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## REMEDIES FOR CORRUPTION.

A few days ago the Globe was proposing, as a remedy for corruption, the punishment and repudiation of all the bad men in the party, such as organized the cruise of the Minnie M. It now says that the chief responsibility rests on honest, respectable, high-minded citizens. They are so much occupied with their own concerns that they allow the corporation grafter, the political parasite and the heeler to get in their work. They must, therefore, frankly accept their responsibility for wrongdoing in their own party, for they have been guilty of neglect, though not of crime.

Both of these are good doctrines. The professional plugger and corruptionist ought to be sent to jail. The Globe might furnish us with a list of those who are languishing in prison for crimes committed on behalf of the Ontario Government or any other Government in Canada. The Attorney-General and all the Crown officers in Ontario belong to that party which, according to the Globe, is alone fitted to manage the affairs of the province because of its superior "traditions" and capacity. But they do not seem to have been very successful in punishing the bad men. When the Attorney-General was warned of the intended cruise of the Minnie M., he said he was not a policeman. Yet he is lauded by the Globe as an exemplary public servant.

We now pass to the good men of the party—of either party—the honest, respectable, high-minded citizens, whom the Globe censures. No doubt they are at fault. But how are they to be punished? They have been lectured about their public duties, repeatedly, and with little result. They were lectured after the West Elgin exposures. Six years afterwards comes the cruise of the Minnie M., planned for the purpose of saving this same Ontario, with its cherished traditions, its high ideals, and its singular capacity for government. The Globe's remedy of lecturing the good men and bringing them to a sense of their duties as citizens has failed.

There is one way of punishing all the members of a party, the good and the bad, the criminal, the negligent, the indolent, the good-natured. It is to turn the party out of power. The Globe says this is a superficial remedy. It is not a perfect remedy, because no such thing exists. Corruption will arise again, and must be fought again. The criminal, the indolent, the good-natured, negligent, we shall always have with us. It is quite right to put the criminal in jail, if you can catch him, and to stir the conscience of the indolent and the negligent. But under party government we must apply another remedy, which strikes at the party as a whole. We must compel it to submit to dismissal and defeat.

This remedy is not recommended as a panacea. But it is a standard political remedy. It brings to the whole party, as nothing else can, the sense that something is wrong and must be remedied. It tends to make the trade of the plugger unprofitable. It shows the honest public man that he cannot hold office by dishonest means, and that he must be vigilant as well as personally honest. It subjects the ordinary honest member of the party to the smart of defeat, and makes him think seriously of "reforming the party from within."

Finally, the Globe says that when men of character or intelligence in any constituency undertake to manage their own campaign work, the stranger from outside will find his occupation gone. This is a plain compliment to Mr. Hugh Clark of Centre Bruce, though the Globe does not mention his name; and it is well-deserved. Mr. Clark has shown us one way of lessening corruption. We must use all possible ways, and especially that way that we so dread and dislike in this country—the prompt and frequent turning out of office of governments by whom or for whom corruption is practiced.

## "TOLEDO" THE BURGLAR

Chief Holmes has received a photograph of Edward Edmunds, wanted for burglary at Coldwater, Mich. On examining the picture, he found that it was a photograph of the man Fred Birtson alias "Toledo" whom the police have under arrest here on the charge of burglary. They want Toledo pretty bad in Michigan but they need him worse here. There is a reward of \$25 for him on the other side but while the Maple City police look with longing eyes on that twenty-five, still they can't let the man go.

Watch lost—On Thursday last, on Queen Street, between Indian Creek and St. Joseph's church, a ladies' hunting-case watch in a VonGuten box. A reward will be paid for its return to The Planet office.

## COMPLIMENTS TO CREAMERY

Minister of Agriculture Says Chatham Butter is the Finest in the World.

Banquet Tendered at Hotel Garner Last Night—Other Speakers on the Toast List.

Nearly seventy guests, composed for the most part of the Liberal workers of the city and county, and members of the Board of Trade and the West Kent Agricultural Society, greeted Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, at the banquet given in his honor at the Garner House last evening.

The festive board was resplendent in its array of choice eatables, such as one would naturally expect to find in the central city of such a prosperous agricultural district as the County of Kent. Mine Host Edwards fairly quailed himself and his splendid menu was the subject of many complimentary remarks. Lorisman's orchestra furnished good music while the different courses were in progress.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, C. Austin, President of the Agricultural Society and the Chairman of the evening, welcomed the visitors and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He was sorry that more of the society were not present, but he had been unable to notify them. He thanked those present for their interest and co-operation, and also thanked Mr. Stephens for bringing Mr. Fisher here. He was pleased that the County of Kent had Mr. Fisher's attention for two whole days.

