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### Daily Whig.

ANOTHER TRUST IN PERIL. The desperation of a cause, or the wickedness of an act—and all attempts of the trusts to chloroform public men are wicked—may justify the theft of letters, and the publication of them, but the Harriman and Archibald (Standard Oil) experiences will have a damaging effect upon the stenographic business.

Few men who have large businesses do personal correspondence. They have only time to sign the cheques that are laid before them, and some men have such confidence in the clerical attendants that they are entrusted with a reasonable use of their employers' money.

Harriman suffered a severe "jolt" when some of his letters left his confidential files and reached the hands of the president. They supplied the basis of a very effective attack upon his monopolistic tendency. A "trusted" clerk sold the correspondence. The price may have been large, but it made an end of his usefulness.

Mr. Archibald, of the Standard Oil company, said the letters which Mr. Hearst has been reading about the country, to the dismay or damage of certain politicians, were stolen three years ago by "a trusted employee," and huckstered about New York. They have ruined, politically, several persons, and the end is not yet.

The result may be to check the development of the stenographer and typist as helpful auxiliaries in commercial life. "Trusted clerks" cannot afford to barter and sell the papers they handle confidentially. They are imperilling the business which is now giving employment to many thousands of persons, an exceedingly great army of them.

ACTING LIKE COWARDS. The campaign is made lurid with the charges of wrong-doing which have emanated from conservative sources. One man has been bold enough to declare that he said in parliament, right at his desk, in the full glare of light, what he alleged behind a picture machine in the west.

Let us see. Did he rise in the house, and on his responsibility as a member, charge any man with an offence the proving in which would have driven him into retirement? No. Over and over again there were insinuations, foul and nasty, but not charges.

In strong contrast stands the record of liberal opposition. "In the name of heaven," shouts one excited individual, "why did the liberals not investigate and bring charges against the late conservative government?" They did, with serious results.

The late Mr. Tarte, after vainly trying to get Sir John Macdonald to purge the public works department on his own account, charged Sir Hector Langevin and Thomas McGreevy with a misuse of funds and power, and both went down in disgrace.

The late Judge Lister charged John Haggart with being financially interested in a certain railway case, while a member of house, thereby violating the Independence of Parliament Act. The motion of enquiry was voted down, and among those who sat upon the lid were George E. Foster, George Taylor and Dr. Sproule.

Again the late James D. Edgar preferred direct charges against Sir Adolphe Caron, the postmaster-general, charging him with participation in a railway deal by which about \$100,000 were secured for election and corrupt purposes. Once more enquiry was stifled, and included in those engaged in gagging the enquiry were George Eulas Foster, George Taylor and Dr. Sproule.

Now there is a way of driving home charges and driving tainted members from the commons, and it is to prefer a formal charge and take the responsibility of sacrificing one's seat and honor if he cannot prove it.

"Yet," as the Edmonton Bulletin, Hon. Mr. Oliver's paper, remarks: "Not a member of the opposition since 1896 has found himself as he believed so 'credibly informed' that a member of the government had been guilty of wrong-doing that he was willing to undertake the proof of a charge to that effect, or to risk his standing as a member by making such charges. Yet these men complain when they are called slanderers. What 'in the name of heaven' else can they expect?"

About one hundred persons went to see Mr. Ames' magic lantern pictures in Walland. It was the coldest night that Mr. Ames ever experienced, and frost has been present at several of his meetings.

### ILL-TIMED AGITATION ENDED.

The city council has disposed of the petition, so indiscriminately signed by many people, and with regard to the Board of Education. Had the question of a smaller board been the only issue there might have been a different result, because there is room for a difference of opinion as to whether the school affairs of the city cannot be as well or better conducted by a board of ten as by one of twenty.

The petition, however, was offensive in its wording. It had a preamble which was generally interpreted as a serious reflection upon the board. Several things were implied—that the board was inefficient, that there was inharmonious among the members, that school taxation was increasing, and that certain examinations, unspecified, had not been satisfactory—and in support of these charges, regarded by the large majority of the trustees as most serious and unwarranted, not a tittle of evidence was supplied.

