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"The Advertiser" advocates Obligatory Voting as both necessary and practicable. Nothing would so much purify electoral contests. Nothing would so much enforce the idea that the franchise is a duty, not a chattel.

God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.

—[BROWNING.]

London, Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The London Times announces that the wages of coal miners in Great Britain are now 40 per cent. higher than they were at the close of 1888.

"Not much use for skates in this part of the world, is there?" queries the New York World. Then come a little farther north and enjoy the invigorating winter weather of Canada. Here skating can be enjoyed as it is nowhere else on the continent.

A CONTEMPORARY berates the ADVERTISER for referring to Congressman Johnson, the famous United States single tax advocate, as "Tom L. Johnson." There is nothing flippant about the reference. Mr. Johnson's mother had him baptized that way.

THE high hat controversy assumes a different form in Philadelphia. There they say the towering millinery obstructs the view of the preacher. That is certainly uncomfortable. It often helps the hearer to keep an eye on the preacher, and it aids the preacher materially when he can see that all eyes are upon him and not closed in sleep. The high hat is a needless barrier.

AGNES HORAVIA FORD says that sore throat can be prevented by rights use of the vocal organs. The best preventive is to live in a moderate temperature indoors, and refrain from talking immediately on going out doors. If closely investigated, the greater number of sore throats would be found to proceed from sudden rush of cold air into lung cells made tender by breathing very hot air in our modern houses and places of public assembly. When the mouth is kept shut and the air is drawn in by the nostrils, it reaches the lungs in a comparatively warm state and the tendency to take cold is not nearly so great.

SOUTH CAROLINA will put into force on July 1 next a very stringent liquor law. It will prohibit the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange, or the keeping and offering for sale, barter or exchange of any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors, or any compound or mixture thereof. State agents, however, will be empowered to sell liquor, but under such close restrictions as will put it out of the power of most people to buy it. Another clause in the law makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, for any club to have liquor in its possession, even if it is not sold or given away. The State Legislature tried to pass the most east-iron liquor law in the world, and it appears to have done so.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

The Free Press, which during the municipal contest kept prudently under the barn, avoiding open dealing with any question before the people, is not much more vigorous now that it emerges once more into the light.

It is said that a man once stole a large dried codfish and put his overcoat on over it to hide the theft; but unfortunately the coat was too short, and the protruding tail of the codfish exposed the steal. A philosophical person who witnessed the occurrence remarked that either the coat should have been longer or the codfish shorter. Our contemporary's garb of pretended neutrality of which it now boasts has been equally unsuccessful in concealing that all its sympathies were with the coalition of whisky and bigotry.

Brought up standing, it endeavors to evade straight discussion by saying that the ADVERTISER itself raised the religious issue by speaking of Ald. Gartschore as a Presbyterian.

Yes! the ADVERTISER did speak of Ald. Gartschore as a Presbyterian; but it said so only for the purpose of showing how false was the statement deliberately circulated among the ignorant and new comers that Ald. Gartschore was a Roman Catholic, and should, therefore, be voted against.

Our contemporary poses as a defender of Protestantism. The ADVERTISER's Protestantism of thirty years' standing needs no defence. Our contemporary's zeal as a defender of Protestantism, now that it has come out from under the barn, did not prevent it allowing its columns to be used for the dissemination of sneer and slander against the Protestant ministers engaged in the recent contest; it did not prevent it from suppressing the speech of Bishop Baldwin at the City Hall; it did not prevent it issuing from its building the defamatory sheet called "The Freeman," in which the clergymen of the city were aspersed.

But now to the main issue. Will our contemporary, or any one on its staff, undertake to justify an iron-clad oath to ostracize from elective positions and from employment persons who are Roman Catholics? Will the editor of the Free Press do so? Our columns are open to him, if he writes over his own name. Will Mr. Walter Blackburn, the managing director, do so? Our columns are open to him, if he writes over his own name.

We venture the assertion that our contemporary cannot find a Protestant minister in London who will not say the Golden Rule is violated when those who are not of our faith are ostracized from employment and from elective position solely because they are not of our faith.

THE DOMINION PREMIER.

Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, takes strong ground against the social legislation passed by the Dominion Government on the recommendation of Sir John Thompson.

In a recent address he said: "It is to the credit of Sir John Thompson that he came up from humble social condition and has won high distinction. It is to his abiding dishonor that he seems to forget the interests of the class from which he has risen. In his criminal code we find the most shameful discrimination between rich and poor. For the daughters of wealth there is the protection from villain till the age of 21. If the abductor of the heiress is brought to conviction, for him there is the right penalty of fourteen years in the penitentiary; but for the daughter of the proletariat, the humble poor, there is no protection beyond sixteen years—and that, too, when the dangers arising from the exposures in servitude are 1,000 to 1 of that of the heiress. The arts of the procuress, the vile efforts of pimps and vagabonds and glided rascally may ruin the lives of sweet innocence and break parental hearts, yet for these the Minister of Justice finds sufficient penalty in two years of the penitentiary—fourteen years' penalty if wealth and status be assailed, two years if humble girlhood be ruined and hearts and homes desolated! Never, certainly, can a mere glaring case of class legislation be found, and the working classes of this country have but little thanks to offer to the gentleman who is appointed Premier of the land."

