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THOMAS MILLS, Sec'y Treas. Kingston, Jan. 6th, 1888.

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THE DAILY WHIG.

"Opifer per Orbem Dicor,"

TEMPERANCE POLITICIANS.

Is it strange that politicians do not care to risk much for the temperance vote? Mr. Thomas Robertson, of Snelburne, was recognized as one of the leaders of the prohibition party in . the house of commons, and his name is identified with the promotion of some important temperance legislation. Still, he was defeated in a close constituency by a man who refused to give a pledge of support to temperance measures. There is no record that a single conservative probibitionist gave Mr. Robertson a vote and no temperance paper or temperance leader has said a word of regret over his defeat. - 70ronto Globe.

The rejection of Mr. Robertson is not the most remarkable case in which the temperance element was not true to itself. It left Mr. Kerr, for West Northumberland, and caused his defeat, when it should have stood by him in view of the fact that he had incurred the hostility for his advocacy of the Scott act. It left Mr. Allison, in Lennox, when it knew that he was favourable to prohibition, and that his epponent was one of the fiercest opponents of it. The record of the future may be different from the record of the past, so far as temperance campaigns are concerned, but if so the party must be consistent, and must, as the prohibitionist speaker at the mayoralty nomination announced, vote for principle and not for party; and that is too much to expect.

AN EMBARASSING QUESTION.

Nothing so embarassing seems to have come before the council for a long time as the tax collectorship, for which there are several applicants. The mayor and alder men have been canvassed over and over again, with what success we will not venture to say. Of course the candidates will be considered on their merits. Their fitness for the office being equal, which is very much | than some of the advocates of it expected. doubted, though for the present it is admit. The new board is favorably disposed toted, what should influence the council in | wards it, and steps, we learn, are already making a decision? Certainly the long residence and public usefulness of the candidates. If there are half a dozen of them, all equally capable of discharging the duties of the office, and one, more than the rest, has been fore nost as a taxpayer and a leader | to be established at once teachers belonging in every movement having for its object | to the city may be qualified and ready to the welfare of the community, he should accept appointment. By midsummer, if not have the preference. Mr. Gordon has, as | before, the Kindergarten classes will be we said some days ago, the first claim upon | formed. the collectorship, and will get it if the council deems it wise to release him from the duties of the assessorship, but it would be unfair to ask him to remain in his present office if he is to be continually attacked by some people and kept at a salary anything but commensurate with the responsibilities he is required to carry. He should not be asked in the first place to make present sacrifices and anticipate future annoyances. It is a tribute to his worth that he should be deemed almost indispensible at this juncture, and the emergency created by the lamentable death of a civic official will have the effect of demonstrating his worth and of silencing those whose croakings have been of the most senseless character. He has a right to promotion or to its equivalent. If he is left out of the competition for the vacant office it is to be hoped the council will act with a due respect for the peculiar qualifications of the candidates. The appointment is an important one, and it should be popular as well.

SURRENDERED HIS SEAT.

The court opened a day or two since at Milton for the trial of the petition against the return of Mr. A. Waldie, M.P. for Halton, but its sitting was short and by the sur. render of the seat by its occupant he had learned that some of his admirers had violated the election act by paying the expenses of voters coming from a distance, and he had no desire to waste his money in a legal contestation which would most assuredly go against him.

A new election will no doubt be held as soon as the government can arrange for it, that is as soon as it can send a candidate who will consent to apologise for all its sins, pledge himself to vote for it every time and under any circumstance, and accept of the services of such agents as it sends to his aid,

however compromising. The Hamilton Times urges the liberals to be up and doing, and ready for battle when the tocsin of war is sounded. It says that Mr. Henderson, of Acton, who was Mr. Waldie's opponent at the general election, is not likely again to try his hand. "If anything," it says, "it is believed that he is weaker now than he was then, while the liberals, if they act unitedly, refusing to allow any side issue to interfere with their decision, can hold the county against all comers. The Scott act question can better be fought out when the vote for repeal comes up, as it will in the course of a few months. In all probability, Mr. Waldie will again be the candidate of the liberal party. Only let the liberals avoid mistakes or the falling

into traps of the enemy, and let the half-

hearted fellows fall in with the overwhelm

ing majority or go over to the enemy whom they so much aid by their exhibitions of pouting.".

