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A WINTER CAMPAIGN.

The Liberals in power have always exhibited a liking for methods which savor of the coup d'état procedure, made familiar in France. Now history is said to be likely to repeat itself and what occurred under the Mackenzie regime in 1874 to be repeated by Sir Wilfrid in 1903. Then dissolution was suddenly sprung on the people, so suddenly that it is on record that one of the newly appointed ministers was in a distant city en route to the Capital and only heard on the train, from an outsider, that parliament had been dissolved. At the present moment it is sufficiently notorious that members are on the tenterhooks of anxiety lest the morrow's papers tell them they are members no longer, cut off in almost the meridian of their parliamentary course, bereft of \$1,500 at least and possibly consigned once more to private life.

The Toronto News, not unreasonably, protests against the hardship of a winter campaign being forced on the country. And it may be noticed that in Britain on one occasion when a winter dissolution was "sprung" one of the members protested that "if every other consideration were out of the way, the season of the year and depth of snow in the country ought to be an insuperable objection. There were physical difficulties in the way of a return of a new parliament and he who had the greatest muscular power would carry the election." And this in Britain! How much more so does such an objection hold force in Canada. In Britain on the occasion referred to so strong was the feeling that the King was petitioned not to exercise his dissolving prerogative, and acceded to the prayer of the parliament—a fact which is perhaps not unworthy the consideration of the Canadian public.

Seriously less worthy of the serious consideration of the present dismayed and demoralized cabinet is the speech of Sir Robert Peel, delivered in 1860, when he said: "I do not think a dissolution justifiable for the purpose of strengthening a party. The power of dissolution is a great instrument in the hand of the Crown and it must have a tendency to blunt that instrument if it were employed without grave necessity." And as Mr. Todd has justly pointed out, "it is not a legitimate use of the prerogative to revert to it . . . merely in order to maintain in power the particular ministry who hold the reins of government."

PREMIER ROSS IN RENFREW.

The revolt in the Liberal ranks confronts the Ontario Government at every turn. Premier Ross left Toronto, where he had, after a mighty effort, quelled the mutiny in the Globe office, and made it say that the canker of corruption had not eaten deeply into the heart of Canadian politics, that the poison was not in the blood, and that the heart did not beat falsely. Nemesis no longer pursued the politicians, except the wicked Tories. There were no barnacles and parasites, or if there were there was no need to remove them with an iron hand. "The first duty of Liberals" was simply to call attention to the crimes of Toryism. Fresh from this victory, Mr. Ross went into North Renfrew, expecting a little relief from the grumbling of Liberals. The Globe has ceased to bellow about corruption, and little did Mr. Ross think that the wearisome noise would be renewed by his old friend, Mr. James Findlay. "My old friend, Mr. Findlay, and myself," said the Premier, "were cramped in the same boarding-house at Ottawa." Unmoved by these tender recollections, Mr. Findlay

brought three accusations against the Ontario Government, and against the Premier: (North Renfrew's disfranchisement, gross election corruption, and failure to obey the mandate of the referendum. He solemnly protested against this treatment meted out to the electors of this riding. He could not recall a greater outrage perpetrated on the rights of a Canadian constituency. He would offer no excuse for the failure to hold a by-election at the proper time unless it was that the Liberals could not find a candidate. He was of this opinion that it didn't matter if Lorne Hale was in Toronto or not; this election campaign would go on just as well as if he were here. Fraud and corruption in elections were rampant. The regulations of West Elgin and North Waterloo turned honest men against the Government. The Government was putting manacles on the people. It was ruling the country by Orders-in-Council. The corporations were becoming more and more a power in the land. He blamed Premier Ross

Rheumatism

Does not let go of you when you apply lotions or liniments. It simply loosens its hold for a while. Why? Because to get rid of it you must correct the acid condition of the blood on which it depends. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured thousands.

as an old temperance candidate with him for not giving Ontario prohibition as a result of the referendum.

Thus Mr. Ross seems to have silenced the Globe on barnacles, only to be worried by his old friend, Findlay's talk about manacles. Findlay and Ross were in opposition together, and Findlay was not aware that new occasions bring new duties, and that governments must do things to which oppositionists object. Mr. Ross explained that the West Elgin frauds occurred before he became Premier, and he was not responsible except as a member of the government. Yet, though he pleaded the statute of limitations in this case, he had no objection to reviving the race and religious cries that were barred years before West Elgin, the Ross Bible, Roman Catholic separate schools, French schools and so on. "The guiding principle in his dealing with Separate schools was that Roman Catholics should be as well educated as Protestants. Treating of the teaching of French in Public schools, he said that no one objected to French or German being taught as long as English was taught. He was of Highland Scotch descent. An extra grant was given to schools to-day that taught Gaelic in the Highlands."

