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THE NEW LEADER.

Hon. George Graham, of Brockville, succeeds to the leadership of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature by the free and unanimous choice of his colleagues. The talented and energetic member for Brockville will, we are sure, justify their confidence. The honor might have been worthily bestowed upon any one of several experienced and able Liberal members of the House, but there has been no rivalry which will leave a trace of soreness or disappointment, or sow dissension in the ranks. Since Mr. Ross' appointment to the Senate, invidious comparisons of these gentlemen have filled the Government press, but not one of them has urged his own claims to the leadership, or even permitted himself to be regarded as a candidate. Their first concern has been the interest of the Liberal party, and the nomination has come to Mr. Graham spontaneously. The spirit which their representatives have shown in this matter will be appreciated by the Liberals of the Province. It is a favorable omen for the party.

Mr. Graham entered the Legislature in 1898, so that, though young in years, he is almost a veteran in the public service. He is a pleasing and effective speaker and debater, with a ready wit which is a part of his Irish inheritance. In the Legislature he has been a pattern of industry, and has been progressive, and even radical, in his tendencies. In the eastern counties of Ontario he is extremely popular, and among his fellow-townsmen he is a hero. The people of Western Ontario will become better acquainted with him before the next election.

If we are not mistaken, Mr. Graham will exhibit an alert and aggressive leadership, and the Opposition will be a very live body during the present session.

THE LATE HON. A. C. BLAIR.

The late Honorable Andrew George Blair was one of the most remarkable of the many able men the Maritime Provinces have given to Canadian public life. In his own province, New Brunswick, his ascendancy was unquestioned as that of Mr. Fielding in Nova Scotia. The great reputation which he brought to Ottawa, when he entered federal politics in 1896, was sustained by his extraordinary vigor and initiative as the head of the department of railways and canals, and by his legal acumen and debating powers. On all hands he gave the impression of a strong personality, singularly resourceful and self-reliant. The closing years of his life were in the nature of an anti-climax, but it cannot be disputed that he did great and useful work for the country. When he took hold of the Intercolonial road was not only a financial sinkhole, but its physical standard was a quarter of a century behind the times. He made a modern railway of it and placed it on a basis which has rendered it possible for his successor to show that the Intercolonial, under good management, need not be a burden on the country. The revision of the railway act, including the creation of the board of railway commissioners, is another monument to Mr. Blair. His grasp of the railway problem and his constructive skill in framing that legislation and guiding it through the House of Commons, greatly enhanced his prestige.

The turning-point in Mr. Blair's career was his separation from his colleagues upon the Grand Trunk Pacific project. His argument that a new transcontinental railway was not an immediate necessity, and that the needs of the country would be adequately served by the gradual extension of the Intercolonial, has been disproved by the amazing development west of the great lakes. Following Mr. Blair's retirement from the Government and his appointment as first chairman of the new railway board, is a chapter which is still one of the mysteries of Canadian politics. It was thought he would have been happy in his new position, where he had the privilege of working out his own legislation. Suddenly, on the eve of the general election of 1904, he announced his resignation, and for

twenty-four hours the country was under the impression that he would take the stump against the Liberal party. This information was given out by a group of capitalists, in the Eastern Provinces, who, for some reason which can only be guessed at, worked with might and main to overthrow the Government. If they had a secret understanding with Mr. Blair, as many believe, it fell through abruptly. Mr. Blair was later the nominal manager of an industrial concern in Toronto, but this was merely a makeshift, and he returned to the practice of his profession in Montreal. His heart was still in politics, and within the past few months he had made overtures to the Liberal party in New Brunswick. It was said that he would run again for the Commons in the Liberal interest, but it is doubtful whether he could have ever regained his former influence or position in the Liberal councils. He must have been aware that his erratic course had shaken the confidence of his old associates.

