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QUEER ACTING COUNCIL.

The Whig does not understand the city council. It says this honestly and candidly. It is willing to secure the best advice on the lighting question. It is willing to admit that there are things about electricity and the manner of applying it that laymen, of the aldermanic type, do not know. They are even eager to have some one with wider experience, if not of wider knowledge, than our city engineer, to pass upon the present condition and future life of the Cataract bridge. But with regard to that which is of infinitely greater importance, pure water, it is willing to trust to two laymen, and one of these the chairman of the committee.

Now, the Whig has no hesitation in saying that it has the highest regard for the chairman of the water committee and the superintendent of the department. They have been most zealous in their service to the city. The one has been studying the situation until he has become somewhat of an authority on intake pipes. He has done excellent service in his desire to accomplish the work he has in hand; and one can only regret that he has so far failed. The other has been so strained with the anxieties of the hour, that the wonder is he has held up so well. The devotion of these men is to be commended, but—the intake pipe still leaks.

The city is so willing to spend anywhere, at any expense, for experts that one is surprised it shows so little concern about the public health, and does not rally about Ald. Carson and Mr. Hewitt and say, "Get any advice you can; any expert assistance that will relieve some of the strain that now rests upon you." The cry is, "Give us pure water." The answer ought to be, "Give us the man who can detect the leak and tell us how to close it and we will be his most devoted servants."

LIKE TO BE TAXED.

The tax notices which have been issued by the city, through the collector, have attracted some attention this year, and because the cost of education is specially set forth. Why? The inference is that education is very costly, and that to advertise this is to arouse the people or ratepayers to a sense of their duty.
Education is expensive, and the council has no control over it. If the council had this control—if it had the power to cut down the budget of the board of education and compel economies as it sees they are required—would the result be any different? What is the use of trying to excite the people over the school tax? Have our aldermen lost so soon the lesson of the last campaign?

The school board asked for \$40,000. The board was not quite clear what it was going to do with the money. The finance committee summoned before it representative trustees who became somewhat contradictory with regard to their demands. The result was an appeal to the people. These had the opportunity of turning the scheme down if they desired to do so. The fact that only a few hundred voted showed that the people were not much concerned about the issue. They talked a good deal—that is some of them—but to no purpose, because they did not express at the polls the opinions they were circulating before hand.

The case with which the \$40,000 was carried, the sublime indifference with which so many ratepayers acted, has warranted some of the county people in saying that the by-law might as well have been for \$60,000 or \$70,000, that it would have carried, the institute being enlarged, and accommodation given to all comers. Scaring the people with the tax bills! An occasional one may be found who will kick, not so much against the tax rate, as against the council's method of drawing attention to it, but the people really like to be taxed for school purposes.

CO-OPERATION IS THE THEME.

Prof. Skelton, of Queen's university, has a thoughtful article in the Canadian Courier on "The Imperial Conference." Mr. Skelton wrote in advance of many things that have transpired in the conference, but what he outlined or prophesied has largely come to pass. The dominant idea of this article, the key note, is co-operation in preference to concentration with regard to national or imperial affairs.
On the one side, says Mr. Skelton, are those who advocate a central or-

ganization to wield the power of the empire; on the other side are those who desire to build up national centres of strength by co-operation rather than by central authority. These two sides in Canada are represented by the conservative and liberal parties. Prof. Skelton does not say that, but the Whig does, and it bases its statement on the experience of the past and present.

The side of concentration is not as conspicuous at this as at previous conferences. The personnel of the assembly has changed, and changed for a weakening of the case which Mr. Deakin, of Australia, championed in 1907, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier opposed. At the conference now in progress—the imperial, not the colonial, though there is not so much in the name—New Zealand has bulked largely because its representative, Sir Joseph Ward, is the advocate of imperial representation of the overseas dominions. He has failed to inspire the conference, even though he has the sympathy of many of the English members of parliament.

This proposal was not adopted by the conference, and the London Times, which Mr. Skelton quotes, supplies the reason when he said, some time ago: "Co-operation requires a progressive agreement on matters of common interest between all the cabinets, which cannot be attained by the establishment of a central council at any one point, whether London or Ottawa or Cape Town. It requires the creation of special machinery for co-operation at each of these centres, and if possible within the charmed circles of the cabinets themselves." Comment has been made upon the advancement which has already been made by Canada along this line, especially in matters of commerce and defence, and the fact that the liberals find themselves upon the right side of the question is not a matter of luck, as some people would infer, but of political sagacity.

