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LONDON, TUESDAY, DEC. 13.

The Provincial Elections.

The dissolution of the Legislature was authorized yesterday by the Lieutenant-Governor, and the elections will be held on Jan. 25. A winter campaign could have been avoided only by bringing on the bye-elections. These would have held out little prospect of increasing the Government's majority, as the seats vacated, excepting North Renfrew and Dufferin, were held by Liberals in the last Legislature. The Premier frankly told the Liberal convention that he had no desire to cling to office by a majority of three. The last session, when pairs were refused, and the Opposition carried on a guerrilla warfare, was a test of endurance which members on both sides of the House would not care to experience again. Whatever the result of the ensuing election, it is to be hoped the majority will be sufficient to insure stability for at least four years.

If the Opposition had competent leadership and an attractive programme in 1902 it would probably have snatched a victory out of the difficulties in the Liberal party on the temperance question. Since then the Conservative party has not improved its leadership or its policy. The series of resolutions adopted at the recent Conservative convention cannot be dignified by the name of a platform. Several of these resolutions trifled with important questions, such as temperance reform, electoral purity and public ownership, upon which the Liberal convention pronounced in clear-cut language. The temperance plank of the Liberal convention are such that Conservative so-called temperance advocates will have no pretext for scheming and plotting to lure Liberal temperance people from their party allegiance. The discussions in the Liberal ranks which existed in 1902 have been healed, or almost healed, and Mr. Ross will go to the country with considerably more confidence than thirty-two months ago.

There is no comparison between the leaders or the policies of the two parties, but the Opposition has been urging that there is a vast difference between their moral characters. On that point Liberals are not afraid of any challenge, but invite it.

The Municipal Elections.

The municipal elections will be held on Monday, Jan. 2, and the nominations a week earlier. There is some convenience in holding the election on a public holiday, and the vote should be above the normal.

A bylaw, authorizing a debenture issue of \$15,000 to provide an effective breakwater, will be submitted to the ratepayers and should be adopted. Some years ago the council initiated a plan for the continuous improvement of the breakwater, which if carried out would have given the city by this time a fine driveway on the top of the embankment, at comparatively little cost, as the expenditure would have been spread over a number of years. Succeeding councils neglected the work, and the city must now pay the penalty.

Ratepayers are asked to approve another bylaw to raise \$15,000 to establish a system of garbage collection. The reform is desirable on sanitary grounds and has been agitated for years, but the council has not chosen the best method or time to recommend it to the public. The assessment upon which next year's tax rate will fall will be a million dollars higher than this year's. The aldermen are revelling in the prospect of a plethoric revenue, and one of them announces that next year the city "will have money to burn." The ratepayers will be warranted in asking whether it would not be possible to spare some of this surplus cash for the already oppressive debenture debt. The financial position of this city is such that it is high time for a policy of rigid economy. Interest and sinking fund consume nearly eleven mills on the dollar—or almost half the taxation of the present year. Another large debenture issue in connection with the water supply stares the city in the face. Its average tax rate is higher than in other cities of the Province with one exception, because so much of its revenue is eaten up by interest. There is no likelihood that the rate of taxation can be permanently reduced if the debt continues to increase as rapidly as during the past three or four years.

Ratepayers should be on their guard against attempts on the part of the council to resort to the convenient expedient of a debenture issue for purposes which might be met out of current revenue, especially when the council "has money to burn." The breakwater is a case in point. Had the city spent a small sum yearly in a systematic way, as originally outlined, there would have been no flood this year in West London, and no necessity for another municipal mortgage.

An increase of a million dollars in the assessment means that 23 mills on the dollar—the present rate of taxation—will yield next year \$23,000 more than this year. Why add \$15,000 to the debenture debt for a garbage removal plant which can be provided out of ordinary revenue without raising the tax rate?

Party Lines in Municipal Affairs.

The Conservative mayor of Hamilton gave a banquet the other night to mark his retirement from office. One of his guests, Rev. Dr. Rose, the well-known Methodist clergyman, improved the opportunity by making a vigorous attack upon the introduction of party politics into municipal affairs, to the great discomfiture of the mayor and the machine aldermen in the company.

