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THE SPOILS OF OFFICE. The question of public buildings came up for discussion during th passing of the public works' estimates the commons. The conservative appear to be distressed because they cannot get as many favours as formerly, and the leader of the opposition sputtered and funed because it was pointed out that constituencies that had been persistently ignored during the time they were represented by liberals and a tory government reigned would receive justice and attention. Sir Hibbert Tupper was annoyed that the liberals should give ting into the debates? evidence of any belief in the spoils system. Mr. Borden and Mr. Clancy (that pure-minded soul with the flayour of Bothwell's oil) were horrified at the thought that the grits would not go on dispensing the good things of office in forgetfulness of the injustice they so long endured. That is the conservative idea generally-that they should fare well in any case and whatever government ruled. The suggestion is right that public buildings should only be planted where they are required, and according to the well-known necessities the place. But that was not the suggestion which dominated the conser vative party during the long years in which it dispensed the public patron 1 tion." That's right. age, and it cannot find fault, reasonally, if the liberals in four or five years, do at reach the ideal position

GETTING AT A BASIS

political influence and power.

The manner in which corporations such as the telephone, telegraph and street railway-should be taxed, and for the plant they own within the municipality, has been pretty well de fined by the municipal committee the legislature. There were several ideas, in as many bills, before

Mr. Wardell's plan was to assess cor porations on eighty per cent. of their gross earnings, plus the value of their plant and buildings. Under this it was calculated that the assessment IWELLING ON a would be three times as large as it is

> cost of reproducing and replacing the same for the purpose for which it was

Dr. Pyne's bill, providing for an as- thods. sessment of plant and appliances at the fair value to the owner for the purposes for which they are used by him, be amended so that the plant a corporation should be assessed as would be appraised upon sale to an other company possessing the same rights, priviles es and franchise.

This last idea-the amendment pro posed by Hon, Mr. Gibson-prevailed, and the bill, as re-drafted, will be presented and discussed again. Legislation is becoming clearer on the subject all the while.

A WAIL FROM QUEBEC.

Le Journal, the French paper which was established before the last deral election and in order to help Sir Charles Tupper and his party. still frantically appealing to the race prejudices of the people The grievance which it ventilated

which it professed to find in the speeches of some conservative leeaders. was that the French were suffering on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's account. He was handicapped by his nationality. He not blame him. Jeremiah Redden. car Dr. Chase's Ointmert was a strange contradiction of the language that was used in Ontario during the lest election, when the like eral government was assailed by the conservative party and accused of an ndue partiality towards the French. In Quebec the cry was, the French are

something new, and something that is breaking its heart. Sir Wilfrid is so "English that he seldom speaks French. He shows his good sense in using in parliament the language that is generally understood, the language which is employed by most of the members. Premier Ross Moves the Second and Le Journal sees in his practice a surrender to the English which its partizan spirit will not tolerate. Sir Wilfrid is not likely to suffer much in consequence. H. J. Morgan, whose political biographies stamp him as nan of information, points out that all through Canadian history, the French leaders in parliament-Papineau, Cartier, Dorion, Sicotte, Tache, Loranger, Cauchon, Laflamme, and others generally used English. casionally they repeated an idea

French, to emphasize it, and this is

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's custom. The

complaint that he does not apeak of

tener in French is not well founded.

It is the wail of a discontent. It is a minor matter, however, compared with what will follow the announcement that Sir Wilfrid, on the occasion of the king's coronation, will be made a peer. The distinction will be regarded by Le Journal as an evidence of Sir Wilfrid's complete capitulation to the English. It will be regarded by others, the true-hearted Canadians, as a tribute to worth, as an acknowledgment of the politi cal genius and sagacity of the man. His whole public career has been marked by the virtues that must be recognized by all who are conscienti-

TIMELY TOPICS.

The red tie is all the rage in the commons nowadays. Is it responsible for the life that some men are put-

The school rate for non-resident pupils has been raised in Toronto \$1.50 per month. It is 50 cents a month in Kingston. Why?

According to Mr. Haverson, the solicitor, the liquor dealers will be very much alive in the next election and in the referendum. They will be heard from all along the line.

The Witness, referring to Mr. Whit ney's non-committal attitude on the prohibition question, remarks : "We can hardly look for a very outspoken promise from a party which, after all that has passed, has yet to consult as to where it stands on the ques-

Mr. McGuigan, manager of Grand Trunk railway under vice-president of act without any reference to Hays, began his career as a water boy on the Pennysivania railway. He succeeded because he applied himself to his tasks, and because success always comes to the willing worker. Young man, take heed to this object

> Rev. Mr. Crafts, of the Washington bureau of morals, shocked the Toronto people, at a late public meeting, by stating that the immoral posters. literature, and theatres in the place were a disgrace to it. The queen city will be losing its good name unless the folks who live in it bestir them-

The Manitoba conservatives under Hugh John Macdonald promised to boys' dormitories. give the people prohibition if they succeeded to power. They reached of the actual value, estimated at the fice, and now they say they will not enforce the law if the people do not want it. Isn't there a pointer in this for Mr. Whitney? He ought to con The attorney-general suggested that sult Hugh John about election me-

> Mr. Roblin, the premier of Manitoba, says the referendum is quite constitutional, that the Scott act and Dunkin act provided for referen ces to the people though both mea sures were upon the statute books. The Manitoba liquor act, though pass ed, will not be law, says Mr. Roblin, until it is passed upon by the people. Ditto the Ontario prohibition

Members Who Are Doubles.

