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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

New blood was a winning cry in the
aldermanic elections. Because of
the large field it was inevitable that
some competent candidates, new and
old, should miss the twelve topmost
runners of the ladder, but an admir-
able council has been elected. The
successful school trustees will
strengthen the board of education in
the right direction, though here again
some good men were unavoidably
crowded out for the same reasons.
The re-election of Water Commis-
sioners Chapman and Pocock was, of
course, a foregone conclusion. All
three candidates for the mayorality
had always shown great strength
at the polls, and the division of the
vote among one Conservative and
two Liberals suggests that many
electors followed party inclinations.
With regard to the aldermanic, school,
and water boards, politics evidently
played no part. Candidates politically
opposed were in hearty co-operation,
a hopeful and creditable state of af-
airs. With such a council, Mayor-
elect Graham will have an opportunity
to do the city good service in the
coming year.

The garbage bylaw had a close call,
and it will be the duty of the depart-
ment which has the spending of the
money to prove to ratepayers who
opposed it that the system will be as
effective and economical as promised.
If this is done, the city will be a
great gainer, and one of its worst re-
proaches be wiped out. Apparently the
sewer bylaw, which has been twice
rejected, will not be carried until
the need of it, which is real
and will become more urgent with
time, is impressed forcibly on the tax-
payers by the whole weight of the
city administration. The success of
the bridge bylaw, which directly af-
fects only a section of the city, shows
what can be done by an organized
effort. The majority for the North
Midland bylaw, while the project is
still only on paper, is a striking
evidence of public sentiment in favor
of the development of radial railways
in the territory tributary to London.
Had the scheme been an actuality, the
majority would have been ample to
carry the bylaw. The over-
whelming affirmative vote on the
question of substituting some
form of commission government for
the present system is an expression
of dissatisfaction with past con-
ditions. The vote will lead to further
discussion of the proposal and to its
presentation in a practical shape.

THE NAVY AGAIN.

Le Devoir, the organ of the Quebec
wing of the Ottawa Cabinet, continues
its attack on the Canadian and Aus-
tralian naval laws. "To utilize the national
pride," it says, "in order to procure the
construction of pretended local fleets,
to bring these fleets under the same
discipline, so as to facilitate common
action, and then, on the day of crisis,
to profit by the weakness of politicians,
the passions of race, and the false
notions on the duty of the colonies that
are diligently disseminated, in order to
throw all into the imperial furnace—it
was a calculation that might appear to
be reasonable. But the success, if
any, would have been of short dura-
tion, and the reaction terrible, perhaps
tragic. They may deceive or purchase
a parliament; they may wheedle a
popular verdict. But they do not in this
manner change the ideas or needs of a
people."

Peeping out of Le Devoir's article is,
of course, the Nationalist aversion to
the clause of the Laurier naval law—
it is the same as the Australian—
which empowers the Government to
put Canadian warships under the con-
trol of the British admiralty in time
of war. The Nationalists are perfectly
right in assuming that in the day
of crisis the patriotism of politicians,
which Le Devoir calls their weakness,
would put Canada's strength behind
that of the mother country, in the de-
fence of British possessions wherever
threatened. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and
his colleagues have no desire to conceal
this implication of their policy, or to
apologize for it. The majority of the
electors of Quebec, for their honor,
stood by him. His work has been un-
done, for a time, at least, by an Anglo-
Canadian prime minister co-operating
with the French-Canadian politi-
cians for whom Le Devoir speaks. It
is easy to tear down, but how are these
groups to co-operate in building up a
system of naval defence?

CHRISTMAS AT THE SOUTH
POLE.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, in his mind's
eye, saw Explorer Scott eating his
Christmas dinner at the South Pole in
a biting wind and with the tempera-
ture 40 degrees below zero. If the pic-
ture proves authentic, Christmas Day,
1911, will go down in history as the
date of the crowning feat of Antarctic
exploration.
Shackleton himself and three com-
panions celebrated Christmas, 1908, al-
most with sight of the South Pole,
dining on a plum pudding saved from
their jettisoned supplies. That either
the British explorer, Captain Scott, or
the Norwegian explorer, Amundsen,
has now traversed the remaining hun-
dred-odd miles from Shackleton's fur-
thest south is entirely possible.
Shackleton, on scaling an 8,500-foot
glacier near the end of his journey,
found himself on a plateau, which ap-
parently extended to the pole. Had he
had 50 pounds more of food on his ex-
pedition, it is likely that the discov-
ery of the South Pole would today be
an old story.

