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MR. GRAHAM'S TRIUMPH.

The majority of 300 for Hon. George Graham in South Renfrew is less than Mr. Low received in September, but it is substantial, and, in the circumstances, magnificent. The whole weight of the Government was thrown against him. Seven cabinet ministers and a host of smaller fry stormed the hustings. Mr. Graham was a non-resident, and had to face the cry of "outsider." The general run of by-elections go with a government, especially a newly-elected government. Not to be overborne by all these forces, is a triumph indeed.

The ordinary code of honor among gentlemen would have given Mr. Graham the seat unopposed. The Liberals of the riding kept faith by extending this favor to Mr. McGarry, the Conservative member for the riding in the Legislature. The written agreement, provided for this exchange of courtesies, signed by officers and members of the local party organizations, was torn up by members of "The Ottawa Government." There was the insolence of office in their cool assumption that they could impose their will and their own standard of political ethics on the people of South Renfrew. Many electors who would have been inclined to vote for the Government candidate in ordinary conditions showed a regard for fair play which was wanting in the leaders of the Conservative party, who ought to have set them an example. In particular the Ontario ministers, who proposed the breach of faith and engineered the opposition to Mr. Graham, have been checkmated and humiliated. Their attempts to keep him out of Parliament have recoiled on themselves.

By Mr. Graham's election the House of Commons will regain one of the most upright, competent and likeable personalities in public life. The front rank of the Opposition will be greatly reinforced. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will derive a peculiar pleasure from the victory, which he had anticipated by reserving the seat beside his own for his brilliant lieutenant.

A WOMAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

Our civic statesmen perhaps took only an impatient glance at the woman suffrage question the other day. Any steady consideration perceives the absurdity of the present law.

A young lady with property or sufficient income who cares to admit that she is 21 years of age finds herself in municipal elections a real voting citizen, with the right to choose the men who are to govern the city. This is the choosing time of life with her. But the minute she elects a husband from the throng of eligible suitors, she passes from democracy to live under an absolute monarchy. Hers now only to obey. She certainly leaves all to follow him. Politically she is nullified. "The state, it is I" (with a sprinkling of girls and widows) say the husbands.

Our heroine next becomes a mother of children, and has therefore now a more vital interest in some matters of city government, such as education and sanitation. She must, however, have no voice in these affairs. It is enough for her to rear the children and get them ready for school. A vote as to school management? Tut, tut! Her daughter, when she reaches 21, may vote, knowing then at once far more about these things than her mother ever did since she took the downward step of marriage. To become a wife and mother is, it seems, a sort of civic suicide.

But pursue this pilgrim's progress, further down. Our heroine has reached perhaps "the years which bring the philosophic mind." Second childhood may be even looming into sight. The husband dies, the wife is free, a citizen once more, the long eclipse of matrimony is over. Our aged lady may be sans teeth, sans eyes, sans everything—but the franchise. She has revenge even upon her daughters who have married and are courted no longer by politician man. So long as she does not make the mistake of marrying a second time, she remains triumphant, a force in civic life.

Is not this a fair statement of the case? If not, it would be interesting and perhaps instructive to have our city fathers argue the thing out. Probably it will appear to most people who think that men are in general still under the old feudal ideas concerning woman. They have given them a partial franchise and balk at its logical conclusion.

ONTARIO GETS NOTHING.

It is now admitted that the Ottawa Government's boundary bill gives Manitoba the only two ports on the Hudson Bay—Churchill and Nelson. Ontario's northern boundary line is to stop at James Bay, which is too shallow for ocean vessels. If the Temiskaming Railway is extended to Hudson Bay its northern terminus must be in the Province of Manitoba.

It is true that the Laurier Government proposed a similar boundary line. The Laurier Government did not insist upon the line, but asked the two provinces to try to agree on one of their own. The Roblin-Rogers Government made it an election cry that Laurier's proposal gave Ontario too much. The Whitney Government made it an election cry that Ontario got too little. Sir James himself said little about it on other occasions. With unwonted politeness of language he wrote the Dominion Government asking that Ontario be made a joint owner of Fort Churchill, and later he agreed to take only Port Nelson, but he did not press the claim, nor did he ask the Legislature to strengthen his hand by a resolution. He was loth to give offence to his friends at Winnipeg. If he had been more assertive he might have wrung greater concessions from the Laurier Government.

Mr. Roblin will take from Mr. Borden what he refused to take from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There is no longer any party capital to be made. Sir James will also accept from Mr. Borden a settlement which he refused to accept from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He cannot kick without kicking his political friends both at Ottawa and Winnipeg. He would have been in a less compromising position if he had not assured the electors that Sir Wilfrid Laurier prevented Ontario's march to the Hudson Bay and that the road would be clear when Sir James' own friends were in power at Ottawa. Sir James is now in the hands of his friends.

