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Meeting of Parliament.

There is speculation as to the next session of Parliament. It is not probable that it will assemble before the middle of February, though most people would like to see it meet as early in the new year as possible, transact its business and adjourn. With the majority of the long-winded M.P.s defeated in the late election, this is estimated that the defeat of Mr. Davin alone will cut one month off the length of the session. For this, economical Canadians should thank the sturdy Northwest settlers, who have preferred the practical man of affairs, Walter Scott, to the imaginative and loquacious Nicholas Flood Davin.

The Opposition Leadership.

Toronto Saturday Night puts forward Chief Justice Meredith as the best man to lead the Conservative party out of the difficulties in which they find themselves by the defeat of all their leaders of the first rank, except John Haggart and Clarke Wallace, in the late election. Sir William Meredith did his best for the Conservative party in the Legislature for many years, but he failed to obtain power, and no one grudged him the position on the bench which he took after his defeat in 1894. It is well known that Sir William was then heartily tired of political life, and that he was well pleased to retire. He is now over 60 years of age, and as he is comfortable and happy in his present position, it is not likely that he is prepared to re-enter the political arena, even to oblige old-time friends, who gave him none too warm a support while he was leader in the Ontario Legislature.

Our Municipal Policy—II.

2. That the city should possess perfect waterworks, for domestic purposes and for fire protection, and whatever is necessary to obtain that should be done.

As a proposition this will probably be admitted, and some may claim that we already possess it. There is no doubt whatever that London is blessed in the possession of as fine water for drinking purposes, and that generally for all purposes not much cause for complaint exists. We can scarcely expect from the same source as good water for other purposes when it is so good for drinking purposes.

There might be something done, however, to perfect the system.

The citizens are often cut off too shortly in the summer as to their lawn service. One citizen, who had been very busy all day, last summer jocularly remarked to a neighbor, "I'm afraid time's up, but I might risk it for a few minutes longer. It's not likely the inspector will be here," but just then the inspector's order was veritably given to stop, or he would have to prosecute. He considerably added that he didn't wish to do it, and the citizen wisely shut off the water. Perhaps the lawn service might be improved.

We think, however, the most serious defect is in regard to fire protection. It is well known that at the Masonic Temple fire there was a very unequal fight between the fire and the water. It makes one shudder to think what might have happened if there had not been snow on the roofs. We do not claim to know what is necessary to be done to secure proper protection against fire. We do not know that anything can be done to improve the fire brigade, or what may be done. We do point out that the great fire mentioned is conclusive proof that on that night, at least, had there not been the accident of snow on the roofs, accompanying the accident of the fire, that portion of the city, containing our wholesale houses and hotels, might all have been swept away.

We urge, therefore, such changes as are necessary to supply the citizens with all the water needed for every purpose. There appears to be no cause of complaint, except with reference to the quantity.

Life of the Legislature.

The leader of the Opposition in the Province of Quebec prints a protest, two and a half columns long, against the Liberal Government of the Province for dissolving the Legislature at the present time. Among other things he says:

"This dissolution is not only irregular and unconstitutional, but it is unjust, in the first place, to the members whom you have elected to represent you for five years, whose term of office would only expire in eighteen months, after two other sessions, but it is also and above all unjust to the people who will have to pay the cost of these general elections."

It is to be hoped, for the sake of its reputation, that Hon. Mr. Flynn's other objections to an appeal to the people, in which apparently he has no hope of being successful, will have more weight. The above declaration of Mr. Flynn is in direct contradiction of the provisions of the British North America Act, which gov-

erns the matter. Section 85 of that measure is as follows:

"Every Legislative Assembly of Ontario and every Legislative Assembly of Quebec shall continue for four years from the day of the return of the writs for choosing the same (subject nevertheless, to either the Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Legislative Assembly of Quebec being sooner dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor of the province), and no longer."

Who authorized Mr. Flynn, for the purpose of giving point to his otherwise pointless Chapter of Lamentations, to amend the Imperial Statute, and fix the life at the Legislature at five years instead of four?

The anxiety of the leader of the Opposition in Quebec to make political capital out of the mis-statement of an elementary fact known to every schoolboy in the province, and his fearfulness of the result of an appeal to the electorate, are not calculated to impress the public with a belief that he has a good case. If he had, he would be glad to get the opportunity to fairly state it.

Allan Ramsay.

As St. Andrew's Day approaches, one hears the praises of Burns in the distance. While we would rather add to than take away anything from the glory of Burns, we sometimes think it is not quite just to overlook as much as we do Scotland's other poets.

