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# THE DAILY WHIG.

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## *Common Libeller At Large.*

At Kingston, R. R. Gamey made the public statement that E. F. B. Johnston, the lawyer employed by the Ross government to defend it in the bribery case, had received large financial benefits through dealing with the government departments. Mr. Gamey specified the amounts which he alleged Mr. Johnston received inferentially through favoritism.

The Hamilton Times, referring to this incident, says "Gamey is not without reason to fiercely hate Johnston." But this is no answer to the charge made by the member for Manitoulin. What he alleged in his Kingston address regarding certain dealings was either fact or fiction. In fact, it shows that the learned counsel either exercised marvelous astuteness in money-making away from his professional grooves through dealings with the Ross government, was favored by that government unduly at the expense of the country, or that no such transactions as Gamey spoke of took place.

It will not do to say that the allegations were prompted by ill-feeling. If they were untrue, the author's place is before the court for libel. He should be treated as a defamer, but at last reports he was still at large.—London Free Press, conservative.

## *Another Promise at Large.*

One looks in vain over the list of measures, which the local government proposes to bring down at the next session of the legislature, for any reference to the pulpwood policy.

While in opposition the conservatives were greatly exercised about these concessions. It was confessed that no objection had been made to the granting of two or three of the concessions, but then Mr. Matheson, Mr. Whitney, and other able-bodied men kicked. They were going to know all about the pulpwood resources, and even then they were going to have a change in the plan of campaign.

The opposition talked of public competition in pulpwood in 1901, and dues fixed from time to time, as against the concessions given by the government, the investment of larger capital, the manufacture of pulp in Ontario, and the payment of dues at the rate of 40c. per cord.

Mr. Marter, once the leader of the opposition, repudiated the "gang" in 1901, and declared that "the house would be criminally negligent of its duties if it did not allow this great development in industry to take place."

However, Mr. Whitney laid down his policy in 1901, (see anto-election literature), and it is time he was making some announcement. What is he going to do about it?

## *Disgraceful Proceeding.*

The serving of an election writ upon Hon. Mr. Fielding when he arrived in Halifax to accompany the remains of his late colleague Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, to Montreal, was a disgraceful proceeding, especially as conformance with the order of the court would prevent the minister's attendance at the funeral. It surely must have been the unauthorized act of some obtuse court official and none will regret it more than Hon. Mr. Fielding's political opponents.—Ottawa Citizen, conservative.

## *Another Reform Abandoned.*

The liberal government in this province advocated, in 1902, certain law reforms in the interest of litigants and their adviser.

Large powers had been given to the Division Courts, so that they relieved the County Courts and the County Courts relieved the High Courts, and these, and the limitation of appeals, tended to "abridge the law's days," as the attorney-general phrased it, "and made the redress of wrongs speedy, sure, and certainly inexpensive."

At the session in 1902, the last one before the general election, the attorney-general introduced a bill having for its object further legal reforms, and it was contended that these, had they received even a half-cordial support from the opposition, "would have been of great advantage to the litigants."

Of course the conservative party had to have a law reform plank in its platform, and of this Foy has something to say—though not much—in the campaign preceding the general election.

"Divest the Division Court of many of the anomalies which now hamper its usefulness," he said. "Lessen the expense and expedite the results of litigations, and provide, without further delay, one final and conclusive appeal from a trial judge."

Now seeing that this reform was so very important, that it meant so much to the people, and that in regard to it, Attorney-General Foy would be in perfect accord with his leader, is it not remarkable that there is no announcement now with regard to it. Has it, like so many other things, been abandoned?

## *Insult To Kingston.*

Kingston has now a chance to get back at the Whitney faith-breakers and spoilsmen and at the same time secure real representation in the legislature by re-electing Mr. Pense, who has been the victim of tory spite. The cause of good government and the independence of the constituencies are at stake in this election. And the insult offered to Kingston in bringing the Odorous Gamey into the constituency ought to tell against the government. And we think it will.—Hamilton Times.

## *Always In The Breech.*

Mayor Mowat seems to be "Johnny-On-the-Spot" if recent events are to be regarded.

Some weeks ago he quietly stepped into the municipal arena, by invitation, and was found so acceptable by the people, that he was elected mayor. His first address caught the public ear. All found him to be a man of peace, not the partisan and hideous creature that his opponents, in the contest, had declared him to be.