This system was inaugurated in Hamilton, as in London, by the Conservative party. There is no pretense that party lines were never drawn in the city council in London before the Beck regime. In the appointment of chairmen of committee and municipal employees the aldermen frequently showed their party bias, but they were under the pressure of no political organization. If one of them chose to differ with his friends, he was in no danger of being knifed by the party machine, because it did not exist for municipal purposes. Conservatives and Liberals got along fairly well in double harness at the city hall, which neither party then regarded as a political preserve or a patronage crib. All this was changed when Mr. Beck became mayor. The executive of the Conservative association took charge of municipal affairs. It names its candidate for the council, the school board, the board of water commissioners and the hospital trust. If any municipal offices are to be filled the executive chooses the men and the machine aldermen, school trustees and other municipalities contain the degrees like so many rubber stamps.

In Hamilton this system has been carried to such an extreme that a citizens' league, to place non-partisan candidates in the field, is seriously proposed. In this city the Liberal party has never organized for any municipal campaign, whatever its opponents may say to the contrary. But a good many Liberals, who do not favor partisanship in municipal business on principle, resent the order of things which has existed for three years. It is sufficient to warrant Liberals in voting exclusively for candidates who are known to be Liberals or who are at least opposed to the present state of affairs at the city hall.

The Foolish Who Fall.

[S. E. Kiser.]
Some men whom we envy today
By tomorrow may fall, through some blunder.
And we in our wisdom will wonder
Why he threw his fair chances away;
We will wax old and wisely and say
The things that are always repeated.
When they that tempt fate are defeated
And brought to disgrace and dismay.
Each day some new tragedy brings,
The frailties of men are unending;
The dupes and the rogues keep descending.
And we have our sneers and our flings;
Ever ready with stones in our slings.
To hurl at the ones who are cheering;
We turn from applauding to jering.
When the honored one's honor takes wings.

We, being unnoticed and small,
Sit back in our corners and wonder;
We hear of the people who blunder,
Who, having soared proudly, must crawl,
And we can't understand them at all.
We scoff and have no inclination
To ask if beneath their temptation
Even we might not foolishly fall.

Why She Threw Up Her Job.

[New York Sun.]
Hebe had just thrown up her place as cup bearer to the gods.
"Would you believe it?" cried the Celestial waitress, "these stungy old men didn't tip a cent."
Herewith she departed to find a job in a dairy lunch.

Same in London.

[Hamilton Times.]
The Hamilton Tories got some "inspiration" a few days before last election. It did not come in oak or glass, and it wasn't distributed in tin growlers. Wonder if the Montreal syndicate could tell what figures it bore?

A Neighborly View.

[New York Tribune.]
We should not say Americans regard Canadians themselves with indifference. On the contrary, they regard them with much esteem, as uncommonly progressive and enterprising folk, whose acquaintance is worth cultivating, whose friendship is to be prized, whose rivalry in industry and commerce is not to be ignored, and whose material development presents many object lessons which Americans might well take to heart. We have ourselves frequently pointed out Canada's superiority to the United States in the matter of developing systems of inland waterways, and have shown, through such means, the Dominion has made serious inroads upon our foreign commerce. Nor is that the only respect in which our northern neighbors have given "Yankee enterprise" cause to blush with shame at its own backwardness. What Americans do regard with indifference is not Canada or the Canadian, but Canadian annexation. With that amendment, which is probably what he meant, Mr. Goldwin Smith's statement is to be cordially approved. Also to be approved is his statement that if annexation ever comes it will be through the work of Canadian statesmen.

In Father's Pew.

[Khan Kenighan.]
I didn't know she loved me till
A minute ere the church went in;
I almost made my heart stand still.
I heard her through the bell's loud din:
How 'dye do?
There's room for you,
In father's pew.
The chants were fine, the hymns were great,
The curate read the lessons well,
But there I sat with heart a swell,
And heard one single anthem swell:
How 'dye do?
There's room for you,
In father's pew.

I felt her dress against my hand,
I felt her breath against my cheek,
All things were holy, rich and grand,
The reason why?—not far to seek:
How 'dye do?
There's room for you,
In father's pew.
In years gone past the bells might clang,
In vain the noblest music roll,
Last night the little she sang
Hath saved my future and my soul:
How 'dye do?
There's room for you,
In father's pew.

Engaged.

[New York Tribune.]
This comes from Minnesota: A Swedish girl, just arrived from the old country, attended evening service at a Duluth church. The minister, seeing she was a stranger, shook hands with her at the close of the meeting and said he would find pleasure in calling

upon her soon. Whereupon the girl, blushing, hung her head and bashfully murmured, "Thank you, but ay have a fella."

Life in the Desert.