The Times advice is tendered in a heroic spirit. It has the case of East Northumberand in view, and it is justified in speaking as it has done. It is time the liberal party scored a success if it has any of its old time pluck and life.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

Hamilton has a Kindergarten in connection with each of its large public schools, and the following certificate of its benefits is from the pen of A. B. Sinclair, Ph.B., of that city :

"In my opinion it does not require a very prolonged investigation of an educational system to lead to the conclusion that its weakest point is the management of the child during the first four years of school life, i.e., prior to the age of 9 years. I claim to a mistaken public sentiment in regard to two questions:

"1st. The number of primary pupils which one teacher can properly teach.

"2nd. The necessary qualifications of a

teacher of young children. "What a sudden and marked improvement there would be if the public were persuaded that the maximum efficiency of a teacher is reached when she has 35 pupils, and that by increasing this number they ex pend their money for energy to keep children under conditions which, in many cases, are worse than no school at all.

"If every one recognized the fact that primary work is the most important of all, demanding special fitness and long preparation on the part of the teacher, standing as she does at the very starting point of school life, ready_to switch the child off upon a side track or to guide him upon the main line to a glorious destiny, trustees would be prepared to pay higher salaries and insist upon better results in the lower classes. They would set their faces against the custom of letting into the teaching profession boys and girls who have no natural aptitude for the work, who, having a non-professional certificate, attend a short time at some model school where all are successful in passing the final examination, and are now graduated full-fledged teachers, ready to carry ruin and intellectual death into whatever schoolroom they enter.

"There are, however, many indications of a better time coming, and not the least promising is the increased attention paid to the Kindergarten system and its adoption in many schools in Ontario.. After a careful investigation of the workings and results of the Kindergarten, both in this country and in the neighboring republic, I am thoroughly converted to its advantages. I have never yet met anyone who had given the Kindergarten a fair trial who was not an enthusiast over its results. The gifts, the games, the songs, the homelike charms, above all the heart-culture of the Kindergarten, afford the best physical, mental and moral gym nasium hitherto offered for young children."

This will be welcome information to those who are interested in the introduction of the Kindergarten system in this city. And by the way there is a possibility of the new departure being made at an earlier date being taken to have the Kindergarten taught. The chief difficulty, in the way was the engagement of a teacher, but it is being re moved. Applications have come from other cities for positions, and if the classes are not

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS-

And Wonders Why He Can't.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. This is the season when the doubting young man is resolving to resolve. .

Is Baird Expected to Sell Out Again? The Empire.

The election for the house of commons in Queen's county, N. B., will be watched with a good deal of interest.

Must Maintain His Reputation. Guelph Mercury.

Sir Charles Tupper denies the report that Senator Schultz has been appointed lieutenant governor of Manitoba.

There is No Doubt of That. Toronto News.

The parties, judging by the revelations in the many recent election trials, seem not to have been bowed down by lack of funds.

Are These Schools in Kingston?

Montreal Star. In some schools barely half an hour in the day is devoted to study, and the overworked child must make up for this by losing sleep

But What's in a Name?

or recreation or both.

the only thing permitted.

Montreal Herald. The Regina Journal is publishing articles to show "how our Indians have been treated" But the law distinctly says they are not to be treated, or even to be allowed to treat other people. Pain-killer cocktail is

He'll Be Sure to Do That.

Ottawa Free Press. It is announced that Mr. S. E. Chapleau, the newly appointed clerk of the crown in chancery, has invented a new ballot box. It is to be hoped that he will also invent a method by which election returns will be gazetted in the order in which they are re-

An Election of Officers. At the regular meeting of the Sons of

Temperance, held last evening, the follow ing officers were installed by Bro. W. Mc-Rossie, D.G.W.P., assisted by Bro. Johnson, G. C.:

W. P.-Bro. J. M. Sherlock. W. A. -Bro. J. A. B. Smith. R. S.-Bro. Blakely. A. R. S. -Sister Gracey. F. S.-Bro, J. George. T .- Bro. E. Chown. Chaplain-Bro. Cook. Conductor-Bro. E. Jones. A. C .- Sister Williamson.

I. S.-Bro. Hume. O. S. -Bro. Tweedel. P. W. P.-Bro. F. A. Birch.

Baird's Dramatic Company. The above organization will play in Kingston for a week, beginning on Monday next. "My Partner" is the opening piece. It is a vigorous representation of mining life, its steadfast friendships and burning hates, its trustful confidence and villainous treachery. The bill is a strong one and proves the company is a first rate one.

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