Such an appeal is a poor compliment to the intelligence of the electors. We are all Canadians here, all equal before the law, and all possessing the same rights as citizens. One of these rights is the fair representation which for a year and a half Mr. Ross has denied to the citizens of North Renfrew, of all creeds and races. Again, all these citizens are entitled to vote according to their convictions, but the government organ in North Renfrew tells them that if they vote against the government they will get little government money. Is there any reason why Highlanders, Germans, or Frenchmen should not resent this insulting threat any more than others? Appeals to race and religion are a poor substitute for equal justice to all.

BUT THEIR ADVICE IS GOOD.

St. John, N. B., Sun.
The editors who are advising people to buy their Christmas presents early will be seen just before midnight on Christmas eve making a panicky effort to accomplish the Christmas shopping.

FROM LAST TO FIRST

People used to take plain cod liver oil for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles after other remedies had failed. Scott's Emulsion is the modern idea of cod liver oil—the first instead of the last resort when such ailments appear.

The taste of the oil is not apparent and the oil itself is partly digested—makes it easy for the stomach. Scott's Emulsion is a quick, reliable help at all ages.

We'll send you a sample free upon request.
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Did you ever examine your windows. You will likely find them loose. So much so, they will rattle with the least wind. Windows in this condition will let a lot of cold and wind through.

Stop all this and make your house comfortable by having the Chamberlain Metal Weather Strip attached. See window equipped at my office, opposite the Post Office.

Thos. C. O'Rourke

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
Gibney Stock Co.—Dec. 14, to 19.
Cecilian Co.—Dec. 25.
Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.

(Submitted to The Planet by Press Agents.)

The Gibney Stock Company presented "Down in Main" last night at the Grand, to a fair sized audience. The play was well staged and appreciated by everyone. Mr. Gibney and his company are fast winning a reputation for themselves among Chatham theatre-goers. The moving pictures and specialties were of the best.

To-night the bill is "Prison of Liars" with new songs and specialties. Prices, 10, 20, and 30c.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Shopping Bags, 25c. each—Weldon's.
The 2 T's store will be open every night until Christmas.

Mrs. W. H. Walters spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Miss Bertha Birch is visiting her sister, Miss Olive, in Dealtown.

Children's 50c. Hose for 25c.—Weldon's.

Ice cream in any style, at Crump's, next Dr. Ayre's office, King street, west.

Do not forget that I have still a few nice ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas, and the finest line of gent's walking sticks ever shown in Chatham. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

If you want something real nice in a gentleman's gift, see my assortment before purchasing. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

Some of the air cells in the human lungs are no bigger than 1-150 of an inch. When you have a cold, these are clogged with mucus. Allen's Lung Balsam clears the tiny air passages and breaks the inflammation in the bronchial tubes.

Members of Peninsular Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., are requested to attend their lodge on Friday evening, the 18th inst., for the election of officers for the ensuing year. A. E. Sawarman, M. W.; John R. Snell, Recorder.

Cut sale extraordinary—Loonen's finest ebony Thursday morning only from half past eight o'clock until noon—if they last long enough—Von Guenier Bros. will place on sale a large quantity and big variety of genuine ebony hair brushes, military brushes, bonnet, flesh, clothes, baby hair brushes and fan mirrors. The brushes have finest quality bristles, all mounted in heavy sterling silver mounting. Ladies' bonnet or fur brushes, the close price dollar quality, at 40c.; the \$1.25 quality 80c. Gentlemen's hat and clothes brushes, close price \$1.50 kind for 80c.; the \$1.15 cloth brush 50c.; the good value \$4 military brushes at \$2.25 a pair. Any piece of ebony mounted with sterling silver initial for 20c. and 30c. extra, according to size of letter.

SONS OF SCOTLAND,

Carlyle Camp, No. 82, Sons of Scotland met last evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. The following were the results of the election:—

Past Chief—Wm. Anderson.
Chief—J. O. Kerr.
Chieflain—Sam. McCormack.
Chaplain—Robt. Riddell.
Secretary—Job. Turner.
Fin. Sec'y—Wm. Rennie.
Press.—Hugh Macaulay.
Marshal—J. W. Aitken.
Standard Bearer—Geo. Smith.
Physician—Dr. J. W. Rutherford.
Senior Guard—John Bennett.
Junior Guard—Adam Taylor.
Trustees—William Robertson, J. P. Cummings and Dr. Russell.
Auditors—J. W. Aitken and J. W. Young.

CARD OF THANKS

The promptness with which claims are paid by The Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company is shown by the following letters:—

Walkerville, Dec. 9th, 1903.
Messrs. Aitken & Wilson, Agents, Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company, Ottawa, Ont.:

Dear Sirs,—I desire to express my thanks to the Canadian Railway Accident Ins. Co. for the prompt payment of claim policy No. 46,250, held by my late husband, Robert Hutchinson, with your Co.

