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LONDON, TUESDAY, JAN. 8.

THE MAYORALTY.

Mr. Judd has been re-elected mayor

by a greater majority than his friends

hoped for. He had several influences

in his favor apart from any merit in

his candidature. The bulk of the wo-

men's vote would have gone for Mr.

Greenlee, because of his temperance

views, but the weather deprived him

of this support. There is a general

feeling, also, in favor of giving a se-

cond term to the occupant of the mayor's

chair if no egregious blunders can be

laid at his door. The "cash nexus" be-

tween Mr. Judd and at least two of the

corporations with which this year's

council will have important business

dealings was a valid reason why the

prescriptive claim to a second term

should not be allowed in his case. This

objection to Mr. Judd was taken with

no thought of questioning his motives,

but a sense of propriety should

have kept him out of the

field at this juncture. The

popularity of the Niagara power

project was a favoring side-wind for

him, though his championship of that

programme, in view of his connection

with the interests opposed to public

ownership, called for a large measure

of faith from his supporters. He pro-

fited, too, by a cut in the tax rate, due

to a large growth in assessment values,

an increase of other sources of revenue,

and a reduction in the debt charges by

spreading the burden over 40 years, in-

stead of 30. The main factor in his

success, however, was the perfection

of the organization at his back. In this

respect he had a great advantage.

Mr. Greenlee has no reason to re-

gret his candidature on personal

grounds. He has made no enemies and

lost no friends. He has suffered noth-

ing in public respect from the disgraceful

newspaper warfare against him.

This might have had some effect with

ignorant and prejudiced people whom

it was designed to catch, but it disgusted

electors, whose good opinion is worth

having. His moderate, fair, and cour-

teous attitude throughout the campaign

was in keeping with his reputation,

and the highest standards of citizen-

ship.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The school trustees-elect, Messrs.

English, Graham, MacRobert, Fitz-

gerald and McCormick, are all first-

rate citizens and, with one exception,

have had years of experience on the

board and given faithful service. If

they will show a little more generosity

in the distribution of chairmanships

and other honors, it will conduce to

harmony on the board, but ratepayers

are not so much concerned about these

matters as the trustees themselves.

The efficiency of the schools is the

main thing. It would be deplorable if

party considerations entered into the

selection of teachers. We do not think

this has been done in the past, and

will rely upon the honor of the board

to avoid what would be a crime against

the schools.

Some criticism of the method of elec-

tion for the school board may reason-

ably be offered. The parading of the

Conservative ticket day after day, with

vehement appeals to Conservatives to

vote in full, and waive private judg-

ment, was an abuse of the party sys-

tem, and an insult to public intelligence.

These tactics succeeded in this in-

stance, but they are bound to produce

a reaction. The spirit of protest

against extreme partyism, which was

represented by the candidature of Dr.

Ross, will gather a force which will

surprise machine politicians. Even as

it was, their plans were nearly upset.

THE WATER COMMISSION.

The large majority for Mr. Darch

is out of proportion to public apprecia-

tion of the record of the water com-

mission last year. Mr. Masurel mere-

ly ran to oblige his friends, and was

indifferent as to the result of the con-

test, appearing only once on a public

platform. Mr. Parsons, by his own ad-

mission, was in the field for "educational

purposes.

The reduction of the water rate ef-

fected by Messrs. Darch and Saunders

against the advice of the late Auditor

Jewell and other municipal experts,

was not a businesslike move, at a time

when large expenditures for water-

works purposes were looming up, but it

was no doubt a vote-catcher. The de-

feat of the Komoka scheme, however,

showed a lack of confidence in the

board. The commissioners are scarcely

to be congratulated upon their hand-

ling of the pressing question of the

water supply last year. This criticism

applies with less force to Commis-

sioner Saunders than to his colleagues,

since he was the only one to take the

initiative. The board should imme-

diately engage an engineer of the high-

est reputation to report upon the water

supply in the territory covered by the

Komoka scheme, and upon its engineer-

ing aspects. He should report also up-

on the lake scheme, and upon the plan,

which has the sanction of a high

authority, of impounding the spring

water along the north branch, measur-

ing 1,000,000 gallons daily, preparat-

ory to installing a separate system for

fire, industrial and street watering

purposes. This information should be

supplied the taxpayers with no un-

necessary loss of time.

MR. DEVLIN'S ELECTION.

The recent election of Mr. C. R. Dev-

lin as M. P. for the County of Nicolet,

has been duly celebrated by the Lib-

erals of that constituency. It was in-

deed a famous victory. Nicolet, until

1904, was regarded as a Conservative

stronghold. Never but once from Con-

federation onward had it returned a

Liberal, and he squeezed in by a ma-

jority of one in a fight where two Con-

servatives were in the field. Hon. R.

Lemieux, the present Postmaster-Gen-

eral, had the distinction of first win-

ning the constituency for the Liberals

in a straight party fight, and now Mr.

