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Daily Whig.

DUPLICITY Of MR. WHITNEY. How Mr. Ross has unmasked the great Whitney. He has shown, by a reference to the public records, that the conservative leader endorsed all the Niagara power franchises; and that he, in 1905, took into the house himself and had passed the act which gave effect to the Electric Development company's charter.

Yet the premier alleged in the house W. B. Carroll and J. R. Dargavel In referring to this matter, a conmatter as an awful outrage.

One could scarcely believe that any public man could be guilty of such duplicity, but the word has been used by a conservative paper, and with a full knowledge apparently of what it means.

NO HASTE FOR RESULTS.

of the British politician for whom he them. Liberal papers are more gen- do no more than give the fullest pubingly great; he is more picturesque in Herald and the Whig. They are read this is, in many cases, an insufficient ways inaccessible. his characteristics; he is more literary by electors generally, with credence and unsatisfactory reparation for the in his style. Best of all, he is very and acceptation, which a long asso- wrong done. The acceptance of an sensitive with regard to public feeling, ciation has cemented. and drops out of office, in the gov- Messrs. Dargavel and Carroll are of justice, is often misunderstood by ernment, even when in the majority, professional politicians, having selfish the public at large; it may expose when a change seems necessary. In- ends. The former is up for re-elec- him to the imputation of there being

not warrant this assumption. No gov- after votes, and do not relish the enmay go against it, and they may in- free country and they must submit to and effective answer which the law dicate that public opinion is turning argument, even in their political against it, but it does not surrender stronghold. It would be utterly im- vindication, and as a deterrent to a until on some important issue there is possible for the two politicians named repetition of the charge. There have a vote of want of confidence.

against the government which brings nearing the eightieth year mark. a dissolution of the house about. This is not, however, a voluntary abandonment of place and power from litical parties. As a rule, they do not to go? hasten results.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

The Ontario government wants watching. The report of the Public Accounts has come down, and it contains a great many entries that shot make the ministers blush. That the game of the government was to hurry the estimates through, without the necessary investigation, is shown by what occurred in the legislature on The liberals in the legislature will slanderous conduct. One of the most

by the attorney-general that he had a minion. certain person on the brain. He did not relapse into silence, but pointed to the large sums which were being paid for legal services, and with a record of them on page after page of the ac-

The premier tried his usual bluff and failed. The treasurer said the through the session so that there may criticism would be in order when codorsed by the Leading Insurance public Accounts' committee met. Mr. ing to hide anything from the met and principle Cities, Railroads. McKay challenged the government on if Mr. McKay knows it. Public Accounts' committee met. Mr. ing to hide anything from the people the whole procedure by insisting that the committee Rad not yet been organized or called, and that when the estimates were passed the discussion of

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Victor Talking Machines on easy pay-the estimates through as quickly Plainly there was a plan to slide possible, to keep the hid on and keep every questionable item out of sight, and to befool the people with a yarn that there was nothing to attack!

> A TANGLE IN TORONTO. The argument of the Electric Light company, in Toronto, that there is n

possibility of the city purchasing its plant, not having the power to do so, raises a nice point. The by-law on which people voted, favourably, gave city direction practically to install a distribution plant at a cost of \$2,mission for power at \$18.10 per horse

The company declines to open its books for inspection to let the people's agents or representatives scrutinize its records, because the city cannot take over the business including its twelve years' contract for power, with the Electric Development company at \$35, per horse-power.

The only chance for relief is for the Hydro-Electric commission and the Development company to pool issues or interests, and one is curious to know!

for postage has to be made 50c. for Daily; \$35, and the city wants a limit of 10,-

the property was worth.

UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGES. A correspondent reports that, at

conservative convention in Gananoque, ges.

the Mail and Empire for instance, which are so bitterly partizan, so un-Dr. Hossack, who was so prominent reasonably hostile to everything em- the justice of this opinion. A minis-

The Whig's reading and memory does nomination for a long time. They are resigns while it enjoys the lightening influences of liberalism in putations on the part of evil-minded of the house. Bye-elections their conservative hive. But this is a persons, but it is the most complete to publish a paper as fair as the Sometimes a premature appeal is Whig or the Herald, or to gain for it made to the people, and it may go one-twentieth of their lease of life, now

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon, Mr. Beck is to get a seat that high sense of duty with which the government, at the head of the Dr. Hossack credits the British po- power department. Is the commission

> Mr. Ames, M.P., is the man with the purpose. Parliament, which has great muck rake. He has been stirring up privileges conferred upon it, should be some ill-smelling things, but without equally ready to stamp out this speany-advantage to his party.