Proofs of claim were completed and handed in at Ottawa on the morning of Dec. 3rd, and during the afternoon of the 9th I received cheque from Messrs. Aitken & Wilson for \$1,000.00 in full settlement of claim.

I also desire to express my thanks to your special agents, Messrs. Aitken & Wilson for their courtesy and kindness and do strongly recommend your Company to all who wish to secure prompt payment and courteous treatment.

I am yours,
(Sgd.) ANNIE HUTCHINSON,

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 14.—Mrs. D. McFarlane spent yesterday in London.
A special train passed through here to-day containing delegates from Peterborough en route for Wallace-

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You Will do Your Christmas Shopping Here

WE have made long and careful preparations to do the biggest selling of Holiday Goods ever done in this city. We have gathered together from every quarter of the globe a magnificent array of the choicest staple and fancy articles suitable for holiday buying. It is not our purpose to carry any of these goods over to another season. We have made prices accordingly—prices that will make buying easy and selling lively—prices that our Seven Store Cash Buying and Cash Selling alone can make possible. To buyers with a keen appetite for getting "the best value for the least money," we would say that these prices are absolutely the lowest for which dependable goods of their kind can be sold.

Ladies' Kid Gloves—Every pair guaranteed, perfect fitting, genuine French kid, black, white and all fashionable shades, in latest style trimming, at a pair \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Ladies' Mocha Mitts—Fine quality, wool lined, fur tops, doms fasteners, special a pair \$1.00.

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Ladies' Fancy White Aprons—Fine lawn aprons, full size, prettily made with bib and shoulder straps, trimmed with fine Swiss embroidery and insertion or fine Val. lace, special each 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c and 85c.

DOLLS—Hundreds of these of every size and description. The best doll values in the city, bought direct from the makers, and marked for quick selling, at each 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

CHINA WARE—Children's sets, done up in box, at a set 25c and 40c.

Fancy China Mustard Jugs—Special, each 10c.

China Mustard Jars with saucer, spoon, gift decoration, special each 25c.

China Cream and Sugar Sets, dainty decorations, special at 25c.

14 inches high at each 50c.

China Cups and Saucers—Fine quality, in new styles, pretty decorations, special each 25c, 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c and 85c.

China Plates, fine quality, in rich decorations, special at 25c, 35c and 50c.

China Pin Trays, fine Dresden china, daintily decorated, special, each 25c and 35c.

China Salad Bowls, new shapes and handsome decorations, extraordinary value at each, 35c, 45c, 55c, 75c and 90c.

Porridge Bowls—Fine china in new decorations, special each, at 25c, 35c and 45c.

Delery Trays—Extra fine china beautifully decorated, special each \$1.50.

Sterling Silver Fruit Knives—Done up in polished oak case, satin lined, per half dozen, \$1.00.

Sterling Nut Picks and Cracker—Done up in oak case, special per set \$1.00.

Ladies' Travelling Companions—Toilet sets done up in handsome folding leather case, special a set \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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Fancy Dresden Vases—In variety of new styles, worth 25c each, special at 15c.

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14 inches high at each 50c.

Ornamental Statuary—In variety of figures, 10 inches high, special each 90c.

18 inches high at each \$1.50.

Wedge Wood Plaques—In variety of new designs, special each 15c, 20c, 35c, 50c and \$1.00.

Ladies' fancy collars—New styles, in silk and chiffon, trimmed with tabs, cordings, braid stitching and applique, range of colors, special at each 25c and 50c.

Ladies' Fancy Tea and Collars—Elegant new designs, trimmed with silk applique, ribbon, ruching, etc., special each 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Ladies' Belts—In immense range of new holiday styles, latest New York novelties, in black and colors, at each 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas—Rich quality, full size, with handsome pearl, sterling silver, horn and gilded handles, special each \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50.

Fine Linens—We have a reputation for fine linens that few stores possess. We buy our linens direct from the best Irish and Scotch makers in large quantities for our several stores and are thereby able to make prices on fine linens that are simply impossible for ordinary stores to quote. Our holiday stock of linens is the choicest we have ever shown. Our prices are temptingly low.

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Thanking the people for their liberal patronage in the past and asking a continuance of the same, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

John McConnell,
Phone 190, - Park St.

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A few horses to winter. Good stabling. Apply to R. PERRY DOLSON, River Road, Raleigh, CHATHAM P. O.

Christmas Gifts.

The range of our stock of jewelry is wide enough to satisfy everyone. If you want a R. F. Simmons Chain we have the genuine, fully guaranteed 15 years, 14k gold.

Gold Rings

If you want a plain Gold Ring, it's here, and prices as well as quality is right. Every Gem or piece of jewelry you buy of us is guaranteed. We stand back of every sale. Just now we have an unusually fine assortment of

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Ladies' Gent's, Gold and Silver Watches, Platewear of newest designs just arrived.

A call at the sign of the "Big Clock" will convince you it is the right place to make your purchase.

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