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THE EAST MIDDLESEX CON-VENTION

The convention of Liberals on Saturday was one of the best-attended and most enthusiastic that ever represented East Middlesex. The inspiring presence of the leader of the party had doubtless something to do with it. Also there has been a growing feeling of confidence in the party in the riding that it had adopted a policy which must prevail, and that the tide in Ontario had turned.

Very soon after the constituency was opened by the death of the late Mr. Neely, opinion, not only among the leaders, but among the rank and file of the party, seemed to point to Mr. John Laidlaw, of Westminster, as the candidate. A prominent man in municipal affairs, a life-long and consistent Liberal, and a strong advocate of the temperance policy of Mr. Rowell, he seemed to meet all conditions, as an ideal candidate. The only question of late was as to how far matters were modified by Mr. Laidlaw's selection as the candidate of the temperance organizations. Some were disposed to think that it would be sufficient for the convention simply to indorse him, and adjourn without selecting a candidate of its own. But the opinion of the majority, which the speech of Mr. Rowell made unanimous, was that he should be formally chosen as the candidate of the party. He was the logical choice, for he met all the requirements of the party platform. The fact of his being the choice of an organization supporting only one of the Liberal proposals did not alter the situation so far as the party was con-

can honestly say that Mr. Laidlaw is giving a half-hearted support to Mr. his own household. Rowell's policy for election purposes. Nor can anyone honestly say that the party has selected a candidate only for the purpose of catching stray votes. The party and the candidate are in full accord, and can support each other consistently and enthusiastically.

There will be in this election a straight issue-"abolish the bar." Conservative voters have in other elections been urged by their leaders and their organs to support the Government because the temperance plank of the Liberal party was but an election dodge. It was, of course, a false claim, but the fact that the Liberal candidate in some of the by-elections had not previously been an active temperance man was gladly seized on by Tory campaigners as proof of their charge. There is no such excuse in East Middlesex today. Every Conservative who claims to be a friend of temperance will have to show whether he is for party first, or for principles all the time. This election will test men and will show what they are.

It only remains for the supporters of Mr. Laidlaw to be active and zealous in the coming campaign. They have a good policy, and a good candidate. He will be elected, if those who profess to believe in him, and the policy he advocates, will work for his election.

In this country the party in Opposition is usually indifferent in a by-election. Its members feel that the result will not affect the position of the Government, and they are not disposed to go into the contest hopefully and enthusiastically. This is a mistake, which, we are sure, will not be made the party are worth anything they should be fought for on every occasion, with all the vigor possible, no matter what the results may be. Their advocates can give a proof to political friends and enemies that they are in earnest; their activity and enthusiasm encourages their friends and depresses their opponents. And, not least, their earnest struggle in a by-election strengthens and consolidates their organization, and places them in a better fighting condition for the general elec-

tion that will follow in due course. The contest in East Middlesex will doubtless be a spirited one. We may expect cabinet ministers and their camp followers alike to be in evidence. We know that the Opposition leader will not be absent from his post, His strong indictment of the Government for its dilatoriness in regard to a workingmen's compensation act, which leaves the families of the drowned sailors of the lakes dependent upon charity; for its wobbling incompetence in school matters, for its antagonism at some \$300,000. Evidently Mr. Borto temperance reform, for its fossilized den has been warning his associates policy in regard to municipal gov- to be less generous with public ernment and taxation; this indictment, so forcefully and eloquently delivered town of Gimli, in Manitoba, has been at the convention, will echo throughout the constituency, and be heard in
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part; the candidate will not be idle. Let the Liberals work, and the friends of temperance exert themselves, and Mr. Rowell will have a worthy colleague when the assembly meets, and the prospects for the abolition of the bar will be so much the brighter.

A FORGOTTEN PLANK.

Where is that Halifax platform on which Mr. Borden made once his appeal to the electors of Canada? Where are the snows of yester year?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier complained of that platform that it was composed of India rubber planks that could be stretched to meet any contingency. It was doubtless very elastic, but now instead of being a convenience to Mr. Borden himself, Liberals are willing to stretch it to meet the case of Macdonald, Manitoba. The very planks spring up, now that he is in power, to elabor him.

Take the third clause of the Halifax pronouncement, that relating to electoral corruption

"More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to insure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organiza-tions, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes, and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements for the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation of corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so

Mr. Borden has taken not a single step in his two years of office to fulfil the promises here made. On the contrary, he has allowed, in the case of Macdonald, his political partners to commit the most shameful and unheard of rascalities without a word or deed of protest. The seat has been thrown up by the corruptly-elected member in order that these practices should not come to light. Why did not Mr. Borden stretch his electoral corruption plank to meet this case?

It is quite evident that he has no desire to stand on his rubber planks, let alone to stretch or twist them. It is just the same with his talk of electoral reform as with the parade of good intentions in regard to the civil cal work the older man may be outservices. Mr. Borden's dreams go by contraries. He has done his share towards the paving of a certain floor.

THE ILLNESS OF MR. BORDEN.