Devlin, who went into the county a

stranger in every respect, except for his

record as a member for Wright in the

Dominion House of Commons, and as

the member in the Imperial Parliament

for Galway, has been elected by an

even larger majority than that polled

for Mr. Lemieux when he was re-

turned as Solicitor-General.

The experience of Mr. Devlin in the

Imperial Parliament will stand him

in good stead in Canadian public life.

He is likely to prove a valuable addition

to the Liberal side of the House. It is

highly probable that before the present

Parliament is dissolved Mr. Devlin will

prove himself to be well entitled to a

position in the cabinet. He is a splen-

did platform orator and a convincing

speaker.

Let us hear testimony to the broad-

mindedness of the French-speaking

electors in Nicolet. All but 490 of its

25,500 population are French-Can-

adians. That they should choose this

representative English-speaking Irish-

man, because of his prominence in the

councils of the nation, is a proof of

liberality of which Ontario people

should take notice.

Liberals have not been educated to

"vote the ticket." The majority of

them insist upon exercising their own

intelligence.

The victory for the power bylaw was

inevitable. Ratepayers would be fool-

ish to turn down a proposition with-

out ascertaining what it is.

Germany has raised the pay of her

ambassador at Washington by \$5,000. It

takes money to keep up with the pro-

cession of millionaire senators.

There are only two or three members

of the city council of 1907 to whom

objection can be taken. The defeat of

Ald. Armstrong was undeserved.

Our Conservative fellow-citizens are

great party loyalists. No matter how

much they dislike the man they will

vote for him if he carries the tag.

The vote on the industrial bylaws

shows that the principle of exemptions

is far from popular, but while the ma-

jority of the manufacturers of the city

enjoy this privilege, it is scarcely fair

to refuse it to others. The city risks

the loss of some of its industries if all

exemptions are to be refused in future.

The presence of a labor representa-

tive on the council, if he avoids

the caucus, will have a good effect in

moderating partisanship. In Hamilton

yesterday the laborites elected five

aldermen, who will hold the balance of

power. The Conservative machine,

which has controlled the city for years,

was badly jolted.

THE USUAL ROUND.

[Chicago Record.]

"How long did you remain in New

York?"

"Just long enough to go to all the prin-

cipal theaters and eat once in each of the

fashionable places."

TRIUMPH.

[Appleton's.]

The race is won! As victor I am hailed

With deafening cheers from eager

throats—and yet,

More glad the victory, could I forget

The strained, white faces of the ones that

failed.

AN OFF YEAR.

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]

That sad-eyed man that you meet occa-

sionally is a dealer in snow shovels.

A PLEA FOR TAILOR DIGNITY.

[Men's Wear.]

The Englishman is acknowledged to be

the leader of fashion in men's dress. But

in no other country, probably, has the

tailor or outfitter so little recognition. It

is time that our younger men made up

their minds that this position should be

ended.

DEATH RIDES UPON THE BLAST.

[Toledo News-Press.]

It is the pneumonia season. From early

fall until late spring, during all the cold,

raw, wet, changeable weather, Death in

the guise of the pneumonia germ rides up-

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NOT THE FIRST TIME.

[Stray Stories.]

Husband—Yesterday you sharpened your

lead pencil.

Wife—Yes. How do you know?

Husband—This morning I tried to shave

myself.

NOCTURNE.

[T. B. Aldrich.]

Up to her chamber window

A slight wire trellis goes.

And up this Romeo's ladder

Clambers a bold white rose.

To her scarlet lip she holds him,

And kisses her many a time.

Ah me! It was he that won her.

Because he dared to climb.

NOT EASY GOING.

[Somerville Journal.]

Alice—"That Mr. Gilman prolonged his

call on you last night till after 12 o'clock.

I understand."

Maud—"Yes. And people have always

told me that he is easy-going."

GLADSTONE AND DIZZY.

[H. W. Lacy.]

Gladstone and Disraeli, had only one

thing in common, viz. genius. Each was

a complete puzzle to the other. It is easier

for us to think of Gladstone, the states-

man, as a patriot, than to think of Dis-

raeli, in that light. But no doubt politics

had its fascination for Gladstone as for

his great enemy. "Why do you keep up

the pursuit of money at such a pace?" a

religious and wealthy man was asked.

Mr. Gladstone, with his untamable

energy, his rich verbosity, his susceptibility

to religious and moral influences,

rather amused Dizzy. When his glowing

eyes in fine frenzy rolling, whether cham-

pioning the rights of nationalities or the

privileges of minorities, Dizzy seated on

the other side of the table regarded him

through his eyeglass with the air of one

studying some strange animal recently

imported. Gladstone was more definite

in his views about Disraeli. He rarely

spoke or wrote of him in private rela-

tions. When he did, there was only a

futile attempt to disguise his conviction

that Dizzy was sorely lacking in principle.

LOGICAL CONSOLATION.

[Figaro.]