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West Huron Manipulations.

It is reported that Dominion emsaries are in West Huron using every expedient to get the Patrons to put a candidate in the field, so as to split the vote in opposition to the Administration, and permit the Conservative candidate to capture the seat in the bye-election.

This was the dodge pursued in North Ontario. There the Liberal Patrons stayed with the Patron candidate, but the Conservative Patrons, almost to a man, deserted his standard, and thus made it easily possible to elect the chameleon politician who ran as a Conservative candidate, though he now asserts that he is against the policy of his party.

As Mr. Welsmiller, the many-times-turned-over candidate of the high tax leaders in West Huron, contemplates the possibility of a similar three-cornered fight in West Huron, he rubs his hands in gleeful anticipation of the result. He and everyone knows that in a contest between the candidate of trade freedom and of fair play for every section of the people and Mr. Welsmiller, Mr. Cameron would be returned by a substantial majority.

The Ottawa centralizers have for their motto, "Divide and conquer." Will their opponents in the west riding of Huron foolishly divide their forces?

Paying Investments.

The reason why United States cities are ready to subscribe \$50,000 to \$60,000 to ensure the holding of one of the national political conventions is stated by the Buffalo Express to lie in the fact that the event means the spending of from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 during the week in which they are held. The same rule holds good, in degree, to the crowds who are drawn to a city during the holding of a great fair. The Western Fair, for example, brings many thousands of visitors to this city every year. Some people are foolish enough to believe that the visit of those strangers, many of whom would never come near the city but for this exhibition, is of little or no value to them because they do not directly benefit by the expenditures made. But a moment's reflection must lead to the conclusion that this is too narrow a view. We are a great co-operative concern, and no influx of visitors, spending money on what we produce in our factories and stores, can come into the city without benefiting us all directly or indirectly. The Western Fair, whose grounds and buildings are owned by the city and managed by a body representing the citizens, who receive no remuneration for their labors, must be maintained in efficiency. The Western Fair is one of the institutions which tends to keep London the chief city and center of trade and industry in the West. Our pre-eminence must be maintained.

The Happy Family.

Mr. McGillivray, the newly-elected Conservative M. P. for North Ontario, repudiates the Dominion Government's school policy.

Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P., does the same thing and makes a personal attack on Mr. Oulmet, Minister of Public Works. Clarke Wallace, M.P., vows he will never bow the knee to Bawl (meaning Bowell, no doubt).

Quebec Conservatism decide to throw over Sir Adolphe Caron.

What a happy family!

But One of Thousands.

Mr. McGibbon, Q.C., one of the Conservative leaders in Montreal, who has come out in straight opposition to the men in power at Ottawa, thus indicated their conduct in his address at a recent great mass meeting in Lachine:

"Sir Mackenzie Bowell was fond of prating about the 'English practice.' Was it English practice to keep judgments open for years, to bribe members of Parliament with promises of office, or for members of a Cabinet to have their law partners pleading cases before them?"

"The fact of the matter was that this pusillanimous Government had no leadership and required an immediate reconstruction if it was to succeed at the next general elections. Its extravagance, and some of the concerns to which it had paid subsidies and given Government recognition had been swindles of the first water, and had wrought Canada infinite harm in the financial markets of Europe."

The indictment is well founded. There comes a time in the history of every country when it is wise to change the Government. In the history of this country that time has arrived. Mr. McGibbon is only a type of many thousands of men who have hitherto supported the Conservative party, but who await an opportunity to vote no confidence in the men who now lead it.

By the Way.

Chauncey Depew, president of the New York Central Railway, asserts that the United States has lost \$100,000,000 by the fall of securities, incident on the war scare, within the last three days. This is far more than the disputed territory in South America is worth. If the loss on the more threat of war is so great, how colossal would be the injury to international interests if war were actually precipitated? If jingoes can think, let them reflect now.

City public schools closed yesterday till the first Monday in January. Mothers are to be sympathized with.

Another Cabinet Minister at Ottawa. That makes fourteen. The chief strength of the Cabinet is numerical.

