

RECTIFYING THE DEFECTS.
From what transpired at a meeting of the water works' committee yesterday it appears that there is a tremendous waste of water. When the department passed into the possession of the city some people were not satisfied with a reduction in the tariff. They asked for and got flat rates for services which involved the use of much water, and they have not fully appreciated their privileges. In some cases the taps have been left open and the water allowed to run, in thousands of gallons, into the drains. In some cases, where fire hydrants have been put in, there is a consumption of water that cannot be tallied nor valued. In some cases the connections have been made, on a large plan, and the service demanded before any arrangement has been made with regard to the cost of it. In other cases the rate for large institutions is no greater than is charged to many small consumers. In general there is such a manifest discrimination between the consumers, and without reason, that the committee contemplates a revision of the service, and a correction of its defects, if possible. It seems that with municipal management it is hard to reach the results which are aimed at and secured by the private corporation. The committee that is constantly changing its membership, and which has no fixed purpose, no standard of excellence towards which to work, will not be very exacting. As a result there are defects and the longer they remain the harder they are to remove. For one thing the superintendent of the water works should have larger powers. The committee should be advisory only. He should exercise his judgment in acting fairly between man and man and between the water consumers and the council.

WIGGINGS.
The press is now discussing the question of "free coal." Who ever heard of such a thing?

The Winnipeg Free Press refers to Hon. Samuel Blake as another Uriah Heep—the unkindest cut of all.

Mr. Ross thinks the federal government will increase the provincial subsidies. His recent successes have made him optimistic.

There will be a smaller consumption of water when the meters are put in to service, as the water committee contemplates.

The chances are that the high court will direct the imprisonment of the referendum impostors in addition to the fines that have been imposed.

Will Sir Mackenzie Bowell go into North Ontario and fight his quondam colleague, Foster, or will he remember the nest of traitors and stay at home?

There is a split in the Woodworkers' Association in Toronto. The arbitrators should be careful not to get slivers in their fingers when adjusting matters.

A year in prison and a fine is a heavy sentence for impersonation. So it is. But the offence is a mean one, despicable in the extreme, and worthy of the severest punishment.

A new religious sect, the "Disciples of Nestorius," have sent missionaries from England to the Canadian North-West, with a view to establishing a colony there. What Canada needs is not more sects, but more Christianity.

Congressman Cochran, of Missouri, whom Miss Grant checked while saying things about Canada, by dropping a remark from the gallery, has not yet recovered his nerve. In all his political life he has not got so great a shock.

The "habitual drunkards" of England are having a hard time of it under the new liquor act. The publican who sells to him and the one who treats or serves him is subject to a fine. "England, the land of the free!" shouts the tippler. "Never!"

M. Bourassa, M.P., assures the people that he does not favour the annexation of Canada to the United States. He fears however, that the fanatic imperialists are doing more than all others to make that contingency possible. Oh what a joke!

H. F. G. in the Toronto Star, pays an honest and complimentary tribute to Sir Gilbert Parker. The great novelist is referred to as "Canada's press agent." Sir Gilbert has done great honor and credit to Canada, and she glories in his genius and successes.

