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LONDON, TUESDAY, NOV. 26.

MR. WILLISON ON CIVIL SERVICE
REFORM.

Mr. Willison's address to the Cana-
dian Club of this city was a series of
well-reasoned arguments for civil
service reform. The position he takes
is one to which the best thought in
the Liberal and Conservative parties is
steadily moving. In this matter Cana-
da is far behind the United States,
the home of the spoils system. There
the principle of basing appointments
and promotions upon examination ap-
plies to the greater part of the civil
service, a fact which many Canadians
learn with surprise. In Great Britain
the public service has been entirely
freed from party influence. Canada
appears to be the only country, under
responsible government, in which the
merit system has not a foothold.

The system practiced here places a
great power in the hands of a federal
or provincial government, but the
men who wield this power are not so
much the masters as the servants of
the office-hunting element and the
patronage jobbers and brokers.

While the prospect of reward for
party service is undoubtedly a stimu-
lus to political activity, Mr. Willison
was able to point out that in Great
Britain, where patronage is not an in-
centive, there is no lack of public in-
terest in public affairs.

The influence of the patronage system
makes for a lower tone in politics.
Its elimination would render public
life more wholesome and more attrac-
tive to high-minded men. It would re-
lease ministers of the crown and mem-
bers of parliament from very irksome
and often degrading duties, place them
in a position of greater independence,
and enable them to devote themselves
exclusively to the public business.

The growing body of public senti-
ment in favor of civil service reform
will probably have weight with the
Laurier administration. Even on party
grounds the Government would have
nothing to lose by such a move. The
federal civil service, although filled
with men of one stripe of politics for
twenty years before 1896, must be
equalized, or nearly so, by this time.
An installment of reform, placing pro-
motions and minor appointments upon
a merit basis, would be welcomed by
the best opinion of the country, and
would pave the way for the adoption
of the British system. As Mr. Will-
ison indicates, there are certain high
appointments in the public service for
which the Government of the day must
be responsible, but it is the minor of-
fices that most harry the politicians,
and foster most of the evils of the
present system. If even promotions
were determined by merit and exami-
nation the moral effect upon the civil
service would be remarkable.

OLD AND NEW LAND POLICIES.

A matter in connection with Mr.
Borden's recent stamping tour
through the west which has not es-
caped notice, is the care taken by the
Opposition leader to omit from his
speeches certain cries which are fa-
miliar to his Ontario audiences—
for instance, as his allegations against
the Government's land policy. The Min-
ister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fish-
er, referred to these omissions in the
course of a recent address before his
constituents at Mansionsville, Que.,
and showed conclusively that Mr. Borden
is less reckless in making charges of
crooked land transactions where the
facts are best known than he is in the
east.

Take the Robbins Irrigation scheme
as a case in point. Here we have a
matter concerning which all sorts of
insinuations have been made by Con-
servative orators and writers in On-
tario and the Eastern Provinces. The
scene of this exploded scandal is near
Medicine Hat, and one would suppose
the Opposition leader would grow elo-
quent on this subject at his meeting
there. But, no; he made not the slight-
est reference to it. Neither did he at
Saskatoon mention the Saskatchewan
Valley Land Company transaction, out
of which he and his lieutenants have
been laboring so hard to make political
capital in the east.

That the transactions referred to
were in the public interest Mr. Fisher
clearly shows, and in this respect they
stand in marked contrast to the policy
of the Conservative governments,
which gave away to friends immense
areas of public lands. In all the Con-
servative distributed among railway
companies no less than 36,000,000 acres
and gave to other corporations 1,500,-
000 acres, while 8,500,000 acres was the
total area granted to settlers during the
eighteen years Mr. Borden's political
friends were in office.

With the advent of the Liberal
Government there came an end to land
grants to railways. Not one acre has

been so granted during the eleven
years Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been in
office, though, of course, it has been
found necessary to make good obliga-
tions entered into by its predecessors.
Since 1896 two million acres
have been granted to various com-
panies, such as the Alberta Company,
which secured half a million acres, and
the Saskatchewan Valley Land Com-
pany, a quarter of a million acres,
while during the eleven years settlers
have been granted twenty million
acres.

With all the land grants 3,918 miles
of railway were built during the
eighteen years of Conservative rule,
while, without granting an acre of
land to any railway company, the Lib-
erals during the past eleven years have
been instrumental in having no less
than 4,938 miles of railway built or
placed under contract.

The results of the Conservative land
policy are seen and felt in the west
today. Most of the fertile belt in the
odd-numbered sections has been prac-
tically locked up, while settlers going
on the even numbers for homesteads
find themselves surrounded by land
belonging to a railway grant, and held
by the railway company free of taxa-
tion, until land values increase, leav-
ing to the homesteader the payment
of taxes and other burdens of a coun-
try in process of development. Is it
any wonder that Mr. Borden is mum
on the land question, when address-
ing western audiences?