The need of more snow in this locality is not so apparent as the weather-man seems to imagine.

The tax reformers who intend to wait upon Sir James Whitney have not yet asked for police protection.

The self-appointed strategists at Ottawa, who conceived the South Renfrew manoeuvre, have met the usual fate of butchers-in.

Mr. Graham's victory is a blow in the face to the Government. There is scarcely an instance in Canadian history of a Government, fresh from a victory in the country, vainly exerting all its powers in a by-election within five months afterward.

Mr. Bourassa declares that the Borden Government will humiliate Canada if it consults the British admiralty on the naval question. The Borden Government will be expected to stick to its contract and consult Mr. Bourassa.

The Ottawa Government would have been given credit if it had allowed South Renfrew Conservatives to have their own way and to follow the path of honor. In the minds of politicians with an easy code of political morals, success would have justified the Government's interference. But the Government has got neither honor nor success out of the affair.

"Australia, which has adopted an old age and invalidity pension system, affords us some means of estimating the burden which the proposal of certain of the demagogues of our Parliament would place upon the country."—Hamilton Times.

Nearly all the public men of Great Britain must be demagogues in the Times' opinion. The old-age pension bill passed both Houses of Parliament without a division.

BOB'S STRONG PULL.

Ontario has six cabinet ministers in the Borden Government, but in the settlement of the boundary question, Hon. Bob Rogers, from Manitoba, exercises more influence than the whole caboodle of them. He captures Port Nelson and laughs at the idea that Ontario should have any outlet on Hudson Bay.

HE DIDN'T SEEM PLEASED.

The Ontario Alliance called on Sir James Whitney on Wednesday, and one of those nasty cent valentines would have been as welcome to Sir James.

A HEN-OWNER'S LAMENT.

It's a ten to one shot that as soon as the price of eggs comes down, the hens will start and lay like sixty.

GREAT SCENERY THIS.

The fifteen most noted objects of scenic interest on the B. and O. Railway, in the picturesque region between Washington and the Ohio River:
1. Genuine Bull Sawdust Smoking Tobacco.
2. Stuffed Starch.
3. The Coal Dust Twins.
4. Trapper's Whiskey. First Under the Table.
5. Sudds' Pink Ribbon Milwaukee Beer.
6. Gasteria. The Children Howl for it.
7. Airy Fairy Soap.
8. Use Fluke's Mixture.
9. Smoke the Buzzard 5-cent Segar.
10. Drink Hocus Focus.
11. Chew Old Family Plug.
12. Joe's Borated Talcum Powder.
13. No Trespassing.
14. This farm for Sale.
15. No Hunting Allowed.

WEARY OF PATRONAGE.

Already the local members for Ottawa are wishing that the Government would put the outside as well as the inside civil service under the commission.

THE MODERN AGE AND LENT.

Lent survives, not simply because of its imposing religious history, but because of modern instances of its usefulness. And it is useful to the body as well as the spirit.

Five hundred years ago the bodies of men needed the enforced abstinence of Lent more than they do today. Before the days of hothouse green things, canned fruits and swift transportation between tropical fruit groves and the tables of the North our purple-faced ancestors fed grossly on meats and pastry all winter long, and barely escaped apoplexy in the spring.

To such Lent came as a welcome relief to overworked digestions. No attentive reader of George Herert can have failed to see, in his references to abstinence, the naive recognition of constant feeding which have happily perished from the earth. But a small fraction of 1 per cent of Missourians in 1912 need Lent to relieve an alimentary canal congested, so to speak, with traffic.

But, human nature being the same, we have but substituted one excess for another. The Englishman of 1600 gorged himself to repletion with food. The American wears himself thin and nervous with overattention to business. And the fair Americanness makes "society" her business and comes to Lent jaded and fatigued with burdens borne in the name of the god who is cynically named Pleasure.

The tendency to excess is deep-rooted in human nature. It looks as if the need of Lent, physically as well as spiritually, would continue to the end of the chapter.

HE NEVER DARED.

[Boston Transcript.]
Heck—Does your wife get angry if she is interrupted while talking?
Peck—How should I know?

NOT FOR PLUMAGE.

[Chicago Tribune.]
The Ancient Mariner had shot the albatross.
"What, what of it?" he said, brazenly.
"I did it to oblige Sam Coleridge. I wasn't going to stand here and see a great poem knocked into a cocked hat for lack of incident."
Which seems to show that occasionally it is necessary for somebody to furnish the Frightful Example.