"We hear a lot to-day of the trans-continental route and expansion of Canada in that way, but what we need most and the paramount idea of the present age should be agricultural expansion."

He paid a very graceful tribute to our King, "Edward, The Peacemaker," and in a most fitting manner invited his guests to open the banquet with the toast to His Majesty, which was received with much enthusiasm and the singing of God Save the King.

Mr. Austin then read a telegram from James Clancy, sent from Saranac, who regretted that he was unable to attend. Mr. Austin himself had looked forward to Mr. Clancy's presence at the banquet. Much regret at his inability to be present was evidenced by everyone of the guests.

Canada, Her Parliamentary Institutions, was received with great applause and the singing of "The Maple Leaf."

The names coupled with this toast were George Stephens, M. P., James Clancy, M. P., and T. L. Pardo, M. P. Mr. Pardo was also absent and the name of Mr. Fred. Stone was substituted.

Mr. Stephens opened his speech by expressing the pleasure of himself and he felt, the whole city, at having Mr. Fisher present at the banquet. Mr. Fisher had promised Mr. Stephens last year that he would be here to open the Peninsular Fair this year and his presence was the fulfillment of that promise. Owing to the lateness of the evening Mr. Stephens curtailed his speech and went into an exhaustive address on the history of the Parliamentary Institutions from the time Canada was founded and then gave way to the speaker of the evening.

"We have a greater country here than any one imagines," said Mr. Stephens. "We have advanced to a larger extent than any other country in the world. Japan comes next and then the United States."

Capt. Stone was received with rounds of applause and from this it was seen that the substitution made at the last minute was a happy one. He made a very earnest and eloquent speech on the subject of his toast.

Canada, Her Agricultural Interests, was the toast which introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher made a lengthy address, chiefly to the farmers and concerning the farming and agricultural interests of the Dominion. He was glad that he was for one evening able to lay aside political struggle and meet with the people of Kent in a friendly social manner. He was sorry Mr. Clancy's friend was not able to be present, for it would have been pleasant to him at least to have the opportunity of meeting him and enjoying a social evening with him, when all political issues were put aside.

In days gone by Canada was known as "My Lady of the Snows," but now in the face of her agricultural developments she is better known to the outside world as "My Lady of the Sunshine." We have other great interests in Canada, such as mining, manufacturing, etc., but none of them are as extensive as the agricultural interests. We have as a basis fertility of soil and industrious workers on that soil, and upon this we have built up a great industry.

According to the last census there are one thousand millions of dollars worth of land in Canada in our agricultural interests, three hundred and ninety-five millions invested in farm buildings, two hundred and seventy-five millions in live stock, and one hundred and eighty millions in farm implements and tools, which means one billion and seven hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars invested in agriculture in Canada. It is the largest investment in any one interest in Canada and the money invested in all of the other interests does not equal it.

We have large portions of unoccupied soil and we are trying to bring a good class of men to our country to become our farmers. There is no fear of industrial difficulties if we add to our agricultural classes, during the last few years through immigration we have brought tens of thousands of farmers to our country who have settled in our great Northwest. I might add that we cannot import too many, for there are many farmers right in Ontario who would be pleased to see them coming to this the banner province of the Dominion.

But while Canada provides the bread and wheat for the Mother Country, Canada's agricultural interests are not confined to wheat alone. This is the minor feature in the agriculture of Canada. Hog raising is one of the most important features of Canada's agriculture. This year sixteen millions of dollars' worth of hams and bacon were shipped to Great Britain to nine millions' worth of flour and wheat, and thirty millions of butter to nine millions of flour and wheat. The export of hogs is far more advantageous to the farmer than the export of wheat, because in hog raising not so much of the fertility of the soil is sent out of the country in the article exported as there is in the case of wheat. The United States is decreasing in her exports of wheat and flour to the Old Country and Canada is increasing, and the time will come when Canada will provide the food for the Mother Country.

The speaker has had a great deal to do with the hogs of Kent owing to his position, and has been watching the industry of hog raising in Kent county owing to the hog cholera which has of necessity come under his notice. Three years ago the Government paid out \$30,000 as compensation to farmers for slaughtered hogs, and this year the sum will amount to \$12,000. This was all paid to farmers residing within a radius of 25 miles around Chatham. This is just one-third of the loss sustained by the farmers themselves. This can be prevented, as it was done in Essex some few years ago by careful work on the part of the Government inspectors and also the farmers themselves. He hoped that in two years' time that the cholera would be completely stamped out. After this year the Government have decided to recompense the farmers two-thirds of the value of all hogs killed on account of this plague.

During his present trip to the city, Mr. Fisher visited the Maple City Creamery and was pleased with it. He was delighted to know to his own satisfaction that the exhibit of Chatham creamery butter at the exposition held in Japan was just a little better than any other butter shown from any other country. He would like to see more creameries in Chatham, as there is nothing so beneficial to hog raising as the benefits derived from dairying.

