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**Daily Whig**

**CREATING AN OPINION.**

There has been an exposure of the means taken by some people in England in order to create a Canadian sentiment in favour of their party or party fads. A few Canadians went abroad, on very short notice, to take part in the campaign. A few who could not do this, sent cablegrams, which were printed in the English papers, and caused some comment. Opinion which is created at command in reply to piteous appeals from the party machine is of precious little value. The marvel is that any attention is paid in England to the cablegrams under the circumstances. Come to think of it, there is no evidence that the people did take any notice. So the chapter can be closed at once.

**GOING TO THE PEOPLE.**

Now it is the United States senate that is threatened with a reforming, and by the legislatures which at present elect the members. Several legislatures have passed resolutions in favour of a change in the constitution and to the effect that the senators shall be chosen by the people. This is not the orthodox way of proceeding, however, and the senate may not be disposed to do anything until the pressure becomes stronger and irresistible. Congress may act, on the initiative of two-thirds of the members, in both houses, or the legislatures, by a two-thirds vote, may call a convention which shall proceed to act. In any event the feeling is increasing that the senators shall be the elect of the people, and not of the state bodies. The next thing that some people know the electoral college will be repudiated. It is as much out of touch with popular opinion as the legislatures in selecting senators. An instance occurred (Tilden's), when the man had the support of a majority of the people and failed to reach the White House. The desired amendment may not now be made, but the fact that it is asked for by so many of the legislatures suggests that the state houses are not so satisfied with the present method of electing senators and that sooner or later there will have to be a change.

**CHRISTMAS EVE.**

The hurry and stress and tumult of the holiday season is over. The day so long anticipated, the happiest of all the year, is at hand. Christian people everywhere will sink into slumber to-night with the most delightful expectation with regard to the morning.

The Christmas trade has usually been regarded as the best of the year. It does not lose in volume with the passing years, but it is not so much concentrated as in the past. "I remember," said one merchant, who is enjoying his share of the people's patronage, "when for three weeks before Christmas we were kept busy not only during the day but far into the night." There is more buying than ever, but it covers a larger territory, and is engaged in by a larger number of merchants. The greater number of people must be catered to, and they are certainly faring better than ever notwithstanding all that is said with regard to the high cost of living.

On every hand one meets familiar faces. There is the home coming, the widening out again, though only for a day, of the family circle, with all the experience that warm and gratify the heart. The one whose anniversary is kept so well, and with an imperishable interest, certainly brought into the old world a kindness that will never die, and the "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," which the angels sang at His birth, will be the theme of song and story to the end of time.

Let us hope that the planning to make the day an occasion for general rejoicing, for religious and secular enjoyment, will be complete, and that old and young, of every class and condition and creed, will share in the festivity. May not one be found without the blessed hope and inspiration which Christmas affords.

**A TALK ABOUT LIGHT.**

The second point in the letter of "Fiat Lux," concerning the electric and gas plants, which deserves attention, is this: "That a large part of the money it is proposed to raise by debentures will be used in retiring to the scrap heap all apparatus which properly ought to be replaced out of the profits of the plant." The Whig has its own ideas of public management. It holds that in connection with the water and power departments there should be a depreciation or restoration account, that it should call

for a reasonable percentage of the earnings, that out of this fund all repairs and replacements should be met, and that with rare plants should be maintained in a high state of efficiency.

The city found itself unfortunately in this position—that it had not spare capital, that it could not raise money for emergent improvements by selling debentures, that there was no help for it but to appropriate the earnings as fast as they were collected, and that in six years, according to the records of the department which the Whig has examined, \$36,267.92 of the accumulated surpluses were thus applied. Had it been possible to hold all these earnings, or the half of them, for restoration purposes, the city would not now be asked to give its credit for a loan of \$13,000 for new lamps, for the money would be there to buy them. But the city is not a sufferer. The plant was improved to the extent of \$36,267.92, for which debentures should have been issued, and it is a small contingency to now propose the issue of debentures for \$13,000.

Let us hope that some day the department will be able to change its methods so that it will be able to maintain a healthy restoration account, and if the accumulation of earnings is such that maintenance does not require the money there can be another cut in the rates for gas, for light or power. In the meantime the consumers of these things must rejoice over the benefits they have already received. These benefits may be summarized thus:

- (a) Reduction in street lighting from \$72.66 per lamp to \$60. Increase in the number of lamps, 40. Saving by the reduced rate, \$1,962.30 per annum.
- (b) Collection of taxes from the plant, aggregating in six years, \$29,814.72. The water plant is not taxed.
- (c) Proportion of civic officials' salaries charged against the plants, \$1,325.00 per annum.
- (d) On the three items the city has benefited in six years to the extent of \$33,251.05.

