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Our Municipal Policy—XV.

15. Steps should be taken to establish an art gallery and museum.
Shakespeare tells us there are"Tongues in trees, books in the running
brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in every-
thing."And if we but catch his meaning, and
keep our eyes about us, as we go
through the world, if we but cultivate
and use the powers of observation, we
can from day to day add much both to
our knowledge and our pleasure.We favor the establishment of an
art gallery and museum. Emerson
says, "Beauty is the creator of the
universe," and it is certain there are
many beautiful things in the universe.
It is equally certain that most people
have in them a love for the beautiful,
even though they lack the means
and opportunity to gratify their tastes
in that direction. In very many ways,
this fact is plainly brought out. Many
a house of little pretensions gives evi-
dence of taste. Many a woman spends
as much time over a few little flowers
as over much else beside, simply because
she loves them. And who is there that
does not like to look at a good picture?Pictures are expensive. A public art
gallery would enable all to have the
benefit of more expensive pictures
than they can afford to buy, and would
cause those bought privately to be of
a higher order of merit. We believe
there are many things which the public
may procure for the benefit of all,
that would be beyond the reach of all
except the very rich. The whole educa-
tional system of Canada is an argu-
ment in favor of this contention. We
have advocated for the same reason,
public parks, playgrounds and baths;
and, in fact, it may be laid down as
a rule that wherever anything can be
kept or procured for the public good,
it is desirable that it should be so
kept or procured. Keep as much as
you can in common.Nearly all large cities have art gal-
eries and museums, which goes to
show that money is required to procure
them, and that they are beyond the
reach of small cities. There used to
be an art gallery in the then compara-
tively small city of Rochester a few
years ago—"The Powers Gallery"—
which more nearly resembled what we
would advocate for London than the
larger and more pretentious galleries.
The one at Rochester contained many
choice works of art suitable for private
homes.The opportunity for London comes
with its Normal School. Toronto has
an art gallery in connection with the
Normal School. Why not London?
Ottawa has the commencement of what
will some day doubtless be a fine gal-
ery; and the one in Detroit is fast
growing in importance. There is,
however, we believe, not likely to be
two opinions about the desirability of
what we propose, if it can be shown to
be practicable, as we believe it is.We believe it to be practicable. The
building is there. That is usually one
of the difficulties. The Government
might also help. There are many in
London among London's well-to-do
citizens who are lovers of art, and
would cheerfully contribute, and a
gallery once established would grow
from year to year. Lowell says,
"There is no work of genius which has
not been the delight of mankind,"
and once established a good gallery, and
there would soon be in it many works
to delight the citizens of London, and
to educate even lovers of art up to
the highest ideals. It may be their
ideals are not low even now, but in
this respect we are always growing.
What pleases or satisfies us this year
may not the next, and it has been well
said,"Too low they build who build beneath
the stars."

Mr. Sifton.

Meeting the strongest man that the
Conservatives could put up, in a con-
stituency that had never been any-
thing but Conservative, Mr. Sifton
carried every section of the rid-
ing. Moreover, he worked in-
defatigably in the interests of other
Liberal candidates in various parts of
Manitoba and the Territories, and was
rewarded by seeing a larger Liberal
contingent elected than ever before.
The hard work of the campaign was no
sooner over than the Liberals
throughout the country, irrespective of
locality, gave spontaneous expression
to the all-pervading desire to show
their resentment of the cowardly and
un-British tactics with which the Min-
ister of the Interior had been assailed
for so long. Receptions and banquets
have been tendered to him in every di-
rection, and the people of the east are
not satisfied until he has gone among
them, even to the Atlantic seaboard
to personally receive their expressions
of confidence and encouragement. From
the experiences of Messrs. Sifton and
Tarte, it would almost seem as if Op-
position abuse was the surest passport
to popular approval.

Canadian Imperialism.