His mission was peace, and he was able to present such a case that, practically, politics were driven out of the city council, a much desired thing. He, likewise, so mixed up the aldermen, around the board, that political conniving seems to be almost an impossibility. Following this, his bringing into practical form, the desires of his political opponents for a pure election, was crowned with success, and again he proved himself to be "Johnny-On-the-Spot."

His latest endeavors, to quell violent spirits on the market square, on Wednesday afternoon, demonstrated, most effectually, that his aim and object, as mayor of the city, is to bring order out of disorder, and bring peace and calm to the most turbulent souls. Like his great progenitor, he seems to be always on hand at the right moment, and his motives are of that sweet and peaceful character that so distinguished the "Little Oliver" and made him a force in this fair province.

Here's to "Johnny-On-the-Spot" that his endeavors for harmony and good feeling may succeed in bringing into Kingston that loyal spirit, that in recent years seems to have been lost to us.

## *The New Model School.*

The desire for a model school on a new and improved plan was not born during an election campaign. It was evolved from experiences in connection with the county model schools.

These county institutes are not capable of giving the teachers the training they require. The time is too short. That is the general conviction. The school is directed by one who acts as a public school principal part of the time, and whose service cannot be fully developed because of the change of classes.

It may be held by some that if a model school teacher has to put in a year at the study of subjects pertaining to his profession the effect will be against the devotion of one's talent to teaching.

But the model school affords part of the education which the traveller must have anyway, and its advocates hold that it will the better equip the student for the work that lies before him.

Two things the pedagogue must have—(1) scholarship, and the more of it the better, and (2) skill in the methods for making his tasks successful.

As for the model school for Eastern Ontario Dr. Dyde, when the chairman of the school board, had correspondence on the subject with inspectors and others, and got many replies which were of a hopeful and encouraging character.

The board of education, at the call of its chairman, will this year endeavor to give shape to the movement. A large grant of money, will be desired from the government but there will be economy in the result. The school will be better than anything of the kind that exists, and the saving in county grants may make up some, if not all, of the grant to the new institution.

## *Change In Representation.*

The impression prevails that the County Councils act will be appealed, and that authority will be given for the restoration of the county councils as they formally prevailed.

When Mr. Hardy introduced the present system he did so at a great saving to the county. Old county councils were composed of a membership ranging from forty to fifty-eight. To-day county councils are composed of from ten to eighteen members, and we have heard no complaint as to their work not being done as well as when the more cumbersome body was looking after affairs.

The great trouble with this province is that we have too much representation. Ontario spends less than six millions of money for her provincial parliament and it takes about 100 representatives, at a salary of $1,000 each per annum to do this.

Does it not strike the average taxpayer that when we add to this salary, $7,000 for premier, and $4,000 for each of the other cabinet ministers, it costs us too much money for representation. Toronto spends about $6,000,000 in municipal affairs, at a cost of less than $25,000 for representation.

This is a matter the electors of this province should take into their serious consideration, for already it is said that Toronto must have larger representation in the provincial parliament. If there is need of anything along these lines it is towards reducing representation, rather than increasing it.

Every voter should impress on his representative personally that there should be no change with the object of enlarging the body of county councils or the giving of further representation in parliament. The legislation of Ontario, like the old county council system, is too costly and too cumbersome.

Of course Toronto will not agree to this. It wants to swing the legislature as it pleases, and it will have a great influence in that direction with the eight or ten members it expects.

## *Editorial Notes.*

The campaign of the liberal party is very perplexing to the conservative party. Very annoying, isn't it?

Dr. Torrey is credited with having converted over 3,000 persons in Toronto. Converted or impressed? Which?

Mississippi and Pennsylvania have passed acts which make lobbying in and around the legislatures illegal. Will that put an end to the nuisance?

The inspired penman across the way is "a little less cocksure" about the election. Can one be more or less cocksure? Is it a condition that admits of change or modification?

Cheap school books are very essential to the progress of the school population. When is the government going to bring about the school revolution which it promised.

Mr. Downey, M.P.P., has given it out that a million dollars has been lost to the province through the construction of the Temiskaming railway by the liberal commissioners. Who told him this? What purpose is to be secured by wholesale fabrication?

Mr. Metcalfe says it would be folly for the people to elect as a representative of Kingston a member of the opposition. Strange that he did not think of this during the long years he sat in the legislature and always "agin the government."

The Whitney party was very much opposed to the payment of special taxes by the financial corporation. The party sought to kill the supplemental revenue bill. But that was while it was in opposition. Now it wants the quarter of a million annually. Another somersault.

