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DEFERRED DOMINION ELECTIONS

It is now rumored that the Dominion Government will allow the present Parliament to run its full five years of life. One of the objects that prompted the abandoned intention of having general elections this winter was to hold them while the Ross Government was still in control of Ontario matters. But it seems that there was even greater urgency about needed changes in the Grand Trunk Pacific terms, and consequently a session of Parliament has been called for March 10 and the dissolution indefinitely deferred. Should the Ross Government go to wreck in the course of the spring or summer, the disposition of Sir Wilfrid may be to hold off the Dominion elections until Ontario political excitement has quieted down. Hence it is not unlikely that the Dominion general elections will not be held for another year or more.

HOPES FOR PEACE.

It is evident enough that behind the scenes in which the representatives of Russia and Japan are playing their world-interesting parts there is some power or powers making for peace. Not only are the issues swaying in the balance of the most vital interest, to both participants, but it is incontestable that on the side of Japan at least there is a strong popular movement in favor of war. Whether rightly or wrongly, the Japs seem to be actuated quite as much by a buoyant confidence in themselves as by the assurance of the righteousness of their cause. In the latter conviction they have undoubtedly been greatly strengthened by the almost universal sympathy displayed in the United Kingdom and the United States—a sympathy not infrequently taking the shape of direct encouragement. Yet despite all the influences which are acting upon the Japanese government they are displaying a caution and reserve which must increase the respect and admiration they have already gained from the most advanced nations of the world. Russia, too, has clearly climbed down, and has abated much of the pretentious and more of the arrogance her representatives originally paraded.

There can be little doubt that public opinion is right in ascribing the continuance of the negotiations and the remnant hope of peace to the united action of Britain and France—not necessarily joint, but more probably independent, though directed towards the common object. Important as was the obligation these nations owe to King Edward, it becomes even more marked in view of the Far Eastern imbroglio. But for the establishment of the entente cordiale with all the freshly awakened feelings of amity and the increased prestige which at once accrued to both countries, it cannot be denied the situation would have been infinitely graver and would in all likelihood ere this have resulted in an open outbreak. There is something almost providential in the remarkable and rapid change which ensued to the relations of the centuries old enemies upon the conclusion of the arbitration treaty. And even in the few months which have since elapsed the sentiment of fraternity has been deepened and intensified by the numerous visits of public bodies and deputations which have been exchanged, each of which has apparently resulted in a furtherance of friendliness. The rapprochement has borne fruit in every corner of the world, and it would not be at all surprising if the relations of the two governments were not even more intimate than has been allowed to appear.

Italy, bound in a special manner to both countries, has not been long in following the good example of her friends. The arbitration treaty just concluded between Italy and France has, it is intimated, become tripartite by the adhesion of Great Britain. It is a highly gratifying consummation. For some reason or other, during recent years, the relations between Italy and Great Britain, although not unfriendly, had lost something of their pristine affection. The estrangement seems to have arisen over what Italian statesmen considered a lack of sympathy shown by the British government towards their African ambitions. Whatever it was it produced a certain feeling of coolness, or rather soreness, such as only friends can feel who realize and regret the disturbance of the ancient intimacy. Fortunately, and again due to King Edward, the old traditions are reviving, and are again inspiring the governments, press and

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peoples. After all, it was fortunate that the causes of misunderstanding were in their nature transitory and not sufficiently serious to impair Italian gratitude for the many great and vital services Britain rendered to the cause of Italian liberty and unity. But it will be well for British statesmen to learn a needed lesson. Just and fair as we all delight to think British policy is and strives to be, it often lacks the sympathetic touch—the generous tone which costs so little and means so much to Latin nations. There will be a general hope that this tripartite arbitration agreement will again lay a foundation broad and deep for a new and everlasting Temple of Peace—the work and glory of the three free nations of Western Europe.—Toronto World.

VOTING IN THE DARK.

