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THE REDUCTION IN EAST MIDDLESEX.

Says the London Free Press: The result in East Middlesex is claimed by some of the Liberal press as a moral victory. The majority of the Conservatives was cut down we are told. The purpose is to influence the voting in South Bruce, no doubt. But the South Bruce electors will have plenty of time in which to learn the facts, if the verdict in East Middlesex has any bearing upon the way in which they intend to vote.

While it is a fact that the Conservative majority was not so large as at the last general election, it is also true that the Liberal vote fell off by 112 votes. Whereas 1,707 electors voted Liberal in 1911, there were only 1,585 who voted in 1913. What is the explanation of the falling off? Was it because the weather was bad and the Liberals felt that the Conservatives would win anyway possibly. But there was a strong feeling among Liberals that the chance of winning was good, because of personal differences which had arisen over the contest for the Conservative candidacy and other matters not related to politics. This must have acted as an impelling force behind all Liberals who were concerned in supporting the Laurier Opposition.

Then if it is true that the Liberal vote fell off because the weather was not propitious and because it was felt that the verdict would be surely Conservative, may we not also believe that the Conservative electors, busy with other matters absented themselves from the polls for the same reason? If the rule is to be applied in one case, it must be applied in the other. The Conservative vote fell off four hundred, as against one hundred fewer Liberals voting, suggesting that the hope of snatching a victory through the supposedly disrupted condition of Government party was strong in the Liberal rank and file. There is no reason for suggesting that the 400 Conservatives who did not vote would have voted other than Conservative, and if we add these to the Conservative majority we have a victory greater than was the phenomenal vote of 1911, when the late Mr. Elson secured a majority of 661. If, therefore, the Liberals are satisfied with the result, it is quite sure that the Conservatives are pleased. When it is remembered that the majority of Tuesday was 30 per cent. greater than Mr. Elson scored upon two previous elections, there is all the greater reason for a feeling of elation at the outcome so far as Mr. Glass and his friends are concerned.

RACE CRY IN SOUTH BRUCE. The Liberals are very strong on race cries. They worked that game with marked success for many years in Quebec, whose inhabitants were told that without regard to anything else they should vote for Laurier, because he was a French-Canadian. In the South Bruce bye-election for the Dominion House, they are trying to work the German residents by another race racket. In three townships of that constituency, there are many sons and daughters of the Fatherland, or descendants thereof. These people are being told from house to house that Borden's proposed contribution of \$35,000,000 to the British navy will be the means of an immediate attack upon Germany.

On the part of the Conservatives, there has been a strenuous campaign to combat this falsehood, and one of the men who is leading in helping to nail the lie is Mr. Weichel, M. P. for Waterloo, himself a native of the race named. Such a perversion of the truth is contemptible, although characteristic, and should defeat its own disreputable purpose. Every one of ordinary mental capacity knows right well that the increase in Britain's sea force is not for aggressive purposes, but in order to safeguard not alone her own interests, but also those of the great dominions beyond the seas. As for Bruce, it is regarded as pretty close fighting ground, although the indications of a pronounced Conservative victory are quite encouraging.

INVENTION AND LABOR

In a local debate, the affirmative, that invention had benefited, and not hurt labor, very properly won the day. The facts in the case are indisputable.

Take the invention of the locomotive as one illustration. When railroads were first introduced, there was a big howl as to the number of people who would be thrown out of employment, the coach drivers, the guards, the hostlers, the post boys, and all the rest of those engaged in connection with the established mode of travel at that period. To-day the railway systems are not alone in themselves the largest employers of labor in the world, but in addition they afford work to tens of thousands of others in connection with express services, postal clerks on trains, and so on. Add to these things the large locomotive and car shops, the immense establishments for producing rails and the hordes engaged in roadbed construction, and it is readily seen that instead of lessening labor, Stephenson's discovery has multiplied it many thousandfold.

Another illustration is that of Sir Richard Arkwright, celebrated for his inventions in cotton spinning. Strangely enough he had no training whatever in a mechanical way, and until he was thirty-five years of age followed the calling of a barber—that trade some of whose members in the old days used to be licensed in a professional way to practice the then medical custom of blood letting, and who employed the existing sign of all tonsorial artists of the present day, red for blood, white for bandages and blue for veins. His first spinning model was destroyed by handworkers who feared the effect upon their employment, yet now his inventions have been spoken of as creating "the largest manufacture, the largest trade, some of the largest cities, the largest revenue and the largest national (Great Britain) prosperity of the world."

Take again the introduction of type-setting machines. When they first made their appearance, the men who were setting type by hand became very apprehensive, but the outcome has shown without cause. Newspapers today are employing more help than ever. The machines have not cut into employes but rendered papers more extended, and on top of that there has been the work created in the building of said machines.

