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THE PLEBISCITE BALLOT PAPER.

Here follows a copy of the plebiscite ballot, properly marked. Mark your ballots as you see it marked below and it will be all right. Vote as early as convenient on the forenoon of polling day.

Are you in favor of the immediate prohibition by law of the manufacture, sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?

YES ☐ NO ☒

[NOTE.—The ballot for male voters is printed on yellow paper; the ballot for female voters is printed on blue paper. In all other respects the ballots are the same.]

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BY-LAW BALLOT.

FOR THE BY-LAW ☒ AGAINST BY-LAW ☐

[NOTE.—This ballot is printed on green paper. Marked as above, it is in favor of granting a bonus to the G. T. R. Company to secure the concentration of their car shops in this city.]

God is in his heaven,
 All's right with the world.
 —BROWNING.

If you trust in God and yourself
 you can surmount every obstacle. Do
 not yield to restless anxiety. One
 must not always be asking what may
 happen to one in life, but one must
 advance fearlessly and bravely.
 —PRINCE BISMARCK.

London, Saturday, Dec. 16.

—Only those communications to which the writers are willing to have their names appended in print will be published in these columns.

—The ill-balanced mortal always pretends that he is pursuing some terrible monster, but he never catches it.

—If a man has ambition without application he is little more use to society than the individual who is so busy talking that he never gets down to work.

—The Governor-General will make a pilgrimage through the Northwest Territories next year, accompanied by Lady Aberdeen. Their Excellencies will undoubtedly have a warm reception.

—There is a feverish eagerness in many homes over the border to hear the decision of the judges on the question, arising in New York city, whether or not the playing of a piano ten hours a day is a nuisance. The judges took time to give a decision. It was hardly necessary. If submitted to a jury a verdict would have been given without leaving the box.

—The people of the French capital are trying a wood pavement made of mahogany. Mahogany is much cheaper than it used to be, but still dearer than the woods generally used for this purpose. Wood, however, can never be the ideal pavement. It absorbs too much filth in wet weather, and gives it forth in unhealthy fumes in dry. The man who can discover a pavement that will not only be cheap and lasting but healthy, will be a philanthropist, and he will deserve to make a handsome fortune from his invention or adaptation.

—A decision from the British Privy Council on the question whether or not the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament on the subject of bankruptcy and insolvency was so exclusive that, though not exercised, the Provincial Legislatures were powerless to give even partial relief, may be expected at an early date. Their lordships had the question of provincial legislation respecting assignments by debtors before them on Thursday, and a cablegram says that the indications are that the Provinces will be upheld. It would be an intolerable nuisance if a contrary view were upheld, so long as the Dominion Parliament fails to put on the statute book a workable insolvency act.

AN OMEN.

Hon. L. H. Davies, the leader of the Maritime Province Liberals, who has promised during the next session of Parliament to visit this city and address a meeting under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club, took a prominent part in the recent Prince Edward Island elections, and by his able exposition of public affairs contributed not a little to the overwhelming defeat of the Conservative forces. In an interview which has been telegraphed to the west, Mr. Davies expressed the belief that the victory absolutely determines the result of the next Dominion elections, and he has telegraphed Mr. Laurier to that effect. He says that Dominion issues were argued prominently throughout the campaign and had great weight in determining the elections. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Blake, Mr. Campbell and others have all been Conservative candidates for the Federal Parliament and every one of them was beaten.

It must not be supposed that the Liberals of Prince Edward Island have merely held their own. Up to a recent date Hon. Frederick Peters and his Liberal associates were in opposition and the Conservatives bore sway. Indeed, the present Premier only entered public life in 1890. He is, however, a man of very superior ability, and if his Administration had done nothing else than to abolish the upper chamber of the Legislature it would have been worthy of distinction. Never before have the Liberals of the island scored so sweeping a victory.

—Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of Galt, formerly of London, has been writing in the Canada Presbyterian on the influence of good music. He claims that the Presbyterian Church has not paid sufficient attention to this means of grace. He makes a good point when he says that the planting the seed of the word in the mind and in the heart is done by choice music more thoroughly and more efficiently than by any other means. Good music is not everything, but it is a powerful aid to good sermonizing. The church cannot be made too attractive to the masses, provided the attractions have an upward tendency.

CANTEEN COURAGE.

Because Hon. J. C. Patterson, after the strongest protests from public bodies, has abolished the canteen in connection with militia camps, the Toronto Empire holds him up to public gaze as a man of remarkable courage.

Surely there is nothing very courageous in responding to a universal demand for the suppression of these altogether unnecessary drinking places. While he was about it, why did the Minister of Militia not complete the reform? He has abolished the canteen for the sale of intoxicating liquors on camp grounds during a couple of weeks a year, but he leaves attached to every military school throughout the Province a saloon for the sale of intoxicants to the soldiers during the entire twelve months of the year. This is an even greater evil, but it is left untouched. Why? The taxpayers of London would not tolerate a saloon attachment to the central police station for a single day, and why should the Dominion Government countenance and maintain a place for the daily sale of intoxicants in connection with the military schools here and elsewhere?

