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—BROWNING.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 16.

ONCE MORE INCORSED.

The Toronto Young Liberals have done well to follow the example set by their London brethren in the matter of the registration of voters. We are convinced that in cities, towns and villages, at any rate, no system of compiling voters' lists will be satisfactory short of a personal registration one month before the date of an election. The system can be inaugurated before the next Provincial election if the strong current of public opinion which we have voiced, and which is exemplified in the unanimous resolutions passed by representative bodies of young men, is brought to bear on the members of the Ontario Legislature. There cannot be a doubt that the replacing of the present method of compiling the Ontario lists by a system of registration would be a vast improvement. Registration would save time and money and would give voters' list far more complete and satisfactory than is possible under even the very excellent Manhood Suffrage Act of the Mowat Government, while it would be infinitely superior to the Dominion Franchise Act, which supplies countless opportunities to poll the graveyard and foreign voters and for partisan officers to stuff the lists. If any one has anything to say against personal registration on the eve of an election, whether by or general, we would like to hear it. So far no objection has been brought forward. It is not an experiment. It has worked admirably in the States and in Manitoba.

CHARLES DICKENS' old house at No. 28 Wellington street, Strand, in London, will soon be a thing of the past, as it is to be remodelled for business purposes. It was there that the novelist lived while he edited All the Year Round and Household Words, and while he wrote many of his novels. These short streets, off the great business avenue, have until recently been just as quiet and home-like in their appearance as suburban thoroughfares. But as the business of London increases, the homes are being gradually crowded out, and all the streets between London and the thoroughfare bid fair to soon be devoted to business purposes.

A SIXTY-HOUR WEEK.

Ald. Parnell did a good piece of work for the short-hour movement when he insisted that the corporation, in giving a valuable franchise to an electric railway company, should stipulate that the employees must only be worked 60 hours a week, or an average of ten hours a day.

As a rule the proper thing is not to interfere with freedom of contract, but to let employer and employee make their own bargain. But in dealing with a corporation in receipt of privileges from the community, and serving the people in a way that no other company is called upon to do, the stipulation made on the motion of Ald. Parnell, and agreed to by the council, is reasonable.

A community granting certain rights to a body of men can certainly bind them to whatever conditions it deems fair. And when in this case the comfort, perhaps the safety of the lives of the public, may depend upon whether or not the workmen employed are overworked, it is proper to insist on, as in Toronto and Hamilton, No employment of watchfulness and more constant care than that of a motorman on an electric car, and the public will be reassured when it learns that by previous contract all temptation to overwork these employees has been removed.

RULERS MUST FIRST BE CHANGED.

Long ago Sir Francis Hincks told us that we must keep Canada a cheeper country to live in than the United States. If the Democrats redeem their promises, things are going to cheeper with a rush across the border. Had we not better lead the way?

[Montreal Star.]
Not while the combines have the ear of the Administration at Ottawa. Everybody knows that only by the aid of the various rings that have been formed to enhance the price of the necessities of life has the present Government been able to hold away. Remove that aid, assail the network of high taxation at any point, and down comes the whole fabric and the politicians who have favored the system with it. The true restrictionist leader put this point very strongly when he told the people of Petrolia, the other day, that under no circumstances would the "N. P." be interfered with by him or his fellows. The combines asked for a sign, and Sir John Thompson gave it.

THE LAST OF NEILL-CREAM.

Neill-Cream died without making any revelations regarding his guilt, unless he reposed a statement in confidence with someone who does not feel disposed to make it public. There cannot be a doubt, however, that he was guilty of murdering the woman for whose death he was held accountable as well as six others—three in London, Eng., one in this city, and two in the United States, and it is not improbable that other deaths, both on this continent and in England, supposed to have been natural, were really due to the fiend's strychnine capsules. Indeed, he might yet be at large, engaged in his trade of a gentlemanly Jack the Ripper but for his own repeated acts of stupidity. The motive—blackmail—was an absurd one in the manner in which it was manifested. His letters, sent to persons of good standing, accusing them of the murder of women they never saw, were turned over to the police as a matter of course, and the detectives regarded them as such palpable evidence of insanity on the part of the writer that, as they testified at the trial, they did not make more than a perfunctory inquiry about them. But this was not urged on the prisoner's behalf. The defense, contented itself with assailing the case of the prosecution at its strongest point, that of identification, but it was not difficult to secure his conviction, and though he hoped to escape the death he long since merited, the authorities were amply warranted in proceeding to his speedy execution.

It has been urged that Neill was insane, as his crimes were absolutely motiveless. That his brain was unhealthily may be conceded. How could it be in good repair after a life spent in immorality? But there can be no doubt that he knew very well the consequences of his deeds, and a man whose mind enables him to so distinguish between that which is right and that which is not would have been a most unfit subject for leniency. Years ago the Governor of Illinois, on this same plea, released Neill-Cream and he resumed his trade of murdering persons who may not have been any more sane than himself. Society would have no protection if it were to save from the noose, and let go at large, criminals possessing the powers and the disposition of the man hanged at Newgate on Tuesday.

PARTY RESEMBLANCES.