Other illustrations might be easily given, but it is not necessary. Then in another direction there are discoveries which have actually created vast new labor activities without displacing a soul, such as steamers, telegraph, the telephone, and wireless telegraphy. In short, the individual who considers that inventions have been inimical to labor, cannot have looked into the subject to any appreciable extent.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Laurier's sunny smile is still panting for breath. 'Tis the voice of the Tory, you hear him exclaim—"got seats before; going to do it again."

Truax is the name of the Grit gent who is running in the bye-election in South Bruce. He has the advantage at any rate over recent Liberal candidates of being familiar with the article represented by the last portion of his cognomen. The riding went Conservative in 1911 by a majority of 103.

Come to think of it, there is small cause for wonder that there is a marked tendency in certain Liberal quarters to feel resentment towards Sir Wilfrid in connection with the bad mess in which the party at present finds itself. Without warrant, without consultation, and without the existence of any crisis with regard to the continuance of the government that statesman suddenly plunged his followers into an attempted reciprocity pact, which not only lost many votes for his side, but also put those who did stick upon, a defensive basis. As it is, the Conservatives are probably in power for at least fifteen years.

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AS-BUSY EYES SEE IT ALL

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Cut Down to a Column.

The Canadian Hospital Association concluded its sessions in Toronto. Judges and magistrates will be notified that the Industrial school at Mimico is filled. The Government will build an experimental cold storage plant for fruits at Grimsby, Ont. Thomas White of Orangeville was the victim of a murderous assault, and Wm. Carter is arrested. The Ontario Alliance charged the Department of Justice with juggling with the Canada temperance act.

A letter from Australia, addressed to "Jos. Lally, Canada, via America," reached him without a day's delay. Mr. G. S. Lindsey, K.C. addressed the Canada Forward Club on the development of responsible government. Committees of the Temperance and Moral Reform Board of the Methodist church made important reports at Toronto yesterday. Justice Kelly, in addressing the assizes grand jury at Perth, regretted an awful prevalence of crimes against women throughout Ontario. The government has decided to utilize the Champlain Market site in Quebec for the erection of a station for the Transcontinental Railway. The London & Port Stanley Railway electrification by-law was carried by London ratepayers by a majority of 745. Three other by-laws were carried also. The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec adopted a resolution strongly supporting the abolition of the bar and the sale of liquor in shops. The immigration authorities at Victoria, B.C. have detained 46 Hindus. H. Stevens, M.P., has wired Ottawa urging a strict enforcement of the exclusion law. The derailment of an Edmonton street car smashed a pole carrying electric wires and resulted in the electrocution of F. H. Pemberton, a lineman, half a block away. Dr. C. C. Elliott, of China Inland Mission, who graduated from Western Medical College, London, Ont., has received the degree of F.R.C.S. of the University of Edinburgh. The Ontario Brotherhood of Carpenters, in session at St. Catharines, decided to petition Hon. Frank Cochrane to increase the wages of carpenters on the Welland Canal. Bouldry, Verburg and Hutchinson, an English contracting firm, with headquarters at St. Catharines, are awarded the contract for Section 2 of the Welland Canal at \$5,500,000. James C. Duffield, manager of the City Gas Company, London, is reported critically ill. He was taken suddenly ill while on a hunting trip with Hon. C. S. Hyman, near Amherstberg. Judge Malorin at Quebec rendered judgment unfavorable to the Jewish plaintiffs in a libel action, holding that individuals are not entitled to bring action when their race or religion is libelled. Because half a dozen letter-boxes have been put on the streets of Chesley during the night, Liberals say it is an endeavor of the Government to influence votes in the South Bruce bye-election. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the Government at Ottawa by Western Conservative members to take off the duties on wheat, flour and semolina, in order to take advantage of the American tariff changes. The Militia Department announces that all requests from troops to visit the United States must be received in time for despatch to the British Minister at Washington at least thirty days prior to the date of the intended visit. At a meeting of the Quebec branch of the Daughters of the Empire it was decided to form a branch of the Navy League, while a resolution was passed regretting that Mrs. Parkhurst was allowed to spread her prophecies in the United States, and condemning her threats of hunger strike as cowardly. GENERAL. Theodore Dubois, author of sacred music, died at Rheims. He was born in 1837. Twenty-three civic officials of East St. Louis, Mo., were indicted on graft charges. Former Governor Sulzer received a tumultuous welcome at the Grand Central depot in New York. At a sale at Portsmouth obsolete war vessels that cost over \$10,000,000 were sold for \$300,000. Constitutionalists in Mexico captured a big town, executed the Federal commander and the Mayor. The manager of the Uranium S.S. Company agency at Vienna has been arrested, charged with smuggling emigrants. Herbert Miller, formerly of Peterboro, was electrocuted at Winnipeg. His safety rubber gloves were in his pocket. Gladys Kelley, one of a sextette of diving girls, appearing in a N. Y. theatre, was fatally hurt while rehearsing behind the scenes during the matinee. Counsel for the C. P. R. have notified the Austrian authorities that the Government will be held responsible for the financial loss due to interference with the emigration traffic. The Austrian Emperor is reported to have informed the chief of police of Vienna that he wished all public officials involved in the emigration scandal to be held strictly to account.

