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 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, Wednesday, Dec. 18.

—The Orange Free State in South Africa, which enjoys unrestricted reciprocity with the British territory known as Cape Colony, have just elected a President by popular vote. Mr. Reitz, a statesman of Dutch extraction, was the choice.

—The holiday microbe is in the air. Shopping is epidemic. No dealer who has goods to sell, and has faith in their adaptability to the public wants, will conceal the fact. A well-displayed newspaper advertisement is a great aid to the shopper.

—The total net debt of the Dominion on Nov. 30 was \$300,543,751, an increase of \$494,789 for the month. Sir John Thompson says that neither the debt nor the taxation can be reduced to any extent, but the people will tell him a different story when he goes to the polls.

—It is now said that Mr. Richard Tooley, M.P.P., will not again be a candidate for East Middlesex in the Conservative interest, and that Reeve Gilmore is the probable nominee of that party. Mr. Gilmore has been a faithful worker in the ranks for years.

—London's water supply is probably the best in point of quality in the Dominion; and our waterworks is the best asset in our possession. They pay their way, and yield a handsome revenue besides, and the rate charged is most moderate. The figures given in the annual report, submitted at last night's meeting, should be carefully perused by every taxpayer.

—Young Sir Charles Tupper told the electors of Antigonish the other day that the Dominion Government has resolved to stand or fall by the National Policy. Then it will fall. Every man of sense, unblinded by partisan prejudice, agrees with the learned principal of Queen's University (Dr. Grant) that the "N. P." has won its last victory. Class taxation must go.

—The Northwest land speculation craze was a division of the "N. P.," and it has cost the country a pretty penny. Even after the lapse of ten years sufferers by the Government-stimulated gamble are plentiful. We learn from the Pilot Mound Sentinel that on \$700,000 worth of land sold there not a single settler is found today. "Some men," it says, "continue to pay taxes; many have abandoned their property, and all have lost money." The country needs and must have a change.

—The New Zealand Parliament gave the franchise to women last summer and the first general election in which women enjoyed the same rights as men has just taken place. Contrary to what might have been expected from the arguments of those opposed to woman suffrage the Government which conceded the principle was defeated. This may have been an exhibition of ingratitude, or it may have arisen from a majority of the new voters throwing their influence on the side of the Opposition, whose platform they favor. The full facts regarding the voting will be of considerable interest.

A "HAPPY" FAMILY.

In the Toronto News of Monday night the statement is made that there is trouble among the Ontario Opposition leaders owing to the fact that Mr. Meredith declines to follow out the line of action laid down for him by Mr. Martner and Dr. Ryerson. Mr. Meredith, it is asserted, can refuse dictation, can point to the fact that his resignation has been in the hands of the party whip for two years, and say that if his silence, inaction, and indisposition to follow Dr. Ryerson are not liked by his associates he is quite agreeable to stand aside. These exposures of the skeleton in the Opposition closet are made by a friend. They are of little interest to outsiders except as indicating the trend of events in the Opposition ranks.

THE LATE W. H. HOWLAND.

By the death of ex-Mayor W. H. Howland, Toronto loses a most valuable citizen, whose influence for good was felt throughout Canada. Mr. Howland was not only an efficient mayor during his incumbency of the Chief Magistracy, but a man who sympathized with every good movement and work in the Dominion. He was an earnest friend of the temperance cause, and a believer in the policy of working for the total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicants. This stand he took because in the many philanthropic works in which he engaged he discovered that the consumption of intoxicating liquors is by far the most fruitful cause of poverty and crime. As a steadfast friend of young men, Mr. Howland was ever ready to promote the welfare of Young Men's Christian Associations, and again and again he took a prominent part at the inter-provincial conventions. It is a sad task to record the death in the prime of life of so estimable a man. We had thought that a man naturally possessed of so strong a physique and of so exemplary habits would be able to overcome the lung affection that in his case, as in so many others, followed an attack of the prevalent malady of influenza; but it had been willed otherwise. Of the deceased philanthropist it may, however, be said that in his comparatively short life he had done more real work for his fellow-men for the friendless, for the poor and needy, for the downfallen, for the downtrodden than many men, less unselfish, would care to undertake though they lived to a patriarchal old age. For this reason his death will be lamented by thousands who have learned to love him from a knowledge of his good works alone. The deeds of such men do not die with them. Their influence and example remain as potent incentives to others. How fragrant their memory!

FRUITS OF OVER-TAXATION.

So hard are the times in Toronto that free breakfasts for the poor are given. The Empire asserts that on Sunday a larger number applied for food than have appeared during the last six years. "The increase," adds this high tax journal, "is attributed to the hard times." This is the testimony of the local reporter, who sees with his own eyes and hears with his own ears. In the editorial columns of the same journal there is a continual defense of the "N. P., as the annihilator of 'hard times,' the abolisher of free breakfasts, the enricher of the people. The reporter is not under the direct influence of the monopolist, for whose benefit the class system of taxation is maintained. He tells the truth. A similar state of affairs seems to prevail in Winnipeg, from which city the following press dispatch was yesterday sent out:

"The city ministers and prominent citizens met this afternoon and thoroughly discussed the poverty existing here, and took steps to relieve it. The city has been divided into sections and distributed among the various Christian Endeavor societies, which will try to find out all cases of hardship and extend relief. There are many out of work at present."