But whether Captain Scott has car-
ried the Union Jack to the South Pole
from the point where his old lieuten-
ant left it less than a degree and a half
distant, or whether Nansen's compari-
son has won the race, the event in
either case will add new laurels to
polar exploration.
With both poles "discovered" will
there be a subsidence of interest in this
form of adventurous rivalry? Will the
incentive then exist to fit out expen-
sive expeditions and undergo the hard-
ship necessary merely for the second-
ary distinction of following the track
of the pioneers who blazed the way?
The future of polar exploration with
its prizes won is problematical.

New blood and good blood run well
together.

It was another great day in Ontario
for the three-fifths clause.

The ex-aldermen are numerous
enough to form an old boys' associa-
tion.

To many people the week from
Christmas to New Year's inclusive is
the same old Saturnalia that it was in
pagan Rome.

The manner of ushering in the New
Year at famous London and New York
restaurants suggests that fools and
their money are better parted.

The peace dinner at New York passed
off successfully without Roosevelt,
and it looks as though the United
States intends to get along without
him in future. He has put himself on
the wrong side of a great moral ques-
tion, and he will have to repent before
he can "come back."
Colonel Hughes' scheme for drilling
forty thousand school children would
have come with better grace if it had
not been preceded by his truculent
boast at Montreal that he would arm
a million men to drive back the Yan-
kees. It is a pity that a swashbuckler
with a loose tongue was put at the
head of the militia department.

THE BEST CHANCE.

[London Opinion.]
You, Admiral—I think shall write to
my father and ask him if I may marry
you. What sort of a letter would you
advise me to send?

The girl—I should write an anonymous
one if I were you.

A DESIGNING SUITOR.

[Boston Transcript.]
She—My father made a fortune before
he died. Would you like to know how
he did it?

He—No, but I'd like to know if he still
has it.

THE HARDEST EVER.

[Edmonton Journal.]
Lord Curzon has taken the leadership
of the "no votes for women faction." He
will find that being Viceroy of India is
recreation beside his present task.

KIND.

[Puck.]
Visitor—Are your children doing any-
thing out in this your last illness?
Old Man—Yes, they're keeping up my
life insurance.

NOT AFFINITIES.

[Harper's Bazar.]
Misses—And why did you leave your
last place?

Maids—Me and the missus was not con-
genial.

MUCH OUT OF LITTLE.

[The Sketch.]
The Lady—How much does the old cow
give a day, Tom?

Tom—About eight quarts, ma'am.

The Lady—And how much of that do
you sell?

Tom—About twelve quarts, ma'am.

THE SHREWD STATESMAN.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Did you make up the list of the
twenty greatest women that the editor
asked you to prepare?"

"Not on your life! But I've told at
least 100 women that they were sure of a
place on it."

BATHTUB'S LONG VACATION.

[Philadelphia Times.]
Prof. Carl Kelsey, of the University of
Pennsylvania, in lecturing the other day
upon insanitary conditions among the
poor, remarked that sometimes bad con-
ditions were not due to the inability to
obtain better ones.

"A landlord," said Dr. Kelsey, re-
ceived a letter last spring from one of
his tenants which read:

"Dear Sir,—Please send someone to
fix our bathtub. It leaks, and it's nearly
time to begin using it again."

JUST WANTS TO PROVE IT.

[Exchange.]
Even if a girl doesn't care anything
about a man, she likes to show others
that she can make him care for her.

PURENESS OF INTERPRETATION.

[New York Press.]
A woman can tell you what the baby
is trying to say better than the baby
could if it knew how to talk.

THE THIRTY SCOT.

[Westminster Gazette.]
Much has been said these days of the cost
of living having gone up, but it is rather
curious to find that in spite of it all the
amount of money deposited in the sav-

ings banks of the country continues to
increase by leaps and bounds. A year
ago the Edinburgh Savings Bank showed
an increase in its funds of £104,000; this
year it shows an increase of over £160,-
000. Not only has the amount deposited
increased but the number of depositors
has increased also. So some Scots at
all events still believe in taking care of
the babbees.

