

The Planet.

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PARTYISM AND OFFICE HOLDING

Mr. J. S. Willison writes editorially in the Toronto News:—

Office holding and Liberalism are not synonymous terms. If they were, or if the perpetuation of Liberal principles depended upon the continuance in office of those who profess them, there would be ample justification for spelling F-I-G-H-T slowly and in capital letters, and perhaps even of dodging and running away in order the better to live and fight another day. It is important that Liberals should hold office at least part of the time. But perhaps it is equally important that they should be out of office now and then during the course of half a century or so. In the long run the stretch of years between 1878 and 1896 did the Liberal party in Dominion affairs a world of good. During those years there was little or no room for suspicion of the motives of the men who expounded and preached Liberalism. But if those years in the political wilderness were productive of strength in the Liberal Opposition, they were productive of the opposite quality in the ruling party—with the consequence that when the deluge came every bulwark and fortification was swept away, and the Conservative party was left to build from the foundation. On the one hand was the natural reward of plain living and high thinking, and on the other the natural penalty of high living and plain thinking. And the signs are not wanting that the natural causes, the results of which we have seen at Ottawa, have for some time been in operation at Toronto.

It would be better for our public life if the parties changed sides more frequently than has been the fashion at Ottawa and Toronto since Confederation. The shorter the tenure of office the greater the virility left in the party, and as a consequence, the earlier the return. Long tenure of office brings dry rot on the inside and parasites on the outside. The application of the iron hand would bring about the only cure—a term of opposition—but that would have no terrors for statesmen who were in politics only for the service they could be to the state.

It is too late, surely, for Conservatives to speak to Liberals, or for Liberals to speak to Conservatives, as pirates or idiots. Either party is perfectly competent to govern this Province, and the country will not go to the "demonition bow-wows" whichever party is in office.

CAPTAIN MORRISON'S DREADFUL FIX.

Ottawa Citizen.

This is the spring term when the editor must a-courting go.

THAT UNDERSTANDING.

It is just like this: The Ontario opposition is always sure of having a minority present in the house, but the Ross government is never sure of having its majority present. Then what is the use of an "understanding" except to bunco the opposition into a perpetual state of minority?

Courtesy at Home.

On the woman of the house, the wife and mother, more than on any one else, depends the extent of courtesy and good manners of the members of the household. It goes without saying that she molds the manners of the children; but in most cases she also does those of her husband, for he will, sensibly or insensibly, live up to her standard, and to her expectations of him.

Should she, in the endeavor to save time and "bother," reach across the table in front of others, or fail in the hundred of ways possible to accord to husband and children any of the little courtesies of act and speech that would be shown the stranger, what chances of culture in fine manners are lost?

Perhaps the most trying meal is the breakfast. Unless the mother is "fore-handed," this meal is apt to be spoiled by haste. The inclination of the average individual is to stay in bed until the last moment, then scramble to work or school as best he or she can. The mother ought to prevent this. The household must be roused early, the meal must be on the table in time, a neat appearance of the various members must be insisted on, and tales of woe as to aches and pains, sleepless nights, or bad weather, are to be cheerfully suppressed, or skillfully switched on to other lines. It would take a paragon of all the virtues to do these things, but that is what the ideal wife and mother must be.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

WALLACEBURG

Much damage has been done around Wallaceburg during the past few days. The country being badly flooded. The families living near the pump house are said to be the heaviest losers, some farmers losing nearly all of their stock, the families were compelled to live in the second story of their houses until help came by boat to them.

The loss of Mr. Michael O'Neil is reported to be about \$1200, also that of Mr. J. S. Fraser.

In Wallaceburg a number of families were compelled to move out of their homes. The streets around the Methodist Church being completely covered with water and only passable by boat.

All living near the river suffered loss to some extent. The bridges were in danger and the railroad tracks between Wallaceburg and Wallaceburg in some places completely washed away.

McNamee Bros., also J. E. McDougall lost heavily in their lumber yards.

On account of no service being held in the Methodist Church on Sunday there was very large congregations at the Baptist, St. James and the Presbyterian Churches.

Mrs. Laird, of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. W. D. McRae.

Special services will be held in the churches next Sunday, being Easter.

Miss Lillian Warren, of Detroit, has been engaged to assist in the Presbyterian Church.

A SPRING MESSAGE

To All Who Are Weak, Easily Tired and Out of Sorts.

