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### ROSS DISAPPOINTS THE TORIES.

Sir George Ross is courting a complete abandonment by the conservative party, and this will be a most regrettable contingency in view of the recent certificate of good character which it gave to him. He had differed from the liberal party academically—never in the sense and to the degree which the conservative papers alleged—but the fact that he had said something that was not in accord with the liberal party in the 1908 election afforded his political opponents a great deal of comfort.

From Sir George, as leader of the senate, great things were expected. And he gives out a sample of his opinion on current events, in this alleged "historic parliament," by intimating that he saw no occasion for the scare or alarm which the government was indulging in on the navy.

al question. There was emergency because Britain was in distress. Was she? Was she no longer able to build her great ships of war and maintain them? Was England on her knees, as some said? If so Canada would aid her financially and adequately. A naval policy on the basis of a contribution was, however, no policy at all. It was like throwing a penny in a beggar's cup. The leader of the senate added that there was a naval policy on record, and a naval act—passed by the Laurier government—and Canada could not do better than develop it. No sign of divergence there from the liberal policy! No evidence that Sir George was out of touch and tune with his party on the great issue of the senate. The London press will have nothing more to do with him.

### POSITIVE WASTE OF MONEY.

The death of Michael Fraser, of Midland, of old age, ends a vexatious and expensive litigation, and leaves the parties to the suit without any advantage. The young wife of the aged man has, under his will, which he discussed before his demise, been left everything, and the McCormacks, brother and sister, who attacked Fraser's marriage and sought to nullify it, must compromise with Mrs. Fraser or begin the fight all over again.

The solicitor for the Frasers says that about \$20,000 has been spent in law, and to no purpose. Now the Whig is not unfriendly to the lawyers. They represent a very exalted and honourable profession. The world cannot get along without them. The law, whole libraries of it, must be read and interpreted by men who are learned with regard to it, and the men who contended for their respective sides in this case, carried out their commission in an earnest and conscientious way.

But the expenditure of \$20,000 without avail, must make some people think, and they will probably agree that the courts, and the machinery by which they are operated, must be distinctly and seriously defective. There should be some way of checking actions and guarding against the waste of money. The cousins of a man may have a right—or think they have—to challenge his wisdom and sanity in wedding a young woman between fifty and sixty years his junior. They may see the many thousands he is supposed to own, to say nothing of the many thousands he inherited from a brother, going to one that should not have it, in their opinion, but that is scarcely a justification for litigation which was fast consuming the estate, or a large portion of what it represented, in costs.

The courts, presided over by very wise judges, evidently did not see what they could do except try the successive issues that came before them. They did their best to settle the case, or give decisions that would be just. And they failed. Now the McCormacks figure on getting half the estate—\$47,000 left by John Fraser, who willed his pile to Michael Fraser—or there will be a continuation of law until the one side or the other has become bankrupted.

### SOME CIVIC SCHEMES.

The civic committees had a busy time of it on Thursday, and their reports to the council on Monday evening must suggest to the aldermen much mental exhilaration. The big issue, of course, will be the street railway. When the engineer calculated that it would cost about \$37,000 to lift and relay the tracks over a certain area, standard construction, it was observed that perhaps it would be better to purchase the plant, or to submit this as an alternative proposition. Two considerations followed: (1) Is the road available? (2) If so at what price?

The owners of the road have been asked and answered quite readily that the railway is not for sale. They operated it when the outlook was not bright and promising. They will hold it now that the city is advancing. They want, however, an assurance of continued power at present rates, and permission to make a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission, if possible, or the right to make their own power.

What men will do about the paving of the streets, under the civic plan, cannot be conjectured. The cost of this paving, outside of the track construction, will be prohibitive.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

All over the United States, and all over Canada, too, there is a great scarcity of labour. This, says authority, "is the best weather" in of prosperity the country could have.

The United Farmers of Alberta, a strong association, wants the quota of naval assistance reduced to the benefit of the people. The Grain Growers' Association is moved by a similar demand.

The European Concert is being heard now that the Balkan war is about over. When it comes to curbing Turkey some of these fine old European powers show an amazing incapacity.

The labour laws of New York need amending so that parents can be punished for forcing little children to work in sweat shops from 4 a.m. until 11 p.m. at \$1 and \$1.40 per week. The thing is almost past belief.

Hon. Mr. White must learn to be less impetuous in debate. Three times in the course of one speech he had to

be driven from power and terribly disgraced.

### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

#### The Ideal Way.

Hamilton Times. The remains of Sir Edward Clouston will be cremated. This is a luxury than only the rich can obtain.

#### A Poor Education.

Syracuse Post-Standard. Harvard's star football player practiced seven years to perfect the drop kick. But drop kicking won't earn him \$5 a week when he gets out of college.

#### Will Enjoy Himself.

Guelph Mercury. Dr. Pyne has gone to England for a trip with Sir James Whitney. It will make no difference in the educational department, except for the better.

#### A Good Opening.

Toronto Globe. Quebec has a surplus of \$683,425. About six hundred thousand of that sum would be well spent in improving primary education in the province.

#### Kings of Ourselves.

Ottawa Free Press. "We make our own kings, and we make good ones," remarks Andrew Carnegie, in the jubilee of his seventy-seventh birthday. Quite possibly Andy was referring to steel kings and money kings.

### SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

#### APPROACH OF SEASON OF ALL SEASONS.

Yuletide Gifts for Far-off Land's Going Through the Local Post Office. —Merchants Preparing for Rush of Business.

Although Christmas is still a few weeks off, there are many signs of the approach of the season of all seasons.

A Whig representative, who paid a visit to the post office, on Thursday, secured evidence of the approach of the Yuletide. Quite a large pile of parcels lay upon a table, and it was stated that each parcel contained a Christmas gift, on its way to some far-off country. From now on the mail will be increasing daily, until the final rush comes, just a few days before Christmas. In addition to the post office will not be ready, of course, but it will be in a position to be used, while the Christmas rush is on, and this will mean a great deal.

But it is not alone at the post office, that the sign of the approach of Christmas is to be seen. In every store, there is something to remind one of the approach of Christmas. Every shop window is receiving special attention. There are extra busy days, with the merchants, and from now on, they will ask the people to "shop early."

Christmas goods are being prominently displayed, in cases, on counters, and in windows. In the stores of Kingston, will be found the very best for Christmas gifts. This year's Christmas business promises to be very large.

Some have already been doing their shopping, but the majority have been purchasing gifts to send away, some distance. In spite of all that is said from year to year, about shopping early, the great bulk of the business is done in the two weeks before Christmas.

People are now beginning to realize just how near Christmas really is, and what they will buy. The question of what to buy for a Christmas gift is a great puzzle to many, and there are some who lose a great deal of sleep around this time of the year, endeavoring to think of something nice to buy.

#### Why They Didn't.

The late Patrick Collins of Boston was elected president of the Land League and visited Ireland soon afterwards.

A barber in Dublin was shaving him. "You're Mr. Collins, I'm thinkin'," said the barber respectfully.

"I am," assented Collins through the soap.

"Well, thin," declaimed the barber, flourishing his razor, "I want to tell ye that we've twenty thousand brave sons of old Ireland ready to rise at a moment's call and throw off the cursed yoke of England!"

Collins preserved a discreet silence until he was shaved. As he was putting on his collar he asked: "Why don't you rise?"

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