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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, May 12.

The Liberals have now between 60 and 70 candidates in the field for seats in the Legislature. By the end of the next week the list will be pretty nearly complete.

The chief objection to the candidature of Mr. Thos. S. Hobbs up to date is that he is a bachelor. If all is true which we hear, that objection will be removed in good time.

Surely there should be some way to put down the brutal species of "sport" referred to in our news columns to-day. It is not "sport" for two men to stand up and batter one another's bodies till they are almost past recognition.

The Hamilton Times remarks on the strangeness of the fact that the greatest heathens in the community nominate themselves defenders of the Protestant faith. Don't be too hard on the poor fellows; they have axes to grind and they trade in prejudice. It is a poor business.

What has No. 1 committee of the City Council done with Ald. J. W. Jones' motion in reference to the street railway question? Three propositions were contained therein. Surely if anything is to be done this year it must be done speedily. It is to be hoped that Ald. Jones will not weary in well doing, but will follow up his motion with further action.

The Advocate, the organ of the liquor dealers, in dealing with the appeal to settle the powers of the Dominion and of the Provinces with regard to the prohibition of the liquor traffic, says that "whatever the result may be the case is certain to be carried to the Imperial Privy Council, who will be called upon to finally decide what the Provincial and Dominion rights in the premises really are."

A bill reported by a select committee to the Dominion House of Commons provides that all voters whom the judge reports to have taken bribes shall be incapable of voting at any election for a member of the House of Commons held during seven years next after the report has been received by the Secretary of State. The House should also declare for obligatory voting. A man who does not use his trust for the benefit of his country has no more right to possess it than a man who abuses it.

Sir Oliver Mowat has decentralized the courts, and made London a legal center, as it is a commercial and educational center. By the leading London practitioners, aided by leading members of the legal profession in Chatham, Stratford and elsewhere, and by the London daily press, has this been brought about. The Toronto lawyers generally were, of course, dead set against the change, though some of them, with a political axe to grind, gave feeble support to the movement when it was shown to be bearing a successful issue. When it was demonstrated that the people really desired the change with reasonable unanimity, Sir Oliver readily conceded it. The new arrangement comes into force on Sept. 1 next.

Those who are engineering the London candidature of Mr. Meredith, city solicitor of Toronto, now say that he is not the solicitor, but the corporation counsel of our rival city. What a quibble about words! Is it not a fact (1), that Mr. Meredith draws \$13,500 for the work for which he has been specially retained? (2) Did Mr. Meredith not assert, on the day after his appointment, to no fewer than three representatives of Toronto newspapers, that henceforth his first duty would be to his new client, the city of Toronto? In the face of such a confession, and of the testimony of the Toronto aldermen and the Toronto press, what is to be gained by trying to make-believe that London, not Toronto, will have Mr. Meredith's first care? It is not true. Mr. Meredith cannot serve two masters! The majority of the citizens of London will select a representative who will give them undivided allegiance.

FIFTH TIME OF ASKING.

"1. Is there a city constituency in Canada that sends to Parliament or to the Legislature the paid agent of another city?"

"2. Is it right that London should select as its representative an officer of the city of Toronto?"

"3. Is Mr. Meredith, city solicitor of Toronto, having solemnly declared that in future the interests of that city would be his first consideration, in a position to be an independent representative of London?"

"4. Would Hamilton, Ottawa or Kingston go to Toronto for a representative in either the House of Commons or the Legislature?"

"5. Why should the progressive city of London alone advertise that it has no one within its bounds fit to represent it in the Legislature, and has to accept the candidature of a paid officer of Toronto?"

The People's Candidate.

Something About the Career of Thos. S. Hobbs.

From a Devonshire Schoolboy to a Leading Merchant and Manufacturer in This City.

Favorable Testimony From Newspapers of All Classes.

The Candidate for London and the Candidate for Toronto.

Though Mr. Thomas S. Hobbs, the Liberal candidate for the representation of London in the Legislature at the ensuing election, is known to every citizen of London as a successful business man, devoted to the interests of this fair city, to which he is bound by many ties, it may not be out of place at this stage to briefly refer to his career up to the present date. Mr. Hobbs is a native of Devonshire, England. When he was barely 16 years of age the family moved to Canada, and took up their residence in London, where they have lived ever since.