"An Old Subscriber" asks if the Republican party in the United States does not approximate in its views to the Liberal party of Canada and the Democrats to the Conservatives of this country. There was a period when the Liberals of Canada and the Republicans of the United States entertained views very nearly in common. That was in the war times. The Liberals believed in putting down slavery, in the preservation of the republic, in the preservation of the republic. A large number of the Canadian Conservatives openly sympathized with the South, and it has been recorded that Canadian Conservative M.P.s cheered the news of the battle of Bull's Run. As time has passed, however, and the Republican party has carried out a restricted trade policy, and has taken the money of monopolists in return for legislation favoring them at the expense of the people, to hush up their party interests, while the Democrats have contended for a revenue tariff, the views of the last-named have approximated more nearly to those of the Canadian Liberals. It may now be said that the monopolists and combines control the Conservative leaders in Canada and the Republican managers in the States. This brings the views on the chief question dividing parties—the great issue of high vs. low taxation—out in strong enough relief to show that the Liberals have most in common with the now dominant Democrats, while the Conservatives and the Republicans are bracketed together.

THE TORONTO TEMPEST.

The new president of the Toronto Young Conservatives may effect some good if he faints not by the way. In his inaugural address he pointed out that a change was needed from the N. P., that annexation had already set in—that our people were annexing themselves by jobs to the United States, and so on. At Monday night's meeting of the club Mr. Hopkins, an attaché of the Empire, bobbed up with a resolution antagonizing Mr. Armstrong's position, and asserting that everything was lovely in Canada, with the goose hanging from the third story window. Mr. E. W. McIntyre took up the challenge for President Armstrong, who was also subsequently heard from. The president said he would not take back a word. There was an exodus, and it would not be stopped by men who shut their eyes to it and said all were disloyal who did not do just as they were told by the few Cabinet ministers who dictated the party policy without consulting even the members of the House. If it was going to ruin the party to tell the truth, then the sooner the party was ruined the better for the country. Mr. Hopkins does not like the idleness which these sentiments have received from the independent press of the country, and he pleads that President Armstrong be censured, and told that he must not mention the truth if it hurts the party and menaces the monopolists who supply the wealth that is poured down the Empire rat hole. But the Young Conservatives were not inclined to go back on their president because he had told the truth, and would not resist from it, and the decision had to be postponed. Why should it be treason for a man to stick by his honest convictions, even though in the past he has supported trade restriction? If President Armstrong does not have a care, however, he will be drummed out of his party as a traitor, because he is not inclined to go to the Haggarts, the Fosters, the Carons, and the other feeders at the public crib for his convictions on public topics. The average partizan of the Hopkins brand takes the political views from Ottawa, and never once thinks for himself at all.

A COVERT ATTACK ON ITS FRIENDS.

Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald has retired from the presidency of the London Conservative Association, but the Free Press, with a persistency that is hard to understand, pursues him into private life by an exposure of the means whereby he and his associates carried the city election for the late Mr. John Walker in 1874.

Considering that not only Mr. Fitzgerald but other citizens who are now prominent in the Conservative ranks aided in that contest, and were reported for bribery to the Parliament of Canada it does seem a trifle like fouling the nest of his friends for our contemporary to keep harping on the corruption of which they were the chief exemplars.

The election of 1874 was one which reflected no credit on the men who spent money freely for the bribery of the electors to support their respective sides. Neither did it reflect any credit on the man who now occupies the seat stolen from Mr. Hyman. He dared not claim the seat then, and he was contented to relinquish his hold on the office for which he has always had a passionate and selfish craving rather than consent to have the conduct of himself and his associates laid bare in court. The seat, indeed, was claimed for him, but with loud protestations that he did not want it on any account, Mr. Carling managed to evade the legal consequences of his share in the carnival of bribery that characterized that contest. Our city contemporary should be ashamed to boast of the success of a trick that on the face of it was a confession of guilt. And now that the other chief actor in the drama lies in his grave, that his lieutenants are managers in Mr. Carling's following to-day, and that the overwhelming proportion of the present electorate did nothing to do with the affair, it certainly seems like an anxiety to get one's friends for our city contemporary to persist in reviving the proceedings of an election of twenty years ago, while it has conjured up no legitimate defense for the great seat steal of 1874.

LONDON West amalgamation may be deferred by the present failure to come to terms as to the assessment. But union will come about soon. The fair and fickle maiden over the river is a little hard to woo, but she will give her consent one of these days. Considering the home she is asked to share, she should not be too great a stickler on the score of dowry.

PLAY FAIR.

(Toronto Globe.)
While a great mass of the people entertain strong objections to the introduction of federal or provincial politics into municipal elections, there are disturbing signs that a surreptitious attempt is to be made to gain a Conservative party advantage in the municipal elections all over the Province next January.

It is stated that the ward has been passed out from Conservative headquarters that an attempt must be made to get as many party men into the township council as possible next year, with the object of influencing the appointment of assessors. Rightly or wrongly, it is believed that next year's assessment roll, which is the basis of the Dominion and Provincial election lists, will be of electoral importance with respect to one or other of these lists. It is therefore deemed highly desirable that good Conservative assessors should have the superintendence of their preparation. Of course the thing was to be managed in such a way as not to arouse the suspicion of Liberals. The secret instructions, however, as usual, have leaked out.

Liberals are strongly averse to complicating the already perplexing problems of municipal management with the important issue, but the actions of their adversaries must be closely watched, and double dealing of any kind must be promptly challenged and made abortive.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RULING

Which Gives the Mormon Church a Good Round Sum of Money.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 15.—The Territorial Supreme Court has decided the church excommunication case involving \$2,000,000 and ordered that the money be handed over to the Mormon Church, to be used for the support of the poor, the parochial schools and the repair and building of Mormon houses of worship. The master in chancery has decided that the money should go to the free public schools, holding that its transfer to the Mormons would be that much in aid of polygamy. The court holds that belief in polygamy is an abstract rather than a concrete principle and beyond jurisdiction of the courts. Appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court.

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