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HOW WARD REDUCTION SHOULD AND

Toronto, like London, is engaged in movement for the reduction of the wards within the municipal boundaries, and a vote is to be taken on the subject at the ensuing elections. The Empire takes strong grounds in favor of a reduction of

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less wirepulling and electioneering and more voluntary action on the part of the electorate would be a material benefit to municipal life. Under the proposed method there would be a strong tendency to get men with broader views on the subject of civic welfare, and with less of sectionalism in their notions of expenditure. Let no one fear that without special representation localities will suffer in the distribution of patronage and the carrying out of public works. Each locality may be trusted to look out for itself, and will in every case get all it should in justice to the common weal receive."

Toronto now has 13 wards and 39 aldermen for a population of 200,000. This

men for a population of 200,000. This gives an alderman for about every 5,000 citizens. Under the new system, which the Empire so strongly supports, the number of wards will be reduced to six and the men to 24. This will give an alderman for about every 8,000 ci tizens.

Some inconsiderate people in London have been charging those who advocate ward reduction for this city with leaning to centralization. It is hard to see where the centralization comes in. As at present constituted, there is one alderman for every 1,700 or 1,800 of the people, whereas Toronto, which has one alderman to every 5,000, thinks it has a much too large representation for the good of the people, and is likely to vote that one alderman for every 8,000 will manage the business of the city with greater dispatch and economy. If the London taxpayers reduce the number of wards to three, and the number of aldermen to nine, there will still be an alderman for every 3,500 of the population, or a far fuller representation, in point of numbers, than the city of

There would be no difficulty in equalizing the city into three wards, each to embrace a fair proportion of suburban property as well as a substantial share of the central or business district of the city. This is proved in the appended draft division, pre-pared at our request by Assessment Commissioner Grant:

To include No. 6 ward, that part of No. 1 ward south of Dundas street, west of Richmond street, and that part of No. 2 ward north of Dundas street, west of Richmond exceet and south of Albert street.

To include that part of the city north of Dundas street, east of Richmond street, and west of Richmond street from and including the north side of Albert street.

THIRD WARD.

To include all that part of the city south of Dundas street and east of Richmond

A division of this description would be about as equal as any that could be struck. The population respectively would be in vard, 7,801; No. 2, 12,083, and No. 3, 10,821, while the assessment would amount in No. 1 ward, to \$5,271,975; in No. 2 ward, \$5,053,807, and in No. 3, 84,861,722.

-In the January number of the Forum Dr. Austin Flint, of New York, will publish an article on "The Revolution in Medicine." Dr. Flint explains the method not only of Dr. Koch's treatment for con-sumption, but the probable early extension of a similar system of treatment to most of the other diseases that are caused by bacilli, such as diphtheria, typhoid fever | market. bacill, such as diphtheria, typhoid fever and measles. This is perhaps the first comprehensive and philosophical explanation that has been made for lay readers of the practical applications of the results of the successful that the successful tha

LAURIER ON PROFESSIONAL "PATRIOTS."

Hon. Mr. Laurier, in his great speech at Halifax, gave the men who ostentatiously advertise their loyalty, and thank God they are not like other men, a great setting out. He remarked that it had always been the policy of the apologists for class privileges, when their party was in danger, to allege that their opponents were disloyal. He ontinued: "I den't know how it has been in Nova

cotia, when your prople had to fight the attle of responsible government years ago, but when my forefathers in the Province of battle of responsible government years ago, but when my forefathers in the Province of Quebec had to fight the battle of responsible government there the Tory cry was that it would be "disloyal" to England, although some of the very Tories who then shouted loudly about loyalty did not subsequently hesitate to rotten egg the Governor-General and burn the Parliament Buildings as an evidence of the depth and strength of their excessive loyalty. (Applause and laughter. I remember distinctly that not later than eleven years ago, when the National Policy was introduced, the Toronto Globe stated that the National Policy was not loyal to England, and might perhaps break the British connection, and I well remember that the cool Tory answer was: 'Well, so much the worse for the British connection.' For these reasons, gentlemen, I take very little stock in hypocritical exclamations of loyalty. Sir, loyalty in my judgment, like charity, should commence at home. (Applause.) I chaim, sir, that there is no more loyal man to England than I am myself. I need not tell you that I am of French origin. Loyalty is natural to you men of English blood. It runs in your veins, but I can say also that it runs in my heart from another and perhaps as sacred a cause. I, sir, am loyal from gratitude. (Cheers.) I am wards, and for these among other reasons:

