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BETWEEN TWO STOOLS. Mr. Borden thinks he can venture to again run in Halifax, the conservatives having made victories in the late municipal elections. He is anxious to keep his seat for Carleton county, however, and this can be taken as an indication that he does not expect to redeem Halifax. In truth he is expected to look around and find a new location. When defeated in the east he was glad to find an asylum in Carleton. The old member gladly made way for him, but Mr. Kidd has political ambitions and these cannot be gratified so long as Mr. Borden bars the way. He may be pacified with the reflection that Halifax is longing for a change in its representation, and that Mr. Borden, elected in two places will choose that farthest from the capital. But the fact that the leader of the opposition wants to hold on to Carleton is suggestive of misgivings about Halifax that Mr. Kidd will probably share and to his great regret.

Were the liberals chloroformed when the measure to guarantee the Canadian Northern railway was up in the legislature for discussion? Yes, they were given, those present, that the province, for a consideration, was getting a better consideration and presenting this view of the case the government doped the people. "Chloroformed" is a milder word.

THE RAILWAY GUARANTEE. The conservative press has been giving credence to a statement that Messrs. McKay and Pense had a conference at the Rossin House near the close of the recent session of the legislature and had agreed, together, not to oppose the guarantee act in favor of the Canadian Northern R.R. There is not a scintilla of truth in this statement, obviously spread to silence the liberal leader. It was given forth in the absence of Mr. Pense in the far east, and was not known to him until Saturday last, when he made an unequivocal denial. That the charge is a campaigner pure and simple is seen in conspicuous lack of circumstances; the two members did not confer in or out of the house upon this subject; Mr. Pense was not inside the doors of the Rossin House last session. He felt that as the liberal government had proposed the first guarantee he was, as a liberal member who voted for it, handicapped as to opposition to the second guarantee, and that this handicap extended to his leader. But this does not apply to the bad act of bringing down the proposal in the dying days of the session, nor to the evident misleading of the house as to the conditions of the original mortgage in regard to termini. On both these points Mr. Pense made protest at the presentation of the measure.

The liberal motto is "Everything on the hand for the settlers." Mr. McKay moved a motion to that effect when he became Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Ross government and a year ago a similar motion was put in the legislature and referred to by the premier as "baldersdash." The Toronto News does not seem to remember this.

THE COUNCIL IN A FUNK.

This evening the council will meet, at the call of the mayor, to reconsider the paving question. As one views the heaps of muck upon the streets—scrapped up after a year's grinding traffic, the muck being largely pulverized limestone—the conviction forces itself upon him that something must be done in the way of permanent roadways. Mr. Kirby, of Ottawa, has made an attractive proposition. He is a contractor, and so acquainted with several important details. He knows how to organize men so that they will do construction work to the best advantage; he knows where and how to get the materials, that are required for paving; he knows how to interest the property-owners in a new departure, and he must have been a very much surprised man when the council rejected his offer in a somewhat unceremonious fashion. The Whig does not know what is in the mind of the mayor or of those who are behind the call for this emergent meeting, but it knows that there are two ways of looking at the question.

The first way is to give Mr. Kirby the permission, for which he craves, to canvass the people on behalf of paved streets, and to let him do the work when he has got the consent of those who have to pay so large a percentage of its cost. The council assumes no responsibility for failure. It will pay its share of the contracts which may be carried on, under by-law, but it will have no hand in exploiting the scheme. It will simply

let a contractor with the necessary enterprise lead the way, if he can, on street making, as he led the way in artificial stone walk building some years ago. He was the pioneer in the so-called granolithic walks.

The second or alternative way is to have the city do its own road making. Granted that it has a competent engineer to direct and advise it, that it has a treasury department that can finance it, if the thing can be financed at all, that it can secure some one who can lead the educational campaign intelligently, though, perhaps, not as forcefully as Mr. Kirby, why should the council not do its own work and save the people the profits of the middleman?

In other words there are some people who hold that to accept the Kirby offer is (1) to shirk a civic responsibility, and (2) to advertise abroad that the council is unable, for some reason, to undertake a work that properly belongs to it.

A western paper says the conservative party of to-day repudiate the government of conspiracy and mutiny rule the country "without graft and corruption." Foster, Fowler, Baggart, et al, are on the firing line, and wounded, when, as the Montreal Star suggested, are they to be removed?