The Cash Intrigue

By George Randolph Chester

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CHAPTER IV.

"DON'T see where that count amount to a billion of actual currency," remonstrated Ralph Eldridge. "Not" replied Kelvin. "I will show you. Twelve months ago Henry Breed quietly issued from his central organization, the United Food Company of New Jersey, a general order that all bread and cereal products must be sold for spot cash only. The receipts from these sales were not to be deposited in banks, but were to be slipped in currency to the general offices of his company. Do you know what this meant? Breed began as an obscure miller. He formed a company after combination of flouring mills until, twenty years after he started that task, he practically owned every gristmill and every grain elevator in the United States, accomplishing that through an elaborate system of rebating on wheat and flour shipments. Every farmer who raised it, and every miller, by selling to Henry Breed at prices set by him, there was no other buyer. His next step was to establish the immense bakery system, which now bears his name. Flour was set at such a price that families could not afford to buy it, and that opposing bakeries were forced out of business. Now in all the centers of population he has his immense mechanical bread furnaces, from which his bread trains rush before daylight to distributing stations in all the small towns, while his remarkable automobile service supplies the cities. By concentration of manufacture he claims to have been of actual benefit to the country, furnishing a better grade of bread at a lower price than was ever known before and making more profit on it than individual bakeries ever did. "Breed pays everything by check, by post-dating some of his immense stockholdings and thus turning them into cash. He supplies nearly 90,000,000 people with every ounce of bread they eat, with every spoonful of cereal food upon every breakfast table in the United States, with every particle of pastry served in this broad land of ours. Think for one moment! Through this monopoly of all cereal foodstuffs every one of 90,000,000 people pays a tribute to him of, on the average, about 8 cents a day, which amounts daily to over \$2,000,000, or in the past year to nearly a billion dollars. Actual cash, gentlemen, nearly a billion of actual

currency gone from our already limited circulation!" One-half of them had out their pencils and were figuring upon the backs of cards and envelopes. "Nine hundred and ninety-five and a half million, to be more exact," corrected Pellman. "We still have nearly \$2,500,000,000 with which to transact business, however."

"You are making an error when you estimate upon our approximate \$3,500,000,000 of cash. You are not deducting the United States treasury and sub-treasuries. You are not deducting our \$1,500,000,000 of gold which practically never sees the light of day or emerges from its sealed canvas bags in the bank vaults. You are not deducting



"SOON THERE WILL BE NO MONEY WHAT- EVER IN THE UNITED STATES."

the currency reserves in the approximate 7,000 national banks in this country. You are not deducting the reserves in private banks nor the immense number of small private hoardings. The per capita circulation of money in this country is estimated at \$38. In reality allowing for these reserves, the actual amount is probably but a little over \$15 per capita of actual circulating hand to hand cash. Of this over \$10 per capita is now in the possession of Henry Breed, and this money has seeped away so insidiously that not one of you sneaked financiers, who make a knowledge of the ebb and flow of money your business, has been aware of it. Gentlemen, it is nearly all gone now, and soon there will be no money whatever in the United States! "That night there was much quiet selling of stock, and the Atlantic table was busy with selling orders for the London Exchange. There had been eight of the mighty kings of finance at that dinner, either in person or by their near representatives. Rollins had walked away with Kelvin. "This is a marvelous thing you have

been telling us," said he, "but an incidental thing too. The strange part is that it should have remained for you alone to discover it and profit by it. How did you find it out?" "Well, with about 10,000 distributing agents, each one instructed to report in currency only, it would be very strange if there were not a leak. Doubtless a host of people other than myself know of it, but the individual amounts were so small that no one paid any attention."

"That's precisely it," insisted Rollins. "It remained for you to appreciate and take advantage of the enormous possibilities of the thing, to understand its magnitude in the aggregate. You are a great man, Mr. Kelvin. You have been selling all the time, haven't you?" "Every morning," admitted Phillip, smiling. "You must have an enormous account by this time."

"Close to 700,000 shares," confessed Phillip. "And you held back your explanation of all this until you had acquired all you wanted? I thought so. Well, it's an ill-wind that blows nobody any good. I want some railroad shares. I suppose you realize what a calamity you are going to bring on the country?" "I think I do." And Phillip's jaws closed with a snap.

Rollins looked at him in slightly disapproving speculation. "Well," he said. "Some of the big boys here have been pirates, but you will be the most ruthless wrecker who ever got into Wall Street."

"No," returned Phillip, with a curious smile. "You have read me wrong. I am not a pirate. I am a reformer."

"I see," concluded Rollins—"in the same manner that the Inquisition reformed the heretics." "I decline to be interviewed," declared Phillip. "Are you going uptown?" At the Esplanade Kelvin found Rensselaer. "You are the only chap on my list who knows a lot of the newspaper crowd. I have an item for them, and I don't want to give it out myself."

(To be continued.)

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