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THE QUESTION OF POWER.

The people, in the municipal election, will be asked to vote upon the question of whether they are willing to make a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission for the purchase of power. The question is a bold one, and is not likely to be understood. The law could not, of course, be more specific, as each municipality has to deal with conditions peculiarly its own. The enlightenment or education of the people must precede the voting, and the council should see that this is done. The offers of the Seymour company and the Hydro-Electric Commission should be referred to an expert, one in whose judgment the council and the people can have the fullest confidence, and he should be required to put his analysis of the proposals in writing. Only an expert can figure out the advantages or disadvantages of the offers. Only an electrician of standing and experience can put the schemes in contrast so that they can be fairly valued. The Seymour contract need not be a long one, but the Hydro-Electric contract would continue for thirty years, and before the city is asked to enter into it all the facts must be known.

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ROWELL IN THE LIMELIGHT.

Last night Mr. Rowell, the leader of the opposition—the man who has been performing his profession as a lawyer and his duty as a citizen for twenty years, and so qualifying for the exalted service he is now called upon to perform—made the opening speech of the campaign in a splendid address in Massey hall. That speech at once stamped him as a leader of men. Platitudes, which men use at times, put in concrete form their opinions on certain public issues, are good enough so far as they go, but they have to be supplemented. Sometimes a second and third manifesto have to be printed in order that the ideas of certain persons may be fully explained. Mr. Borden sent out two in the federal election, and had to illuminate them by many specious arguments. The nationalists had a platform which was constantly undergoing change, and at the time of the election was already misunderstood. Sir James Whitney has spread his election programme before the people

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JURY SYSTEM A FAILURE.

Brooker Washington must feel that the white race in this very intolerant of the blacks, and that no influence can break down the partition wall that divides them. There is no man whose life's history is more interesting than Washington's. He represents all that is intellectually attainable in the black man. He is a scholar, a poet, an orator, a mechanical genius, with plans for technical training that have made the Tpa. age last twice one of the greatest in the United States. Still every little while he is submitted to insult, and occasionally to indignity, because he is a black. The murder case that was made upon him in New York a little while ago has not been forgotten. In one of the slum spots he halted one day or evening, and entering a hallway scanned the doorways or door signs, and while thus engaged was set upon by a brutal fellow and kicked and hit unmercifully. It was not recognized, of course, as the venom that was in the as-

plant would not have been aroused. The women with whom this man associated gave him the impression that Washington, one of the purest men alive, had evil designs towards them, and the wonder is that before he fell into the hands of the spoiler he was not killed. Murder in New York is a common occurrence. The life of the individual who crosses its delegated tenth is in extreme peril. True, in the trial, Dr. Washington did not recall some of the circumstances. He could not remember the name of the person for whom he was in search. As a witness in his own trial he was a signal failure, and a white jury had no hesitation in acquitting the avenger of others against him and in the interest of his race. Bant, rendering a verdict of acquittal. The jury system is looked upon as the safeguard of the people, but the work of this jury in New York, and of a grand jury at Toronto, which Judge Latchford dismissed, refusing to accept its bill, will make one think that it is far from perfect.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Tax reform is a great and pressing issue. Sir James Whitney must see that in opposing it—in dubbing those who advocate it lunatics—that he is offending some of his best friends.

Whitney may now be similarly deceived about his strength and future.

If the federal government believes in public ownership why does it dispose of its post business to the C.P.R. company? The post crown lands of Canada should, as far as possible, be kept in control of the people, and for their good and advantage.

Arthur Hawkes, in his paper, refers patronizingly to Mr. Rowell. Only once did Arthur come into contact with the liberal leader, in the dressing-room of a ballman, and then he judged from Mr. Rowell's talk with some clergymen, that he was engaged in church work. Wonderful discovery.

It is really surprising that electoral reforms in British have advanced so slowly, that it is only now proposed that one man shall have only one vote, and that all the contents shall occur on the one day. But under liberal rule things do move.

The premier of Ontario to-day, as an election feature, wants it to be known that he is in favour of making Mr. Beck minister of power. His confidence in the man should have taken visible form long ago. He is only agreeing to something which seems to have been forced upon him.

The Stratford Beacon, referring to the Whitney government's resistance to reform, says that "where the pleadings of the party press and party friends have failed, the voters have then power to demand and insist." A vote for the liberal leader and platform in this election is a vote for the independence of the legislature.

The Asquith government, having settled the land tax, and almost settled the sickness and non-employment insurance, has on hand home rule for Ireland, Welsh church disestablishment, and universal suffrage. It is a government that is, always, doing something, and that in what the people want.

"Do you expect the party to win in this election?" asked a humble follower of one of the conservative leaders last September. "No," he answered, "but the devil will go in the next election." He was not aware of public opinion and its drift. Sir James

ELECTORS, DO YOUR DUTY.

