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SECTIONAL LEGISLATION

Says the Hamilton Spectator:—
Rev. Mr. Shearer, of the Lord's Day Alliance, explains that it is proposed to exempt from the operation of the new law certain things to which the people of Quebec have been accustomed—to open postoffices on Sunday; sales of goods at church doors on Sunday; the buying and selling of real estate and the necessary legal work for the same, on Sunday. The Sabbatharians cannot imagine that it is right to do these things on Sunday; but they fear the opposition of Quebec to their proposed law, and are quite willing to allow the French province to continue in its wicked ways if they can, thereby, compel the people of Ontario and the other provinces to abandon some very much less harmful Sunday customs. But the wicked people of Quebec should have no rights nor privileges that the wicked people of Ontario are deprived of. That sort of legislation is sectional and unjust, and should not be tolerated. The people of Quebec have just as much right to be feared into heaven by act of parliament as the people of Ontario have.

THE TRAGEDY OF CONVICTION

"The sentencing of the five men found guilty of fraud in the last municipal election was a tragedy not often matched in its sad impressiveness, even in a court of justice, where every day has its tragic scenes. Protesting their innocence or confessing their fault, those men, found guilty by a jury of their fellow-citizens on evidence which could not be resisted, turned away their faces from their homes and places of honest service to take the hard and hopeless way of the transgressor. Four months ago, and any one of them would have been in the highest esteem; now they go to the Central Prison, three for two years and two for one year."

With the above pathetic paragraph the Globe of Monday begins a half-column editorial on the wickedness of bogus ballots and falsified returns. No one will contend that the men found guilty should not be punished; no honest man will defend their crimes. Those men in Toronto are justly punished.

But what has the Globe to say of the similar rascality perpetrated in the interest of the Ontario Government, and to which the Government owes its existence? These Toronto municipal ballot-stuffers did not have a Government behind them to step in and throttle the law—to appoint royal commissions to prevent the truth from coming out—to shield and protect the rascals even after they had been convicted—and so just punishment was meted out to the Toronto men. In the cases of rascals who worked for the Ontario Government, some were provided with fat positions by the Dominion Government, and others secured places with private companies of which members of the Cabinet were officials, while still others were, as it has been publicly stated, helped to get out of the country, and have been maintained for years in some mysterious way outside the pale of Canadian justice.

While the punishment meted out to the municipal offenders in Toronto must be upheld as just, it becomes the Globe and the Hamilton Times to preach sermons on electoral morality in connection with these cases.

The fact is that the palliation of the crimes in West Elgin and other constituencies in the last few years has made men look lightly on ballot box crimes. One of the Toronto victims said, when standing up to be sentenced, "I only now realize the seriousness of the offence." That is the did not know he was so wicked until he was caught. The same expression should have been made to apply to Sullivan, Bole, Pritchett, Cahill, Vance, and others, but they were shielded by the Government and escaped the punishment they deserved.

THE ROSS REPLY.

Dear friends you greatly honor me, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
Our hearts are one, as you may see, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
The strides of "the comb" fill us with glee, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
While the measure you want fits me to a T, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
That the bars must go we all agree, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
And as you say, it's up to me, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
For forty-eight hours on bended knee, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
I've studied this answer, deep as the sea, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,

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The twofaring man, though a fool be the,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
The purport plain must surely see, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
If my Government now can't grant your plea,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
Next year you'll see what you shall see,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
My majority now is down to three, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
So runnin' the show ain't a social tea,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
Help me to swell this major-i-tee, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
And I won't leave a bar on earth, by gee,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
What available means are left to me, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
Will be used, no doubt, most rapid-lee—
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
Sufficient to the day must the devil be,
Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
So Rankin dear, I'm yours true-lee, Fiddle-de-dum, fiddle-de-dee,
—L. M., in Toronto World.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

Belleville Intelligencer.
That was a very pertinent question Mr. Carscallen asked in the legislature yesterday. The attorney-general had just stated that, before the suspension, the Soo industries were clearing over a million dollars a year. "Then why did they suspend?" said Mr. Carscallen. Why, indeed?

MR. SMITH'S OPINION.

Bobcaygeon Independent.
The speech was made by Mr. Borden in opposition to the deal made by Mr. Laurier with the Grand Trunk, was one of his most effective efforts. It will catch the country, for many Liberals feel that they are being dragged into a deal that the country was unprepared for, that fastens the fetters of monopoly on the people, at a moment when public opinion is demanding freedom, and that cannot be justified.

THE CORRESPONDENT AT B-R-R.

New York Tribune.
A correspondent at Birr, Ireland, describes a lady being killed, while hunting, and adds—"The deceased met with a similar accident on a previous occasion." Another "had been in the Transvaal between six and seven times," and still another new correspondent declares, with a spirit which only does him credit, that he has "never put his name to an anonymous letter." "This evening's performance cannot take place; it will be repeated to-morrow night," is a provincial announcement.

THE LAWMAKERS IGNORED.

Toronto World.
Here we have in session the representatives of the people, who alone have the power to say whether there shall be abolition of the bars, a license law or any other measure. This body is completely ignored. Caucuses discuss the question, and reject various measures; the Wine and Spirit Journal warns the government not to harass the traffic; deputations of ministers declare that the bar must be abolished; and finally a convention of temperance workers is called to consider the situation. It would seem that everybody but the law-makers is to have a hand in making the law.

