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## THE DOMINION BY-ELECTIONS

The result of the Dominion by-elections is exceedingly encouraging to the Conservatives. Not only were the two Conservative seats in Ontario held by increased majorities, but there was a remarkable turnover in St. John, N. B., and in the other Liberal ridings the majorities were reduced in a manner beyond all expectation considering that they were by-elections and that the Conservative party had very properly refrained from wasting its strength in putting up a fight at this late period in the life of the existing parliament when it is expected a general election will be on before the year is out.

The results are almost startling in the insight which they afford as to the public sentiment towards the present government. They must be read in the light of the fact that the present government is likely to go to the country after the pending session of parliament. Under the circumstances it may be taken for granted that neither the Conservative candidates for the party organization at large cared to make much of a fight to secure these seats only a few months. On the other hand the present government has been engaged for eight years in entrenching itself in the constituencies by the expenditure of the large and increasing revenue on all sorts of public works and on the distribution of the patronage. When, in the face of these conditions, we find that St. John, N. B., in which Mr. Blair was elected by nearly a thousand majority less than four years ago, returns a Conservative by nearly 300 majority, there is cause for grave thought on the part of the government. Evidently St. John thinks with Mr. Blair on the Cox-can't-wait bargain even though Mr. Blair has in the meantime been released by the receipt of the highest salary position in the gift of the government.

Then we turn to East Bruce and we find the Conservative majority there increased from 43 to over 200, though the former majority was secured by the late Mr. Carling, one of the most personally popular men in the riding. In East Lambton another Conservative has been returned by an increased majority.

But it is on turning to the almost hopeless Liberal strongholds that the Conservatives get their real encouragement. When we find the majority in St. James division, Montreal, cut down over one-half, in Hochelaga, St. Hyacinthe and West Queen's the Liberal majorities cut down from sixty to seventy per cent. then there is real cause for jubilation. If the majorities of 1900 had been increased under the circumstances, we would not have been surprised, but to find these majorities cut all to pieces is indeed an omen which will cause the Conservatives to go to the country at the general elections with strong confidence that the present government will be overturned.

## CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

There is a tenet in Japanese religious belief that may have something to do with explaining why the eastern islanders are such good fighters. It is almost incredible that a comparatively enlightened nation in this twentieth century should believe that its Emperor is descended from the gods, but Osmund Edwards in his delightful book on Japanese customs says he was assured by a native priest that all loyal Japanese held this belief. This being so they have an inspiration for fighting that is denied Western nations.

Many reasons have been advanced to explain the recent slow progress of Christianity in the Flowery Kingdom, where 15 or 20 years ago it seemed destined to sweep all before it, aided by the enthusiastic efforts of a small army of missionaries of almost every denomination. At one time it was even suggested by Mr. Fukuzawa, who has been called the intellectual "Jowett of Japan," that Christianity should be made the national religion, although it has been intimated that Mr. Fukuzawa was not prompted so much by his admiration for Christianity as by a wily idea that its adoption would give Japan a new status among the Christian nations of the world.

The writer and traveller already referred to credits the progress of Christianity back in the '80's to the strong personalities of the evangelists of the time and also to the commercial value which the Japanese gave the teaching of English which was carried on in the Christian schools. He affirms that at the present time the converts are decreasing in numbers, and that the educated

classes view Christianity with rationalistic indifference.

It is easily understood that belief in the divine origin of the Emperor would not assimilate with "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," imposing, as it would, disloyalty as well as apostasy. And other reasons have been advanced to explain why the Japanese have not taken to Christianity. There are, for instance, the extraordinary points of similitude between Christianity and Buddhism, the latter including belief in a King-Saviour becoming a beggar, in miracles performed by the disciples of Buddha, in a Virginian motherhood, in a trinitarian godhead, as well as teaching charity and holiness, love to man, and kindness to animals. The alleged incapacity of the Japanese for abstract speculation and the revolution which the adoption of Christianity would bring in the position of Japanese women have also been credited with making the "Englishmen of Asia" indifferent about the new belief.

## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The reason there are so many seeking divorce in Detroit, Canada as well as other nationalities, is to a large extent because of the cheapness and facility with which they can be obtained. Human nature is much the same in Canada as it is in the United States. When people can get a divorce in Detroit by pleading incompatibility of temper and living a few months in that city, the divorce mill will get plenty to do. It is the merest twaddle, however, to say that people married in Windsor are the ones oftenest found in the divorce courts of Detroit. Every facility to get married is offered in the state of Michigan. Couples do not even have to be married by a clergyman; any old justice of the peace is regarded as a good enough marriage mechanic to tie the nuptial knot. People in Detroit or elsewhere in Michigan need not go out of that state to be married. They can be married over there with promptness and dispatch.

People come to Windsor to be married for a variety of reasons. Many are Canadians, who prefer to be married under Canadian laws; others come for romantic reasons. Many come to Detroit from the interior of the state or other states on excursions and come over to Canada to be married. Others probably come for less worthy reasons; but such marriages are not confined to Windsor.

The Catholic church sets us a worthy example in regard to the sacred estate of marriage. That church recognizes marriage as a religious as well as a civil contract and refuses to permit divorces, only in very exceptional cases. They re-

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fuse to re-marry divorced persons under ordinary circumstances. The Episcopal church is moving in the same direction.

Canadian law only recognizes one cause for divorce. The result of this is that there are more divorces granted in Detroit in one week than there has been in Canada for the past ten years. If Michigan divorce-quick machine it would reduce to a large extent these unfortunate marriages.

