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**THE CITIZENS' MEETING.**

So far as the citizens' meeting of Friday evening in the Market Hall affords an indication there is a strong feeling in favor of civic ownership. That, however will be tested at a plebiscite to be hereafter taken. We confess to a preference for the plebiscite as proposed in the motion of Dr. Taylor rather than the amendment of Mr. Brown, which latter was adopted almost unanimously. There is more than the bald proposition of civic versus company ownership upon which it seems desirable to obtain an expression of opinion. Some might prefer that the city should light the streets only, leaving to the company the work of house and shop lighting. Still there seems little doubt that the entire electric lighting could be best and most economically done by one plant.

It has been suggested to The Guardian that it would be well when the plebiscite is taken to make separate entry of the property vote as distinguished from the franchise vote. This is a matter which might be determined by the City Council, in its discretion, and would not, as we now understand it affect the result of the total vote. One matter of some interest has been apparently settled by the an-

swers of the Light and Power Company furnished in reply to inquiries from a committee of the City Council. The Company are willing to light the streets on a five year contract with enclosed arc lamps at \$75 per lamp, and are willing to abandon the objectionable minimum rate, but will not reduce the present rate of 12¢ cents to consumers of electric light. This last decision seems likely to be a determining factor in the plebiscite, in view of the strong popular demand for cheaper electric light in the homes.

The company is not at present prepared to give the City an option for the purchase of its plant, but will call a meeting of shareholders for that purpose if the City decides to take up electric lighting. We think it might be desirable that the citizens should know in advance of the plebiscite at what price the existing plant could be obtained. There is a general desire to obtain light at the lowest reasonable rates for the streets and dwellings, but as far as possible without needless detriment to the Company's vested interests. The creation of an entirely new plant would no doubt seriously affect the earning power of the Company, and we think it would be therefore desirable that the existing plant should be acquired by the City, if it could be got at a fair valuation. Of course if this cannot be effected, and if the City and the Company cannot come to terms in regard to the rate for lighting the streets, dwellings and shops, there seems at present little doubt that the citizens will in the end embark upon the installation of a civic electric plant.

An anonymous correspondent writing to The Patriot indulges in some criticisms of Mr. Crosskill, the Librarian of the Legislature. We are of the number who have always found Mr. Crosskill to be a most capable, courteous and pains taking official, and we cheerfully certify to the great public value of what he has done in cataloging, rearranging and rendering the Legislative Library available for the use of members and others.

The Christian Guardian, organ of the Methodist body in Ontario, has this, and much more of the same sort to say with regard to the political situation in that Province:—"The essential question before this Province at this moment is not a question of party politics. It is the question of reinstating ourselves in our own self-respect and in the respect of the world, by cleansing ourselves, at whatever cost of party tie or personal feeling, from the political immorality which is sapping our vitals."

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Metropolitan	116 1/2	116 1/2
Missouri Pacific	107 1/2	106 1/2
Pennsylvania	137 1/2	137 1/2
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**THE ONTARIO CAMPAIGN.**

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It is doubtless more in sorrow than in anger that Mr. Blake has felt compelled to take this attitude, but he has counted the cost and stands true to his conscientious convictions. Mr. Blake takes no stock in the plea that one party is as bad as the other. "At the present juncture," he says, "it is not a question of how much better may be the men that we wish introduced into the public arena for the government of our land, but it is a question of punishment for those who have been, tested and tried and found deliberately at work debauching and degrading our land." Other old Liberals like Rev. D. C. Hosack, Presbyterian pastor of Toronto, declare that "the defeat of the Government will be a victory for true Liberalism." Prohibitionists have lost confidence in Premier Ross, and former supporters like Rev. Nathaniel Smith and Rev. Dr. Ross, declare that he has "proved recreant to his most sacred obligations," and that "the question is now not only one of prohibition but of good faith and political integrity." Among many other Liberals of prominence now opposing Ross is Walter Mills, son of the late Hon. David Mills, who was in his time a tower of strength to Ontario Liberalism.

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