SOMETHING LEFT UNDONE.

Labor with what zeal we will, something still remains undone;
Something uncompleted still waits the rising of the sun.
By the bedside, on the stair,
At the threshold, near the gates,
With its menace or its prayer,
Like a mendicant it waits.
Waits, and will not go away;
Waits, and will not be gainsaid;
By the cares of yesterday
Each to-day is heavier made.
Till at length the burden seems
Greater than our strength can bear—
Heavy as the weight of dreams,
Pressing on us everywhere.
And we stand from day to day
Like the dwarfs of times gone by,
Who, as Northern legends say,
On their shoulders held the sky.
—Longfellow.

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District Dashes

Mr. Frank Epplert, of the Wheatley Journal, has installed a power press, and a now in good shape to turn out a better paper than ever.

The Leamington Post says that Jack-the-hugger has made his appearance in that town, and they want to put the chief of police on his tracks. We wonder if the Post consulted the girls about putting the police after this man—Merlin Mirror.

A young man named Hubbell speared a ten pound pike on main street, Thamesville, during the flood on Saturday—Edgetown Dominion. You are wrong, Mr. Dominion, the pike weighed over twenty pounds, dressed, and was successfully used for several days to catch suckers. You have another bite coming—Thamesville Herald.

Mrs. Peter Burns, a notice of whose death appeared in last issue, was buried Sunday afternoon. The remains were conveyed to the R. C. church for service and interment followed in the R. C. cemetery. Of the family those present from a distance were Mrs. Purvis, of Bond Bay; Mrs. Ed. Mooney, of Blenheim; Miss Lily, of Chatham, and Capt. John, of Port Huron—Amherstburg Echo.

Reeve Chas. Buchanan says that the work of the council in attending to the roads and bridges in the north part of the township is heavier than has been experienced for many years. One day last week when he was on a visit to the north he got out of his rig on the Centre Line between the fifth and sixth concessions, and with a pitchfork, which he borrowed, speared a good sized pike in the ditch—Blenheim News-Tribune.

Talking about the lateness of the Spring, Mr. Wm. Pratt, of Buxton, who by the way is a very successful farmer, says that there is no cause for alarm yet, if he gets to work on his land by April 20th and has good weather after that he will be thoroughly satisfied, and will let his Spring work done as early as he would had he started in March and then had weather followed—Merlin Mirror.

W. H. Jones filed his resignation as councillor of Amherstburg, with the clerk, Monday, and same was accepted at Monday evening's meeting. In talking with The Echo Mr. Jones explains as his reason for such a step, that he has not the time to devote to the town's interest and rather than neglect the work he should do as councillor he stepped out, so as to allow some one with more leisure, to look after the town work.

Sherman Cornwall, a resident of Amherstburg, went out shooting ducks with his son Ellis, on the river near the mouth of the Canada river late Tuesday afternoon. Father and son occupied a boat apiece and for some time conducted separate campaigns against the birds. Later, while stepping from the boats to the shore, Cornwall's gun was accidentally discharged. The shot entered the boy's abdomen at close range, inflicting a ghastly wound, of which the lad died about half an hour later. The boy was only thirteen years of age.

THE CHURCH SOPRANO

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curity of position due to fawning and intrigue. At least no merchant trafficked in the heart of the dead-singer; and of such unknown heroines as well as that of defeated heroes did Walt Whitman chant:

With much strong I come—with my cornets and my dreams,
I play not great marches for accepted victors only—I play great marches for conquered and slain persons.

Have you heard that it was good to gain the day?
I also set it in good to fall—battles are lost in the same spirit in which they are won.

I beat and pound for the dead;
I blow thru my embouchures my loudest and gayest for them;

Vivas to those who have failed!
And to those whose war vessels sank in the sea!
And to those themselves who sank in the sea!
And to all generals that lost engagements! and all overcome heroes!
And the numberless unknown heroes, equal to the greatest heroes known.

—Toronto World.

A DEED AND A WORD.

A little stream had lost its way
Amid the grass and fern;
A passing stranger scooped a well
Where weary men might turn;
He walled it in and hung with care
A ladle at the brink.
He thought not of the deed he did,
But judged that all might drink,
He passed again and lo! the well
By summer never dried.
Had cooled ten thousand parching tongues
And saved a life beside.
A nameless man amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love,
Unstudied, from the heart;
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath—
It saved a brother from the dust,
It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love!
O thought at random cast!
Ye were but little at the first,
But mighty at the last.
—Charles Mackay.

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GOING TO TORONTO.

The members of Christ Church regret very much to learn of Rev. Mr. Griffin's intention to resign, as announced to his congregation on Sunday morning. There has been perfect harmony between Mr. Griffin and his church workers and the church has prospered during his stay. He was a favorite with the young people, while Mrs. Griffin was equally popular. It will always please the members of Christ Church to hear of his welfare.—Dresden Standard.

HOW TO WARD OFF AN ATTACK OF RHEUMATISM.

"For years when spring time came on and I went into gardening, I was sure to have an attack of rheumatism and every attack was more severe than the preceding one," says Josie McDonald, of Man, Logan county, West Va. "I tried everything, with no relief whatever, until I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and the first application gave me ease and before the first bottle was used I felt like a new person. Now I feel that I am cured, but I always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house and when I feel any symptoms of a return I soon drive it away with one or two applications of this liniment. For sale by All Druggists."

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