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

An amusing incident occurred at the Deaf and Dumb Institute a few days ago, the truthfulness of which the teacher directly concerned can vouch for. It may be remarked that the deaf pupils in the articulation class had been taught to recite orally "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "God Save the Queen." While some visitors were in this class room the teacher called up a pupil to recite a few lines of "God Save the Queen." The pupil promptly and in good voice began as follows:

"God save our gracious Queen,
 I'm though it be a cross,
 God save the —
 'That will do,' said the teacher; 'you may take your seat.'"

WORTH ALL THEY COST.

A large proportion of the taxes in Ontario go for education. Is there any better purpose that it could go for? What prospects would a majority of our children have in this world if they could not get an education? There are comparatively few men in this young country rich enough to send their children abroad for their education. If we had no schools or colleges of our own nine-tenths of our children would grow up in ignorance. Our sons would be day laborers for the American Republic and our daughters would not be able to read. Thank heaven for Ontario schools! They are well worth much more than they cost.

SHERIFF M'KELLAR'S STORY.

Sheriff McKellar tells a good story illustrative of Highland character. The Conservative candidate in a rural riding, chiefly inhabited by Highland Scotchmen, was an English broker who charged ruinous rates of interest and pressed the iron heel of extortion on all who got into his clutches. John Alexander Mackenzie attended one of his meetings to speak for the Reform candidate. In the course of his speech he had a sly crack at the thin, spare candidate who sat on a chair beside him. Graphically he went on to describe the harrowing of the pioneer, how he was ground down by the money-lending extortioner, how his own fellow-countrymen were among the chief sufferers, etc. There was no mistaking the object of his attack. He went on in the same strain, never noticing a burly Scotchman who was slowly edging his way up to the platform, until the latter, with fist full in the face of the detected

broker, turned to the speaker and asked in his native tongue:

"Huaill mi mac an dhoill?"
 Like a great many other Gaelic expressions this one suffers by translation. It means "Will I strike the son of a devil?" The sheriff tells the story with gusto, as showing not only the Highland disposition to fight when aroused, but also to ask permission from his chief before doing so.

'WARE A BIRMINGHAM GERRY-MANDER.

(Elmcoo Reformer.)

Practically speaking, no good Liberal can find fault with a single plank in the platform of the Patrons. And their campaign in North Bruce has the justification of success. We only want them to beware that the success so far achieved does not blind them to possible pitfalls, and that instead of Sir Oliver Mowat as a taskmaster, they do not wake up some fine morning to find that they have tied Ontario hand and foot and delivered her over to the tender mercies of the hungry camp-followers of the Ontario opposition. An Ontario gerrymander, as Mr. Birmingham might be a difficult thing for Liberals, Patron and non-Patron combined, to reckon with.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

Report a Successful Year's Operations.

Revenue Increased Over \$2,000—Interesting Facts.

Very satisfactory were the reports presented at the annual meeting of the waterworks commissioners last evening. Those present were Messrs. William Jones (chairman), R. K. Cowan, Engineer Moore, Secretary Elwood, Inspector Platt and Inspector Plawton.

Chairman Jones' report gave the revenue for the year ending Nov. 30, 1893, as \$87,746 80, an increase of \$2,204 99 over the previous year. The annual charge of interest and sinking fund amounted to \$30,042 74, making a net profit to the city of \$18,122 76. New services put in during the year 374, total 6,544. Expenses, \$19,581 33; net earnings, \$48,165 50.

Owing to the extremely low water in the river the cost of pumping was much greater than in previous years. This accounted for the added operating expenses and reduced the revenue.

The Frank property—about nineteen acres, east of the waterworks property, containing a number of springs that when required may be conveyed to the pumping station—had been secured. The water supply from the springs had been adequate during the year. The report referred to the lack of pumping capacity, and stated the measures which were proposed to make it more efficient.

In his report of the receipts and disbursements of the department O. Elwood, secretary, stated that the gross revenue showed an increase of \$2,204 99. The surplus revenue amounted to \$48,165 50. Number of services laid during the year, 374, with 17 additional consumers, making a total of 391 new consumers. The average cost of each new service was \$8 99. Total number of services laid since the inception of the works, 6,544.

Mr. John M. Moore, engineer and superintendent, submitted his report. The springs at present collected and conveyed to the pumping station had furnished sufficient water to meet requirements during the year. The springs and ponds had been kept clean and in good order. The algae, or plant growth, in the collecting ponds in the warm weather had given considerable trouble. This matter required constant attention.

The steam pumping machinery had run 2,407 hours. The continual running of the pumps at their utmost capacity had twisted some of the valves in the water cylinder. These had been replaced. The hydraulic pumping machinery was run 7,406 hours with both sets, and 144 hours with one set during the year. The piston rods, which had become cut and worn, had been replaced.

The floods and ice raised some of the cribs on the down stream side of the dam. These had been repaired. The frame and gates in the flume-way at the south end of the dam had become decayed and broken. A new frame with movable stop-logs had been put in. The bank of gravel deposited by the floods at the west of the dam had been removed and the gravel used in making the drive-way north of the last pond. The water power of the river was unusually low during June, July, August, September and October, at times only yielding enough power to run the hydraulic pumps at half their capacity, and on days when the mills on the river above the waterworks closed their gates very little power was available. The reservoir was clean and in good order. The street hydrants and valves were in good order, and had been protected for the winter. Fifteen new hydrants had been put in during the year, making a total of 351. The street mains were in good order. Several leaks had been remedied.



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