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THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground, with one exception, it is the ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

London, Saturday, Oct. 20.

—Wheat sold at 37 cents at Dolarine, Man., on Friday. Will the end of the drop never come?

—Dr. Ryerson, Toronto's M. P., has broken out in a new spot. But the attack is no more dangerous than on previous occasions.

—Major Percival, who was dismissed by the Dominion Government for his participation in the McCreedy-Langevin scandal, has been reinstated in the public service. Does this indicate that the men in power at Ottawa now reach the conclusion that Sir Hector Langevin was alone guilty?

—So soon as he was informed of the recent diabolical crime in Listowel, the Ontario Attorney-General telegraphed to Government Detective Murray, on duty in Kent county, to go at once to the scene, and aid in the capture of the villain. This promptitude was commendable. Run the villain down if possible.

—Hon. Wilfrid Laurier continues his triumphal procession through Manitoba. At Dolarine last (Friday) night, he was received at the station by an immense crowd, and a short time later, in the skating rink, a crowded audience listened to his exposition of the best public policy for Canada. Premier Greenway and several members of Parliament also spoke.

—The Hamilton Herald (Independent) says that "the London Liberals have nominated T. S. Hobbs as their standard-bearer in the coming bye-election. Hobbs is the man who opposed Chief Justice Meredith at the last election, and as he was only beaten by 137 votes, it looks as if he might be an easy winner this time. The Conservatives will find it hard work to discover a candidate as popular as W. R. Meredith was, and Hobbs is well liked, well known, and generally respected."

—Hon. G. W. Ross, at the opening of Upper Canada College on Friday, told the assemblage that the college cannot look to the Legislature for financial aid, no matter what straits it gets into. Col. Denison defended the right of the college to receive public money, on the ground that those who sent their sons to the college were large taxpayers. Nevertheless we believe that the Minister of Education voices public opinion, and that in future Col. Denison and his friends must look to other than public sources to uphold the institution. The Province will survive such a contingency.

—The Montreal Gazette (Conservative)

says: "French-Canadians are again beginning to crowd back to the mills in the Eastern States. This time last year it was all the other way, and the exodus is hailed as a sure sign of returning prosperity across the line. Within the last three days every train for Boston has been crowded with the men and their families."

A few months ago we were told that these former Canadians returned to this country because Foster "protection" was a great improvement over McKinleyism. Now the McKinley tariff has got a blow in the neck, the exodus is the other way. High taxation is a failure in Canada.

—Are electric lights injurious to trees? In this city there is as yet no evidence that they are. But the question was recently discussed at a meeting of the eastern arboriculturists, the conclusion being that the trees need darkness in order that they may sleep, and that being continually kept awake and active they have been worn out and made prematurely old by the action of the light. That this is probably the correct solution of the mystery of the drooping leaves may be judged from the fact that similar trees in the neighborhood of those affected (though not exposed to the illumination) still retain their color and seem bright and strong. The matter is worthy of close investigation in a city so embowered with trees as London.

PROTECT THE GIRLS.

The terrible fate of Jessie Keith, which has been chronicled in our telegraphic columns, should act as a warning to parents all over the country. These diabolical crimes have in recent years become much too frequent. Their repetition suggests that so long as these men, with passions worse than brutes, are allowed to roam at large, young girls ought not to be permitted to walk alone on unfrequented highways. The worst punishment possible that may overtake the perpetrator of the heinous crime will be no compensation to the worse than bereaved family.

THE CITY ELECTION.

Our city contemporary dissents from the view that London, having been sending an Opposition member to the Legislature for over twenty years, should vary the monotony by sending a member who would give Sir Oliver Mowat's Government an independent support. Yet to most people in this fair city the proposition must commend itself as eminently reasonable.

Really it is the simplest and fairest way for those who have hitherto supported Mr. Meredith, largely on personal grounds, to get out of the labyrinth into which circumstances have led them. They freely acknowledged, on the morning of the day after the election, that Mr. Hobbs had proved an exceptionally strong candidate. They confessed that no other candidate but Mr. Meredith could have defeated the citizen nominee. Only Mr. Meredith's prestige as a then prospective Prime Minister, as a leader of Government, as a dispenser of favors, enabled him to get the small majority that was his. But to achieve even that small triumph, supporters of Mr. Meredith were compelled to hold out promises of coming offices that could never be realized, that were calculated to mislead poor voters out of work, and which in fact did mislead them. All this is notorious, and goes a long way to show why, now that Mr. Meredith, despairing of reaching the Premiership, has taken a judgeship, there is everywhere trouble in the ranks of the Ontario Opposition managers in this city. With the only man of towering ability removed from their head by voluntary abandonment of the post of leader, and a determination, if at all possible, to shunt the individual who, as early as June last, in the party caucus, laid claim to his mantle, there has been great shivering and shaking in the ranks of the Opposition party managers within the last day or two.