SAMPLES OF UNFAIRNESS.

One witness in the conspiracy trial
at Toronto swore that Conservatives
were offering \$15 for votes in Brock-
ville. Another one professed to know
that Conservative money was spent
freely in the same riding. The White-
Stockton election took place some
years ago, but no earlier than the
period covered by Pritchett's story. If
the Ontario Government were as anx-
ious to expose corruption as to smirch
the Liberal party it would do as it
did in London—send detectives to
Brockville to ferret out evidence. Its
partisan objects are written over the
whole proceedings at Toronto.

Today the Free Press has the im-
pudence to accuse the Toronto Globe
and other newspapers of brazenly
slandering Mr. George Taylor, M. P.,
because they suggested that he should
be called to refute the story of a wit-
ness who had heard that Mr. Taylor
was handling money in Brockville.
What sort of treatment is the Free
Press meting out to the defendants in
the present trial? In today's issue
there is a screaming and scurrilous
headline, "George M. Reid Sanctioned
Opening of Ballot Box." Readers are
told that "Reid appeared disturbed
and ill at ease," and that "he rocked
nervously back and forth on his chair,
and apparently was troubled inwardly."
Sifton is described editorially as
"a prominent young citizen" of finan-
cial substance, who has told "a story
of political corruption that surpasses
anything ever told in the annals of
Canada." The whole intent and pur-
port of this is to prejudice Mr. Reid
before he has had an opportunity to
disprove Sifton's allegations or throw
light on Sifton's motives.

The Free Press is the last journal in
Canada that has a right to talk of
slander, or whine about fair play.

The local Tory organ is acting on
the principle that the defendants in
the election case are guilty in any
event.

And still no glimpse of the contract
which the hydro-electric commission
wants the city to sign. Is this fair
to the taxpayers?

General DeWet is the new minister
of agriculture in the Orange River
Colony. Several British generals can
testify that he knows the ground.

The Center York and Ottawa by-
elections are fixed for Dec. 23. There
will be either a Christmas box or a
box in the ears for one of the parties.

The Toronto Globe counsels Mr.
Beck to cut loose from the disgraceful
campaign carried on by the Toronto
World in behalf of his power scheme.
The London Free Press also needs this
rebuke.

EXPERIENCE.

[All's Slopers' Half-Holiday.]
Bumpus—Give me a pair of lady's shoes,
please.
Shopman—What size?
Bumpus—Oh, no matter. They're for my
wife, and she won't be pleased, anyway.

DANGEROUS TO HER.

[Answers.]
"Come, Tommy," said Miss May Dupp
to her little brother, "I wouldn't cry that
way."
"I know you wouldn't," sniffed the boy;
"cause all yer complexion'd come off."

SIGNS OF WINTER.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Regina apprehends that summer is
waning when "a thin film of ice," about
nine inches thick forms on the placid
surface of Pile-o-Bones Creek.

LIFE'S MOTIVE.

[Nixon Waterman, in Times Magazine.]
Love is the origin, the end,
And man, amid his toil must trace
Where all his prayers and wishes blend.
The beauty of a woman's face,
In all he dreams, in all he does,
His being's inward eye must see
The presence of a love that was.
A love that is, or is to be.

HABITUAL INEBRIATES.

[Toronto Star.]
Habitual inebriates ought to be restrain-
ed. The safety and welfare of society de-
mand this. It would be easy to devise a

system under which such restraint would
be accompanied with scientific treatment
for the eradication of the drink crave, and
with the requirement of useful work, the
proceeds of which would be available for
the benefit of the prisoner or his depend-
ents.

Even if such a method involved more
expense than does the present stupid pro-
cedure, it would be profitable to the com-
munity as a whole; and, at least as long
as the public revenue is derived from the
authorizing of facilities for drinking, it
would not be unreasonable to use public
money for effective dealing with the of-
fense of drunkenness. Public opinion
would sustain Government action on this
line.

NOT A FAIR DEAL.

[St. Thomas Journal.]
Dr. MacCallum, superintendent of the
London Asylum, has been removed for no
just cause. Funny way these Tories have
of showing their belief in civil service
reform.

THOU CANST NOT BOAST.

[Richard Brinsley Sheridan.]
Thou canst not boast of Fortune's store,
My love, while me thy wealthy call;
But I was glad to find thee poor.
For with my heart I'd give thee all,
And then the grateful youth shall own,
I loved him for himself alone.

