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THE LIOUOR INTERESTS WIN. There will be no reduction of licens in Hamilton this year. In the Council's decision to this effect the strength of the liquor element to control it is amply shown.

There will be some surprises for the electors in the report of the Council proceedings last night, none greater, we centure to say, than the finding of Ald Allan posing as the champion of antireduction, and taking the ground that the Council should never order a reduction in the number of licenses, but mere iy fix the limit at whatever the License Commission issues. Ald, Allan was not alone in seeking such pleas to evade the duty which falls upon the aldermen. Some there were who frankly assumed that the people should never secure reduction in the number of licenses unles they treated a license for twelve months as a perpetual property interest and redeemed it by purchase; but for the most part the opponents of reduction merely shirked the issue by turning over the reduction question to the License Com-It was no matter to them missioners. that the right to fix the number of licenses to be issued is, by act of the Leg- by any attempt to prosecute them for a is that much added unnecessarily islature, conferred upon the people of criminal libel against the United States the ta the municipalities whose representatives Government. The very fact that a suit hard. they are. It is but one more evidence of the weakness of municipal Govern-

Last year, when the matter was under consideration, we urged that if un willing to take the forward step demanded by license reduction sentiment. the Council might well have fixed the limit of the number of licenses to be issued at sixty-eight, the number then in But it refused to do so. It refused to read the signs of the times Its action served greatly to stimulate temperance sentiment, and the awakening of this year is the result. Now the The public is rightly jealous of the sympathizes with the action of the contail who sympathizes with the action of the contained of the public is rightly jealous of the freedom of the press, though it may so constrained and eriticism of whatever is done in the name of the consent in the name of the expense of the public reasury. Sensational representations not supported by facts are splings of public or stu-reduction. If you want tewer licenses, "You must get the reduction from the statements which harm has come to the Government or public interests, "Nobody can pre-tend that tharm has come to the Government or licenses." How can the public regard the ac-tion by the restrict the result in no injury Council would fix the limit at 68, but

How can the public regard the ac tions of these aldermen in the light of

Toronto, one bar to ... 1.995 people London, one bar to ... 1.923 people Ottawa, one bar to ... 1.200 people Hamilton, one bar to ... 985 people Winnipeg, one bar to ... 1.750 people

Under Toronto's new by-law the er larged city, with over 300,000 popula tion, will have only 110 bars, while Hamilton will have 68! The wisdom of reducing the number would appear to be evident. Last night, however, when a moderate reduction of from 68 to 60 was asked, the Hamilton Council defeated it to result from the prosecution. on this division

Yeas (8)-Lees, Morris, Milne, Pere- dred years in the past and the lesson grine, Robson, Forth; Cooper, Anderson. Nays (13)-Ellis, Wright, Crerar, Ap. this age. plegath, Clark, Gardner, Jutten, Hop kins, Sweeney, Ryan, Farmer, Allan Guy

Disappointing as this result must t moment to the temperance work- ed a reduction of 10 per cent, in the fire ers of the city, we are inclined to think that there is the liquor interests to jubilate over. ers." The action of the Council, viewed in the assisted toward relief. We are so near him against such things in future, the large, from the anti-reductionists' side the danger line in waterworks capacity would seem to be a grave tactical blum that the aldermen proved in court that and unofficial nature. It was not a would seem to be a grate textual solar der, The modest reduction voted down we couldn't spare water supply for a summons or a command; merely an last night will not satisfy the rising tide few Barton people, even at a vastly inof temperance sentiment twelve months creased rate, yet an effort is made, and hence. cil of the public demand for reduction city from using the money voted by cd" the officer to appear before him for will probably result in giving impetus to the people to provide adequate pumping itself felt in a manner not to be evaded or resisted. The challenge issued will hardly fail to be accepted, and, when re-binard to deal with it, it will probably with it, it will probably its and to deal with it, it will probably its and to deal with it, it will probably its and to deal with it, it will probably words state duration contemporary, which ad vocates this unbusinesslike, un-Hamilton its and to deal with it, it will probably its and to deal with it, it will probably when brought to Ontario by the Tory its and to the Marine report. No government word have provided for such a re-word down and the manner of the mark of the

fers to an allegation said to have bee nade by ex-Chief Justice-Tuck, of Ne Brunswick. It will be remembered that some time ago it was reported that the ex-Chief Justice had stated that snighthood had been offered him to in ce him to retire from the bench. In eplying to Mr. Lennox's question S Wilfrid stated categorically that no such offer had been made, and that the Gov ernment had no desire for Chief Justice