A TRADE MARK.

[Cincinnati Enquirer.]
Gabe—Why do geniuses wear long hair?
Shave—Why, we wouldn't know they were geniuses if they didn't.

A QUICK WAY.

[Pittsburg Post.]
A Sixth avenue business man was remonstrating with his partner.
"I hear your son is writing poetry," he began.
"Yes."
"I hear you actually encourage him to send it to the magazines."
"Yes."
"Do you want your son to become a poet?"
"No, I merely want him to get the conceit knocked out of him."

THE VERY LATEST.

[Nashville Democrat.]
Along with the turkey trot and the possum prance and the walrus wriggle, we will now have the groundhog glide, which will make you shiver.

MAY BE A LONG ATTACK.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
Sir James Whitney got mad the first day the Legislature did any business, and the chances are his frame of mind won't change till prorogation.

TIMES SAME IN MEDIAEVAL DAYS.

[Cleveland Plain-Dealer.]
The maid was in the back yard hanging out the clothes.
"And that," said the queen, ruefully, "is the way we lost our crown."
The queen who lives next door looked over the fence and offered her a dollar a week more than we were giving her."

TO A MISER.

[Judge.]
Fairnest queen of myriad hearts,
Always taking, never returning.
By your many wiles and arts
Causing sleepless nights of yearning
Fairnest queen of myriad hearts,
Held in humble adoration,
Causing Cupid with his darts
Almost constant occupation.

HIS PREFERENCE.

[Harper's Weekly.]
Winkley gazed at the new triplets with fatherly pride, but not a little apprehension in his eye, nevertheless.
"What are you thinking, dear?" asked Mrs. Winkley, softly.
"Nothing, dear, nothing," he said, falteringly, "only don't you think that it would be wiser for us, hereafter, to build up our little family on the installment plan."

QUEEN'S TO REMAIN
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Private Bills Committee Turns Down Petitions of Jewish Citizens.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Queen's University will remain "distinctively Christian" according to the decision of the private bills committee of the Commons this morning.

When the bill to nationalize the university came up last week representatives of a large number of Jewish organizations were on hand to protest against the above phrase which appeared in one of the clauses. They argued that if the institution was to become non-denominational all religious distinctions should be eliminated. The clause would prevent Jews from holding professorships.

This morning the rabbis of Ottawa asked that the clause be modified, so that it would not be so narrow. Principal Gordon, of Queen's, spoke at length this morning, arguing that the intentions of the founders of Queen's was that it should be a Christian institution. He meant no offence to the Jews, he said, but he pointed out that if this clause carried it would open the door to Hindus and Chinese. The wishes of the founders should be respected.

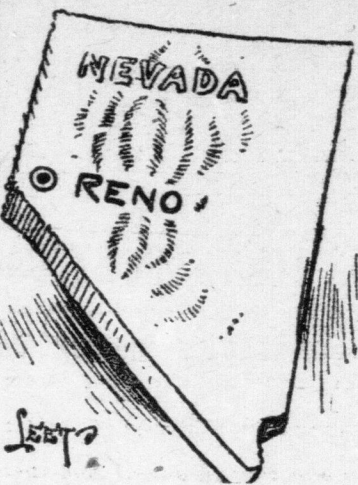
G. M. MacDonald, K.C., of Kingston, urged that the bill be kept intact. Queen's might eventually fall into the hands of the Jews otherwise.

FAVOR CHURCH UNION.

Dunnville, Feb. 23.—The official board of Grace Methodist Church voted on church union last evening. The result was a vote of 26 for and 7 against. Every member voted.

A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.



"Grounds for divorce."

With the advent of Lent one kind of codfish ball gives way to another.

If and might.
If somebody said I were famous;
And the newspapers all would be-
lieve it;
The world might agree to recognize
I might find a way to deceive it.

If somebody said I were famous;
And they asked me to write—say a
play;
The world might extend the hand of
a friend;
I might hold the bluff for a day.

But I care not for fame and its
trappings,
To me it's a whiff or a blight,
I have learned long ago, that you
haven't a show
When you figure on "it" and on
"might."

Someone asked if they had looked
up the almost human face of this
"colym" upon our 789,862 sworn
circulation, and before the inquirer
dared him to attempt it again he hur-
ried off for a day to explain the drop-
ping off for a day. Such explanation
being, viz.:
A day or two ago a man laughed
himself to death after having read a
joke. As somebody in his neighbor-
hood, unlearned, or in other words,
"copped" one of our grandest little
jokes, we felt guilty until we had
wired as follows to prove or disprove
our worst fears:

"Did So-and-So die from laughing
at our paragraph?"
Yesterday fortunately an answer
was received to this effect:
"No; tried to use it as an antidote.
Too late!"