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Which suggests another thought—that the aldermen are entitled to the thanks of the people for the caution they have exercised with regard to this hotel by-law. They could have jumped at conclusions when told that the city was really not assuming any risk, and could have lugged the decision that it was not their duty to investigate the details when the people were going to vote upon the question.

But they did the only correct and proper thing, namely, to ask questions, to enquire into the facts, to weigh every statement, and then to give the scheme a hearty and unqualified endorsement.

A reference to the electors without examination would have been an unfortunate act, and great praise should be given to the aldermen who insisted upon it.

There is little more to add, as a last word, upon this subject. Certain advantages will follow the opening of the hotel, and they can be briefly summarized.

It will add to the attractions, the business and the revenues of the city. One thousand dollars a day will be added to the cash in circulation.

It will give the people ample security—\$210,000—and there is no risk in granting the city's credit.

Similar hotels in other places have benefited by the presence and service of a good hotel. Belleville, Cobourg and Gananoque, in this district, afford striking testimony in support of this statement.

This will not be a summer hotel, but a hotel which will meet the contingencies of all the seasons, and in an adequate and satisfactory way.

The taxes will be paid upon a fixed assessment, of \$50,000, and school taxes upon the full value of the building and grounds, which will be over \$200,000.

Land long vacant will be occupied, and other land will be built upon, for the boom once begun will grow and affect all parts of the city.

The result will be a development in the building line, and employment for all the tradesmen and all classes of the people.

The taxes of the people will not be increased by the erection of the hotel, nor will one cent be added by it to the general expenditure of the city.

Nothing in many years has appealed so directly and powerfully to the civic spirit which should be active and triumphant at such a time. This civic spirit finds expression in the pride of every citizen, when the place of his adoption or activity calls for aid. It is this civic spirit which all over Canada is asserting itself so strongly and which is making for municipal progress.

The attempt has been made in some places to dampen it by talk of the anti-house law, to no purpose. The attempt has been made here to rouse it by attacks upon the knackers.

Electors, this is no time for anything save a demonstration of the mighty effort men must make to get things out of a rut. Don't discourage those who are labouring heroically in your behalf. Don't let any petty feeling restrain you from voting for and supporting that which is so clearly for the good of the city. Don't hesitate about discharging a very plain duty. Don't fail to exercise your franchise when so much depends upon the result.

Have faith in your city, in your fellowmen, in yourself, and let Thursday, November 16th, be a red letter day in your life and in the history of this good old city.

A report from Fredericton, N. B., says that Sir Thomas Tait, interested in the Queen's county coal fields, and also in the branch railway to be constructed from the mines to Fredericton, has made a contract with the Canadian Pacific railway to deliver 100,000 tons of coal per year, beginning next fall.

Best pastry and bread flour on the market, "King's Quality." Try it. P. M. Thompson, science master at the Brantford Collegiate Institute, has resigned.

What domestic animal? Answer to Tuesday's puzzle: Prizes.

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George Knight, a Brantford night watchman, was killed by a train while on his way to work.

William H. Hawkins, of the inland revenue department, is dead at Winnipeg, aged eighty-eight.

The Federation of Labor asks for the reorganization of the Post, so as to be placed on a sound financial basis. The post is in a very precarious position. "King's Quality" flour never had an equal.

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CONSERVATIVE WHIPS.

Selections Announced by Chief Whip Stanfield.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—John Stanfield, the conservative whip, announces the appointment of F. A. S. Penney, M.P. for Keewauwin, as assistant chief whip. Messrs. Sharpe, Macdonnell and McEwen doubtless will retain their positions, as whips for Ontario. Dr. Roche will be succeeded as the western whip by Mr. Staples (MacDonald). Mr. Hart, the newly-elected M.P. for Charlotte, N.B., will be whip for the maritime provinces, and the position of chief government whip of Lunenburg will be offered to Dr. Penney (L'Islet).

HEIRS DRAW SHARES TO DIVIDE FORTUNE.

Reach Into Hat and Take Out Envelopes Showing Parts of Estate Belonging to Each.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 15.—Five envelopes, worth \$500,000 each, were drawn out of a hat here in the settlement of the estate of J. S. Polk. The drawing took place at the home of one of Mrs. Polk's sons, and five heirs in their turn reached into the hat, and claimed the envelopes which contained the lists of real estate and other assets.

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Special to the Whig. Ottawa, Nov. 15.—It is expected that announcement will be made to-day of the appointment of Rufus Pope, ex-M.P., for Compton in the senate in place of the late Senator Baker, and of George Taylor, ex-M.P., as senator succeeding Sir John Carling.

And many a man who is detained downtown is called down again after reaching home. A pessimist is a person who goes around looking for perns in the milk of human-kindness.

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