The cause of the petitioners was feebly presented. One of the speakers, in favour of a change, indeed, disclaimed any desire to reflect upon the Board of Education. He was willing to accept the service of any ten of the present members under the changed conditions, and believed it would redound to the advantage of the schools. With the others the weight of argument might be summed up in one phrase, "It is time for a change."

The board as it is to-day was ably championed by several of its members, who pointed out that the experience of the county councils, of the Boards of Education elsewhere, and particularly in Hamilton, elected by the whole people, was against the proposition for a smaller board.

When both sides had been heard it took only a few minutes for the council to reach a conclusion. Unanimously the feeling was expressed that it would be discourteous to endorse the terms of the petition and in that way endorse the reflections embraced in its preamble.

It struck home that concurrence meant a repudiation of those who represented the council in the school board, and who had endeavoured, conscientiously, to discharge the public duties devolving upon them.

The motion was to refer the question—Are you in favour of a smaller Board of Education?—to a vote of the people in connection with the municipal election. The amendment was to take no action, because of the reflection involved in the petition, and the amendment carried by a vote of eleven to two.

But one thing remains, if it is desirable to go further with this agitation, and that is, on motion of the board, to have a reference of the people to the proposition would hardly receive now the sanction or support of a large majority of the trustees.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The unworkable minority in school board will now probably go on strike permanently.

Now that the election campaign is on it will be well for the active workers of both parties to read the new election act. Some of its provisions are very exacting.

The labour council has condemned the immigration scheme of the Salvation Army and Sir James Whitney, in England, endorsed it. Which has the correct idea of the facts?

The candidates in Argenteuil have signed an agreement and will conduct a pure election. The possible imposition of heavy penalties will make an observance of the agreement very desirable.

There have never in this province been such meetings as those held by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the open. They have surpassed by thousands the political picnics of Sir John Macdonald.

So the Mail is supplanted by the News, and the latter has become the chief organ of the conservative party. Who would ever suspect such a thing after the experience and fate of the Empire? Is the party riding for another fall?

The people rejected the proposition that the aldermen be elected by the city and not by wards. What evidence is there that they would support the proposal of electing the school trustees and a smaller number from the whole city.

Some one wonders why the Canadian politicians—the leaders at least—do not send out their speeches, in "embalmed form," or rolls for use in phonographs. Is that not the limit? What inspiration is there in the rasping echoes of a music box?

The Spectator is printing some ancient and musty election literature for the benefit of the Whig and other liberal papers. What a waste of space! Can't the Spectator give us something up-to-date? The conservative hand book ranks with the abandoned school books.

### Don't Worry.

No need to borrow trouble for you can get just what you want right here. New derbies, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, at Campbell Bros., Kingston's style centre for men's hats.

### THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

#### WAS CAREFULLY GUARDED BY GOVERNMENT.

Only \$1 in Every \$8,000 Attacked by the Opposition and the Complaint Was That Prices Were Too High For Goods Supplied.

Since the liberal party came into power in 1896, there has passed through their hands, both ways, approximately \$300,000,000, and of this colossal sum the following items have been challenged by the conservatives: Moncton land deal ..... \$ 8,805 Halifax land deal ..... 26,812 Kentville rifle range ..... 5,841 Pearson printing account ..... 7,155 Walberg contracts ..... 1,100 Merwin contracts ..... 6,173 Strubble contracts ..... 2,471 Sub-target contract ..... 33,700

Grand total ..... \$95,507 It is not alleged that this money was corruptly or dishonestly obtained from the government, but that the prices paid for articles were in excess of value, and the profit or commissions made by the middlemen were excessive. For the purpose of illustration we will admit the sum of \$100,000 as being paid in excess of a fair price. This means that \$1 in every \$8,000 expended by the government is open to question.

Let any reasonable man think of this for a moment, and apply such a result to any railway corporation, municipal council or extensive business enterprise that has \$8,000 to expend, and if every dollar of the whole \$8,000 is expended in a manner that cannot be questioned, would it not be an occasion for congratulation? If the people of Canada have had good value for everything expended, excepting only to the extent of \$1 in every \$8,000, then it must be admitted that the affairs of the people have been well looked after, and the public money has been expended prudently and honestly.

