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—[PRINCE BISMARCK

London, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

-Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these

-The Toronto Empire asks the taxburdened electors of Canada to put up with the non-representative Senate at Ottawa because it only costs \$66,586 80 a year to run it. Supposing the sum spent were small, which it is not, is it not of just such unnecessary expenditures, and even smaller squanderings, many times repeated, that the enormous annual disbursement of public money is made up?

-The strength of the French-Canadians in the New England States is shown by the success of their candidates in the recent municipal elections. In Woonsocket, R. I., a French-Canadian has been elected mayor, and four others have secured seats the ccuncil. The new mayor, Mr. Pothier, is a supporter of the public school system. In Holyoke, Mass., out of twelve French-Canadian candidates, seven have been elected. In Chicopec, Haverhill, Northampton, Marlboro, Springfield and other towns several French-Canadians have also been elected.

-The Canadian Manufacturer has confessed that "a ring composed of a few sugar refiners seem to have a cinch by which they are raking \$1,000,000 a year out of the pockets of the consumers of the country more than they should be allowed to do." Will the Manufacturer, or any other "protectionist" journal tell us, by what honest process the sugar refiners or any other body of men should be enabled by law to make \$1,000,000, or any other sum, large or small, out of the pockets of the consumers, without returning value, dollar for dollar.

-At the last meeting of the London City Council some discussion of an acrimonious character took place upon the vote of a gratuity of \$25 to the reporters of the city papers who have during the year chronicled the proceedings of the board for their respective journals. While this class of recognition of labors faithfully performed has been customary in this and other cities for many years, it is hardly necessary to say of the North can be lived up to by natives that neither the ADVERTISER management nor the proprietors of this journal have ever countenanced the receipts of honorar- be political leader insults them or theirs. ivie boards of iums by its reporters from from any other source. Our reporters are paid salaries commensurate with the labors they are called on to perform and the financial resources of this journal, and if the City Council choose to augment that income, even to the smallest degree, it is entirely a matter between the aldermen and the individual reporter. That the reporters have been zealous in the discharge of their auty, and fearless in its performance, is demonstrated by the fact that they have earned the ill-will of the mayor because they have sought to attend and report all meetings of the council and its committees, whether held in the open or in secret rooms with tyled doors. In that they have but done their duty,

-Dr. William Erb, the famous psychologist, of the University of Heidelberg, has just delivered, on the occasion of the anniversary of that institution, a lecture dealing with the question why growing nervousness is one of the features of our century. Prof. Erb said:

"As the nervous system represents the basis of the whole vital energy, it is natural that all the events of life must affect it, and the great revolutions in political and economical, in social and religious life, and in scientific and artistic aims, could not fail to have a strong influence on the mind and brain of man. The most intense and common forms of nervousness are hysteries which is also increasing among the male sex—hypothrondria, and, above all, neurathenia. No organic or anatomic change in the nervous system has been proved by these diseases. They only represent abnormal conditions of the mind and brain. Neurasthenia is a disease peculiar to the educated classes, originating in over-exertion of the brain. Overburdening of the mind begins in the grammar school and is increased by the method of teaching employed by philologically rather than on forms of nervousness are hysteries-

pedagogically educated masters. Added to this, the time necessary for reating the mind and for the development of the beddiy health is much too short. Youth enjoys too early the pleasures of society life, which more and more tend to over-excite the nervous system. Poetry has deteriorated to gross materialism, music has become too loud, even painting does not hesitate to show us the ugliest sides of human life. The pursuit of science is now exhausting by its being split up into so many branches. The trader and merchant is exposed to all sorts of excitements and shocks. Added to the excitement of one's profession are the hurry of iffe, the restlessness which finds expression in traveling, and, above all things, the greater part of the population is engaged in political, social and religious struggles. All these things must have a baneful effect upon the human mind, and there is no doubt that the increase of neurasthenia is a consequence of modern life, though it cannot be denied that a certain inherited predisposition is necessary for its growth."

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ALDERMEN IN SEARCH OF LIGHT. As the contract for lighting the streets of London have been let for another year, it seems to us that it would be better for the dermen to withdraw the electric lighting bylaw, and concentrate their energies on the Grand Trunk bonus bylaw.