The Prime Minister of Canada has been compelled to take a holiday at one of the health resorts of the United States. It can be readily understood that he has found the burdens of his you took me anywhere. Now you think position unusually heavy and wearying, possibly heavier than some others There can now be no question as to might find it. If we are to accept rewhere the Liberal party stands, nor as ports, it may well be that in addition to those whose opposition he must expect, he has to contend with foes in

Some Conservative papers, in referring to Mr. Borden's condition, accuse the Liberals of "gloating" over it. We see about all of the Liberal papers in the Dominion, but we fail to note anything but the kindliest sentiments expressed towards Mr. Borden personally. We may have no praise for him from a political point of view, for we consider the advent of his party to power has been injurious to the Dominion. But while a Conservative Government remains in office, we have no desire for a change in premiers. Mr. Borden is preferable to Mr. Rogers-

to put it mildly Liberals will join with the Premier's friends in wishing him a speedy re-

Our local contemporary is scornful of the Dominion Alliance. The pretence that temperance is not an issue n East Middlesex has been candidly

In ancient Athens wealthy men personally contributed triremes to the fleet. Some of our modern millionaires wave the flag and call for Rule Britannia, but would tax the poor man's food to buy more Dreadnoughts.

Many of the widows and orphans of the drowned lake sailors are left penniless because Ontario has no modern workmen's compensation act. Its absence has been a scandal for years, and the Government must bear the

A large majority of the electors of London Township have voted twice within three years to abolish the bars, in East Middlesex. If the principles of and the bars remain. The friends of the bar have good reason to vote for Mr. McFarlane and the Government

> Conservative papers have suddenly topped eulogizing New Zealand, The ittle dominion has gone back on the ontribution policy, and is going to do what Mr. Borden says Canada is too feeble to do. Our centralizing contemporaries have no idols left now but Borden and the Sultan of Perak.

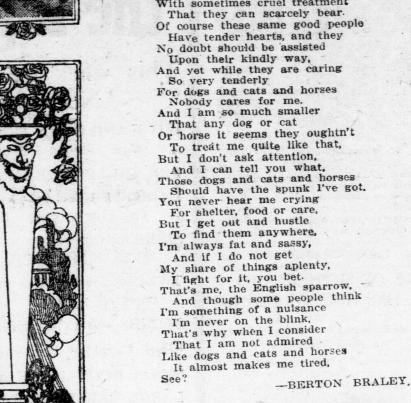
> The British Government intends to ouild at once 10,000 cottages for farm laborers, each with a quarter of an acre of ground. Eventually 120,000 cottages will be built by the state. This will check emigration of a class which Canada needs above all others. But Britons can scarcely be blamed for trying to colonize their country

in preference to another. There was a great deal of talk because the Government sold to a friend J. W. Wilton or Dr. Ross Will Likely of Mr Rogers for \$10 property valued lands. The Conservative mayor of the

BRALEYS POEM TODAY

[W. J. Lampton.] It makes me rather weary

To hear good people tell Of dogs and cats and horses That in the city dwell, And how they have to suffer For lack of food and care, With sometimes cruel treatment That they can scarcely bear. Of course these same good people Have tender hearts, and they No doubt should be assisted Upon their kindly way,



Government remained in power long enough, it might become honest. The only fear is that by that time there would be nothing left to steal.

OLD MEN THE LEADERS.

[Montreal Daily Mail.]
The great work of the world is being done and always has been done by nen of middle life and more. Fourfifths of the business failures are made by young men. It is ripened experience and judgment that count in the business world, as in any work. In physiclassed by the young ones, bus in lines of work calling for skill, steadiness and reliability the older man had the advantage. There is something seriously wrong with an economic system that finds a man useless at 50.

[Boston Transcript.] She (pouting)-Before we were married you always engaged a taxi when an old street car is good enough for

He-No, my dear, I do not. But now that you are mine I want to show you off proudly before as many as possible-in a taxi you would be seen by

WHAT'S IN A NAME? [Advertisement in British Paper.]

I, William Arthur Idle, heretofore called and known by the name of Wil-Arthur Good, of 18, Traffordgrove, in the city of Leeds, hereby give public notice that on the twelfth of August, 1913, I formally and like to scoop it in.

absolutely renounced relinquished, and abandoned the use of my said sur-name of Good, and then assumed and adopted and determined thenceforth to use and subscribe the name William Arthur Idle.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

[Christian Register.] The self-made man stalked into the office of a great financier with whom he had an appointment. "You probably don't remember me,

ne began, "but twenty years ago, when I was a poor messenger boy you gave me a message to carry. "Yes, yes!" cried the "Where's the answer?"

THE LONELY GIRL'S DANGER. [St. Thomas Journal.]

Making a living in a wilderness amid prowling wolves is an unpleasant business, for one must be continually on one's guard. It is not so perilous, however, as is the career of an unattached young woman in a great city who lacks friends on whom she can safely rely, particularly if she has no assured income, and must frequently trust herself among men or women unknown to her in the hope of earning money for her support,

[Puck.]

Effic's Brother-Do you love my sister Effie's Steady Company-Why, Willie, that is a queer question. Why do you Effie's Brother-She said last night

she would give a dollar to know, and I'd

was sufficient to insure him the

Stole a Ride.

