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GOING TO DO THINGS.

"I am confident," said Mr. Whitney to the Toronto News on Monday, "that we will win in the bye-elections. I have every assurance of that fact." But when asked what preparations he was making for the campaign, he replied: "Oh, I have nothing to do with that. The local men will have to look after that part." Mr. Whitney is again posing for pictures, and this time as the prophet of the party. He knows what is going to happen! Of course he does. The funds will be provided, as they were in May, and possibly by alien hands. The money will be sent out in cheques of $500 each to candidates and confidants. The athletes, the pug-uglies, will be brought in from Buffalo to do the work that others fear. The talk, the blowing and the boasting, will be done by Mr. Whitney and his associates, the buying and the bluffing by "the local men." Mr. Whitney did not desire to give his brief to the enemy, but he appears to have done it all the same.

CANADA'S NEW SETTLERS.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean has it that a great many of those who rushed into Canada this year, expecting to better their condition agriculturally, have been disappointed. They have not secured better land, they have not been as conveniently located so far as the markets are concerned, they have not been as kindly treated as they expected to be, and some of them have returned to the United States. To all this the reply can be made, clearly and emphatically, that the condition of the settlers in the Canadian North-West is one of perfect satisfaction. The immigration movement is not to be checked by misrepresentation. Between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains one hundred thousand people have located during the past year. Many of these have been called Americans. They have been misnamed. They are Canadians, who had farmed in the middle and western states and made some money, had sold out deliberately, and reinvested in Canada, knowing all about its climatic conditions and realizing that they had a bright and prosperous future before them. As a rule these people, says a visitor to the city at present, from Calgary, have made a quiet choice of their lands, have paid for them, stocked them, reared comfortable houses and roomy barns upon them, and put their surplus cash in the bank. The Inter-Ocean remarks that complaint has been made against the government because of the presence of so many Americans. It is feared that they will pave the way for the annexation of the Canadian North-West to the United States. That bugaboo has lost its power to excite and alarm. The settlers in Canada will be satisfied with good government anywhere. They are not political disturbers nor discontents, but persons, generally, who enjoy the highest citizenship and can be depended upon to do all in their power to promote it.

ANTIQUITY IN KINGSTON.

An alderman in Toronto recommends a change in the method of municipal proceedings, his idea being that the council should be merely a consultative body and that public works and improvements should be carried on by the public officials. These officials, as in Germany, would be experts, masters in their different departments, qualified to make estimates in regard to any public undertaking, and direct the same when it has been eventually decided upon. "Such a board," says a contemporary, "would be better than the present system of aldermanic interference and official irresponsibility. Such a board would do its work under the limelight of public criticism, would be collectively and individually responsible, and would be in a position to resent interference by aldermen, something the officials now dare not do. Then the assumption by the proposed board of the executive work would lighten the duties of aldermen, and in doing so, would offer an incentive to a better class of men to seek election as aldermen." Good men, and busy men, should not be scared from service, as members of the council, by the prospect of overwork. The council, as it is generally constituted, should be able to get along without the friction and waste of time which sometimes occurs. The discussions are lengthy and wordy because the questions at issue have not been fully thought out in committee, and because the aldermen are depending on their own knowledge of facts, rather than the knowledge of the officials who are their advisers. In Kingston the executive committee—which is the substitute for that peculiar institution, the board of control, in Toronto—is missing. It is the function of this committee to supervise the work of the other committees and put a check upon any seeming irregularity or extravagance. The wonder is that an institution which has been found so useful in other cities has not been tried here. Its absence goes to show how satisfied some men are with the things they possess, no matter how antique or out-of-date they may be.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How did you spend your Christmas?

Now get ready for a few new resolutions.

The leading American politicians do not want President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty. Why? What are they afraid of?

The question is, what is to become of the men who are professional temperance campaigners when prohibition has been carried? Will their occupation then be gone?

The new factory inspector will see that all children under fourteen are sent to school. Can't he exact proof of age in all doubtful cases? He should be able to do it.

The divine Sarah (Bernhardt) was said to be so far influenced by melancholy as to be a physical and mental wreck. Her continued triumphs in Europe have put an end to that fiction.

The Canadian, the C. M. B. A. organ, endorses Thomas Coffey of London, for the senate. The inference is that a great fraternal society is dabbling in politics, and in so doing it is making a serious mistake.

