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ABOUT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In the discussion of town affairs, there should be more public gatherings. Now, that the town act has been so amended that nominations are made ten days before election, it should be so arranged that the nominations be made publicly, and the several candidates, on that occasion, express themselves to the electors. This is the invariable custom where civic politics receive the attention and interest they deserve, and the sooner we adopt it in Woodstock, the better.

It appears to have been the custom in Woodstock to hold the public meetings at the street corners, where an audience of two or three, or perhaps half a dozen is treated to a discussion of town affairs. As a means of disseminating the opinions of the orators, such a mode is not to be despised. There are always found plenty to tell, what Mayor This or Coun. That said, at the corner of "Such and Such Street." But, a little reflection will convince the people, that it would be more in their interest, if cross roads gossip were to give way to open discussion in the town hall, which was built for that purpose.

The large attendance at last Friday's meeting shows that the electors wish to hear the whole story, and they heard quite an interesting tale on that occasion. No subject which the council has to deal with, is too delicate or embarrassing for recital at a public meeting when town affairs are up for review.

Possibly, and even probably, if we had more such meetings, there would be less canvassing on the strength of hearsay. That "What-you-may-Call-Him" told "What's-his-name" that "Thing-a-ma-gig" said that such-and-such a thing was a fact, is testimony which carries weight among the smaller school boys, but adults do not regard it as convincing evidence.

More public meetings, more public discussion, and less street corner gossiping! We are too old for this latter child's play.

THE OTTAWA TANGLE.

An armistice has been arranged between the Bowellites and the seceders of the dominion government. It was to come to an end yesterday, when the time limit for Sir Mackenzie to complete his cabinet-repairing was up.

The issue between the premier and the dissenters was very keenly drawn. They felt according to Mr. Foster's statement in the house, that, while there was no difference in policy between the leader and themselves, that it was impossible for them to work under him, with any probability of ultimate success.

The premier did not submit to this deposition unrummuringly. In fact, he would not submit at all. He made a long speech in the senate in which he roundly scored the bolters, and practically accused them of acting treacherously, by him.

Perhaps the bolters anticipated this, knowing that Sir Mackenzie is a rather choleric old Englishman, but it is doubtful if they expected he would show as much fight as he has shown. It is likely that he would have resigned, if the governor-general had not stepped in and told him that he must get the Queen's speech through, first. So, he was given some days to reconstruct, and if he could not do that—why something must happen.

From a conservative stand point, the whole affair is distressing enough.

At a time when England is being held up as a "big bully," a "land grabber" and what not, it is some balm to read the following testimony to her work in South Africa, given to the press by Rev. F. W. Bates, a missionary of the American Board, connected with the East Central Africa Mission. Mr. Bates says:—

"Too much is being said against the greed of England. She has done more for Africa than any other nation. She has a history in Africa extending over centuries. Her occupation has always resulted in the elevation of the natives. She alone, of all the nations, forbids the sale of intoxicants to the natives; she aids in education and civilization; she gives the native the rights of a man. It would mean a decided advance in civilization if England might have all of Africa instead of the small share that has fallen to her."

The Toronto World, an independent conservative paper, is supplied with cartoons every day from the exhaustless imagination of the well-known cartoonist Sam Hunter. A late paper contains a picture of Sir M. Bowell as a goat, who having butted Messrs. Foster and Haggart so hard that they are sprawling on the ground, remarks, "I ain't no scape goat, and I ain't going into no wilderness." On the goat's back were placed

the sins of the government, which the indignant animal has thrown off.

While Dr. Jameson's raid on Johannesburg in the Transvaal is universally condemned, there appears to have been at least the shadow of excuse for it, on account of the intolerant attitude of the Boers to the many foreigners who do business in Johannesburg. Nine-tenths of the revenue of the republic is derived from industries conducted by the British and other foreigners, yet, the Uitlanders as the foreigners are called are allowed no representation, and it is not allowed to teach English in the state schools. There were several other grievances. But, allowing for all this, Dr. Jameson seems to have acted without any authority. He is to be tried in England. The case will be watched with interest.

The new plan of voting, after the Australian ballot system, was first introduced in civic elections here on Monday. It is certainly an improvement on the old plan, securing the secrecy of the ballot, and must have the effect of decreasing bribery, which is still, in spite of our enlightenment, resorted to lavishly, even by those who talk loud against it. To be sure it took a long time to get one's vote recorded, but this may be prevented next year by having an additional polling place.

