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The Manitoba Elections.

Sir Charles Tupper states that in the recent provincial elections in Manitoba the majority for the Opposition candidate in the constituency represented in the Dominion House by Hon. Clifford Sifton is nearly a thousand. That is, we believe, about ten times the majority recorded. Mr. Sifton's riding is made up of several local constituencies, and when the votes upon the one side and the other are totaled up, it will be found there is a difference of about one hundred between them. Sir Charles Tupper labored sedulously to overthrow the Greenway Government, but he professes to see in the result not so much a defeat of the Greenway Administration as a rebuke to Mr. Sifton and the Dominion Government. Will Sir Charles take the trouble to look at the vote in his own constituency in Nova Scotia? Is it not a fact that his party was practically blotted out in the provincial elections in Nova Scotia, and that it lost enormously in the riding represented in the Dominion Parliament by Sir Charles himself? Were there golden reasons for the difference between the vote recorded for him and the vote recorded for the local candidates of his party? Mr. Foster, the ex-Finance Minister, has also contended that the result in Manitoba conclusively proves that Mr. Sifton no longer enjoys the confidence of his constituency. Will Mr. Foster also tell us how the vote stood at last election for the Legislature in the New Brunswick county which he represents? If the rule which Mr. Foster has laid down is to be applied to Mr. Sifton in Manitoba, it is equally good to apply with reference to Mr. Foster in New Brunswick.

So far as the result in Manitoba is concerned, it is unfortunate for Mr. Greenway and his friends that they were too confident. Mr. Greenway knew that he had discharged his duty. He had served the people faithfully and well, and he expected the province would recognize his services by returning him to power. A complete organization among his opponents, desperately anxious to get control of the office, gave them the advantage. We believe still that the majority in Manitoba are favorable to Mr. Greenway. But the result of the elections show that those who work for success are sometimes rewarded when campaign work is the only merit they have. We venture to say the public who have been indifferent regretted that indifference as soon as they clearly saw the consequences, and that when a new government is formed, and several constituencies opened, there will be a change in Mr. Greenway's favor.

Churchill's Escape.

The story of Winston Churchill's escape from the Boers is one of the most thrilling personal narratives of the war, and serves to bring that young man into still greater prominence. Eye-witnesses have testified to his reckless bravery under fire at the scene of his capture. His flight from Pretoria was as equally gallant and daring. It is remarkable that he should have escaped detection for days in the heart of the enemy's country while the Boers were searching for him high and low. The desperate shifts he resorted to, and his ultimate success showed not only courage but the greatest ingenuity and resource. Much has been expected of young Churchill on account of his father's brilliant parts and sensational career, and so far he has given ground for the belief that he possesses unusual qualities, and will develop. Although still in his twenties, he has written a successful book, he has fought in two campaigns, and now he has become, in some measure, a popular hero. If he is destined for public life, he has certainly paved the way for a dramatic entry. The future may have great things in store for him.

So far, Winston Churchill is the only Britisher who has shown much success in reconnoitering.

The present inactivity of the British troops throws the conduct of the war on the long-distance critics.

Money does something more than talk. One of the Rothschilds has volunteered for service in South Africa.

The exports of butter from Canada are this year fourteen times greater than they were in 1894. So much for the new order of things.

It is reported that some of the Canadian Dragoons who have volunteered to go to South Africa are so very enthusiastic that they sleep with their spurs on.

Mayor Teetzel of Hamilton has been re-elected by acclamation. He is a strong opponent of the ward system, and an advocate of municipal reform in other ways.

It is a political aphorism that every nation gets the Government it deserves. If the same is true of municipalities, it is a sorry reflection on some of them.

If Toronto elects Mr. E. F. Clark, M.P., for mayor, the inference will be that the city is short of talent or public spirit, when it allows two of the highest offices to be filled by one man.

These are the shortest days of the year in Canada. They are mighty long days for the British captives of the Boers, who are huddled together at

Pretoria in the heat of South African summer.

Great Britain ordinarily is in favor of the open door, but not at Delagoa Bay just now. If Portugal does not do better, John Bull may install himself as doorkeeper one of these fine mornings.

Mr. W. T. Stead, the peace apostle, is calling upon the British Government to stop the war. That is precisely what the Government is sending Roberts and Kitchener to South Africa for. They are expected to hurry along the finish.