At the same time anyone will admit
that this trying to be funny is a
mighty serious business.

"A war game is being arranged,"
a heading informs us. And neither
Mayor Graham or Mr. Glaubitz is to
have charge of the forces.

Good evening, do you know why
your light bill is higher this month?
Neither do we, and no one seems to be
able to tell us.

However, if anything serious breaks
out, General, just send for us. We'll
be found w' the colors.

Couldn't Tell a Lie.
No wonder, Georgie told the truth.
Thinking father tanned his calf;
His pa had climbed that cherry tree,
And installed a dictagraph.

Dear West London: Anyone who
tells you that a dump is a
creditable civic exhibit, the proprietors
will only goad you on to its abolition. May
the spring freshet be providentially turned
to sweep it away.

Last night someone called a certain
newspaper office for information as to
the election in South Renfrew.
Voice at Phone—Who were you bet-
ting on?
Caller—Dr. Maloney.
C. A. P.—Well, you lose.
Caller—Is that possible?
V. A. P.—Yes; we Tories got a bad
licking today.

Caller—That's too bad, I'm sorry
Graham got in.
V. A. P.—It certainly is.
Caller—Graham's too strong a man
to have in the House. I'm afraid he
will make it hot for us.

V. A. P.—You bet, he will, but we
can't help it now.

Some citizens have come to regard
Victoria Park as their front lawn, and
who can blame them?

We have been reading a marvellous
birthday book which enumerates the
characteristics of persons born for
every day in the year. Anyone of the
formulas seems to fit anyone.

CITY HALL SITE CONTEST.

Dear Fall Lines:
I read "Economic's" suggestion to place
the new city hall on the bridge to be
built over the Thames. That would be
all right except that Messrs. Jawn Caw-
lison and Percival Yostler, the proprietors
of the river, and who, I believe, built
the river, would object. And then think how
inconvenient it would be for the building
of city hall officials who had not been
given a raise in salary. Harry Merritt
would be throwing out a life-line all the
time. Think of the peril of building the
building too low. If it were too low it
would not be possible to bury it up to
the eyebrows with a flock of geese
shovels. Again, our city officials would
be detracted by the carp fishing and by
the gentle, languorous anglers who would
float past in cosy canoes. (Pardon me
if I intrude beyond "a few lines," but I'm
coming to the real site for the city hall.)
It's a sight of a site!

Now About Anti-Slavery's Grave Pit?
I read my suggestion, and I will
enumerate a few of its advantages:

(1) It is in a hole at present, and the
hole will serve the city for years to come.
(2) It has a large number of sepulch-
res, which no doubt would be thrown
in for a gallery of Ossified City
Fathers and their 1865 plug hats!
(3) It could be used as a terminal for
the subway system in—(fill in your own
date).
(4) The city could merely roof over the
pit and send a chance for the constant
use of hydro.
(5) It would be a refuge in the hour
of danger—a cellar from the cyclones of
public indignation. (If it would succeed
in discovering such a thing as public in-
dignation in London there would be ben-
efit enough.)
(6) It could never be sold for \$100,000.
Please plug for my site and I'll write
you something else just as funny.
EXCELSIS (whatever that means).

The Consumer's Plight.

Oh, Hydro! Oh, Hydro! You hyphen-
ated juke.
When you switch off and leave us, Oh,
Hydro, you're the deuce!
On stormy night I settle close.

Phone
Orders
Carefully
Filled.

CHAPMAN'S
Come Here for Holeproof Hose.

Phones.
1st Floor, 791
2nd Floor,
2882

New Spring Suits for Women Are Arriving Now—First Showing Saturday

Balance of Our Stock of Women's Coats Half Price Saturday

WE HAVE JUST EIGHTEEN COATS LEFT, consisting of broken lines of blue and black beavers and diagonal cloths. There are two of every size, and three of some, so you may get the coat that will suit you. Saturday the price is cut in half.

WERE \$12.00 \$13.50 \$18.50 \$20.00
Saturday \$6.00 \$6.75 \$9.25 \$10.00

Misses' Dresses

PETER THOMPSON STYLE.

Navy Blue Serge Dresses for misses of 14, 16 and 18 years, pleated skirts and sailor blouses, with large collar.
Regular \$10, Saturday\$6.95

Net Waists \$1.98

Eerie net over silk, lace yoke and medallion. Were \$3.00.