One action is pulling for the advancement of the self-nominated successor to Mr. Meredith; another is determined that under no circumstances shall he be selected as the standard bearer, and even going the length of sending rich emissaries around to talk financial aid to anyone who will consent to enter the ranks against him. And so the battle goes on, to the edification of those who are called upon to witness the various developments.

How welcome a relief it would be to the sadly beset managers if they could find some reasonable way out of their difficulties. Let us tell them of one that would be welcomed by the large majority of the citizens of London, and could very easily be consented to by all without any loss of prestige or injury to pride. It having been already confessed that only a man with the prestige of the leader of the Opposition, with a chance of some day becoming Premier, could defeat Mr. Hobbs, and the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat being sustained, and Mr. Meredith having retired, why should not the opponents of the Government permit the citizen candidate on this occasion to be elected without opposition? By this means they could tide over the troubles in their camp and give merchants, manufacturers and their employees a needed rest from political turmoil. They would have a precedent for their course in the action taken a few years since by the Liberal leaders, who, for reasons that were less strong than those that should sway the Conservative managers to a like step now, permitted Mr. Meredith to take the seat for London without opposition.

It may be that other counsels will prevail in the Opposition ranks at this time, and that, as they put it on the streets, "the tail will wag the dog." If that is the ultimate outcome of the present running up and down the city subdivisions, trying to secure the defeat in the caucus of the unruled member, so be it. Mr. Hobbs, with a united following of the majority of the citizens of London, has nothing to fear if his friends see to it, as they will, that the entire vote is brought out on election day.

CLEAN FIGHTING.

London seems to get its full share of elections.

The citizens have just got through a portion of their work connected with the revision of the lists for the next House of Commons contest.

A revision of the lists for the coming London election will soon have to make a start.

In June last our citizens had the contest between Mr. T. S. Hobbs and Mr. W. R. Meredith.

Mr. Meredith, by resigning, makes another ballot for the Ontario Legislature necessary at an early date.

The municipal elections will be due within a little over 60 days.

Early next year, in all probability, there will be a general election for Parliament at Ottawa.

This looks like a plenty of election turmoil. But it is part of our system of self-government, better, with all its human drawbacks, is better than the autocratic Russian system with its suppression of free speech and its yawning Siberia. The unresting Atlantic is better than the Dead Sea.

There is no reason why people should not have their controversial political differences and preferences; no reason why they should not contest them keenly; no reason why they should not meet the opposing side in politics with the same spirit, yet also with the same good nature and feelings of honor and of fair play, as they meet the opposing side at cricket, or curling, or whist.

But as we are all in common citizens of no mean city, and have a common desire to work hand in hand in advancing the interests of this capital of Western Ontario, there is every reason why all should throw down attempts at the introduction of personalities, vituperation, filth, or attacks on fellow-citizens whose creed or nationality may be different from our own.

MORE MEN EMPLOYED THAN AGREED TO.

The one object that the London City Council had in view when it passed the bylaw granting exemption from taxation and free water for a period of years to anyone who would establish a new industry in the city and employ a stipulated number of workmen, was to provide for an increase in the industrial forces of this city.

This was the object which the taxpayers had in view when they, in their wisdom, voted a bonus of \$100,000 to the Grand Trunk Railway a few months since, on condition that they concentrate their workshops in London.

In both cases the transaction was a business one, though not a few citizens do not believe in the principle.

One of the firms to accept the proposition of the City Council, as representing the people, was the Hobbs Hardware Company. They found the old John Elliot foundry standing idle, steadily deteriorating and likely soon to crumble away unless occupied by some industry. Though not in their line up to that date, the opportunity presented by the vacant factory and by the offer of the city, led the Hobbs Company to consider the question of introducing to London some industry hitherto confined to Toronto and Montreal. They had in mind two articles that in the then circumstances of the market it might be profitable to produce in London—plate glass mirrors and glass beveling and wire nails—though, in the event of its being impossible to carry on any one of these manufactures at a profit, and to employ the number of men stipulated in the agreement with the city, there were one or two other articles that they were ready to try.