Another case, not of two Dromios, but pretty near it, is the likeness between the minister of militia and Harty, of Kingston. Dr. Borden is tall man, with a clean shaven upper lip and chin, and flowing whiskers Mr. Harty is not so tall, more florid but his arrangement of whiskers the same, with the exception that his are more of the mutton-chop variety Otherwise there is a remarkable simi larity in the appearance of the two

A Big Handicap

man with a lame back does not much like working and you penter, No. 7 Cowdy St., Kingston. Ont., suffered with rheumatism in his back (lumbago) for two years. Five bottles of Dr. Hall's Rheumatic Cure letely cured him. This great containing ten days' treatment. Price

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years past he has commanded the dum on the liquor act. ferry between Brockville and Morris- This ought to be maple sugar

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THE PROHIBITION ACT IS AD-VANCED A STEP.

Reading-Defends the Measure Against Attacks.

Toronto, March 6.-Hon. G. Ross, on rising to move the second During the past ten years a great bill to have been well received. The government had heard from three par- cm ha-ized. the liquor traffic should be cut right protective act in beniencing all classoff, but the government expected this class to be disappointed. The liquor men think want a bill at all. Between these two classes there was the middle class, and from this class they kinds have been largely suppressed. received a very cordial reception. The Homes and situations have been middle class, the press of both par- found during the past nine years for ties, and the independent newspapers, over 2,000 children. The children in bill could be enforced after it is pass- ary life of the community. Muni.ied by the public and the people.

speech of Sir William Meredith deliv- private families ered some years ago.

the premier, were against the bare societies and the head office at Tomajority of the votes being for the ronto amounted to nearly 400. The partial prohibition. He declared there number entered as new cases was 210, the vote, excepting it would be on are now being looked after. Of these the votes polled in 1898, instead of at 1,391 are Protestant and 167 Cathothe coming elections. The votes polled 976, and one more than the half of this would enact prohibition. He announced that the vote on the

Mr. Whitney, criticizing the premier's speech, stated that the bill was a bad bill and must meet with his opposition. He presented as an alternative policy, and one he declared much more likely to be effective in promoting temperance, a more strict enforcement of the license law, restriction in the number of licenses and the removal of the license department from political influence.

Hon. Mr. Gibson replied with most telling address, in the course of which he quoted the highest British practically went to pieces. Later on parliamentary authorities in support | Rev. D. Macallum accepted the posiof the referendum principle. The address aroused much enthusiasm on the but he also resigned, and at the pre-

The greatest interest was manifested cond reading, all the galleries and the floor of the house being crowded with spectators, some of whom came two hours before the house met, and munity wil always endorse and supone or two ladies brought their knit- port the right man in a position of ting to while away the time. The debate will be continued to-day

by Mr. Marter.

HARPER'S BOY SHINES SHOES Son' of Chicago University's Pres-

ident Gets Pocket Money. Chicago, March 5 .- "Have your boots blacked by the son of a univer- city, the Delhi Reporter says: It is sity president.

This is the invitation scores of students at the Morgan Park academy took advantage of to-day. Paul Harper, second son of the president of the university of Chicago, is the youth whose inherited talent for money getting has now branched out into boot

Paul, who is thirteen years old, is a resourceful boy, and also eccentric. He many warm and lifelong friends ran short of pocket money and conceived the idea of setting up a shoeshining parlor. He returned to his more responsible work. Since chum, the son of Francis W. Parker, a Chicago lawyer. They put their heads in close touch, by correspond ver together and they set up a shoe-shining stand at the end of one of the corridors of East hall, one of the several letters came to the village

No sooner had Harper hung his sign out than his fellow students began to ten by Mrs. Currie herself. What and flock around him, each clamoring for der then that such a shock was witthe honor of the first shine, and for a steady two hours he and young Parker did an enormous business. The firm was known as "Harper & Co., polishers of boots and shoes to Morgan Park Academy." They shined 158 pairs of shoes at five cents each.

POWERS IN HONDURAS.

Alleged Goebel Conspirator Said To Have Fled.

Middlesboro, Ky., March 6.-John Powers, under indictment charged with conspiracy in the Goebel murder is said to have fied to Honduras. Powers was in Harlan county, whose authorities failed to give him up. At the time of the arrest of Berry Howard. Powers, it is said, learned that one of his supposed friends was on the point of turning him over to the courts. He therefore got his belongings together and accompanied by a fore her marriage to the late Middlesboro man, fled into West Vir-The man left Powers, who worked

West Virginia. Afterward the fugitive went to Pennsylvania, thence to New York, where he took passage to for preparatory school. For Honduras under an assumed name. He is now in business in that country.

