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London, Monday, May 18.

Is Manhood Suffrage a Failure?

The Attorney-General of Ontario declares that manhood suffrage is responsible for nine-tenths of the purchaseable element in the electorate. He pronounces against the registration act for the same reason. As both are Liberal measures, passed by administrations of which the Attorney-General was a member, his statement is a confession of political error, which does credit to his candor and courage. All who are acquainted with the machinery of elections will admit the force of what he says. Under the present system, practically every male person who is 21 years old and out of jail has a vote. The arguments advanced in favor of this condition of things are familiar, and in the abstract they are hard to refute. It is said that a perfect government should embrace the consent of every citizen; that greater numbers are interested in the constitution, in public questions and in the welfare of the country by investing them with political rights. In other words, the suffrage itself is an education. Unfortunately these ideals have not triumphed in the test of experience.

We have manhood suffrage without the manhood in the case of too many voters. The extension of the suffrage increases the necessity for skillful organization; and it is to be feared this too often means an extension of demagogic influences. Instead of keeping the election lists on a high plane, the tendency has been to gather in all the huff, the lame and the blind, morally and politically, so that elections often turn on the votes of men who have no stake in the country and no proper standard of morality to guide them. The struggle of parties in the registration courts for the purpose of expunging or adding the names of voters without regard to their intelligence, their worth, or capacity in bringing a deliberate or instructed judgment to the ballot box, is not an admirable feature of modern political methods. All of this is discouraging to the hopes and the progressive theories built upon universal education. The franchise should be regarded as a right of value, but it is thrown heedlessly to any and all. It is too much to require some proof of appreciation from the man who possesses it, some test of quality or worth consistent with placing the suffrage on a wide and comprehensive basis? The difficulty is in prescribing and applying the test of capacity. The old Dominion franchise act restricted the basis of representation, but it opened the door to many grave abuses. The provision requiring a wage earner to prove a yearly income of \$300 worked injustice to many deserving persons. Frequently in the courts of revision we had the spectacle of both parties wrangling over a man's laundry bill, when board and washing happened to be part of his remuneration, in the effort to figure his income above or below the \$300 level. Many workmen lost their votes through the reduction of their earnings by illness. On the other hand an owner's son, no matter how worthless, was entitled to be on the list, because of his father's property. The absence of the one-man-one-vote principle also permitted the lists in any constituency to be stuffed with the names of non-residents, a colony of whom could qualify on a small piece of property by securing the deed shortly before the election. No test for the suffrage should exclude any man of ordinary industry, or any man who bears the burdens of citizenship. If some such criterion could be applied, making allowance, of course, for students, it might eliminate a large percentage of the most objectionable class of voters, and help very materially to dry up the source of corrupt practices at elections. There would have to be a wide discretion in the enforcement of a test of this character, and the work could be trusted only to judges, or other tribunals beyond the suspicion of party prejudice. The country is confronted by a condition not a theory, and the question raised by the Attorney-General merits serious discussion.

Several misprints occurred in an

Saturday's edition. The Attorney-General of Ontario was represented as citing authorities "against the Government," instead of "against the movement" (municipal ownership). The words "political socialism" should have read "municipal socialism," and the words "municipal trade" should have read "municipal trading."

Expensive Anyway.

[Philadelphia Press.]
 Batchelor—I suppose it's mighty expensive to have you child sick in bed so long?
 Phamillan—Yes, but then, if he was well and hearty he'd be wearing out clothes.

A Definition.

[Puck.]
 Wall Street—The most noted if not the most popular watering place in the country.

Nearly Right.

[Life.]
 Young Dorothy—Oh, mamma! Look at my doll! Why it is stuffed with breakfast food!

Suicide Statistics.

[Toronto News.]
 An extraordinary fact has lately been observed in connection with European suicide statistics. There is a great increase of self-murder with the coming on of spring. There is a rapid crescendo from March to June, and then an equally rapid falling-off, till business in midwinter becomes positively slow. The flippant will, of course, connect this with spring poetry and the seasons of the law-making bodies, but the explanation is insufficient. And to the serious it seems a peculiarly terrible fact that when God's fair earth is at its very fairest, more men should choose to quit it for the unknown than at any other time. It must be a bitter mind in which a man can look on an English (or a Canadian) meadow in May and not find life desirable.

No "This Is So Sudden" for Him.

[Houston Post.]
 Miss Passee—Don't you love ancient ruins, Mr. Kajones?
 Kajones—I'm a married man, Miss Passee.

Justifying Prophecy.

[Boston Traveler.]
 President Baer insists that there will be renewed labor trouble in the coal region. It will not be his fault if his prediction does not come true. He is doing all that lies in his power to forestall trouble.

How Could She?

[Philadelphia Press.]
 "Strange," said he to his partner during the waltz, "I remember when I was about 16, I solemnly promised my Sunday school teacher that I would never learn to dance."
 "And yet they say," she replied, "that a boy at that age can never make a promise and stick to it."

A Cold Fact.

[Smart Set.]
 The Cannibal King (his teeth chattering)—What was it you served with the last meal? I've had a prolonged chill ever since.
 Royce Cook—That, sire, was a female missionary from Boston.

A Blessing for the Blessed.