> The opposition scandal-that the tenders for the timber limits were not words promptly recorded in acopened fairly-has been exploded. Mr. cordance with parliamentary usage, Ames will not want to hear any more and be required by the speaker

move that all supplies for the public Mr. Smith found several items on institutions be purchased under con: elections law is that which requires which he wanted light. He was told tract. This system prevails in the do- that every handbill circulated in

> The local government claims credit what it has accomplished is the result

Mr. Whitney is anxious to hurry be a new election. But he

Because Hon. Mr. Ross is in Otta- catior and publication in the public wa, in the senate, Mr. Whitney must not suppose that he can say what he the accounts would be a useless pro- likes. He has been exposed, for his law which were raised on the prelimduplicity on the power question.

nominating a candidate in ridings. The president says the party rule. Whew !

civil servants, tories, appointed by a former government, have been quiting the federal government badly lation to a matter of public interest, by political eaves-dropping and tling. The political executioner wanted at Ottawa.

Many and many are the times whe



LIBELS ON PUBLIC MEN

Sir Frederick Borden is persisting in his action for libel against the Nine-As for the city acquiring the com- a gross attack on the minister's priteenth Century. The libel charged was pany's plant. It has a precedent. The vate character, and not on his public The British Whig Publishing Co., Lt'd. Manitoba government was empowered conduct as a public man, and at-EDW. J. B. PENSE, by the vote of the people to install a tacks of that nature should be uni- Toronto Globe. telephone system and bought out the surprising that a review of the stand-Bell company, so far as Manitoba is ing of the Nineteenth Century should secures a place on the railway comconcerned, paying a million dollars have published such charges, emanatmore, in the opinion of critics, that ing from such a prurient source. The publishers have expressed their "ex-A municipal monopoly of this kind and scurrilous gossip should have been treme regret that any such unfounded Toronto Star. may pay. It ought to under ordinary quoted in its pages." They "unrecircumstances. Competition is some servedly withdraw the same, and apol- all the schools. We suggest that the thing which public ownership cannot ogize sincerely to Sir Frederick for order be extended to registry offices, any injury which could possibly have shrievalties and other places where occurred to him from such a scandal- there's anybody lingering around ous story." This apology is, of that's likely to be fired. course, no answer to the action; it can only go in mitigation of dam-

took up the cry and referred to the circulation and effective presentation tering, on the political and business of the rest of us. Mr. McKay let the premier rave they are not relished by the extreme demned by it as possessing a low Hamilton Times. mation about the situation at Nia-way by having the other side shut out mochallanged with the situation at his way by having the other side shut out mochallanged with the situation at his possessing a low standard of morality. That such three conservatives have been returned at by let as possessing a low within the year eleven liberals and three conservatives have been returned at by let as possessing a low within the year eleven liberals and three conservatives have been returned at by let as possessing a low way by having the other side shut out have been damaging to the general clear us of such imputations, and that confidence felt in them in Leeds coun- the effort should be made after some ty-and out of it. No Dargavel or Frederick Borden. With the exculpation of Sir Frederick we could natur-It is the pride of the Whig that it is ally claim that the general animadnot like some conservative journals, versions on our public men, and on our own good name as a people, are without truth."

There will be general concurrence in apology by the party defamed, intion-the latter has been seeking a something in the libel after all, and of his inability to meet it with gives to the injured party. He has done all that is possible in his own been few men in public life who have been more severely assailed than Sir Charles Tupper; but it is to the credit of Sir Charles and his example might well be followed more frequently than it is by the public men of Canadathat he never permitted an attack on his private character or personal honor to pass unnoticed. He at once in sisted on a proper apology, or sought the remedy which the law gave him. In fact, the present leader of the op position was his counsel in one latest appeals to the courts for this cies of cowardly detraction. Any member of either house who resorts to it, as did Mr. Fowler on one notable occasion last session, should have his either to retract his charge on election must bear the name of printing office which issues it. This is It is sometimes said that a public