This howling accusation brought against Windsor by the Detroit Tribune is not a new one, and it is well known that it is not raised in the interest of morality. The Tribune is merely acting as the mouthpiece of a few people in Detroit who are interested in getting the marriage fees and hush money. They do not object to these very bad people getting married, but they want the marriages performed in Detroit. It is another exhibition of the same selfish spirit that is so often in evidence in other matters relating to the two cities.—Windsor Record.

## HARWICH COUNCIL.

Harwich council met February 8th, members all present.

Communications were received from the following:

George McDonald, clerk of Howard re Alexander drain; County treasurer re statement of money; paid the treasurer during 1903, submitted to auditors after which filed; W. E. Smith, barrister, with claim for damages claimed by E. R. Snook for accident on west townline; A. A. Dresser asking permission to change form of top rail on Read's bridge, granted on recommendation of Mr. J. Heathington re fence being undermined at gravel pit.

Moved by Bentley-Clark, that the reeve, Huffman and Campbell be a committee to investigate the claim for damages by E. R. Snook. Carried.

Huffman-Bentley, that Jas. Clark be appointed to investigate the grievance of Mrs. Heatherington. Carried.

Clark-Huffman, that the report of the committee of this council of last year re Bridge End had been received and the agreement in reference to said hall, and that the sum of \$10 be refunded L. O. L. 690, in full for all claims. Carried.

Campbell-Huffman, that the resolution passed on January 11th, 1904, granting permission to Hugh McCully to move his fence on to the roadside to the line thereof within 40 days from the date of notice as the council have been informed that said fence has already been on the roadside over one year. Carried.

Huffman-Bentley, that this council grant \$25 towards procuring a pair of artificial limbs for Albert Cable, provided sufficient other funds are raised to procure the same, and that the clerk notify Dr. Charteris that said sum will be forthcoming at the proper time. Carried.

Huffman-Campbell, that as the reeve reports \$12.98 of amount placed in his hands as refund ratepayers on Walker drain has not been accepted by the parties to whom refunded, that said amount be paid over to the treasurer to place to credit of said drain. Carried.

At 2 p. m. the court of revision on the Crawford drain was held up, and the appellants, E. H. Smith and C. Milne were heard.

Moved by Huffman-Campbell, that the court of revision be adjourned until March 14th, at 2 p. m. Carried.

The adjourned court of revision on the Doyle drain, Raleigh, was next taken up pursuant to adjournment, to give Mr. D. Wilson an opportunity to be heard. Not being present to defend his appeal it was moved by Bentley-Campbell, that the court of revision on the Doyle drain, Raleigh, be closed. Carried.

Petitions were received from D. Muckle and over 200 others, asking the council to submit a local option by-law to the electors of the municipality.

On motion of Bentley-Clark, the petition was received, and the prayer of the same granted, the petitioners guaranteeing the costs of submitting the same.

Huffman-Campbell, that the local option by-law be received, the necessary necessary to publication. Carried.

The by-law was then given the readings, and the blanks filled in, the date of said vote being taken on March 4th, the deputy returning officers and polling places also filled in, and on resolution the clerk instructed to have the by-law published in the Tribune as prescribed by the statute in that behalf.

Geo. E. Holdaway and others, presented a petition for drainage.

Clark-Bentley, that the petition of

## SPECIALS FOR ANOTHER BUSY SATURDAY.

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35c Eider cloaking at 25c yard—2 pieces Eider, plain, pink and plain blue, regular 85c a yard, sale price Saturday 25c.

40c Eider cloaking at 32c—4 pieces plain and fancy eider cloaking, superior wool quality, regular 40c a yard, sale price Saturday 32c.

\$2.00 and \$2.25 bed comforters at \$1.48—11 only extra large size comforters, fine pure filling, superior coverings, in choice designs and colorings, closely quilted, regular \$2.00 to \$2.25 values, clearing at sale price Saturday 1.48.

Ladies' hats at 10c—Your pick of the balance of our trimmed felt hats, worth regular up to \$1.25 each, sale price Saturday 10c.

13 only ladies' trimmed hats, handsome up-to-date styles, worth up to \$5.00 each, clearing at sale price Saturday 1.90.

Dress trimmings at 2c yard—23 pieces colored jet and gimp trimmings, regular up to 20c a yard, clearing at sale price Saturday 2c.

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C. E. Holdaway and others be received and the clerk instructed to notify the engineer, W. G. McGeorge to make the necessary survey, plans, etc., and report. Carried.

Bentley-Clark, that the auditors' report be adopted, and the clerk instructed to have 200 copies printed. Carried.

The following accounts were paid:

W. J. Grant, taxes on gravel pit, \$2.30; J. K. Morris, box rent, \$1.50; G. M. Baird, express and sundries, \$3.85; G. M. Baird, acct of salary, \$70; G. M. Baird, printing and serving Crawford drain bylaw, \$10; Municipal World, assessment and collector's books and supplies, \$11.95; A. Bentley, wood for town hall, \$6.75; Newsome & Co., stationery, \$10.25; F. Pickering, orders on treasurer and blanks, \$20.50; A. McMillan, coal stable at booth No. 9, \$1; J. Whittington, auditing, \$18; S. B. McCully, auditing, \$18; G. W. Huffman, aid for A. D. Book, \$5; Hadley Lumber Co., lumber, \$96; Geo. Smith, rep. oververt, \$2.50; Smith & H., posts, etc., \$2.30; T. Whelan, sheep killed and injured, \$12; Jas. Law, sheep killed, \$8.00; Elgin Hall, farm bridge per engineer's report, \$15; John Craig, farm bridge per engineer's report, \$15. A by-law was passed amending the schedule of statute labor of by-law No. 799, fixing the scale of statute labor as it was in previous by-law, and also the rate of commutation.

Clark-Campbell, that this council adjourn to meet on Feb. 22nd, at 10 a. m. for the appointment of officers. Carried.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

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