The English boy was not long here before he sought employment, and found it on the Grand Trunk Railway. Having a liking for mercantile pursuits, however, he secured a position with the then prominent hardware firm of T. & J. Thompson, who for many years did business on the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets. Not possessing as thorough a commercial education as he could desire, the coming Parliamentarian devoted his spare moments in the evenings to attending a night school where, like many a self-made man before him, he imbibed the sound principles of finance that have stood him in good stead in later years of keen business competition. After faithfully serving an apprenticeship with the Messrs. Thompson, Mr. Hobbs entered into partnership with his brother, W. R. and John Osborne, and began business, in a modest way, as wholesale hardware merchants. Their premises were on Richmond street, opposite the present warehouse of the firm, and were in marked contrast with the now spacious warehouses. The firm prospered; hard work and English pluck told, and before long Messrs. Hobbs, Osborne & Hobbs were compelled to take in the adjoining premises. After a few years the business had so increased that the erection of the present commodious warehouses, on the west side of Richmond street, was necessitated, and it was thought that a limit to the floor space required for the trade of the firm had been reached. In the following year, however, an additional warehouse at the rear was acquired, and two years thereafter extra premises were obtained in the same locality. Last year the firm purchased the Phoenix foundry property, extensive and well equipped premises that had been standing idle for a number of years. The manufacture of mirror plate was at once begun, the first factory of the kind in Western Canada, being established here through the enterprise of the Messrs. Hobbs. It is gratifying to be able to relate that from the first this manufacturing has been a success. The business has steadily increased until, even with a large force of workmen, overtime has often to be resorted to.

Mr. Hobbs is an energetic member of the Board of Trade. He has for years been chairman of one of the most important committees of that organization. Last year he was selected as vice-president, and, according to the use and wont of the board, will be chosen president at next election of office-bearers. Though a hard working business man, Mr. Hobbs believes in health-giving recreations. He has always encouraged honest and manly athletic sports, and among the rising generation as well as among his fellow citizens of older growth, he has hosts of friends. Mr. Hobbs resides with his aged parents, who have been and are his constant care, at 296 King street.

That we have not given a prejudiced estimate of the benefits which business men of Mr. Hobbs' stamp are to a city we have but to refer to the testimony regarding the company given in the news columns of the Empire, the chief Conservative newspaper of the Province. It was printed on Dec. 30 last. Among other things, the Empire told its readers that the Hobbs Hardware Company has "prospered till to-day no house in Canada has a more prominent or reliable position." The Empire adds:

"The members of the Hobbs Hardware Company are Messrs. W. R. and T. S. Hobbs, both practical hardware men. From what has been said it will be seen that this company is of far more than local importance. Its fame is spread abroad throughout the land, and that fame serves not only to advertise the company and extend its sphere of business, but it tends also to bring Canada into prominence, and to cause London the Forest City to be more favorably known as a large business center."

Truer words were never printed. In the hands of a man like Mr. Hobbs the legislative concerns of London will be safe.

The nomination of Mr. Hobbs has caused widespread interest throughout the Province. Below will be found a few references to it from leading journals:

(From the Chatham Banner.)
A clever business man, with large financial interests in the city, an enthusiastic worker in the Liberal cause, and the possessor of the respect of all who know him—such is Mr. Thos. S. Hobbs, whom the Liberals of London have chosen as their standard-bearer in the coming local campaign. Mr. Hobbs a few years ago was working at \$1 a day on the Grand Trunk Railway. By his industry and force of character he has made himself a prominent factor in civic, mercantile and political affairs in London, and now, while yet a young man, has been honored by the highest gift his political friends can bestow on him. As one of the hardest workers in the ranks of the London Liberals, he can claim from all that hearty support he has given to other candidates in

the past, and there is no doubt that the Liberals of the city, as well as many of his political opponents, will rally around him and help carry the Liberal standard to victory. Mr. Meredith has no doubt greatly weakened himself by his departure from London, and all the popularity and respect he certainly possesses will be required to insure his victory over such a redoubtable opponent as "Genial Tom Hobbs."

(From the Brantford Expositor.)
The London Free Press while professing confidence that Mr. Meredith will continue to represent the city of London in the Ontario Assembly, tells the local Conservatives that "it behooves them to work hard from now until the end of the poll." Our contemporary certainly does not seem to be afflicted with over-confidence.

(From the Toronto Globe.)
In Mr. T. S. Hobbs the Liberals of London have a strong and popular candidate. He is a young man of exceptional energy, an unusually successful business man, and a man of undoubted capacity for public affairs.