CANADA'S INTEREST IN THE RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

The Czar of all the Russias will bring on the general elections in his empire and the new duma will be chosen on Feb. 19. The election of 449 members in Russia proper will be held on that date, and the 75 members for the Caucasus and Siberia will be chosen later. Russian newspapers express satisfaction at the turn of affairs, and say that the whole nation will breathe more easily and take a more sanguine view of the future. This, too, despite the fact that the opposition parties bid fair to again score a victory. But a new element of uncertainty has been introduced by the abolition of the communal system. At one time this change would have been hailed as a virtual revolution, but it is not generally welcomed now. Indeed, as Professor Kovalevsky, the eminent Russian Liberal leader, has stated, the communal system had advantages as well as disadvantages. "It encourages," he remarks, "to a much greater degree than the system of private holdings the feeling of mutual interdependence, without which no society can exist. But it is a manifest error to speak of this system as a serious barrier to pauperism. For, although the commoner is prevented by law from alienating his share, he may, and often does, dispose of it in favor of some rich neighbor, who in time of want has offered to pay the amount of the commoner's taxes on condition of having the use of his land."

The reason why the average Russian Liberal should not welcome this change in the law is stated by Hon. Maurice Barrington, who is acting as special correspondent of the London Post. "The law," he says, "is excellent in principle, only unfortunately it has not been made with a view to the interest of the community but with an eye to the elections. The Government saw that it would have all the peasants against it; in order to counteract this it made a law which must necessarily split up the peasants into two camps, and it has by its regulations made it very difficult for the peasant to leave the commune by making it difficult for him to obtain the land which is contiguous to his dwelling."

The change, however, is momentous. Whether it is welcome or unwelcome to them it really affects the lives and the domestic and social interests of between 90,000,000 and 100,000,000 of people. It may even have a very decided influence on the emigration to this country. We know that the Doukhobors are so much attached to the communal system that they made quite sure they were permitted to begin life in the Canadian West under such an organization of their affairs, and though some have broken away from the village communes and preferred the individual life of the Anglo-Saxon population, the great mass of this peculiar people continue to cleave to the old custom. If there is strong resentment in Russia against the new law abolishing communal relations, it need cause no surprise to see a large increase in the emigration of Russian farmers to the vacant lands of the American continent, but it will be for our legislators to seriously consider whether it is desirable to encourage more of these settlements of foreigners on mass.

The Mailed Fist appears to have won the first round in Germany.

The first installment of The Advertiser's new serial story by Mrs. C. N. Williamson appears on page 11 of this issue.

The Hon. George P. Graham has the comforting reflection that he is at the head of a growing party in the Legislature. It can't get much smaller.

It is evident that the Legislature will be largely occupied with patching up the Government's "rudimentary and chaotic" legislation of the last session.

The Ontario Liberals had so easy a time with their leadership for 35 years that they seem to have lost the knack of choosing, sneers the local Tory organ. What the pity the Liberals

haven't the instinct which prompted the Conservatives to choose Marter to succeed Meredith!

Mr. Whitney's hurried disclosure of his new school policy is obviously related to the West Middlesex bye-election.

The new leader of the Ontario Opposition is a newspaperman. Take the journalists out of the House—Graham, Preston, Clarke, Auld, Pense, Downie, Boyer, and Smith—and it would be appreciably poorer.

Under the new Australian licensing law a compensation fund for those whose licenses are taken away is provided for. Three per cent will be collected on the cost of all liquors purchased by holders of licenses. Another novel provision is that which prohibits the employment of barmaids under the age of twenty-one in all future engagements. Better to have prohibited the barmaid altogether.

The British taxpayer has been pretty badly sold by those Conservative politicians who promised that South Africa would make a very substantial contribution in money to the debt created by the late war. While the Balfour Government was in power Mr. Joseph Chamberlain made a special journey to the Transvaal, having first expressed the strong hope that he could get a contribution of \$500,000,000 from the Randlords and their associates. But he was compelled to return with what he asserted was a certainty of a contribution of \$150,000,000, and on the strength of this the British Parliament authorized the guarantee of a Transvaal loan of \$175,000,000. But the sharp mining managers at Johannesburg appear to have simply used Mr. Chamberlain as a pawn. They apparently never intended to pay a cent themselves and they could not bind the Transvaal to put up the money. The result is that just as the Imperial Parliament was rising, it became the duty of Mr. Winston Churchill, under secretary for the colonies, to announce the writing-off of the much-promised contribution as a very bad debt, to be added to the already enormous sum which the war has cost the British people.