The following observation, credited
to Lord Strathcona a few days ago, is
worthy of all possible publicity. Speak-
ing of inter-imperial relations, he
said: "If imperial federation means
legislation for Canada by a Parliament
sitting at Westminster, Canada is not
ripe for it yet; if it means unswerving
devotion to the mother country in
peace or in war, we are federated al-
ready. Any discussion of imperial fed-
eration must necessarily be cloudy in
the absence of any specific definition
of its scope. In the abstract, it may
safely be said that the idea is growing
in popularity among the Canadian peo-
ple. Their report in the South African
war may be regarded, I believe, as hav-
ing proved that while one cannot fore-
cast to what limit they might refuse
to go in participating in foreign com-
plications in which the Dominion has
no direct interest, the resources of
Canada would always be as readily
pledged for the Queen as they have
been. An alliance that rests on natu-
ral bonds of commercial interests
and devotion, has advantages that no
formal compact could supply. Such an
alliance between Canada and Great
Britain is welding itself stronger every
day."

The Result in the West.

What a splendid triumph the Gov-
ernment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has
scored west of Lake Superior in the
growing districts which embrace that
magnificent section of the Dominion!
Prior to the general election, the
country was told by Sir Charles Tupper,
sen. and jun., and by Hon. Hugh
John Macdonald, that west of the
Great Lakes the Liberals would not
carry a single seat—that even the
Minister of the Interior was doomed
to defeat by the ex-premier of Mani-
toba, who was prevailed upon to give
up his post in order that he might
down the young minister.Well, the elections have come and
gone, and despite the despicable racial
outcry raised by the Tupperes, who
sent for Hon. Clarke Wallace to still
further emphasize their anxiety to win
the two seats in Burrard and Yale by
its agency, these seats have been car-
ried by large majorities by supporters
of the Liberal Government.The result in the Western constitu-
encies in brief is as follows:

MANITOBA.	
Liberal.....	3
Conservative.....	4
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.	
Liberal.....	4
Conservative.....	0
BRITISH COLUMBIA.	
Liberal.....	3
Labor and Liberal.....	1
Conservative.....	2
Total.....	17

