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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

### THE CONSERVATIVES AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

Mr. Borden is to-day one of the most respected and popular members of the House of Commons and each day finds him growing more and more in the esteem and the regard of the people at large.

There is every reason why this should be so for he is a broad-minded man—one who while he ably and continually upholds the tenets of the party of which he is the distinguished head, never stoops to the petty and the unworthy tricks which unfortunately have become the main stock in trade of more than one of the so-called statesmen now holding public office in Canada.

Another striking instance of his true minded Canadianism has just been adduced.

Many people were surprised that at the recent session of the Dominion House the Government failed to pass any resolution with regard to the Chamberlain proposals, and some have criticised Mr. Borden in that as leader of the Opposition he did not introduce a resolution when the Laurierites omitted that plain duty.

Mr. Borden now avows that he went to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and offered the support of the Conservative members in a body if the Government would submit a resolution in support of Chamberlain's plan. He adds—

"But nothing was done by the Government, nor one word said by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to encourage Mr. Chamberlain by showing the people of the Mother Country what the feeling of the vast majority in Canada is concerning a policy calculated to bind the empire in a bond of commercial interest as well as of sentiment and mutual sympathy. Mr. Borden believed that Mr. Chamberlain's policy, if adopted, would result in the raising of the value of all farm property in Canada 25 to 50 per cent. If it were asked, Why had not the Opposition submitted a resolution favoring Imperial reciprocity he would say that it would not look well in Great Britain to see the proposition voted down in the Parliament of Canada. That might be a good thing from a party point of view, but he believed the interests involved in the success of the preferential trade far transcended those of party."

The entire incident is eminently characteristic of Borden and just as characteristic of Laurier whose Government, it will be remembered, was the last to offer assistance to the Mother Land, at the time of the Boer war and then did not take the step until forced by public opinion.

### POLITICAL CHALLENGING OF JURORS.

The Toronto Telegram directs public notice to the extraordinary use of Crown prerogative in the trial of W. H. Callaghan on the charge of theft from the Crossin Piano Co., when all Conservative jurors were challenged and the jury was practically packed against Callaghan. Now the parties to the quarrel are all Liberals, including Callaghan, but even a disgruntled Liberal is entitled to fair play in court, if that has not become an exploded notion under Ross Rule. The rule is that the defence is restricted to twelve challenges, whilst the Crown's right to challenge is unlimited, and that prerogative was exerted against seventeen Conservative jurors, the result being that a jury was got which promptly indicted Callaghan for stealing \$150.

The Telegram thinks that a variety of circumstances go to show that Callaghan was put on trial for dishonesty in order that he might be punished for making the affidavit which he did against Stratton, Johnston, Crossin and others, indicating crookedness in the deal whereby Crossin was enabled to buy Gurney's stock in the piano company. In fact the presence of politics in the trial was hardly disguised at all. The Callaghan side exhausted their twelve challenges to exclude Liberals from the box, but of course failed in the competition with the Crown's superior privilege, and so the Crown, in which guise the Liberals worked the game, won. Doubtless the Crown's challenging only stopped at seventeen Conservatives because the jury at that point had become satisfactory to the prosecution.

The incident furnishes another illustration of the bone of partisanship in this country. We have been accustomed to ballot boxes being rifled and Conservative ballots made away with, flimflammed or torped, and now

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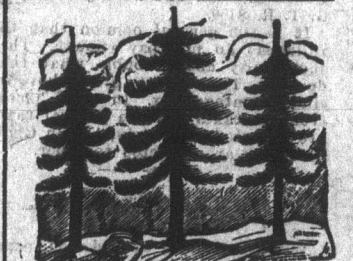
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the shield of the law is invoked for the purpose of emptying a jury box of Conservatives. This is a power which the Crown, which in this case means the Ontario government, has the legal right to exercise, but which, as exercised in the Callaghan case is a perversion of the ancient law of trial by jury. It is a power which was given the Crown for the ensuring a fair trial, not to be abused by being employed to pack a jury.

The Telegram properly comments on this extraordinary misuse of prerogative thus:

"Parties come and go, but principles endure forever. Judge Winchester missed a great opportunity when he treated the wholesale exclusion of Conservatives from the box as an unimportant detail which was offset by the limited exclusion of Liberals from the witness box. His Honor did not mention the name of Liberal or Conservative, but he did overlook the fact that there can be no true analogy between the unlimited power which the crown enjoys of telling every Conservative to stand aside and the limited power which the defence possesses of telling twelve political opponents to stand aside and of then taking its chances with the rest of the panel."