This is the municipality's side of it. There is another side, the consumers', and it is worth while to look at it. The advantages are these:

- (1) Saving in gas rates—for lighting, \$16,342.03 in 1908, and \$18,011.60 in 1909, or a total in two years of \$34,353.63.
- (2) Saving in incandescent lighting, as between the rates charged by the company and city, in 1908, \$9,472.09, and in 1910, \$10,099.20.
- (3) Saving in the cost of power, \$4,000.
- (4) Total saving on three items of electricity, \$23,571.29.

The gain to the consumers has, therefore, in two years alone, in reduced rates, in the two departments, been \$57,924.92.

The city and the consumers can, as a result, the more cheerfully contemplate the improvement of the street lighting with the assurance, that the taxes will not be affected, as some suppose, that the new lamps will be economical in the use of power, and that in consequence other lamps can be erected and a larger number of people have the advantage of good street lighting.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

In all probability the school question will be referred to the property owners. One cannot imagine a council that kicks against a small increase in salaries granting \$10,000 without a protest.

Earl Grey has offended some people by saying, "Your children in some parts of Ontario are without manners." Isn't that indictment a little sweeping? And the noble earl is usually so suave and sensible.

School sites used to cost a few hundred dollars. The highest price paid heretofore has been \$1,700. Now it is proposed to give \$6,500, or more if certain buildings are not sold. The school board must think it is acting for millionaires!

Insurance against unemployment is the thing that will captivate and hold the public attention. Germany is experimenting in it. A fad, you say. Perhaps. So was old age insurance, but it is going well, and no one denies it any longer.

Manuel, formerly of Portugal, and of royal blood, is coming to Canada to look over the country and perhaps settle in it. Out west he will not be long. He will find some illustrations of what Marden (of Success) means when he writes of "Every man a king."

Mr. Fielding is returning to Canada greatly improved in health. A few days ago a conservative paper intimated that his case was very bad, and it was a question whether he would again take his place in the home. It is wonderful what some people can imagine.

Why should the federal government expect the papers to advertise the annuities branch free? The company or corporation has to pay for the space it uses. Why should the government be served without fee? The annuities branch must have a strange idea of the place and function of a newspaper.

**The Man On Watch.**

The Lampan notices that in one of the town churches last Sabbath evening, the minister was not satisfied to take a text from the Bible, but chose words of Carlyle. The incident has led a townsman to ask if there is now nothing left of the old Book but the boards. "Perhaps this is one of the reasons why people do not attend church," he says, "for it seems that the Book is preached done." The Lampan thinks this matter is worth pondering over.

Now is the time, the Lampan remarks, for the school trustees to use their foresight, and at once purchase land up town for another common school. In another year or two, it will be difficult to get sufficient land at a reasonable figure, for a school building. Another seat of learning for the youth of the town may not be built for four or five years, but the land could be secured and held.

It is the Lampan's opinion that it is the lack of male teachers in the public schools of to-day that is making boys ill-mannered. The youths are not brought up in a proper atmosphere of school discipline. A male teacher would do more for a boy in making him manly than a dozen female teachers. Sometimes boys, who require to be strictly disciplined, go through their school life without having a male teacher over them. If they are inclined to be ill-mannered, they will not likely improve. The Lampan thinks the time has come when petticoat control in schools should be lessened. He would have legislation passed requiring male teachers to be engaged for all classes after the senior third in cities and towns.

The Lampan wonders if many an old townsman would not like to-day, to be a little boy again, and be tucked in bed on this Christmas Eve with his stocking hanging up, awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. He's sure that many would. It takes Christmas to make men young again, and to make them kind, for "there's joy in happy memories." The Lampan hopes that the Christmas of all Whig readers may be bright and happy.



**Liquid Linguist.**

"Pa, does whiskey talk?"

"Yes, my son, it knows many tongues."

**An Unusual Sight.**

Three men working in the woods near Smith's Falls witnessed a most unusual spectacle a few days ago. They were engaged in cutting wood when a partridge hopped out of the bush and stood motionless a short distance from them. The men ceased work and watched the bird. Just then a red squirrel came out of his den and began chattering. A dog which had accompanied the men to the woods heard the squirrel and made a dart towards it. The little animal gave a frightened glance around and spying what he thought to be a stump, hopped on top of it. The motionless object proved to be the partridge and it immediately rose up and flew away, carrying the squirrel with it. The astonished choppers watched the unusual sight until partridge and squirrel disappeared from view, but how far the partridge carried the strange burden they could not ascertain.

**To-night.**

No reasonable offer will be refused on any fancy goods. You may expect at Best's this evening. What you thought too high may be within your means.

At Alexandria Bay the contract for rebuilding the steamyacht Louise, owned by George C. Boldt, whose summer house is located on Wellesley Island, opposite this resort, has been let to Hutensin Bros.

See King's bill-of-fare, for Sunday and Xmas day, on page 8.

