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WARD SYSTEM AGAIN.

Toronto has had an experience with the ward system, and an experience which is not satisfactory. Its board of control has represented the city, and yet the Mail alleges that it has been given occasionally to irritating ward discriminations. The controllers were disposed, naturally enough, to especially serve the districts which elected them. To get rid of that feeling and cause for complaint the legislature was asked to amend the Municipal Act so that the controllers could be elected, like the mayor, by the general vote. And yet, according to the Mail, the city has not got what it desired, and for the reason that the amendment to the law provides for cumulative voting.

"That," says the Mail, "pretty well neutralizes the benefit of the voting at large requirement. Take candidate A in a given populous ward. Outside of his own ward he may not be well known, or may be unfavorably known. If, however, he has a good strong 'pull' in that ward he need not despair of being elected to the board of control. When he was aldermanic candidate he had to canvass each man for but one vote. It is nearly as easy a task to canvass each man now for the four controllers' votes that belong to him. Let the candidate be persuasive enough and he may get a sufficiency of votes in his own ward to put him in one of the four leading places. At worst he has but to make himself the favorite of two wards. In the board, of course, he would feel bound to fight for the territory that yielded him the winning vote. * * * * The city's executive should be made up, not of the delegates of localities or of classes, but of representatives of the citizens as an undivided body. There should be no more cumulative voting after the first election."

This reasoning will have some influence here where the abolition of the ward system is under consideration. The latest objection to the general vote is that it will take some time for an elector to mark a ballot for twenty-one aldermen. Suppose it does. There is room in all polling divisions for two men to vote at one time, in opposite corners of the room, and the average elector will appreciate the privilege of voting for the whole council than for a section of it. The property owners will not have so many votes, says another. He will have a vote for every eligible candidate, in his opinion. He will not have, in this respect, a larger power than the owner of less property, but he will not lose anything by that. Councils do not add to the debt of the city by public gifts or bonuses. These things are referred to the property owners, in special by-laws, and they are carried or rejected as the property owners determine.

ANALYZING THE PROPOSALS.

Prof. Shortt, before the Canadian Club, in Toronto, expressed a somewhat unsavory estimate of Mr. Chamberlain. The leader of debate in England is a very clever man, and especially clever in his persuasive speeches, but he is shifty in his plans, and he cannot, as Mr. Shortt declared, be pinned down to details. Men are divided in their admiration of Mr. Chamberlain and their doubt regarding his proposals. Some of them applaud him as he appeals for the support of scheme which means the consolidation of the empire, and some question the genuineness of his proceedings and look at them as a diversion of the mind.

Mr. Shortt does not criticise Mr. Chamberlain's motives, but as a student of political methods and political ethics, he cannot agree with his contentions. He does not see that Canada is to be made the market for Britain that Mr. Chamberlain expects. It cannot be restrained in its development along industrial as well as agricultural lines. He cannot see, as the Whig has said it cannot see, how local conditions are to be altered so as to meet the ends of British manufacturer. "We cannot undertake," said he, "to curtail our varied expansion. The British workmen cannot be kept in work or the British exporter in business by the Canadian market unless Canada is allowed to develop it in its natural way."

Incidentally the professor deals with the proposed tax on grains. Mr. Chamberlain says it will not affect the cost of food materially. Some of his friends say the consumer will not pay the duty. "The foreigner might pay all the duty," said Mr. Shortt, "in which case the price would not be raised and Canadian grain raisers would not profit. If the British consumer paid the duty Canada might benefit." French and German consumers paid the bulk of the duty on the goods they imported. Moreover, Canadian grain was used for mixing with inferior grains, and if reduced in Britain to the grade of ordinary grain, because of its common use, it would fall in rating.

Finally Mr. Shortt dealt with the recent demand of the manufacturers, that the tariff be raised against the United States. The great success of Canadians lav in their development of the country's national resources, and the more this policy was continued the greater the prosperity. The doctrine is sound that business cannot be safely buttressed by tariffs or supported by tariff proofs. Sooner or later it is bound to collapse, and, besides, it invites more serious competition, and a competition that is destructive in its tendencies.

There are some who will say with Mr. Foster that Mr. Chamberlain is in dead earnest in his campaign and when the times comes he will get down to details and work out the problem of the hour satisfactorily. Perhaps he can. But there are others who will see, like Mr. Shortt, very little in the agitation of the day to provoke jubilation. Trade, imperialism, colonial connection, business prosperity may be stimulated by tariffs but not controlled by them.