Mr. J. E. Atkinson has assumed his new duties as managing editor of the Toronto Evening Star. Mr. Atkinson, who is a graduate of the Globe, has had editorial control of the Montreal Herald since its reorganization a few years ago and has contributed greatly to its success. He is just the man to guide the Star on its new career.

Hon. Mr. Sifton told a Montreal gathering the other night that the chief reason for the losses of Hon. Mr. Greenway in Manitoba was the belief of his friends that they were secure, and that their opponents could not defeat them by detraction and misrepresentation. No doubt there is much truth in this statement. Over-confidence has lost the day for many a good man. The Manitoba lesson should be laid to heart elsewhere.

Charles G. D. Roberts, the Canadian poet, has offered to go and fight for England in her war against the Boers. Perhaps he has an idea that he might get his stuff printed in the magazines after the trouble is settled if he succeeds in getting a reputation as a soldier.—Chicago Times-Herald.

This is not worthy of a paper like the Times-Herald. Mr. Roberts has no difficulty in getting his "stuff" published. The American magazines welcome everything from the Canadian school of poets to which he belongs. And the foremost American critic admits that there are no poets in the United States who can compare with the Canadian group.

The Farmers' Advocate has exceeded itself in its Christmas number this year. The colored frontispiece is very artistic, and the edition is otherwise profusely and handsomely illustrated by photo engravings. The reading matter is unusually abundant, and covers a wide range of information. Many valuable articles have been written expressly for this edition by leading British, American and Canadian agricultural experts, among the latter being the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Hon. David Ferguson, of Prince Edward Island; Hon. F. R. Black, of Nova Scotia; C. Marker, of Alberta; N. W. T. Prof. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The publishers and editors are to be congratulated on the issue.

What Others Say.

An Election Phase. [Hamilton Herald.] "Shake!" says the candidate. And then busy people proceed to shake the candidate.

Moody's Legacy. [Ottawa Journal.] Dwight L. Moody is gone, but his soul goes marching on in the souls of tens of thousands whom he brought or helped to live better lives.

A Grand Spectacle. [Toronto Telegram.] Britain in the hour of repulse is a sight for the conscript nations of Europe.

Their trust is in the iron discipline which forces men into the service of a despotism. Britain's trust is in the patriotism which calls free citizens to the help of their empire in the hour of need. It is terrible that war should trouble Britain, but it is glorious to see the children rally round their flag in the hour of disappointment and that the government is perplexed by the multitude of volunteers for service in South Africa.

Light and Shade.

Its Mother—Oh, John, John! What shall we do? Baby has swallowed his rattle. Its Father—Do nothing. Now he'll always have it with him, and we won't have to be forever looking for it when he cries.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two about table etiquette, so she sniffed scornfully as she said: "It's not our custom to serve a knife with pie." "No," remarked the patron in surprise, "then bring me an axe."

"Have you any of those corporation bicycle stockings?" asked the young man in front of the counter. "I don't understand you," said the man behind the counter. "I mean those without any soles."

The following curiosity of English provincial verse was lately sent to Dr. William J. Rolfe from Exeter, in the west of England, and is reproduced in The Critic (November). A certain bishop of Exeter, it appears, was visiting a village church, when to his astonishment the following hymn was sung in his honor:

"Why skip ye so, ye little 'lils? Why skip? why skip? why skip? Why? Jez becuz we'm glad to see His grace, the lard bishop!"

Why 'op ye so, ye lestic lambs? Why 'op? why 'op? why 'op? Why? Jez becuz we'm glad to see His grace, the lard bishop!"

NO EVIDENCE. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—At the police yesterday, when the case against J. Orel Smith, the Liberal organizer, charged with bribery in connection with the recent provincial election, was called, the prosecution announced that it had no evidence to offer, and Smith was accordingly discharged.

WINTER IN ALASKA

Tremendous Snowstorm Lasting Four Days—Railway Blocked by an Avalanche.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Tees has arrived from Skagway with fifteen passengers, after a very rough trip. Among her passengers were a number of late arrivals from Dawson. The Tees was delayed for three days at Skagway, awaiting the train, which had been laid up from Monday to Friday by one of the most severe wind and snow storms ever known in Alaska, commenced on the 18th and lasted till the 22nd. The operator at Glacier reported that an immense avalanche swept down the mountain, covering 867 feet of the track, and taking out five telegraph poles, and prostrating the wires. Trees 12 inches thick were observed in the slide, and it is not known what else may be under the surface. The slide covers the track to 20 feet deep.