It would be a very different matter if the conservatives charged that even this trifling sum of \$1 in every \$8,000 had found its way into the pocket of any minister of the crown or public official. In such case the situation would be changed. As it stands the sum total of the opposition criticism amounts to the same paltry sum as being an excessive charge, and that is only a matter of opinion.

This is a very different state of affairs to what occurred in conservative days, when the liberal party were in opposition. They charged gross wrong-doing by the conservatives then in power, and these charges were not alone based upon extravagance, but upon actual dishonesty and participation in corrupt profits.

The money of the people has been carefully guarded, and considering the magnitude of the business transacted, and the endless detail connected with each department, it must be the occasion of congratulation that after twelve years the opposition can only present to the people a few instances in which it is thought that too high prices were paid for goods supplied to the government. The government has offered every facility for the most thorough investigation into the public accounts, but so thorough a system of supervision exercised by the auditor-general that overcharges and excessive prices are easily detected. It may truthfully be said that financial affairs have been economically and wisely administered.

### The Tariff On Woollens.

Mr. Fielding at Galt. "There is some talk about the tariff regarding the Canadian woollen industry. I have been very anxious as to the people's welfare, and I tell you I have no fads on the tariff question. My desire is to study that matter thoroughly. My desire is to meet the interests of that industry, providing it is not again the great consuming industry which we have placed on the duty on woollen clothes at thirty per cent. against Great Britain, a conservative manufacturer told me that was a fair settlement of the question. Some of them thought their interests had not been fairly considered. I regret that deeply, but before we can agree to advance the duty we must have a fair study of all the phases of the question. Another man told me, not long ago, that the whole cause of the trouble lies on account of changes in styles. It was not a case of price, but a change in style. The man who told me that is also a conservative. I express no conclusion as to his judgment. If any industry is not getting along, then it is my duty to approach that question sympathetically and try and find a solution of the problem." (Cheers.)

### On The Eve Of Solution.

Goldwin Smith in Weekly Sun. The Bystander learns on what he takes to be unquestionable authority, that the question of home rule for Ireland is on the eve of solution. If it is, the result under the present ministry will be home rule, and home rule, whatever may be the present form or measure of it, will probably be the beginning of a struggle for nationality. Such is the working of the party system. A small minority as the Irish home rulers in parliament are, by voting their vote into the party scale, is enabled to force its will on parliament and the nation. Is it not strange to see Great Britain incurring enormous expense and great obloquy to bind in nominally closer union a petty state in South Africa, while she concedes to an agitation in the Celtic part of Ireland what may prove a dismemberment of the United Kingdom.

### Will He Cover Any Bets?

The predictions of George Taylor, M.P., conservative whip, regarding the coming election, have caused amusing comment. One prominent business man, who is not an active politician, but who keeps closely in touch with affairs, said, to-day, that he would like to wager a hundred dollars or more against the accuracy of each one of Mr. Taylor's forecasts.

In Brooklyn, a two-months-old baby was accidentally closed up in a folding bed, and smothered to death. Special inducements to mothers. See Livingston's advt.