It has leaked out that Premier Ross' new prohibition legislation, which it has been given out, will be satisfactory to the temperance people, will not do away with the bar business after all, but simply change the method, requiring the substitution of tables, chairs, etc., for the present bar and appurtenances. Of course this report cannot be verified, for the Government withholds exact information as to what legislation it really proposes. When an election is on is the time that the Government should give this information. Why does Mr. Ross keep back information from North Oxford electors, permitting only vague assurances to reach them? Is it because he plans another betrayal of his temperance supporters? All these conjectures would be allayed by the promulgation of the facts, which North Oxford electors have a right to. They should vote out a Government which want them to vote in the dark.

OLD LIBERALS SORE.

The turn over in North Renfrew has created consternation in the Liberal ranks. It was necessary to enlist the services of Hon. James Sutherland in North Oxford, and even at that there is a scare on. The Woodstock Sentinel-Review is the organizing machine is to be

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January 27, 1903.

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Dr. Welford, of Woodstock, no doubt voiced the feeling among the old line Liberals, when, speaking at Blandford Monday night, he said: "I have voted Reform all my life, but in view of all the shady revelations of the Ross administration in the past two years, I cannot do so longer. The present reign of corruption at Toronto under Premier Ross is just too thick for me." Dr. Welford asks: "Is our government like ours fit to rule an intelligent people after the revelation of corruption as proven in the law courts the past two years?" All honest men will answer with the doctor, "Most assuredly not."

It is not necessary to argue the matter of policy at all. By a wide stretch of the imagination it might be admitted that Premier Ross is conscientious and his policy worthy of support, but there can be no defence of such conduct on the part of the Liberal managers as that which saddles the country with the expense of such trials as that in South Oxford, and the rewarding of the prime movers in that iniquity. Premier Ross can have no claim to consideration in view of his connection with the Gurney exposure, his defence of Stratton and the continuance of Sullivan, Vance and the other subverters of the will of the people in the employ of the government. The honest Liberals of Oxford, we believe, will refuse to follow the man who has dragged Liberal traditions in the mire and disgraced the party name.

THE STAGE



"All the world's a stage
and all the men and
women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.
Gorton Famous Minstrels—Jan. 28.
Henry VIII.—Jan. 29.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

A THOROUGHbred TRAMP.

The Grand will offer for its attraction, to-morrow night, "A Thoroughbred Tramp," a crisp, new sensational comedy, redolent with the slant, crime and adventures of the typical hobo. T. Rush Thompson is the personage around whom the entire action of the play revolves. True to his pro-name Thompson is a very rapid individual and causes the action to revolve at a pace that leaves no spare room for a dull moment during the entire two hours and a half consumed in the performance. Several sensational scenic effects are in Jan. 27.

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Boys' Reefers—12 only, heavy frieze made and lined, regular price \$3.50, ed, storm or velvet collars, extra well made and lined, regular price \$3.50, \$3.90 and \$4.50 each, your pick Thursday morning. \$2.50

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BLENHEIM

Jan. 25.—Mrs. Smith, of Dresden, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert McCrank.

Mr. E. Warwich has severed his connection with Messrs. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Edmonds left Saturday morning to visit friends at Ottawa and other points.

Mrs. J. S. Laird entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening.

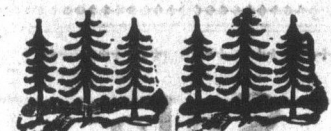
Miss Laura Shaver has returned from visiting friends at Chatham.

Miss Jessie Denholm visited friends in South Harwich over Sunday.

Mrs. Little, of Detroit, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Todd.

Mr. Snell, of Huron College, offi-

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ciated at Trinity Church at both services yesterday.

The severe weather of yesterday made a very small attendance at the various churches last evening. At nine p. m. it registered four below.

It was reported here that between 30 and 40 men were working clearing the L. E. & D. R. R. track.

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