The Ottawa Journal wants evidence that a Toronto orchestra at a university dance played the Glory Song, and that some people danced to it knowingly. Is the World not an authority? Mr. Maclean will not like to have the veracity of his young men questioned.

## GENEROUS TO RELATIVES.

### Specific Bequests of $25,568,000 Are Made.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The will of Marshall Field is filed for probate. Specific bequests are made to the aggregate of $25,568,000. The remainder of the estate is left in trust for the son, Marshall Field, Jr. (died November 27th), and his descendants.

The principal of the residuary estate is to be kept intact until one of the sons of Marshall Field, Jr., shall reach the age of fifty years.

The largest single bequest is for $8,000,000, to be used as an endowment and building fund for the Field Columbia Museum.

The widow is given $1,000,000 and to the daughter, Mrs. Beatty, of Leamington, England, $1,000,000 is left in trust.

Bequests aggregating $17,568,000 are made to relatives and friends of the testator.

## THIRTY-FIVE SAVED

### From the Steamer Valencia—May Be Others.

New York, Jan. 25.—Of the 154 persons of the wrecked steamer Valencia, the latest reports indicate that thirty-five have been saved. Fifteen survivors are reported from Victoria, and twenty are mentioned in a despatch from Seattle, making the number of deaths 119, barring further rescues.

### Wife's Share Of Notice.

Ottawa Citizen.

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# A SERIOUS CRIME

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### Young Man Confesses That He Attempted to Substitute Himself for Heir in Order to Get Possession of $20,000.

Paris, Jan. 25.—A queer case of imposture will shortly come before the courts. In 1901 there died at Amiens an aged woman named Zelie Bedu, who left $20,000. The solicitor who was charged to carry out the deceased's instructions sought a sister or a son of the latter named Georges Demagniez. Neither could be found, and two cousins entered into possession of the fortune.

In February last, however, they were informed that Georges Demagniez had turned up, and that his mother had died at Creteil in September of last year, Georges, it was added, had left France in 1875, and after travelling in various parts of the world had returned home.

The cousins had their own suspicions concerning this new heir, who had requested them to restore the fortune left by his aunt. They resolved to fight his claim. Demagniez was arrested. He was a bizarre person. He wore dark glasses and always had a silk band around his head, because, as he gave out, he suffered from a skin malady which was contagious. He protested his innocence on the charge of swindling, and produced papers establishing his identity. He gave particulars of his mother's death and was set at liberty.

Then, it is alleged, he wrote a cunning sort of letter to the cousins, who demanded that his house at Creteil should be searched. A writing expert and magistrate superintended the search. Letters and papers, partly burned, were found, and the searchers obtained information, showing that the death of Rosalie Bedu, sister of the woman who left the money, had been registered without the usual legal justification.

They further learned that up till January last the so-called heir, now clean-shaven, had worn his hair and beard long. As the result of this information the man was again arrested.

An enquiry showed that he had passed under several names, and that he only adopted the name Demagniez in 1903. Pressed with questions, he finally made a full confession. He is called Louis Hayer. Reading in a newspaper an advertisement relative to the Zelie Bedu succession, he conceived the idea of substituting himself for the missing heir. He forged birth and death certificates, and in declaring the death of his mother announced that she was the sister of Zelie Bedu.

## SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

### So It Will.

Toronto News.

A new voting machine has been patented, but it will have an up-hill fight to displace the human variety.

### Quits Bribing Itself.

Spectator.

We expect that before many elections are held in Ontario the Whitney government will have to arrange matters that bribery will be a rather difficult and very dangerous undertaking.

### Hint In Time.

St. Thomas Journal.

It would be well for the Ontario government to let up on its head-cutting policy, and leave faithful public officials to perform their duties without being hounded to death by conservative office seekers.

### Well And Truly Said.

Toronto Globe.

It is short-sighted to talk of protection or free trade being dead. Free trade will never be dead so long as man demands his own, and protection will never be dead so long as man demands that which is his neighbor's.

### Promises Don't Count.

Ottawa Journal.

The Kingston people have been urged to support the conservative candidate, the promise being made that Queen's interests will be looked after.—Ottawa Free Press.

Hon. Mr. Hanna assured the people of Kingston that Queen's University would have fair treatment from the Ontario government no matter which candidate was elected.

### Down On The Sneaks.

Hamilton Herald.

The whiskey detective who tempts druggists to sell him a little whiskey on Sunday on the plea that he is sick and can't get it elsewhere, and then brings charges against the druggists for violating the law, is perhaps the most contemptible species of public official. Is it safe to believe such a man even on oath?

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