John Vaughn and Joseph Fitzpatrick

were charged by C. P. R. Detective

Langley with stealing a ride on a freight.

Vaughn told the court that he had no

money and was on his way home to De-

The magistrate commended him on the

early start he had made, but added that

unless \$2 each was paid over the home-

coming would be delayed for five days.

Samuel Hunter related to the magis

trate a little episode in his career which

took place at the Windsor Hotel Satur-

day evening. He went in there and had

three little drinks (he showed the court

the height of each), and was just com-

ing out as the bar was closing, when

someone grasped him by the neck from

behind and kicked him, he averred. How

about the abusive language you are

charged with using:" asked the court.

I may have used a little language," he

ing it and sending it in a telegram, for

the magistrate's price for the indulgence

He would have saved money by writ-

tomary \$10 or 21 days

troit for Christmas.

admitted.

IN THE POLICE COURT

"John Wait," called Magistrate Judd this morning when police court opened. "Wait," answered an echo from the cor-Several calls by the staff sergeant failed to produce anything more than the echo, and the court, getting tired waiting, ordered a summons to be issued. John appeared before court ad journed, however, and departed poorer by \$1 for having driven an automobile without a chauffeur's license John Doe in Court.

John Doe, whether the "original" or not could not be learned, turned up in London Saturday and made the vulgar error of imbibling too freely, forgetting that for such offenders the police are "looking high and low." He was allowed proceed, as it was alleged he was 'wanted' elsewhere

A Simple Spit.

William Sherlock expectorated on the at Richmond and Dundas streets. He assured the court that it "Well, in the excitement of the moment was "just a simple spit," and contained neither tobacco nor any other ingredient prohibited by the bylaw It was a simple story, simply told, but the court imposed the simple unit of \$1.

James Gannon said he wasn't drink- was \$3. ng Saurday morning. He admitted being James McMillan failed to put in an intoxicated the previous night, and as he appearance in court, and a warrant was

is on the prohibitory list the admission issued.

Appointment of the Commission

and Passage of Third Read-

ing of the Bylaw.

Stanley Railway is scheduled to come

before the council tonight in three dif-

ferent ways. The appointment of the

the passage of the third reading of the

electrification bylaw (for the expenditure

of \$700,000); and the instruction of the

mayor to vote for the ratification of the

ommission to take charge of the road,

EMBRO Embro, Nov 17 .- Miss Mabel McKinon, of Toronto, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McKinnon. Still another local man has been struck with the fancy chicken craze, Mr. Wm. Karn intends erecting a substantial building for his poultry.

Local merchants report business boom ng since the cold weather set in. The young people of the Congregational Church have organized a Young People's Society. It was decided that the meet-Electrification of the London and Port ings should not exceed one hour and quarter in length, except on special occa-

sions. Mrs. D. M. Sutherland and Miss Merle Creighton were in Woodstock yesterday. Miss Tena Rutherford was in Wood-Miss Isabel Youngs, of Brooksdale, spent this week with her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Collins The farmers these days are busy drawing in apples to the evaporator, and quite a number of loads have come in.

lease to the city at the meeting of the road's shareholders on Dec. 9 will be the three "electrics" to come up There are possibilities that the commission and the instructions may "hang over" for another meeting of the council, but the third reading of the bylaw will

WESTERN BY-ELECTION

Be Liberal Choice.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg. Nov. 17.—The Liberals of the constituency of Kildonan and St. Andrew's, immediately north of here, are holding a convention at Selkirk this afternoon to choose a candidate to contest the by-election, Nov. 29, with Hon. Dr. Montague.

ABE MARTIN



Th' feller who used t' git a black eye splittin' kindlin' now blames it on a defective steerin' gear. What's become o' th' feller who used t' part ihs hair behind an' use a merchaum se-

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE FOR A TORONTO MAN

Secured \$200 by False Pretences From a Local Bank.

A young man of Toronto received a sentence of six months in Central Prison at this morning's cession of police court for obtaining \$200 under here. He was convicted of the offence a week ago, when it was proven to the satisfaction of the court that he drew a check on the Cobalt branch of funds there. He served fourteen days in Toronto recently for participating in a similar fraud.

He had nothing to say this morning, but asked for leniency. The court told him that a man of his education should have known better than to attempt to perpetrate fraud, and a senence of six months was imposed. Two local men, convicted of stealing coal from one of the railroads, got off with a fine of \$5 and costs each.

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false pretences from the Imperial Bank SOLD BY ALL LEADING STATION ERS IN THIS CITY AND THROUGH-OUT THE PROVINCE OF ONT ARIO.

A charge of disorderly conduct, reported here today that the Southern missed after the evidence had been the bank, knowing that he had no heard. He had been accosted, he said, Dundas by two other men, one of whom | will be ordered back to work. attempted to pull out his tie pin. An altercation ensued, in which some bad language was used, but he proved fined \$3.

> STRIKE IS SETTLED. [Canadian Press.] Houston, Texas, Nov. 17 .- It was

against another young man was dis- Pacific strike has been settled at least temporarily through the federal board of mediation, and that the striking enon York street between Talbot and gineers, trainmen and conductors soon

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