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the people. I favoured the reference of this subject to the electors, and I

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ALD. MEEK'S CONCLUDING LETTER ON THE SUBJECT

The Religious Phase-Some Independent Opinions-The Issue in Ottawa-An Impartial Review

I have been referred to as an advomeasure that promises for the good of the Dominion, he claimed. have no apology to offer for my netion. I have not, however, ceased to enquire into the subject, and I trust | Stroud's arguments as absurd as I have established my claim, by these Ottawa all public men are known letters, to fairness and fullness of dis-

that the citizens should elect the mayor, by direct vote, there were men who regarded it as a great mistake. They liked the election of mayor by the aldermen, on the ground that the members of the council knew best who had earned promotion, and that they should be trusted to confer the honor on the candidate who deserved it. But am aware that there are certain eloctors who have not yet been reconciled to it, the man who prophesied a return to the old order of things would When it was proposed to have school trustee elections on the same day and at the same places as the municipal elections there were protests. The cation through political taint or contact. But again the change was made, and who now sees anything wrong with it? The fact is, some people are unduly exercised over the thing we will be sorry for in years to effect of innovations in our municipal come. system. They are wonderfully tached to old institutions. I have my regard for the antique, but I have not reached the age when I regard old let the electors' pronounce upon it. things as too sacred to be touched or amended. So I came to the consideration of the new method of electing

The Religious Side. The side of the question that is actively canvassed and that is perhaps least understood, is the religious | it and there are many like me. Electors who have not usually given race or religion a thought in municipal elections have had impressed upon them this thought that some of the strong denominations may, by the concentration of their votes, affect if not determine the election. The only reliable data at hand is supplied by the last census. It does not do the city full justice in crediting it with the population it now has, but for the purpose of computation or comparison the figures i

affords are interesting. The table by wards and denominations follows: 831 87329 7 39 7 186 140 150 nt

mention of Christian Scientists, and their number I have not beside me. other enominations and does not af-17,74 what is the proportion which tical machine. represents the electorate? The voters' do not exercise the franchise. The Aes cast in the last two municipal Graham-White contest there were 2,-Sec--Treas | 609 polled. Can any denomination exercise an influence so potent as to turn an election as it desires ? I do

An Attack Of Pneumonia Warded

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I constable saw a man sitting on according to directions and in two around her neck and was looking into row than their methods of using tobacdays she was well and able to go to her eyes. The constable turned to co, which, of course, they procure from school. I have used this remedy in Sheriff Johnson and said: ME HAVE YOUR SALE my family for the past seven years thing in court?" Sheriff, do you allow that sort of plugs, they show a marked apprecia-And I will guarantee you satis- says James Prendergast, merchant, "Good gracious, no!" replied the Annato Ray, Jamaica, West India Isl- sheriff. "A stranger would think this factoey results. We don't brag, ands. The pains in the chest indicatbut perform the work. Nothing od an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was un-

and I submit that it is time enoug to become alarmed when there is realy occasion. However, I submit the figures for the edification of the electors and for such study as they may be able to put upon them.

Discussion In Ottawa. It must not be forgotten that Ottawa discussed this year the question of electing its aidermen by the general vote. The issue was before the city council of the capital when it was under consideration here, I submit s summary of the debate ..

"Ald. Stroud had no objection to letting the people decide, but he was cate of the election of aldermen at opposed to the principle. You might large. Rather I prefer to be regarded as well have the members of parliaas an advocate of any progressive ment elected by the general vote of

"Ald. Hastey said it ill became any alderman to say he would not allow the people to say what they wanted. "Ald. Grant characterized Ald.

"Ald. Champagne pooh-poohed the

"Ald. Ross said he would be willing orm which has been brought to pass to let the people decide, but he did in Kingston. When it was proposed not think the principle a good one for Ottawa owing to the different classes, creeds and nationalities.

"The people should have the argued Ald. Davidson. "Mayor Cook took the floor and made an out and out speech against the proposal. The motion, he said was one of most serious of the year. Ald, Ross had touched the crucial point. It would be all very well to have the general vote where the people were of one religion and one no tionality, but here where French and English, Irish and Scotch, Protestants and Catholics, are living harmoniqusly together, care should be taken not to disturb this harmony by a possible favorable verdict or a catch vote. The principle might be all right elsewhere, but it would be a calanity for Ottawa. 'Ponder the matter serious ly, he urged .. It is all very well to say Let the people decide but for Heaven's sake don't let us do any

The motion to refer the matter to the people was defeated. In other words the Ottawa council refused to

Independent Voices. Friends abroad have very kindly

parture. An elector in Hamilton. who is not a politician I take it and is not sending me political bouquets. writes : "Before electing your aldermen from the only generally wait for results in other cities. I do not simply a big fight between the rolitical parfies." He seems to think that municipal elections here are n political counts, and he may be sur prised when he reads the papers.

