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God's in His heaven.

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Thursday, March 19.

The Life of Parliament.

Having resolved to postpone facing the electorate till the last possible hour, through every device that can be successfully worked, the Ottawa Cabinet is represented as having made up its collective mind to take the question of the duration of Parliament before the Supreme Court, being under the impression that it may be decided by a majority of that body, that technically, Parliament may not be dissolved by effluxion of time till June 3 next.

The Toronto Mail-Empire, as a dutiful organ, argues as if there were little or no doubt that the moribund Parliament now in session, does not really die on April 25 next, but can be stretched out till June 3, thereby securing for the men in power a few weeks additional lease of power. And it is to this frantic grasping at straws that the once powerful Ministry has come!

Our Toronto contemporary founds its argument in favor of this extraordinary and illegal extension of the Parliamentary term upon an alleged precedent set by Sir Oliver Mowat. If the two cases were analogous, and it were simply a dispute as to whether or not the Ontario Premier's interpretation of a law should be accepted, we would be the first to respect the alleged decision. In all the legal encounters with the men in power at Ottawa, in defense of the rights and property of the Province, the veteran Liberal leader has invariably been upheld by the highest courts in the land, to the discomfiture of those who combatted his conclusions.

But the cases of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion are not analogous. Even to a non-legal mind it is not difficult to understand the difference. The extension of the life of the Legislature was rendered possible by the passage of a special law, the provinces having power, under the British North America Act, to change the duration of their assemblies. The Federal Parliament is possessed of no such power. It exists under the Confederation Act, which was passed by the Imperial Parliament, and no power outside of Westminster can change that statute. It is contended that because the election in Algoma did not take place till June 3, 1891, it cannot now be maintained that Parliament was legally constituted when it met on April 29, in that year. In other words, the Junior Mr. Tupper and his newspaper supporters seriously ask the people to believe that, though not authorized to do so by the Confederation Act, under which he acts, though not so ordered by the Dominion Parliament, whose officer he is, a returning officer in a rural constituency can override and vary the proclamation of the Crown for the return of the writs, and by his own act indefinitely add to the life of that Parliament which the Act of Confederation distinctly lays down shall exist for five years and no longer.

Surely it cannot be believed that the action of any subordinate officer can be made to overrule an express provision in an Imperial statute. In the days when statesmen of ability were at the head of the Conservative party, when Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Abbott and Sir John Thompson were its legal advisers, no such pretense as this was set up. Instead of that, these Conservative leaders recognized that Parliament began its life on April 20, 1891, for they advised Lord Stanley to issue his proclamation calling Parliament for the dispatch of business on April 20, and not for one moment was it suggested by the light-weights, who now plead and plead for a postponement of the day of reckoning, that Lord Stanley and his Ministers were jointly guilty of a breach of the constitution. Thus it is clear, that neither by Sir Oliver Mowat's record nor by that of the ablest men who have led their party, can the high tax leaders find the smallest pretext for the adoption of their extraordinary contention regarding the life of Parliament. They would be better employed preparing to meet judgment at the hands of a long-suffering electorate than in conjuring up untenable excuses for holding on to office long after they have forfeited the confidence of the people.

"If the Cabinet be a nest of traitors, what can the Premier do in time of national trouble?" pertinently asks Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church. It is always open to him to resign. The country needs a change.

Mr. Marshall's Apologies.

Pity the sorrows of Joseph H. Marshall, M. P. for East Middlesex. It got abroad that he had been won over for the coercion of Manitoba, and from every part of the riding prominent Conservatives wrote to him protesting against his taking a course so opposed to what they believed to be right. Mr. Marshall has seen the necessity of endeavoring to square himself with his constituents, and so he has caused to be sent out a letter in which he makes his defense. It is a crafty appeal to party loyalty. He represents the great danger in which the issuing of the so-called remedial order by his leaders has placed the Conservative party, and he pleads that, though he knows that his act in supporting the coercion of Manitoba is highly repulsive to the large majority of his constituents, yet he is moved to ignore the views of those he is supposed to represent, and to vote for the salvation of the Government. How noble the course! How exceedingly high-minded!

Mr. Marshall will not improve his position by the assertion that he is moved to misrepresent the views of the people of Middlesex because he is afraid that if Hon. Wilfrid Laurier is successful at the next election, as he seems to believe he will be, the Liberal leader would coerce Manitoba in a more drastic manner than is called for by the measure now before the House. Mr. Marshall has no warrant for repeating this misrepresentation of the attitude of the Liberal leader. Mr. Marshall further says that the Government at Ottawa is but carrying out the remedial order, and that they were bound to this course by the Privy Council decision. Surely Mr. Marshall is not so ignorant as he pretends to be. The bill now before Parliament is not couched in the terms of the remedial order, and in so far as it is not it provides for endless litigation if it should become law. It provides no proper machinery for its enforcement, and at any rate, should not have been proposed till the full investigation called for by the people of Manitoba, through their Legislature, had been held.