"This question will have to be brought in the Legislature. If the Government of to-day is determined to keep every Conservative off a jury that tries a case in which it is interested, the government of to-morrow may be determined to keep every Liberal off a jury in a similar case. The people should be determined that no matter whether the government be Liberal or Conservative, the right of trial by jury in political cases shall not be impaired by allowing a representative of a Conservative government to tell Liberals to stand aside or allowing the representatives of a Liberal government to tell Conservatives to stand aside."



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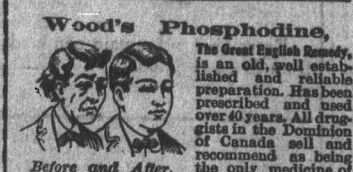
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### MAYORS ELECTED.

Results of Municipal Contests in Leading Western Towns.

Whitniper, Dec. 16.—Municipal elections took place Monday and Tuesday in the leading towns of the west. In many cases the elections have been by acclamation. The following Mayors were elected in towns where contests were held:—Indian Head, F. McKay; Whitehead, R. Streeton; Edmonton, Mayor Short; Red Deer, M. Love; Virden, Duncan McDonald; Winnipeg, J. Shaw; Neepawa, J. Brown; Souris, A. L. Young; Carman, T. J. Noble; Arlon, S. McQuirk; Strathcona, J. McKenney; Prince Albert, W. R. Gilmour.

### LESSONS ON CANADA.

Remarkable Statements Made in Text Books of English Schools.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Strathcona confirms in a letter to the Board of Education the complaint against the text books used in the board schools. The following are some of the quotations which it is sought to have corrected:—"Haymakers frozen to death in their tents," "Indians are now quite tame," "Places where hay-making has all to be done at night time because men dare not face the flies on hot days," "Salt is delivered in solid cakes to customers," "When once winter sets in the people are frozen up till spring."

### LADY GAVE UP PROPERTY.

John T. Wilson Hamilton Sued for Breach of Promise.

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—Mrs. H. Emerson of Burlington, widow of the late Mr. Thos. Emerson, a farmer of Nelson township, Halton County, has begun suit for \$5,000 damages against Mr. J. T. Wilson, jeweller, this city, for alleged breach of promise. The plaintiff alleges that on the understanding that Mr. Wilson was going to marry her in October last she signed away her rights in the estate of her late husband. She had been receiving an annuity of \$200, but as a result of the late Mr. Emerson's will would cause her to lose this if she remarried she effected a settlement with the heirs at \$200. The defendant is a member of the Board of Education and is a well-known locally. Mr. W. H. Wardrop, K.C., is the plaintiff's solicitor.

### The Engineer Killed.

Malvern, Iowa, Dec. 15.—The locomotive of the Burlington's Chicago-Denver limited train jumped the track near here to-day, and Engineer Knox, a veteran employee, was killed. The fireman and the passengers escaped with a few bruises. Men and women were thrown from their berths or chairs into the aisles, and a panic followed the crash. The cause of the accident is not known.

### TO FIGHT FOR JAPAN.

Many Canadians Offer Their Services.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Consul-General Nosse has received 22 applications from all parts of Canada from Canadians who are anxious to be allowed to enlist in the Japanese army should war be declared against Japan and Russia. "While applications have been received from all parts of Canada," says Mr. Nosse, "the greatest number are from Ontario. There are three from Toronto, three from London, one from Belleville, one from Strathroy, one from Bloomfield, and three from Ottawa. Others are from Montreal, Winnipeg, Halifax and other cities. The applications are from all classes of soldiers, from Lieutenant-Colonels to privates. The Toronto applications are from veterans of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, two of whom are now in the 48th Highlanders. Two of the applications from London are for positions as scout officers and the applicants, explaining why they are anxious to enlist, state that their opinion of the situation in the far east is that of all Britishers, that Japan should keep Russia out of Korea, just as England should keep Russia out of India." The applications have been forwarded to the Japanese Government.

### THE KAISER'S WRATH.

Crown Prince Confined to His Room for Three Days.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Crown Prince Frederick William was required by his father to remain in his room for three days for having raced in a steeple-chase against the Emperor's wish, and was reprimanded by the Emperor for riding up the steps of the Sanssouci Palace at the head of a company of the Guards, of which regiment he had recently been appointed Colonel. The Prince, while at Bonn University, was noted for driving tandem at full speed to see how close he could cut corners.

