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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 14, 1904. The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 6,232; for the past three months, 6,212; for the past six months, 6,182.

A DOOMED GOVERNMENT. The luck that has favored every government which has appealed to the people during the past few months will have to work overtime if it is to save the Ross administration in Ontario on January 31st.

Usually when a government is charged with being corrupt and the charges are clearly proved, its supporters are able to acquit the leaders to their own satisfaction by making scape goats of a few and by noisily asserting that, had as their party is, the other party is worse.

The "you're another" weapon was knocked from their hands by the courts which tried the recent protested election cases and which unseated every Liberal upon evidence of the worst corruption that ever disgraced Canadian politics.

The other defence, the scape goat dodge, has been resorted to but without much success. Three of the ministers who were mixed up to the most damaging extent in the exposed frauds were got rid of but their places were filled by three men, who, as followers of the government in the house, protested by those frauds, accepted the profit without protest and acquiesced in the policy which permitted the perpetrators to go unpunished.

One of these, Hon. Mr. Graham, has since been smothered by connection with the bogus ballot box plot.

During the last few years the courts of Ontario have, in cases of protested elections with their accompanying unnecessary expenses, mentioned by name fifty or sixty persons as guilty of fraudulent or corrupt doings in behalf of supporters of the Ross government.

Every single man associated with that government who did not protest against the shameful admission of partnership with the criminals should be held by the people guilty as they are.

It would be a good thing for both parties in the approaching by-elections if they would decide to carry them through without corruption or illegal expenditure of any kind.

It is a fact that a political election run in accordance with the law of the land would be something in the nature of an experiment. We do not believe that corrupt expenditure will elect a candidate who will not be returned without it, but a clean election will be much better for the country and more creditable to all concerned.

Events, the Ottawa weekly which first publicly charged David Russell and Mr. Blair with giving out contracts on his Intercolonial Railway only to such as had first acquired stock in Abbey's Salts, now challenges Mr. Russell to bring on his libel actions.

Specifically, Events makes new charges, to the effect that "Mr. Russell went to large merchants asking them to 'take stock in his company on condition that he procured for them orders for supplies to be paid for by one of the departments of the government.'"

Events says that "in one case after the proprietor had refused to have anything to do with such 'graft,' Mr. Russell went behind his back and induced the manager to hand over a few thousands for which, by the way, the firm never got any adequate return."

It goes so far as to say that "the state of affairs became so scandalous that an important deputation of members of the last parliament waited upon Mr. Blair to 'protest' and received a promise that 'the connection would be cut.'"

The Boston Transcript gives welcome explanation of that word "zemstvo" that has been appearing so frequently of late in the news columns.

It is derived from two Russian words: the noun, "zemla," meaning land, and the verb, "zemest," to clamor. Thus it signifies "the voice of the land" and is a council of landed proprietors appointed to deliberate and report to the central executive the wants of the rural population.

It is something like an English county council without the latter's authority, yet that authority is what it now pleads for. The zemstvo was founded in 1864 and Alexander II. intended it as the most important of his reforms.

The Globe not very long ago was of the opinion that the Tweedie government was a very bad government. The only changes since have been made by the retirement of Messrs. McKeown and Dunn.

After the noble way in which Mr. Pugsley forgave all past injuries and fought for Mr. O'Brien last November, it looks queer to see Mr. O'Brien becoming an accomplice to the slaughter of the attorney-general's own candidate.

The most notable local evidence of the spread of the universal peace movement is the spectacle of Managing Director O'Brien, of the Globe, endorsing the nomination and praying for the election of a nominee of the Tweedie government.

How will the twenty-two hundred men who asked Dr. Smith to be a candidate like the way their wishes were considered by the packed convention last night?

Spirit immortal of mortality, Imperishable faith, calm miracle Of resurrection, truth no tongue can tell. No brain conceive - now witnessed utterly In this new testament of earth and sea.

To us thy gospel! Where the acorn fell The oak-tree springs; no seed is hid! Once more O Wonder, flower and field and tree Reveal thy secret and significance! And we who share unutterable things And feel the forest of Eternity, Haply shall learn thy meaning and perchance Set free the soul to lift immortal wings.

