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WHERE OFFENSIVE PARTIZANSHIP DOES NOT COUNT.

Some fault has been found with the minister of customs for dismissing officers on unsupported charges of partizanship. Yet it must be said in his favor that he is not always severe. A return was brought down this week showing how he dealt with H. A. Lemieux, a customs officer at Montreal. Mr. Lemieux's son, now a Liberal member of the house of commons, was a candidate in Gaspe in the general election in 1896. His Conservative opponent, Dr. Ennis, made an interesting discovery after the election, while investigating the conduct of the campaign in the Magdalen Islands section of his constituency. Afterward he forwarded a series of charges to the Minister of Justice. The statement was that Customs Officer Lemieux, in June, 1896, left his work in Montreal, went down to the Islands, canvassed there through the campaign and on election day was sworn as agent for his son at one of the polls. The most peculiar feature of the case was that Mr. Lemieux took a false name and was sworn in as Lamirande. He appears under this alias on the record of the clerk of the crown of chancery, to whom the election return was made. Dr. Ennis informed the minister of customs of these delightful proceedings on the part of his officer, offered to prove his statements by sworn testimony, and asked for an investigation. This was two years ago and he did not get it. The only action that the minister has taken in regard to these charges of perjury, personation and partizanship has been the promotion of officer Lemieux and an increase to his salary. Mr. Paterson refuses to enquire into the case, though Dr. Ennis tells him that Lemieux has admitted that the charges are true.

AN ELECTION AT HAND.

Our Ottawa correspondent sends word that all signs point to an early and sudden election. The Government organizer for Ontario has taken an office there and is seen in daily conference with the Ministers and campaign literature is going out fast under Government franks. It is believed by many that the Government will not wait to vote next year's supply, but will dissolve the House without completing the business of the session. The Senate is expected to throw out the Gerrymander bill for the same reasons that it was thrown out last year. Some think that the day after this is done the Premier will announce his resolution to appeal to the county on the action of the Senate, making that the one issue. Such may be the Premier's intention but he will hardly be able to take the attention of the public away from other issues, which the people may consider of much greater importance than the fate of the Gerrymander.

The Planet's impression is, however, that there will be no election until Mr. Tarte returns from France, which will not be for some months in all probability.

But at all events no harm can follow by getting ready for the fray whenever it comes.

In the opinion of the Montreal Gazette, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to permit enquiry into the West Huron and Brockville ballot frauds has an element of frankness in it which the treatment of like cases by Mr. G. W. Ross has not. Sir Wilfrid openly works to protect the rascals, whereas Mr. Ross pretends to be in hot pursuit of them, when he is really letting them off.

It would have been impossible for the Ontario Government to take any course in regard to the West Elgin irregularities which would not have been found fault with by the Opposition.—St. Thomas Journal.

That is a mighty poor excuse for the Hardy-Ross Government's failure to do its duty. This province has fallen low when its governing powers consort with and protect mean criminals. Nothing but the most abject fear of exposure could have caused the Government to take the course it has. What a nice object lesson this province affords when men like Bole can

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order what it is to do in the matter of investigating election crookedness.

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Two thieves were sentenced in Cornwall to the Central Prison for stealing an overcoat from Mr. Whitney. That comes of only stealing an overcoat from him. If, like the threshing machine gang, they had stolen the government of a whole province they might have counted on the sheltering protection of the Ross government. But the theft of an overcoat is altogether too grave a crime to over look.

Ex-Principal Austin, of Alma College, writes the Globe protesting against its sweeping condemnation of spiritualism. He says, among other things, that "Thompson Jay Hudson, author of the 'Law of Psychic Phenomena of spiritualism to-day is not entitled to be called a sceptic, he is simply ignorant." Mr. Hudson will have to add this great family journal to the ignorant list. If there is one piece of humbug that grown people have less excuse for believing in more than another it seems to us it is spiritualism.

AN IMPASSIONED DEFENCE.

London, Eng., Financial News.

The unfortunate, but unimportant riotous outbreak between French and English elements in Montreal the other day, has doubtless gratified the hearts of the disloyalists and foreign enemies; but if these persons could read a speech from the Canadian "Hansard," which is now before us, they would have to modify their transports. The speech was made a month ago, in the Ottawa house of commons, by Sir Adolph Caron, a representative French Canadian. It was an impassioned defense of the loyalty of the French Canadians. Sir Adolphe maintained that so far from there attaching the slightest breath of suspicion to the loyalty of his branch of the Dominion citizens, were the matter ever put to the test it would be the French Canadians who would feel the most keenly any disaster to the Empire, and would set the example of unswerving loyalty. We believe that Sir Adolphe echoed the sentiments of the great majority of the Canadians of French race. The small minority counts for nothing: have we not a small minority of disloyalists in the mother country, who have not even the excuse of alien extraction?