Fortunately for the city, the plate glass mirror, glass beveling and kindred industry—one entirely new to London—has proved an eminent success. Its operation requires nearly the whole of the premises at the disposal of the firm, and its requirements necessitate the employment of 80 per cent more workmen than stipulated in the agreement with the city. Moreover, we have the best of authority for stating that the employees are among the highest paid mechanics in the city, and have had steady employment from the start till now.

It has been objected to that the firm have not carried out their agreement with the city because they have not divided up their factory and their force and turned out nails as well as glass-work, etc., from the establishment. The objection, to our mind, is not well taken. It was the employment of a stipulated number of men that the city was after. The firm have employed 80 per cent more men than they undertook to provide with work, have supplied steady work and paid high wages. Wherein, then, have they not followed the spirit of the agreement? Under the circumstances, one is forced to the conclusion that the present attack on the firm is not warranted, and has for its object something else than the welfare of the industrial classes or the conservation of civic interests. We venture to prophesy that before the present campaign is over the object of the unwarranted attack will be fully revealed. But let no intelligent citizen be misled.

DISTINGUISHED ENGLISHMAN DEAD.

By cable this afternoon we learn of the death of Professor Froude, the distinguished English historian, at the ripe age of 76. Mr. Froude had been ill for a considerable time, and his passing away was not unexpected. He was regius professor of modern history at Oxford University, and it is believed that the arduous task of preparing for publication his lectures on Erasmus, recently delivered at the historical society of learning, hastened his death. The historian was one of the many gifted sons that Devonshire gave to the motherland, and it was to Salcombe, loveliest of the land-locked harbors, that he retired to end his days. When, in his prime, Froude liked no better recreation than retirement to the Devonshire country home of his able brother William, the naval architect whose marvelous experiments on fluid resistance and skin friction of ships' surfaces have been practically used in building every ship of the British Navy in and since his time. There his friends were accustomed to sit and enjoy the quietly-pointed stories of the historian told with infinite humor and grave, impassive face. A cable correspondent chronicles the interesting fact that by no one was the music of Froude's prose better appreciated than by the blind poet, Philip Bourke Marston, and that several of the darkest hours of that last Easton Road lodging were lightened by a friend's quiet readings of "Short Studies."

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Annual Meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. was held in their rooms, Nitschke Block, on Thursday afternoon. Encouraging reports of the work accomplished the past year were given by the superintendents of the different departments. Four new members were received, after which the officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Miss Minnie Trebilcock.
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FIFTEEN YEARS AT KINGSTON.

John Warnock Sentenced at Chatham—A Seduction Case.

CHATHAM, Ont., Oct. 20.—John Warnock, who killed John Radcliffe at Tilsonburg on Sept. 10, and who was yesterday found guilty of manslaughter, was this morning sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in Kingston Penitentiary. The case of Louise Babot vs. John Templeton, seduction, followed the Warnock trial. The plaintiff on being placed in the witness stand, gave such contradictory testimony that the judge promptly took the case from the jury and dismissed the prisoner.



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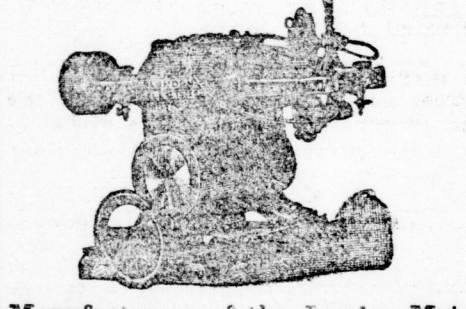
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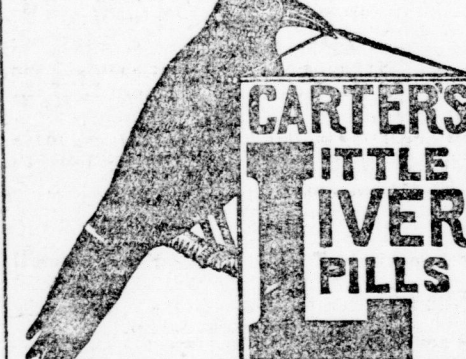
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