Blew His Head To Pieces. Ann Arbor, Mich., March 6 .- John Wurster, a young farmer of Leoni township, put the muzzle of a shotgun in his mouth, pulled both triggers by a rigged-up advice, and his head was blown to pieces. The reasfor the suicide was that his sweet heart refused to marry him because he had taken two orphan nephews to

New Offer For Panama Canal. Colon, March 6 .- According to ad vices received here from Paris an Anglo-French syndicate has offered to pay 400,00,000 france (twice the American offer) for the Panama canal. is added that though it is the pur pose of the syndicate to complete the canal with English money principally the enterprise will remain a French

After twenty years' laithful service ance executive committee in Winnipe Prescott, Capt. Humble, has resigned on account of rheumatism. For many NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Annual Report of J. J. Kelso-

Kingston Unorganized. The ninth annual report on the neglected and dependant children of On tario, issued by J. J. Kelso, provinci_l superintendent of such work, is at hand. It contains a very valuable synopsis of the work done in Ontario for the reclaiming of children and the facing of scitable homes for them. reading of his prohibition bill in the educational work has been carried on, egislature, yesterday, declared the in which the rights and privileges of chi dren, as future citizens, have been

ties, who were particularly interested. There are at present in Ontario in the bill. There was one type of thirty children's aid societies engaged temperance man who expected that under the provisions of the children's were well satisfied with the measure. foster homes are growing up content-Mr. Ross said he believed that the edly and are merging into the ordin paricies in all parts of the province The premier answered the criticisms are being saved thousands of dollars briefly that the referendum was not annually by prompt action in the case constitutional. He quoted J. J. Mac- of child-neglect and the speedy trans-Laren, K.C., a temperance man, that ference of deserted or otherwise de-it was constitutional, and also from a pendant children to good homes in

The strongest authorities, continued dren provided with homes through the would be no change in the basis of making a total of 1,558 children who lie. Forty-one are under three years in the last elections numbered 456,- of age, 48 are between three and six, 78 are between six and ten, and 73 are between ten and fifteen. One hundred and seventeen are boys and 123 referendum would take place early in are girls.

> Concerning the Kingston branch Mr Kelso has the following to say : "The work of the children's aid so ciety in Kingston s, I regret to say in a disorganized condition at pre sent. There is a large work waiting to be done, but it is impossible to work for nothing, and the society has not been able to raise the necessary funds to employ one. The society under the direction of J. R. Black, made great progress some years ago, but on his resignation the society tion of executive officer and did well sent time I understand there is no one acting in that capacity. The situation in Kingston fully illustrates that the success of the work largely depends on the zeal and enthusiasm of one person, as the general comthis king. G. M. Macdonnell, K.C. has worked hard to get the society properly organized, and he has been ably supported by Prof. Dyde and

In Memoriam.

Referring to the death of Mrs. Cur rie, sister of J. S. R. McCann, of this seldom the people of Delhi engage in a funeral service under circumstances Margaret McCann Currie, wife of Rev. F. C. Currie, recent pastor of the Presbyterian church, but now of Sarnia. Mr. Currie began his ministerial work in Delhi some four years on to be good for. and during the time of his pas here he and his estimable wife so many months ago Mr. Currimet removed to Sarnia to a largeding time Mr. and Mrs. Currie have with their friends in Delhi, and i only a week before her deathpennouncing her recovery from an chall to our towns-people on Wednesda 83; when the word came that shald, dead. The news cast a glooms re the whole village and Wingar where the deceased was so well klay and never have we observed widespread and profound sorrow such loving sympathy for the b ed husband and children as wannd

Widow Of P. D. Armour, Jr., feed New York, March 6 .- The man of Mrs. P. D. Armour, jr., and Valentine was quietly celebrated to-day. The ceremony was att and a few intimate friends. Par Mrs. P. D. Armour, sr., at the

pressed by our people last Wedn of

The bride of to-day is noted woman of extraordinary beauty. Armour, jr., she was Miss May(ter, daughter of John T. Lestel millionaire board of trade operaty Philip D. Armour III and Lesters mour, both of whom are prepared years Mr. Valentine was manager the interests of the late P. R. Arts and is extensively interested in business. He is credited with po sing several millions of dollars. and Mrs. Valentine will make juture home in Chicago.

Teachers For Africa. Ottawa, March 6.-The secretar state for the colonies has requi the services of forty properly qualady teachers to proceed to South rica to take charge of the training Boer children in the concentra; camps. The term of engagement year. Passage out will be paid once there they will receive rat and house or tent accommodation the climatic and other condi permit. The salary mentioned hundred pounds sterling. At the of the year passage back to Car will be met if they so desire. teachers are to set out as soon as required number can be procured. malification is a normal school ficate. Twenty in all will from Ontario and twenty from other provinces.

aged sixty-four years, died of day at the Brockville asylum.



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