It is fortunate that our country is represented by a man of Sir Wilfrid's standing and influence, because one of less prominence and power would not only cut a poor figure in imperial circles, but be tempted, by political appeals or alliances in England, to commit himself and his people to grave complications. Prof. Skelton has avoided saying a word of a political nature, but yet his conclusions are the conclusions of every progressive liberal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Borden has at last been shamed into going to Nova Scotia to advise with his party which is in the throes of a local election. Had he refused to put in an appearance he would have forfeited all claim to consideration from the blue noses.

Up west, the folks have a view of Mr. Borden and his service in federal politics which is expressive. It is that he is paid \$7,000 a year to oppose the government, and rightly or wrongly, he is trying to earn his money.

The English papers are taking kindly to the political cartoons, and the Marquis of Lansdowne is made the sport of the humourist. He seems to be the envy of every cartoonist in the old land, and has courted it by his bungling management of the House of Lords.

One does not wonder that the average lord in the old land jests when Lord Lansdowne invites him to step forward while he uses the axe. These lords let Lansdowne use them as he liked, and now they realize that he has been luring them on to destruction.

Both parties in Nova Scotia local election, are, we learn, confident of victory. The conservatives ought to be stronger in the house, to be of any use, even as grocers, but what success can they expect without a leader? In the whole outfit in the field there is not a practiced wrestler.

Rabid politicians "at home," in the old land, where they do not know any too much about Canadian affairs, have suggested that the reciprocity agreement be vetoed by the crown. Yes? Well, that would be one way of developing the loyalty of the Canadian people, but it is not the best way. The suggestion is an insane one.

Robert Edgar, cigar-maker, Toronto, has been named as secretary of the Ontario bureau of labour. Organized labour suggested the name of J. T. Edgeworth, but Edgar got it. Why? He was prominent in South Toronto politics on the conservative side. He had to be a ward heeler; no other qualification counts with this in Ontario appointments.

Mr. Fielding's letter, protesting against the misrepresentation of the Canadian government, by English politicians, will do some good. The Canadians have indicated their desire to co-operate with the motherland on imperial matters, but they are not to be bulldozed by a lot of disgruntled conservatives who have only party purposes to serve.
See Bibby's \$10 outing suits.

NOMINATIONS AT HAND

TAKE PLACE IN NOVA SCOTIA ON WEDNESDAY.

There are Straight Party Tickets in Each of the Eighteen Constituencies—Each Side Confident of Victory.

Halifax, June 6.—Nominations will take place for the provincial elections in Nova Scotia on Wednesday. Party conventions have named candidates in every point of the province, and there are straight tickets in each of the eighteen constituencies. In King's county there is only one straight conservative, S. C. Parker, farmer, to two liberals, but the Moral and Temperance Reform Association have a ticket composed of one conservative and one liberal, while the liberals have a regular ticket of two. In one sense, therefore, King's has three liberals running and two conservatives.

The only break from a straight party fight is in Halifax, where a labor candidate is in the field. Halifax elects three representatives and government and opposition conventions have each nominated a full ticket. The labor party have nominated but one man. The organ of the government and that of the opposition in this city have united in supporting the labor candidate, John T. Joy, but they are both working as hard as they can for the other two on the respective tickets. J. C. O'Malin having been dropped by the Herald and R. E. Finn by the Chronicle.

It is a peculiar situation and the outcome is looked forward to with interest. The House of Assembly in the Nova Scotia legislature consists of thirty-eight members. In the last election the parties in the assembly stood, thirty-two liberals, five conservatives, and one Moral and Social reform, who was a liberal and who is now one of the temperance candidates in King's.

The liberals are claiming that Premier Murray is sure of another five years of power as a result of the election on June 14th, and the conservatives profess confidence that there is not a doubt that at least the government's majority will be reduced very close to the vanishing point.

FAVORED RECIPROCITY.

Sir John Macdonald and his conservative contemporaries were a disloyal lot in comparison with the conservatives of this generation. In 1891 Sir John Thomson wrote: "The government of which I am a member is appealing to the country with a policy which we believe will be heartily endorsed by a great majority of the electors. We have made to the government of the United States, through the government of Great Britain, proposals for reciprocity in trade which, if the good reason to believe, will result in an arrangement by which the markets of the United States will be opened to the products which our people desire most to send there. A fair measure of reciprocity is what we desire, and we have no doubt that that can be obtained without undue sacrifice."