Take Allan Ramsay. Burn himself says:

"Come forrit, honest Allan!
Thou needna jouk behind the hallan,
A chiel sae clever."

Allan Ramsay was a wig-maker in Edinburgh and descended from the family of Lord Dalhousie. His grandfather was a lawyer in Edinburgh, and his father a manager of some mines in Lanarkshire. Allan Ramsay was born on the 15th of October, 1686. His father died when he was quite young, his mother, when he was in his 10th year. In consequence of this he was sent into Edinburgh to learn the trade of a wig-maker, which he followed in that city.

It is said his first inspiration to write poetry sprang from conviviality, and he was a welcome member of social clubs.

He married Miss Ross, a daughter of a lawyer in Edinburgh, in 1712. He is described as generous and whole-souled. In personal appearance, rather short of stature and dark-complexioned, with an intelligent, good-natured face.

His life was good. He did much to destroy the narrow Puritanical feeling that existed in Edinburgh. It is said "Ramsay had as little sympathy with puritanism as with Puritanism. His course through life was emphatically the use, nor yet the abuse, of pleasure. He approved of dancing. He believed in theaters. He ate his cakes and drank his ale, and was virtuous, and carried upon others to do and be the same." Scott called him "the joyous Ramsay." He appears to have been a well-rounded character, manly, practical and humorous. His best work was the pastoral, "The Gentle Shepherd," with such passages as this:

"Yes, it's a heartsome thing to be a wife,
When round the ingle-edge young
sprouts are rife;
Gif I'm see happy, I shall hae delight
To hear their merry pines and keep
them right."

Wow! Jenny, can there greater pleasure be
Than see sic wee tots toolying at your
knee,
When they ettie at—their greatest
wish
Is to be made o', and obtain a kiss?
Can there be toil in tending day and
night,
The like o' them, when love maks care
delight?"

Or this declaration:

"I'm sure I canna change; ye needna
fear
Tho' we're but young, I've loved you
mony a year.
I mind it well, when thou couldst
hardly gang,
Or lisp out words, I choosed ye frae the
thrang."

O' a' the wairns, and led thee by the
hand
Aft to the tansy knowe, or rashy
strand,
Thou smiling at my side; I took de-
light
To pou the rushes green, wee roots sae
white,
O' which, as weel as my young fancy
could,
For thee I piet the flowery belt and
snood."

"The Gentle Shepherd" is his best work. His songs and humorous poems are of a high order, "The Monk" being a particularly good one, while his English poems are not behind the rest. His poem to Sir John Clerk, on the death of his son, is an exceptionally good one:

"A son whom all the good and wise
admired,
Shining with every grace to be de-
sired,
Raised high your joyful hopes—and
then retired,
Performed the task of man so well,
so soon,
He reached the sea of bliss before his
noon,
And to his memory lasting laurels
won."

"Then grieve no more, nor vex your-
self in vain,
To latest age the character maintain
You now possess, you'll find your son
again."

Scotland has reason to be proud, as the world is, of its Burns, but it has great reason to be proud, too, of many other poets, but of few as proud as Allan Ramsay.

The Toronto Mail and Empire says that it was through the "personal magnetism" of Mr. Corby, the distiller, that East Hastings was "redeemed" to the Opposition in the recent election. "Personal magnetism" is the name for it, is it? Mr. Harley and his friends have evidence that that is not the name for it.

Canada Led the Way.

The Globe says Mr. Mulock inaugurated penny postage for the empire. We give Mr. Mulock credit for some changes in this department, but he should not receive credit for something that was suggested to him by the British postoffice authorities.—Kingston News.

Our Kingston contemporary is not well informed on the subject of imperial penny postage. The establishment of penny postage for the empire was not suggested to our Postmaster-General by the imperial postoffice authorities. On the contrary, it is well known that the red-tape-beset officials in the British postoffice department were very much annoyed because Canada, through Mr. Mulock, forced the pace and established imperial penny postage before the imperial postoffice authorities were ready for it.

By Way of Illustration.

[Brantford Expositor.]
The St. Thomas Times, having been served with a writ for a writ of habeas corpus, declared that "No Canadian paper or speaker has ever appealed to the English-speaking inhabitants to vote against Laurier or Tarte because they were French-Canadians," the Hamilton Times says that in that city Messrs. Barker and Bruce ran a race campaign pure and simple, and it gives the following choice excerpts from that prince of Francophobists, the Hamilton Spectator:

No parley-voting in Canada.
If you prefer the British flag to the tri-color—Register.

Keep the old flag a-waving.
Vote to make Canada British.

Kill the French nation business now, and have done with it.

Veering in France won't go in Hamilton.

