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## THE DAILY WHIG.

"Opifer per Orbem Dicor."

### WHAT THEY WANT.

The young men of the country are not just now so much concerned, as the *Empire* supposes, about the manner in which the right of any government to prepare the voters' lists, as to have them revised regularly and yearly, and the right to increase the franchise recognized. Three years have gone since the lists were corrected, and, for all we know, another general election may be determined by them. And with thousands of eligible voters ignored the government cannot say it is acting justly.

### A MARQUIS'S PLEADING.

The Marquis of Lorne gives too much space in his article in the *Forum* to the discussion of what might and might not happen in the event of political union being consummated between Canada and the United States. It is not seriously thought of by our people and cannot be regarded, (as some will have it) as a contingency of reciprocity in trade. The Marquis admits that "the old reciprocity brought gain and good all around, and the volume of trade increased steadily during its continuance." And he cannot make anyone believe that the new reciprocity would not be equally beneficial to the country. We can have free commercial intercourse with our neighbours, and at the same time extend trade with Britain and Asia. At least that is the common sense way of looking at the question.

### DISORDERED OPPOSITION.

Some of our conservative contemporaries, the *Brockville Times* in particular, have taken to the belittling of the Ontario legislature and its work. The *Times* intimates that Mr. Mowat's programme will enable the legislature to prepare another bill "to enforce the putting up of benches for toads and the maintaining of warm water ponds for sick and disabled frogs." Very funny, isn't it? Very unlike the remark of a sensible person! Has it ever occurred to him that if the legislature is a matter of such insignificance, a mere parliamentary side show, the conservative party has made most extraordinary efforts to secure a majority in it and capture the government? What was the idea of the leaders in exhausting their energies and their resources in one local election after another? Was it not to provide perches for the healthy frogs and warm baths for the sick ones, speaking metaphorically and with reference to the party politicians? Why speak so disparaging of the legislature now? Has the opposition no hope of being anything else than an opposition in it?

### HALDIMAND ELECTION.

The reason of the violence exhibited by the government organs, following the unseating of Dr. Montague, in Haldimand, is now made quite apparent. He was not the fairly elected representative of the people in two elections, and he suffered the results of the indiscretion committed by his agents by being deprived of his seat in the house of commons. The fact that he was so unseated was an evidence in itself that he was not elected legally and had to be so elected before he could hope to represent the county undisturbed and to the complete satisfaction of the people. The majority of them were undoubtedly liberal in their political bearings, and, allowed a free and unbiased exercise of the franchise, would have elected Mr. Colter on any occasion on which he presented himself as a candidate. It is unnecessary to recount the circumstances of the contests that have occurred since the general election of 1885; the recounts, and their results; the deception that was practiced upon the Indians by the issue of a proclamation in the queen's name and clearly in the tory interest; the undue influences that were exercised by the usual campaign missionaries; the denial in court of the existence of election committees when they were at work, and, according to documentary evidence afterwards discovered, corruptly so; and the attempt to bribe the constituency by the erection of public buildings, the expenditure on which has usually an important bearing upon the workmen's consideration. Let it suffice to say that though on two occasions the wrong prevailed at last the right has prevailed, and in Mr. Colter's return to parliament the electors have vindicated his honor and given him his deserts. And this though the voters' lists of 1885, specially prepared in the tory interest, were used, though men now living outside the county and as far away as Winnipeg and Calgary were brought east at enormous expense to vote for Montague, and that scores of young men, qualifying as voters, were prevented from acting as such through the deliberate machinations of the government. Moreover, the people of Haldimand have spoken out clearly on another point—that they do not approve of the policy of that government in so far as reciprocity is concerned. They favor the liberal programme. That is the meaning of their ac-

tion. And two elections having expressed the same thing, non-confidence in the administration, it may be supposed that it is declining in favor. The hand writing is on the wall.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The reverses in Joliette and Haldimand, in the late elections, will make a difference of four in a party division. Small count in a house of over 200, you say? Yes, but straws show which way the wind blows.

The *Hamilton Spectator* says the bill annexing Maine to Canada "will be introduced at the proper time and place." When and where is a profound secret which the success of the fad forbids it divulging. We presume it will keep if properly pickled.

The government papers have not, on the eve of the opening of the house, been reviewing the political year so far as the bye elections are concerned, and showing by their results the continued popularity of the administration. Why? Because the bye elections have not been running that way.

The *Ottawa Free Press* has it that the government will not attempt to introduce any legislation dealing with labour issues at the session now opened. Why? Because the members have not had time to read over the evidence of the labour commission and reflect upon it. A year ago that was the story. It is somewhat of a chestnut now. It is certainly too tough to be digestible.

A general war is being waged by the press upon the "tipping" that is being carried to such unseemly lengths upon the ocean vessels and the railways. The people are tired of the tax that is so cheekily levied upon them. They won't have it any longer, and the companies permitting of it, now that the scandal has been exposed, will stand in as unenviable a light as their unconscionable servants.