A SURPRISE MAY OCCUR. It is hoped that the number of gas consumers will increase during the summer months and that the profits on the larger consumption will save the department from a deficit in its returns. This is the consolation that is held out in view of the fact that the illumination is being sold at 26c. per thousand feet less than it really costs.

What is being done by the department to increase the number of consumers since Mr. Campbell called off his canvasser? One knows that the private consumer will attempt in the way of introducing and advertising his goods. The experience of a western gas maker was given to the Whig some days ago. This man owns the plant. He said he was studying the interests of the consumers all the time. He had an inspector whose duty it was to visit stores, houses, factories and see that the gas appliances were doing the best service. It was the function of this agent to suggest changes when they were necessary, and to make these changes at the cost of the gas maker occasionally, rather than that the consumer should be left discontented. This representative was talking gas all the time, and so helpfully that the gas of it had reached the limit in his town.

There is a difference between the private and public owner in another respect. Conciliation is sought when differences arise over accounts or meter readings. The gas man referred to did not permit of any complaint to linger. As soon as he discovered that something was amiss he set in to adjust it, and he usually succeeded. The progressive gas man is giving his personal attention to details all the while, and it pays.

Public ownership is a grand thing—sometimes. It implies, however, the existence of a soulless corporation, whose affairs are in the hands of officials. These officials have no latitude, no permission to depart from fixed regulations, which were like the laws of the Medes and Persians, inflexible, unalterable. The man who is behind them, who is guided by them, is helpless in certain emergencies. He cannot go out and cultivate business. He may be suited for it, and he may not. He may, too, run against the aldermen who have to go to the polls annually or triennially, and it is their special right to cultivate any favour that is going.

It is hard, then, to see how the number of gas consumers is to be materially increased in Kingston during the summer, but some astonishing things have happened in the light department, and the era of surprises is not over.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The receipts from succession dues so far this year amounts to \$238,487.57. So the robbery of the dead, as Col. Matheson put it, goes on apace.

The witness referred lately to the Lords as the House of Beers. It has no occasion to withdraw the remark seeing that so many brewers hold sway in the upper chamber.

Mr. Foster is still worrying over the insurance commissioner's report. Mr. Shepley must have left some awful soundings. His was the probe that went to the bottom of things.

Appeals from Gananogue to the provincial secretary to interfere in the administration of the license law! And Mr. Hanna wants all and sundry to understand that politics do not count in the license department!

The Ottawa Citizen should give us a rest about the moral effects of the license law under the Whitney government in view of recent revelations. These scandals are without a precedent in the days of liberal rule.

ham, the scene of real war, would re-juvenate them. The Montreal Star, independent conservative, says no government should hold back important measures until the dying days of the session. When this is done, as in Toronto, the government "need not be surprised if the people deduce the inference that there is something to hide."

The story of the Toronto News, that Mr. McKay passed on the word that the C. N. R. guarantee was not to be opposed, turns out to be a fiction. The dear contemporary is fast qualifying for the position the Mail at present occupies.

LOSS OF LIFE.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—A ferry boat on the river near Rikoff, yesterday, and twenty persons were drowned.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

A Gallant Defender. Toronto Star. John Smith, M.P.P., will not run again for Peel county. Seventy-seven years old and a bachelor, John Smith was yet the gallant defender of woman suffrage in the legislature.

Good To His Own. Toronto Globe. Hon. Mr. Cochrane seems to think the province got off easy with \$130,000 for his brother-in-law. In that case we should take no more chances.

One On Cochrane. Toronto Telegram. The Whitney government went out of office for no other reason than Ontario which Mr. Gamble describes as a worshipper of the minister of mines would leave the minister of mines at home.

Right You Are. Guelph Mercury. "The world owes each man a living," says the social reformer. True, and it is equally true that it is up to each man to do something himself to collect the bill.

Another View Of It. Montreal Gazette. The statement that the Canadian civil service is "rotten" is being frequently made on the strength of the recent report of the royal commission. The commissioner's statements hardly justify so sweeping a charge. They show, indeed, that there are in the departments capable and efficient men who do good work, and deserve better treatment than they receive.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

Charge Against Alfred Bernier Was Dismissed. There was no evidence produced in the police court this morning to substantiate the charge against Alfred Bernier, Queen street,—that of having assaulted his wife, and that charge was dismissed. On a charge of drunkenness Bernier was fined \$2 and costs. The case came before the court on Saturday morning, and was adjourned until this morning.