### GENIAL GEORGE.

#### Grows Optimistic and Indulges in Predictions.

George Taylor, M.P., conservative whip, and organizer for Eastern Ontario, visited Kingston yesterday and, we are told, predicted, not only that the liberal government would be defeated, but went into details and issued a statement showing just how many conservatives and liberals would be elected in each province. We are asked to believe that Mr. Taylor knows and tells the truth, the fall of the Laurier government is already a foregone conclusion. If this is so, if Mr. Taylor knows and tells the truth, why go on with the contest? Sir Wilfrid Laurier might just as well step down and out now and hand over the reins of government to Mr. Borden, Mr. Taylor and friends, thus saving the country the turmoil and expense of an election. Possibly Sir Wilfrid might be persuaded to do this if Mr. Taylor had omitted the details, and one thing else; but then details are unfortunate for Mr. Taylor's reputation as—shall we say—one who knows, or one who tells the truth? When Mr. Taylor says that only one liberal is to be elected in Prince Edward Island, four in New Brunswick, twelve in Nova Scotia, fifty in Quebec and twenty in Ontario, to say nothing of his absurd prediction regarding the Western provinces, he makes it difficult for us to believe that he knows; but when in his enthusiasm he goes so far as to say that Dr. Ross is likely to be elected in Kingston then we know the genial George is only talking through his grey felt hat in an effort to jolly the local Tories, for no one knows better than he that Dr. Ross has no more chance of defeating Mr. Hartly than he has of being president of the United States. Owing to these false details, and the still more fatal prediction regarding Kingston, George's reputation as a prophet is blighted and so, no doubt, Sir Wilfrid will continue to handle the affairs of government for a while longer, say at least four or five years.

### BOY TRAMP IN CELLS.

#### He Came to the City From Gananoque.

A boy tramp from Gananoque, aged fifteen, occupied a cell at police headquarters, last night. He said that he was tired of home life, and had decided to run away. He had very little money in his possession, and after walking the streets of Kingston all day, yesterday, thought that the best thing to do would be to go to the police station, and there he spent the night. It was his first night in a police station, and he did not care very much for his surroundings. He did not have very pleasant dreams, and was glad when it came morning. The police, to-day, made enquiries about the lad, and had him sent back to his home. He was very glad of the chance to get back, and from the little experience that he had, it is not thought that he will again be so long to leave his home, and fight life's battles alone, at least not until he is a few years older.

### ANNUITIES FOR CLERGY.

#### Synod Discuss Method of Providing For Them.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—It is possible that the Anglican general synod may come out for having the clergymen throughout Canada, provided with annuities under the government act passed last session. S. T. Bastedo, superintendent of annuities, addressed the house of bishops and representatives of the lower house, at the request of the bishops themselves.

As the Anglican church has no widows and orphans fund, the synod wished to find out how the annuity system could serve as a substitute. It is just possible that the synod may enter into a contract for the clergymen as a body, but, of course, no action will be taken this session.

### Is The Mail Displaced?

Toronto Globe. A Petoboo despatch states that the Albany Club, Toronto, is directing the general election contest on behalf of the opposition at Ottawa. Under date of September 21st, over the name of C. A. Masters, chairman, there has been issued to conservative candidates a personal and confidential letter from the Albany Club, Toronto. This letter states "Arrangements have been made with the Toronto News by a committee of conservative gentlemen here (Toronto) to make a special feature of the conservative campaign. The News will present the case powerfully in argument, articles, and cartoons. You must appreciate the benefit to you if the plan, true, convincing statement which the News will make goes daily until election into five hundred homes in your constituency, of doubtful, or independent, or liberal voters who are open to reason." The circular letter makes no mention of the Mail and Empire, which may be recommended by Organizers Birmingham, Snider and Carstairs. The blessing of the Albany Club has been given to the News, and so the fight goes on.

### Civic Committee Meetings.

The light, heat and power committee was called to meet at four o'clock this afternoon to again consider the gas tank question, a communication having been received from J. M. Campbell.

Ald. Angrove called a meeting of the city property committee for three o'clock this afternoon to consider what is to be done about the city buildings' dome. Action has been withheld this week, awaiting a communication from some outside quarter.

### To Be Soon Lighted.

Sarnia, Ont., Oct. 2.—J. Murphy, district engineer of the Canadian department of marine and fisheries, says the new lighthouse, on the Canadian side of St. Clair river, will be lighted for the first time on the night of October 17th.

Adelard Guay and Francois Duchesneau, two boys of thirteen, boarders of St. Joseph Orphanage, Levis, Que., were caught trying to set fire to the building, sheltering 150 orphans and nuns. They were sentenced to three years in reformatory schools.



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#### DEW-PONDS OF ANCIENTS.