The Mail announces gravely that "the machine can be smashed." Whose? The opposition has its engine of destruction and it will be out in the bye-elections. Mr. Whitney expects it to be operated by "the local men."

Armour, at an expense of $3,000,000, will endow an institution in which poor children will be treated for congenital dislocation without cost. This comes of Dr. Lorenz' visit to America, and his successful practice of bloodless surgery.

Chicago is the place for divorces. Fifty cases were disposed of in a day. What the city wants is the new French law, which enables a man and his wife to simply separate if they are dissatisfied, and so put an end to the marriage contract. Simple and inexpensive.

The temperance men are urged to put the candidates in the bye-elections to the test by a pledge? How can any conservative candidate covenant to oppose the man he is expected to follow in the legislature? Mr. Whitney was against prohibition in the last legislature. Has he changed his mind?

Rockefeller's last gift of a million dollars to the Chicago University is a material one, but it is one he will not feel. The oil king is fast becoming the richest man in the world, and, like Carnegie, has more money than he knows what to do with. His income this year may be thirty millions of dollars.

PRESS COMMENTS.

So Some Say.

Hamilton Herald.

It is quite a valuable Christmas box that Marconi gives the world.

The Reward Is Coming.

Montreal Herald.

Coal dealers who give short weight deserve to go when they die to a region where there is a reckless consumption of coal.

Nothing So Small.

Ottawa Free Press.

Santa Claus draws a lot of money—given more generously than in certain other cases. There is no laying up five cents for his plate.

More Of Them Otherwise.

Ottawa Journal.

Twenty-one aldermen in Ottawa, out of twenty-four, will seek re-election. One left the city some time ago, so that practically makes only two aldermen retire. That is, ahem, retire voluntarily.

Which Makes A Difference.

Toronto Globe.

Goldwin Smith has confessed to voting his butler's "straight ticket" in municipal elections. But we have not all a butler to guide us.

Modelites Who Passed.

The following is a list of the successful candidates at the professional examination at the model school, Napanee: G. S. Clancy, H. C. File, F. H. Huffman, T. A. Love, Roy Paul, George E. Smith, J. W. Wilson, Ethel Dean, Maggie Forester, Wilma Gordon, Jennie Harvey, Laura Hinchey, Hattie Harrison, Abbie Hamilton, Myrtle Husband, Nellie Larkin, Leone Loyst, Maude Loucks, Jessie McKeever, Margaret McCaul, Margaret A. Paul, Bessie Price, Margaret Price, Emma G. Sills, Irene Schoales, Sara VanAlstine.

The following obtained renewals: Effie Bell, Dora F. Casey, Edith M. Glover, Beatrice Kennedy, Ida Mellwaine.

Hale And Hearty At 102.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—William Martin, janitor at Lorne Club, received his friends Saturday. Martin was born March 2nd, 1801, and is, therefore, in his 102 year. He was a member of the guard of honor at the coronation of the late Queen Victoria.

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The poor, the sick and the unfortunate in Kingston's public institutions—hospitals, houses of refuge and prisons—had a bright and merry Christmas day. Kind hands and hearts ministered to their wants, and made them a happy lot.

General Hospital.

The interior of the General hospital by the kindness of friends, and by the zealous work of the nurses, had a gay Christmas season dress. The corridors, stairways, wards and rooms were prettily done in evergreens and colors, which made the hearts of the patients glad, and also gladdened those who gave of their time to superintend the work. Never before were the donations of good things so large. At 7 a.m. the glad day was ushered in by the nurses singing Christmas carols, the sweet music filling the large buildings. At half-past eleven o'clock, the festivities began, tables being laid in the various wards and the patients seated around them. Prof. Marshall, chairman of the board of governors, and a number of doctors and friends assisted the nurses in their work of charity. On Monday evening the patients and staff will have another joyous time, when the annual Christmas tree entertainment will be given by the Flower Mission.

At The Jail.

The small contingent of prisoners at the jail had an abundance of Christmas cheer. Early in the morning the Salvation army band held a service, and distributed fruit, cake and tea. At dinner, there were served goose, vegetables, tea and plum pudding. The supper consisted of currant loaves, given by R. H. Toye, and tea. Miss Brooks, the matron, supervised the feasts.