The ladies of Utica have formed a society, the members of which will not allow any man to crowd them in getting in and out of a seat during a theatrical performance in order to see a man, and that man behind and adjoining her. The ladies of Kingston should follow the example of their sisters across the line. The disturbing practices of some men in this city are rank and positively intolerable. They want a vigorous checking.

A learned critic, cue who pays marked attention to the trend of European events, tells us that Boulanger's triumph means a declaration by the French people that they have lost all faith in their present government by chambers, and are ready to accept the aid of almost any political chief who will rid them of it. And is Boulanger that political chief? He is not a politician, he is certainly not a statesman, and not a saviour of his nation. His love of display is surely Napoleonic, and lacking, behind it, that stability which the necessities of the hour call for.

### MRS. BLAINE ON THE STAGE.

She Has Made a Long and Favourable Contract With Frohman.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Mrs. J. G. Blaine, jr., has signed a three years' contract with Daniel Frohman, manager of the Lyceum theatre, to star under his direction. She will open the season at the Star theatre early in November, in a society drama, and will then go on a tour of the country. Mrs. Blaine will be accompanied by her aunt and two maids, and, besides receiving a large salary, will share in the profits of the venture with Frohman.

In her apartments at a New York hotel Mrs. Blaine chatted very cheerily about her debut in the theatrical profession. She was dressed in an elegant costume and looked very pretty. Her hair, of a dark, golden tint, is one of her most becoming features, and with an extremely girlish figure, she scarcely seemed out of her teens.

"This is not a new idea of mine—the stage," she said. "I had made a contract with Frohman before I was married, and that went and broke it, and for the time drove the purpose of becoming an actress out of my mind. I have been hard at work on my studies under Belasco, and it is my desire to make my debut here, because I want to find out the truth about my ability at the outset."  
Frohman says Mrs. Blaine will receive the largest salary ever paid an actress in this country.

### DEATH IN A DAKOTA STORM.

Two School Children Perish in a Blizzard on the Wild Prairies.

ABERDEEN, D. T., Jan. 31.—Two school children perished in the storm Friday night and a third is not expected to survive the exposure. Their names were French, and the party consisted of two little boys and an older sister aged 18.  
The French family lives about twelve miles east of Hitchcock. When taken to school by an older brother the children promised to wait until he came for them at night. Children belonging to other families were taken home, but these refused proffered assistance, saying they would stay in the schoolhouse all night if their brother did not come. It appears he did start, but could not make his team face the storm and gave it up. After waiting till dusk the little ones started home, but lost the road and wandered in the deep snow until exhausted.

When found in the morning the two little boys were dead. The girl was severely frozen and was unconscious. If she survives she will lose the lower portion of her limbs and possibly one or both arms.

### Which Nation Has the Largest Army?

Probably in Russia, on a peace footing, there are 28,640 officers and 735,218 men; on a war footing, 44,753 officers and 2,149,664 men, not counting non-combatants with the colors. The total available war forces amount to about 3,350,000 men. Germany has less of a paper army than any other nation; in peace she has 492,000 men, in war 1,567,600 men, with reserves (land-storm and one year men) of 1,000,000 men, making a thoroughly trained body of fighting men of 2,650,000. France has in peace a nominal army of 525,711 men, with reserves, also nominal, of 616,000; its force in war, on paper, amounts to 2,500,000 men.

Fire Chief Gicquel, New York, was thrown from his wagon last night and fatally injured.

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### MEANING OF THE PHRASE

#### A Coinage That Has Been Quoted in all Sorts of Languages.

When a man is "in the soup" it means that he is "dishd." When Sackville West wrote that unfortunate letter he was said to be in the soup. When his household goods were sold in Washington a fine silver soup tureen was put up by the auctioneer. Some one shouted, "Is Sackville in it?" President Cleveland is popularly supposed to be in the soup at this moment. Very many of those who hoped to get into Harrison's cabinet will get into the soup instead. In fact the situation is well described by the eminent poet, who says:  
The cockroach never tries to vote  
Nor seek undying fame;  
It has no business "in the soup"  
But it gets there just the same.

The phrase "in the soup" originated in this way. When the Cunard steamer *Etruria* arrived in New York with Kilrain, the pugilist, on board, a tug was at hand to take him off. Among those that crowded around the fighter as he was getting from the big steamer to the small one was a fellow named Johnson. Johnson slipped and fell into the briny Atlantic. One of the deck hands shouted: "Hello dare, fellers, Johnson's in de soup." The phrase struck the fancy of the toughs who were on the tug, and when they got to New York the story was told with many variations. From New York it gradually infected the whole country, and it is still moving on its devastating course and will keep on until another slang expression shoves it back with the others.

### Advice To Mothers.

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### McShane and His Appeal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—The court of appeal has granted Hon. James McShane permission to appeal from the judgment of the court of revision disqualifying him for seven years. Pending the appeal Mr. McShane retains his seat in the legislature.

Lariviere, conservative elected for Provancher, Manitoba.

# WINTER CARNIVAL MONTREAL.

FEBRUARY 4th to 9th.

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