In Manitoba we have counted Lis-
gar among the Conservative seats, as
the opposition supported the winner,
and we have counted Puttee, of Win-
nipeg, for the Liberals, as they sup-
ported him and the Conservatives
favored his opponents. The standing
of parties in Manitoba will no doubt
be reversed by the courts, as at poll
No. 19 in Provencher enough Liberals
were disfranchised by the illegal ac-
tion of a deputy returning officer to
change the seat into the Liberal
column. But even granting, for the
time, Provencher to the opposition, we
find that west of Lake Superior the
Liberals and Labor candidates favor-
able to Liberal principles, have car-
ried 11 out of the 17 seats, and have
carried the West by a very large popu-
lar majority. In such constituencies
as Alberta, where a very large num-
ber of new settlers have gone in with-
in the last few years, the Liberal
candidates have polled enormous ma-
jorities. Mr. Oliver had a majority of
1,174; Mr. Davis, of Saskatchewan,
761, and Hon. Mr. Sifton, whose de-
feat was sought for with a virulence
that knew no bounds, was returned
by the magnificent majority of 669.
Taking it all over, the popular vote
in favor of the Government numbered
a good many thousands. And this in
a portion of the Dominion where the
prophets of evil had declared the Gov-
ernment would not be permitted to
carry as much as one seat!The Liberal majority in the Canadian
House of Commons may be set down
at 50 or over, and it will grow if the
Opposition forces on a war of protests,
as they threaten to do.Before leaving for the West, Sir
Charles Tupper said he wished to be
regarded as dead to politics in Canada.
But no sooner did he get to Winnipeg
than some unwise friends advised him
to go to British Columbia, and help to
elect Conservatives in the two elections
then approaching. The candidates
whose cause Sir Charles espoused be-
ing snowed over, may we expect the
ex-leader to stay politically dead as he
promised, or may we hope that in fu-
ture vacancies the Government candi-
dates may have the advantage of his
opposition?Electric canal traction is likely to be
tried in Holland.The Cumberland accommodation for
Pittsburg, on the Baltimore and Ohio
Railroad, Saturday night crashed into
a United traction car filled with peo-
ple at Rankin. One man was killed,
his wife can hardly recover, his baby
was seriously injured, and a score of
other passengers were badly hurt.Twenty persons were injured in an
accident Saturday on the Philadelphia,
Washington and Baltimore Railroad,
at Gay's Ferry station. In West Phila-
delphia, an empty box car jumped
from the track and damaged several of
the passenger coaches on the express
train from Washington. Miss Emma
Dougherty and Miss Ella Little, both
of Chester, were dangerously injured.TRAGIC DEATH
AT A CIRCUSAwful Plunge Taken by a Trick
Bicycle Rider.The Affair May Have Been Suicide
Caused by Grief Over a
Girl's Death.New York, Dec. 11.—With the eyes
of a thousand women and children fix-
ed upon him, and the thought of his
buried sweetheart in his mind, Joseph
B. Starck, a trick bicycle rider, in his
"Ride for Life," dived to death in the
armory of the 22nd Regiment Saturday
afternoon. For a moment after the
thrilling dive was accomplished a dead-
ly silence reigned in the great drill
room, and then as the enormous crowd
began to realize that something not
on the programme had happened, it fol-
lowed a wild scene of confusion,
panic and excitement.Women, grasping their children in
their arms, fled to the exits, and but
for the presence of mind of the few
policemen in the building and the con-
duct of the National Guardsmen, who
quickly realized the necessity for
prompt action, another horror would
probably have been added to the al-
ready long list for 1900.The 22nd Regiment armory, at Sixty-
eighth street and Broadway, was com-
fortably crowded for the maine of the
"Old-Fashioned Country Circus,"
many women taking their children to
the quaint performances given by the
members of the regiment.

"A RIDE FOR LIFE."

On the bill was a "Ride for Life," by
Joseph B. Starck, described as a ride
on a bicycle down an inclined plane of
200 feet from the roof of the center of
the hall, and then a dive from a bi-
cycle to a tank of water 75 feet below.
The tank is about 15 feet square, con-
taining water three feet, six inches
deep.By long practice Starck had accus-
tomed himself to diving and turning
as he struck the water, so that he
would barely touch the bottom of the
tank. The bicycle from which he dived
as he reached the end of the plank
would run off the inclined plane and
fall off into a net placed below to re-
ceive it. The act is thrilling, and has
been seen many times at local vaude-
ville houses and summer resorts, where
the plank runway was built so that
the dive could be made directly into
the ocean.

WAVED FAREWELL.

Starck, promptly at 4:30 o'clock,
climbed up the ladder to the platform
near the roof of the building, where
the bicycle had already been placed.
There he stood for a moment testing
the ties of the bicycle. Then waving
his hand to the assembly below and on
every side of him, he leaped into the
saddle, and grasping the handle-bars
lightly, seemed to shoot down the in-
cline.

A LEAP TO DEATH.

The spectators, closely watching him,
were almost breathlessly silent as they
saw the young athlete leave his wheel
with hands clasped over his head and
shoot through space in a direct line for
the tank. As Starck's body shot into
the tank and the water splashed over
the sides there was a sigh of relief,
followed a second later by a scream as
a sound was heard like the blow of a
heavy body against a hard substance.
Starck did not rise promptly, and a
Pomeranian dog, who was in the
charge of the police, realized that some-
thing had happened, and was the first
to look into the water. At the bottom
was Starck's body. There was no sign
of life.The proprietor of Starck's boarding-
house said he knew nothing of the
death of Starck's sweetheart, but a
young woman who overheard the con-
versation said that she knew that a
young actress, in whom he took a great
interest, had been buried recently.DISTRIBUTING THE
PATRIOTIC FUNDWhere Assistance Has Been Rendered—
Over \$300,000 Still Available.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.]