Messaline Waists \$3.95

Soft-finished silk, in navy, Copenhagen and gray, with colored pipings.

Tweed Suiting

Four pieces imported Tweed Suiting, in spring weight, just the thing for misses' and school girls' suits and skirts; shades of light and medium gray, bright navy and Copenhagen blue; 42 inches wide. Saturday only we will put four full pieces on sale at, per yard 25c

FAWN BEAVER CLOTH, for boys' and girls' unlined spring coats, also for ladies' long coats, 54 inches wide. Regular \$1.50 a yard. At half price Saturday, a yard 75c

Linens and Towelling

TABLE LINEN, half-bleached, 66 inches wide. Saturday, a yard 35c
TEA TOWELLING, red or blue checked glass cloth, extra heavy, 24 inches wide. A yard 10c
ROLLER TOWELLING, extra heavy all-linen crash, with or without borders. A yard 11c

Apron Gingham

Blue Check Apron Gingham, some with borders, 40 inches wide. A yard 10c

Factory Cotton

Full yard-wide Factory Cotton, even round thread, very special, 10 yards \$1.00

Whitewear

NIGHTGOWNS, choice of three styles—high and low neck and slipover, made of fine cambric, trimmed with embroidery. Special 85c

CORSET COVERS, made of fine cambric, lace yoke and trimming. Special 21c

Alarm Clocks 59c

25 only Alarm Clocks, good timekeepers, with reliable alarm, nickel case.

Men's Socks

Heavy Worsted Socks, of pure black yarn, ribbed or plain, also fine cashmeres, all sizes. Saturday, a pair 22c

Infants' White Wool Mitts, Saturday, a pair 20c

Children's School Stockings

Unbeatable for wear and warmth, heavy 2x1 ribbed wool, fine and soft, sizes 6½ to 8½ (no 8's). Every pair worth 50c. Saturday, a pair 39c

Women's Underwear

Clean-up of odd and broken lines of Women's Winter Underwear for Saturday.

21c 46c 67c

Vests and Drawers for women and misses, heavy ribbed cotton mixed, white or gray. Were 25c a garment.
Vests and Drawers for women, Union, wool and cotton mixed, white or gray. Were 50c a garment.
Vests and Drawers for women, heavy wool, white or gray. Were 75c a garment.

Kid Glove Special

Buy Kid Gloves here Saturday. A special purchase enables us to sell \$1.00 Kid Gloves for 79c a pair, and we fit and guarantee every pair. The "Flossie" Real Kid Gloves, in tans, browns, gray, black and white, all sizes from 5½ to 7½. Don't forget that we guarantee them. At, a pair 79c

CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, two-clasp, sizes 1 to 6, in tans and browns. Special, a pair 50c

Duplex Stencilled Curtain Scrim. Special, a yard 17c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

248 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON

In my snug old cosy chair,
To con a line of verse or prose,
To drive away dull care,
I find a tale that interests, mayhap,
that makes me think,
When, Biff! You're out, oh, Hydro, and
I am on the blink!

Imagine asking the conductor to let
you off at Riviere a l'aveugle!

Now, isn't it possible that in these
mad dog scares it's only the scare, and
not the dog, that's mad?

Joy in School Section No. —
[St. Mary's Argus.]

Mr. Howard Pomeroy, having a
slight cold, did not go to his duties as
school teacher—Fullarton Correspondence.

Surely Spring Is Coming.
[Blyth Standard.]

By using good, bright tin buckets,
tin spouts, and using nothing but tin
or galvanized utensils in the bush,
and keeping everything clean and in
good condition, there is nothing to
prevent one from making a first-class
maple syrup and sugar which will
bring the highest market price.

Art Note.
[St. Mary's Argus.]

Mr. Frank Willard left Monday for
St. Thomas, where he is engaged in
painting a new R. C. church.

Somebody Was Trimmed.
[Thamesville Herald.]

If you wish to keep a clean sheet
of wins in your checker memo, stay
away from Wabash—Wabash Corre-
spondence.

Presumably?
[St. Mary's Journal.]

The Rev. Mr. Stewart was a busy
man last week. In addition to his pa-
rochial duties he conducted two
funerals, solemnized two marriage
ceremonies, and thus made presum-
ably four lives supremely happy.

FOURTH BANKING CENTRES

The city of London is the fourth banking centre in Ontario. This city is known throughout Ontario for the strength and efficiency of its banks.

In considering the standing of the Huron & Erie Loan and Savings Company, it is significant to note that this institution ranks first in London and second in Canada among companies of its kind.

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