### Persians Defeated.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—Sanguinary conflicts between Persians and Turcomans are reported to have occurred on the Russo-Persian frontier. Fights between custom officers and Turcomans followed the establishment of Persian custom houses, and resulted in killings on both sides. The Governor of Astrabad, with a large body of troops, intervened, and refused an indemnity offered by Turcoman Khans. In the fighting which ensued both sides sustained heavy losses. Report says the Persian troops were defeated and retired to Astrabad.

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Christmas—At Single Fare, going Dec. 24th and 25th, returning 25th. At fare and one-third going Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.

New Years—Single Fare going Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 4th, 5th, and one-third, going Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.

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### DISTRICT DOINGS.

#### TILBURY

Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Larion are visiting in Kingsville.

The curlers have commenced practice at the rink.

E. Dore, of Hamilton, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. A. Laliberte returned to Detroit yesterday, after a visit with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Currier, Middle Road.

Editor Clark, of the Comber Herald, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vatcher left yesterday to visit relatives in Woodstock. Village Council met on Tuesday night and adopted the treasurer's annual statement.

A number from here attended an oyster supper at Valetta last evening, given by the A. O. U. W. Lodge. Mrs. Laplante, of Essex, was in town yesterday.

#### BETHEL

Mrs. Patterson, who received a severe shock from a fall on the ice last week, is now on the mend.

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Men's Shirts—Fine Cambric Shirts, stiff or soft bosoms, in full range of latest patterns, guaranteed fast colors, special each, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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Men's Kid Gloves—Colors tans and beavers or red blood, wool lined, dome fasteners, special a pair 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Men's Mocha Gloves—in browns and greys, fine qualities, wool or silk lined, extraordinary values at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Men's Cardigan Jackets—Fine imported makes, elastic rib bound collar and cuffs, matchless values at each, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

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Men's Overcoats—Fine black all-wool Kersey overcoats, cut in latest styles, extra well tailored, best Italian linings, fly front, velvet collars, special at \$9.00.

Men's Overcoats—In fine grey frieze and covert cloth, pure wool, cut in latest fashion, thoroughly well tailored, best grade linings, special values at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00.

Men's Suits—At end-of-the-season prices—Substantial two-piece suits, extra well tailored, in range of desirable patterns, regular \$7.50, to \$3.50, clearing at \$6.00.

Men's Fine Pure Wool Tweed Suits—In range of choice patterns, regular \$3.50, \$9.50 and \$10.00, clearing at \$2.48.

Men's Fine Suits—Fancy worsteds, black and navy worsteds, and fine imported serges, correctly cut, superior workmanship, best grade linings, matchless values at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00.

Men's Odd Pants—in good solid tweeds, neat patterns, at a pair \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Men's Fine Pants—in all wool tweeds, and fine worsteds, large range of stylish patterns, well tailored at a pair, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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A LINEN BARGAIN FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS—63 only fine pure linen table cloths, rich satin finish, size 2 yards by 2 1/2 yards, in range of choice new patterns, a real bargain at \$2 each, special at \$1.50.

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Fine table linens, 2 yards wide, pure Irish linen, double damask, grass bleached, rich satin finish, in range of new designs, excellent value at \$1.25 a yard, special at \$1.00.

SILKS AT HALF PRICE—300 yards silks, in taffetas, cords, foulards, sarahs, etc., in choice range of stripes, checks, plaids and new floral designs, regular 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, clearing at 35c.

Silk Moultins—Rich firm quality, bright finish moultins, colors cream, old rose, castor, navy, blue and myrtle, suitable for drop skirts or petticoats, regular 50c, special at 35c.

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New tapestry and chenille curtains, in large range of choice designs, rich colorings, heavy fringed ends, special at a pair \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

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The League on Thursday will be led by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Downe. The subject is, The Report of the Convention.

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### DEATH OF FR. MURTY.

Third Victim of Ottawa University Fire.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Death claimed a third victim from the Ottawa University fire at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Rev. Father McGurty passed away. The rev. gentleman's injuries consisted of severe burns about the face, chest and hands. He also inhaled a quantity of smoke, and as he had weak lungs serious doubts have all along been entertained as to his recovery. The deceased clergyman was only 25 years of age. He was born in Lowell, Mass., and spent his novitiate at Tewksbury, Mass., after which he came to Ottawa. For the past four years he had been assistant at St. Joseph's Church. The dead priest had a sister in Lawrence and a brother in Philadelphia. The funeral will be held on Thursday, when Rev. Father Emery, rector of the university, will preach the sermon.

Our Water Wagon will make its annual run January 1. Applications for seats will be received from now on.

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