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London, Saturday, November 12.

Clean Work at the Polls.

The result of the recount is a sufficient answer to the hysterical accusations of the Conservative candidate, who gave his supporters to understand that he had been defeated by fraud at the polling booths. He told the crowd on the night of the election that sixteen ballots marked for himself had been rejected in one subdivision, and that a scrutiny would give him the seat. It would have been more than a lie and becoming had he waited for reliable information before posing as an injured innocent, and exciting false hopes among his party friends.

That there should be so few spoiled or rejected ballots—some 57 in all—in a total vote of nearly 9,000 is a tribute to the intelligence of the electorate and an absolute refutation of the charges of the Conservative candidate and his cronies. Contrast it with the scandalous revelations in 1896, when the Conservative party controlled the election machinery. In a vote of 5,000 in this city there were 296 rejected ballots! Sixty of these, marked for Hyman, were rejected by one deputy returning officer on the ground that the initials on the ballots were not his own! It is needless to say, this grotesque and shameful pretext was overruled in the courts. The frauds in London lifted one corner of the curtain which covered an organized conspiracy to rob the Liberal party of the fruits of victory. The circular of instructions sent out from the Conservative headquarters, King Street, Toronto, in 1896, pointed out four methods, as follows:

- (1) Slipping—(i. e. calling out a ballot for the Tory candidate when it is in reality marked for the Liberal.)
- (2) Switching—(i. e. stealing ballots marked for the Liberal candidate, and putting into the ballot-box ballots marked for the Tory candidate.)
- (3) Stuffing—(i. e. polling votes of the dead and absent men with the connivance of both scrutineers.)
- (4) Spoiling—(i. e. by making a mark on the ballot marked for the Liberal candidate opposite the name of the Tory candidate with a piece of lead fastened under the finger nail.)

The extent to which the last method (spoiling) was practiced was shown by the very large number of rejected ballots in 1896 as compared with other elections. The following table is taken from the official returns:

Number of rejected ballots in:	1896.	1900.
Addington.....	181	32
Brantford.....	167	32
Brant South.....	165	32
Brockville.....	101	38
Bruce East.....	123	38
Bruce West.....	123	38
Carleton Place.....	101	38
Cornwall and Stormont.....	103	42
Durham East.....	59	22
Elgin East.....	96	38
Essex North.....	96	38
Grey North.....	125	31
Hastings East.....	79	23
Hastings West.....	79	23
Huron South.....	70	8
Kent.....	189	49
Kingston.....	123	25
Lambton East.....	129	16
Lambton West.....	70	16
Lincoln and Niagara.....	138	47
London.....	296	47
Midsex South.....	100	23
Muskoka and Parry Sound.....	115	58
Perth South.....	129	16
Prince Edward.....	115	25
Russell.....	72	22
Simcoe East.....	93	23
Victoria.....	78	29
Wellington South.....	134	28
Wellington Center.....	129	22
Wellington North.....	101	22
Wentworth South.....	204	50

Total for 32 ridings.....4,190

Average.....127 30

This conspiracy was not confined to the Province of Ontario. In Manitoba the operations were on a bolder scale. A traveling school for deputy returning officers was opened by one Freeborn, sent for the purpose by the chief Conservative organizer, Robert Birmingham, of Toronto. As a result of Freeborn's tuition hundreds of Conservative ballots were substituted for Liberal ballots throughout the Province. In the city of Winnipeg, where 5,000 or 6,000 ballots would have sufficed, 10,000 were printed, and yet these were all used up at 2 o'clock, and the polls had to be closed while more were printed. The deputies had well observed Freeborn's table of instructions, one clause of which read thus:

"We have the printing of the ballots, therefore a sufficient number should be printed extra to enable the deputy returning officer to have them marked for our candidate and ready to use after the count to replace those read out wrongly to the scrutineers. Or the deputy returning officer can have them marked and folded in his pocket to slip into the box in place of an Opposition ballot if the opportunity happens. This, of course, will occur quite frequently if we have control of both scrutineers."