Tuck's retirement. It will be interesting now to have the explanation of those r sponsible for the publication of the story redited to Chief Justice Tuck

ROOSEVELT'S LIBEL SUIT.

public interest. Every fact in connec-

tion with this transaction should by

right belong to the public. It is con-

when it says:

It is very probably true that the charges made in certain United States papers regarding the distribution of the oney paid by the Government for the rights and property of the French Canal Company on the Isthmus of Panama had any justification, and no reason for regarding them as anything but a reprehensible "sensation," We do not need to look furthen than the disgraceful

faking in the Emperor William interviews to find evidence that some United States newspapers do not hesitate to descend to the most villainous methods sales. At the same time, however, it is more of the ratepayers' money to law very doubtful if anything will be gained experts. And every dollar so paid out is brought in the name, and at the

do with the morals or policy of the Toopen to criticism. Criticism is in the ronto Telegram, which takes such delight in reflecting that Toronto may be able by the waste of a lot of the ratepayers ceivable that grievous wrong may be to the people whom the city induc done to some official by malicious and invest their hard-earned money in the Electric Light Company

cdy is not a suit in the name of the Government. The New York Journal of Commerce puts the matter very fairly

tend that harm has come to the Govern-ment from the statements which are made the subject of these proceedings, and any attempt to purish their utter-ance will have the appearance of in-timidating the press and will enable the champions of its freedom, which they champions of its freedom, which they already eagerly doing.

It does not befit the government of free country to seek to suppress free discussion of any question which conerns the relationship of the government to the people. Even if some ancient haw be discovered which enables such a suit to be brought little good is likely The days of the old sedition laws are a hun-

of their working should not be lest upon

REDUCED INSURANCE RATES. Our neighbor the Herald remarks that

Toronto house owners have been grant insurance rates, but adds that "there is Some Hamilton people have not The utter ignoring by the Coun- has the Herald's support, to prevent the Police Commission. But had he "ordera manner not to be evaded The challenge issued will Electric monopoly. How could a city so

policy, express wonder that insurance campaign, is suffering the penalty of port

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Children's Aid cause is one that eserves well of the city. It is cheaper to save the children than to punish

The majority in the Council has a great sympathy with those who suffer from thirst. It refuses to cut off a single one of our sixty-eight drinking places

"Subscriber,"-No, the management of the police is a matter entirely removed from the Council, save in so far as the Mayor for the time is one of the three members of the Police Commission. British officials administering the old-

age pension act have discovered that about 70 per cent, of the applicants are en, and that 4-5 of those are widows. Is this to be explained by the greater longevity of the widows, or have they merely been the first to make ap

We have an idea that Mayor McLaren and his collegaues are as well informed in regard to the power contract and their duty under it as they are likely to acquire notoriety and to push their to be after paying out \$500 or \$1,000

criminal libel against the United States the taxes. The anti-Hamilton cause dies is brought in the name, and are the lit is hard to believe that the other expense, of the Government, to protect Ross Robertson who does so much for the Children's Hospital has anything to officials, is enough to alienate public sympathy. These officials are properly

oney to cause great hardship and loss

unjustifiable misstatements. The rem-A. H. Mackay, LL. D., Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, is not on who sympathizes with the action of the

the greatest boon which Canadian could have would be that Canada should be made a cheap country in which to live. We are at present far from Mackenzie's idea. But not a few of the great thinkers among the economists are to-day ready to accept it. Dearness is not an end to be sought afte

Of course a policeman is not re to obey the personal order of the Mayor to appear before him for trial. Equally,

urse. Magistrate Jelfs is right saying that the proper method of pro-

when an officer is to be pro reeded against is by formal charge. As Mayor McLaren did not wish to proceed against the officer whom he "summoned before him, but only desired to explas little in the situation for no relief in sight for local household- the situation, point out the impropriety the situation, point out the impropriety of certain doings in the past and warn him against such things in future, the interview desired was of an informal that city will soon be dissolved in interview desired was of an informal invitation. Mayor McLaren did not attempt to usurp the functions of the

examination the demurrer of the Magistucket wement which, ere long, will make capacity till next year, with the object trate would have been proper and