But when his worth my hand shall gain,
No word or look of mine shall show
That I the smallest thought retain
Of what my bounty did bestow;
You still his grateful heart shall own
I loved him for himself alone.

UNFORTUNATELY.

[Tit-Bits.]
Miss D.—Angolina, why don't you marry
Lieutenant Y.?
Miss A.—First, because he has no brains,
and he can't ride, dance or play tennis.
What could we do with him?
"But he swims beautifully!"
"Oh, yes. But one can't keep one's hus-
band in an aquarium, you know."

NO WONDER.

[Cleveland Leader.]
Our little boy sat sulk mackerel for the
first time the other morning.
"Where does these fish come from—the
lake?" he asked, after the first bite.
"No, from the ocean," answered his
father.
"Gee!" said Benny, "I don't wonder the
ocean's salty!"

DISINTERESTED KINDNESS.

[Punch.]
Landlord—One you won't 'ave any ob-
jection, sir, to my putting a subscription
list up in the bar for the benefit of 'the
widow of Gies, the wagoner, as died last
Saturday?
Rector—Certainly, if you wish to.
Landlord—Thank you, sir. 'E was a man
as ought to be encouraged. Considerate
to his 'easer, 'E always stopped ere to
rest 'em on 'is way up the 'ill.

TWO SONNETS.

FROM THE PORTUGUESE.
How do I love thee? Let me count the
ways:
I love thee to the depth and breadth
and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out
sight—
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-
light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for
right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from
praise;
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my griefs, and with my childhood's
faith;
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints—I love thee with the
breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if
God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.
—Mrs. Browning.

FROM THE SPANISH.

How do I love thee? Let me tell the ways:
I love thee for the cash thou hast in
sight,
I love thee for thy pile, its breadth
and height,
For what thy solid investment pays;
I love thee for the millions thou canst
raise;
With thy manna thou hast won me
quite,
Thy bank account has filled me with
delight;
I love thee purely, hence these words
of praise,
I love thee for the rhino I can use,
Thy being my regard encompasseth,
I love thee with a love that I shall lose
If thou dost lose thy wad; I hold my
breath
While from the titles offered thou dost
choose.
Bring me thy millions, and he mine till
death.
—S. E. Kiser.

GETTING HIS RIGHTS.

[Washington Star.]
"The meanest man I ever knew," said
Mark Twain, "lived in Hannibal. He sold
his son-in-law the half of a very fine cow,
and then refused to share the milk with
the young fellow, on the ground that he
had only sold him the front half. The
son-in-law was also compelled to pro-
vide all the cow's fodder and to carry
water to her twice a day. Finally the
cow butted the old man through a barbed
wire fence, and he sued his son-in-law for
\$50 damages."

SURRENDERED AT LAST.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"I can't understand," said the doctor,
after the operation had been performed
and the patient had been prepared for
burial, "how your husband was able to
live, with such an affliction as he had."
"Well, you see," replied the sorrowing
widow, "it was years and years before we
could persuade him to go on the operating
table."

LAZY FISHER.

[Punch.]
A rustic was sitting on the bank of a
stream when the parson's daughter came
that way.
"Well, miss, I be fair 'mazed w' the way
o' that 'ere fisherman, that I be?" said the
lover.
"Why is that, Carver?" asked the young
lady.
"The owd folk has been sittin' there fur
the last six hours, and hasn't caught
nothin'."
"How do you know that?"
"I been a-watchin' o' he the whole
time."

MUCH LIKE LONDON.

[Hamilton Spectator.]
Last night the board of works, almost
without discussion, decided to submit a
by-law to issue \$25,000 to provide for the
installation of a municipal light and power
plant. The aldermen treated the matter
much more lightly than they would have
treated a proposition to expend another
hundred upon that existing piece of
municipal property, the sucker, and differ-
ences of opinion involving a hundred thou-
sand dollars or so were not allowed to
obstruct the proposition.

WOULD PAINT
LONDON GREENEye Specialist Says That the
Color Is Soothing and
Healthful.

London, Nov. 25.—"If the whole of
London were painted green it would
have a wonderful effect upon the
health and spirits of us Londoners,"
one of London's leading eye special-
ists said to a reporter yesterday.
"Eyesight and health are most
closely connected, and among town
dwellers eyesight is steadily deteriorat-
ing."
"The next generation of Londoners
will be afflicted with short sight."
"If I had my way I would have
every house in London painted a fresh
foliage green. Then in a little time
we should have a brighter, happier
London than has ever been known."