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the
Canadian Patriotic Fund Association,
reports were submitted showing 24
dependents of soldiers had been as-
sisted, and that 198 invalided soldiers
had also received assistance, to whom
payments amounting to \$25,367 and \$2-
25, respectively, have been made.
There was therefore \$37,790 expended
on relief, leaving a balance for distri-
bution of \$306,818.The committee has kept in view that
the larger part of the fund will be re-
quired for distribution at the close
of the war to widows
and dependents of deceased sol-
diers, and also to provide for soldiers
who have been permanently or tem-
porarily disabled while on service.Dr. Montizambert is appointed a
member of the committee.

DECEMBER DOG DAYS

Half a Million Dollars' Worth of Canines
on Show at Birmingham.London, Dec. 10.—Dog fancying is
now running horse racing close as a
fad with the most fashionable and the
wealthiest classes in England. At the
Birmingham show this week, an aver-
age provincial town exhibition, \$12,500

Before Using Cuticura Soap After Using Cuticura Soap

Face Humours

Pimples, blackheads, simple rashes,
red, rough hands, falling hair, and
baby blemishes prevented by CUTI-
CURA SOAP, a sure preventive of in-
flammation and clogging of the pores.Sold everywhere. Foreign Agents: F. HENRY & Co.,
London, E. C. 4. U. S. Agents: J. C. F. HENRY & Co.,
New York, N. Y. U. S. Agents: J. C. F. HENRY & Co.,
New York, N. Y.Grocery and
Crockery
Department
in the
Basement.

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

The
New Idea
Patterns,
10c.Blanket Sale
ExtraordinaryIn order to clear out our immense Blanket stock we offer without reserve the follow-
ing special bargains for this week's selling. You will readily see the magnitude of this
offering when we state that these goods were bought long before the raise in woollens.
Therefore the following quotations are not less than one-third off their actual value.

Blanket Bargain No. 1

15 pairs Heavy All-Wool Blankets, worth \$2.75,
for, per pair,

\$2.18

Blanket Bargain No. 4

8 pairs Heavy Large Size All-Wool Blankets,
worth \$4.25, for, per pair,

\$3.35

Blanket Bargain No. 2

22 pairs Heavy Large Size Woolen Blankets,
worth \$3, for, per pair,

\$2.38

Blanket Bargain No. 5

5 pairs Heavy Soft All-Wool Blankets, worth
\$3.50, for, per pair,

\$2.75

Blanket Bargain No. 3

28 pairs Extra Large Size Woolen Blankets,
worth \$3.25, for, per pair,

\$2.45

Blanket Bargain No. 6

7 pairs Heavy Large Size All-Wool Blankets,
worth \$4.75, for, per pair,

\$3.90

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co

208, 210, 210½ and 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

was given in prizes, and the total ex-
hibits are estimated as worth at least
\$50,000. Several dogs were priced at
\$50,000, among them the deerhounds,
Setwood Daouran, winner of fifteen
championships, and Rufford Bendor,
4 years old, owned by Mrs. H. Arm-
strong.The Duchess of Newcastle exhibited
three Russian borzoi, all champion
dogs and each valued at \$50,000, while
some Pomeranian collie, Armskirk Em-
erald, was priced at half that sum.The Princess Montgomerie showed
three collies, priced at \$50,000 apiece,
one winning a championship, while
dog, Woodcock Chinese, valued at the
same amount.In the mastiff class the champion,
Markham, was placed at \$50,000, while
some Pomeranian collie, Armskirk Em-
erald, was placed at half that sum.

Middlesex.