The Hotel Dieu.

The inmates of the Hotel Dieu were well looked after and shown every consideration on the natal day of Christ. Two Christmas trees, abundantly laden with everything that goes to make the hearts of the juveniles rejoice, were provided for the thirty-six children. At noon all those under shelter of the roof of this comfortable home were served with a plenteous dinner, comprising turkey, goose, an assortment of vegetables, pies, pudding, etc. During the day there were many visitors, who were shown through the well-kept and splendidly appointed building.

House Of Providence.

Every possible effort was made to have the inmates of the House of Providence feel happy upon the great festive day. The day was ushered in with mass, after which followed a hearty breakfast, many dainties being provided. For dinner all kinds of fowl were served, together with a liberal supply of vegetables, pudding, pie, fruit, jelly, tea, coffee, etc.; nothing that could be desired was omitted. The children were remembered with useful gifts, candies, oranges, nuts, etc. To the many visitors throughout the day they rendered sweet carols.

The Orphans' Home.

All day long, Christmas day was a merry one for the children at the Orphans' Home. The joyous shouts of the youngsters at play could be heard throughout the building; tin horns blew, and drums sounded with many a merciless whack, the small girls rocked infant dollies to sleep, or, proudly displayed them in their new carriages. A few of the older ones were deeply interested in prettily bound story books, while the genial foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smeaton, looked on with indulgent smiles at the children's very evident happiness.

Dinner was served at twelve, the dining-room gayly decorated with bright bunting, palms, and flowers for the occasion. The bill of fare left nothing to be desired, turkey, all kinds of vegetables, plum pudding, oranges, candies and nuts in quantities, were disposed of, to these truly fortunate little creatures.

The Infants' Home.

Christmas day was celebrated at the Infants' Home and Home for Friendless Women by good, substantial six o'clock dinner. The table was under the personal supervision of Miss Bell, who served the turkey in a generous manner. The inmates "hung up their stockings" Christmas eve and found them well-filled next morning.

The children, ten in number, were too small to have the usual tree, their ages ranging from two weeks to three years. Five little ones have been adopted into good homes since October 31st. There is no illness at present in the home. The rooms were brightly decorated by Miss Bell, who is always so untiring in her efforts to make the place both attractive and homelike.

The Penitentiary.

The prisoners in the Kingston penitentiary received more festive cheer yesterday than on Christmas a year ago. For breakfast they had currant bread, two ounces of butter each, milk and sugar. After chapel services, the dinner took place, and consisted principally of meat, vegetables, and plum pudding. Of the latter there was about 1,000 pounds, or two pounds to each person. The prisoners were given their supper to take to their cells.

House Of Industry.

Merchant and friends contributed most liberally to the Christmas feasts for the inmates of the House of Industry. There was abundance of all delicacies, and the poor people enjoyed three fine meals, the dinner of course being of the greatest magnitude. Several old men and women, who saw Christmas more than a century ago, occupied seats at the festive board.

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PITH OF THE NEWS.

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Reports alleging the pope to be in ill-health are denied.

William Waldorf Astor gave $250,000 to a sick children's hospital in London.

J. P. Whitney, M.P.P., will address two meetings in North Grey next week.

James S. Bell, assistant city treasurer, London, Ont., has refused the city clerkship.

Timothy Hennefin was found dead in a ditch near Shannonville station, frozen into the ice.

Judge Bell, Kent, has been appointed to try the ballot box stuffing casts at St. Thomas.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the world over, is to be brought under one governing board.

Hon. Richard Harcoart will open the North Perth campaign, with a meeting at Milverton, to-night.

A strong team of lacrosse players drawn from England and Ireland will probably visit Canada in 1904.

Earthquake shocks in Andijan set the rolling stock in motion and created a panic among the railway men.

President Roosevelt has received the formal requests of Britain and Germany that he arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Germany insists on the immediate cash payment of one claim before submitting others against Venezuela to arbitration.

J. A. Brules, photographer studio, and Randolph's tailor shop, at Montreal, were damaged by fire to the extent of $5,000.

Anderson & Bro's dry goods stock, at Brampton, was badly damaged by fire on Wednesday night. The stock is valued at $40,000.