THE HAMILTON VERSION.

Hamilton Herald.

Oh, Paddy, dear, and did ye hear the news that's goin' round?
They've locked up the Spectathor chap; wid ropes they've got him bound.
This morning, when the shamrocks and the Qirish flag he seen
The poor ould boy went crazy wid the wearin' o' the green.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN.

On the initiative of Lord Roberts a newspaper has been started at Bloemfontein for the edification of the troops. Rudyard Kipling contributed to the inaugural edition the following lines:

O, Terence dear, and did you hear
The news that's going round?
The shamrock's Erin's badge by law,
Where'er her sons are found.
From Bloemfontein to Ballybank,
'Tis ordered by the Queen;
We've won our right in open fight—
The wearing of the green.

This sounds better than Dion Boucicault's:

O, Terence dear, and did you hear
The news that's going round?
The shamrock's been forbid by law
To grow on Irish ground.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, March 17.—Eggs—Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Jobbing lots, new laid, 13 1-2 to 14c.; and limed 12 cents.

Butter—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand good. Local quotations to the trade:—Dairy tubs, poor to medium 15 to 17c; strictly choice, 19 to 21c.; large rolls, 22 to 23c.; small dairy, lb. prints about 23 to 24c.; creamery tubs and boxes, 26c. pounds, 27 cents.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 40 to 70c; geese at 7 to 7 1-2c.; ducks at 60 to 75c. per pair, and turkeys at 12 to 13c. per lb.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keep prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

Dried apples—Quiet market. Dealers pay 5 1-2 for dried stock, delivered here, and in small lots resell at 6c; evaporated 7 to 7 1-2c, in small lots.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c per lb. for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around $2 to $2.25 per dozen sections.

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CARE OF THE HANDS

Told by One Who Has Had Some Experience in This Matter.

"I have never," said a pretty matron, whose hands have long been the admiration and envy of her friends, "been to a manicure in my life and yet, as a Frenchwoman once said to me, with sublime self-satisfaction, 'Tout le monde regarde mes mains.' I have never seen a professional at work, and yet I have given lessons to a person who cared for the hands of the Duchess of Devonshire and many others of the English aristocracy. For my own use my stock in trade consists of two buffers—an unnecessary extravagance I allow myself—a celluloid nail cleaner, carefully selected as regards its cleansing capabilities, one pair of bowed scissors for cutting the nails, a box of emery boards, a box of rosaline and a box of nail enamel. That is sufficient for the best results, and is certainly simple.

"Never dry your hands after washing them in hot water without first cooling them off under the cold water faucet. There is a theory that this whitens them; it certainly hardens them to exposure. If addicted to chapped hands bathe them at night in luke-warm water, then rub in a mixture of rose water and glycerine. Avoid the ordinary concoctions for beautifying the hands. Do not oil your hands and then put on gloves for the night; this only increases the tendency to chap.

"Never use a steel file on the nails. It thickens them and makes them coarse. Soak the tips of your fingers in hot water till the nail is pliable—this prevents breaking. With the bowed scissors cut carefully in the shape of an almond—do not point them; then, with the fine side of the emery board, file off any rough edges. With a celluloid or ivory nail cleaner remove any discoloration, and then spread thoroughly over each nail and well down into the quick a thin layer of the rosaline. Dip the nail in the powder and polish. Never cut the cuticle, but carefully loosen it from the quick with the nail cleaner. This should be done every morning after the bath. With warm water and a brush remove the red paste entirely and then give a final polish.

"If there are hangnails it is better to tear them off, not roughly, and though the finger may be sore for a day or two, it is preferable to cutting, which only increases the growth. I always prepare a new buffer for polishing, by spreading a thin coat of rosaline on its surface, then a layer of powder, and rubbing both well in. My pet buffer has been my constant companion for ten years, and in that time has worn out twice.

"To rejuvenate an old buffer select a piece of chamois, taking care to avoid the thin spots; soak in water and stretch over the frame, pulling tightly, then bind in the groove with cord and tie firmly. Clip away the superfluous part and you have a buffer as good as new.

"No one should neglect her hands, it matters not how homely or ill-shapen they may be. Carefully tended hands are the hall mark of the well groomed woman."

Don'ts for the Nursery.

Don't hang heavy curtains around baby's bed. The most that can be endured are light swiss draperies, and these should be laundered every week. Children need fresh air, especially when sleeping, and curtains prevent free circulation, while they collect dust.

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Don't make up the baby's bed on the floor. The air near the floor is always draughty.

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Don't neglect to air the bed-clothing every day, and remember that a half hour's airing in the open air is equal to a whole morning's in a room.

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