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MUNICIPAL SCANDALS. Thank goodness there is not a town in Canada which is, or which has been, in the hands of the thugs, thieves and plunderers. The Canadian people do not know what they have been saved from, but they can realize it when they read the papers and magazines and understand what has been going on in some of the cities across the way.

St. Louis' recent scandalous in the extreme. The members of the council were susceptible to the money influence and deliberately sold charters to syndicates and corporations. The money was handled through trusty agents, and as the people's privileges were voted away there was a distribution of booties to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars. With exposure came a scattering of the corruptors. Some of them went to Europe. Some of them stayed at home, forced a trial, were convicted and went to the penitentiary.

Now Minneapolis is scandalized beyond measure. Its trouble began with the fall from grace of one Dr. Ames, its mayor. For a time he was a model official. Then he contumaciously wrong-doing on the part of his friends. For this his party, the democrats, rejected him. But he joined forces with the republicans, was taken up by them, elected by their aid, and took office for a third time. He at once abandoned himself to all manner of evils. According to a writer in McClure's, he made his brother the chief of police; he made a notorious gambler the head of the detectives; he confined the lewd characters in a certain district and levied blackmail upon them; he invited the crooks to the city, gave them police protection, and appointed a man to scare their victims off.

There was a shameful reign of lawlessness, and its climax was reached when the thugs and thieves quarrelled among themselves. The grand jury broke up the vicious combination, put some of the leaders in jail, and went in pursuit of others. The mayor and his allies fled, and the city, though shocked by the revelations of those who turned state's witnesses, has taken on a purer air and a tone of respectability.

Canadians have reason to feel that sometimes the quality of their municipal legislators is not high, but they have not been disgraced by such lawlessness as has occurred in St. Louis and Minneapolis. These cities have boasted of a modern system of municipal government. The system has been all right, but the administrators of it have been all wrong. It is better to be good than great, and the reflection applies to the municipality as well as to the individual.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP. Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick's calculation, on the last census, in regard to the representation of the provinces in the commons, indicates a loss of members for Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The representation of the population is governed by the population and representation of Quebec. It is provided that this province shall not have less than sixty-five members and as this number is to the number of people so shall members be to the population in all the other provinces. Under this rule Ontario loses six seats and they will undoubtedly be in the east where the population is never so dense as in the west. Nova Scotia loses two seats and New Brunswick, one. Prince Edward was alleged to be in a state of rebellion over the prospective loss of representation in the commons. Its premier was reported to have been advised to resist any proposal in that direction. It is not even suggested, according to the memorandum on the subject from the minister of justice, indeed, in place of a reduction in the number of its members there is to be an increase by one. Manitoba, the land of boom, is to have an increase of three members. If the North-West Territories are governed by the law which applies to the provinces they will have six new members. The Yukon will be limited to one. There may be, many and diverse views upon the subject, but the justice of the distribution cannot be doubted. It is governed by certain specific and unchangeable rules. If the calculations are correct the results must be the same. The interest is not so much in the nature as in the manner of the change.

The really successful editor is born, not made. The advancement of Mr. Macdonald, the new editor of the Globe, is an evidence that the genius of the man will assert itself. As a preacher he did not reach distinction. As a writer he is one of the best. More power to him.

EDITORIAL TIPS. There will be some disappointed people to-night. The people were to-day sipping them up and expressing their opinions at the polls.

Castro's life is in danger, and as a result of the coarseness of his rule. He is brutal in his instincts. Some of these days he will pay the forfeit.

The gamblers of New York will spend a million dollars to defeat Jerome in the next election. They cannot succeed while honest and moral people stand together.

A contemporary, the Montreal Star, thinks that Lord Rosebery has missed his opportunity and is losing in political power. Oh no. My lord is as picturesque as ever, and as popular.

Marconi expects to make wireless telegraphy so cheap eventually that it will replace the postal service. So the post-office department will join the cable companies in a study of passing events.

The troops who would not serve under British officers in South Africa, and got out of the service cannot claim transportation home. The men who want to play the soldier should not go abroad.

In the Chicago University only one-third of all the classes can be attended by men and women. In two-thirds the classes there is a complete separation of the sexes. There is wisdom in it.

The Belleville people are to vote on a bonus of \$30,000 to the new steel rolling mills which are to be opened. Yet it is only to be handed over to it has been earned. Belleville has learned something from its bonus experiences.

As the great steel trust admits its employees to an interest in the business, no matter how small it may be, the possibility of strikes will become remote. The finance committee of the trust is composed of some very shrewd gentlemen.

Mayor Pappa, of Watertown, has been re-elected and started off on a new term in office. Mr. Pappa is a Canadian, a printer and the publisher, for a time, of a paper at Newburg. He has wonderfully developed in power and usefulness.

It is alleged that Mr. Blake went into opposition to the local government because it would not adopt its iron mining policy to suit the United States capitalists. One can now understand Mr. Blake's sarcastic references to New Ontario.

Three women claim to be the wives of Eli Hyman, the miser, who died in the hospital at Toronto, a reputed paper, but with money and securities to the value of a hundred thousand dollars. In life no one wanted to own relationship with him.

That is an odd chestnut in North Grey, the giving of \$25 to a man to vote liberal and then having him take an affidavit as to his purchase. The conservatives have worked the game before. An affidavit at \$25 to create a stir and attempt to deceive honest voters is decidedly cheap.

