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H. R. DUFF.

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R. N. F. MACFARIANE

To The E'ectors of Frontenac Wald. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully solicit your votes and influence to return me as alderman for the above ward on Monday next J. J. Behan.

To The Electors of Frontenac Ward.

DR. CAMPBELL respectfully solicits your votes and influence for alderman for 1900. Kindly accept this notice iz place of a canvas.

different companies. "Sociability" was the Messles are quite prevalent at Bancrof programme followed out.

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A case of dynamite blew up at the Bel mont gold mine last week destroying the blacksmith shop and a horse near by. No All the 14th battalion armouries were lives were lost as the men were at dinne

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### THE DAILY WHIG

"Opifer per Orbem Dicor."

EVIDENCE PLENTY. The Hamilton Spectator, which is amiable opponent, non politically, asks to Whig to mention something, "not inspired by kindergarten people or lazy mothers, that is evidence that the kindergartners are the better of their training." Certainly. The Whig has all along been giving the opinions of those who are not kindergartners

Some time ago it got into the heads of some people in Kingston that these primary departments were not worth the money they cost. They did not get this impres from anything they saw in the school room, for somehow the schools are not visited by many people.

The school trustees took a census as the value of the kindergarten's work. The teachers of the next eight or ten grades were asked to speak definitely of the pro gress made by the pupils who came from the kindergarten rooms as compared with the progress of those who were without this preliminary training.

The conclusion, unanimously reached, was that the pupils who passed through the initial division of the school system were the brighter, more observant. more subject to discipline, and better in every way of the experience. And this conclu sion came from teachers who were not personally affected, and who had no communi cation with "the lazy m .there" to whom the Spectator refers.

Kingston's kindegartens are open only to children of five years and over, so that they are not the nurseries the Spectator assumes them to be.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

The caid nuncs are busy with cabinet reconstruction just now. They profess to believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is auxious for an appeal to the people, but before doing so desires to engage in some departmental

According to these busy bodies there are to be several retirements, including those is Sir Richard Carowright, Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, Hon. Mr. Dobell, Hon. Mr. Sifton and Hon. Mr. Tarte. Of none of these is there any certainty.

Cabinet changes are inevitable from time to time, and these may and will occur with the present government. But the only one of which there is any immediate prospect is that which will be affected by the reeig nation of Mr. Tarte. He is in ill health He is said to be suffering to such an ex beut that only a strong minded man would think of the service in which he has re cantly engaged.

He has been physically unable to give any attention to public duties when he has been accused, shamefully, of active opposition to the war policy of the government, and the manner in which he has been lied about in this respect is not at all credit able to the political life of Canada. Mr. Tarte has his faulte. But he is a worker and has done his country an appreciated service. In his illness he is entitled to some consideration, and he will get it it the politicians of an opposite stripe will only thick a moment

The government is warranted, apart from Mr. Tarte, in following Mr. Ross' ex ample, and in adopting a progressive and popular policy if it contemplates an early appeal to the people.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS. Oa dit that Mr. Macdonald, in Toronto. is after the salary that the city pays its mayors. There are others.

What is the use of bank inspection, if as in the case of the Ville Marie bank, nothing is revealed when wrong doing is going on? The question is giving some people food for reflection.

The Toronto World is particularly se vere upon the conservatives whom charges with doing injury to the party. The biggest mischief maker at the present time appears to be Mr. McLean.

Clarke Wallace has received a black eye for his impertinent message. Mr. Wallace did seem to forget that the head of the militia department is, very properly, a fighter. He won't do it again.

Another Fenian raid is said to be premesecure New Year's Gifts at prices ditated. The thing is too silly for a mo ment's consideration. Ireland has suffered enough from its crasy compatriots. The

Dancan Dale, the long absent witness in the West Elgin case, has returned to Tc-JOS. ABRAMSON, the West Eight case, has returned to Tc. shaking he will never forget. It cannot ignore him without seriously compromising

Toe Mail repeate that Mr. Tarte has shown violent opposition to the sending out to Africa of a second contingent. Mr Tarte says the story is a lie, and the word, though hareb, is the only one that fits the

Two authors have announced themselves as ready to do battle in Africa-C. Roberts, of Canada, and Conan Doyle, o England. They usually fight with the That maketh none afraid; pen. It may be mightler than the sword with some people, but these are not the Boers.

The supplies for most of the public in stitutions, under the provincial govern ment, are now procured by tender, and the habit, as many a woman who would give a lowest offers, Mr. Stratton informs the people, are accepted. That's right. That's bestify.

business. And another tory grievance will have to go.

