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#### RECORD OF THE MEN.

In three of the wards there will not be any akermanic contests on Monday. St. Lawrence, Ontario and Frontenac have elected Aids. Carson, Rigney and McCann by acclamation. The choice in two cases was deliberately made. The aldermen-elect have been men of action, and deserved re-election. The member-elect for Frontenac ward owes his return to a misunderstanding, not to a popular endorsement. He may have radical tendencies or ideas on municipal reforms, but he has not been showing them. Perhaps he will take the hint and now do something worthy of the honor that has been conferred on him.

In Catarqui ward there is the most animated contest, there being two vacancies in the council and four candidates for them: Ald. Henderson is being opposed by ex-Ald. McKay. It is claimed that the old member should be elected, but why is not apparent. Ald. Henderson is no better man than Mr. McKay, and is no more interested in the welfare of the city. Mr. McKay is doing an immense business, without bonus or civic favour, and that he is willing to give his time to the public service is a matter of very great moment. Moreover, he is not likely to leave the city, during his term of service. The fight between Mr. Tweedell and the mayor for the one-year term is a pretty one.

In Rideau ward the success of W. R. Clugston should be certain. Mr. Clugston is a life-long resident of the ward, has large property interests in it, and has been induced to offer as a candidate, simply in the public interest. The opposition of Mr. Metcalfe is not seriously taken. He is a practical joker, is ready to be a candidate at any time, for any office, and so fits into the emergency of his party. The council just now is not looking for jokers, and the people can be depended upon to act accordingly. The council has one contractor, in Ald. McCartney, and another in Mr. Clugston. He is very much to the city's advantage.

M. P. Reid has accepted nomination in Victoria ward as the opponent of Ald. C. Graham, who was the chairman of the works department and is more responsible than any one else for the road by-law that is now before the people and for the napres pavement scheme that met its death in the council. Mr. Reid is a young, progressive and successful business man and ought to be elected.

The veteran of the council, Ald. Toye, is having opposition in Sydenham ward from Dr. Anglin. The Whig follows custom and says a good word for Dr. Anglin. He has been on the school board and been a good member, and no one can object to his ambition to occupy a seat in the council. But why replace the man who has served the ward so long and so well? The hardest thing that can be said of Ald. Toye is that he made gas too cheap, that he lowered the price prematurely, though in pursuance of the city's promise, and that is a small matter compared with the bungling of the power committee during last year under the chairmanship of a man who wants to be mayor. Ald. Toye does not suit some men—he knows too much for them and they would like to have him silenced—but he is watchful of the people's business, and the people should see that he is re-elected.

#### A CALL TO OFFICE.

In a Buffalo paper some time ago it was suggested that the business of a city would never be conducted like the business of the private individual or corporation until the people had the opportunity, and power, under the law, to appoint or elect a manager. The ideal man might then be found, and he might not. All would depend upon the influences that were at work in his call. If the only question were the one of qualification or fitness the people's selection would be made. At the moment, or within a given term, the man with every evidence of suitability might not be at hand, but eventually he would be secured.

If Kingston were governed in its desire for mayor by one thought, that the office should seek the person, and he have, in his life and experience and service, the qualities that invite esteem and respect and confidence, there would be no doubt as to who would be called the mayor-elect on Monday evening. The mayor is the head of the city's public departments, and as between the two men who have been nominated Alderman Couper is unmistakably the more popular. He has many things that stand out conspicuously in his favour. He was served with a requisition which was

signed by a thousand electors. He did not seek the office with which his name has been associated. It was pressed upon him by the people. They told him that he should accept the duty of the hour, and assume the responsibility of serving them as he could. In acquiescing to these representations he became the people's candidate.

Alderman Couper has made dominant in his public addresses the prominent feature of his character—his absolute independence. He will be "no man's man," an aggressive phrase over one which signifies that in the crisis of any hour, when issues arise in which the individual or the corporation will be against the city, he will be the champion of the people. In such a crisis in the past Alderman Couper has thus acted. In such a crisis as may arise this year, and towards which certain contingencies are surely tending, he will thus act again. He is for the city first, last, and all the time, and with a mayor who is safe or cautious (not obstinate), the electors can rest content.

On the civic committees on which he has served there has been no exhibit of incapacity so far as he is concerned—no jobbery, no scandal, no whispering of strange things, no reflection upon contractors or officials. His conduct and course have been clean throughout. It has been said of him, as if it were an unpardonable sin, that he did not vote for compulsory vaccination of the people. He has made no secret of that fact. He has a personal experience that made him opposed to vaccination, but he is one of about four thousand of our citizens who thought and felt as he did. He could not have erred so much on this point when a representative of the provincial board would not, (when the situation was perhaps its worst), declare for compulsory vaccination. His advice was that the employers of labour, the education authorities, and the people generally, be invited to cooperate on a grave question, and this was the result. Voting for compulsory vaccination was not a thing to glory over when nothing was done practically to give the enactment effect.