Get registered, young man, and put in a straight British vote.

Let loyal British men run this British colony.

Young man, choose between French domination and treason, and British patriotism. Vote for Barker and Bruce.

It is amusing to see France making wry faces over the Anglo-German alliance. But she is quite harmless.

Be thankful tomorrow, young man, that you have a chance to help to rid Canada of the French incubus, and get registered.

The Grit party handed Canada over to the management of disloyal Frenchmen to capture Quebec. But Quebec cannot run Ontario.

It will be time enough to call in aid when there are no British men in this country able to run the Government.

Are good, loyal British subjects, in a British colony, to lie down and let a gang of disloyal Frenchmen walk over them?

The Spec. ignores Canadian history and the claims which French-Canadians have upon the consideration of English-speaking Canadians by reason of forty rights by reason of services rendered in defending Canadian soil from the foreign invader, by reason of the fact that confederation itself is a pledge of unity, and by reason of common interest. Canada will be no kind of a country for any person to live in if these race spats are not stopped.

HURON ANGLICANS

Lay Workers and Sunday School Workers
in Annual Convention.

The ninth annual convention of Huron Anglican Lay Workers and Sunday School Teachers was opened in Christ Church school house, Chatham, yesterday afternoon. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron presided, and had associated with him very Rev. Dean Innes, Principal Dymond, chairman of Lay Workers, and Rev. J. Downie, chairman of the Sunday school committee. Rev. Arthur Baldwin, of Toronto, was invited to a seat upon the platform. Among the clergy present were: Canon Hinkley, Smith, Had and Richardson; Revs. Granann, Purton, Sage, Armstrong, Dann, Dehl, Roy, George, Craig, Griffin, Higley, Coles, Sims, Brigham, Beverly, Hooper, Ten Eyck, Bray, Holmes, Shore, Taylor, Freeman, Collins, Dobson, Anderson and others. The laity were represented by Messrs. Principal Dymond, Jenkins, Bray, Golden, McWainey, Wilson, and a large number of others. Many lady delegates were also in attendance.

The lost child, who presently finds his way home in the policeman's protecting arms, is hugged to his mother's heart with a new joy. But the mother's heart is empty as for arms when her children are lost for life. How many a woman goes through such an experience, appealing in vain for help to local doctors, who confess that they are "puzzled" to understand the cause of the trouble.

In similar cases Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been used with such success that its record commends it to every woman whose children fail of vitality. "Favorite Prescription" gives the mother strength to give her child. It strengthens the female organism, giving great elasticity to the organs of maternity, and making the baby's advent practically painless. It is the true woman's medicine, establishing regularity, drying weakening drains, and healing inflammation. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as the best medicine for women, writes Mrs. Mary Mulock, of 220 Taylor St., Toledo, O. "I used it with ten children and only one living—the tenth one. She is one year old and is as well and hearty as can be. She is a beauty. Of my other babies, some were born at right time, but dead, others were premature births; one lived to be one year old, but she was always feeble. I tried different doctors, but none of them could tell what my trouble was. They said I was well and strong. I was examined by surgeons, but they found nothing wrong, and they were puzzled to know what my trouble was. I did not know what to do, so I thought I might as well try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took the entire nine months and now I have a fine baby girl, and I cannot praise your medicine enough for what it did for me."

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Special line Comforters, covered with art muslins and filled with pure batting, large size, at \$1 50
Special line Comforters, large size, filled with pure batting, covered with art sateen, at \$2 00
Special line Comforter, large size, covered with art silk, choice patterns, filled with pure batting, at \$2 50

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About 100 Sample Curtain Ends, which we place in two lots. The price affixed is about half their real value.
Lot No. 1—Curtain Ends 15c
Lot No. 2—Curtain Ends 25c

Special Carpet Bargains

120 yards Tapestry Carpet, worth 50c, for 44c
360 yards Tapestry Carpet, worth 60c, for 50c
240 yards Brussels Carpet, border to match, worth 80c, for 75c
288 yards Brussels Carpet, border to match, worth \$1 20, for \$1 00
Olefin's and Linoleums in widths; choice designs in floral tile patterns.