Through one case or another, the con

sideration of the proposed purchas has been delayed until too late a period, and we have never known the people to vote money for any bject that they do not fully comprehend. How can they know all about civic electric lighting-good though civic ownership in itself is-if the mayor and aldermen are themselves not fully seized of the facts? As to the mayoralty and aldermanic trips at the expense of the tenderers, the ADVER-TISER must disapprove of them, in so far as they interfere with the promotion of the all-important Grand Trunk bonus bylaw, upon which the efforts of the aldermen should be concentrated. If manufacturers desire to pay the expense of the mayor and aldermen to witness their workmanship in other cities, and if aldermen accept such favors, that is their looko . On their record in dealing with the tenderers, on their work at the council board, must these men be judged. It is easy for anonymous scribblers to impute motives and to charge that our fellow-citizens can be bought, by a railway pass or a free lunch, to do grave and criminal injustice to the taxpayers We refuse to join in the outcry, at all events till the result of the trips abroad are made public, though we do affirm that it is a safe principle for members of public bodies to accept no favors from anyone likely to have dealings with them in an official capacity.

What we object to is the expenditure of valuable time on a scheme that is bound to fail until the people have more time to consider it in all its bearings, and the incidental neglect to boom the proposal to have all the G. T. R. carshops concentrated

INSULTING THE SCOTCH.

Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, who has been getting into all sorts of trouble since he usurped the Conservative leadership in the Legislature, is in a worse plight than ever. He has been sneering at the Scotch as a "bare-legged" race. Perhaps he does not know that that stalwart element in the Canadian population, while not thinskinned, have legs that, bare or covered, can kick when they are insaited or mis represented, and that the national motto of Scotland or their descendants resident in Canada whensoever any upstart would-

A SCHOOL EXPERIMENT.

Toronto School Board is this year er gaged in an experiment which will be closely watched by other educational bodies. The trustees, on the suggestion of the inspector, have decided to try a new system with a view to abolishing the method of promotion by examination. The eystem which it is proposed to substitute is that of monthly examinations, to be held by each teacher, who will thus be able to judge at the end of the term which pupils have the best average capacity, and promotions will be made wholly on this average. If the new system has the effect of doing away with grinding up for examinations, often little better than mechanical performances, and in establishing solid understandings in the youth, the change will be an improvement. The smartest answerer of catch questions is not always the most fully intellectually equipped.

PERSONATION AND HOME VOTING. severely dealt with, yet a leading Conservative magistrate of Winnipeg allowed confessed personator to get out of the clutches of the law by admitting him to bail of small amount. Any attack on the ballot box by the agency of personators should be put down with a high hand, whether the personators are detected and caught, as is proposed to be done by the

THE GRAND TRUNK BONUS BYLAW BALLOT.



[Note.-This ballot is printed on green aper. Marked as above, it is in favor of granting a bonus to the G. T. R. Com pany to secure the concentration of their ear shops in this city.]

walking to the polls could not be devised How would it do to have voting papers sent to each elector in a constituency, with the request that he mark the nominee whom he prefers, and forward the paper to the returning officer? Under that system, the personator would cut a small figure, and it has other advantages if voting occurs in the busy holiday times,

ARE WE IMPROVING? Rev. Mr. Hossack, of Parkdale, recently delivered an able address touching more particularly upon the management of public affairs. He was specially severe in his strictures upon partisan newspapers and upon partisan members of the community. No doubt there are grounds for his condem

nation. But if Mr. Hossack is old enough to remember what was occurring 20 or 25 years ago, and even in later times, he mus onfess that a great change for the better has taken place in the present generation. Reforms are not brought about in a day; they are of gradual growth. It is in the memory of middle-aged men when the various sections of the Protestant Church were wont to have sermons at and against ach other. That has all but passed away, but there are still occasional tiffs between the Protestant and Catholic bodies. Extreme party or sectional spirit is to be con demned wether it appears in the world or

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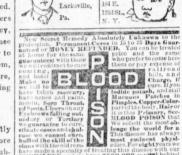
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