The want of the hour is a mayor who gives the assurance by his record of an honest and economical administration of the people's affairs, and Alderman Couper is the man for the place.

BOURASSA AS A LEADER.

The defeat of the leader of the conservatives in the Quebec legislature is to be regretted, and for many reasons. Mr. Leblanc was the representative of his party all through one parliament, when there were only seven men to represent it, and he was the one to whom the most of the criticism fell. He was an able and reasonable man, and, left to himself, was inclined to act in a fair and friendly way. Unfortunately, he had to accept the advice and help of his party friends and invited opposition from Mr. Levesque, and the people showed him their preference.

An irregularly re-opened the constituency and again these men met in an appeal to the people, and for a second time Mr. Leblanc has been rejected. There is no help for it, but to accept Henri Bourassa as the leader of the Bleus. He has been gradually preparing for the office. He commended by having no personal quarrel with the premier, Mr. Gouin; then with opposing him; then with opening fire on his government and denouncing it, and finally with espousing the cause of the conservative candidate in Chateauguay.

Brilliant he is, and eloquent, and popular with many because he appeals to the French people as their special idol and advocate. But he is an unsafe man, all the same, and the exponent of a racialism that can have no abiding place in the affections of the people. The conservatives are welcome to him, though it is doubtful whether they will express any delight over his acquisition.

All the seats having gone liberal in the bye-elections, and Mr. Leblanc being among the dead, politically, there will be no alternative but to accept him and tolerate him, and blink at his peccadilloes since the party will not have the power or temerity to restrain him.

MUST WAIT THE REPORT.

The Toronto World is a lively paper, and Mr. Maclean, as its editor, delivers himself of some very bright things. Occasionally, however, he manifests the petulant spirit, or his paper shows it, and he gets the credit. The Cassels enquiry is over, and the judge is said to be busy preparing his report. It will be presented at the opening of the federal parliament, whose meeting has been called. From the evidence, as it has appeared in the papers, it is easy to conclude that there will be changes in the civil service, that some of the officials who have forfeited the confidence of the government, have also forfeited the right to any protection from punishment. Some of them are under suspension, and it is expected that dismissals will follow. But removal from office will not be an atonement for their wrongdoing. There should be, and there will be, according to report from Ottawa—prosecutions in due time. The World,

however, is hot for swift and summary chastisement.

It has not heard of any criminal actions. When are they to be commenced? It asks. It wonders if the federal government is expecting dear Mr. Foy to be the big policeman. "Is it an offence to swindle the dominion government by a system of rake offs? Has this been done in Quebec and are the guilty parties known?" Would it not be wiser for our country to possess its soul in patience for a while? The report of Judge Cassels will be full, explicit, and impartial. Of that there can be no doubt. The commissioner has used the probe unsparringly, and will express his convictions according to the evidence and in a clear and candid manner.

When parliament, which appointed the commission, is apprised of all the facts, it will be in order for the honorable the minister of justice, designated by the World, as "the attorney-general of Canada," to act. In all probability he will be quite equal to the duty which has been laid upon him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.  
Happy New Year.  
Ald. Couper for mayor.

Will the taxation next year be higher? A good deal depends upon the election on Monday.

Boss Ruel, of San Francisco, and described as the prince of corruptionists, poses as a purist. Astonishing? Why? Satan quoted scripture.

The workmen of the city have their preferences for the men who seek high office. With their help the office of mayor next year will be filled by a Couper.

So there has been snow in England which has interfered with railway traffic. Kipling can again write about the "Lady of the Snows," as she carries herself at home.

The argument in Toronto on the municipal election was that a reduction in the number of licenses was followed by an increase in drunkenness. Remarkable, isn't it?

The women who have votes should get out and use them on Monday. They cannot, by their indifference, afford to stand in the way of the suffrage movement, and heretofore they have done this.

There is not much in the claim of a man to favour because of something his grandfather did. The man who wants public recognition nowadays may rest the claim upon what he has done himself.

Gaolph is excited over a case of petty graft, a local pool room keeper having, it is said, paid less than \$100 for the passage of a by-law in his favour. What, legislation for the price of a song? Impossible.

La Presse, of Montreal, says the people expect the Gouin government to be enterprising, and spend, not hoard, the money of the province. One well spent now is worth a thousand dollars later. How do you like that philosophy?

It is to be hoped Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, will not attempt to bribe an opponent into the support of his government by offering him the speakership. Better to go back to the people again or go down to defeat.

The American alienists advocate a change in the treatment of murderers. Life sentences are making many convicts insane. It is argued that men should be committed for indeterminate periods—thus preserving reason with hope. May be something in this.

Insurance Of Work.  
Brantford Expositor.