New York's Jan. 5.—Broadstreet under the heading "Canada" says: "Canada, this week completed, from a business point of view, the most successful year in her history. For the past five years the dominion has been experiencing the growing time. The truth of this has found ample proof in the great expansion that has taken place in manufacturing, mercantile and financial circles, as well as in the agricultural sections of the country during the past year. Various figures and statements now in course of preparation which are still incomplete unmistakably prove this fact."

In its survey of trade conditions Broadstreet says: "Nineteen hundred and two was Canada's growing time. Investments of capital were large, output of manufactures unprecedented, and agricultural yields never before equalled. Canadian banks have increased their capital and prices of bank stocks advanced. Home capital now provides for many floatations formerly placed in Great Britain. Failures for 1902 in Canada numbered 1,986, for liabilities of \$8,345,365. There is here indicated a decrease in failures of 20 per cent. from last year and it is the smallest number reported for at least seven years. Liabilities are 28 per cent. smaller than last year and the smallest reported in six years. Canadian bank clearings for the year aggregated \$2,347,851,628, a gain of 25 per cent. over last year and to that extent the largest ever reported."

Bids for Mighty Cruisers. Washington, D.C., Jan. 5.—Bids for the construction of the two most powerful armoured cruisers ever designed for the United States navy were opened at the navy department, today, and within a day or two it is probable the result will be announced and the contracts awarded. It is said the bidding for the construction of these two ships has been unusually active, proposals having been received from nearly every concern in the country having a plant capable of turning out a warship of the desired type. The two ships will cost not less than \$6,000,000 each and will be the costliest vessels in the navy.

A number of Pathans were foiled in an attempt to rob the jewel room of the Delhi art exhibition, containing gems valued at \$1,250,000.

POOR TEETH. AND OUR SALIVA IS ALSO GIVING OUT.

The marred Methods of Living Are Causing People to Be Susceptible to Disease—The Oyster is a Torpedo.

London, Jan. 5.—Dr. Sir James Crichton-Browne, in a lecture delivered here, yesterday, dilated upon the decay in the digestive faculties of civilized man to which, he said, a number of diseases could be traced. Not only have modern men not got such teeth as their ancestors had but their saliva is less abundant, owing to the softer, pulpy foods eaten. People are living on an increasing extent upon peptonized foods. The increase of appendicitis is largely due to indigestion resulting from imperfect mastication and the hurried methods of living. From the same cause people are less able to resist disease. Consequently there is a greater reason for sanitary precautions, as injurious bacteria did a maximum of harm.

Dr. Crichton-Browne instanced various cases of dangerous food contamination and described the oyster as a potential torpedo on the bowels. Typhoid fever in Winchester and Southampton he said could be traced to oysters. He attributed indifference and intolerance to the public and culpable negligence to purveyors and declared that if legislation, providing for the stringent inspection of oyster beds, was not passed an incalculable amount of fever was in store. All foods should be protected from bacterial contamination. Antisepticism must enter to some degree into the daily life of all and regulate shopping and cooking.

Dr. Parker on Tobacco. Louisville Courier-Journal. The late Dr. Parker became a violent extremist when he touched on the subject of tobacco. For instance: "I hate smoking. From one end to the other it is a nuisance. It ends in cancer, apoplexy, bad temper, bankruptcy, and almost in hydrophobia. It is an invention of the devil. It is the devil. It is the pestilence of perdition. No dog smokes. No bird pines for tobacco. No horse is a member of a pipe club. No intelligent person ever puts a cigar in his mouth. The whole idea and practice of smoking must be condemned as atheistical, agnostical and infinitely detestable."

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LOOK TO MEXICO. Boers May Seek a Home in That Land.

New York, Jan. 5.—If plans that are now nearly perfected are carried out, half a dozen of the most prominent Boer leaders will settle in Mexico, and make there for themselves and their relatives a home to take the place of that they lost in South Africa.

Gen. Viljoen, who arrived in this country a month ago on the St. Louis, said that a week from to-day he and several of his friends would leave New York for Mexico to look over a ranch of two hundred thousand acres in the state of Chihuahua, negotiations for the purchase of which have been under way for some time.

Among those who will join General Viljoen in this undertaking, if it is carried out, are Commandant Suyman, Commandant Fouche, Commandant Joubert, Commandant Malan and Commandant Krizinger, all of whom are now in this city.

Smallpox On Indian Reserve. Deseronto, Jan. 4.—George McGaughey spent Saturday in Kingston. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of Belwood, spent New Year's in town. On New Year's night a hockey match was played here between the Victorias of Belleville and Deseronto. At the conclusion of play the score stood Deseronto 12, Belleville 0. A. S. Valleau and family spent New Year's in Shannonsville. The Napanee minister troops drew a large crowd at Naylor's opera house on New Year's night. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Chapman, of Gananoque, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wright. Miss L. Jackson, of Gananoque, spent a few days here as the guest of Miss Annie McCaughey. A case of small-pox is reported to be on the Indian reserve. The Knickerbocker club, of Deseronto, held a very successful ball here on New Year's eve. The dominion government engineer inspected the new railway between Napanee and Deseronto and found everything all right. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rowland have arrived in town, having completed their bridal tour.

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