Mr. Marshall would have represented the views of his constituents if he had adopted the moderate course of endorsing this call for a full and fair investigation, and had boldly taken the position that there should be no coercion of Manitoba.

Manitoba has taken the ground that it is willing to carry out the British Privy Council decision, in every respect deemed necessary after investigation, which it is willing that the Dominion Government itself shall conduct, but Mr. Marshall and his friends, by their vote, say there shall be no investigation, but that coercion shall be the rule. If Mr. Marshall faces the people of East Middlesex, they will doubtless deal with his conduct as it deserves.

A Confession.

Mayor McPherson, of Halifax, N.S., claims that the N. P. has never benefited that city one dollar.

How many cities has it benefited?

Few, if any. The large majority of the cities, towns and villages of Canada made greater progress under a revenue tariff than under a high tax policy. And as for the agricultural districts, not only have their population decreased in the last twelve or fourteen years, but the value of the lands and the purchasing power of the people have greatly decreased.

The many have suffered that a few Masseys, Redpaths and Drummonds might become millionaires.

By the Way.

The purchased M. P.s may have some difficulty in collecting their pay. If it is in the shape of offices, they will find it very difficult to retain them when the coming change of Administration takes place.

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While Maher and Fitzsimmons were casting about for a place to fight some of their friends advocated using a boat in the Gulf of Mexico, but there were no successful precedents to justify the course, and it was dropped. It was demonstrated at Sarnia the other day, however, that a fight can be quite as successful on water as on land, and this establishes a new departure in the flat world.

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Hamilton school trustees ask the City Council for \$135,000 to build new schools; London school trustees are more modest. They ask for less than a third of that sum, and will be happy if they get it all. But new schools in several sections of the city, there must be. The father of a family who is taxed to support a public school should certainly have accommodation provided for their proper education.

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A Windsor magistrate has ruled that a hug and a kiss do not constitute an assault. Had he ruled otherwise magistrates might have had to work overtime to mete out justice to assaulted parties.

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Our professional patriots have a kindred spirit in Mr. Howe, a South Australian M. P., who, during the recent excitement, exclaimed, "When the war cloud lowers over the land, let us stick to our oars like men, and not wait till the steed is stolen before locking the stable door." Aye, let them nip the threatening hosts in the bud.

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Now let the Manitobans fear and tremble!

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The Georgetown Herald, which is one of the best local papers in the Prov-

ince, comes out enlarged and improved. It is a fine spring opening for our contemporary, which enjoys the prestige of being printed on paper manufactured in its own town and on presses run by a water motor also produced in Georgetown.

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Only five weeks more of this non-representative Parliament.

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The high tax bosses are completely demoralized. They see their majority slipping steadily away from them. When the electors get at them and their record they will be buried deep with the ballots of an awakened people.

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The Council of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, W., have by letter expressed the "grateful thanks of the Royal Academy for the kind message of sympathy and condolence which has been received from the members of the Woman's Arts Association of Canada, on the occasion of the sad loss sustained by the Royal Academy through the lamented death of Lord Leighton, of Stretton, its highly gifted and distinguished president."

THIS, GIRLS, YOU CAN'T.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Health says to women, ride a bicycle.

Fashion says to women, resume the hoop-skirt.

The two things cannot be done at one and the same time.

LEAP YEAR EXPERIENCE.

The shy young man and the timid maid.

In silence wait from week to week,

Each wondering, modestly afraid,

Whose place it really is to speak.

—Washington Star.

OWNERSHIP OF WATERWORKS.

Philadelphia Record.

London has set a good example to

American cities by providing for filtration

of her drinking water, with the result of a

diminished death rate; but, one the other

hand, she blundered in having parted with the control of her

water supply, which she thoughtlessly

passed over to the control of private

corporations. Realizing her blunder, she

is now trying to rectify it by buying

back her birthright; but with the county

council divided on the question it may

prove a difficult and costly matter for

the people to come by their own. There

is a lesson here for American municipalities

to beware the folly of surrendering

to private hands such works as

are absolutely essential to the public

health, and safety; and nowhere is the

lesson more timely than in this city,

in which we have recently seen a

renewed and determined effort to

capture control of the Gas Works by a

private corporation.

The Lindsay Murder.