[New York Sun.]
Mrs. Giraffe—You promised me you wouldn't touch another drop.
Mr. Giraffe—Yesh, m' dear; thish th' effect whot I swallowed last week 't jush got down.

Pitied Her Youth, Perhaps.

[Smith's Weekly.]
Office boy (to editor)—There's a lady outside, sir, with some poetry.
Editor—How old is she?
"Eout 17."
"Show her in."

Not as Sweet as Its Name.

[Pittsburg Gazette.]
Cologne is the foulest-smelling town in Europe. This is because the best perfumes are made there. They are mostly concocted from rotten cheese, which is purchased in various parts of France and Switzerland and shipped down the Rhine to the bridge of boats. For Jerusalem gives Tenzler, Morocco and Cologne, Germany, a start of a thousand years in smells and win to half a second.

Beware.

[Chicago Chronicle.]
When Cassie Chadwick comes to town Let all the rich men fly.
Lock up the ink and hide the pens,< And lay the check-books under the door.
Close up the banks and lock the doors,< And throw away the keys,
Or she will sweep the town of wealth,< And do the job with ease.

When Cassie Chadwick comes to town, Let all the bankers flee,< And hide themselves away from her.
Go send detectives all around,< Go out the vaults and hide the gold.
And to the time she comes around, Or she may clap her eyes on you,< And take away your cash.

When Cassie Chadwick comes to town Let all the men beware,< And never linger where she is,< To see her fetching stare;
But take the trains and go away, And leave her in the coop,< And that must be the only way
A man may keep his job.

When Cassie Chadwick comes to town Let business stop all around,< And call out all the police,< Build walls of iron around the banks,< And guard the millionaires,< Or she won't do a single thing
To stocks and bonds and shares.

Progress in Optics.

[Baltimore Herald.]
One night, soon after the opening of the fall term, a little boy came home and gave his father the following note, duly signed by the principal:
"Mr. — Dear Sir—It becomes my duty to inform you that your son shows decided indications of astigmatism, and his case is one that should be attended to without delay."
The next day the father sent the following answer:
"Dear Sir: Whip it out of him. Yours truly."

The Reason.

[St. Paul Pioneer Press.]
Mrs. Jones—Your cousin didn't stay long.
Mrs. Smith—No; she asked us to treat her like one of the family, and when we did she got angry and left.

Rat Attacks Girl's Fur Wrap.

[London Express.]
While out walking with some friends near St. Agnes, Cornwall, a young lady recently went through an unpleasant experience.
The girl was wearing a fur boa, on which was an imitation head of a small animal.
Suddenly she felt something pulling at the wrap, and discovered that her assailant was a rat, which had evidently mistaken the imitation animal for one of its enemies.
So furious was the ferocious creature's attack that it was with difficulty shaken off. It had bitten a large piece out of the fur.

GIRL USED HER HATPIN AS DAGGER

Amateur Actress Attacked Near Her Home—Defeated Her Assailant.

New York, Dec. 13.—"I don't know whether it was in a novel or in the newspapers that I read it, but it flashed across my mind that I had heard of girls defending themselves with their hatpins, so I managed to get hold of one of mine, and used it as well as I could. Of course, I called for help at the top of my voice, and I guess that did me really more good than the hatpin, for it bent almost double as it jabbed at the man." This was the statement of pretty Ella Anderson, who was attacked by a man and left intoxicated with the shadow of her Patterson home.
Miss Ella Anderson, pretty, young and vivacious, prominent in society and theatrical circles, goes to Patterson, N. J., was brutally attacked within half a block of her home, No. 565 Park avenue. The man was frightened away by the cries of the girl, and by her rare presence of mind in using a long hatpin as a weapon of defense.
Three men, attracted by the outcry, chased the culprit across Eastside Park to the banks of the Passaic River. Brought to bay, the fellow plunged into the icy water. He was numbed by the cold and easily captured.
When hauled to the shore he gave his name as Francis Spear. His friends said he had been on a protracted spree, and that when under the influence of liquor was wholly irresponsible. He was lodged in the county jail to await the action of the grand jury on charges preferred by Miss Anderson.

TO SPLIT SOLID SOUTH

Scheme Discussed by Visitors to the White House.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt is to be urged to put a solid man distinctly from the solid south, in his cabinet. He will be told that the south is broken and that he can accomplish a general splitting up of that section by appointing a southern man as one of his advisers and by following a liberal policy in his handling of the south.
James S. Browning, one of the Republican leaders of the ninth Virginia district, has been at the White House to urge the measure. He says that Representative Sleep obtained only 200 majority two years ago in the ninth Virginia district, and that his majority of nearly 5,000 the year, shows which way the wind is blowing.
"We ought to have a southern man



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period.