Mr. Fisher thanked his hosts for allowing him to visit the city schools. He was delighted with them. He has noticed many improvements in Chatham since his last visit. The streets have been paved and many great improvements have been made. He thought Chatham a muddy place before, but he does not think so now. He was pleased to see so many good residences, well kept boulevards and thriving industries. Chatham is not known only as an agricultural centre but also as an industrial centre.

"We are a young nation," said Mr. Fisher. "This generation has inherited great privileges, but we have also inherited great responsibilities with it. We have not only great area and wonderful resources, but we have got freedom—civil, religious, national and political freedom, and no nation has more freedom and abundance than we are Canadians. We are a mixed people and through that freedom we are enabled to bind ourselves together. We have got the best people from the different lands and we have got responsibilities which we must use to our best advantage. We have no national differences. We are all working under the inspiration of a great national feeling. We boast that we are Canadians. We are independent in essentials but we have obligations of independence which we must no longer shirk. We must use these responsibilities in a way that will make our country respected and make it an arbitrator of the destinies of the world."

We sent soldiers to South Africa without thought of it, our treasury. Had we been stagnant that would have been an effort. Just as long as we are prosperous so long will we be able to help the Empire when that help is needed.

"Canada to-day is on the road to progress. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier has wisely said, 'The nineteenth century belongs to the United States, but the twentieth century will belong to Canada.' We are entering into the full confidence of strength, vigor and prosperity, and if we are true to our course we can go on indefinitely. We will continue to advance like the United States until we will be one of the nations of the world to speak with authority."

"We must manage our own affairs and do what we think to be in the interests of our own country, and what we feel we can do for the Empire. We are nationally and commercially independent, and must work in our own interests in spite of what is done by the people outside our fences, and the condition of affairs in Canada is indicative of the pride and strength of our country."

Mr. Fisher then resumed his seat, after again thanking the Board of Trade and the Agricultural Society for their kindness to him. Vice-Chairman W. A. Hadley, President of the Board of Trade, then took charge of the program. He thanked the Minister of Agriculture for his speech and before resuming the toasts he called upon Mr. Fred Corey for a recitation, and that gentleman responded gracefully and gave one of his ever-popular selections.

Kent, the Garden of Canada, next occupied the attention of the gathering.

Mr. Hadley read letter from Warden Sifton and Mr. D. A. Gordon, who were unable to be present. The names of N. H. Stevens and W. D. A. Ross were substituted.

Mr. Stevens, who has been a re-

## Special Attractions for Thursday and Friday at the Northway Store

To finish up the largest September business in the history of this store, we have prepared an unusually attractive list of specials for the last two days of the month. Any one item on the list is well worth a trip down town for. Come Thursday or Friday for these goods.

## MILL ENDS OF TOWELLING—

About 200 mill ends of fine pure linen crash towellings, in lengths of 1 yd to 4 yds each, clearing at about one third off.

## MILL ENDS TABLE LINENS AT ALMOST HALF PRICE—

Hundreds of yards of fine bleached and unbleached table linens in lengths of 1 yd to 4 yds each, worth regular 40c up to \$2.00 a yard, clearing at almost half price.

## A BARGAIN IN TABLE CLOTHS—

About 50 fine pure Irish linen double damask cloths, size 2 yards by 2 1-2 yards, superior quality rich satin finish, pure grass bleach, handsome designs, have some slight imperfections in weave but hardly noticeable, regular \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00 each, clearing at

29 ONLY FINE PATTERN CLOTHS—

Superior quality pure linen, satin finish, in size 2 yds by 2 yds, choice designs, slightly imperfect in weave, regular \$2.00 to \$2.50 each, clearing at

\$1.48

## \$3.25 BLANKETS AT \$2.75 A PAIR—

25 pairs heavy wool blankets, fine quality, soft fleecy finish, size 60 by 80 inches with fancy pink and blue borders, extra good value at \$3.25 a pair, special at

\$2.75

## FLANNELETTE BLANKETS AT 95c

A PAIR—

Fine heavy quality, grey or white, with colored borders, full bed size, special a pair

95c

## 300 YARDS HEAVY TWILL CRASH

TOWELLING—

17 inch wide firm weave, regular 10c yd, special at

8c

## 40c ACOSMERE HOSE AT 25c A PAIR—

75 doz fine pure wool cashmere hose, ladies' and children's sizes, in assorted ribs, elastic knit, double heels and toes, regular up to 40c pair, our special price

25c

## ANOTHER RIBBON BARGAIN—

400 yards plain and fancy silk ribbons, in wide range of colors, 2 1-2 to 5 inch wide, regular price up to 35c yd, special at

15c

## LADIES' LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

3 FOR 25c—

10 doz ladies' fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs, regular 12 1-2c each, clearing at

3 FOR 25c

## LADIES' COATS—

The largest assortment of ladies' and children's coats in Kent County is here for you to choose from. Every garment we make is fully guaranteed—buy from the maker and money—come in and look through this magnificent stock.