It is satisfactory to know that several of the criminals confessed their guilt and that others who were prosecuted were convicted. This gigantic plot against the electorate would never have been unearthed had the Conservative party regained power. There have been a few isolated cases of ballot frauds practiced in the interests of Liberal candidates at bye-elections, but the record of the general elections, Provincial and Dominion, under Liberal rule, has been stainless in this respect.

The Week of the War.

The war drags on, although by all the laws that govern siege and assault, that portion of the campaign which is centered at Port Arthur should have terminated many weeks since. Months ago the experts predicted the immediate fall of the fortress, yet Stoessel has hung on from day to day, fighting every foot of the way, and not infrequently, throwing back the Japanese attacks at terrible cost to the besiegers. The Japanese official dispatches, now issued daily, indicate, however, that the garrison has been driven to its final stand. The Japanese with dogged persistence, and splendid courage, have, in the last few days, reached positions that enable them to attack the last line of fortifications, those immediately about the town and harbor. They are now within measurable distance of striking the severest and most far-reaching blow of the war.

All the horrors and misery that accompany a prolonged siege are being experienced by the garrison and civilians. Provisions are running out, disease, due to the unburied dead, is epidemic, while the hospitals are crowded with the sick and wounded. Day and night there is an unceasing hail of shells, causing many and disastrous conflagrations. The strain on the garrison, compelled to meet simultaneous attacks from half a dozen points, must be terrific, and it was doubtless a realization of this that prompted Gen. Nogai to send a prisoner back with a message to the Russians advising surrender and promising safety. Stoessel is reported to have asked for an armistice, though whether to permit burial of dead, or discuss terms of capitulation, is not known. Russia must be at last convinced that the stronghold is doomed, the possibility of relief from the Baltic squadron being too remote to be considered.

On the Manchurian plains, ten miles south of Mukden, Oyama and Kuroki are in close touch, both strongly fortifying and engaging in frequent artillery duels and outpost skirmishes. Both armies are being heavily reinforced. The Russians appear to have recovered the confidence and morale so badly shaken in the ten days' battle of Shakhe River. While no encounter of great import has taken place, Cossack raids to the rear of the Japanese have been frequent and effective, and one, a forward movement of the Japanese left, has been successfully blocked. A dispatch this morning by way of Paris says the Russian left wing has been attacked and is heavily engaged.

A World Change.

The echoes of Lord Lansdowne's speech ring pleasantly in the ears of the friends of peace. The world appears to be on the way toward the realization of ideals which were derided as utopian a few years ago. The twentieth century has been already stained by one of the greatest wars of all time, but, on the whole, it has begun nobly. "Arbitration," said Lord Lansdowne, "has become the fashion." He, himself, had signed no less than five arbitration treaties. All the powers of Europe, excepting Austria and Russia, are embraced in the network of these treaties. The United States is about to ask Great Britain to enter into a similar convention. President Roosevelt has also suggested that a second international peace conference be summoned at the conclusion of the Russian-Japanese war, and is assured of a universal response. Lord Lansdowne's virtual offer of mediation in the present war, though Russia will not entertain it, is another sign of the times. So, likewise, is the peaceful solution of the difficulties created by the North Sea outrage, which would have justified Great Britain in impounding the Baltic fleet. There can be no doubt that a great change has come over the spirit of the nations within a few years. The butchery in Manchuria has strengthened the influences which make for peace. If these influences are not permanent, and do not grow with the years, then western civilization is rotten at the core.

Isn't Mr. Gray a little sorry he spoke?

Billy Gray was a little too previous in counting his chickens.

The local D. R. O.s were not graduated from the Freeborn academy.

The deputy returning officers of the city did their work impartially and well.

The effort of the Free Press to find a ballot scandal has been almost pathetic.

The Conservative candidate might have spared himself this blow if he had done less blowing.

Self-respecting Conservatives may well blush when they compare the ballot records of 1896 and 1904.

The Liberals are much obliged to the gentlemen who applied for the recount.

One of the qualities of a good candidate is the ability to take a beating without squealing.

The Conservative managers must have sighed for the boys of the old brigade, who manned the ballot boxes in 1896.