Elizabeth, wife of George Case, of
Canada, died Thursday evening in her
67th year.Mr. Neil Fletcher has sold a 100-
acre farm for \$5,000 to Mr. D. G. Gra-
ham, of Lobo.Mr. W. J. Wilson, of the 8th con-
cession of Missouri, passed away the
other day after a lingering illness.
Deceased had lived in Missouri for
many years. He leaves a widow and
family of grown-up children.On Thursday evening last the
friends and neighbors of Mr. Edward
Henderson, reeve of Adelaide, met at
his residence to bid farewell to him-
self, mother and sister, who were re-
moving to London. About 120 sat down
to supper, and after ample justice had
been done to luscious oysters and other
delicacies provided by the ladies, Mr.
Richard Brock, who was called to the
chair, introduced a programme, con-
sisting of speeches by County Council-
or James Bennett, Robt. Wilson, ex-
-reeve, H. Cuddy, ex-reeve, and
Wm. S. Bolton, councillor; also a song
by Mr. Nelson George, and a very
entertaining speech by Mr. E. Volkes,
of Strathroy, all of whom spoke in
very feeling terms of the regret they
felt at losing such kind friends. Mrs.
Henderson was presented with a
beautiful dinner set, and an appropri-
ate address was read by Mrs. D. Pen-
nington. Mr. E. Henderson replied in
behalf of his mother and sisters in a
very suitable manner.COWAN'S
ICING..

FOR CAKE.

All prepared ready for use.
A child can ice a cake in
three minutes.

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Railways and Navigation.

CANADIAN
PACIFIC
CHRISTMAS RATESReturn tickets will be sold as follows:
GENERAL PUBLIC at lowest one-way
first-class fare, Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, good re-
turning until Dec. 26, 1900. At lowest one-way
first-class fare and one-third, going Dec. 21, 22,
23, 24 and 25, returning until Dec. 27, 1900.TEACHERS AND STUDENTS at low-
est one-way first-class fare and one-third from
Dec. 8 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning
until Jan. 20, 1901. Between all stations in
Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Wind-
sor and East, to and from S. S. Marie, Mich.,
and Detroit, Mich., and to and from
Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, N. Y.COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS (on pre-
sentation of commercial travelers railway cer-
tificate) at lowest one-way first-class fare, going
Dec. 8 to 31, 1900, inclusive, good returning
until Jan. 7, 1901. Between all stations in
Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Wind-
sor and East.W. FULTON, city passenger agent, 161 Dun-
dus street, corner Richmond, London, Ont.
A. H. NOTMAN, assistant general passenger
agent, 1 King street east, Toronto.CHRISTMAS AND NEW
YEAR HOLIDAYS.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

Will issue EXCURSION TICKETS to all
Canadian stations, Detroit, Buffalo and Ni-
agara Falls, at SPECIAL FARE, leaving Dec.
22, 23, 24 and 25, returning 26th; and leaving
Dec. 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, 1901, returning Jan. 2,
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
21, 22, 23, 24, 25, returning Dec. 27, and leav-
ing Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, returning Jan.
2, 1901.FARE AND ONE-THIRD, leaving Dec.
21, 22, 23, 24, 25, returning Dec. 27, and leav-
ing Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1, returning Jan.
2, 1901.TEACHERS' AND STUDENTS' tickets
will be issued Dec. 8 to 31, good to return Jan.
20, 1901, at one fare and one-third, on presen-
tation of certificate from principal of school.COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS will be
issued tickets at single one-way regular fare,
Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, good for return until
Jan. 7, 1901.Call at the City Ticket Office, 335 Richmond
street, Phone 288, JOHN PAUL City Passen-
ger Agent, O. W. RUGGLES, General Pas-
senger and Ticket Agent.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