Poor Things.
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The bathroom is gleaming with brilliance and light.
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WILL NOT RUN.
MAYOR LOW WILL NOT TRY AGAIN.
Unveiling a Tablet to a Canadian—Talking About a New City Hall—Occupation of the Tipster Gone.
New York, Jan. 30.—Mayor Low has begun the last year of his administration, unless he is re-elected next fall, which is doubtful. In the first place it is not at all likely that Mr. Low will run for another term; if he did, he would not have the support of many republicans, who supported him at the time of his last election, while the democrats, of course, are looking for a candidate of their own to run for the mayoralty. Commissioner of Police Greene, for the first month in his new position, has executed several coups in the shifting of policemen, but his success in enforcing the excise law has not been all that his admirers desire.
Two events of next week which attract more attention than the unveiling of the tablet to the Georgia Society will be the second annual dinner of the Georgia Society of New York, which has already been mentioned in this correspondence and the erection of a tablet to the memory of Morris Robinson, who was cashier of the New York Bank of the United States, when that was a great financial institution. The tablet will be erected by the Canadian Society on Monday, a day after the Georgia Society dinner and reception to Governor Terrell. Mr. Robinson was a Canadian by birth and the occasion is the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment by him of modern life insurance in this country. The tablet, which is to be of bronze, will be affixed to the front of the building at 56 Wall street, in which were located the original offices of the first permanent American life insurance company. Prominent Canadians will attend the unveiling.
The local campaign next November will not lack for issues. The democrats profess to have found one in the taxation methods of the republicans and Fusionists. The Low-Groot scheme of assessing real estate at its full value will also be used as campaign material, although many hold the opinion that this assessment plan will prove so beneficial that it will aid and not injure the Fusion administration. Still another issue will be the municipal ownership of street railways, gas and electric plants, telephones and other public utilities.
There is one great objection, however, to city ownership of public utilities and that is the uncertainty as to what the character of the city government will be in the future. That uncertainty, it is true, prevails in many cities, but the record of Tammany Hall is such as to make even the strongest advocates of municipal ownership hesitate to give greater administration powers to that organization.
The increased assessment on real estate has expanded the city's debt limit, there is a revival of the old question of building a new city hall. For several years the city has paid high rentals for the additional offices, needed and several administrations have considered the matter of erecting a new city building. It is now stated that the subject will soon come before the board of estimate and that provision will be made for a new building that will cost not less than \$2,000,000.
There is much talk of an attack on the Rance Excise law. The provisions in this law which gave the state control over municipal taxation have been tested before and found to be constitutional, but a logical construction of that feature of the law has never been given, and there is a disposition to fight out the issue on a new line. The Rance law has iniquitous features beyond question; it is based upon city communities through reputable patriarchy and another movement against it would be generally approved here.
It has been only a few years since the wheelmen were most conspicuous in the reform movement for good roads. Now automobilists are fast becoming the more prominent in the agitation. A campaign is in progress to secure legislative appropriations of several million dollars for the improvement of the roadways of this state. It may be doubtful whether an appeal to legislators from rural districts for money for better roads for automobiles, but there are sufficient other good reasons for improved highways that the outlook for a large expenditure for this purpose seems promising.
If a bill which has just been introduced in the legislature becomes a law, the occupation of the turf tipster will be done. It makes it a misdemeanor for a person or persons to sell, or advertise for sale, or predictions as to results of trials or contests of skill, speed or power of endurance of man or beast. An exception is made in favor of newspapers which in the regular line of news, forecast probable results.
The word "informal" has lost all significance in New York social affairs. Year ago guests were invited to "informal" dinners of eighteen guests as elaborate as is customary for such number. Nowadays all functions are "small," whether they be dinners of sixteen or wedding receptions of 600 guests and as entertaining in society is now at its height, it is nothing unusual for a social dinner to cost, with favors, etc., fifteen or twenty thousand dollars.

THE DAILY WHIG
"Opiter per Orbem Dico."
A POLITICAL DEAD LOCK.
Politics is figuring largely in the proceedings of the council of the county of Halton. The members are equally divided between the conservative and liberal parties—six of each. The conservatives found ground for objecting to the election of a liberal, and they decided to put him out of service at the opening meeting. So they had an injunction put into his hands when he presented himself at the council chamber, having failed to intercept him sooner. Thereupon his political friends declined to take part in the election of a warden. They left the council without a quorum. An adjournment followed. Notice has been given for another meeting next week, and it may not be held. The liberals say they can remain away until the disqualification of their friend has been removed. He was the warden last year, and he would have a double or casting vote in the event of a tie, and so the conservatives are determined to keep him out of office as long as possible. The warden of the county for the last two years has been a liberal, and the Spectator thinks "it is the fair and proper thing, considering all the circumstances, to now give the office to a Tory." That is the merest sophistry, and is not advanced by the conservative party when it is in power. It believes in change only when it is in opposition. Meanwhile Halton is without a warden and council, and so public interests will suffer while the politicians settle their differences as to the qualification of one member in the council.

