It is still in doubt whether the Russian soldiers or the Russian war correspondents have scored the latest victory.

There is something ridiculous about the "yellow peril." The theory is that the yellow races will become a peril only, if they become civilized. Russia may feel that way about Japan just now, but the British and Americans are not at all alarmed.

ONE MORE CURE.

Collingwood Bright's Disease Cure Brings Out Another Wonderful Cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—The cure of Mrs. T. Adams, of Collingwood, of Bright's Disease has caused a great deal of talk here, and the result has been the bringing to light of other cures equally wonderful by the same remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills. One of the most striking of these is the case of Mrs. Fred Philip, of Broadway avenue, Eglinton. Mrs. Philip was treated in Grace and the General Hospital for Bright's Disease and was told in both that nothing could be done for her. She then commenced taking Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the next day, "Dodd's Kidney Pills have done me a world of good. The Drops have all left me and I am now doing

all my own work, just as I was before I was sick."

AIM HIGHER.

[Philadelphia Press.] "When I say good-bye to you this evening," said Mr. Stowman, "do you think it would be proper for me to place one reverent kiss upon your fair hand?" "Well," she replied coquettishly, "I would consider it decidedly out of place."

DANGERS OF DELAY.

[Toronto World.] Russia will know next time not to linger too long over the "P. S." of its perfumed letters to Japan.

1704-1904.

[New York Sun.] Ye olden with a broomstick rode, and when good luck betides, Ye modern with a motor car, see Upon a horseless ride.

ANGLO-SAXON BROTHERHOOD.

[New York Journal.]

The only sane policy for the United States to pursue with reference to this war is to maintain a strict neutrality and to keep free from all European entanglements, especially entanglements with England, whose emotional admiration for "that Greater Britain over seas" at a time like this deceives nobody except the few Anglophiles among us, and they are not worth considering.

'ROUND MY DOOR.

[The Khan, in the Evening Telegram.] With frost the windows glisten as I lie in bed and listen To the waiting of the forest, and the roar

And a-fumbling and a-tumbling, Of the wintry wind a-tumbling, The wintry wind a-grumbling round the door.

A-bumping and a-tumbling, A-grumbling and a-tumbling, A-fumbling and a-rumbling, 'Round my door!

In spite of all that rudeness, the day will come, thank goodness, When the hurricane and rumpus will be o'er, When on a sunny day in the welcome month of May, The breezes will be chanting 'round my door.

Will be painting, gallivanting, When the sunbeams will be slanting 'Round my door!

The world of snow immense is a-straddling all the fences, And I cannot see the pigeon any more; While the snowdrifts they are bounding, The shanty fence, a-tumbling, Another week's embargo 'round the door—

A-bouncing and a-touncing, A-pouncing and a-founcing, 'Round my door!

But wait awhile and soon in the pleasant month of June, When the mellow breeze will bandage every sore, When the world's big hearty laughter will rattle every rafter, And shake the very panels of my door, When the zephyrs will be fleet, Will be tooting, evolving,

The Wigwag, Rushdell Farm. 'Round my door!

A FEW TORPEDOES.

[Hamilton Spectator.] Russia seems to have been traveling on its side.

The Czar complains that little Johnny Jap hit him when he wasn't looking.

For an autocrat of about a third of the world, his nubs the Czar is a good deal of a whiner.

The Russian claims are not minding the "rigors of a Siberian winter" the least bit just now.

Scotsmen will insist that Russia shall make a change in her naval flag. The cross of St. Andrew doesn't look well over people who pull it down without firing a shot when the enemy appears.

Alexieff does not in his dispatch to the Czar, "regret to report," but when he hears from St. Petersburg he'll probably regret that he reported.

A MODERN MARRIAGE.

[Life.] The modern bridegroom led the modern bride to the altar. The modern clergyman was waiting for them with his modern wedding ceremony.

"Will you," said the bridegroom, "take this divorced woman to be your social wife, to have and to hold until you are both tired of each other?"

"I will," said the groom, "with the understanding that she is not to kick up a row no matter who I bring home with me, and that she turns over all her available cash to help me out of my scrapes."

"And will you," said the clergyman to the woman, "take this man to be your companion in misery for so long as you think best?"

"I will," said the woman, "if I don't have to nurse him when he is sick, or take breakfast with him."

"Is there anyone," said the clergyman, "who objects?"

"No one," said the spokesman for the congregation. "We are all very glad of it. It makes gossip, and the mere fact that we are here will enable us to have our names in the papers. Let the ceremony proceed."

"There!" said the clergyman. "I pronounce you man and wife. Send me a check or cash by registered mail, give your names and a description of your presents to the society reporters, and when you want a divorce, here's the card of the best lawyer in the business."