ist the n tions could be discus gardless and indepen tions could be discussed impartunity gardless and independent of any p cal or other interests governing the and objects for a greater Hamilton, decisions and good accruing from ended and the independent of the second se a meeting would undoubtedly fuch a material for further deliberation by the business committee, which was one the leading questions and projects brought forward by Mayor McLaren in

tain legitimate interested parties giv-ing and showing Hamilton's best during the time they are the city's guests. Th-success of such proceedings and negoti-ations depends almost entirely on the courtesy, personality and business tac-of the person or persons acting in th-city's interests. It is therefore up to rl concerned to select the best man, with out fear or favor, to carry out the st-the successful carrying out of which will brought forward by Mayor McLaren in his inaugural address in the City II ul. Now is the psychological moment to e-ment and weld the present wave for in-dustrial advancement into a policy of lasting good for the citizens, applying the well-known maxim, modified to suit the case, "There is a tide in the affairs of the city, which, taken at the flord," leads on to fortune," it being reasonable to predict this will hold true in the case of Hamilton. There has been a steady in-flow of American canital into this city ganization of such an important scheme, the successful carrying out of which will echo from city to city and from capital-ist to capitalist throughout the indus-trial world, bringing in its train a "Greater Hamilton" not dreamed of at of Hamilton. There has been a steady in-flow of American, capital into this city irrial world, bringing in its train a and other cities throughout the Domin-'Greater Hamilton' not dreamed of at ion, which forcibly points out the advan-tages of manufacturing in centres best suited to meet the requirements of the consultant markets. This hears the present time by the most sanguine lasting good. Canadian markets. This being the cas with our friends from the other side of the line, how much more so would this SAN JOTTINGS. Not Gentlemanly. (Brantford Expositor.) Is profanity on the increase in Ou-tario? There are some who believe that is and are organizing societies for its suppression. Be there more or less swearing to-day than has prevailed in the past, there is certainly too much of it, stand anything which can be devised Profanity should be regarded as both disgusting and ungentlemanly, and frowned upon accordingly. A decided change has taken pla the aspect of nature at the San, week everything was covered with no snow is seen are wishing for seems as if the weather man dulging in a fit of humor, and was go-ing to prevent the building of an ice palace, because it is too warm. It would be a decidedly funny turn of afr-grow- fairs A pretty little waterfail that hat come with the melting of snow, at the brow of the mountain, has made an at tractive picture to those coming up th path from the cars. Things have been ing demands of this country. The same arguments applies also to Germany with its restrictive tariff, taking as an in-stance the manufacturing of the new metallic filament electric glow lamps which were brought out, perfected, made and exported by that country in their millions which for domanticates that noving along at an even pace. Rev. R. H. Bell conducted the week! and exported by that country in their millions, which fact demonstrates that these lamps will eventually replace that class at present being used throughout Canada, as they reduce the current con-sumption of users by some 25 per cent, after allowing for the extra cost of the minimum set of the extra cost of the set of the extra cost of the minimum set of the extra cost of the plane concert was given to those who are confined to the infirmary, where there is quite a row of beds occupied. Any one passing among them, noting the bright and contented faces, hearing no complaints (for their sorrows are complaints (for their sorrows are satisfied that the Sanatorium is doing a great deal of good. These patients are there to make a start on the road to health. The dispensary station down this road, and the doctor the recenting officer, who is always on duty, on Tues-ing the start dover the diseased surface with set of a thursdays, at 10 o'clock. Donations— lins, Smart, Christmas tree decorations; Dickens Feilowship Chub, \$15. millions, which fact demonstrates that ervice and was listened to with keen breath, giving prolong It is invaluable to Chub, 815. Visitors-Rev. R. F. Beli, Mrs. Ed-ward Zealand, Miss Marjorie Zealand, Miss Mary Domville, city: W. J. Gage, Toronto: Dr. Kendall, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Southam, Miss Lucy Southam, Lon-Cures sheep coughs or in litions of the

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(Brantford Expositor)

If they are having the kind of wea-A Woman at the Bottom of It. The Republic has been rammed, and like most other troublesome incidents there has been a woman in the case, seeing that mention is made that Nan-

GETTING DOWN TO WORK.