aimed at libellous handbills of anonymous character, and it is an cellent provision. of expensive commissions. Government man is public property, and within limits, which are pretty well defined, try, or in England, has gone the length of saying that the private character of a public man is always publie property. The trial judge in the Emmerson case, which was, however. a criminal prosecution for libel in which the defendants pleaded justifiinterest, came as near saying that as could be, but he very properly reserved for a bench of judges the points of inary argument, and which might possibly, on a fuller argument, have de-There is an independent tory party cided the question one way or the other. That it was not decided is to be

regretted, not only for the sake of the parties immediately concerned, but The courts have, however, expressed heads, but men who are against boss no uncertain opinions as to newspahave held that the private actions and The Montreal Herald hints that some conduct of a public man is not a far as it affects his public relations; that, in criticizing his conduct in rebase and sordid motives should not be unwarrantably imputed to him; that a newspaper cannot justify a libel as being a matter of public news, or in the bona fide belief that it is of pub-500,000. It did more-it authorized a actual work should supersede prayers. defence for unfounded charges; that charges of corrupt motives or disand that imputations of private im moralty are not in the public interest or for the public benefit. There is a great deal more to the same effect touching public men, and it would, indeed, be strange if the law did not extend to them this reasonable protection against calumny from every

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Has Heard Something.

Mr. Fisher, speaking to the liberals a few days ago that the local govern- thundered against the Montreal Her- servative contemporary said, that of Mississquoi, told them the general ment was hampered and helpless by ald and Kingston Whig. These papers moral character of the minister of in a short time or not for nearly two reason of something the Ross govern- should feel flattered, since the dissat- militia is aspersed, also indulges in re- years yet. Mr. Fisher seems to know ment did, and the conservative papers isfaction shown is a sign of general flections, which are anything but flat-

The Bye Elections.

gara; but some of these days he will of fair argument. Indeed, if either of world at leveleted by neclements were speak, there will be a scene, and the the speakers had approved of the two their truth, and it is well, therefore, three conservatives were elected. The liberal majorities totalled 5,313, and the tories 1,500; of this 1,500, 1,such manner as that adopted by Sir 035 was given in London, where there was no liberal candidate.

Temperance Sentiment.

Winnipeg Free Press. The motion in the Quebec legislature to abolish the drinking bar in the le gislative building did not earry, but it reminds one of the remarkable pro in the last local elections, is again anating from and every man belong- ter of the crown is a representative of talking freely. At the Empire Club, ing to the other party, that no libis in a measure identified with that of the nation itself. While a libeller can the bar of the Manitoba legislature was abolished in the early days of the professed to entertain a very high regard. His independence was exceed. That is the source of offence in the likel and his apology for its publication, it is none the less true that years, but the senate bar is not al-

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World-The Markets.

The failures this week in Canada reached 48; same week 1907, 34. The new Russian navy is to cost \$1, 078,000,000, the expense to be distributed through a term of several years. New York city has a round sum of \$100,000,000 in delinquent taxes

Eight hundred million dollars was spent by the British people last year on alcoholic drinks. It is estimated that the proposed filtration plant for the city of Ogdensburg will cost \$100,000. The Detroit United railway has extended \$140,000 bonds of the Detroit

Suburban railway from five to six prices. The output of gold from the Transvaal in 1907 aggregated \$133,360,292, against \$119,618,507 in 1906 and \$61,

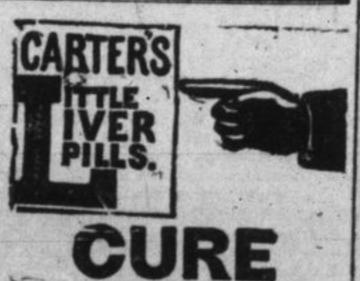
265,575 in 1903. The American Can company is to erect a modern can factory in Montreal at a cost of \$250,000. Work will

commence in the spring. Toronto City Dairy net earnings last year were 'the largest in the cor pany's history, being \$3,800.45 more

than the previous year. The Albert Manufacturing company, Hillsboro, N.B., will close down their The appraised value of precious stones entered at the port of New York in February was \$200,442.24, as compared with \$4,275,300 for Febru

The Montreal Street railway earnings for week ending March 7th, by days are \$7,115, \$9,159, \$10,292, \$9,122, 89,233, 810,057; total, \$64,543, an in-

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