F S Spence, of Toronto, attributes the defeat of the government of Prince Edwelds, knits, binds them in deeper ward Island to the temperance vote and brotherhood, in united action, does its disapproval of the license system. But away with their petty, boastfulness, and stirs their latent strength. it wasn't that. Rather it was a repudiation of the office hunting in which too line every loyal heart felt when the news of recent battles had been postmany public men sook part. ed through our land, but oh how it

E. A. Macdonald is a persistent candidate for mayoralty honors in Toronto. He united action. Probably such a has run well sometimes, not because he is favourite but as a sort of protest against be the combines that were favoured by others. And yet he is an able man who has suff.red because of his peculiarities.

A friend of the Hon. George Eulie Fester, a projector of a Foster club and H. B. Hetherington by name, at a recent | be the praise. and so are not personally biased in any political meeting in Brunswick Parish in dulged in fool talk. He intimated that in the event of war between England and France the people of the Lower Provinces would have to shoulder their muskets as d go to Quebec and fight the French Canadians. Doss Mr. Foster say amen?

> Premier Emerson, of New Brunswick, a conservative, calls down those members of his party who are seeking to make capital out of the South African war. When the troubless show that they have done anything for the mother country to be compared with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's service it will, in Mr. Emerson's opinion, be time for hem to talk-and only then. It is to be hoped an echo will reach the Mail and Montreal Star.

### WAR.

A sequel to Broadbrim's letter, from New York, in the last issue of the Weekly Whig, whose approval of the sword is as remote from 'Quakerism' as is the setting from the rising of the sun.

Scourge of the nations, and the bane Of freedom, hope and life; Stern reveller in gory fields, Exulting in the strife;

Thou terror of ten thousand homes, Thou sword plague of the world; When shall we see thy balefires quenched;

Thy blood-stained banners furled Imbition-born and power-begot, With passions dark and vile, And fostered by the cruel arts Of avarice and guile, hou goest forth with reckless host To slaughter and enslave,

Thou trampler upon human hearts, Thou gorger of the grave'! Thy oriflamme floats wantonly In the pure, unconscious air: The chorus of thy drums gives out The warning note "Prepare.

Thy cymbals ring, thy trumpets sing With shrill and vaunting breath; Alas! that such vain pageantry Should grace the feast of death. Growing in peaceful splendor stands Some proud and prosperous town, fill thy dread footsteps pass her

And tread her glories down; While panic sweeps her wildering streets. And all her haunts of prey Make riot sad in homes, and leave

Dishonor and dismay. I province withers at thy frown. A kingdom mourns to see Her desecrated temples torn. Her towers o'erthrown by thee Bewails her commerce paralyzed. Her fields unploughed and wild, And all her household sanctities Invaded and defiled.

And yet the land that sends the forth: What land so'er" it be, leaps at thy lawless victories. And lifts the voice of glee: And songs are sung, and bells are

And merry bonfires blaze, While false and foolish pens distil-The poison of thy praise. And at the crowded banquet board

Quick tongues diffuse thy fame. And columns lift proud capitals In honor of thy name, And virgins, pure and beautiful Give their fond hearts away To men who trod out human life In the carnage vesterday

Av. strip thee off thy dainty garb. Thy tinsel robes of pride. av glistening helm and flaunting

And specious names aside. And what remains of that gay thing That dazzled us before? monster hideous to behold. An idol smeared with gore.

The widow's curse is on thee, war The orphans' suppliant cries. Mixed with the mother's malison. Ascend the placid skies. end bones that bleach upon the

And welter in the sea. oppeal .- and shall it be in vain?-Against thy deeds and thee The green earth fain would fling

thee off From her polluted breast The multitudes are yearning, too, For knowledge and for rest and lips inspired by christian love All deprecate thy wrongs. And poets, fired with purer themes, Disdain thee in their songs.

The embattled corn" is lovelier far Than thy embattled hordes. One plow in labor's honest hand Is worth ten thousand swords; The engine's steam pulse, fitly plied, Hath nobler conquests made Than all the congregated serfs Of thy abhorrent trade

More courage in the miner's heart Than captain ever knew More promise in the peasant's frock Than coats of scarlet hue: More honor in the craftsman's cap And in the student's gown: More glory in the pastor's robe Than all thy vain renown.

England, our own, our mother land As fair as thou art free: Thou island queen, whose wide do-O'er sparkle land and sea.

What need that thou should'st yearn To conquer and subdue. Thy power has long been known to Shall not thy mercy too?

Forbear to use the cruel sword. Or if thou wilt invade, Be it with palm and olive branch, Be it with bible in thy hand And justice in thy breast. live peaceful arts; give gospel light Give rectitude and rest.