Green One of Nature's Cures.
"Green is one of nature's cures for
worry and fatigue. Watch a man who
is worried or tired out, and see how
often he will wander to a window, from
which he can gaze on a tree in leaf
green of the foliage."
"Instinctively his eyes seek the rest-
ful green of the foliage."
"A great deal of the good obtained
from a visit to the country is from the
incessant environment of green
fields and green leaves."
"A green room, too, is a splendid
thing. I know of a case of a popular
actress who could never understand
why it was that in a certain room
in her house she could always rest so
much better than in any other one.
She mentioned the fact to me one
day and I pointed out to her that the
paper and furniture were entirely
green."

"Big cities like London are surely
deteriorating the eyesight of those who
dwell in them. It is the lack of hori-
zon that does the harm."
"To look at a thing in the distance
is no strain upon the eyes, but a rest
to them; the muscles are simply re-
laxed. But in London the farthest
one can look is, as a rule, but a few
yards. The eyes consequently get no rest."

Little Cataract in City.
"On the other hand, town dwellers
suffer far less from cataract than do
country folk. The traffic of our Lon-
don streets does undoubtedly prevent
this terrible affliction."
"In a city street to watch a vehicle
a hundred yards away, and immedi-
ately to turn to one a few feet distant
and so on, necessitates a constant
change of focus, a thing which is ex-
cellent for the eyes, and one which
keeps away cataract."

"Yet the lack of rest for the eyes,
the dull gray of everything, and the
brilliant light is playing havoc with
our sight, and a green London would
do much to counteract these evil
effects."

Chemicals in the Eye.
"Looking at the color green actually
causes the formation of a chemical
mixture in the eye."
"When most other colors are re-
garded this chemical substance is
broken up."

"Colors have a marked effect upon
temperament. Red, as most people
know, excites and afterwards de-
presses. A red papered room will
drive some people almost mad. Green,
on the other hand, rests and soothes,
improves the eyesight, and if in a
walk through London one could see
wherever one looked something green
to rest the eye the effect upon the
people would, I believe, be astound-
ing."

ORANGE RIVER HAS
BOER MINISTRY

Bloemfontein, Nov. 26.—The first
ministry of the Orange River Colony
under the constitution has been formed.
All the members are Boers except
one. Gen. DeWet is minister of agricul-
ture.

A constitution was granted to the
Transvaal last year. On Dec. 17 last
announcement was made in Parlia-
ment in London that a legislature and
a full responsible government would be
granted to the Orange Free State, now
known as the Orange River Colony, in
the course of 1907. The preliminary
steps have been in progress for some
time and the autonomy of the colony
is now virtually realized.

REVEALS A SENSATION

Helen Mar Tells of Her Evidence in
the Gould Divorce Case.

New York, Nov. 25.—Helen Mar, who
came from England to testify in the How-
ard Gould case, has revealed the details
of the testimony she gave behind closed
doors in the office of David McGuire, the
referee appointed by the supreme court to
hear the evidence in the suit. Miss Mar
says:
"I testified before Mr. McGuire that once
in the Hoffman House, in this city, and
once in a residence in Forest avenue, in
Chicago, I discovered Miss Katherine
Clemons, who is now Mrs. Howard
Gould, and 'Buffalo Bill' Cody together."

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prominent position in the world. Some of the titles are, "Strive and Succeed," "Luke Walton,"
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yards for..... \$1 00
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EASTERN CANADA
HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Montreal, Nov. 25.—A meeting of the
Eastern Canada Hockey Association was
held here Saturday night. W. P. Luny
resigned as secretary-treasurer, and was
appointed a member of the executive. Mr.
Emmett Querry was elected secretary-
treasurer. The meeting then proceeded to
arrange the schedule for the coming season,
but adjourned until Tuesday evening
without completing it. The dates so far
arranged are:
Jan. 4—Ottawa at Quebec.

Jan. 11—Wanderers at Ottawa.
Jan. 11—Quebec at Victoria.
Jan. 18—Montreal at Quebec.
Jan. 18—Ottawa at Shamrocks.
Jan. 25—Victoria at Ottawa.
Jan. 25—Shamrocks at Quebec.
Feb. 1—Shamrocks at Quebec.
Feb. 1—Ottawa at Montreal.
Feb. 8—Quebec at Ottawa.
Feb. 15—Wanderers at Quebec.
Feb. 22—Shamrocks at Ottawa.

In Iceland the horses are shod with
horn, while in the Sudan they wear
socks of camel skin.

Domestic Difficulties

"Died then, no
I took on no sick
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matism, and acid in the blood.

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the kidneys. These organs should
filter out impurities. When they
are weak, inflamed or diseased, the
impurities stay in the blood and are
carried to the sensitive nerves.
Rheumatism is simply this irrita-
tion of the nerves, caused by uric
acid and other impurities being de-
posited upon them—their favorite
place being the joints and muscles.
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