RISING IN THE WORLD.

[Baltimore American.]
 "Has your daughter made her society debut yet, Mrs. Compney?"
 "No, she hasn't, and she don't have to, neither. We can get all our society friends from them Paris dressmakers now."

DISAPPOINTED.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
 "Why does Worgsley look so blue?"
 "His rich aunt died."
 "Thought a good deal of her, did he?"
 "That doesn't account for his blueing."
 "What then?"
 "She didn't think of him at all."

ONE ON THE BISHOP.

[Punch.]
 Bishop (who has "looked in" at rural Sunday school)—Now, children, can any of you tell what is meant by the visitation of the bishop?
 Little Girl (after a long pause)—Please, sir, an affliction sent from heaven!

NOT WORTH CULTIVATING.

[Judge.]
 Mrs. Caterby (just moved to the suburb)—Don't you think the people here are awfully slow?
 Caterby—I'm too busy to notice.
 Mrs. Caterby—Why, really, my dear, it's hardly worth while living beyond our income to associate with them.

INSTEAD.

[Smiles.]
 An old woman was telling her domestic trials to the pastor, and enlarging upon the unkindness of her "ole man."
 The pastor, counseling patience and kindness on her part, asked:
 "Have you tried heaping coals of fire on his head?"
 "No, mister; but I've tried boiling water," was the answer.

SAFE INVESTMENTS.

[Washington Star.]
 "Are those mining stock certificates safe investments?"
 "In a sense. They are the sort of investments that you look up in a safe, and then hope for the best."

HINDSIGHT.

[Washington Star.]
 "When a reform actually lands," said Uncle Eben, "enough people claim credit for it to have engineered a dozen like it with half as much trouble."

NOT ESSENTIAL.

[Chicago Tribune.]
 Mr. Astor's London paper notifies Americans that Ambassador Bryce is not a typical Englishman. Well, we are not going to insist on side whiskers and a monocle.

SHOCKING.

[Harper's Bazar.]
 Editor—Threatening to sue us for libel! Good heavens! What for?
 Manager—Through some mistake we described her as being in evening dress at a five o'clock tea.

SOOTHING MEDICINE.

[Punch.]
 First Lady Doctor—He is sleeping now, and is certainly recovering. He proposed to me this morning.
 Second Lady Doctor—Need! He was probably delirious.

THE SUICIDE CAPITAL.

[Pall Mall Gazette.]
 Vienna still retains its unenviable pre-eminence among the capitals of Europe in the records of suicides. In the year which has just ended 48 persons—33 men and 15 women—committed suicide, while another 707 men and women attempted unsuccessfully to do so. Curiously enough, more self-murders occur in the summer than in the winter—48 in May, against 28 in November. The victims were of all ages, ranging from an old man of 87 to a little girl of 8 years. Sickness was the motive alleged in 190 cases, unhappy love affairs in 65, family strife, 25, satiety of life 35, and poverty 31.

Twelve women and 118 men shot themselves, 19 men and 33 women took poison, while 10 men and 28 women threw themselves from top-story windows, the latter a common form of suicide in Vienna.

IT WAS A ROGUE'S GALLERY.

[Puck.]
 The Governor—Did you visit the Louvre while you were in Paris, ma'am?
 Mrs. Newcome—I forgot. Did we, John?
 Mr. Newcome—Why, I don't see how you can possibly forget that place, Jane. That's where you had your pocket picked.

OBSOLETE PASTIMES.

[Buffalo News.]
 To twist the tail of the British lion is as much out of date as to pluck feathers from the eagle's tail. Everything is lovely in Ottawa.

LONDON'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

[New York Sun.]
 London now has six underground electric railways (tubes) in operation, and five more are under construction or projected. The railways of London, underground and surface, carry more than 600,000,000 persons each year, of which underground lines accommodate 250,000,000. There are nearly 600 railway stations in Greater London, and into the trunk line stations alone there pour annually more than 300,000,000 passengers.

SCOTLAND POINTS WITH PRIDE.