Cy. Warman's letter "Citizens in the Rough," on page 15, is good reading for Canadians.

The Privy Council decides that the Bell Telephone Company has a right of way over the streets of every municipality in the Dominion. The Parliament that conferred this right can redress the wrong.

Stevenson Brothers & Baker make out a strong case against the city council. Partisanship at the city hall has run riot for the past three years.

Port Arthur, like the Ross Government, is an unconscionably long time in falling.

The goose-bone prophets predict a hard winter, and the Conservative party is quite ready to believe them.

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while doing so he was taken ill and died, with only the faithful dog as witness.

The dog guarded the body of his dead master for hours.

Too Late.
[New Orleans Times.]
"He went west to grow up with the country."
"Why did he return?"
"Said the blamed country was already grown up!"

As We Talk.
[Pittsburgh Post.]
Bills (disconsolately)—Yes, my creditors are making it hot for me.
Jilks (consoling)—Well, this is a cold world.

Special Diet For Good Looks.
[Boston Herald.]
Society women are vying up to the necessity of a special diet if they would preserve their good looks. They have eaten too many sweets and drunk too much champagne, so now they are turning to the other extreme and living upon vegetables. It is hard lines to keep the contours of youth. Some women are more successful than others at it, but the moment they talk about themselves and bore their friends with their self-conscious efforts that moment their doom is sealed. If the dear creatures would only be a little secretive and not give away the fears that possess them! Indulgence and the means of "living too well" have much to answer for, and not all the antidotes of physical training and famous specialists can eradicate the poison in the prosperous American system.

Stricken in Church
Venerable Pastor Succumbs After Delivering Funeral Orator.

Washington, Nov. 12.—While seated behind the pulpit at the Fifth Baptist Church, the choir was singing, and only a few moments after having delivered the funeral sermon of William H. Piton, who died on Monday from injuries received by having his arm caught between cogwheels in Maloney's asphalt works, Rev. Dr. C. C. Meador, pastor emeritus, suddenly fell forward and was caught by his co-pastor, Rev. Weston Bruner. Dr. Meador was found to be unconscious and in a dying condition.

This occurred yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. Dr. Meador was removed to the study of the church, and an ambulance called. He was then taken to his home, at 503 Thirteenth street northwest, where the family physician, Dr. B. L. Hardin, and Dr. Quinn were summoned to attend him. Dr. Meador died at 5:05 p.m. without having regained consciousness. The cause of death was poisoning brought on by his advanced years.

THE EVILS OF SPORT
Perth County Grand Jury Points Out a Danger to Young Men.

Stratford, Nov. 12.—A somewhat remarkable presentation was that made by the grand jury at the assizes here. From this presentation, which was very lengthy, is taken the following comment upon modern athletics: "The most frequent cause of dishonesty (which we regret to have to believe is rather on the increase than otherwise), is the desire to get rich fast without much labor; often by gambling, which has such an allurements for nearly all, and an almost irresistible attraction for those who come under its spell, especially the young men. It would be well to have the danger more seriously pointed out. So much so is this the case that legitimate sport, which is so useful in developing the physical to its best, has by betting become the means of ruining the morals and finances of some of our best young men." The report also condemned the thoughtless signing of petitions for mercy: "A further cause of crime seems to us to be the having the punishment greatly lessened or removed altogether by the petition of over-sympathetic people who spend much of their time on the criminal without any thought of the victim or victim's family."

NEVER SITS
Fearful That If He Does Satan Will Carry Him Off.

Omaha, Nov. 12.—Charles Nagle, a Nebraska farmer, whose superstitious fear of Satan has kept him from sitting down for the last six years, is in jail here charged with assaulting John Hanschild with a pitchfork.

Hanschild continued to operate this threshing machine, despite the remonstrances of his eccentric neighbor, who declared that the machine was possessed of the devil, and that its operation would release his satanic majesty to the undoing of all the neighborhood.

Flouting his objections disregarded Nagle rushed into the barn and returned with a pitchfork, with which he sought to drive Hanschild away from the threshing implement.