THE OLD TOWN.

[Haberdsasher.]
When you have travelled miles from
home—
To cities of renown,
In matters not where you may roam,
Back, somewhere, there's a town
That's calling to you, soft and low,
And hants where'er your steps may go.

Beside the river of romance
Your feet may find their way;
By distant shores, perhaps, you chance
In eagerness to stray.
The old town's somehow, with you still,
It's calling now, and always will.

You take your way by foreign strand,
Across the distant seas,
In palaces great or castle grand,
With luxury and ease;
On dusty trail, on mountain track,
The old town's calling, "Lad, come
back!"

And all the lands so wondrous strange,
Though we tramp up and down,
In this wide world we'd never change
For just one little town.
Where'er we may take our way—
There's one place beckons night and
day!"

NOT TROUBLED WITH COLO FEET.

[Philadelphia Inquirer.]
A woman can wear low shoes and thin
silk stockings in winter time without
feeling any ill effects, but she would
rapidly go into a decline if deprived of
her furs.

WEALTH AND DIVORCE.

[Toronto Mail and Empire.]
In the great divorce cases, Vanderbilts
families have been eleven divorces
in five years, and it is hard to escape
the conclusion that great wealth is even
more conducive to domestic misery than
great poverty.

ART AND A SAUSAGE KING.

[Vancouver Province.]
Robert Henri, the New York painter,
was talking about the millionaires who
buy, merely to show off, doubtful "old
masters" at fabulous prices.
"Their knowledge of art," Mr. Henri
said, "is about equal to that of the Chi-
cago sausage manufacturer who said to
Whistler:
"What would you charge to do me in
oil?"
"Ten thousand," said Whistler,
promptly.
"But suppose I furnished the oil," said
the millionaire.

NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS.

[Babycare Independent.]
In a recent after-dinner speech, Hon.
Mr. Monk said: "I thought a cabinet
minister's life merely meant smoking
good cigars and handling out soft jobs.
I find there are many problems to face
and much work to be done." It is al-
ways that way. The outward glitter
and tinsel attracts attention, while the
underlying soaking with perspiration is
not seen.

GOING OVER THE BOOKS.

[Washington Star.]
"This item in your campaign expense
account mystifies me," said the auditor.
"I don't understand what you mean by
'tax material.'"
"That's an error on the part of the
stenographer," replied Senator Sorghum.
"It should read, 'hush material.'"

A PARDONABLE PARADOX.

[Washington Star.]
"That young son-in-law of mine," said
Mr. Curmure, "says I'm unreasonable. And
maybe he's right."
"What's the trouble?"
"Before their marriage I objected to
his attentions to my daughter. Now I'm
objecting to his inattention."

MAYOR OF WINDSOR
SECURES THIRD TERM

Mayor Hanna Once More Chief
Executive After a Bitter
Contest.

Windsor, Jan. 1.—Mayor J. W.
Hanna was today re-elected for a third
term as the city's chief magistrate by a
majority of 1,100 votes over former
Ald. J. A. Ennsor. The campaign,
though short, was marked by consid-
erable bitterness.

The election for aldermen resulted
as follows:
Ward 1—F. Howell, H. J. McKay,
N. Irwin, Ward 2—D. M. Eagle, J.
A. Shepherd, W. J. Keough, Ward 3—
Hamilton Trumble, A. Meersky, J.
W. Bannell, Ward 4—W. McFarish,
W. Lanspary, Euclid Jacques.

HARRISTON FACTORY
MAKING EXTENSION

Casket Company Will Manufacture
Oak Goods and Add Department
Employing Many Men.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Harriston, Jan. 2.—As a result of
the Harriston Casket Company having
decided to go into the manufacture of
oak goods a new department employ-
ing a number of additional hands will
be added to the concern.
Harriston's new rink was formally
opened yesterday and a large crowd
enjoyed the ice.

It is likely that a newer and larger
engine will be installed shortly in the
pumping station, as the present en-
gine is deemed much too small to meet
the requirements, particularly in case
of emergencies.

Mr. John Gates, of Fernie, B. C., is
visiting with relatives here.
St. George Sunday school will put a
cantata on Friday evening next.