When placed in the box Bernier strongly denied the charge lodged against him. He acknowledged having taken a few glasses of beer, but did not strike his wife. His wife told about him knocking down the curtain poles and pulling the stove pipes down, and the magistrate asked him to explain. The accused said that this was all an accident. It had not been done intentionally. Inspector Clark Wright said that Mrs. Bernier had asked to have her husband placed on the Indian list, but his conduct would not warrant such action. He was a steady worker, and he had no right to take papers out against him. The circumstances were explained to Mrs. Bernier by the magistrate.

Bernier has no police court record, and several prominent citizens speak well of him. When near Kelly's jewelry store, Princess street, about eleven o'clock on Saturday night, Constable "Harry" Filson heard a crashing of glass, and noticed George Amell, a young man run out of the door. He investigated and found that a pane of glass in the jewelry store had been broken. Amell ran into a nearby pool room, and Constable Filson went after him and placed him under arrest. Amell admitted being drunk but said that he didn't know whether he smashed the window or not. He had broken the glass he was quite willing to pay the damages. He was fined \$3 and costs, and will also pay the cost of a new pane of glass.

Filling The Plate. A negro preacher whose supply of food was running low decided to take radical steps to impress upon his flock the necessity for contributing liberally to the church exchequer. Accordingly, at the close of the sermon he made an impressive pause and then proceeded as follows:

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The celebrated baby food, Robinson's Patent Barley, Sold at Gilson's Red Cross Drug Store. The Presbyterian synod of Toronto and Kingston will meet in St. James' Square church, Toronto, on May 12th. The board of health was called to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

Make the Opposition Strong—Whitney's Embarrassment.

Toronto Globe. The best interests of Ontario will not be served unless at the provincial elections the opposition in the legislature is made strong, aggressive, and ferocious. A majority of forty-two for Hon. J. P. Whitney was, in some respects as dangerous to good government as was Hon. George W. Ross' majority of three. The confident assurance of a large majority bred recklessness among a disregard for principle and public interest.

Mr. Whitney entered on his premiership with high promises and, as the Globe believes, with excellent intentions. He meant to give an honest, impartial, progressive administration. But the benchmen and heeled of the party beset him and his government, the more insistent and unreasonable because of the security of the party's majority in the legislature, and little by little the defences of the premier were broken down until he landed in the dishonor of the gerrymander and the compromising entanglements with William Mackenzie. Had Premier Whitney a majority of less than twenty instead of more than forty he would have mastered for himself every important measure, kept the favor-hunters at arm's length, and would not have allowed public rights in Niagara power to be betrayed or sacrificed through the indifference and antagonism of members of his cabinet. What the Globe said the day after the elections in 1905 has been proved true—his majority has been his embarrassment.

Best Left Alone.

Washington Star. Andrew Carnegie, at a dinner that was recently given in his honor in New York, told an amusing story at his own expense. "I was travelling on an English railway Londonward, last year," he said, "and had chosen a seat in a non-smoking carriage. At a wayside station a man boarded the train, sat down in my compartment and lighted a vile day pipe. "This is not a smoking carriage," said I. "All right, governor," said the man, "I'll just finish this pipe here." "He finished it, then refilled it again. "See here, I said, I told you this wasn't a smoking carriage. If you persist with that pipe I shall report you at the next station to the guard." "I handed him my card. He looked at it, pocketed it, but lit his pipe nevertheless. At the next station, however, he changed to another compartment. "Calling a guard I told him what had occurred, and demanded that the smoker's name and address be taken. "Yes, sir," said the guard, and hurried away. In a little while he returned. He seemed rather awed. He bent over me and said apologetically: "Do you know, sir, if I were you I would not prosecute that gent. He has just given me his card. Here it is. He is Andrew Carnegie."

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Wedding Music.

It happened at the Little Church Across the Street. A wedding was in progress. The organist had played "Lohengrin Coming In" and was prepared to play "Mendelssohn Going Out." During the ceremony the strains of "Call Me Thine Own" were blent with the prayer book service. Suddenly the sexton whisked in the car of the organist. "Both of them been married three times!" Instantly the fingers on the keyboard modulated into the key of G-flat, and through the low-vaulted aisles rippled that beautiful Opus 29th street, "Just For Today."

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