Nagle sleeps in an apparatus of his own contrivance, eas from a high shelf, standing, walks to town with his beam and mow rides in a street car or an elevator. He believes that if found in a sitting posture an evil spirit will capture him unawares.

Nagle owns a fine farm ten miles from Omaha, and works in the soil as any other farmer. He is 40 years of age, and talks in an intelligent manner. Except for his fear of evil genii there appears to be nothing wrong with the man either physically or mentally.

Waffles, Eggs, and Marimouy.
[Towell Field, in Chicago Post.]
At the next meetings of the various women's clubs it might be advisable to take up the interesting case of Miss Alice Sanborn and Miss Elizabeth Donohue, who have secured husbands by the charming manner in which she made waffles and the second by the gracious way in which she fried eggs. We realize that there are more serious problems in the emancipation of true womanhood than the construction of waffles and the frying of eggs, and yet these are the details of life not to be utterly dispensed and neglected. If Alice and Elizabeth had not been at the gas stove when Eugene and Harry called, but had been at the club reading papers on the true obligations of the home, it may be that the double wedding would not have been celebrated and four gladome hearts would not have been merrily as two. A carefully fried egg and a neatly turned waffle will make more progress in the esteem and affection of a warm-hearted, sympathetic man than twenty essays of the pen-and-ink description. This is though it should not be so.

Presumed.
[Town Topics.]
Ella—He's a very presumptuous fellow.
Stella—How so?
Ella—He came to call on me in New York just because I was engaged to him last summer.

None But the Best Good Enough
[Washington Star.]
"Have you completed your arrangements for having your picture painted?"
"Not quite," answered Mrs. Cumrox.
"You want to be sure of getting the right kind of an artist."
"That's it. One artist has offered to do the job for \$5,000, but mother and the girls thought we'd better wait a while and see if we can't find someone who will charge six."

Faithful Dog's Death Watch.
[London Express.]
It was a dog's bark which drew the attention of a gentleman to the dead body of Duncan Davie, farmer, Woodhall, Dumfriesshire, yesterday.
Mr. Davie had gone out with the animal to look over his stock, and

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CUT HER IN TWO
Schooner Sunk in Collision and Four Lives Lost.

New York, Nov. 11.—The three-masted schooner Wilson and Hunting was sunk in collision with the United States supply steamer Culgoa, on Wednesday last, and Captain Walton, his wife, and two seamen, were drowned. The survivors were brought here today by the Culgoa. The collision occurred about ten miles east of Barnegat. The Wilson and Hunting was bound from Norfolk to New York with a cargo of piping, and was creeping cautiously through the fog about ten miles off Barnegat, when the big steamer struck her amidships cutting her completely in two. The schooner sank so quickly that there was no chance to launch boats, and those on board were carried down by the suction caused by the sinking vessel. Four seamen were picked up by boats from the steamer, but Captain Walton, his wife and two of the sailors did not reappear. The Wilson and Hunting hailed from Perth Amboy, N. J. She registered 344 tons.

LECTURED MCGILL BOYS
Students Who Started Street Riot Appear in Police Court.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 11.—Recorder Weir's court was crammed with McGill students this morning when Kenneth Naylor, a McGill boy, was arraigned, charged with a break of the peace last Saturday after a football match. Saturday afternoon a number of McGill students went on a lark, tore bulletin boards from the Star office, and finally broke a plate glass window, after which several policemen were assaulted. Recorder Weir read Naylor and the students a severe lecture. He said in his experience most of the student troubles were caused by boys from distant parts who behaved in Montreal as they dared not at home. Finally he let Naylor off on suspended sentence under a personal bond to keep the peace for a year.

REVISING STEEL PRICES
All Controlling Associations to Hold a Convention in New York.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 11.—All the associations controlling the prices of steel are to meet in New York next Tuesday and continue in session until the whole list of prices has been revised to suit the conditions which have arisen in the iron and steel markets.

The prospects are that the scale of prices determined upon next week will be those that will rule until well into the first quarter of the coming year, and it is fairly certain that prices will be advanced in most of the lines. The price of billets, it is thought, will be increased to \$21. The present price is \$19 50, Pittsburgh.

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