THE FACTS COME OUT.
The particulars of the North York election case have at length been handed out by Hon. Mr. Davis, at a public meeting which he held at Newmarket, and they put a new face upon many things. They certainly remove the impression that Mr. Lennox sought to deepen at a meeting he conducted in Aurora, that the minister of crown lands had, in fear and trembling, sought escape from the exposure of an election trial and the humiliation it involved.
The settlement is embodied in a memorandum which Judge Morgan drafted, and a copy of which he handed to Mr. Davis and Mr. Lennox. It said the purpose of the parties thereto was to avoid the political and other bitterness of a trial, and the enormous costs of it. These costs were figured at \$10,000 or more. Mr. Lennox, according to the judge's memorandum, contended that he had ample evidence on which to void the election, and Mr. Davis said he was assured that the counter-plea would result in Mr. Lennox's disqualification, but he was willing to resign the seat and have another election.
Mr. Davis did not, as Mr. Lennox alleged, pay all the costs. Mr. Davis had incurred little expense. Mr. Lennox had indulged in considerable outlay. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to Judge Morgan, and he decided that the excess of Mr. Lennox's expenses over those of Mr. Davis should be paid. They were fixed at \$800.
The resignation of the minister was listed February 20th, and so could not be demanded at any time by Mr. Lennox as he intimated. It can be made to take effect at any time, by the minister, and will be handed in at once so that a new election may take place before the legislature meets.
The conclusion of the whole matter is this: That while Mr. Lennox boasted that he could unseat and disqualify Mr. Davis, he was not so sure of it, and gladly accepted of a chance to drop the case and get back the money he had spent upon it. He had been approached, he said, with an offer of \$5,000 to drop the petition and refuse it! And he finally took the excess of his expenses, \$800, and was satisfied. Evidently, he had not much of a case against Mr. Davis when he was willing to drop it in that way. It was a remarkable finish, seeing that Mr. Lennox had talked largely of what he was going to do, and ignored all proposed concessions and suggestions on the part of his political friends.

THE GIRL BEHIND THE PIE.
The man behind the pie and the girl behind the man, have been sung in fabled story ever since the world began.
From the day the Trojan Helen, leader of a civilized herd,
To the time of "Mae the Moorphy," mascot of the bloomin' Third,
The world has heard the tales of the brave who do or die,
But we've never heard an anthem on the girl behind the pie.
There she stands, with cups of coffee, states of pastry, cakes of cake,
Temporarily arrayed around her, with dainties in the wake,
And she eyes the deadly sinners with a most bewitching eye.
As streams of wretched victims sorrowfully wander by,
Filled or flung, slaved or fondered, go they on their way,
And for her who works the pie pump they have naught but ready praise.
Call her Liz, or plain Eliza, or Elizabeth, or what you will,
Since the chance is ten to nothing that she doesn't care a rap—
Call her "ma'am" and she'll snicker; call her "Jenny" she will frown,
But you're safe to call her anything, so you don't call her down.
"Sinkers up—draw one!" she murmurs, "Ah! the magic of her voice!
Is a wicked death to sorrow, and a bidding to rejoice!"
You may keep your fabled wonders in the long, immortal line,
But I'll take the little pie girl as the heroine, in mine!
Ay, I'll take the little pie girl in her modest suit of drab,
As she cuts a brand new custard, when we ask her for the pie,
Laud your man behind the cannon and his girl into the sky!
But I'm writing the anthem to the Girl Behind the Pie!