In the death of Chas. W. Weldon of St. John, passes away one of the best men in private and public life, whom New Brunswick has produced. As a politician he was clean, as a lawyer he was eminent, as a christian gentleman he was consistent.

The Transvaal people of whom we hear so much just now, get their name from Boer, which in Dutch means, farmer.

The clock on the city hall at Fredericton was set at eastern standard time on Monday.

THE ORANGE AND GREEN.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

Dibblee, who is here, if what I have said is not true," continued Mr. Donnelly.

Mr. Dibblee—I can corroborate all that Mr. Donnelly has said. (Renewed Laughter.) A general skirmish of words and compliments followed.

After it ceased Coun. Gallagher gave an account of his work as chairman of the light committee. His appropriation was \$800, uncontrollable expenditure \$670 and there was not much left for repairs. By reason of the necessity of overhauling the system the amount expended the past year was \$1061.67.

Coun. Arnold briefly thanked the people for support in the past, and said at some future date he might again call upon them. Mr. J. R. Murphy was asked to the stand and at some length gave his reasons for being a candidate. He was brought out by no class of persons, but came on a promise made last year, after his defeat. He attacked the general management of town affairs, and especially the courting of litigation. The meeting broke up at 11 o'clock.

A Baby's Life Saved.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin, of Huntsville, Ala. Sold by Garden Bros.

SPECULATIONS.

Opinions of Leading Tory and Grit Journals.

TORONTO, January 11.—The World's Ottawa correspondent speculates on the chances of Sir Mackenzie Bowell being able to form a new government, and says: "The belief is expressed that no matter how successful Sir Mackenzie may be, any arrangement which he will make can only be of a temporary character. It may be that the address will be passed and the remedial bill introduced. The talk is that this course will be adopted and that an adjournment for three weeks or a month will be asked to enable Sir Charles Tupper to form a new ministry. Dissolution may then follow."

TORONTO, January 11.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: Sir Mackenzie Bowell is experiencing most of his difficulty in getting good men from the maritime provinces to enter the cabinet. At a meeting of the conservative members for New Brunswick it was decided to stand by Mr. Foster.

After referring to some of the many obstacles that stand in Sir Mackenzie's path the correspondent says: "On the whole, nothing is more certain tonight than the uncertainty. A great many suspect the high commissioner of lending his name to the Bowell Ministry now in process of reconstruction in order to prove that he is not in the conspiracy to depose the premier. But he is doing nothing more—exerting none of his personal influence, and waiting calmly at his son's house for the break down of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's final effort. It is pointed out that for the high commissioner to be in earnest in his declaration that he would serve under Sir Mackenzie would be condemnation of his son's plea that they were justified in knitting the premier for incapacity."

Who can reconcile Sir Hibbert Tupper's statement by the mouth of Mr. Foster that it was disastrous to the party to allow Sir Mackenzie to continue in office, with his father's assurance of help in keeping Sir Mackenzie in office? These two things cannot be reconciled, except on the assumption of further treachery to the prime minister. But it is stated that no matter who is premier, Lord Aberdeen will refuse to allow the seven ministers who resigned to come back as his advisers. In this he would be exercising the constitutional right possessed by the Sovereign to object to persons recommended by the premier as his advisers. Her Majesty exercised this right in 1892 by informing Mr. Gladstone that Mr. Henry Labouchere was objectionable as an adviser. Mr. Gladstone acknowledged Her Majesty's right to make the objection."

Death For A Girl.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Fla., Jan. 9.—For the love of a woman Henry Thomas and Alfred Stafford fought a duel to the death near this place Tuesday afternoon. For two months they have gone heavily armed, and it was known that when they met a fight would follow. Tuesday Thomas and two friends went hunting, not knowing that Stafford and three friends had gone on a similar errand. In the afternoon they met and it seemed that a general fight would ensue. Thomas, however, urged that only he and Stafford were concerned, and asked that they be allowed to fight it out. This was agreed to, and Thomas and Stafford, armed with pistols, faced each other at thirty yards and began firing. Neither was injured by the first exchange and the men advanced on each other. At the second shot Thomas fell with a bullet in his bowels. Stafford still advanced on the prostrate man, firing, when Thomas staggered to his feet and, steadying himself by a tree, took deliberate aim and sent a bullet through his foe's heart. Thomas died two hours later. In taking the corpses of the young men home, they were borne past the residence of the girl for whom they fought. She showed no emotion.

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