CASUALTIES

Clerk of a Lumber Camp Drowned in Long Lake—Other Fatalities.

DROWNED.

Penetang, Ont., Dec. 28.—The remains of Lewis Perkins were buried here from the home of his uncle, David Davison. The young man was drowned a few days ago in Long Lake back of Trout Creek, where he was clerk in a camp. He and a companion were returning to camp across the ice on Long Lake, drawing a quarter of beef on a hand sledge. Suddenly both men went through the ice. The companion, when he rose, grabbed the sledge rope, and the foreman crept out on the ice and saw him with a pike pole. Perkins sank a second time, and did not again come to the surface. The body had to be taken along a trail for 46 miles before the railway was reached. Deceased was brother of Geo. Perkins, banker, of Tilsonburg.

SEVEN DROWNED.

Ashcroft, B. C., Dec. 28.—By the upsetting of a canoe seven Indians were drowned near this place, while they were attempting to cross Thompson River. Two of the party were women. The Indians had been drinking and mismanaged the canoe.

PELL DEAD.

Hamilton, Dec. 28.—Monday morning Mr. Stewart Moore, a farmer, com. 6, West Plamboro, dropped dead in the hotel in Haysland. He went inside to get lunch and fell down and expired within a few minutes. Heart disease was the cause of death. Deceased was about 70 years of age.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Robert Erskine, 707 Queen street east, a teamster, while walking beside his team of Queen street yesterday morning, fell and died before medical help reached him. The cause of death was apoplexy, probably brought on by over-exertion.

BOY DROWNED AT HUNTSVILLE. Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 28.—A six-year-old son of J. T. Burke, of this place, broke through the ice on the river Tuesday night and was drowned.

SENSATIONAL STORY SPOILED

And a Mysterious Disappearance at Niagara Falls Possibly Explained.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 28.—The theory advanced of probable murder in connection with the two men missing from the promenade of the Whitepool Park on Christmas evening completely collapsed yesterday, when two town boys named Roy Jarvis and Harry Shipp, aged respectively 17 and 19 years, voluntarily informed Chief Young that the footprints in the snow along the gorge were theirs. On Christmas morning, the two lads, who went out for a day's hunt, got across to the lower river by means of the steps below the cantilever bridge, just about the promenade, and after traversing it, they put around to the whirlpool. They remember quite clearly not a foot mark could be seen in the lately fallen snow. Each boy was closely examined separately, and corroborated each other's statement, which tallied exactly with what the police had found. After the boys had reached the whirlpool, taking separate routes, they came up by the gien and through the fields, reaching home about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The supposition now is that the two strangers whom Manager Powell could not account for, had instead of coming back to the incline railway car, were doing the sights at the rapids, walked up the steps along the side of the incline, scaled the fence enclosure, and thus escaped paying the admission of 50 cents each, and jumped their hack fare.

SAVE YOUR SKIN

How to Preserve, Purify and Beautify the Skin and Complexion.

The clearest, softest, whitest skin, free from pimples, spots, or blemishes, is the crown of woman's beauty. Cuticura Soap, beyond all comparison the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery. It prevents pimples, blackheads, blotches, redness, and oily skin, and other blemishes, rashes, and eruptions, because it prevents inflammation and clogging of the pores, the cause of most complicated disfigurements.

SAVE YOUR HAIR

How to Prevent Falling Hair, Scalp Humors and Dandruff.

Warm shampoos with CUTICURA SOAP, followed by light dressings with CUTICURA, purest emollient skin cure, will clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothe irritating and itching surfaces, stimulate the hair follicles, supply the roots with nourishment, and thus produce luxuriant hair, with clean, wholesome scalp.

SAVE YOUR HANDS

How to Make the Hands Soft and White in a Single Night.

Bathe and soak the hands on retiring in a strong hot, creamy lather of CUTICURA SOAP. Dry them thoroughly and anoint freely with CUTICURA, greatest of emollient skin cures. Wear during the night old, loose, kid gloves, with the finger ends cut off, and air holes cut in the palm. For red, raw, chapped, and discolored hands, dry, fissured, itching, feverish palms, sore, cracked, and painful finger ends, this treatment is wonderful.

Sold throughout the world. Price, CUTICURA SOAP, 25c. CUTICURA, 50c. CUTICURA Lotion, 25c. CUTICURA Ointment, 25c. CUTICURA Cream, 25c. CUTICURA Soap, 25c. CUTICURA Hair Oil, 25c. CUTICURA Perfumery, 25c. CUTICURA Toilet Articles, 25c. CUTICURA Stationery, 25c. CUTICURA Stationery, 25c.

