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### THE MAYORALTY.

In the natural accelerated interest consequent to a contest the thoughts of the citizens have been largely focussed upon the aldermen who will conduct the municipal affairs of the Maple City during the ensuing year, and, perhaps, the valuable and efficient services of the Chief Magistrate have been somewhat lightly passed over, by reason of the fact that there was no mayoralty campaign in which his services would doubtless have been energetically extolled before the public.

A re-election by acclamation should carry more weight than is generally accorded it. It means that services rendered have been satisfactory, that work done has been faithfully performed. It is an honor which cannot be over-estimated.

And Mayor Sullivan is well deserving of the appreciation evidenced by his unanimous re-election. He has been energetic, thorough and, we believe, conscientious in the discharge of his high duties, and will leave behind him this year, we doubt not, the same good record found on the scroll of the past.

And while alluding to the mayoralty—The Planet may say that it has been a source of satisfaction and pleasure to see Ald. W. E. McKeough again enter the municipal arena and to note that, despite a last moment decision to acquiesce to the solicitations of friends and a consequent crippled campaign, the citizens of Chatham took occasion to express their endorsement and approval by again placing him at the head of the poll. Ald. McKeough's services to the city, during his previous years of office, were characterized by business methods; straight-forward conduct and earnest consecration to the civic weal, and the city has reason to be congratulated on again securing them. If Ald. McKeough devotes his energies and abilities as energetically and whole-heartedly to the public development and progress and the conserving of the best interests of the municipality this year as he has done in the past—and we doubt not that he will—this journal ventures the hearty prophecy that he will be the next Mayor of Chatham.

### WHAT MR. ROSS SAID.

The Hon. Ross was so delighted to see the great delegation that waited on him last Friday to learn his proposed course on prohibition that he was struck speechless, comments the Windsor Herald.

There were some fifty prominent gentlemen, wise men from the east, west and north. They made clever speeches, setting forth what they expected the premier to do toward redeeming his pledges. They smoothed the asperity of their demands by well turned compliments to Mr. Ross himself.

They did all that any well-conducted and energetic delegation could do, and then they stood back in happy participation of the burning words that were to fall from the lips of the prohibitionist premier.

It was not fair to Mr. Ross, the honor of the thing was so unexpected and so overpowering that the premier was struck dumb. The reporters with poised pencils awaited the message to an expectant province, the slight pause merely made keener the waiting delegates. It was not to be, however, no temperance oration poured from the lips of the champion, no warm words of commendation to the earnest workers before him. The climax that was looked for never came. Instead of all that was expected, Mr. Ross said in an offhand way from his comfortable chair that he was delighted to see the gentlemen, and he would think the thing over. That was all. The delegates looked at each other in an incredulous way that seemed to say "Is this the end? Is this the end?" The reporters gathered up their copy paper,

still white as the driven snow, and the whole aggregation filed out of the "presence" with more celerity than the solemnity of the occasion warranted.

It was a solemn occasion; it merely meant that the erstwhile champion of prohibition had hauled down his white ribbon and had gone over to the enemy. No wonder the guileless delegates were sore amazed and greatly grieved. They knew that the curt dismissal from the premier was as fatal to their beloved cause as if he had boldly told them that he believed the whole thing to be an utterly impracticable dream.

Now, it would be only natural to suppose that these gentlemen smarting from the result of their futile pilgrimage would bear some ill-will to the premier and the government he heads. It would not be surprising if they worked and voted against him. They certainly have ample cause. Will they do it? Not in this fair province; those of the delegates who happen to be of the Liberal fold, will take their rebuff with Christian resignation and with becoming docility will mark their ballots at the next election for the Liberal candidate.

This is the temperance sentiment as we have it in Ontario, and this is the reason that any government can with safety snap its fingers at temperance delegates and prohibition plebiscites.

There may be another act in the harmless drama or there may not. There may follow a referendum, or the epitaph of prohibition may have been spoken by Mr. Ross last Friday.

The net result in either case will be the same, and that is—nothing.

Prohibition agitation is a safety-valve to the sensitive conscience, that feels it should do something for its fellowmen. It is an easy way of shifting the irksome responsibility of being our brother's keeper from the individual on to the government. It is a philanthropic and decorous amusement and it is nothing else.

### DOUBTING MARCONI.

Notwithstanding the statement of Sig. Marconi that he established wireless communication between Newfoundland and Cornwall, there are not wanting men of reputed authority on electrical matters who express scepticism on the subject and the American and British papers are giving space to the expression of their doubts, points out the Ottawa Citizen. The people are being reminded of the extravagant claims of Tesla, which were not made good, and the insinuation is that Sig. Marconi may not have actually accomplished all he claims. Of course the publication of these expressions of doubt may be carefully calculated to effect a reaction in the stock market, where cable company shares have slumped twenty points. One allegation is that the three ticks which signify the letter S in the Morse code might be produced by atmospheric electric disturbance, which is said to find vent in the repetition of that signal.

On the face of it, however, it appears incredible that an inventor of Sig. Marconi's reputation should make a positive statement regarding the success of such an important experiment unless it had been successful beyond peradventure. And his detailed statement of the experiment places it beyond the realm of doubt that he actually established communication in a manner prearranged by cable. Sig. Marconi is not like an individual who had anything to gain and nothing to lose by misleading the public. If Sig. Marconi had never done more for science than to enable ships out of sight of each other, below the horizon to communicate with each other, or with the shore, his name must go down to posterity as one of the greatest discoverers in the realm of electrical science which the world has ever seen. It is inconceivable that a man already possessing his prestige should run any risk of depreciating that acknowledged prestige by announcing a sensational achievement, if any risk existed that it might prove a fiasco. He did not boast in advance of his ability to achieve transoceanic communication, and pursued the course of a discrete man in keeping his object a secret until assured by experiment that it was a success. It seems incredible that he should stake his reputation on a statement of fact if not positively satisfied that he was safe in doing so.

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A musician, brought to despair by the poor playing of a lady in the room above his own, meets her one day in the hall with her three-year-old child, and says in a most friendly manner:

"Your little one plays quite well for her age; I hear her practice every day."

### WHY THE HEATHEN RAGE.

Washington Star.  
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To all of them it has meant an easy and natural return to health.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

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### A KINGSTON CUSTOM.

Kingston Whig.

A divine in St. Louis—Isn't it wonderful what some men work into their sermons nowadays—declares that it is the women who should propose and not the men. And don't they? If the women waited until some men said the word they would wait a long time.

### AN UNPROFITABLE TIME.

Life.

Mrs. Highblower—You must surely come out to church to-day. The sermon is on the dishonesty of business methods.

Highblower—Then I must wait until next Sunday. I have an important deal to put through this week.

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We have had considerable experience in heating large space and have made ample tests as to the comparative merits of Coke and Coal for heating purposes, with the result that we can recommend coke as having a most decided advantage, and I believe that if its heating facilities were better known it would be much more largely used than it is.

Yours sincerely,

D. McLACHLAN.

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