Another correspondent, who holds high office in another city, a gentle man of long municipal experience. having read the controversy in possibly some believe that better sults will be obtained by having one alderman to represent each ward and the rest aldermen at large. Whil in opposed to the system of war alfermen, when carried to the extrem d having nothing but aldermen elect d by the people of a ward, I am the orinion that it is well to have

ward represented by some individual of that ward, but at the same tim have the election of other aldermen at green. He was very much put out by large." competent witnesses, are submitted for

the consideration of the electors. The Summing Up. The three strong points in favour of a change in the system of electing in the morning.-M. A. P. 1. That it will give every elector a

vote on the twenty-one aldermen and the mayor. 2. That t will practically abolish canvassing, and that better men will be induced to offer themselves as candidates because their success depends upon the public's estimate of their

3. That it will end the "pull" ward appropriations, and the jealousies and disputes among ward repre sentatives over the expenditure of

The three strong arguments against 1. That it will lead to indifference on the part of the aldermen at large to the wants of the ward and wants that would be attended to by the ward representatives. 2. That it will put the property

owner at a disadvantage seeing that he will have no larger share in the choice of aldermen than the man who 3. That it may lead to political extion was for a carpenter's shop. He citement beside which the excitement

of the day is not a circumstance, that it may introduce the rule of the poli-

Conclusion.

More could be said, in elaboration ections, in connection with the may- of the subject, and of gueries that tralty, give a basis on; which to have been raised in the course of my work. In the Shaw-Toye contest there enquiries, but I have said enough. I were 2,614 votes polled. In the Bell- trust that I have made the way clearer for an intelligent vote on Monday.-Yours, R. MEEK.

Postscript-Since writing the above there has come to hand the informanot see it. I cannot work it out by tion for which I have been writing any process of calculation. I do see and waiting; the experience of a large where the stronger religious bodies number of places in the election of almight by combinations the most rare dermen by the ward system and by make their presence by the ward sys- the general vote. This information I tem felt. But it has never been done, will give to the press on Saturday.-

Couple Courted In Court. Mineola, L.I., Dec. 31.-In Judge Seabury's court, the other morning a gave her Chamberlain's Cough Rewedy | young woman's lap. He had one arm

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A DANCE IN THE KLONDIKE

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It was a master stroke of the poet, for the house burst Into applause and greatly embarrassed the modest millionaire mining and railroad promoter of Alaska, who unsuspectingly had accepted Miller's invitation to attend the lecture in the afternoon.

Parnell's Superstitions. Charles Stewart Parnell was one of the strongest men that ever lived, but he bad numberless superstitions. Once a colleague of his brought him the draft of a bill to the cell he was then occupying in Kilmainham. It was in thirteen clauses. Parnell was horrified. He insisted that somehow or other a fourteenth clause should be added. Once Parnell saw a colleague with papers writes: "I have an idea that three lights in his bedroom. He was quite uneasy until he saw one of the say lights put out, I traveled with him once when he had a scarf that had been presented to him by a lady admirer. There was some green in the scarf. One of his superstitions was that green was an unlucky color. He used to say, half joke, whole earnest, that all the misfortunes of Ireland came from the fact that her color was this scarf. It was in the days when These personal expressions, from the habeas corpus was suspended in Ireland and we were sleeping on the mail boat at Kingstown and were not to start for Holybead till next morning. He was quite sure the green scarf would have us arrested before we left

Beauties of Red Tape. A typical instance of the war office methods is furnished by a correspond ent on one of our stations. An officer having occasion for the use of a screwdriver made application for the supply of that humble but handy implement from the government stores. His application was bandied about in the usual manner from officer to officer and finally reached the upper authority, from whom a reply filtered back by the same devious ways to the effect that screwdrivers were only supplied in tool boxes and not singly. Nothing daunted, the officer at once applied for a box of tools and after the usual circumlocutory tactics was informed that boxes of tools were only supplied to carpenters' shops. By this time the officer, who had quite forgotten what he had wanted the screwdriver for, had thoroughly entered into the spirit of the campaign; and his next applica-

MacMahon and Grevy. In Paris in the revolution of 1830 a law student was soundly kicked by one of the king's officers for tearing down a copy of the ordinances placarded on the wall. The officer was armed, the student was not; so the latter ran away. Nearly a half century later, in 1879, the officer called upon the student to bid him goodby, having just resigned the presidency of the French republic on account of a radical difference with the majority of the national assembly on questions of state policy. He combined with his adleus also a graceful word of congratulation on the student's election to succeed him in the presidential chair. The student was Jules Grevy; the officer was Patrice de MacMahon, who died ripe in years and honors.

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