THE NEW VERSION.

[New York Sun.]

A soldier of the Russians Lay jannaped at Tchitzkyshivitch. There was lack of woman's nursing And other comforts which might add to his last moment.

And smooth the final way, But come stood beside him To hear what he might say.

The jannaped Russian faltered As he took that comrade's hand, And he said: "I never more shall see My own, my native land."

Take a message and a token To some distant friends of mine, For I was born at Smolenskgrprzski, Fair Smolenskgrprzski on the Ickrtv-kimov.

A \$10,000 SNUFF BOX

Once Belonged to Louis XV. of France —Bought by Londoner.

London, Feb. 15.—Considerable interest was aroused at Christie's when a Louis XV. gold enameled snuffbox was knocked down to Mr. Dwyer at nearly \$10,000. The dainty little box, on which the scenes from "Gil Blas" are depicted in colored enamel, has a curious history. It was found by a private during the retreat of Joseph Bonaparte before the Duke of Wellington after the battle of Salamanca, and was saved from destruction by Sir George Collier, who bought it for a trifle from a soldier, whom he found busy picking out the enamel with a bayonet. Dwyer, also secured for \$7,720 a pair of large Chinese porcelain oviform vases and covers. Another old service

Common soaps destroy the clothes and render the hands liable to eczema.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

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vase, with an oviform body, 12½ inches in height, fetched \$4,250, the purchaser being C. Davis.

JAP REFUGEES WERE MALTREATED

Some Severely Beaten by the Cossack Guards.

RESCUED BY AMERICAN CONSUL

Czar's Land Forces Said To Be Demoralized — Alexieff Busy Strengthening Harbors.

New Chwang, Sunday, Feb. 14. — About 50 Japanese men on their way to Tien Tsin, were arrested at Tai Hih Chou, Feb. 12, with their women, and arrived here in custody. The American consul, Henry B. Miller, procured the release of the women, but Viceroy Alexieff ordered their rearrest and transportation, together with all the Japanese in Manchuria, to Port Arthur.

Mr. Miller based his action on assurances the Russians gave the Japanese consul, that all Japanese subjects would be protected, and permitted to leave when they desired. There are numerous Japanese complaints of Russian ill-treatment. It is said that four hundred Japanese refugees from Harbin and elsewhere, who arrived at Mukden, Feb. 10, were arrested, and that many of them were severely beaten and detained until they purchased their release. When they were liberated, the Japanese were sent in open trucks to Tai Hih Chou, where they were again maltreated and sent on to Port Arthur. Some of their women were sent to New Chwang, to enter into the work of the land forces as demoralized. They are trying to watch the entire coast.

The constant telegraphic interruptions threaten to complete the isolation of the war zone, except by dispatch boats. Admiral Alexieff has forbidden all ships to enter any of the ports of the Liao Tung Peninsula. It is understood that his object is to carry out the defenses of the harbors which hitherto have been neglected. Foreigners are not permitted to move without military permits.

The foreign missions at Mukden, apprehending a Chinese outbreak, are sending the missionaries with families away from New Chwang.

There are about 2,000 Russian troops now at New Chwang.

Orders have been given by the French Government for the construction of a turbine torpedo boat at Havre.

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WOODS' FAIR.

NORTH RENFREW AGAIN

Alleged Bogus Signatures in Petition to Unseat Dunlop.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—A sensation was sprung at Osgoode Hall on Saturday in the matter of the petition against the return of E. A. Dunlop, as member for North Renfrew in the local house.

The first was by J. H. Wright, a farmer, of Stafford Township, who swore that he had signed the petition while in a partially intoxicated condition, and without being made aware of its full contents.

The second petitioner was Jean Baptiste Leblanc, a laborer, of Pembroke, who averred that he was an old man, and unable to read or write. He had not consented to the use of his name, although he had made his mark, not knowing what he was signing.

James Millar, the third petitioner, did not deny his signature, but alleged that he was not properly qualified to act, his property being in his wife's name.

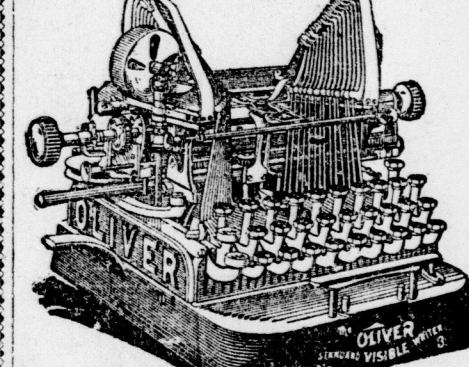
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