And cross the frontiers of Infinity, - Singers, Kings, and Masters, (December) Scribner's.

CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED. The Free Kindergarten committee acknowledge with thanks the following: C. E. Kinney, \$2; Mrs. M. J. Robertson, \$1; a friend, 50 cents; Mr. McEivern, a load of coal. There will be a Christmas tree for the children and those who wish to help the little ones at Christmas are asked to send their donations not later than next Tuesday, to St. Mary's school-room on Waterloo street. Books, toys, fruit and candy, and other articles of the same kind, if desired, may be carried on this missionary work.

THE GOOSE STEP. (From the Medical Record.) Every one witnessing a military review in Germany or Austria for the first time must have been impressed by the peculiarly unnatural conditions which this "goose-step," as it is popularly called, was strongly condemned. Dr. Thawitzer sent a paper on the subject, in which he showed that the adoption of this ridiculous step accounts for numerous knee and foot complaints among the troops. Sixty per cent. of the sores on the feet of the men are in consequence of persistent adherence to this antiquated step.

HUTCH INDUCES SLEEP. When the body contains a lot of impurities these impurities are absorbed into the blood. The blood in turn carries them to the brain and they produce a state of nervous depression, which interferes with rest. One suffers from hallucinations, nightmares, wild dreams in which horrible goblins try to tear you to pieces and all sorts of sleep disturbing visions. By clearing the body of impurities, Hutch induces sleep, in which the organs of the body are built up and strengthened. Hutch is a doctor for ten cents.

FOXY FREDERICK BOYS. The story is going the rounds of the foxy doing of some Frederick boys at St. John. As the year goes there are three young men about here who are quite chummy and two of them went to St. John. Friends at the winter port inquired as to why the third man of the trio didn't make the trip. One of the Celestials said that he would arrive there that evening. The St. John man didn't believe it and offered to bet \$10 that he wouldn't be there. The offer was accepted, and then the Frederick man went to the store next door and telephoned to the third man up here to go to St. John that evening and that his expenses would be paid. The fellow was a passenger to St. John by the C. P. R. and he was in the city and one of the Frederick men was in five dollars while the other had a free trip to St. John. -Frederick Gleaser.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The Brussels Street Boys' Brigade gave a concert last evening in the school room of the church.

It is certain that a new morning paper will be established in St. John.

FOSSIL WAS A DENDREPETON. Traces Found in Caledon of Earliest Type of Animal Life.

To the Editor of the Star: Dear Sir, -In your issue of Saturday a few remarks upon the fossil footprints found by E. R. Ingraham, of the West Side.

FISH THAT BLEACH AND BLUSH. "Watch these fellows," said the captain of an ocean-going tug at the Aquarium, New York, the other afternoon, as he stood in front of the tank containing more than a dozen of the beautiful red hinds from Bermuda.

AN ONLOOKER REMARKED that all fish were subject to changes of complexion and cited the fact that an artist who desired to paint the fishes of America recently found that it was necessary to exclude the sunlight from them to make them retain their natural tints.

A black bass freshly caught and placed in a tin bucket lost its green and bronze hues in ten minutes, and a weak-fish parted with its purple lustre within five minutes after being removed from its native element.

THE GENTLEMAN WHO HAS POWER OPENING the door of his house and, stooping down with some blueberries in his hand, softly whistled and, behold, the birds came and fed from his hand.

I have this day witnessed a sight which has caused me more surprise and interest than anything connected with our grandest game bird ever did before.

I stood close beside the wire netting and watched one wallowing in the dirt, and though I was within three feet of him he betrayed not the slightest fear.

And to further illustrate their confidence in their worst enemy known, the gentleman who has power opened the door of his house and, stooping down with some blueberries in his hand, softly whistled and, behold, the birds came and fed from his hand.

At which I marvelled much. As understood it, the eggs were hatched under a motherly bantam hen, and twelve eggs were selected, six each from two separate nests. A very cold storm was responsible for the death of two or three, but the most enthusiastic, sanguine individual regarding the feat it was ever my fortune to meet.

In the fall he will transfer them to more commodious quarters, and I shall be glad to appreciate your of their condition then. They are nearly or quite two-thirds grown.

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