"Most certainly the leading feature of
this scheme is the abolition of the ward
system, and it is one much to be commended.
It is just a question whether it goes far
enough in this direction, and whether,
having broken up the division into wards,
the additional step of having all the addermen elected by the people at large might
not be taken. In any case, the ward
system is responsible for "much that is
amiss in civic government, and its almost
complete wiping out will have good effect."
One objection, and about the only objection that we have heard to a reduction in
the number of wards in this city is thus
met by our Toronto contemporary:
"It is declared by what are called
'practical men' that if you do away with
the ward system the election of aldermen
at large will render it much more difficult
for them to secure places in the council.
Well, there seems to be no pressing reason
why aldermen should be actively canvassing for re-celection, and no one doubts that
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A WORD TO THE CHEESE MANU-

In two or three weeks we shall have the annual meetings of the Provincial Dairy Associations-the Western Dairymen's, the Eastern Dairymen's and the Creameries Associations. The announcements of those neeting give reason for the hope that they will be interesting and profitable to all who may attend them.

The industries of cheese-making and butter-making are susceptible of steady improvement wherever they are skillfully directed, and there are few parts of the world in which, as regards one of them, in-telligent methods have been more systematically pursued than in the Province of Ontario. There are parts of England, doubtless, in which a finer quality of cheddar cheese is made than here, and this is not to be wondered at when we are reminded that it is to Englishmen we owe a knowledge of the art of making this variety of cheese. But even in England the num per of first-class manufacturers is not large. They are mainly the managers of large private dairies with an historic name, where the cows of a herd are of the best dairy strains, the pastures rich and luxuriant, and all the conditions for the production of a superior quality of milk favorable. The manager who knows his business cannot fail to turn out the best possible cheese when every step in the pro-cess is taken under his own direction. It is a different matter when, as under our factory system, the milk supply of each day come rom 40 different herds, on as many farms. and under as many varied conditions. It is hardly possible that under the best of management milk of uniform quality could be gathered under this system, and every cheese manufacturer knows that in practice there are all the gradations from very good to the very poorest, which the rules of the factory or his own good-nature will permit him to accept. The wonder, therefore, is that the Ontario factories are able to produce cheese of the quality which in the past twenty years has won for it the good name which it bears in the British markets.

For the degree of success which has thus been attained the dairymen's associations deserve a large measure of the credit, and we trust that they will keep right along in this career of well-doing. The grants so generously given to them by the Ontario Government has enabled them to develop the industry by educating all those who a engaged in it—farmers in the breeding, feeding and care of cows, cheesemakers in the manipulation of milk and the curing of cheese, and buyers and exporters in satis the weeds and requirements of the

bacteriology. In the same number of the rical instruction lies at the foundation of Forum Prof. Emile de Laveleye, the famous Belgian publicist, will have an compared with it all tariff schemes are but article explaining 1979. article explaining "The Division of Africa" as the goal to the school. Knowledge is among the European nations, accompanied with a map showing the territory claimed by each. Mr. Thomas G. Shearman will upon skill for its success it need not fear power, not tariff walls. And we may rest assured that as long as an industry depends discuss the probability of "The Coming competition. The Ontario cheese-makers Billionaire," to show how a continuance of are able to held their own in any market. our present system of taxation will be sure But perhaps the latter statement admits of to bring him.