A Friend. Athens, Ont., Dec. 20th, 1899 The pen and ink habit is a dangerous

dignity we demand redress. What are we fighting for? Whether progress, justice and fair citizenship shall hold away in the fast fields of South Africa or bigotry, tyranny and retrogression. When the want of Britain's progress rests upon that land, and please God it shall, we shall not bemoan the treasure spent and though we weep for the heroes who have died they shall sleep serenely beneath the folds of that flag whose honor they have died to maintain. But may we take deeply to heart the solemn lesson that not for our "might nor power" has God blessed us, but because His spirit of justice. liberty and rightness has been the vanguard of the Brit-

HISTORY OF THE FESTIVAL

(Continued from page two.)

the judgment of God touches men and nations, and its very pressure

That we have received such discip-

stirred the British heart, how it

gave rise to a grand impulse of

wave of loyalty has not swept our

land in centuries. What will the end

the discipline; the chastisement if

you will, purged from self-satisfac-

tion, and instead of vauntingly sing-

ing a "little British army goes a

long, long way," with reverent

voice, proclaiming "Not unto us. O

Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name

The war has been thrust upon us.

A people that has stood for bigotry

inequality and stagnation, invaded

British territory, as well as hamp-

ered British rights and in our

Under God we shall emerge from

May we at this time weigh wel the words of Rudyard Kipling

God of our Fathers known of old, Lord of our far flung battle line: Beneath whose awful hand we hold, Dominion over palm and pine-Lord God of Hosts be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forge . The tumult and the shouting dies. The captains and the kings depart

Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice A humble and a cantrite heart. If drunk with sight of power, we a yard, at 121c a yard. loose wild tongues; That have not Thee in ave:

Such boasting as the Gentiles use, Or lesser breeds without Thy law Lord God of Hosts be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget. England shall conquer, not because a little British army goes a long, long way, but because her flag bas became the sign of christian civilization, advancement and fair play. Concluding, the preacher said, Christ was not only the morning star of creation, redemption and a new era, but the herald of heaven to the dying pillow. The dying days are apt to be characterized by the

living days. The dying words of Voltaire were 'Crush the wretch," when he felt the presence of Christ here; of evangelist Moody, who recently entered into rest. "The world recedes, heaven opens;" of everyone who has lived the godly and christian life, it may be as of the ancient Simeon, "Lord, now leetest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen

Thy salvation. The light of Bethlehem's star even penetrates "the dark valley of the shadow." To lift our eyes to it tonight is to be led to the humble cradle where the Christ child lay and there to learn that all our bright homes, and smiling faces and decorated churches and Christmas greetings are but symbols of far deeper realities, reflections of the star of promise which shone so bright on that

firs! Christmas eve. No other star ever pointed mariner to a harbor of safety for time and eternity. No other light can lead a man from the fleeing shadows of earth

### BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

to the 'Peace which remaineth for

the people of God.

From Drowning. Napanee, Dec. 27 .- What came very near being a drowning accident occurred vesterday afternoon.

Roy Moore, fourteen-year-old son of James Moore, thought he would enlov a spin on the ice with his skates, and went down to the river near the swing bridge. The ice was not strong enough and he was soon floundering about in the cold water Men from a near-by schooner rendered prompt assistance, and the boy was fished out, thoroughly chilled and unconscious. He was taken to an adjacent house and a doctor summoned, and if prompt measures had not been taken he would never have recovered. Later he was-taken home and the doctors hope no serious trouble will result from the mishao. It was a very close call, and this should be a warning to hove not to venture on the ice until

it is perfectly safe. The Christmas tree in the Western Methodist church on Christmas night was a great success. The children of the school were admitted free, and the small sum of ten cents admission was charged adults, and the fact that over \$50 was taken in at the door is evidence enough that the affair was well patronized. A tea meeting at Selby is also re-

ported to have been a success financially and otherwise. J. Frederick Tilley, Toronto, spent Christmas with friends in town. Hugh Milling is renewing acquaintances in town this week. M. S. Madole spent a day or two this week in Toronto.

Services Are Appreciated. ERNESTTOWN, Dec. 23 -On Thursday evening last a very pleasant time was

spent at the revidence of R. W. Aylesworth, when about forty ratepayers of S S. No. 7, Ernesttown, met and presented Miss Ada Conner with a handsome china tea-set and the following address, to which she made a suitable reply : "We, your friends of 88 No. V, desire to convey to you our hearty appreciation of your eervices in our school. We have noticed your punctuality, your unfailing zeal to promote the welfare of our school at all times. While we believe you have done this from a love of your profession, we on our part, feel the impulse of showing you our appreciation of your efforts, therefore kindly accept this china tea set, not for its intrinsiq value, but as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by us. We trust that you may have many years of happiness and prosperity."

New Year's sale. R. Uglow & Co. The Cape Vincent steamer outbound yesterday afternoon carried seventy-five tormer Kingstonians now residing in different points in New York state and who were spending Christmas day in the city. In escaping from a fire creep or crawl thousand dollars to get back some note along the room with your face close to the

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