## KID GLOVES—

"Trefousse" and "Rouillon's" makes; there are none better made. We have them in black and all colors, in latest styles, every pair fully guaranteed, at a pair \$1.00, \$1.25 and

\$1.50.

## MILLINERY—

Our millinery opening display will be continued all this week. Don't miss this. It's by far the best you will see in Chatham.

35c

## LADIES' UNDERWEAR—

Fine heavy elastic knit vests, buttoned front, long sleeves, fleecy finish, colors white, cream and natural, special each

25c.

## LADIES' LUSTRE WAISTS—

Rich silky quality, in black, cream and fawn, handsome new styles, lined throughout, prettily trimmed, in all sizes, at \$1.69, \$1.89 and

\$1.98.

## MEN'S UNDERWEAR SPECIAL—

Ten dozen men's fine fleecy lined shirts and drawers, extra well made, finished with double cuff and ankle bands, worth 65c each, special at

50c.

## COLORED TAFFETA SILKS AT 50c

Rich heavy pure French taffeta silk in wide range of colors, really worth 75c yard, our special price

50c

## BLACK TAFFETA SILK AT 50c—

Rich pure quality, 32 inch wide, bright finish, best dye, will not cut a splendid 65c quality, our special leader at

50c

## YARD WIDE BLACK TAFFETA AT \$1.00 YARD—

Superior quality taffeta silk, full yard wide, best dye and finish, will not cut, the regular \$1.25 quality, special at

\$1.00

## 50c BOUCLE DRESS TWEEDS AT 35c—

Good heavy quality, 42 inch wide in choice range of new mixtures, dark colors, regular 50c yd, special at

35c

## SEVEN STORES The NORTHWAY CO'Y, Limited TWO FACTORIES

## TODAY.

Prayer meeting, city churches, at 8 o'clock.

Grand Military Tattoo at the Fair Grounds at 8.

"A Ragged Hero," at Grand Opera House, curtain at 8.15.

Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., in the A. O. U. W. Hall, at 8.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

## Military Tattoo to-night at Fair grounds.

Jas. Dillon, Chicago, is visiting his parents, Delaware Ave.

To-morrow is children's day at the Fair. See that they go.

Small, comfortable house near G. T. R'y, station is wanted by Oct. 15. Apply at this office.

Ten smart boys about 15 years of age, are wanted at once at Mahler's Apple Factory, Park Ave. West.

Mrs. E. C. Richardson, of Dresden, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Bowers, Delaware Ave.

Mrs. M. Woodcock, Gray street, has returned after a five weeks' visit with friends in Quebec.

Miss Minnie Meloche, of Charing Cross, is spending a few days with Mrs. John O'Rourke, Cross St.

Wanted, a smart boy with a fair education to work in the composing room. Apply at this office.

The Blonde Lumber Co. have commenced operations on the new block for Samuel Glenn, William St.

Mrs. James Gillett, of Aylmer, has returned home after visiting her niece, Mrs. F. H. Judson, Park street.

Mrs. MacDonald and baby Jean have returned to Dresden after visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowers, Delaware Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McIntyre, of Windsor, are spending the day in the city, the guests of Mrs. Alfred DeLoe.

House to rent—Fine frame house Lydick Avenue, Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

An exciting game may be looked for between the Central and McKeough school lacrosse teams to-morrow at the Fair grounds.

The Standard Bank will open a branch in Blenheim. G. P. Schofield of Toronto, was in Blenheim yesterday looking over the ground and it was decided to open a branch in that bustling town. The Bank of Commerce is the only chartered bank that has a branch there now. Mr. Schofield made arrangements for temporary quarters. He has two places in view and expected to know to-day where the Bank would locate.

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## TAX NOTICE

The rolls for 1904 have been received and I am prepared to receive taxes for the present year.

W. M. RANNIE, Tax Collector.

## TILBURY

Sept. 28.—Thomas Anderson returned Monday from an extended visit to California.

The pump house was moved yesterday to the grist mill.

James Stewart will offer a number of vacant lots by public auction here on Saturday next.

Mrs. Prndergast continues very low.

C. C. Kippen has accepted a position on the staff of the Crown Bank at Toronto.

Lost, on Saturday last, between Thomas Stone & Son's and the Market, a parcel containing four mink skins. Finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

Chatham and Darrell for it to-morrow. Lovers of a fast football game will enjoy to-morrow's struggle at the Fair grounds.