The Boston Herald says of the war scare: "Fe a fo fum!"

One reason why old world nations are not very warmly indorsing the United States view with regard to the republic of Venezuela is the past rather turbulent behavior of the managers of that South American community towards European settlers. Venezuela even now has a dispute with France that may yet reach an acute shape, and still further complicate the international embroglio. In March last the French Minister at Caracas joined with the German, Spanish and Belgian Ministers in drawing up a document setting forth the difficulty of getting Venezuela to pay damages to foreign subjects for losses sustained in the civil war of 1892. It also recommended the establishment of a mixed international commission to hear and determine all such claims. The publication of this document in Europe resulted in the French and Belgian Ministers receiving their passports, the Spanish and German Ministers having already taken their departure. The Venezuelan representative at Paris in turn received his passports, and since then diplomatic relations between the two countries have been suspended. Venezuela appears to be a plucky nation, but a trifle indiscreet. If it trusts to the United States to get it out of all its difficulties with European powers it may get left in the lurch.

Mr. McGillivray repudiates the Ottawa Government, but the Government cannot afford to repudiate him at this critical stage of its game to hoodwink the electors.

Britain buys more than one-half the goods the United States sells to foreign nations. The United States will think twice before losing so good a customer.

"Keep to the right" is always a good motto.

One week from next Monday comes nomination day. Are you doing your best to secure the election of good men for public office?

At a meeting in West York, on Thursday, Col. Tyrwhitt, Conservative M. P. for South Simcoe, charged Mr. Oulmet, one of the Dominion Ministers, with cowardice in the Northwest rebellion. Mr. Oulmet, it will be remembered, was the colonel who telegraphed to Ottawa earnestly urging that half-breed scouts should be hired to do the fighting, and that he and his eastern associates should stand guard over the provisions. We leave the stolid Quebec political leader to meet the charge of cowardice brought against him by his friends, and suggest that he should make good his accusation against the Liberal party contained in this assertion made in a recent speech, or stand branded as a wilful falsifier: "The only dream of the Liberals is to crush the minority in Manitoba and bring misery to the masses." Mr. Oulmet knows that there is absolutely no foundation for this statement. He knows that the Liberals have been the friends of the minority at all times and are now, and that if misery is brought on the masses it will be the effect of the policy of the Bowell-Caron combination. Where were the Ontario associates of the valiant sutler-soldier when the rights of the minority were assailed so fiercely in the last Provincial elections, with the object of embittering the majority against Sir Oliver Mowat and his Administration? Either below the barn or actually engaged in an anti-Catholic propaganda of the most violent and indefensible character. Neither minority nor majority will suffer at the hands of the coming Laurier Government. Equal justice will be dispensed to all.

There is a disposition on the part of some of our Canadian contemporaries to poke fun at the United States Congress because it has decided to investigate the Venezuela boundary trouble, which has so excited the politicians, before it finally decides its course of action in opposition to the British contentions. We are not among those who cavil at our neighbors for going slow. Indeed, we always like statesmanship which investigates a difficult problem, by commission or otherwise, before it acts. The United States jingoes and their countrymen on British soil may not be so hot-headed or so eager for war, when they have had the Venezuela boundary thoroughly considered by men anxious to learn the exact truth, for nothing short of the actual facts should guide the disposal of international disputes. So far as Canada is concerned, we of all peoples should use every legitimate counsel to have peace maintained between that United States and Great Britain. In the event of war, the worst portion of the international blood-letting would doubtless take place on our soil, whether we liked it or not we would have no say as to when the conflict should begin or when it should leave off. Moreover, we might suffer from

its effects for half a century to come. A truce, then, to foolish talk on both sides of the border, and let the counsel of every lover of his country be for peaceful settlement of every international dispute.

The Wall street panic is hardly calculated to stimulate the war spirit over the border.

It is not likely that Queen Victoria will enter a criminal action because her name was forged to promote Dr. Montague's election in Haldimand. It is possible her Majesty never heard of that gentleman.

