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A VERY LIMP EXPLANATION.

It has transpired that the imperial government was caught at an advantage, when nothing spectacular was expected, when liberals and nationalists and laborites—the happy or unhappy combination—was more conspicuous by its weakness than by its strength.
The chief liberal whip is anxious that the world should know a snap verdict was secured, on an issue of which notice was not given, and that it will not affect the government. The fact remains, however, that the premier and his colleagues were forced.

in consequence of it, to decide upon an immediate and unequivocal test of party strength.
The liberal party is said not to be united in the financial phases of the Home Rule bill. This may be true, but they have been voting with remarkable union day after day, and have been giving the government, in that way, an evidence of their loyalty. They should guard against surprises, however. The opposition is out to make trouble, and its emissaries of the Banbury type should be watched and confounded when they go too far with their conspiracies.

DEMAND FOR CURFEW BELL.

St. Thomas wants a curfew bell. What is the good of it? The boys and girls on the streets do not start for home when they hear it ring, and a police force of a considerable size is necessary in order to enforce the law. But a special force would be entirely justifiable, until the persons who are affected by the alarm become fully educated with regard to its meaning.
The Whig took a walk abroad last night, unpleasant as it was because of the weather, and the number of young people who were seen drifting about was really remarkable. Nor is this "drifting" without harm. One has reason to fear that the occupations of the young people are not above re-

proach. Parents, for some reason, are impotent or indifferent. They may all too soon lose their power over the children, and the street education does not make them tractable and subject to filial discipline.
Curfew was intended to bring some of the offenders to account, by laying their cases before the parents in an impressive way. The father and mother who have been warned of the misconduct of a son or daughter cannot plead that they did not know of it, and a repetition of the offence even to loitering on the street without reason, can be visited with a punishment in which these parents share. The Curfew bell law is all right, but it must be rigorously and impartially enforced.

THE MAN KINGSTON WANTS.

Mr. McIntyre's new appointment had been no sooner announced than the names of men were used in connection with the office he was leaving. The city solicitorship is not an unimportant position. It cannot be filled by anybody. Let that point be emphatically stated at the outset. The Whig has a long memory and can recall many experiences of the city long ago in which its solicitor did not seem to be a wise counsellor.
It may be assumed that the duty of the city's adviser can be easily performed. Can it? One had only to follow the man who guided the council and its officials from day to day during recent years to realize how erroneous is this conception. The salary the city has been paying, so very inadequate, may have misled some people, may have suggested that not so much time after all had been devoted

to the legal aspect of things. The new man, who will read law for the benefit of the mayor and aldermen and keep them out of trouble, (which is a big contract), will have occasion to know better, and before he has been a month in office.
It is, therefore, with no desire save to see the best lawyer selected, the one who can exercise a conciliatory much more than a legal and contentious spirit, that the Whig advises caution in the matter of an appointment. Every applicant may be a good man, and may possess some qualities that are peculiarly his own, but there may be one who has a greater number of the excellencies that distinguish him. The adviser who can keep the city out of law and out of the court, not by a simple and absolute surrender, but by the exercise of sound judgment, is the man of the hour.

OPERATING THE LEMIEUX ACT.

With some of the pleas advanced by the workmen, in their interview with the government, the Whig is in entire accord. The conditions of trade in any large field of labour should be free of serious grievances, and the labour department, if really serviceable, if it is to redeem the expectations that were indulged respecting it, should see that the labouring classes are not oppressed anywhere. The petition of 100,000 men, many engaged in iron and steel production, cannot be ignored, and the government will probably see the wisdom of acting upon it.
The connection between the great financial trusts and the co-operative societies is not quite apparent. Financiers are prone to act more and more in concert, and for the accomplishment of great undertakings. In the development of Canadian resources the fact will become evident in the course of time. But this can be without any hindrance to the formation of co-operative societies such as England has had for many a long year. The Whig had occasion, very recently, to look into the statements of some of the societies, and it was very much impressed with the largeness of the benefits which they conferred. Such societies should be encouraged in Canada, and it is hoped that Mr. Borden will be actuated into early action by the representations of the labour men.
The request that the Lemieux Act, providing for conciliation as a preliminary, and a necessary preliminary to the settlement of strikes, or labour difficulties, preceding strikes, should not be granted. The labour men are acting impetuously in this