WINGHAM CURLERS

Big Tournament Held at Parish Club
Was Much Enjoyed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Wingham, Jan. 1.—At a tournament
of the Wingham Bowling Club for the
trophy the prizes were won as follows:
First, A. Alderson and J. Dodds; sec-
ond, J. Mason and W. A. Campbell;
consolation, W. Graham and N. Watson
and W. Galbraith and B. Blackhall.
Mr. Blackhall, who has been em-
ployed by Mr. T. Henry Christie for
some time, has accepted a position in
connection with Messrs. Walker & Clegg,
leaving for that city shortly.

Mr. C. H. Haly, who left Wingham
some time ago to take a course in
business college in London, has re-
turned and accepted a position in the
glove and mitt factory of Mr. W. D.
Pringle.

Mr. Pete Matthias, who met with a
serious accident in the "old" Western
foundry some time ago, is about to re-
sume his duties again.

A Few Lines of
Most Anything

Many a man who had aldermanic
hopes in 1911 is destitute for twelve
long months. Yet he may sleep easier
during the year, for all of that.

The new council has a mandate
from the people that London does not
want to "let well enough alone."

No, kind peruser of our columns, it
has not yet been learned who was
elected mayor of Tripoli.

No one will be angry if that "mad
as a hatter" expression is brought to
light at this moment.

Now for the expropriation of the
present city hall premises for a new
city hall. How about it, gentlemen-
elect?

Did you manage to get into a taxi
bound for the polling booth? Neither
did we.

It should be a fitting welcome note
to Mrs. Pankhurst that the "female
of the species" proved herself quite as
dearly as the male voter in yesterday's
little expression of opinion.

London's ladies never formed a street
sweeping brigade, but they did help to
put through the garbage bylaw.

London "done noble" at the polls on
Jan. 1, and established a precedent
worth training for the 364 days left for us.

Just to think, away, Bennetites, that
each of us—the doctors willing—possesses
those 8,712 hours for our very own. No
one can filch them from us, and we can-
not draw on the reserve. Wouldn't we
waste a little less? Let's!

According to the logic of that Wood-
stock boy, if a hill is a field with its
back up, isn't a valley a field with its
chest out?

At the same time it must be fine for
the hill to have its back scratched with
a disc harrow once or twice a year.

Something that ought to go in the
"What-have-been-of" class is the old-
fashioned pipe with the tin cap on it
smoked by a man with a rugged mo-
tache.

Just once more now: If a hill is a field
with its back up is the land roller merely
a massage outfit?

And when they sow the hill does it get
a stitch in its back?

GUESSES AS TO HEADS
OF THE COMMITTEES

Several Names Mentioned in
Connection With the Various
Chairmanships.

There is much speculation about the
city hall today as to the complexion
of the various committees of the city
council.

The choice of chairmen is one of
considerable moment, and already sev-
eral names are mentioned.

It is admitted that Ald. Richter will
be chosen chairman of the finance
committee. He has acted on the
committee for two years, and will un-
doubtedly be named. It is expected
that Ald. Moore, Ald. Johnston, and
Ald. Spittal will constitute that com-
mittee.

The name of Ald. W. E. Robinson
is mentioned for the board of works.
He has had considerable practical ex-
perience, and with plenty of time at
his disposal it is thought that he is
especially fitted for the place. It is
probable that Ald. Rose, Ald. Bennett
and Ald. Blandford will be associated
with him in that work. It may pos-
sibly be that Ald. Rose will be trans-
ferred to No. 3 committee, and Ald.
Coles placed on No. 2.

Ald. Ashplant will be selected for
No. 3 committee. With him will be
Ald. Murphy, Ald. Wright and Ald.
Rose or Ald. Coles.

This is the arrangement at the
present time, it is understood, but it
is probable that changes will be made
before the organization meeting on
Monday next.

It is also suggested that Ald. Coles
be made chairman of the manufactur-
ers' committee. There will be other
chairmanships yet to be decided upon.
If a city hall is built, there is a pos-
sibility that Ald. Bennett will be head
of the special committee in charge.

A meeting of the nominating com-
mittee, which will be composed of Ald.
Robinson, Moore, Wright, Richter and
Ashplant, will be held Wednesday
night to arrange matters.

