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THE BY-ELECTION IN EAST

HAMILTON.

A Labor candidate, Allan Stud-

holme, was elected in East Hamilton

yesterday for the Legislature over a

Conservative opponent by a majority

exceeding 800. The excited state of

public opinion over the recent street

car strike, and the general sympathy

with the employees, were influences fav-

orable to a Labor nominee, but the ex-

istence of Studholme's victory is a

surprise to all parties. No doubt the trade

unionists voted solidly for him, and he

received the support of Liberals who

took the trouble to go to the polls.

The late Mr. Carscallen, in the gen-

eral election of 1905, polled 3,273 votes

in the same riding. Mr. Scott yester-

day polled only 1,402. The total vote

yesterday was 3,743, and in the general

election, 6,008. These figures show that

many Conservatives with Labor sym-

pathies voted for Studholme, and many

were too indifferent or disaffected to

cast their ballots.

No member of the Ontario Govern-

ment spoke in Mr. Scott's behalf. Mr.

Scott made this impossible by his at-

tack upon the prison labor policy of

the Administration. The Central

Prison contract was the leading issue

of the contest, and in repudiating this

feature of the Government's policy, and

laying such emphasis upon it, Mr. Scott

may have forfeited the support of many

through-going Conservatives, without

placating the Labor element of the

party.

Admittedly, there were special cir-

cumstances conducing to Mr. Stud-

holme's election, and it is difficult to

base upon it any conclusion as to the

strength of the movement among the

working class for independent political

action. The successful candidate might

have fared differently had both old

parties been in the field. The Dominion

Trades Congress has declared in favor

of independent political organization,

and the contest in East Hamilton was

the first test. The result will no

doubt encourage the Labor party to

assert itself in the next federal and

provincial general elections.

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The trade and commerce returns of

the fiscal year 1906, ending June 30

last, show that the United States is

the country with which the Dominion

transacts the largest volume of busi-

ness. Great Britain, however, con-

tinues to be our best customer, as the

following table of exports for 1906

shows:

Great Britain

United States

West Indies

South America

Newfoundland

France

Australia

Germany

Belgium

China and Japan

Italy

Portugal

Spain

Other countries

The increases in exports over the

preceding twelve months were: Great

Britain \$31,000,000; the United States,

\$20,000,000; France, \$500,000; Germany,

\$700,000; West Indies, \$174,000, and

South America, \$540,000.

Canadians continue to buy more from

the United States than from all other

countries combined. The bulk of the

raw material for Canadian industries

is drawn from the United States, and

we import from that country a wide

range of manufactures, because it does

not pay to produce some of these at

home, and because American goods

are adapted to our tastes and wants

and are delivered upon short notice.

The geographical advantage of the

United States offsets our tariff favors

to Great Britain. The subjoined table

shows the value of goods imported from

various countries in 1906:

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PHILADELPHIA NOMEINCLATURE.

[New York Post.]

A young woman from Philadelphia was

visiting in this city recently. When asked

what she would like for breakfast she re-

plied:

"A few half-smokes and a plate of hick

are delicious. We have them once a

week at home."

Her hostess was puzzled by the unex-

pected answer. "Half-smokes and hick here,"

said the young woman, when asked to be

explicit. "I think you call them frank-

furters and bacon here."

HIS GREATEST TROUBLE.

[Philadelphia Press.]

It is not to the auto his

The horse his trouble owes;

Because, you see, his driver is

The source of all his "whoas."

BEHIND HER BACK.

[New York Sun.]

Mrs. Knicker—Does your husband say

things behind your back?

Mrs. Bocker—Only when he buttons my

waist.

JIMMY'S SCHEME.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"Jimmy's got a great scheme to get out

of school on these nice days."

How does he work it?

"He goes out and washes his face, and

the teacher thinks he's ill and sends him

home."

THE CARNEGIE REFORM.

[Washington Star.]

Your wealth, as through the land it

stalks,

A cheerful story often tells,

I like the way our money talks.

But can't quite see it when it spells.

STAGGERING.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"You look tired and haggard this morn-

ing, old man," said Digley.

"Yes," replied Luchman, "I made a

discovery last night that staggered me."

"You don't say? What was it?"

"A bottle of ten-year-old rye that I

didn't know I had."

SHE DID!

[Philadelphia Ledger.]

Bon! was a smooth one,

Bon! came to our house

An address for to reach.

She went to Bon! house

(Built at her expense),

Then she threw poor Bon! out

With less than thirty cents.

CHEAP AT THE PRICE.

[Cleveland Press.]

"What reckless spendthrifts the Ameri-

can millionaires are. Here's one who paid

\$40,000 for an oil painting.

"That's nothing. I know one who paid

\$20,000 for a photograph of a chorus girl."

"You don't say so?"

"Yes. She was sitting on his lap when it

was taken."

TOLD IN CONFIDENCE.

[Pilegande Blatter.]

Guest—Waiter, what do you mean by

this? You bring me the fish first, and the

soup after.

Waiter (confidentially)—To tell you the

truth, sir, the fish would not keep any

longer.

TWO SOULS WITH BUT A SINGLE

THOUGHT.

[Columbus Dispatch.]

"After all," remarked Mrs. Inswim,

"home is the dearest spot on earth."

"It is," answered her husband, who was

engaged in auditing the month's bills.

ADD TO U. S. NATIONAL ANTHEM.

[Buffalo News.]

(Cheerily dedicated to Gotham.)

O Gotham! 'Tis of thee

That most occurs to me,

Hence, thee I sing.

I love thee police court thrills—

Thy "foolish water stills"—

Thy cab and hotels bills—

Thou art THE thing!

I love thy myriad signs—

Thy "Abes" and "Rosesteins"—

Yet, I declare,

That I would like to see

Just one or two of those good old days,

Plain Bill Joneses, but, by gee,

There are none there!

GEORGE WAS WISE.

[Chicago Journal.]

Miss Maggy—I wonder if George knows

I have money?

Dear Friend—Has he proposed?

Miss Maggy—He has.

Dear Friend—Then he knows.

CONTRADICTION.

[Cleveland Leader.]

"Has your son arrived at years of dis-

cretion?"

"Oh, yes. He's about to be married."