#### How They Gathered Water Without Pain.

One of the prehistoric methods used in securing a water supply in sections where it was impossible to secure it from natural sources or where it became necessary to live on elevated territory for defense, was by the construction of dew-ponds, says the October Popular Mechanics. These dew-ponds were made by hollowing out the earth for a space far in excess of the apparent requirements of such a pond, then thickly covering the whole of the hollow with a coating of straw. The straw in its turn was covered by a layer of well-chosen, finely puddled clay, and the upper surface of the clay closely strewn with stones.

Such a pond will gradually become filled with water, the more rapidly the larger it is, even though no rain may fall. During the warmth of a summer day the earth will store a considerable amount of heat, which on the surface of the pond, by the non-conductivity of the straw, is at the same time chilled by the process of evaporation from the puddled clay. The consequence is that during the night the moisture of the comparatively warm air is condensed on the surface of the cold clay. As the condensation during the night is in excess of the evaporation during the day, the pond becomes, night by night, gradually filled.

#### Queer Freak In Women Voting.

The women of Iowa have for some time had the right to vote on school questions. Recently this law was amended in Shenandoah so as to give all owners of real estate, including women, a vote on the proposition to levy a tax on railroads. The women property owners were not told of their new prerogative until noon of election day, and even then their ballots were kept separate, in case the validity of the election should be questioned. According to the ballots cast by the men there was a majority of eleven in favor of taxing railroads. When the women's votes were counted the majority was found to be fifty against the tax.

#### Englishwoman Married To Turk.

Anglo-Saxon women cannot be deterred, it seems, from marrying Orientals. Even the unprejudiced Turk is not excluded from the possibility of winning an Occidental bride. A woman writing to a London paper tells of having been stopped in the streets of Constantinople by a closely veiled woman dressed entirely in black. She bent down her head a moment to whisper that she was an English woman married to a Turkish merchant, and begged the stranger to save either of her countrywomen from a like fate.

President Roosevelt may go on the stump for Taft. Livingston's special Saturday, See advt.

#### AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

#### Dates of Some of These For 1908.

Colborne ..... Oct. 5 and 6  
Roblin's Mills ..... Oct. 3.

#### The Weaker Sex.

Those who think women are the weaker sex are asked by The Ladies' Pictorial to consider the records of women explorers. There is Miss Mi Rasmussen, a Danish woman, who accompanied her brother, Knud Rasmussen, to Alaska. Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard found a way through unknown Labrador, and Mrs. Margaret Selenka, undertered by the death of her husband, is at the present moment searching for the "missing link" in Java, under the auspices of the German government. Mrs. Workman, with her husband, Dr. W. H. Workman, made an ascent of twenty-one thousand feet in the Karakoram Mountains, where Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Seligman have recently returned from an investigation of the Veddas, the original inhabitants of Ceylon, who are fast dying out. Mrs. Seligman shared all the hardships of the expedition and tramped three hundred miles.

#### Concrete Telegraph Poles.

The Pennsylvania railroad has begun to install concrete telegraph poles along its right of way. The assertion is made that they will not be so liable to destruction by storms and will last longer than the wooden poles. The road has chosen a long stretch of exposed track between Pittsburgh and Chicago for the experiment, which will be carried on throughout the winter. If found satisfactory the entire system will have the new concrete pole.

#### A New Telephone Marvel.

A German inventor has been astounding London with demonstrations of a device for sending handwriting simultaneously with the voice over an ordinary wire for considerable distances. He uses a low tension current of 12 volts, and his apparatus can be made an auxiliary to any telephone. Aside from its sentimental value, this invention is expected to prove of great importance commercially.

#### The Way Of Repentance.

Distressed at his son's refusal to enter the ministry and his preference for dealing in horses, a farmer was telling his sorrow to a neighbor. "Oh," said the latter, "don't take it too much to heart. I believe Tom will lead more men to repentance as a horse dealer than ever he would as a minister."

#### Chosen By Queen's Students.

Campbell Bros' \$2 and \$2.50 derbies have for years been the choice of her college boys.

It is reported by an international authority that since the panic of a year ago this month foreign purchases of American securities have risen about \$300,000,000. S.S. Montcalm at Father Point, inward.