Christmas and New Year Holidays, 1900-1901

Between all stations in Canada, from all
stations in Canada to Detroit and Port Huron,
Mich., Port Covington, Bombay, Ind., Helena,
Massena Springs, Rouse's Point, N. Y., and
Iland Point, Vt. All stations in Canada to,
and from Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension
Bridge, and Niagara Falls, N. Y. GEN-
ERAL PUBLIC—Going dates and limits—At
Lowest One-Way First-Class Fare, Dec. 22,
23, 24 and 25. Ticket good returning from
destination not later than Jan. 2, 1901. At
Lowest One-Way First-Class FARE and one-
third, returning from destination not later than
Dec. 27, 1900; and also on Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, and Jan.
1, good returning from destination not later
than Jan. 3, 1901. SCHOOL VACATIONS—To
teachers and pupils of schools and colleges, on
presentation of certificate from principal of school.
Railway Certificate signed by principal.
Going dates and limits—At Lowest One-Way
First-Class FARE and one-third, returning from
destination not later than Jan. 20, 1901.
COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS—On presen-
tation of Commercial Travelers' Railway cer-
tificates for 1900. TRAVELERS—Between all
stations in Canada, from Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive.
Tickets good returning from destination not later
than Jan. 7, 1901. TICKETS—All tickets good for continuous pas-
sage only in each direction. Tickets and all
information from E. DE LA HOOKE, C. P. and
T. A. M. C. DICKSON, D. P. A.A law in Boston permits residents to
keep street musicians 200 feet from
their houses.

Railways and Navigation

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after Monday, Nov. 26, 1900,
the train leaving Union Station To-
ronto (via Grand Trunk Railway) at
10:00 p.m., connects with the Maritime
Express and Local Express at Bon-
aventure depot, Montreal, as follows:The Maritime Express will leave
Montreal daily, except on Saturday,
at 12 noon for Halifax, N. S., St. John,
N. B., the Sydneys, and points in the
Maritime Provinces.
The Maritime Express from Halifax,
St. John, the Sydneys and other points
east will arrive at Montreal daily, ex-
cept on Monday, at 5:30 p.m.The Local Express will leave Mon-
treal daily, except Sunday, at 7:40
a.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1:05
p.m.The Local Express will leave Levis
at 5:20 p.m., daily, except Sunday, due
to arrive at Montreal at 11:00 p.m.Through sleeping and dining cars on
the Maritime Express.The vestibule trains are equipped
with every convenience for the com-
fort of the traveler.The elegant, sleeping, dining and
first-class cars make travel a luxury.The Intercolonial Railway connects
the west with the finest fishing
streams, seaside resorts and tourist
routes in Canada.Tickets for sale at all offices of the
Grand Trunk System, at Union Sta-
tion, Toronto, and at the office of the
general traveling agent.WILLIAM ROBINSON, General Travel-
ing Agent, 10 King Street West,
Toronto.H. A. PRICE, Assistant General Pas-
senger Agent, 148 St. James Street,
Montreal.ALLAN LINE—For Liverpool,
calling at Merville.From From
Portland, Me. Jan. 1
Cochin Jan. 5
New York to Glasgow—Laurentian, Dec. 22,
10 a.m.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

First cabin, \$30 and upwards. Second
cabin, \$25 and upwards. Steerage, \$20
and upwards. New York to Glasgow, First cabin, \$4
and upwards. Second cabin, \$30. Steerage,
\$25. Reduction on first and second cabin
return tickets.London agents—E. De la Hooke, W. Fulton
and F. B. Clarke.

WHITE STAR LINE

New York to Liverpool via Queenstown

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
Winter Rates Now in Force."S.S. MAJESTIC".....Dec. 19, noon
"S.S. THUTONIC".....Jan. 2, noon
"S.S. CYMBIC".....Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m.
"S.S. GERMANIC".....Jan. 16, 12 noon
"S.S. MAJESTIC".....Jan. 23, 12 noon"Excellent Second Cabin accommodation
on these steamers."E. De La Hooke,
Sole Agent for London, "Clock" Corner
Inquiries made in Polynesian Islands,
in New Guinea and West Africa, indi-
cate that typhoid fever does not occur
in those regions, but seems to be a
by-product of civilization.