Crockery

One crate of 25 sets of Toilet Ware, illuminated in 5 designs, with gilt and rolled edges; per set, \$3 75 and \$4
One cask of Half-Gallon Glass Water Pitchers, in plain and fancy designs, 40c. for each, 25c
25 only Fancy Glass Table Castors, 3 pieces, for 25c

Grocery Department

19 pounds of Redpath's Granulated Sugar, for \$1 00
6 pounds of New Mat Flax for 25c
3 pounds of Choice New Prunes for 25c
2 pounds of Camilla Peaches for 25c
2 pounds of Camilla Apples for 25c
1 pound of New Select Raisins and 1 pound of Currants for 25c
8 pounds of Choice Rice for 25c
5 pounds of Tapioca for 25c
6 packets of Pyle's Pearline for 25c
6 pounds of Rolled Oats, and 6 pounds of Gold Dust Corn Meal for 25c
1 pound of Mixed Raisins and 1 ounce of Nutmegs for 25c
1 bottle of Vanilla, 1 bottle of Lemon and 1 bottle of Pine Apple Extracts for 25c
2 packets of Swiss Food for 25c
5 packets of Corn Starch for 25c
30c Heavy 4-String Broom for 25c
1 pound of our Imperial Blend 40c per pound Black or Mixed Ceylon Tea for 25c

Two Kid Glove Bargains

Special line Trefousse Kid Gloves, the Lilly Brand, in shades of brown, tan, beaver, blue, red, and white, with heavy stitching, 2 large dome fasteners, per pair 50c
Pecury's Celebrated \$1 00 French Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed and fitted, gray, black, brown and modes, sizes 5½ to 7½, until sold 75c

65c and 75c Ladies' Hosiery for 50c

Special line Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 8½, 9, 9½, five dozen only, worth 65c to 75c. Saturday to clear 50c

Ladies' Underwear Specials

Ladies' 20c Open Front Vests, for 15c
Ladies' 30c Open Front Vests, for 20c
Ladies' 40c Open Front Vests, for 29c
Ladies' 50c Open Front Vests, for 39c
Ladies' 75c Open Front Vests, for 65c
Ladies' \$1 Open Front Vests, for 80c

Three Dress Goods Bargains

50c Goods for 35c
250 yards Dress Goods, in Homespuns and Tweed Sullings, greys, browns, castors, navy, our regular price 50c, special to clear, 35c.
75c and 100c Goods for 50c
360 yards Dress Goods, in chevots, tweed and cloth suitings, assorted lot on center table, 54-inch, our regular price 75c and \$1 00, special to clear, 50c.
\$1 00 and \$1 25 Goods for 75c
277 yards Dress Goods, in chevot, tweed effects, and homspuns, assorted lot on first table, 54-inch, our regular price \$1 00 and \$1 25, special to clear, 75c.

Ladies' Corset Specials

Ladies' Long Waist Corset, in black sateen, steel fitted and banded with purple, sizes 19 to 25, regular \$1 00, per pair 75c
Ladies' Long Waist Corset, in dove and fawn Jean, sizes 25 to 30, regular \$1 00 per pair, only 75c
Ladies' Corset, odd sizes, long and short waist, regular prices 50c, 65c and 75c, per pair 39c

Special Mantle Reductions

13 only, Children's Ulsters, 24 and 27 inches only, in red, green and brown, worth from \$2 75 to \$4; to clear \$1 00
7 only, Ladies' Jackets, in tweed and kersley cloths, in 34 and 36 inches, only regular prices \$8 00 to \$9 00; to clear \$1 95
4 Mauds' Tweed Jacket storm collar, sizes 14 and 16, regular price, \$3 00, to clear \$2 50
Fawn, Black and Blue Beaver Jackets, sizes 32, 34, 36 and 38, lined throughout, 6 pearl buttons, 21 inches long, our regular price \$7 00, special \$5 50

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The meeting was opened with prayer by Dean Innes, when, on motion of Principal Dymond and Rev. J. Downie, Rev. R. Sims and Dr. Bray were appointed secretaries of the convention.

Rev. Mr. Coles extended a cordial welcome to the members of the convention, and Bishop Baldwin, in replying to the welcome, said that he was sure before coming that they would be cordially received, and expressed his own and the convention's sympathy with the rector, Rev. R. McCosh, in his illness.

Mr. J. B. Dale, of Wyoming, contributed a paper on "Some byways to success in Sunday school teaching." In his unavoidable absence the paper was read by Rev. J. Downie. The paper dealt with the difficulties and discouragements of teaching, and attributed this chiefly to the apathy and indifference of parents towards the religious training of their children, as well as to the lack of faithful effort on the part of the teacher.

The paper was considered a very helpful one. The discussion was led by Rev. F. McHolmes, followed by Mr. Golden, Dr. Bray and Mrs. Brooker, who each gave practical addresses.

Rev. Canon Hill read an able paper on "Prayer Book Teaching," showing the first duty of the teacher is to bring scholars to Christ, and the second to teach them to love their church.

Dr. Bray followed with practical remarks. The bishop summed up in his usual fervent manner, showing the rich inheritance the church possesses.