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pursued makes it difficult to supply the home market, and this ought to be the best market of all. As long as the best of the cheese is exported, and only the culls are kept to supply the home demand, the industry cannot hope to thrive as it should. This is the fly in the ointment. It is a subject of almost universal complaint in Ontario that a fine quality of cheese cannot be procured of the home make, although consumers are willing to pay the best prices. Wholesale dealers who buy culls ecause they can be had for 2 cent or 1 cent per pound less than the price of prime cheese are only in part blameable. The cheese manufacturers themselves are chiefly responsible, and if they would but consider

found in supplying the home market they might be porsuaded to mend their ways.

The consumption of cheese per head has been more than trebled in England during the last twenty years as a consequence of the improved quality of the article put upon the market. Let the dairymen's associa-tions consider this aspect of the question, and we are persuaded that if they try to cultivate the home market they will succeed in serving their own as well as their country's interest in a much-needed way.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL -The merchants who advertised their wares have done a good Christmas busi-

-When the personator of Santa Claus viewed himself in the mirror to-day, he beamed over with satisfaction.

-Captain Cartwright, of "D" School of Infantry, this city, has written an interesting letter on the "Canadian Militia" and nade sundry suggestions for the improvement of the force. The communication which will be found in another column, is worthy of perusal by everyone who desires to see the citizen soldiers of the Dominion rendered as efficient as possible. Capt. Cartwright is not only a good student, but a careful observer, and he does not hastily reach a conclusion. His views are well put, and his suggestions seem to us to be conceived in the true interests of the force.

-A murderer at Canandaigua, N. Y., who was sentenced to imprisonment for life, declared that he would just as soon have been electrocuted. "Life is a good thing where you can enjoy it, but there is no enjoyment, I imagine, within the walls of State prison," he said. There is a great CUT PLUG SMOKING. deal in this philosophic declaration there were absolute certainty that neither by the importunity of friends nor by any other agency short of proof that he had been wrongly convicted, a murderer sentenced to imprisonment for life would escape serving his full term, the life sentence would be about as great leterrent from crime as capital punishment now is.

-The Supreme Court of the United States has delivered an important judgment in a Mormon polygamy case, holding that a wife is not a competent witness against the husband where polygamy is the crime charged. Wm. E. Bassett was in 1886 found guilty of polygamy on the testimony of his first wife, from whom he had been divorced after he took a second wife. The former wife's testimony was the only direct evidence produced, and it was upon her testimony that Bassett's conviction was secured He took an appeal to the Supreme Court of Utah, contending that the wife's testimon was not properly admissable, and when the Territorial Court decided against him took the case to Washington. This court reverse holds that the wife was an incompetent wit

ness. The court says:
"The question presented is not how much she (the wife) feels or suffers by reason of the plural marriage, but whether the crime the plural marriage, but whether the crime is one against her. Polygamy and adultery may be crimes which involves disloyalty to the marital relation, but they are rather crimes against such relation than against the wife, and as the statute (the Edmundst Tuckor Anti-Polygamy Act), under which the man was tried speaks of crimes against her, it is simply an affirmation of the old common law rule that a wife caunot testify against her husband."

The case was remanded to the Utah courts, with directions to grant a new trial.

-The New York Times, in commenting ipon the death of Sitting Bull, says: "Like a great many of our leading local statesmer and Napoleons of finance, he has had seasons when seclusion on the Canadian side of the border seemed much more whole some for him than exposure to process of law on the American side." It further says that the announcement of his death is not calculated to arouse any other emotions than those excited the other day by th slaying of a "rogue elephant" in Cincinnati, "though no quadruped ever did so much widely-extended and long-continued mischief as Sitting Bull." That appears to be the view generally taken by newspapers in the United States upon the event, and those who say that the thing which happened was the thing planned are probably not far wrong. Had it been intended to capture Sitting Bull without risk of resistance, the sending of the cavalry with the police might have been easily managed. and in that case the chief and his braves would hardly dare to have shown fight. But the plan of attack was otherwise arranged; the small force sent ahead to make the arrest encouraged the Indians to attempt the rescue of their chief; an excuse was thus offered to dispose of him in the surest way; and the cavalry were near at hand to make short work of the warriors. There is therefore a good deal of truth in what Dr. Oronhyatekha is reported to have said at Chicago, that Sitting Buil was mur dered.

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