On January 2nd the ratepayers of Kempsville will vote a by-law to increase the liquor licenses to \$400.

Temptation always dresses in its most becoming attire.

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When you know yourself you are mighty well educated.

As evildoers, most of us assume too great a jurisdiction.

**Ladies of the Jury.**

Montreal Star, Washington, six women, all suffragettes, formed the jury empanelled to try an actor for damages taken by a milkman against a firm of contractors whom he alleged had dynamited his street without giving warning. The plaintiff approves but the defendants protest against the jury. The other day a jury of twelve ladies brought in a verdict in a divorce case in San Francisco. This is said to be the first case on record of a female jury deciding a civil suit. Two ladies who were in court when the jury was formed are said to have felt aggrieved because they were not called upon to serve; which only goes to show that for the fair sex jury service possesses the charm of novelty. There is not one man in an hundred, but would be delighted to give up his seat in a jury box to a lady, or even to another man.

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As Reeve of Portsmouth—Sketch of R. J. Baiden.



**REEVE R. J. BAIDEN.**

It is understood that R. J. Baiden will again offer himself for the re-election of Portsmouth. He is a member of the firm of Baiden Bros., and is a well-known man on the Kingston market, where for many years he has served out vegetables, etc., to the housewives of the city. But Mr. Baiden is not only a successful gardener. He is also, in his own village a well-known public man. For several years he was a public school trustee, and filled the office of chairman a number of times. He was also, at the same time, a member of the village council, and when, by a chance in this law, it was enacted that both offices could not be held at the same time, Mr. Baiden decided to leave council. Here he has been ever since, serving as councillor and at present as reeve. Mr. Baiden is an Anglican in religion, a liberal in politics, and a member of the liberal executive committee. He is also a director of the Kingston Horticultural society. He is an earnest, outspoken and straightforward man in all his things, and has the courage of his convictions.

**Agitation for a Change.**

Toronto Mail.

In Britain the execution of Crippen has resulted in a vigorous discussion of the question of capital punishment. One writer, A. C. Benson, maintains that "if the penalty with all its horrors is not to be abolished, the condemned man should at least have the right to commit suicide. This is the Japanese way. It will not be regarded with favor by the British public, for it is in conflict with the doctrine which forbids the taking of one's own life. Moreover, it is argued, and with force, that the criminal gave his victim no such choice. We are not likely to witness any change in the law by Britain, for, contrary to the experience the world has had with reduced penalties for other crimes, the abolition of capital punishment wherever it has not made the criminally inclined more humane, but, on the contrary, has been accompanied by an increase in the number of murders.

**Armaments on the Lakes.**

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been mutilated or slaughtered. How long would the Canadian people stand for such disgraceful favoritism? The records show that when the conservatives control the commons, England has a single chamber government, and that the protective powers of the upper house are only exerted when the liberals have the popular majority.

**Modern Revelations.**

Women's National Daily.

The simple, trusting faith and superstitions disappear, one by one, before the onward march of scientific research. Years ago we were forced to abandon belief in the beautiful tradition of William Tell. No one has explained why it was done, but the fact remains that the historian dug into dusty tomes and in some way managed to shatter this idol of our childhood. William Tell and his boy and the apple tree, now constitute only a beautiful myth. Then some iconoclast, with a penchant for research, laughed to scorn the pathetic story of Casabianca. No longer does the heroic Corsican boy stand on the burning deck, and before the passing of another generation the boy who was reputed to have gone down in the doomed ship will have been forgotten. And now a French scientist declares that the tradition which for centuries has been associated with Phryne, queen of beauty, is without foundation in fact, and that Phryne did not win acquittal from her Athenian judges by removing her veil and revealing her marvelous beauty. Well, perhaps, she did not; but we are very certain that if she had been a modern woman she would have done so.

**Monday, Dec. 26th.**

For the convenience of many people who have forgotten someone, Best's will be open Monday morning, from 9 till 1. Keep this in mind.

The Trusts and Guarantee company, limited, Toronto, have been appointed administrators of the estate of Mary Ann Schaefer, late of the city of Toronto. The estate consists of an interest in the property known as 370 Adelaide street west. The surviving heirs are Noah Schaefer, husband, and Irene Bowers, sister.

A whole lot of people in this old world seem to have lost control of their heads, so far as work is concerned.

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**Man Strangles Escaped Wolf With Bare Hands.**

New York, Dec. 24.—A police hero medal will be asked for Policeman John J. Cosgrove of Brooklyn, who, at the risk of his own life, battled with a wolf, which escaped from its cage on the stage of the Amphion theatre of Brooklyn biting eight persons in the audience. While men made a stampede towards the exits and women shrieked, Cosgrove strangled the animal with his bare hands, receiving a score of bites on the arms and legs before assistance arrived and the infuriated beast was caged.

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