NEW DOMINION MINING LAW.

Templeman Will Introduce it on Re-assembly of House.
Ottawa, June 6.—A bill establishing a new dominion mining law will be introduced in the commons by Hon. William Templeman, minister of mines, when parliament reassembles next month. The bill is a modification of the existing laws and improvement of the existing laws and regulations. It has been largely drafted by F. O. Congdon, M.P., for the Yukon, and Reginald Brock, director of the geological survey, in consultation with Dr. Eugene Haanel, director of mines, the mining institute of Canada and the mines department of the various provincial governments.
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Rider and Horse Killed.

Quebec, June 6.—Riding a spirited horse, a young man named Henri Fortin, an arts student at Laval university, met with a sudden death. He was returning from a ride on the Plains, when his horse became frightened and plunged in front of a street car. Young Fortin was instantly killed by the fall from his horse, the latter being mutilated by its collision with the car.

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The latter was Dr. Moore, curator of the neuro-pathological department at Harvard Medical School. The former, Dr. Elmer Southard, is the professor in the same department at the Medical School. He has been at the Massachusetts general hospital for several days, but is now believed to be out of danger.
Both Dr. Moore and Dr. Southard became infected with the streptococci, the germs of tonsillitis, through abrasions on their hands while performing a post-mortem on the brain of a man who had died from the effects of tonsillitis.

Dr. Moore was well known in medical circles throughout the world, having devoted his life to the science of medicine. She was fifty-two years of age.
The epidemic of tonsillitis has proven unusually fatal to elderly persons. Out of the eighteen deaths that have already resulted from the epidemic in Greater Boston, ten of the victims of the disease were over sixty.

CHINA WANTS REVISION

Of Treaty With Russia—Will Open Up Difficulties.
St. Petersburg, June 6.—Advices from Peking say that China contemplates a revision of the Russo-Chinese treaty of 1881, which expires in August unless it is renewed.

The ultimatum issued recently by Russia with regard to the interpretation of the treaty was based on the supposition that China would leave the treaty intact, inasmuch as revision would open great difficulties and involve the long-standing Russian privileges, such as the exclusive right to navigate on the Sungare and exclusive trade in Mongolia. A revision of the treaty would involve new rights, which Japan would be certain to demand for herself, as Japan is far more active commercially than this country.

Russia considered that China had less to lose by renewing the Russian privileges intact than by curtailing them, but the Chinese plans cannot be carried out without provoking anew the question of the re-occupation of Kurlia, as a Russo-Chinese treaty cannot be considered without reference to the events of 1881.

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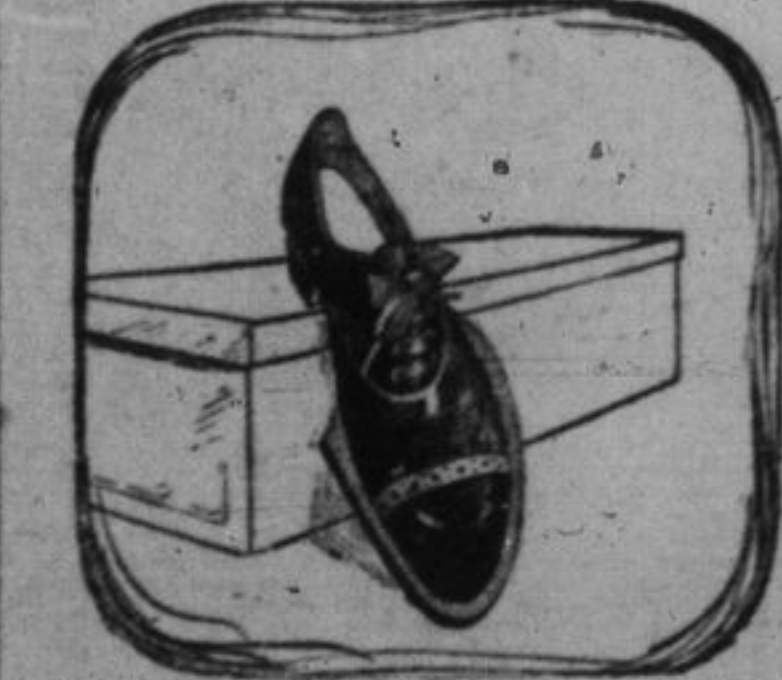
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