Opening of the Inquest—The Victim's

Watch and a Revolver Found in

Kearney's Brother's House.

Lindsay, Ont., March 19.—An inquest on

the body of James Agnew, who was shot

dead in his stable Tuesday night, was

opened here yesterday at 1 o'clock. Coroner

Poole presided. Mr. A. P. Devlin, the

county attorney, representing the Crown,

Very little evidence was taken, as the

coroner and Dr. Clarke had to hold a post

mortem examination of the body. After a

jury was sworn in, and a foreman elected,

the inquest was adjourned till Friday night

at 7 o'clock. It is expected that some more

arrests will be made.

The police, who have been diligently

searching for evidence against the suspected

young man Kearney, have succeeded in

finding the murdered man's watch and a

revolver in the cellar of Kearney's brother's

house.

FACE BLOTCHES

are particularly disagreeable because they are noticeable and apt to cause comment. Purify the blood with Scott's Sarsaparilla and remove them. All this class of diseases, as well as blood putrefaction and bone decay, are usually of scrofulous origin.

Scrofula

and scrofulous complaints of all kinds, blemishes, pimples, blood eruptions, biliousness, dyspepsia, indigestion, heart disease, syphilis, or rheumatic troubles cannot be eradicated in the spring if the system is not put in good order.

A Boy's Life Saved

"One day my little boy, aged 7, got a fall and hurt his knee. Inflammation of the knee joint set in and the decay of the bone of the leg rapidly followed. Doctors removed over a hundred pieces of decayed bone, but the process of decomposition continued. All attempts to stop it failed. The boy had but a few days' life before him according to all human expectations. Mr. Denham, druggist, Petrolia, advised me to try Scott's Sarsaparilla. I did so, and not only saved but completely cured my boy."—JOSEPH DUNCAN, farmer, Lambton County, Ont.