[London Engineer.]
 At the eighth annual festival of the Scottish Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Friendly Society, held in Glasgow on the 21st inst., the chairman stated that last year on the Scottish railways 6,500,000 first class passengers, 1,000,000 second class passengers were carried, and 53,000,000 tons of minerals and 13,000,000 tons of merchandise were moved. Of all the people carried over the Scottish railway system, not in single life was lost last year.

THE ONLY WAY.

[Cleveland Press.]
 "How do you like your hair cut?" asked the barber, who was anxious to please.
 "Oh," replied the customer, who was a man of few words.

A RECKLESS GOAT.

[Monroe (N.O.) Journal.]
 Among the passengers on a Seaboard train the other day was a billy goat. He was tagged and put in the baggage car and started to his destination. Billy got hungry, and as he wouldn't let his end of the trunk strap, he chewed up and swallowed the tag that was around his neck. One of the negro train hands came in, and, in astonishment, saw that Billy had eaten his tag, and exclaimed to the baggage master: "Fore Gawd, boss, dis billy goat has eat up whar's his he's gwine."

ROUGH ON GUS.

[Exchange.]
 Yvette Guilbert, the French actress, now speaks English well enough to joke in it. At a tea given in her honor by a Philadelphia women's club, she said:
 "English is not difficult. But one word may have so many meanings. That is something vexing."
 "A mother said to her daughter:
 "'Don't you find Gus rather rough?'"
 "The daughter answered with a faint blush:
 "'Yes, mamma; and yet he says he shaves every day.'"

How Is Your Vitality?

Are You Physically Strong and Able to Work As You Used To?

Perhaps you lack courage?
 Out of joint with everything?
 Scarcely on speaking terms with your neighbor?
 Such low health is pitiable—but curable.
 Your brain is fogged, your blood is weak, your reserve of strength all gone.
 What you need is Ferrozone, that great vitalizer and nutritive tonic.
 It's by making flesh and blood, by infusing iron and oxygen into the system that Ferrozone builds you up, it repairs the weak spots, instills new life into worn-out organs—makes you feel like new.
 Think it over. By nourishing and strengthening, Ferrozone lifts age for the old and imparts resistance and buoyancy to the depressed.
 Why not be strong and ruddy-colored?
 Why stay weak?
 Use Ferrozone and enter the healthy life it's sure to bring. Price 50c per box, at all dealers.

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It is quite true FERROL is an emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and a particularly good one at that. But it combines Iron and Phosphorus with the Oil, and these are just what are needed to make the emulsion perfect and they are just what all other emulsions lack.

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 It combines Iron and Phosphorus with Cod Liver Oil.
 It is pleasant to take and easy to digest.
 It holds the record for increasing the weight (95 lbs from the use of 25 bottles).
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We are continually adding to our waist stock the prettiest styles that can be found on the market. Of the arrivals we announce today we can say they are more beautiful than ever. Come in to-night and look them over, it will give you pleasure, whether you want to buy or not. The square yoke combined with embroidery stripes and lace insertions is one of the new features, it looks extremely pretty, three-quarter lengths mostly.

On Exhibition Tonight, \$1.00 to \$5.00

China Sale Over Tonight

The China Sale closes tonight, the biggest kind of inducements are offered to make the last day the busiest of the sale. The assortment of ornaments is exceptionally good. These are marked at almost half price. Besides cups and saucers, plates, salads and jars, there is fancy china and fancy glassware of all kinds. Come tonight, it's your last chance. Take elevator to 3rd floor.

Ladies' Extra Underwear Specials

Money-saving Underwear specials for ladies and children, heavy rib, fleeced garments, natural color, well shaped, long sleeves.
 Three lots of Ladies' Vests at respectively
 21c, 29c and 43c
 Children's Vests from 1 to 12 years, according to size 2 for 25c, 15c, 17c, 18c and 20c
 Misses' and Children's Ankle Length Drawers. Worth 25c, at 19c
 Small Sizes in Ladies' Kid Gloves, \$1.50 for 93c

