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Daily Whig.

Serimmage At The Coast. The federal government is allege is better-yet costs no more to have interfered in British Columbi elections. In what way? It accepted he resignation of Mr. McInnis, who was the governor of the Yukon Territory, and so rendered him eligible to become a candidate for the legisla ture. The government had before this lissolved the house, or rather the lieutepant-governor dissolved it the suggestion of the government.

> That government was, moreover, in ery bad odour. It had been scraping along, holding power by a very slender majority, and giving way to init. One of its members, in a land deal had overwhelmed himself in scandals He had been squeezed out of office but too late to clear the governmen of complicity in his wrong-doing.

> The elections, in addition, were dered on new lines. Formerly the loca parties divided; and campaign was local issues. Now it is decided that there would be a choice of parties cording to federal politics, and it came important that the liberals should be strengthened for the fight Mr. McInnis was before in the loca egislature and the government. Ay place in the party and he responded

> It is time there was a change apparently. The McBride party has no ocen as well off as the late Ross gov ernment, so far as support is concern d, and he could not hold out an onger. The conservative press, how with his scandals, and it fears that he fear is surely well founded.

> > A Cure For Divorce.

The president of the United States n his annual message to congress ntimated that something should done to regulate discuss, which are becoming too numerous and too productive of scandal. Mr. Roosevelt's Thanks to the Public for their idea was that the buestion of divorce e should be relegated to the national lation as it might pass.

To be sure that is only a suggestion. It could not be anything more with the president, who knows so well that each state, by its constitution, has to do with the marriage mestion, and that it will not give up ts rights in this respect.

from a state and to the effect that by This is the highest compliment general law a cure should be adopted can be paid to any members of according to which divorce could not council. be granted when the defendant has In Sydenham ward fortune has fallen, ter about which sweeping assertions been an actual resident of the state to an aspirant for the first time Review has a better plan. It is this- often that one displaces another have the power to divorce. That cer- resting upon him. tainly would prevent the larger

All goods must be sold by the at home. I wo things would follow- tion this year. surried in contracting matrimonial ingo coments and less disposed to

Mr. Mowat Re-Elected.

The people made a wise choice in the shown himself, in office, to be possess- effect. It does its work so quiet! Sold by the piece or made to ed of certain virtues, tact, courage, and decisively. satisfactory head of the council that Whig endorsed his candidature on the ground that the people should take place like Kalamazoo. advantage of his experience and con- The man of few words in the council tinue the safe policy which he in- is sometimes the lucky one. Some

> there should be a fair and honorable How many licenses will be division of labour or honor so far as direction of the council? There will the committees were concerned, and probably be some change in obedience the declaration was made by repre- to public opinion. sentative aldermen that they were entirely satisfied with the results. A repetition of that experience is expected there will be a complete elimination might not have been adopted. of the political element from civic af-

was highly commendable. The second perform. was that they took no stock in the side of false issues which were raised

buenced by sectional or silly cries, This is said in the interest of the puband the general vote, from every ward lie business, and not of any particular in the city, is a tribute to the thing to the credit of the mayor that, JIK with three candidates in the field, he has been returned by so handsome a

The defeated will have the sympathy of their friends. They fought a good fight, though they lost, and will accongratulations to the elect and hope

Changes In The Council.

ing 1906 to accept the city clerkship the duties of which he is discharging so satisfactorily. Ald. Harkness, for business reasons, dropped out as of the members for Victoria ward. This forced the selection of two men. Frontenac ward replaced Sands with Mr. Robertson, who was in the council before, and is a repre

as Ald. Bassam has been they will expeet the public gratitude, and it is hoped they will receive it.

the surprise of the day. Two new use for that species of friendship." men have been chosen, inspreference to those who had been long connected with the council and were, therefore, tirement, stiffing as the air may be For the vacancy created by the ma- ary 10th, to consider remedies for the will go under in the elections. This there were three candidates, Messrs. politics, the baneful influence exercised by private corporations, and the Free, Douglas and Knapp, and the evils of bitter partizanship. The two first named were successful. The gathering is being called together by what extent is not yet apparent. The versity, and the moral reform secrehis retirement until the day of nomin- corruptionist. It will be interesting ation and then the die was cast.

Cataraqui ward has shown a desire assembly for settlement by such legis- for new men, also, and in the election of Mr. Henderson it secures an ab and popular representative. Ald Reeves will be missed, for he was al ways versatile, but the fluctuations of public feeling or favour cannot sometimes be accounted for.