He is a tireless worker and a splendid organizer, and he has at his back perhaps the most perfect campaign organization in Canada.

Smarting under the gross injustice dealt out to Mr. Hyman, injustice which Mr. Meredith seemed to approve and sanction, the Liberals are likely to make a unusually stern fight to accomplish Mr. Hobbs' election.

A few years ago Mr. Meredith was thought to be invincible in London, and he is still strong and popular in the constituency. The "outsider" cry is raised against him, and this seems to have its main force and significance, not in the fact that he has become a resident of Toronto, but because he has accepted the city solicitorship of Toronto, and as a consequence must be in a special way the guardian and champion of the interests of Toronto.

In this view the cry may do Mr. Meredith serious damage. It certainly would have been more fitting if, say, East Toronto had been set aside for the Conservative leader. He would, then, sit in the Legislature as the representative of the citizens of whose interests he is the legal guardian.

These considerations, taken in conjunction with Mr. Hobbs' youth, energy, popularity and ability, and the splendid organization of the Liberal party, promise to make the London contest one of the keenest and most exciting in the Province.

(From the St. Thomas Journal.)
The Liberals of London are to be congratulated on their choice of a candidate for the Local Legislature. Mr. Hobbs is a young man who has worked himself up from the ranks—being at one time employed by the Grand Trunk at \$1 a day—to the position of a leading wholesale merchant, being a member of the well-known Hobbs Hardware Company. Having attained this position at a comparatively early age, through his native ability and indomitable energy—qualities which will stand him in good stead in the political arena. He has been one of the hardest workers and most prominent members among the band of young Liberals, who have transformed London from a Conservative stronghold into a city where the parties meet on equal terms on equal terms, and are only unequally matched when the revising and returning officers join the forces of the Conservatives. The young men of the party are enthusiastic over Mr. Hobbs' nomination. He has been, and is, one of themselves, and they will work for him with an energy which is sure to be infectious in all the ranks of the party.

(From the Kingston Whig.)
London is no longer a political preserve for Mr. Meredith. He will have a hard fight for honors in the next election, and it is the knowledge of this fact that makes him so cross and cranky. In the dosing days of the Legislature he tried to stand on his head several times.

(From the Huron Signal.)
It is quite possible that a "capable insider" may be found in London to wipe the political arena of that town with the remains of a "capable outsider," yelet William Ralph Meredith.

(From the Guelph Mercury.)
Mr. Meredith is not to have a walk-over in London this election, though the nominee of the Conservative party there, his interests now lying in Toronto, where he lives, and of which city he is now solicitor at a salary of \$13,500 a year. Non-resident candidates are often worthy representatives, Sir Oliver Mowat himself being one, but the difference between Mr. Meredith's position last election and this one is, that while in 1900 he was simply a private citizen of Toronto, in this election he is the paid solicitor for that city. How the salaried advocate of Toronto can properly fulfill the duties of a representative of the rival city of London in the Legislature is not clear to the average citizen.

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The Unfailing Success of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Beware of cheap imitations. Remedies on the Public.

TORONTO, May 7.—This appears to be an age of fakes and frauds. It seems impossible for any new idea or valuable invention to be made known without a host of imitators trying to feign their worthless goods on an unsuspecting public in the hope of making a few dollars out of the pockets of their worthless ideas. The unequalled success of Dodd's Kidney Pills in curing all forms of kidney disease, has led to the introduction of many cheap and base imitations that are worse than valueless. Dodd's was the first kidney remedy ever offered in pill form. For their own safety, purchasers should buy none but Dodd's Kidney Pills. Sold in large boxes, price 50 cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50. To be had of all dealers.

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GLOVES—Colored silk Gloves, in tans, grays and fawns; worth 45c. TO-NIGHT 35c.

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PARASOLS—Fancy colored frill Parasols, worth 90c and \$1; TO-NIGHT 69c.

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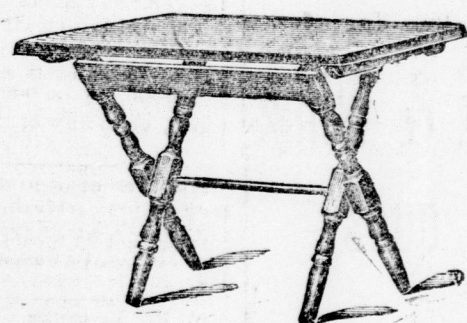
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