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OTTAWA IN TROUBLE.

or two little law. In December last there was an election for the council. At the same time the mayor and the mental development of those wh Board of Control were chosen. The desire it even in the university. The election was the same for all the offices. Six months after the contests,

and six months after the controllerselect have begun performing their duties, the complaint of an elector is the highest service, and it will not b gives a decision.

It is to the effect that the controllers were not legally elected. Reason-that the polling booth accommodation was inadequate, and that the people in consequence had not the opportunity, to which they were entitled, of exercising the franchise, as they desired. The mayor at once ordered a new election. This is the more remarkable as he was elected in the same way as the controllers and aldermen. The controllers' election was attacked only because an elector put the machinery in operation against them. A similar complaint against the mayor and aldermen would have led to their humiliation-to no purpose,

The silly thing-or rather the discreet thing-is the action of the mayor in insisting upon a new election for the controllers while he and the council act as if their call into municipal service was unquestionable. to the rest of the kingdom. Hanging Ottawa is surely entitled to commiseration. It is afflicted with those who are so willing to appeal to the law in vindication of some right or principle, and they add to the current turmoil and confusion. The law department wants bracing up. To its defects must be due some of the city's embarrassments.

It takes a two-thirds vote of the council to carry its paving schemes The two-thirds may be secure, but it may be got the easier when it is made apparent that the people who pay sixty per cent. of the cost are satis-

MONOPOLY AND RUINA

The state is providing commissioners of one kind and another for the safeguarding of the public interests. The theory is that some saie, reliable, and independent body shall enquire into what some other public or corporate body is doing, and terfere when it is necessary to

through councils, cannot do as they please to the detriment of the peo- which the province has erected in Tople whom they serve. Appeal can be ronto for the government's represenmade to some commission or the tative is fitted for millionaires, and court, and a bar at once raised when there are not so many of them consome indiscreet proposition is entertained. A province cannot do as it likes, for there is a higher power, and by itounwise legislation may

Great corporations cannot act defiance of the public weal or in disregard of the stockholders' interests. They may go ahead for a while- luck' Mark Twain replied sometimes they go too lar-and then they are called sharply to account. The New Haven's experience and sider was merely looking down the following an unholy ambition to be come a great merger and monopolyis the latest and the saddest. - The the door, and live a life of undis-Interstate Commission makes the ex- turbed peace ever afterwards." posure. Between \$60,000,000 890,000,000 has been lost, wasted, gambled away in the futile attempt to control trade, and suits, criminal and civil, may be launched against arrived in London yesterday, when The visitors afterwards were earlaccount came. It will take some they should but the

The discovery is a poor satisfaction to the losers. The question is, . can such exhibitions of stock gambling the reins.

be avoided in future? Can anything be done to stop the merging, for as rule it is disastrous?' It does not end competition. Sometimes it piles up liabilities, and in the case of the New Haven railway, and eventually they bring ruin in their train.

GREATEST BUDGET BY ALL.

A feature of the British budget, which was gleefully announced by the unionists to be knocked out, and by contentions within the liberal party, s the large provision that is being made for the education of the masses. Lloyd-George is financially completing the scheme upon which Lord Haldane spent so much time, and which he recently announced was about to see its

realization. Speaking before the National Club, Lord Haldane referred to the three great budgets which had been carried by the liberal government, and meanso much for the welfare of the nation. There was, said my lord, the budget which Mr. Asquith presented while he was acting as Chancellor of the Exchequer, the budget which provided for old age pensions. That has been a great success. There was the budget which provided for the insurance of the people against sickness One year, by mail, cash\$1.00 and non-employment. That was One year, if not paid in advance..\$1.50 Lloyd-George's once, and also a great One year, to United States\$1.50 Lloyd-George's once, and also a great budget. But the greatest budget was Attached is one of the best job that of 1914, and to which there had been objection because of the manner in which it further taxed the rich for

the benefit of the poor. And why? Because the welfare of the children is guaranteed. There must be schools for all, and food for ail, and dental and medical inspec-Ottawa is suffering from too much tion, and efficient training in the pei mary and secondary schools, but the way must be opened conspicuously for future of the young Englishman is assured. He will have the advantage of health and education. He will be mentally and physically equipped for acted upon, and the county judge the fault of the nation if it is not at

It is gratifying that one of the naional standing of Lord Haldane speaks out in support of the budget and his endorsement, so cheerfully and unreservedly given, will have the effect perhaps of silencing those liberals whose financial considerations occa sionally outwit their political ambi-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Will the commons accept the lordbill amending the Home Rule Bill Well, hardly.