EDITORIAL VIEWS.

In the increase of trade during the last seven years Canada leads the world. Is a liberal government not entitled to some of the credit?

In London it is current news that the Bell Telephone company cannot raise its rates without the consent of the governor-in-council. The same law ought to apply in Kingston.

The conservative papers in Toronto are dissatisfied with the Callaghan trial. They expected a political sensation, they predicted it, and it has not come to pass. What a disappointment!

The man who differs with the masses on any subject is called a "doctrinaire." So Prof. Shortt has been dubbed by the Mail because he has his own ideas on the Chamberlain campaign.

There are a great many things Kingston wants more than one permanent auditor, but there is nothing that a persistent candidate for the office is more desirous of than the appointment.

The governments of the dominion and province, it is said, have their one permanent auditor each. Yes, and they have auditing departments and a host of auditors. There is simply one head to each department.

The Hamilton Spectator is impressed with the thought that Canada imports a hundred millions of dollars "worth of manufactured goods" annually from the United States. All manufactured? What about the raw material? Is it not covered by the one estimate?

The Ottawa Citizen thinks North Renfrew should defeat the government candidate because the Temiskaming railway has its terminus at North Bay in place of Mattawa. We thought the railway was built for the development of New Ontario and not the Ottawa Valley.

The abolition of the canal tolls did the business. Of the sixteen million bushels of grain shipped from Fort William and Port Arthur fully fifteen millions went to Europe via the St. Lawrence route. The steamboat men say they did not make money, but that is another matter.

The Pembroke Standard wants to know what so many politicians are doing in North Renfrew? They are not all liberals. There is a goodly sprinkling of conservatives, and some of them have been heard of in the courts. What are they doing? The Standard should inquire.

Only 50 Cents.

For such pretty red felt slippers for ladies, misses or children, at The Lockett Shoe Store.

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5 lbs. sugar, mixed, 25c. Crawford's.

NEW APPOINTEE

TO BE THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTS.

The New Lightship Lurcher Has Reached Summerside—To Erect a Home For Consumptives.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The marine department has been advised that the new lightship Lurcher has reached Summerside, where she was coaling and taking on supplies yesterday preparatory to taking up her position off the Lurcher shoals.

An order-in-council has been passed appointing J. F. Fraser, engineer-in-charge aids to navigation Montreal-Kingston, to be commissioner of lights for the dominion. Mr. Fraser will have charge of the operation and maintenance of the aids to navigation and of the installation of all illuminating apparatus. The construction work of the department will be carried out as heretofore by the chief engineer's branch.

The Ottawa Humane Society at a recent meeting decided to co-operate with the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in establishing a home in the neighborhood of Ottawa, where consumptive patients will be treated.

It is stated that an order-in-council has been passed appointing Benjamin Russell, K.C., M.P., for Hants, N.S., chief justice of Nova Scotia in the place of Chief Justice Macdonald, superannuated, under the act of last session on account of old age.

OBSERVATIONS.

Hungry For War.

London Advertiser.

The Japanese Diet is hungry for war but the government appears to have no stomach for it.

Varying The Remark.

Toronto Star.

The report is that in North Renfrew, instead of saying "Christmas box on you," they say "Ballot box on you."

No Use For Them.

Hamilton Times.

In the week just ended about 10,000 returning immigrants left New York in the steerage for Europe. The Dingley tariff does not make the workingmen happy.

Turning On The Light.

Montreal Herald.

Sir Richard Cartwright in Toronto the other night used limelight to throw statistics on a screen before his audience. This, however, is not the first time he has thrown light on the fiscal situation in Canada.

Getting Things Mixed.

Publick Observer.

Mr. Dunlop in his public speeches stated that the debt on Ontario is increasing at the rate of a couple of thousand dollars a day—we are afraid that Mr. Dunlop is getting the Ontario finances mixed up with his own.

A Popular Appointment.

The announcement is made to-day of the appointment of J. A. Goodearle as assistant general manager of the Thousand Island and St. Lawrence River Steamboat companies. Mr. Goodearle has had an experience of over twenty years in the transportation business. He was first in the local freight office of the G.T.R. company, under the late Robert Thomson, and he sold the first tickets issued from the city passenger office when it was first opened here. Eighteen years ago, he was appointed to the ticket and freight department of Folgers' office, and has continued there ever since. No more capable or obliging official could be found in any railway or steamboat office, than Mr. Goodearle, whose appointment as assistant to the general manager, Howard S. Folger, will be learned with pleasure by his wide circle of friends here and among the tourists who constantly come this way, who will be glad of his decision to remain here, since he had good offers to go to Toronto and Winnipeg.