Last Friday in 1899 FRIDAY BARGAINS Last Friday in 1899

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co. On the Threshold of 1900.

The last Friday of the nineteenth century. We'll make it memorable by giving the BEST BARGAINS OF THE YEAR. The list laid out for Friday's selling deserves special attention. It is without doubt the best of 1899, and is full of seasonable specials at prices away below the regular. This will certainly be the bargain Friday of the year. Read the list.

20 pieces Heavy Gray Cotton, full 36 inches wide, regular 7 1/2c yard, Friday 5c

All-Wool and Union White and Gray Blankets, 10 per cent off our usual low prices.

15 pieces Striped Flannelette, wide width, regular 8c yard, Friday only 5c

Carpet and Curtain Dept.

2 only Fine Eiderdown Comforters, covered with fine sateen, regular \$4.50, Friday \$3.50. 3 only Fine Eiderdown Comforters, finest figured sateen, 1 light blue, 1 light green, regular \$4.50, Friday \$3.50. 6 only Fine Eiderdown Comforters, frill and laid, covered with finest figured sateen, large size, regular \$5.50, Friday \$4.50. 5 only Fine Figured Sateen Comforters, large size, very fine quality, assorted colors, regular \$5.50 and \$6, Friday only \$4.50. 6 only Frilled Cushions, art muslin, filled with fine batting, regular \$5c, Friday, each \$4.50. 3 only Fine Sateen Down Cushions, with frill, regular \$3.40, Friday \$2.75. 39 only White Quilts, extra large size, regular \$1.25, Friday \$1.00.

Dolls

15 only Kid Body, Bisque Heads, Sleeping Dolls, extra large size, regular \$1, special 65c. 8 only Fine Dressed Dolls, Bisque Heads, jointed bodies, regular 75c, Friday 50c. Ladies' Fancy Wood Workboxes, regular 25c each, Friday 15c. Opal China Decorated Pin Trays, Brush and Comb Trays, worth 25c and 35c each, Friday 15c.

Underwear

We have still a small quantity of Pleated Underwear left, were 35c and 40c. Special at 15c and 25c. 10 per cent discount on all Children's Underwear. 10 per cent discount on all Ladies' Underwear, at 50c and better goods. Ladies' Black Tights, 5c, 7c, \$1, less 10 per cent.

Very Special Prices on Silk and Satin Eiderdown Comforters

4 only Eiderdown Comforters, satin and silk coverings, were \$10 and \$10.50, Friday and until sold, each \$7.87. 1 only Fine Eiderdown Comforter, satin and silk coverings, patent ventilators, was \$12.50, Friday and until sold \$9.69. 1 only Fine Eiderdown Comforter, fancy frill and satin covering, with frill, was \$15, Friday and until sold \$9.88. 1 only Extra Fine Down Comforter, finest quality of satin and fancy silk, was \$19, Friday and until sold \$14.00.

Hose

Seconds in Cashmere Hose, sizes 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8; extra heavy double knees, heels and soles, regular prices 25c and 50c a pair, special for Friday at 15c, 21c, 25c and 35c.

Clothing Dept.

60 pairs Men's Tweed Tants, all-wool, heavy weight, regular \$1.50, Friday, bargain \$1.15. Boys' Two-Piece Suits, strong, serviceable tweed, Italian linings, regular price \$2.50 and \$2.75, Friday, bargain \$1.85. Men's Fine Beaver Overcoats, single-breasted, good trimmings, well tailored, perfect fitting garment, Friday, special price \$4.50. 20 per cent off all Boys' Reefers.

Staple Dept.

8 pieces Plain Gray and Brown Flannelette, regular 6c goods, Friday 4c. 10 pieces Dark Gray Striped Flannelette, regular price 10c, Friday 6 1/2c. Best 20c Feather Ticking, Friday only 15c. 15 pieces only best 32-inch Turkey Red Print, white polka dot and narrow stripes, warranted worth 12 1/2c per yard, Friday only 7c. 8 pieces Indigo Blue Wrapperette, regular 12 1/2c, Friday 7 1/2c. 2 pieces Bleached Table Linen, regular 85c a yard, Friday, 75c per yard, and 10 per cent off. Balance of all Fancy Linens at reduced prices and 10 per cent off.