With "hell" removed from the church prayerbook, and the clergy of England acting as referees in prize fights, one does not wonder so much that the church is losing its hold on the peo-

Lord Dunraven wants the Home Rule held until a commission has reported upon the relations of Ireland up Home Rule for a generation" hat's what it means.

The Weekly Sun has no idea that the governments of the dominion and provinces will provide the thirty mil ons Dr. Robertson suggests for technical education. The Sun is surely against anything that will further de plete the farm of its sons and help.

The Board of Works is set upon lay ing in the residential part of the city the best pavements. Darn the ex-Who cares what the people think or say? That's the spirit of the aldernmen as it reaches the peo-

Hon. Mr. Crothers is said to be eager for a judgeship. The labour department is difficult of administration, and Mr. Crothers is not a Mackenzie King. The tories sneer at King, but he had the special training that made his service successful.

The lieutenant-governorship of province is not in demand. It was It is coming to pass that' cities, always a rich man's job, and it is now more so than ever. The mansion

Mark Twain's Spider.

The late Mark Twain at one time 'ran" a newspaper "out west." One of his subscribers wrote him that opening his paper that morning he found a spider therein, and asked if it was a sign of good or bad "Constant Reader_Finding a spider in your paper was neither a sign of good luck nor bad luck. columns to se which merchant was not advertising, so that it could go to that store, weave its web across

Winnipeg Sledge Dogs for Shackleton part of the equipment of Sir Ernest | mons, which was the storm centre of | in our hands the most ancient ver-Shackleton's trans-Arctic expedition the world-wide suffrage movement. | sion from which the entire Biblical which had travelled from Winnipeg. All were in fine condition, but in acmoney is gone. It cannot be recov- cordance with the regulations were obliged to go into quarantine.

Huerta has resigned the presi-

Very Quiet Now. Toronto Globe. The result in Manitoba has taken good deal of the "Hurrah" out of the

conservative party. Candid.

Ottawa Journal Fifteen or twenty years is long a time for any government to remain in power.

Question of Imagination.

Montreal News. To get adross the Atlantic a poet had to take a job peeling potatoes. Lucky man. Being a poet, he could imagine he was flying across.

A Contrast.

London Advertiser. " In savage lands the married wo man is a beast of burden, and in civilized lands there is many a married woman who carried the burden

Bargain and Sale:

London Advertiser. Wheeling, W.Va., closed its bars with a bargain sale. On the other hand the Whitney government gained with the bars and sold province to John Barleycorn.

White Men's Burden.

Toronto News A manufacturer of tin cans in the United States sold his plant, which \$17,000, to the trust for \$375, 000. It seems to us that the White Man's Burden is mainly one of interest charges.

Everything Their Way. Hamilton Spectator.

A suit for \$1,500,000 before privy council has been decided in fa. vor of the C.N.R. magnates, Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann. Everything seems to come their way. Even a railroad to the moon, under their auspices, might be favorably consider-

Conservatives and Free Wheat. Moose Jaw Times.

During the last session the Manito ba legislature passed a resolution in favor of free wheat. The Manitoba legislature had a majority of twenty-eight at the time. Why did it do. this if the liberal position is so un sound? If Winnipeg prices are highwhen farmers have wheat to sell what was the matter with Sir Rodmond Roblin and his friends?

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

The members of the Streets Committee have approved of the numbers received from Montreal.

There are over seventy candid tes attending the matriculation aminations at Queen's University. Inspector Kidd is holding an examination for first-class teachers at the city hall.

A snake measuring three feet nine inches was killed on Howe Is land to-day, and brought to Fing

KISS HER AND YOU'RE WED.

New York Judge Upholds Dangerous Doctrine.

New York, July 16 .- You did not have to get a license a few years ago, nor did you have to undergo; an ordeal before a minister in order to become the husband of a woman All you, had to do was to place your arms around her neck and kiss her phone.".