Spring should be the most joyous season of the year. It is the harbinger of sunshine, and birds and flowers; it breathes of freedom and out-of-door life. But, unfortunately, there are thousands who cannot enter into the spirit of the season. Close confinement during the long winter months has left them weak, dispirited and oppressed; the appetite is feeble; the blood is sluggish with impurities; the eyes lack the lustre of health; weariness and lassitude have taken the place of vigorous energy. What is needed at this season by such people is a health-renewing blood-making tonic—something that will send new, rich, red blood coursing through the veins, bring brightness to the eye, a healthy appetite, and a clear skin free from pimples and eruptions.

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JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Mr. Cornell is G.T.R. operator here at present.

The P. S. closed on Tuesday for Easter vacation.

The overflow of the Thames is the chief topic of interest to all our citizens.

The river is clear of ice from the mouth of Jeannette's Creek to the lighthouse.

This is the worst wash out ever experienced on the river. About noon Sunday the Dauphin Scheme began to fill with water. Men are patrolling the east banks

of the Forbes drainage works, and both pumps are running day and night. There are several reports of farmers having horses and cattle drowned. Farmers in the Dauphin Scheme have moved out. It is reported that the Methodist services will be changed, having an evening service every alternate Sunday and thus giving Providence a morning service on alternate Sundays. This arrangement if carried out will give general satisfaction. Rev. Mr. McCormick was in Chatham Friday evening to hear the address on Julius Caesar.

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HIS EXPERIENCE

Andrew Barner, Lot 4, Con. 5, Dover South, was in the city to-day. Mr. Barner has had a very exciting and unpleasant time over the high water. Back of Pain Court village the fields are flooded and along the Winter line from Pain Court to the river, the water is over the roads, the water being up to the sides of the rigs. Mr. Barner lives west of Pain Court about 3 miles and has had his troubles with the water. Sunday morning the water was up to the house and in the stables. You could go right into the barn with a boat. The horses and calves were standing in the icy water, while the pigs had taken refuge on a pile of refuse. He waded in and took the horses out one at a time, and had to swim each horse 40 rods to high ground. Mr. Barner was with his stock till five o'clock Sunday afternoon on the ridge in his wet clothes. At this time Alex. St. Peter and Willis St. Peter came in a row boat. The family of Mr. Barner were taken off in the row boat. He hitched his horses to the wagon and drove three-quarters of a mile. In some places the horses had to swim, and so did the stock which were led behind. St. Peter's came in a canoe to appraise for help from both Mr. Barner and Alex. MacIntyre, who lives nearby. They attracted attention by firing guns and raising a flag of distress.

Since then Mr. Barner, Fred. Pinsonault and Theodore Jarvis have assisted in rescuing their neighbors. Only yesterday they took the family of William Rock out of their home into which the water had begun to come. At Herbert MacIntyre's, a platform was built yesterday on which his stock have been placed. Saturday Mrs. Alex. St. Peter signalled Mr. Barner and Mr. MacIntyre had no boat, but securing a watering tank, they pulled themselves along the barbed wire fence till they reached the house. They got the family out and swam the horses and pigs out to dry land. At this time Messrs. Barner and MacIntyre didn't think that the water would bother them. Sunday Mr. St. Peter returned the favor.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The annual banquet of Rob. Killop's class of the Victoria Ave. Methodist Sunday School was given by Mr. Killop last evening.

The young ladies of their class and friends numbered about 110 and all engaged a delightful evening.

The first part of the program was unique and enjoyable. Each gentleman had to get a number corresponding to his own. A picture gallery, as it was called, contained pictures of scenes and things representing the names of about forty of the young ladies present. The object was to see who could discover the most names represented by the pictures.

Miss Grace Irving proved most successful and was presented with a box of creams. The millinery opening came next. Tissue paper and pins were given each on present and could make the best hat. Miss Lillian Terry won the lady's prize and Miss J. Northwood the gent's. Frank McKeough and Miss Thompson, respectively, made the last presentations. Mr. Austin, of the bargain centre, who was present will no doubt sign a few of the most beautiful long prettily decorated tables by many pretty young waitresses, was done ample justice, a splendid toast list followed.

The Toast program follows:— Speech—Miss Nellie Clements. Speech—Ethel McFaul. Solo—Miss Annie Clements. Reading—Miss Estelle Braddon. Speech—Verna Craft. Speech—Lottie Pake. Chorus—Maple Leaf. Selection—The Orchestra. Presentation of book to Mrs. Malott for the pastor by Misses Thompson and Terry. Instrumental solo—Miss Grace Irving. Reading—Miss Annie Wilson. Address—Lindsay Perrott. Address—Frank McKeough. Speech—Miss Grace Craft. Address—Robert Campbell. Address—J.W. Humphrey. Address—Mrs. Malott. God Save the King.

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