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NOTES AND COMMENTS trate seems to have been an accommo-

dating sort of official, and granted Much interest is manifested among his request by sentencing the Slav to the legal fraternity and Court offi- forty years' imprisonment. Certain of cials as to who will succeed the late our exchanges are wondering wha: sentence would have been imposed Judge Ermatinger as Judge of Elgin County. There are, we understand, had the charge been manslaughter. At many applicants for the desirable all events the punishment appears to position, among whom are four mem- be out of all proportion to the crime, bers of the bar in St. Thomas. The and should be brought to the atten-Chamber of Commerce of that city tion of the Minister of Justice, even has asked the Government to ap- though the unfortunate prisoner is an immigrant of low mentality, who point a resident of the county, meanshould never have been allowed to ing St. Thomas, and Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, has promised to land in Canada. At the same time the give the request due consideration. If | convicting magistrate might also be the Express were to make a forecaste | examined as to his qualifications to we would name Duncan Ross, of occupy so important a position. Strathroy, as the most likely appli-

cant. The position should be filled The annual convention of the Wes without delay, as many matters of tern Ontario Boards of Trade and legal necessity remain in abeyance. Chambers of Commerce, to be held at

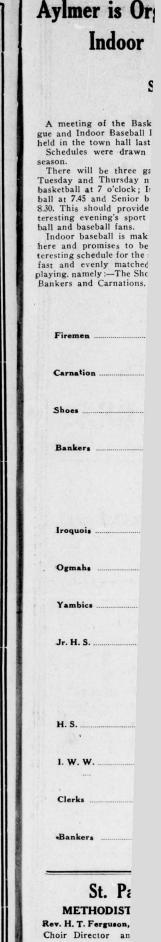
Woodstock, on Thursday and Friday of next week, promises to be of spe-It is now certain that complete census returns for the Dominion will cial interest. One of the features will show the population of Canada to be be the discussion of a resolution to be considerably less than 9,000,000. This is presented to the Government, if favto say the least, rather disappointing, orably considered, making it compulsory for the people to use their as the population in 1911 was 7,204,838. The small increase just about equals franchise, and also to make it illegal the number of immigrants that have for a person to mark his or her balcome to Canada in the last decade, and lot at municipal elections for less than shows that the natural birth rate is the full number of aldermen requirnot up to the mark, also that the exo- ed. The object is of course, to elidus has been large. The new Govern- minate the unpopular and unfair ment will doubtless realize the im- "plumper" vote. Just how such a law portance of giving careful attention could be enforced is not quite clear to its immigration policy, and do to us. The ballot as now constituted everything possible to encourage Can- is supposed to enable the voter to cast adians to remain as citizens in the his vote for a candidate or candidates, land of their birth. Canada has the according to his own desire and judgquality all right, but we can also ment, and no one is supposed to have knowledge as to whom he votes for. stand more quantity. It is quite possible that he may not

care to endorse the full compliment of The crisis in Ireland's affairs seems names required, and it would be going to have been safely passed for the altogether too far to compel a man to present at least, and there is great rejoicing in Great Britain. By a small vote for some one whom he does not majority the Dail has endorsed the feel is a competent or proper person to represent his municipality. If such treaty, notwithstanding the strenuous a law as is advocated is enacted, we opposition of De Valera and his fiery colleagues. De Valera quickly resigned might as well do away with the ballot paper altogether, and return to the as President, and he was at once proold system of voting. H. M. Hambidge oosed as a candidate for the same and J. P. Coyle are to represent the position. On a close vote, however, he local Chamber of Commerce at Woodwas defeated, and Arthur Griffith, that stock, and they will no doubt give the tried and true advocate of all that is best for Ireland, is now at the head of question their careful consideration before the convention opens. the Government, with a good Cabinet behind him. The deposed firebrand President and his followers threatened After tweleve years of muncipal exto split the Dail by withdrawing, but perience, A. A. McIntyre, the retiring wiser counsel finally prevailed, and Mayor of Peterborough, has a firm the promise is given that they will conviction that the present system is

not obstruct the new Government, but | little better than a farce, and that the reserve the right for free criticism. business of a municipality would be It has been evident for some time conducted more efficiently and more that the Irish people as a whole were economically by a Comission. Mr. Mcin favor of the treaty, but up to the Intyre is not the only one holding this very end the followers of Valera re- view. It has been advocated on more fused to carry out their wishes. than one occasion in Aylmer, and many citizens would like to see it (

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