Millinery Dept.

Special new idea in Toques and Hats, just trimmed this week at \$2.50 and \$3.50. Table of Felt Sailors, Tams and Walking Hats, regular \$1 to \$2 each; Friday and until sold \$1.00.

Dress Goods Dept.

20 pieces Fancy Plaid Dress Goods, 42-inch, silk checked, 50c and 60c, your choice of this lot Friday, at per yard \$1.00. 10 pieces Black Figured Dress Goods, in Gold Medal and Priestley's celebrated makes, 44-inch, all-wool, regular 75c to \$1 per yard, Friday, at per yard 50c. 25 pieces Colored Dress Goods, in whipcords, chevots, tweeds and fancy figured heavy goods for skirts and dresses, regular 75c to \$1 per yard; Friday at per yard 50c. 40-inch Linenette Lining, browns and grays; also 40 remnants of 2 1/2c Linenette, black, gray and brown, regular 12 1/2c, Friday, at per yard 9c. Colored Silk Velvets, in greens, browns, blues, cerise, gray and purple, regular 60c, Friday, at per yard 35c. Fancy Brocade Silk Velvets for waists, beautiful raised designs, regular \$1.50 per yard, Friday 90c.

Furnishings Dept

Silk and Satin Neckwear, in all new shapes, puffs, Ascots, flowing ends and four-in-hand, the seasons' novelties, regular 50c, Friday 35c. Regular 25c and 30c, Friday 20c. 10 dozen Men's Leather Mitts, warm linings, suitable for motomen and brakemen, strong working mitts, regular 50c, Friday bargain 39c. Assorted lot Men's Shirts, Drawers, regular 60c and 75c each, Friday bargain, 38c each, or the suit for 75c. Men's Heavy Striped Shirts and Drawers, good Canadian wool, regular 85c each, Friday 27c.

Handkerchiefs

40 dozen Ladies' Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, very special Friday, 3 for 10c. 19 dozen Ladies' Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, good value at 50c each, special Friday, 3 for 10c. 20 dozen Children's Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, each 10c. 10 dozen only Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs, with fancy lace corners, worth 25c each; special Friday 15c.

Whitewear and Corset Dept.

50 Pairs Ladies' Flannelette Drawers, regular 25c pair, Friday 15c. 18 Only Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, full size, pinks and grays, regular 50c; Friday only 35c. 32 Only Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, extra heavy flannelette, in stripes, trimmed with frills, worth \$1, Friday only 65c. 3 Lines of Corsets to clear Friday, R. & C. Dresden and Cycling; these goods were 75c to \$1 per pair, all sizes, 18 to 28; Friday only 50c.

Ribbons

35 Pieces Fancy and Plain Silk Ribbons, 4 to 6 inches, worth from 30c to 35c yard; special on Friday and until sold 15c. 1 Lot of Ribbon Remnants, all colors, suitable for neckwear, on sale Friday, 15c each, or 2 for 25c.

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208, 210, 210 1/2, 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

WESTERN ONTARIO

WOKE UP AT HIS INQUEST!

Revival of a Man Believed to Have Been Frozen to Death. Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 28.—Coroner Knapp and Dr. Seibach, in response to a telephone call from Rock Falls, drove thirteen miles in the country to hold an inquest on Michael Khilo, a Bohemian laborer, aged 60. He had been in an open field from midnight till 7 o'clock, and was supposed to have been frozen to death. The coroner and doctor found him laid out stiff in the Widow Rose-hek's farmhouse, but Khilo thawed out and sat up just before the inquest began. The doctor and coroner worked over him till he was fully restored, and he will probably recover. It is said he had fallen in a fit on his way home.

FOR THE CONTINGENT.

Montreal Recruit to Swell the Ranks of Cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Robert S. Thomson, employed at Auld's Factory, 642 Laugelietiere street, is the latest recruit to the army who have indorsed Dodd's Kidney Pills in this city. Gradually but surely all prejudiced persons are being won over to the side of the conqueror of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, the two former tyrants of the human race.

PRICE OF PASTEBOARD ADVANCED.

New York, Dec. 28.—The price of pastebord will be advanced \$2 50 per ton. This was decided upon at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Board and Paper Company held here yesterday. The advance was made, according to a representative of the company, because the price of raw material has advanced.

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THE ROBBER.

Mr. Murphy is offering \$100 reward for the capture of the thieves and the recovery of the money.

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