SUCCESSION DUTIES

Duties Collected in December Nearly
as Much as a Year Ago.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 2.—Had a check for
\$15,000 reached J. B. McLeod, solicitor to
the treasury on Saturday instead of to-
day the succession duties collected in De-
cember would have been little less than
the total for the corresponding month in
1910. The collections for the month to-
talled \$75,555.12. For two months of the
fiscal year, beginning Nov. 1, they total
\$127,417.56. This morning Mr. McLeod
received a check for \$15,000 on account
of dues from the estate of the late Frank
Smith, of Sarnia.

In December, 1910, the collections to-
talled \$94,483.59, and for the portion of
the fiscal year ending that month they
totalled \$155,339.39.

Among the York County estates, which
contributed to the provincial coffers, was
that of Goldwin Smith, with a balance
of \$1,484.24.

LADY LEA'S WILL.

London, Jan. 2.—The will of the
late Lady Herbert of Lea, who died Oct.
30 of last year, was probated today.
The estate amounted to \$159,905, net.

Lady Elizabeth Herbert of Lea was
the widow of Sidney Herbert, who was
minister of war at the time of the Cri-
mean war. She was the author of sev-
eral books and was a leading member
of the Roman Catholic society. She was
the mother of the Earl of Pembroke
and of the late Sir Michael Henry Her-
bert, who was British envoy at Wash-
ington.

DR. GREGOR DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Dr. Gregor, pro-
fessor of modern languages at McGill
University, is dead in Arizona, where
he went in search of health. He was
suffering from tuberculosis.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

248 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON

January Clearing Event

Today we begin a determined dispersal of seasonable
goods contained in our new stock.

BLANKETS 25 Pairs White Wool Blankets, size 60 x 80
inches. Thoroughly scoured and shrunk, soft
and fluffy, blue borders only. This is a big January special **\$2.79**
and we have only 25 pairs, so come Wednesday for a pair

Reversible Cotton-Filled Comforters
20 only Reversible Comforters, size 60x72, well filled with pure cotton batting, **\$1.18**
and coverings of art silkline. On sale Wednesday at

LINENS TOWELS TOWELINGS

Unbleached Linen 58-inch Half Bleached Tabling, Regular 30c, yard **25c**
66-inch Semi-Bleached Tabling, Special a yard **33c**
64-inch pure All-Linear Tabling, half bleached; yard **47c**

Bleached Linen 60-inch Union Tabling, bleach-
ed, Special, a yard **35c**
62-inch Pure Linen Tabling,
bleached. A yard **42c**

Bleached Linen 68-inch Pure Linen Tabling,
bleached, Special, a yard **47c**
72-inch Satin Damask Tabling,
pure Irish linen, Regular 80c
quality. A yard **68c**
72-inch Satin Damask Tabling,
Regular \$1.00 quality, Yard
Special **89c**
72-inch Double Satin Damask
Tabling, regular \$1.35 a yard,
Special **\$1.15**

TABLE NAPKINS—Union
Linen, size 20x20 inches,
Special, a dozen **95c**
TABLE NAPKINS—Pure
Irish linen, size 21x21. Spe-
cial, a dozen **\$1.50**

ROLLER TOWELLING—All
linen, with red borders, 6 1/2
a yard **16c** yards **\$1.00**
Heavy Crash Towelling, 8 1/2
a yard, or .12 yards **\$1.00**

DAMASK TOWELS—18x36,
at each **10c**

**LOCAL OPTION MET
DEFEAT AT RIDGETOWN**

Thirty-Four Votes Needed to
Meet the Three-Fifths
Requirement.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ridgetown, Jan. 2.—After a strenu-
ous fight here, local option was de-
feated today. The vote was consid-
erably in favor of abolishing the hotels
—290 voting for it and 234 against—
but the necessary three-fifths majority
was wanting by 24 votes.

For mayor, R. W. Stokes was elect-
ed, his plurality being 84 over Mr. John
McDonough. In the three-cornered
fight for the reevehip, Mr. George
Grant defeated both R. Newman and
Mr. J. West.

A bylaw to bonus the Dominion Can-
ners to establish a factory here was
carried, 17 votes more than the neces-
sary number being cast.

In Howard Township there was also
a keen battle on local option, but it
carried, 458 for and 330 against, just
10 more than the required three-
fifths.

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