Chosen Friends' Officers.

At a meeting last evening of Council No. 217, C.O.C.F., these officers were elected: C.C., James Daly, P.C.; V.C., John McKeown; recorder, D. Staley; treasurer, Mrs. D. Staley; marshall, W. Driscoll; prelate, Mrs. J. Daly; warden, Mrs. C. Cushion; guard, John Daly; trustees, M. Kane, A. Simpson, J. Garrigan; medical examiner, Robert Hanley, M.D.; representatives to grand council, James Daly, D. Staley. A resolution, expressing sympathy with Mrs. Cushion in the death of her daughter, was passed. The council is in a flourishing and satisfactory condition.

Council Tidings.

The city council was called to meet at four o'clock this afternoon to elect returning officers for the forthcoming municipal elections. There was not any other business slated for consideration.

The board of works will meet tomorrow afternoon for the last time this year. The most important item of business will be the naming of a successor to John Wright.

Friday night the civic finance committee will meet for the last time this year. The request of the Fair Association for a grant of $500 will come up for consideration.

The death of George M. Empey, formerly one of the proprietors of the Quinte hotel, Picton, occurred on Monday after an illness of a comparatively short duration. He was well known to the citizens of Picton. Deceased was in the forty-third year of his age.

It is understood that Rev. Mr. Armitage, Peterboro, who conducted service at St. Mary Magdalene's church, and at the Parish house, Picton, last Sunday, has accepted a call to the parish.

The convention for the selection of a reform candidate will be held in Picton on or about 7th of January.

The C.P.R. proposes building a new passenger station at Carleton Place in 1904.

Tom Smith's crackers at Ferguson's, all prices.

3 lbs. layer raisins, 25c., at Gilbert's.

SUNDAY STUDIES.

The Queen of Sheba Was Much Impressed.

The International Sunday school lesson for December 20th is found in I Kings x, 1-10.—The golden text is Proverbs xxix. 2. The last lesson was on the building and dedication of the temple, one of a series of fine buildings erected by Solomon. To-day is discussed a visit from the Queen of Sheba, who had learned of his wisdom and greatness, and came to test him with hard questions.

The material development of the kingdom under Solomon is simply marvelous when we remember that the disorganized period of the judges had been past hardly a hundred years. Besides the building and fortifying of a great many cities, and the providing of a fine water supply system for Jerusalem, Solomon developed a large foreign commerce. Great caravans on the land and a fleet of merchants' ships on the sea were constantly pouring the riches of the world into the royal treasury.

Sheba (or Saba) was in the southwestern corner of Arabia on the Red Sea. Coins and many important inscriptions have recently been discovered there. This kingdom was wealthy and already ancient in Solomon's day. Various references in the Old Testament show that the Sabaeans were exporters of gold, precious stones and perfumes. Concerning the name of Jehovah: Solomon's fame rested quite largely on his temple building. Came to prove him: Or test him with puzzling catch questions, riddles, etc., kind of wisdom that is greatly admired in Orientals. They have always been fond of playing with riddles and intellectual puzzles, and by these this illustrious visitor tested the wisdom of Solomon, who readily solved all her questions. Legend has been busy with an account of them. She had dressed we are told, five hundred boys as girls and five hundred girls as boys, and collected one thousand carpets of gold and silver tissue, a crown adorned with pearls and diamonds and a great quantity of perfumes. All these were sent to Jerusalem, with them a single pearl a diamond cut through in zigzags and a crystal goblet in a box. Her envoy brought also a letter to Solomon, which intimated that, if he were really a prophet, he could tell which were boys and which girls in the train of her ambassadors, guess the contents of the box, pierce, the pearl, thread the diamond and fill the goblet with water which came neither from earth nor heaven. The king told the contents of the letter, before it was opened; distinguished the boys from the girls as they washed their hands—the boys only dipping their hands in the water, the girls tucking up their sleeves to their shoulders, and washing their arms as well; by the help of a magic stone he drilled a hole through the pearl at once, and he threaded the diamond by making a worm pass through it with a fine thread in its mouth. The crystal goblet he filled with water gathered from the sweat of a wild horse ridden furiously over the plain.