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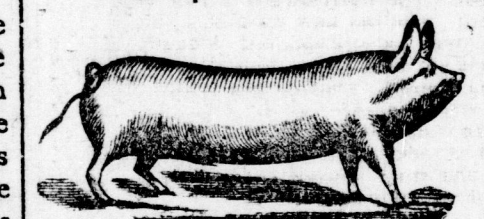
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- 1st—Seven pieces Princess Checks in wash goods, worth 25c, today, Friday Bargain Day for 15c.
- 2nd—Ten pieces Union Challies, in black and navy blue grounds, with spots, stripes and sprig patterns, worth 20c per yard, Bargain Day 12½c.
- 3rd—Seven pieces Check Tweed Dress Goods, new spring colors, worth 35c, today, Friday, for 25c.
- 4th—Twelve pieces 42-inch All-Wool Debeige, in the new greens and blues, worth 35c, today 25c.
- 5th—Three pieces Small Check Tweeds, worth 45c, today for 35c.
- 6th—Two pieces Black and White Shepherd Checks, worth 35c, today, Friday for 25c.
- 7th—Seven pieces 44-inch All-Wool Henrietta, worth 50c, today for 39c.
- 8th—Six pieces All-Wool Plaid Scotch Goods, worth 50c, on Bargain Day for 25c.
- 9th—Ten pieces Tinsel Drapery, Japanese Goods, worth 25c, today 18c.
- 10th—Eiderdown Flannels, in plain shades, pink, cream or gray, worth 45c, today 20c.
- 11th—All-Wool Scotch Plaid Flannels, worth 30c and 35c, today for 25c.
- 12th—French Sateen Comforters, filled with new carded lamb's wool, 6x6 feet, worth \$4, today \$2 95.
- 13th—German Wrapperette, fancy patterns, worth 15c, Friday for 10c.
- 14th—Unbleached Pillow Cotton, very fine make, 40 inches wide, worth 8½c, today 7½c, 14 yards for \$1.
- 15th—Super Wool Blankets, large size, slightly soiled, worth \$4 50, for \$3 25.
- 16th—Two only, Down Comforters, French Sateen, well filled, with trills, worth \$6 50, on Friday for \$4 50.
- 17th—One dozen Table Covers, Tapestry, two yards square, worth \$1 25, for 75c.
- 18th—Bleached Table Damask, 64 inches wide, fine quality, worth 75c, for 60c.
- 19th—All-Wool Tweeds, strong and serviceable, for men's and boys' wear, worth 75c, today for 50c.
- 20th—All-Wool Flannels, light shades, worth 25c, for 19c.
- 21st—Boys' Heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, worth 25c, today, Friday for 20c.
- 22nd—Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose, regular price 45c, today, Bargain Day, 37c.
- 23rd—Ladies' All-Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose, plain, double soles, heels and toes, worth 50c, today 38c.
- 24th—Children's Plain All-Wool Cashmere Hose, double feet, worth 25c, for 18c.
- 25th—Ladies' Gray Suede Kid Gloves, worth 65c, for 38c.
- 26th—Ladies' Tan Musquetaire Kid Gloves, undressed, worth \$1, today for 63c.
- 27th—Ladies' Fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, regular price 15c, today 3 for 25c.
- 28th—Table Cream and White Laces, worth 8c, today for 5c.
- 29th—Colored and Black Cashmere Sailor Hats, worth 25c, today 15c.
- 30th—Colored Shirt Waists, stand up and turn down collars, worth \$1 and \$1 25, today, Friday for 58c.
- 31st—Ladies' Fancy Striped Flannelette Night Dresses, silk embroidery and Ribbon Trimmed, worth \$1 15, today for 82c.
- 32nd—Ladies' White Cambric Shirts, worth \$1 10, Bargain Day 82c.
- 33rd—Men's Flannel Shirts, regular price 50c, today 39c.
- 34th—Men's Black Sateen Shirts, regular price 50c, for 39c.
- 35th—Men's Fancy Outing Shirts, worth \$1 25, Bargain Day 90c.
- 36th—Men's Four-in-Hand Ties, worth 50c each, today for 25c.
- 37th—Men's Fleece-Lined Kid Gloves, worth 75c, on Bargain Day 50c.
- 38th—Men's Black Cashmere Socks, worth 25c, today 19c.
- 39th—Men's Extra Heavy Overalls, worth \$1, a snap today 75c.
- 40th—Men's Black and Brown Fedoras, worth \$1, today 75c.
- 41st—Men's Heavy Elastic Suspenders, worth 20c, today 12½c.
- 42nd—Men's Hemstitched Cambric Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c today.
- 43rd—16 only, Ladies' Eiderdown Wrappers, worth \$3, today \$2.
- 44th—34 only, Ladies' Wrappers, Paisley patterns, fashionable sleeve, our own make, worth \$2 50, for \$1 75.
- 45th—Ladies' Print Wrappers, made of heavy, fast colored print, today for 85c, worth \$1 10.
- 46th—23 only Ladies' Print Wrappers, our own make, worth \$1 75, for \$1 35.
- 47th—One only, Astrachan Cape, a beauty, worth \$30, for \$20.
- 48th—One only, Gray Lamb Cape, regular price, \$45, today \$27.
- 49th—Ladies' Spring Coats, in black and navy, fine and stylish, worth \$5, today \$3.
- 50th—Ladies' Spring Coats, in black, navy and fawn, large sleeves, ripple skirt, worth \$7 50, today for \$4 50.
- 51st—25 only, Ladies' Early Spring Coats, in black and colors, worth \$8, today for \$1 98.
- 52nd—6 only, Ladies' Golf Capes, worth \$5 50, today \$5.
- 53rd—4 only, All-Wool Frieze Capes, worth \$7, today \$5 50.
- 54th—Cloth for Capes, very fine goods, worth 75c, for 50c, cut free.
- 55th—Tweed for Capes, just the thing for spring, worth \$1, for 75c, cut free.
- 56th—Your choice of any Frieze Ulster in the house, worth \$10 and \$12, today for \$7 50.
- 57th—Men's All-Wool Brown Beaver Overcoats, worth \$8, for \$5.
- 58th—Men's Tweed Suits, well made and trimmed, worth \$6, today \$3 95.
- 59th—Men's Blue Cheviot Serge Suits, worth \$6 50, today, Friday, for \$4 50.
- 60th—Men's Fine Scotch Tweed Tailor-Made Suits, worth \$15, today \$10 50.
- 61st—Men's Fine Hair Line Tweed Pants, worth \$1 75, today \$1 25.
- 62nd—Men's All-Wool Fine Tweed Pants, worth \$2 50, today, Friday \$2.
- 63rd—Men's Blue and Brown Silk Lined Spring Overcoats, worth \$12, today \$8.
- 64th—Any Boys' Overcoat in the house, worth \$5, today \$2 50.
- 65th—Boys' Fine 3-piece Halifax Tweed Suits, worth \$4 50, today \$3 75.
- 66th—Boys' 2-piece Fine Tweed Sailor Suits, worth \$3, for \$2 35.
- 67th—Boys' 2-piece Suits, odd lines, worth \$3, today for \$1 95.
- 68th—Boys' Pea Jackets, worth \$2, today, Friday for \$1 50.

TERMS CASH.

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126 and 128 Dundas Street.