Mayor Little seldom attached his signature to a document with more pleasure than when he signed the car shops agreement.

The distribution of Christmas cheer among the deserving poor by the school children of London is a blessing to those who give and who receive. Such practical lessons of charity assist in molding the child's character at a time when it is in a plastic state. The heart as well as the mind is cultivated.

The blind chaplain of the United States Senate prayed that Britons and Americans would never shed each other's blood. About the same time a Montreal clergyman appealed to a crowd of school boys "to stand shoulder to shoulder to resist American invasion."

A GREAT NOVELIST ON THE BIBLE.

I think that I know the Bible as few literary men know it. There is no book in the world like it, and the finest novels ever written fall far short in interest of any one of the stories it tells. Whatever strong situations I have in my books are not my creation. I have taken from the Bible. "The Deemster" is the story of the prodigal son. "The Bondman" is the story of Esau and Jacob, though in my version sympathy attaches to Esau. "The Deemster" is the story of Eli and his sons, but with Samuel as a little girl. "The Manxman" is the story of David and Uriah. My new book also comes out of the Bible, from a perfectly startling source.—Hall Cairne.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Here It is as Stated in Mr. Monroe's Message to Congress in December, 1823.

"We owe, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and the allied powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere, but with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and just principles, acknowledged, we could not view an interposition for the purpose of oppressing them or controlling in any other manner their destiny (by any European power) in any other light than as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States."

"JAMES MONROE."

"COFFIN NAILS."

Cigarettes Kill a Colored Boy in Buchanan, Mich.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 21.—William Green, a 16-year-old colored lad of Buchanan, died on Thursday of the result of cigarette smoking. He had been addicted to the habit from early childhood, using box after box, till this year, when he made a record of 150 boxes a month. He often went to bed with one of these "toxin" nails in his mouth, and would get up in the night to smoke.

He raved for cigarettes even on his death bed, and his attendants had hard work controlling him. The nicotine he inhaled almost destroyed the vital organs.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The first silver vote in the Senate was taken yesterday. It was on a motion to refer to the finance committee Allen's silver resolution directing an inquiry as to the advisability of opening the mints to free coinage in view of the strained relations over Venezuela. The motion was defeated—yeas, 24; nays, 38; the silver men voting nay.

FATAL COLLISION.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A collision occurred on the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Railroad at 4 a.m., just north of Horseshoe Pond, between the north-bound express and a south-bound freight engine. Engineer Brussels, of the express, was killed. Engineer John Hart, of Malone, who had charge of the south-bound engine, is horribly mangled, and will die. Both firemen were also killed. One of them is badly scalded. No passengers were hurt, with the exception of one lady, who was only slightly injured.

If you are bald, or find that your hair is breaking or falling out, it will pay you to call at Madam Ireland's parlors, 211-2 Dundas street, who can positively restore hair and prevent falling out. Her celebrated toilet and shaving soaps cannot be excelled, and her fine medicinal face powder is of the finest. These can be procured from Cairncross & Lawrence.

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Handkerchiefs—Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 40c and 50c, Tonight 25c

Collars—Fancy Guipure Lace Collars, worth 50c, Tonight 25c

Handkerchiefs—Fancy Embroidered Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, Tonight 15c

Collarettes—Fancy Silk Collarettes, worth 50c, Tonight 32c

Ties—Colored Silk Windsor Ties, worth 35c and 40c, Tonight 18c

Handkerchiefs—Ladies' Fancy Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, Tonight 15c

Gloves—Colored and Black Kid Gloves, colored stitching, worth \$1 25, Tonight \$1

Doilies—Fancy Hand-painted Doilies, on silk cloth, worth 15c, Tonight 8c

Doilies—Hand-made Tatted and Crochet Doilies, worth 60c, Tonight 35c

Baskets—Fancy Satin Lined Baskets, worth \$2 25, Tonight \$1 60

Braces—Men's Pure Silk Braces, worth \$1, Tonight 75c

Ties—Men's Ties, Christmas goods, worth 25c, Tonight 15c

Shirts—Men's Black Sateen Shirts, worth 65c, Tonight 45c

Handkerchiefs—Men's Large Size Pure Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 40c, Tonight 25c