[Lawrence Alma-Tadema.]
 When the sun has left the hilltop,
 And the daisy-fringe is furled,
 When the birds from wood and meadow
 In their hidden nests are curled,
 Then I think of all the babies
 That are sleeping in the world.
 There are babies in the high lands,
 And babies in the low,
 There are pale ones wrapped in furry
 On the margin of the snow;
 And brown ones naked in the isles
 Where all the spices grow.

And some are in the palace,
 On a white and downy bed,
 And some are in the garret,
 With a clout beneath their head;
 And some are on the cold, hard earth,
 Whose mothers have no bread.

O, little men and women,
 Dear flowers yet unbloom!
 O, little kings and beggars
 And the pipsqueaks yet unborn!
 Sleep on, and dream pale dreams now,
 Tomorrow is your own.

Though some shall walk in darkness,
 And others in the light,
 Though some shall smile and others weep
 In the silence of the night,
 When life has touched with many hues
 Your souls now clear and white.

God save you, little children,
 And make your eyes to see
 His fingers pointing in the dark
 Whatever you may be,
 Till one and all, through life and death,
 Pass to eternity.

Matrimonial Dyspepsia.

[Philadelphia Public Ledger.]
 "Well, how do you like married life?" inquired the friend.
 "Not at all," replied the man who had married money and was suffering from it. "I'm a case of matrimonial dyspepsia."
 "Matrimonial dyspepsia?"
 "Yes, she never agrees with me; she's too rich."

NEW ATLANTIC FERRY

Daring French Aeronaut to Cross in a Balloon.

Paris, May 18.—Mr. Lecornu, the writer on engineering topics, says that Louis Godard is now actively preparing to cross the Atlantic by balloon. The scheme was first talked of in the spring of 1901, but was postponed on account of financial obstacles. These have been overcome, and Godard is in course of construction. Godard is constructing a balloon ninety-four feet in diameter. It will be able to support a weight of 28,000 pounds. The basket will have two stores and will carry eight smaller balloons. Godard is at the head of the undertaking and will be assisted by several other French aeronauts. Besides great quantities of provisions, scientific apparatus, etc., the balloon will carry a steam engine, a boiler, a kerosene motor. Godard has secured \$50,000 for his enterprise and says he has enough.

He will start from New York at a time of the year when the Atlantic Ocean is swept by west, northwest, and southwest winds. He expects to move at a velocity of about thirty miles per hour, which would mean ten days' travel. But as there may be delay, provisions for at least forty days will be taken. Godard has been devoted to aeronautics since his earliest youth, and is one of the most daring and successful men in the



SIR CHARLES DILKE,
 Who Suggested the General Naval Disarmament, and Who May Shortly Lead the English Liberals.

G. N. W. REACHING OUT

Additional Wires Erected Over All the Main Routes.

Toronto, May 18.—Mr. H. P. Dwight, president and general manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, has just returned from New York, where he had been for the purpose of consulting with Col. R. C. Clowry, president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in regard to various matters in the interest of their respective companies, between which there is an exclusive connection.

The Western Union Company is now the largest telegraph system in existence, with considerably over 1,000,000 miles of wires and nearly 25,000 offices, controlling two American Atlantic cables from New York City to Penzance, England, also connecting with four Anglo-American and one direct United States Atlantic cable, with direct communication with Germany and France, and connecting with cables of the Mexican, Central and South American telegraph companies, with direct communication with Havana, Cuba, and all points in the West Indies.

Since the recent appointment of Col. Clowry to the presidency of the Western Union Telegraph Company, extensive improvements have been made in the system, and additional facilities provided for the increasing business, special attention being given to Canadian connections, the principal offices and stock exchanges in Canada and the United States being connected with direct wires, with all the latest improved machinery for conducting the business. The G. N. W. Company have, during the past year, erected additional wires over all the main routes to meet the demands of both commercial and railway business, and arrangements have been made for the erecting of additional wires during the coming season to meet the increasing demands of both local and international business.

Fishermen Drowned.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 18.—Joseph Christian and William Williams, two lobster fishermen, each aged 30, and unmarried, were drowned Saturday. The men were returning from their traps when a squall struck their boat and capsized it, and as neither of them could swim they soon sank.

Exiles for Montreal.

New York, May 18.—Among the passengers on the steamer La Champagne, which arrived today from Havre were 40 exiles, 20 men, 10 women, 4 sisters and 60 brothers, the latter, with two exceptions, being young students. Forty-six of the boys go to Montreal, N. J.; the others will go to Montreal.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

May 18 at New York—Island, from Copenhagen; Belgavia, from Naples; Etruria, from Liverpool; St. Paul, from Southampton; Cedric, from Liverpool; Arcadia, from Hamburg; Chemnitz, from Bremen; Duca di Galliera, from Genoa; Furnessia, from Glasgow; Marquette, from London.

At Montreal—Roman, from Antwerp; Norman, from Liverpool; Manchester, from Liverpool; Boulogne—Noordam, from New York.

At St. John's—Scythia, from New York; At Philadelphia—Westernland, from Liverpool; At Father Point—Dominion, from Liverpool; At Queenstown—Cymric, from New York.

At Liverpool—Bovic, from New York; Umbria, from New York; At Moville—Bavarian, from Montreal.

COURTING DANGER

It is courting danger to stand under a tree. Not a few have learned this to their cost. Every winter injury and even deaths are reported as the result of this carelessness. But there is a far more popular way of courting danger. Every man or woman who neglects a cough is inviting sickness, and many a fatal sickness has its beginning in a slight cough.

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