Western Ontario.

For the first time in many years, St. Andrew's Day will not be celebrated in Dutton.

There promise to be no contests for the St. Andrew's Day in Windsor, Walkerville or Sandwich.

Mr. Edward Stephenson, principal of the Gladstone public school, has been re-engaged at a salary of \$400.

During the last election campaign, the Liberals justly boasted of the country's prosperity. There is every indication of good times in Windsor, and since the government has been sustained a real estate boom has begun.

Ald. Gangnier has succeeded in obtaining a reduction of 40 per cent in the rating of Windsor's electric light and gas underwriters. The old rating was \$1 15 and \$1 50 for \$100 insurance on the building and dynamo respectively.

Owing to the scarcity of elm timber at Exeter the Sutherland-Innes Company will remove their saw machinery from the Exeter mill after working out this winter's stock of timber. The

company will remove it to the Ottawa Valley, where they have secured a large supply of elm timber. The Bryanston stove machinery has already been removed for the same reason.

ORGANIZED A NEW SOCIETY

Y. P. S. C. E. of King Street Presbyterian
Disbanded—Reception and Presentation.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the King Street Presbyterian Church has been disbanded, owing to the fact that of late the young people have taken no interest in the movement. The society was one of the strongest in the city when first started. The young people of the church were, however, called together by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Wilson, and a Young People's Society formed, to meet every Monday evening and take up different kinds of work. The first Monday of each month is to be devoted to the mission cause; on the second Monday a social hour will be spent; on the third Monday a prayer meeting, along the line of Christian Endeavor, will be held at the Home for Incurables, and on the fourth Monday a literary evening will be spent. Every young person in the church is thus to be interested. The society is to be governed by a general committee, composed of Rev. Thomas Wilson, honorary president; Miss Brownlee, president; Miss Winnie Forsythe, Miss Maggie Potter, Mrs. Peter Morrison and Mr. A. M. Scott, vice-presidents; Mr. Charles Ross, secretary; Miss Mabel Patton, treasurer; Miss Flossie Hetherington, organist. There are sub-committees, of which the vice-presidents are the conveners.

Last night the society gave a reception in the school room to the older members of the congregation. The room was nicely decorated with flags and bunting, and the evening proved to be very enjoyable. After a social hour the pastor took the chair and introduced a programme, comprising addresses by Revs. J. G. Stuart and A. J. McGillivray; songs by Misses B. Roy, Louie Mowat and Pauline Mowat; recitations by Mrs. Gillespie and Miss Winnie Forsythe; instrumental, Miss Ada Link, and a stump speech by Mr. D. H. Dobbin. During the evening Miss Louie Mowat was presented with a very handsome mosaic-bound Presbyterian Book of Psalms and Bible by the members of the session as a mark of appreciation of her

services in the choir of the church. The presentation was made by Mr. Wilson. Subsequently refreshments were served.

SOUTH PERTH PIONEER DEAD.

St. Thomas, Nov. 23.—Isaac Roberts, for over half a century a resident of Fullarton township, South Perth, died Wednesday night at the residence of his son Albert, in this city. Mr. Roberts was 85 years old, was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this country nearly 30 years ago, settling on a farm in South Perth. Deceased had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for half a century. He leaves a widow and ten children: Richard, of Cheltenham, in South Perth; Moses, of Oxford; Isaac and Albert, of this city; are the sons; and Mrs. W. H. London; Mrs. Ward, Mitchell, Mrs. Nicholson, Yarmouth Centre; Miss Ruth, city, and Mrs. W. H. Iowa, are the daughters of the deceased. He moved to this city about eight weeks ago with the intention of making his home here.

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People who have been operated on and have had the cancer come back on them again with increased severity; those who have had the cancerous lump drawn out by plaster or eaten away by a paste, and who find themselves worse than before; cancer sufferers who have spent hundreds of dollars on all sorts of remedies, seeking a permanent cure in vain, very properly are anxious to know if the constitutional treatment for cancer and tumor will cure so that the cure will be a permanent one. We answer yes, and so there may be doubt about it, we give cases in our new book "Cancer, its Cause and Cure" where the persons were cured many years ago, and up to the present time the disease shows no sign of returning. One lady was cured of cancer of the breast six years ago, and is perfectly well today. Another lady was cured of an obstinate tumor in 1892 and has never had any return of it since. A case of cancer of the nose that was cured in 1891 shows no sign of coming back. Thus we might go on multiplying instances of permanent cures. Those who desire further information about this permanent and painless treatment for cancers and tumors should send two stamps to Messrs. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.