The Queen of Sheba was wonderfully impressed with all she saw and heard, and exclaimed:

"Happy are they men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear they wisdom."

"Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made He thee king, to do judgment and justice."

Solomon, with all his intellectual keenness, made a wretched failure of life in the end, because he did not resist the temptations of riches and luxury. The historian is careful to impress us with the fact that he did not fall without repeated warnings, such as this vision gave him. The choice of life or death is set before king and poor man alike. Each one may freely choose his way, "but walking in that way he must receive that to which the way leads." The lesson teaches:

1. "A greater than Solomon is here." Have you come to him in order to profit by his wisdom?

2. This greater than Solomon can answer all your hard questions. Have you taken them to Him?

3. He invites you to communce with Him of all that is in your heart. Have you fully opened your heart to Him?

4. All that has been told you concerning Him is more than true. "The half has never been told."

5. He always gives a great deal more than is given to Him. Have you given Him yourself and all that you have?

Why Catarrh Poisons The System.

The catarrhal germ excites inflammation, offensive secretions are thrown off and pass into the circulation, contaminating the river of life and thus wreck the whole body. Every catarrh victim should use fragrant healing Catarrhozone, the surest cure for every type of catarrh yet discovered. Catarrhozone can't fail to cure, because its vapor kills the germs and removes the cause of the trouble. Then it soothes and heals, stops the cough and relieves the stuffed up condition of the nose and throat. Tens of thousands have been cured by Catarrhozone which is guaranteed. Use only Catarrhozone. Complete outfit, $1; trial size, 25c.

When In Doubt Get "Clark's."

When in doubt what to get for the table choose "Clark's Lunch Tongue." It is sure of a welcome at the table.

Mrs. Joseph Holstein, twenty-five years old, dropped dead of heart failure in Syracuse, N.Y., in an office where she worked. She had been married only one week and returned to the office to help familiarize her successor with the work.

Say, Tom, 1904 is leap year & if U & I R 2 B made 1. I want U 2 promise me U will allow me 2 buy what we S from Gilbert, the grocer. His teas and coffee and all his supplies R beyond compare.

The senior statesmen of Japan are meeting to consider the reply of Russia to the Japanese proposals.

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Pure gold salad dressing, 10c. package, at Gilbert's.

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500 yards all Silk Taffeta Ribbon, wide width, value 20c., on sale for 10c. a yard.

Also 24 only Kid Body Dolls, marked $1, to-night 69c.,

50 only Rag Dolls, marked 25c. and 35c., to-night 15c.

100 lbs. Imported Candy Jellies on sale 6½c. a lb.

Thursday

Specials on Wrist Bags, Calendars, Perfumes, Fancy Cases, China, Books of all kinds.

We are headquarters for Christmas Tree Supplies, with goods for both old and young.

We are having great sales on Handkerchiefs, the lace edge handkerchief for ladies at 10c. being big value.

All our Iron Toys at half price.

Toys, Books for children, 3c. to $1 each.

A big special in Men's Gold Plated Chains, with and without Fobs, a regular 50c. chain on sale Thursday only 15c.

Great value in Parlor Lamps and Chamber Sets.

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The Geo. A. Slater Invictus Hockey Boot

Is the best in Canada.

Price - - $3.

Come and see it and you will say so.
It is made of mule hide, oil tanned and waterproof.
We have others at $2.50, $2, $1.50 and $1.25.

The Sawyer Shoe Store
Telephone 159.

A Musical Prodigy.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Renee Billiard, a beautiful girl of thirteen, has just secured the first place in a higher violin examination at the Paris conservatory beating 180 older competitors. Her father gave her a violin on her eighth birthday, and her wonderful aptitude immediately became apparent. At the age of ten she got the second violin prize at the Bordeaux conservatory.

To get them now—chocolate bon-bons, almond and maple bon-bons, 15c. lb. Crawford's.

Fur lined or other jackets to order at Steacy's. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Was Not Her Own.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"That woman in front of us prevents me from seeing the stage."

"Well, that's too bad! I don't see what can be done about it. I suppose she has the right to pile her hair as high as she likes."

"Oh, I wouldn't raise a word of objection if it was her hair—but it isn't."

And the lady in the front seat heard every word of this.

Evening or other dresses made for Christmas if order is placed now at Steacy's.

Holiday stationery, R. Uglow & Co.