The idea of insurance against want of employment continues to grow. Any man who lives in Berne, whether a Swiss subject or not, may now insure against unemployment in the municipal board providing he is able to work and not above sixty years of age. All that he has to do is to apply to the bureau, either directly or through his employer or his union for an insurance book, and fasten in to it every month an insurance stamp of the value of 70 centimes. In return for these 70 centimes a month he secures the right to a money allowance for every day, up to sixty days, that he is out of work during the months of December, January and February, provided that he has been in work for at least six months in the course of the year, provided also that he has not lost his work through laziness, disorderly conduct, or any other fault of his own, and that he has not refused work offered to him on reasonable conditions.

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## SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Different Treatment. Montreal Herald. Mr. Verville is right about the superiority of Canadian institutions over American. They put their labor leaders in jail. We put ours in parliament.

Worth The Money. Joseph Mercury. With the exception of two black eyes, a swollen jaw, and a sore nose, Tommy is feeling quite himself again. However, it was worth taking for \$30,000.

A Sad Mixture. Toronto Star. Mr. Hanna threatens legislation next session to make 'em keep hotel. Many of them are so far from being up to the label on the bottle that they refill Scotch bottles with rye.

Who Dares? London Advertiser. Sunday street cars have been in operation in Hamilton for twenty-five years. Does anyone contend that London is better morally than her sister city?

He Came To Grief. Belleville Ontario. George McMann, who invented the preposterous baby of the comic supplement, has just been married. Fate gets even with everybody soon or late.

A Mean Act. Hamilton Times. At a female suffrage meeting in England the other night somebody released half a dozen rats and caused a stampede. Next thing the opponents of the suffragettes will be fighting the cause with mice.

Cost Going Up. Ottawa Citizen. Twenty years ago the militia of Canada consisted of over 37,700 men with an annual expenditure of \$1,320,000. Now Canada has a militia of barely 50,000 with an expenditure of over \$6,000,000. Where does the money go to?

A Change Of Job. Ottawa Journal. "Leading a horse battery across Petawawa plains at a 2:10 gait is more in Major Panet's line than conducting pigeon-hole vendettas at headquarters," says the Citizen. That's probably true about Major Panet, but it's a shockingly disrespectful way to talk of "my headquarters" staff.

Laurier's Kind Act. Hamilton Spectator. Bourassa says that Laurier offered him his dominion seat by acclamation to get him back in the fold. Bourassa refused the offer. There was one dominion seat that went by acclamation in the recent election, however. W. F. Maclean, of the Toronto World, was supposedly a conservative, was returned unopposed.

#### UP TO 300,000.

(Continued from page 1.) them small almost as horrible as the dead. Many hundreds of tons of quicklime have been used to dispose of bodies but tremendous quantities are still needed and every hour's delay may cost hundreds of lives. Thousands of bodies are still festering in the debris. The lack of water continues to be one of the main difficulties and, despite the continued relief of fresh shipments from several Italian ports, the supply of foodstuffs and medicines are still far below the demand. Italian soldiers and sailors, Italian, British, Russian, French and German soldiers are working indefatigably under the most trying conditions but the task is so enormous that their great and willing efforts seems sometimes almost helplessly insufficient.

Urgent appeals for help from the ruined villages on both sides of the straits of Messina are being responded to as far as possible, but in view of the great demands in Messina itself it is difficult to spare either men or stores from that centre. Relief work at Reggio is now under way on an organized plan. Many there who survived the earthquake, have died since from cold and hunger. The mortality among young children from these causes has been great. Many of the injured, maddened by their wounds and by hunger, despaired of aid and committed suicide.

#### Greatest Of Earthquakes.

If the estimates which place the dead in Calabria and Sicily at 300,000 are not exaggerated, the present disaster must be regarded as the greatest in all history. There are only two others recorded that at all approach it in magnitude. In those Antioch and Yeddo (Tokyo) were the sufferers. The Antioch earthquake occurred during an assembly of Christians in the city in the year 638. The city was destroyed utterly, and, according to Gibson, 250,000 persons lost their lives. Antioch had been destroyed before this, in 115, while the Emperor Trajan was there with his army about to undertake an expedition against the Parthians. Many Roman soldiers were killed, and the emperor himself escaped with difficulty. It is believed that 200,000 persons perished in 1703 in the earthquake which shook the city of Yeddo to pieces.

Notice Electors. A cup of Lipton's Tea or Coffee free. Come in and we will tell you how to vote. Gilbert.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company Limited, Toronto, have been granted letters probate of the will of the late Thomas Yeman, of the township of Huron, county of Bruce. The estate is inventoried at about \$75,000 and consists of real estate, mortgages, book debts and stocks.

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There are eleven electrical weighing and packing machines in the "Salada" Tea Company's Toronto warehouse. A single one of these machines, that packs pound packages exclusively, turned out last year considerably more than one million pounds of "Salada." This single machine, therefore, packs sufficient tea to supply each family in Canada with one pound of tea annually. The space it occupies is only six cubic feet.

A disaffected Corsican fired five shots at a window at which the French premier was sitting. Our electric skate grinder will do work to please you. Halliday Electric Co.