Ontario and St. Lawrence wards have endorsed the work of the When theories are in order one comes representatives by re-electing

or been served with papers in the di- municipal life, Dr. Hanley, and he led orce proceedings while living in it. the poll. The doctors are usually well The editor of the North American regarded by the electors, but it is not that the state which granted permis- in this case. Dr. Hanley will realize, sion by its license to marry, shall of course, the responsibilities that are

Let us hope that the new council | the least, by no means uniformly fanumber of divorces. It was a Buffalo will show a special talent for public vorable; while the growth of municijudge who declared that many of the service, and that its members will deal divorces granted in New York State clearly and courageously with any wav has hitherto been far from were of Canadian parties. They had question coming before it. The re- manifest success. At all events the ready access to the American courts ward for fidelity to duty is confined and appealed to them for a dissolu- largely to the consciousness of having done right, of buying acted accord-If the state which legalized mar- ing to one's light and privileges, and many Canadians would have to stay every member of the civic corpora- ed in response to public invitation

Editorial Notes.

New brooms sweep clean. Now let

The ballot is becoming the more re-election of Mayor Mowat. He had and more subtle in its influence and

The Kalamazoo Gazette opens the city has had for many years. The day's business with prayers. This seems to be specially necessary-in a

augurated, that of having the civic speeches are recalled at inopportune business conducted with the least de- times, and strangely misinterpreted. A year ago the decision was that Now comes the anxious question,

THE WHIG -74th YEAR | yoralty, exercised a judgment which portant duties their members must

during the election. They were not in- them be changed as little as possible.

French And British Husbands. goes to his club, or else he says, "You cept the verdict of the people in good send for a doctor?" The Frenchman heart. They will join in the general au contraire, has hysterics, too. The a year of the best civic govern- but indifferent to her, superior to her, love her, hate her, kiss her, or kill her

The Press In Evidence.

able change, as a consequence of the C. Hocken, former city hall reporter and now editor of the Crange Sentificult to say what part the Citizens' nel, to a controllership, and J. W. Bengough, the famous cartoonist and League or Protective Association had the editor of Canada's one historic comic paper, now unfortunately de-In the first place there were two re- funct, to an aldermanic chair. Thus Sands, who for so long represented ist once more prove the worth of his fluences which were operating against Frontenac ward, resigned his seat durpublic life.

Not The Kind He Wanted.

Professed politicians who have reducpublic office to an exact science find the independent voter a sad stumbling block-a fact which is amusingly disclosed by a story found in the recent life of the late George Munro Grant, sentative lor the same electoral divi- John Macdonald's life he and Principal Grant, then the head of Queen's col-Victoria ward, however, went beyond lege, met at dinner at the house of the necessities of the case and elected the premier's brother-in-law, Professor one who has served it well. If Messrs. would be a steady friend of mine." Graham and Chown are as sacrificing "My dear Sir John," the principal replied, "I have always supported you when you were right." The premier's In Rideau ward there was, perhaps, "My dear man," said he, "I have no

The Corporate Influence.

in a position to promote its interests, toria University, Toronto, on Januyoralty aspirations of Ald. Hong prevalence of corruption in Canadian League and the Protective Associa- an editor, a school teacher, a busition had a hand in this result, but to ness man, and two clergymen-the latmanner in which the council deals tary of the Methodist church respecwith the license question will, per- tively. There is not a politician in haps, produce a revelation. Ald, the commany not a man who can be cure-all" as compulsory voting, but corruption which lie not very far from the people who are willing to subscribe to campaign funds with the hope of getting legislative favors.

Value Of Private Enterprise.

The assumption of what are called mblic utilities by governments, na tional or municipal, though generally reasonable, is not an absolute dictate of nature or an article of sure of improvement when the management is transferred to its hands? In Great Britain the results of the vate enterprise would appear by recent accounts to have been, to say wivete companies, to which the work and under a public guarantee.

Leo Lake Items. Leo Lake, Jan. 7.—School re-open-ed, Thursday, with Miss McCabe as teacher for this year again. A number of young people from the local district attended the party held in Masonic hall, Seeley's Bay, on Wednesday evening last. P. J. Webb, after an absence of six years, spent Christmas with his people here, and return-Bower and bride arrived home, Fribe the Lake's gain, and congratulations are steadily drifting in. A young visitor graced the home of J. McMullen, on New Year's morning. Visitors: Miss Rose McCarey, Joyceville, Mrs. J. Rodgers and W. Rodgers, Portland, at J. Milne's; V. Webb spent Sunday in Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bower, at Spafferton; G. Gilbert, Seeley's Bay, at W. Bower's, and A. Donnelly at Joyceville.

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