We beseech Mr. Patterson to show evidence of genuine courage by removing the greater temptation from the path of the men attached to these schools. The British constitution, about which our contemporary writes so solemnly, would not be subjected to a violent wrench if the military grounds of the country were entirely rid of the last vestige of canteen temptation.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

The New Zealand women, who have just voted for the first time, are said to have given their support to candidates professing Christianity and advocating temperance, says a floating news item. Why should they not? New Zealand will prosper and advance just in proportion as the Golden Rule—that law of brotherly kindness laid down by the Great Exemplar himself—is made the ruling principle in public as well as in private life, and just in proportion as temperance principles are inculcated and carried out in the Legislature and out of it. The New Zealand women who recently voted took up an unassailable position.

—A stock cry of unscrupulous politicians has been effectively silenced by the ADVERTISER'S religious census of city and county officers employed in London. Here are the returns of the regular employees in the undermentioned departments:

Protestant, Catholic,	
City Hall.....	32
Fire Department.....	18
Waterworks.....	15
Hospital.....	35
Police force.....	31
Court House and County Buildings.....	21
Total.....	152

The fomenters of religious discord should be ashamed of themselves. Neither in civic, county, nor provincial affairs have the Catholics been given an undue share of offices. The man who, by misrepresentation and appeals to prejudice, tries to make any one believe that they have more than a fair proportion, is an enemy of his race.

THE COOKING OF MEATS.

Many animal diseases are now reported to be easy of communication to man. This fact should be noted by Canadians, who, by virtue of their place of abode being in the north, are a nation of flesh-eaters. They are told that imperfectly cooked meat is more easy of digestion than meat that is cooked through and through. Hence the demand for beef that is "underdone." But if the medical experts are correct in their surmises, the man who has his meat well cooked can alone be regarded as safe from being infected by tuberculosis and other diseases that animals suffer from.

It is better to run the risk of affliction by temporary indigestion than to brave a possible attack of a disease that, once taken in, is rarely amenable to curative agencies.

—The News says that hundreds of citizens are in want in Toronto, and that the distress will increase as the winter advances. It calls upon the charitable to take action. It is not music halls, but bread that these people need.

—Very few of us realize that at the present time in the Argentine Republic it is midsummer. We read in a recent paper from Buenos Ayres that in the Province of Corrientes the land is suffering a serious drought and that immense swarms of locusts are devastating the fields and thousands of cattle are perishing for want of water.

—Within the last few days several persons have been killed in Western Ontario by fast expresses. The two most common species of accidents take place at grade crossings, and in consequence of persons regarding the railway as a highway. There should be no more level crossings than are absolutely necessary, and no one who is hard of hearing should undertake to cross alone. Trains that run a mile in a minute sweep down so quickly that no one can take chances, least of all those who are deaf. It is a curious fact, too, that the railway has a great attraction for deaf pedestrians. In two cases out of every three it is a man hard of hearing who is killed. Can anyone explain why these individuals persist in walking the tracks?

—J. A. Macdonell, of Glengarry, who claims that he is an older Conservative than Dr. Ryerson, writes to the Toronto Empire, taking the member for Toronto severely to task for his recent letters against the Mowat Administration. Mr. Macdonell charges that Dr. Ryerson will wreck the Conservative party and aid in sustaining the Mowat Government, which he wishes to prevent, if he does not cease misrepresenting facts. He accuses Dr. Ryerson not only of untruthfulness, but of lack of wisdom, and of deliberately and unfairly attempting to stir up religious bigotry and strife. In conclusion, he maintains that Conservatives cannot unit on Dr. Ryerson's formulated platform, coming, as it does, from such a man, "whose conception of politics has not apparently advanced beyond the nebulous stage of its immature existence."

What a happy family these opponents of the veteran Ontario Premier are to be sure! Dr. Ryerson cannot do better (for Sir Oliver) than keep on writing letters.

—The New York Board of Health has made the declaration that tuberculosis is a contagious disease and is distinctly preventable. It is acquired by the direct transmission of the tubercle bacilli from the sick to the well, usually by means of the dried and pulverized sputum floating as dust in the air. It can be largely prevented by disinfection and segregation. In view of the above the board applied to the charities commission, asking that such steps be taken as will enable them to have and control a hospital, to be known as "the consumptive hospital," to be used for the exclusive treatment of this disease, and that as far as practicable all inmates of the institutions under their care suffering from tuberculosis be transferred to this hospital. In any re-arrangement and extension of the general hospital in this city, we strongly recommend that arrangements should be made to have consumptives treated entirely apart from other patients. We cannot afford an hospital for consumptives alone, but they should be as thoroughly isolated as is possible.

—The Scottish Home Rule Association has complained to the Prince of Wales of a lecture by Mr. Lecky, with his Royal Highness presiding, in which the British Empire was spoken of as the "sole possession of Englishmen," and the colonies as having been "built up by Englishmen." This language has given the greatest offense to Scotland. The Prince replies, through his secretary, that he thinks that Mr. Lecky "had no intention of casting any reflection on Scotland, or of ignoring the great services which the inhabitants of that country had rendered toward the creation of the empire." How easy it would be, and how much more appropriate, for speakers and journalists, when referring to these matters, to say British instead of English? Then no part of the country would be ignored. And when speaking of the colonies, how much more comprehensive would the term "English-speaking race" be than the narrower word generally used. No resident of England with a snap of good sense in his make-up would ever object to the use of terms so appropriately comprehensive.

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