"To Young Women:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month, as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said this was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by repeated and neglected colds.

"If young girls only realized how dangerous it is to talk cold at this critical time, much suffering would be spared them. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period the pain had diminished considerably. I kept on taking it and was cured a month later. I am like another person since. I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, I have added 12 pounds to my weight, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."

Miss Agnes Miller, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill.—\$5000 Forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

The monthly sickness reflects the condition of a woman's health. Anything unusual at that time should have prompt and proper attention.

"in the cabinet," declared Browning, "and he ought to be a Virginian, too. That state is to become a fighting ground in the future, and we are going right after the Democrats hereafter and defeat them in state affairs. There are many of us fellows who have been working for the Republican party in Virginia for years, and we believe the President ought to show that he recognizes what we are doing. The suggestion of a cabinet place, himself in Virginia, an attempt is to be made to reorganize the Republican party and to rid it of the party who have so long dominated it. How far the President will give his aid to this plan cannot now be foretold.

The hope of splitting the solid south has been revived in Republican minds by the recent election in Missouri and Maryland, and Republicans will be found who will advise the President that he ought to recognize the work of southern Republicans in a southern manner. The suggestion of a Virginian man would be better received than of a man from any other state, unless it should be from Kentucky.

It is not probable that the states in the heart of the south, unless it should be Tennessee, will be seriously fought for by the Republicans for awhile, but if the experiment in Virginia proves successful the other states will be looked after.

Swarms With Bacilli.

New York, Dec. 13.—The air in New York's \$25,000,000 subway is undergoing official investigation. Grave charges are brought against it, the gravest perhaps being that the only fresh air the subway can get is drawn almost entirely from the level of the streets. Tests show that the air at the pavement level fairly rooks with bacilli, and in some districts 9,000 colonies of them were found on a plate of a few inches area at the end of fifteen minutes exposure. The reason New Yorkers can live in such an atmosphere is because sunlight kills these swarming bacilli. According to the bacteriologist of the Health Department bacteria will thrive especially well in the subway because of the lack of sunlight. The absolute necessity of adequate ventilation and sanitation is shown by an examination made of the cocoa mats on the floors of the elevated cars. One fibre only 1½ inches long placed from such a mat showed 4,000,000 bacilli of different sorts, which would breed and multiply, and would grip, besides many more diseases. These mats get plenty of sunlight.

WHAT TO DO FOR AN UNHEALTHY COMPLEXION.

There is Only One Way to Get a Good, Healthy Complexion. You Can Have Red Cheeks, Rosy Lips and Bright Eyes All Your Life Without Using Poisonous Lotions, Washes or Powders.

It has come to be a habit with many women to make use of powders, cosmetics and other beautifiers, to cover up defects and to conceal the fact that their skin is rough, mottled or pimply. It is foolishness, however, to attempt to correct a bad complexion by the use of beautifiers. There is only one way to secure a lasting result and that is to remove the cause. If you have an unhealthy complexion you may depend upon it that your blood is also unhealthy. It must be purified and enriched and this can only be accomplished by keeping the liver active and establishing regularity of the bowels. Smith's Pinpoint and Butternut Pills act directly on the liver, regulate the bowels, cleanse and enrich the blood, and in this way purify the complexion. Never use cosmetics, many of which are poisonous, containing lead, arsenic and other mineral poisons, and all of which eventually are sure to give a bad complexion even worse, but use a remedy which is known to cure all stomach and bowel troubles, cleanse the blood of all impurities and regulate and strengthen the functions of digestion and assimilation. If you would have red cheeks, rosy lips and bright clear eyes, keep your bowels regular by the use of Smith's Pinpoint and Butternut Pills. Their daily use will establish conditions of perfect health. Remember these little pills are purely vegetable, and not only quickly restore the complexion, but are a positive cure for sick headache, constipation and biliousness in one night. All dealers 25 cents each. Write for free literature. All genuine signed W. F. Smith.

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MEXICAN DRAWN-WORK—Centerpieces, 68c, 95c; Tray Cloths, 95c; Scarfs, \$1.32, \$1.50; Five O'Clock Tea Cloths, \$2.15 to \$8.65.

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