Fancy Linens 1-4 Off

Slightly Soiled Fancy Linens, comprising tray cloths, lunch cloths, end pieces, sideboard drapes, center pieces and doilies, at TONIGHT, ¼ off usual prices.
 16-inch Fancy Damask Linen with self or colored stripes, suitable for sideboard, drapes, etc. Special a yard 12½c
 Ready-made White Cotton Pillow Cases, 42 and 46 inch. At each, tonight 15c

Black Jet Bead Necklets, with gilt clasp, tonight, 15c, 35c, and 50c, and long strings at ... 75c
 Box of Frilling—
 Six frills in box 35c
 Five frills in box 25c
 Four frills in box 20c
 Real Leather Handbags, black and brown, large sizes, tonight 50c
 White Embroidered Linen Wash Belts, 20c and 25c

White Linen Handkerchiefs, all linen, hemstitched, at 5c
 New Velling, white, white and black, and black, tonight, per yard 25c
 Black Velling, worth 15c yard, tonight 5c
 Clifton Vellie, ready-made, hemstitched all around, all colors and black, indispensable this stormy weather, 75c to .. \$1 25

Ulster Linen Writing Tablets, tonight, each 15c
 Ruled and Unruled Writing Pads, tonight 5c
 Long White Letter Envelopes, tonight, two packages for ... 5c
 English Blue Salad Dishes, tonight, each 15c
 Ladies' Fine All-Wool Cashmere Hose, shapely and seamless, our regular 40c ones, tonight, 3 pairs for \$1 00

Before-Stock-Taking Carpet Sale

Starts at once with our regular \$1.15 and \$1.25 English Body Brussels Carpet at 96c made and laid. Twenty-one distinctly different patterns to choose from. These are our best four-frame body Brussels. Some have borders and some have not. Elegant designs for best rooms. Come early and bring your measurements, for you shouldn't miss this opportunity.

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During the month of February we're going to make a clearance such as London Furniture buyers have never known. For months we have been planning for this great sale. We are crowded to the doors with fine furniture bought from manufacturers who needed the ready cash during the dull season.

THE FEBRUARY SALE WILL EMBRACE THE FOLLOWING: A large brass bed manufacturer's complete line of samples—75 different styles—at less than regular wholesale prices. Three carloads of iron beds—50 different styles—bought at 75c on the dollar, are patterns discontinued by the various manufacturers, bought at a great reduction. An entire stock of furniture for the dining-room, parlor, bedroom, hall, den and kitchen

No Matter What You Need

London's Largest Furniture House

If it's a piece of furniture, this is an opportunity to fill your wants, at prices from 10 to 50 per cent below what you would usually pay for the same article.

Look anywhere you want to, but don't buy until you have seen what the greatest of all Furniture Sales has to offer.

TORONTO'S CAR MUDDLE

Railway Board Sets a Date for a Hearing of the Case.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Ontario railway and municipal board, presided over by Mr. James Leitch, K.C., the chairman, held an argument on the application of the city of Toronto for an early investigation of its complaint in regard to the overcrowding allowed on the local street cars at the Parliament buildings today.

After hearing the contention of the Mayor Coatsworth, Corporation Counsel Fullerton, for the city, and of Mr. H. S. Osler, K.C., and General Manager Fleming, for the company, the board named Jan. 31 as the date for the reply of the company's representative.

said the overcrowding had reached a state on the cars which was regarded as indecent.

The mayor was of the opinion that 100 additional cars were needed to meet the demands of the public. He asked the board to make an investigation and prove the facts to its own satisfaction.

Mr. Osler said his clients were desirous to give a good service and prevent overcrowding. The present application was, however, the result of agitation by men who merely wished to harass and annoy the company.

Mr. Osler said an order to put on more cars would be of little avail. The court should rule at the outset that the question of overcrowding be proved. "I have a strong impression that in this case the trouble is pretty deep rooted. We have got to know where more cars or new lines will help, and we may have to get a traffic expert to suggest a remedy," said Mr. Leitch. Mr. Fleming told the court that the situation was due to the fact that the council had adopted a policy of opposi-

tion to every proposal of the company. The court, however, set the date for the company's reply and adjourned.

The Convent of St. Catherine, on Mt. Sinai, has not been entered by a woman for 1,400 years.