Replying to the question, "Do you see any hope in the future?" Dr. Douglas said: "What hope is there of political regeneration? For seven years Sir John Thompson sat cheek by jowl on the treasury benches with Langevin and others. The country was rife with charges of peculation and hoodlums. Did the legal protector of the country ever lift up his voice? It was reserved for Mr. Tarte to launch his explosive denunciation which obtained in the administration. Rightly has it been charged against Sir John Thompson that while personally honest, he has by politic art or ambitious ends condoned and protected men who, in the judgment of Conservative and Liberal, should long ago have been punished or retired to the contempt of private life. Never have we observed a sentence recorded as coming from his lips condemning the corrupt methods that are now abroad in carrying elections to the dishonor of our Dominion politics. Under his aegis it would seem from the Caron Royal Commission that still it is legal to grind railways and contractors for a fund to corrupt the counties of the country."

Here in London the majority of electors have a most serious charge against Sir John Thompson. At the bidding of Mr. Carling, the beneficiary of the infamous London rent steal, he refused to permit even a preliminary investigation into the conduct of Judge Elliot, notwithstanding that the most damning accusations against that functionary were laid before him. He knows, as Mr. Carling knows, why this inquiry, like that involving Caron, was not probed to the bottom. No one supposes for a moment that if there was nothing

crooked a searching investigation would not have been held in either case, if for nothing else than in justice to the men accused.

HON. DAVID MILLS AT RIDGETOWN.

Hon. David Mills speaks at Ridgetown on the evening of Friday, 6th inst. We understand that Mr. Mills proposes holding a few meetings in Bothwell before going to Parliament. The present period is one of unusual interest, owing to the disintegration that is evidently going forward in the ranks of the Conservative party, and the opportunity is a favorable one for the prominent men of the Liberal party to make clear the present situation, and to counsel the country on the course which should be taken. This, no doubt, will be very fully considered when Parliament assembles.

AN OBJECT LESSON FROM EAST ELGIN.

It is announced that A. B. Ingram, M. P. for East Elgin, will in a few days be appointed postmaster of St. Thomas, made vacant by the death of F. E. Ermatinger. Mr. Ingram was elected chiefly on the cry that he was an "independent working-man," and was proof against every allurement. But after getting his brother into a Government job he has taken the first opportunity offering to feather his own nest for life.

There will be some interest in the by-election that must take place to provide a successor to Mr. Ingram in the House of Commons. The voters' lists are very old. They were antiquated before the general election was held, nearly two years ago; indeed, they were found to be stuffed in the interest of Mr. Ingram with the names of non-qualified persons. Since then hundreds, if not thousands, of voters have moved away from the riding, or have died, while an equally large number of voters have come of age or have moved into the constituency.

Is all decency a revision of the lists should take place before another election is held but as that would greatly add to the Liberal vote no one need expect to have fair, corrected lists provided. Herein the people have an object lesson of how we are governed in Canada at the present time. Surely it is time that every honest citizen demanded a fair voters' list, embracing one man, one vote, residential suffrage and registration of voters a reasonable time before election day.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

A Granton correspondent asks for some facts with regard to the decision of the British Privy Council on the Manitoba separate schools question.

The Privy Council decided, upon the evidence and arguments submitted to them, that though two classes of public schools, known as Protestant and Catholic, existed prior to 1870, when the territory was added to the Dominion, they were not established by law at the time when the Province was admitted to the Confederation as were Protestant separate schools in Quebec and Catholic separate schools in Ontario, and therefore were not guaranteed to the people of the Province under the act of Confederation, which can only be changed by the Imperial Parliament. In 1871, however, the Legislature of Manitoba passed an act dividing the Province into 24 electoral districts. Each electoral district was constituted a school district. Twelve electoral divisions, "comprising mainly a Protestant population," were to be considered Protestant school districts, and twelve, "comprising mainly a Roman Catholic population," were to be considered Roman Catholic school districts. This system of denominational education, more or less modified, was maintained with full vigor until 1890, when the Legislature passed the measure providing that the schools should be free schools and entirely non-sectarian. The British Privy Council holds that this act was perfectly within the right of the Manitoba Legislature to pass for the reasons given above. It is held by some, however, that it is a breach of faith to change the system, and an appeal for remedial legislation has been made to Sir John Thompson. It is now pending at Ottawa.

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