The first attempt to lynch a negro murderer, at Pittsburg, Kas., having failed, the mob cut his throat and then hanged him.

Italian warships will assist the disembarkation in Italian Somaliland of the British troops who are to operate against the Mad Mullah.

The crew of the cruiser Charybdis, which bombarded Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, includes eighty men of the Newfoundland naval reserve.

Judge Deacon, Pembroke, has been appointed to investigate charges of personation in connection with the referendum vote at Ottawa.

Harry Simmons was arrested at Hamilton on a charge of forging the name of the wife of Rev. Samuel Daw to a promissory note for $50.

The managers of the Talbot street Baptist church in London, Ont., will sell the property and build a new church on a more central site.

The announcement was made at Philadelphia that the directors of the Consolidated Lake Superior company had arranged a loan of $3,500,000.

Several anarchists expelled from the United States have arrived at Genoa. They were placed under police surveillance and will be sent back to America.

The Munich, Bavaria, court excuses the conduct of the Crown Princess of Saxony, alleging she was terrorized by Prof. Giron and yielded to his threats.

An attempt was made to burn the Provident Convent at Maissoneuve, Que., while the sisters were at midnight mass, but the flames were quenched.

John Oliver, a prosperous English iron master, Madrid, won the first prize of $50,000 in the state lottery. He distributed the money among his employees.

The first prize, $250, for the design for the Strathcona and South African monument, at Montreal, was awarded to Mr. Hill, sculptor, and Mr. Maxwell, architect.

A meeting of the creditors of C. W. Anderson & Sons was held at Oakville and a committee was appointed to investigate the securities held by the Bank of Hamilton.

Thomas J. Sharkey, the New York private detective, convicted of manslaughter, killed Nicholas A. Fish, banker, on September 27th, was today sentenced to states prison for ten years.

It is reported that the International Harvester company has purchased thirty-five acres of land adjoining their present holding in Hamilton, will double their works and employ nine thousand hands.

Not for many years did Londoners experience such delightful Christmas weather. The streets were dry, the air sharp and bracing, and at times the sun shone brilliantly. Everybody seemed merry and light-hearted.

Christmas Eve.

By Broadbrim.

Closer he crept to the dying fire,
While the snow fell fast in the crowded street,
The wind swept by like a fiend in ire
And through the wild storm rose music sweet.
It's the song of the jubilee, "Christ Is Come."
The song that bringeth to many a home
Joy and love and heart's desire,
But it bringeth no joy to the desolate heart
That creepeth down close by the fire.

Yet in days gone by she was young and fair,
Suitors were many for her white hand;
Diamonds flashed in her golden hair;
Not a lady in all the land
Was prouder than she, or whose hopes were higher.
Who gratified every heart's desire
But sorrow and poverty, hunger and care
Had bowed her more than the weight of years;
Had flecked with snow her golden hair;
And furrowed her cheek with tears.

Hark, how the sleigh bells sweetly ring
To welcome with paeans the falling snow
Hark, it is of Christ's coming they sing
And the music floats sweet and low.
Sweet and low is the music's rhyme,
Sweet and low this Christmas time.
Our Christ has come; our Christ is here;
Let all that sorrow be of good cheer.

Oh, Christ, my Lord, she knelt and and prayed,
Thou whom on Calvary did'st atone
For the sins of the sheep that were lost and strayed,
Forsaken, dying, alone!
Hear thou my prayer on this Christmas Eve;
Pity, oh pity the hearts that grieve
Shelter them now from the pitiless storm
Shelter them in Thy bosom warm
Guide, oh guide my wearisome feet
Through the gates of pearl to the golden street,
Where the footsteps of millions of saints have trod,
That leadeth up to the throne of God.

Slowly she sank on the cold hearthstone
While angels bore her prayer on high.
Although the body lay there alone,
Her spirit was in the sky.
No more sorrow, no more care
Forever more shall enter there.
Hallelujah, Christmas morn,
Hallelujah, Christ is born!

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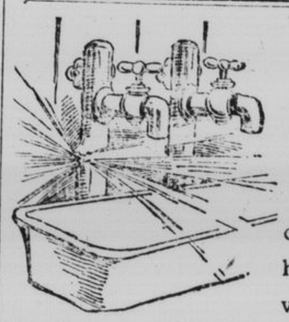

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