Handkerchiefs—Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, worth 25c, Tonight 19c

Underwear—Men's Heavy Scotch Knit Shirts and Drawers, worth 90c, Tonight 63c

Kid Gloves—Men's Two-button Wool Lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1 25, Tonight 89c

Shirts—Men's Laundered White Shirts, worth 60c, Tonight 43c

Ullsters—Men's Fine Brown Ullsters, worth \$6, Tonight \$4

Ullsters—Men's Fine All Wool Heavy Frieze Ullsters, worth \$7 50, Tonight \$5 25

Ullsters—Men's Very Heavy Storm King Frieze Ullsters, worth \$10, Tonight \$8

Overcoats—Men's D. B. Fine Fawn Overcoats, Melton, worth \$10, Tonight \$7 30

Overcoats—Men's Fine Tailor-made Overcoats, worth \$14, Tonight \$10

Suits—Men's D. B. Fine Tailor-made Suits, worth \$12 50, Tonight \$10

Pants—Men's Fine All-Wool Pants, worth \$1 75, Tonight \$1 10

Ullsters—Youths' Storm King Frieze Ullsters, worth \$8, Tonight \$4 85

Ullsters—Boys' Storm King Frieze Ullsters, worth \$4 50, Tonight \$3 65

Overcoats—Boys' Old Lines Cape Overcoats, worth \$4, Tonight \$2 49

Flannels—12 pieces Fine All-Wool German Flannels, suitable for tea gowns and wrappers, worth 50c, Tonight 25c

Silks—10 pieces China Silks, in bright colors, worth 25c, Tonight 15c

Crepe de Chine—7 pieces All Silk Crepe de Chine, for evening wear, worth 75c, Tonight 47c

Plaids—10 pieces All Wool 42 inch Scotch Plaids, in greens and blues, worth 60c, Tonight 35c

Tweeds—5 pieces Blouse Tweeds, worth 50c, Tonight 35c

Serges—6 pieces Corkscrew Serges, worth 50c, Tonight 35c

Dress Goods—One table Remnants of Dress Goods, great assortment, worth double the price we ask, Tonight 25c

Skirts—One table of Skirts, worth 75c and 90c, Tonight 60c

Comforters—Eiderdown Comforters, down proof sateen, 6 by 6 feet, worth \$6, Tonight \$4 90

Quilts—Full Size White Quilts, toilet make, worth \$1 25, Tonight \$1

Sheeting—Unbleached Twill Sheetting, 2 yards wide, worth 22c, Tonight 18c

Cloth—Teal Cloth, Paisley patterns, for ladies' wrappers, worth 25c, Tonight 15c

Flannelette—Fancy Flannelette, blue with white spots and figures, worth 12 1/2c, Tonight 8 1/2c

Flannel—Canton Flannel, unbleached, heavy nap, worth 7c, Tonight 5c

Capes—6 only, Black Plush Capes, leather, fur and jet trimmed, different styles, worth \$35, for \$29; worth \$38, for \$32; worth \$49, for \$39, Tonight

Coats—Eiderdown Coats for children, worth \$2 50 and \$3, Tonight \$1 75

Trimming—Featherette Trimming in cream and black, Tonight 25c

Jackets—17 Ladies' Jackets, new styles, worth \$7 and \$8 50, Tonight \$5

Jackets—One table Jackets, the newest styles, worth \$12, ripple skirt melon sleeves, Tonight \$7 50

Coats—One table Coats, mandolin sleeves, ripple skirts, worth \$16, Tonight \$10

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Suits—Boys' 2 piece School Suits, worth \$2, Tonight \$1

Pea Jackets—Boys' Nap and Serge Pea Jackets, worth \$2 50, Tonight \$1 50

Pants—Boys' Fine Serge School Pants, worth 50c, Tonight 35c

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