This is on the authority of Su-, "What could be more sad than appeal for alimony on the part of cher of her class. Mrs. Emma L. Hall who became the! "A country without a man," wife-in the manner above stated- sponded a pretty girl just as of August Hall, famous as "Diamond ingly.-Topeka Journal. Guss" Hall, the present owner of the Hope diamond. Mrs. Hall wanted \$1,000 a month and got \$700. She alleged that Mr. Hall had deserted her and that he had failed to provide her with the necessary things get? of life. The failure, alleged Mrs. Hall, was not due to the fact that was leaking, and I didn't know her espouse had not the wherewithal. | which, | so I put both in to make

In reference to the osculatory mar- sure.—Punch. riage ceremony, Justice Greenbaun "If Mr. Hall took you in his arm; and kissed you, and said while he

was doing it that he considered his act as sacred as any rite, you are then his wife, and as such you are entitled to his support." The attorney for Mr. Hall looked at the justice with staring eyes. "Good Lord," he said, "how man; of us are bigamists?"

WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT

Words of Encouragement to Big De- to be the source of that in the Old

putation in Commons. London, July 16 .- That the nex government, whatever it might 'would be obliged to deal with the woman suffrage question as a party measure in some shape or form" was the encouraging message given to large deputation of international suffragettes at the House of Commons by Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign af-

Lord Robert Cecil, for the unionists, and James Ramsay Macdonald, for the laborites, addressing the deputation, expressed the opinion that the time was not distant when the women would be enfranchised

Mrs. Carfie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman on behalf of the visitors, said they that almost certainly a serpent fig-London, July 16 .- An important in the walls of the House of Com-

Left an Estate of \$57,000,000.

the time of his death was £5,000,000. made for a long period."

Kind words and bald heads never

Silence is the wisest argument of an

Many a harmless looking bottle con-

And one good action is worth more than a hundred good intentions. Gold may be the key to society, but

poverty is the strongest bar.

You can't scratch the back of a match, Who scratches your back, but, say, You can't scratchthe back of a match, Because it ain't built that Avay!

Condition. Geraldine-1 will marry you on

ondition. Gerald-And what is that? Geraldine-That our marriage shall not be allowed to interrupt our friend-

Personal Experience.



The "Yacationer"-Humph! Uncle's got every kind of animal, bird an' insect on his doggoned farm 'cep'n fishin' worms.

An English Jail.

You seem to be able to keep the itants contented in prison. "Yes," said the foxy warden, let 'em lecture to the other prison

Careless Construction.

Salt-Yes, miss, we had an awful storm here last week. That lighthouse yonder was washed away except for a few blocks of stone. Miss-Dear me! Whatever did they build it in such an exposed position

Uncongeniality. "Emtee Hedee says he takes not the

slightest interest in nature." "Mutual dislike. Everybody knows what nature abhors." In the Honeymoon.

"It's your wife," said the officeboy. "Take the message," said the busy "You'd better come, sir, I think,"

stammered the embarrassed boy. "She wants to give you a kiss over the Two Sad Thoughts.

preme Court Justice Greenbaum, man without a country?" feelingly The decision was occasioned by an asked her high school literature tea-

Finding the Leak.

Mistress-Why have you put ' two hot water bottles in my bed, Brid-Plants, etc., etc., Wedding Bou-quets, Funeral Designs a Spec-

Bridget-Sure, mum. wan of them

TALE OF THE FALL OF ADAM Newly Discovered Fragments Prob

able Source of Biblical Story. London, July 16-Dr. Langdon, the Assyriologist of Jesus College, Oxford, who recently translated important early Babylonian tablets found at Nippun and now in the library of the university of Pennsylvania, recovering thereby a pre-Semitic account of the Deluge and of the Fall of Man, which in many ways seemed Testament, made a further interst-

ing statement regarding the had. "Since I announced the translation of the fragment, which I copied a Philadelphia last autumn," he said 'the university authorities have found two large fragments which join the original fragments. I have photographs of these, and is it very evident that the tablet is now com pleted and contains a complete pre-Semitic version of the Flood and also

of the Temptation. "In the fragment which I had a first, that portion of the story of the Temptation, was broken away, an Eve, or the woman, did not appear but from the remainder of my ori ginal fragment, I must infer that i is possible that a woman was con-Suffrage Alliance, in returning thanks ing the forbidden fruit as well, and

ured in the Temptation. Consequently we shall soon have considerable time to do the work of translation, and it is possible that the photographs which I have will be London, July 16 .- The final valu- inadequate, and that I shall be comation of the estate of the late Sir pelled to send to America for cer-Julius Wernher, the South African tain signs. Then the press may exmining magnate, is £11,500,000. The pect to make the most important thedency of Mexico; Carbajal takes over tentative valuation of the estate at logical announcement that has been

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