Zola's Superstitions.
The late M. Zola, novelist, had a presentation that he would be killed in his bed at night. To secure himself against murderous burglars he had a forged iron grating of a beautiful design placed across his bedroom in Paris, to isolate the part in which he slept. The structure of the bed rendered it impossible for anyone to hide under it. Zola kept the key of the grating, fearing that if he left it about a duplicate might be made. As to superstitions, he feared the curses of his rival or his human beings, and shivered when he thought of their possible occult effects. He dreaded the evil eye, and stood in awe of gypsies, with whom he had in some way connected himself in his evil days. He took care not to terminate or begin a work on Friday.
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Money In Coal.
Hamilton Times.
The United Mine Workers, of America are said to have accumulated \$1,000,000 of a fund since the anthracite strike. There must be some money in digging coal.
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A GREAT RECORD.
Is Promised in the Revenue Returns.
New York, Jan. 30.—A special to the Tribune says: The revenue returns are more favorable than Mr. Ritchie had been willing to admit and the estimated receipts will be exceeded in nearly every instance. Income taxation, owing to the thoroughness with which the taxpayers' returns have been overhauled, will yield the largest aggregate on record. The customs receipts will show a substantial increase. The coal exports and the sugar and grain registration duties have largely exceeded estimates. There is no evidence that the expenditures in South Africa have been greater than were anticipated when Sir Michael Hicks Beach presented the last budget and Mr. Chamberlain's work of a promise of relief. For the next fiscal year a reduction in the income tax by three pence is expected by financiers and politicians. There is no probability that the sugar, grain and coal duties will be touched. The grain tax is likely to remain as long as it exerts no appreciable effect on the price of food. There is no talk of relaxing it in favor of the colonies.

THE COUNTY DOCTOR.
Holman F. Day in "Fine Tree Ballads":
In his big fur coat and with mittens big as hams,
With his string of bells a-jingling through the countryside he stams,
There are lots of calls to make, and he's always tool the year,
A-loosing in his cutter, like an amiable bear.
And it's hi—! there Johnny, don't you care,
Though 'tis aching something awful and is too much too much to bear.
Just—be—gray!
As soon as it is day,
The pain will go a-dyin', for the doctor's on the way.
There are real true saints, there are angels all around,
But there isn't one that's welcome than he is, I'll be bound.
When he bustles in the bedroom and he dumps his buffer coat,
And sticks a glass thermometer a-down the suff'rin' throat.
And it's 'thru, cheer up!
Mother bring a cup!
You're going to like this bully when you take a little sup.
"There—there—why,
There's a twinkle in your eye!
You'll be out again to-morrow, bub, 'e gidnap, gid-pap, good-by!"

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At cost at Abernethy's annual January sale.
Save money and buy something to put in at Taylor's 25 p.c. discount sale of purses and chatelaines.

PITE OF THE NEWS.
The Very Latest News Collected From All Over The World.
It is reported that the Moroccan pretender's forces were defeated. The Italian foreign minister Prinetti while addressing the king was stricken with paralysis.
The new Canadian government immigration offices in London will be ready at the end of next month.
Deputy Sheriff Franchère, Montreal, was fatally injured in a railway accident near Richelieu.
The Ontario Beet Sugar Association will ask the Ontario government for more aid for its industries.
R. R. Gomez, M.P.P., Manitoulin, has announced that he will support the Bess government, which now has a majority of seven.
Hon. S. H. Blake has given \$2,000 towards erecting a home for the Church of England deaconesses and missionary workers.
The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association rejected a resolution pressing for the removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle.
M. Kennedy was nominated by the liberals of North Bay, at Owen Sound, for the commons, in succession to the late Dr. Horsey.
If the Bond-Hay treaty for reciprocity is defeated Newfoundland will immediately adopt a retaliatory policy against the United States.
Count Von Ballestrem, who resigned the presidency of the German Reichstag, because some of his rulings were bitterly criticized, was re-elected.
John D. Rockefeller is planning the establishment of a hospital for original research at Chicago, which is to be the most extensive in the world.
Mr. Marconi, who is at Montreal, says that within two months his company will be transmitting commercial business between England and Canada at ten cents a word.

OBSERVATIONS.
A Ticklish Subject.
Ottawa Free Press.
It would appear from his speeches that the Hon. G. E. Foster is equating with unrestricted reciprocity.
It Would Appear So.
Toronto Star.
Are to infer then that the archbishops have to be settled before the Manitoba school question can be?

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Miss Mary M. Allan, Acton, Ont., says:—
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DYSPEPSIA.
Miss Alberta Murray, Campbellton, N.B., says:—
For five years I was troubled with dyspepsia, and whenever I ate anything I suffered untold agony. My parents got numerous medicines for me but they did me no good. I saw Burdock Blood Bitters advertised and something seemed to say, "get a bottle." I did so, and to my surprise before I finished the bottle I found relief. I took all told 3 bottles, and have had no return of the trouble.

HEADACHES.
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