respect. They are disgruntled over some decisions that have been granted, and over some unreasonable and intolerable delays in the operation of the Act. But why should men blind themselves to the admitted efficiency of the Act when it has been properly used. In five years 124 industrial disputes have been dealt with, and in only 14 have failures been recorded. In the fiscal year 1911-1912 eighteen disputes were referred to the labour department, and in fifteen cases conciliation boards have been established with satisfactory results.
Granted that the act is imperfect in some respects, that its provisions have not met some experiences that have arisen, why not seek an amendment of the Act, not its repeal. The Ottawa Journal, a conservative paper, sums up the advantages of the Act in these words:
"A fair law—a law which applies to employers equally with employed."
"A moderate law—a law which does not prohibit strikes—a law which before an independent tribunal—strike or lock-out afterwards, if you will."
"A cheap law—a law which does not require lawyers—a law which merely asks each side to appoint an umpire, and let these two appoint a third if they can—if not, to let the government do it—and then have each side state its case before these umpires, who have no power to order, but simply power to report, and leave the matter to public opinion."
It is unfortunate that Mr. Crofters' attitude towards the C.P.R. freight handlers should, at this juncture, give some ground for the assumption that the Act is not being fairly worked; the fact remains that it has been a success, and will continue to be a success, if reasonably applied and interpreted.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The paving contractors have done real well, in spite of all the drawbacks. Wind and weather were their greatest opponents.
About two millions of dollars were spent in the strikes conducted by the Federation of Labour last year. Over 67,000 persons were affected. Were they benefited? That is the question.
The conservative party has begun

an enquiry into land conditions on their own account. Good. With two commissions at work the facts should be quickly required.
How much do you suppose the dairy products of these midland counties represent? About a million dollars each. The milk cow is the farmer's greatest asset.
The municipal boy is beginning to

buzz. If something would come of it no one would care. But what does the whispering, the whining, and the whimpering amount to?

Enquiry has been made with regard to Lord Roberts' half-pay allowance of £2,000 a year. It can, under special circumstances, be suspended or withdrawn. Is this an attempt, a very clumsy one, to bulldoze and silence my lord? Is a pensioner deprived of his freedom of speech?

If we had an election on the proportional representation plan—if the municipal law only permitted of such a thing—a better council might be procured. The principle cannot be called un-British since the imperial parliament has adopted it in connection with the Irish legislature.

EVENTS RECORDED IN 1857

The city hall, cut limestone, cost \$100,000.
The old court house (Clarence street) has been taken down and on its site are now being erected two beautiful buildings, to be occupied as a custom house and post office, costing each \$10,000. The court house, in course of erection, will cost \$20,000.
The park, lately laid out with walks and planted with shrubbery, will be a great boon to the citizens. It is the gift of the government to the city, having been formerly used as an artillery parade ground. A neat little observatory has been erected in the park.
The streets are well lighted with gas, and the people supplied with water of the purest quality, "drawn from the current of the river and "free from all shore impurities."

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Not One.
Hamilton Herald.
Wonder how many votes Taft gained through his "patriotic" course on the question of Panama canal tolls.

That May be So.
Ottawa Journal.
The increased consumption of liquor in Canada may be due in part to the lack of good drinking water in some of the big cities.

Sorry He Was Felled.
Ottawa Free Press.
The fact that the defunct York Loan company is still paying dividends demonstrates pretty clearly that Phillips, the deposed manager who went to jail, was a pretty shrewd financier after all.

Why the Doctors Objected.
London Advertiser.
The opposition of the British doctors to Lloyd George's insurance bill now appears to have been merely a strike for higher pay, and not a protest against the principle of the new act. The difference of opinion was just a shilling.

Good for the Women.
New York World.
By the victories won last week in Kansas, Michigan, Oregon and Arizona, the women have more than doubled the number of voters of their sex in the United States since last year. In ten states they have now gained the right to vote, and in spite of their failure in Ohio and Wisconsin the east is beginning to realize that it must soon surrender to the logic of progress.

The System Gets a Puff.
London Chronicle.
The advantages of a proportional representation system should not be confined to elections for the senate. Its peculiar appropriateness to the circumstances of Ireland would be even more felt in elections to the Irish House of Commons. We believe that, before the Home Rule bill becomes law, it may be found the most genuine "safeguard" on which all parties can unite.

Three Times Over.
Ottawa Free Press.
Under the present system of municipal taxation the successful business man has invariably to pay direct taxes three times over.

He leases a building in which to conduct his business. The amount he pays in rent includes, of course, the taxes which the owner has to hand over to the city. Strike one.
He pays a business tax based on the value of the building which he occupies. Strike two.
These two payments have to come out of his profits. Should he be unlucky enough to have a surplus, the city comes to him again for a share of it in the shape of the income tax. Strike three.

It is a case of pay, pay, PAY—and look happy while the civic buglers squander.
River Choked With Ice.
Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 13.—The Saskatchewan river is now choked with ice, the cold of the last few nights having cemented the loose cakes into one solid mass which will soon be thick enough to furnish a roadway to the coal mines.

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It is understood that the government has decided to operate the different sections of the Transcontinental railway through the Transcontinental Commission pending the final completion of the road.
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