The Ottawa legislators have settled down to work in a manner which if cor tinued, will ensure a short session. Seven bills have already been introduced and read the first time. Among these is a bill to amend the Railway Act by providing for abolishing or protecting all level railway crossings. It will be remembered that last session the House passed a bill with this object, which was introduced by Mr. Lancaster, but it was thrown out by the Senate. Mr. Lancas ter is understood to be disposed to press his bill again. Mr. Bickerdike also has a bill providing against the carrying of and empowering deadly weapons, . courts to order the flogging of wife-beat ers. Hon. Charles Murphy, the new Se retary of State, has a bill to amend the Naturalization Act. One of its provisions is that the applicant for naturalization shall furnish sworn evidence by two resident electors that the aplicant of good character. It will b that these measures are all worthy of the careful consideration of Parliament Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, announced that he elected to sit for Halifax and resign the Carleton seat. Carleton is a Tory hive, a refuge provided for Mr. Borden to prevent a chance of his being left out in the cold. An im-

rates are not reduced?

that a "hired vote" is not a free vote,

ceeded, his "emptiness" and lack of THE "HIRED VOTE" QUESTION ability and administrative capacity The thinkers among the "ownershipwould have been forgotten-or at least pers" in England are beginning to awak- forgiven-by his party. But he failed, en to the grave problem set before them as he deserved to fail, and now his by the corrupting effect of the large numformer adulators turn and rend him. ber of municipal employees whose votes Vancouver Sunset, once his greatest are of course influenced by their em- champion and puffer, now has difficulty ployment, Thomas Hughes, twice Mayor in finding words severe enough for his of Liverpool, and a "municipalizer," adcondemnation. It declares: mits that the case is a serious one, and

mits that the case is a serious one, and As a constitutional lawyer, he has been almost a total failure, having been beaten in nearly every instance in which the interests of the province have been put in the judicial balance. franchisement of municipal corporation. Mr. E. O. Smith, town clerk of Birmingham, is of the same opinion. The grou

As a prosecuting attorney he has occu-pied a niche a little higher than the ordinary browbeating pettifogger. The occasion when he dubbed a prisoner on ing power of the "hired vote" tends to many serious abuses. In the colony of Victoria the Government employees are trial as a dago and brought down a well merited rebuke from the bench will not allowed to vote in the ordinary conbe remembered. Another occasion on which he informed the jury that it would stituencies, but are as a class given one be remembered. Another occasion on which he informed the jury that it would be useless to attempt to enforce the laws unless they found the prisoner guilty and for which he received an-other severe snub from the bench is also so recent as to be easily recalled. * * In contrast with the received of the late Sir Oliver Mowat in Ontario, who as Attorney-General* for that province fought so many constitutional battles, British Columbia's present Attorney-General looms up like a four flush against a royal straight. Sir Oliver had a record of successes a little longer than Bowser's defeats. representative in the Legislative Council and two in the Assembly. They are thus given a voice in the affairs of Government, but are not enabled to influence the other members as of old. Perhaps if this socialistic extension of "ownership and operation" goes on we may be led to disfranchise every municipal employee and allow the "paid" or "hired" vote to choose its representative separately from the rest of the community. It needs no argument to convince

failure. Had this peanut politician sue- ed on some plan of radical Not Gentlemanly.

that had not already

A Doomed Palace

(Guelph Herald.)

Cassels' Report

upon accordingly.

Licenses. (Toronto Globe,)

(Toronto Globe.) It is reported that the Ontario Gov-ernment will centralize the license com-missioner system. In Toronto, where most trouble arises, the difference be-tween the value and the cost of licenses is about \$250,000 a year, and some hint that it does not all remain with the se-holders.

Making the Ocean Safe.

(Toronto News.) The value of Marconi's gift to man nd was amply demonstrated in con ction with the loss of the Republic nection with the loss of the Republic. Wireless messages despatched from the deek of the sinking vessel brought sev-eral ocean greyhounds to her assistance. Crew and passengers were safely trans-ferred to a sister ship, and then the big liner sank beneath the waves.

Fit for the Dump. (Stratford Beacon.)

his being left out in the cold. An important announcement was made shortly before adjournment, the Premier reading a cablegram from Hon. W. S. Fielding, announcing that the Franco-Canadian treaty had been formally signed on Saturday afternoon. Much time was taken up in answering long lists of questions—twenty-four by Mr. Foster alone—many of which seemed to be quite uncalled-for and serving nu useful purpose. One by Mr, Lennox re-

The Wychwood and Bracondale appli-ations for annexation have been allow-d by the Railway and Municipal Board.



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