

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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TWO NEWSPAPERS— ONE OPINION

The Guardian refers to the recent great and notable Conservative victory achieved in Manitoba. It enumerates the previous successes of the Liberals, and says:—

"There was not a Tory government east of the Rocky Mountains when the Prairie Province electors were summoned to the polls a few days ago. We need not therefore be astonished at the surprise with which the crushing defeat of Greenway has been received in the Liberal camp. It may be worth while to find, if we can, some of the reasons for the change. They will be found partly in the local field, but mainly, we think, in the domain of federal affairs.

"Among the local causes for the defeat is the fact that the Greenway government has been nearly twelve years in power, and there is always in such cases a considerable body of electors who conclude that the time for a change has come. Some of Greenway's ultra Protestant supporters had grown dissatisfied because, as they thought, under pressure from Ottawa, he had made too great concessions to the Catholic minority in the matter of school privileges."

Curiously enough, another and very different journal entertains the same opinion—though regarding the matter from another point of view—Le Soleil, of Quebec, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's organ, published by his friend Pacaud! According to Le Soleil the only offence of Greenway was that he "yielded to pressure from M. Laurier and made important concessions to the Catholic minority." The Liberal organ adds:—

"We render this justice to our co-religionists that they showed themselves grateful, and voted almost unanimously for the Liberal party. The Conservatives did not receive ten per cent of the Catholic and French vote. Even St. Boniface, the seat of the Archbishop, the rallying centre of our race, rallied to our party for the first time. They knew well, those patriots of ours, that they ran the risk of losing all the ground conquered if the Tory sectarians should obtain power. Let them reassure themselves still, M. Laurier is still there to protect them, and the province of Quebec is yet here to proclaim its force and its authority. We have only to repeat the 23rd of June, 1896. What is the good of dissimulation? The true cause of the defeat of the Liberal ministry was national antipathy. The English have found themselves beaten frightfully in Africa for some time past, and their brethren in Canada have nothing but wrath against those whom they suspect of rejoicing over these misfortunes."

The "organ of the Liberal party" goes on to say that though M. Laurier has done his duty in the matter of the South African corps, there are some who claim that he did not go far enough. It adds:—

"It was that which Grand Master Clarke Wallace went to breathe into the ear of the Orange lodge of Manitoba. It is the element which triumphed on Thursday over our compatriots and co-religionists."

The purpose of the writer of this latter effusion is to weld the French people of Quebec into a solid phalanx of voters to maintain in office Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Master of the Administration, Mr. Tarte.

But there may be truth in the conclusion to which The Guardian and Le Soleil have alike arrived. There is no doubt that the Protestant people of Manitoba

were humbugged and disappointed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Greenway. Sincerely and strongly opposed to religious education in the public schools, they now see the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church taught and the French language given the preference in schools maintained at the expense of the Province. Being a practical people, they receive little solace from the fact that there is now but one Board of Education instead of two. They have been humbugged; they know it and feel it. It is not wonderful that they seized the first opportunity to "vote down" Mr. Greenway.

The fact that their confidence in Mr. Greenway was misplaced will not, however, affect the people of Canada at large. The Protestants of Manitoba understand, now, that the maintenance of religious education in the Roman Catholic Schools was bargained for at the time of Confederation. If they had known as much in 1892 it is not likely that they would have been caught by the Liberal dodge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Greenway; and it is not likely that they will, until trial of the present conditions has been made, support any other political leader in again upsetting the essential stipulations of the bargain which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with his "sunny smile," has ratified and confirmed, and in which the Manitoba Government, led by Mr. Greenway, has acquiesced. If not in the public interest, the bargain may again become a Provincial question. In the meantime the Dominion of Canada and the people at large, have nothing whatever to do with it.

METHUEN AND WHITE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The unofficial reports from Modder River indicating that Gen. Methuen's artillery is of longer range than that of the Boers are received here with welcome relief after the constant experience of the Boer's superiority in this respect elsewhere. The fact, if fact it be, will obviously be of immense importance in the event of a direct attack in the tremendously strong Boer positions at Spynfontein and Magersfontein. A report from Pretoria that Commander Cronje had captured fifty of Methuen's men is not confirmed from the English side. The only fighting that was recorded Sunday between the western column and the Boers was a lyddite and sharpnel long range bombardment by the British naval brigade and howitzers. The positions at Kimberley on December 7th, and at Mafeking on November 30th, when they last reported, were unaltered and Ladysmith is still held, though apparently the situation in the latter place is growing worse. A correspondent at the Boer headquarters outside Ladysmith sent on December 4th points from despatches with which Kaffirs vainly tried to pass the Boer lines toward E. court. These show that both men and horses in Ladysmith are on half rations. Beer is all gone, whiskey sells for 20 shillings a bottle, and milk half a crown a tin.

From November 1 to December 5, 3,264 Boer shells dropped in the town, killing 31 civilians and wounding 145. The town hall is a complete wreck. The messes, some of which were for the press, also say that the Transvaal artillery is almost exclusively in the hands of German and French mercenaries, but for whom they would have been no use and probably to advance beyond the borders of the republic. It is added that the Boers are weary of war and that many of them are surrendering to the British pocket.

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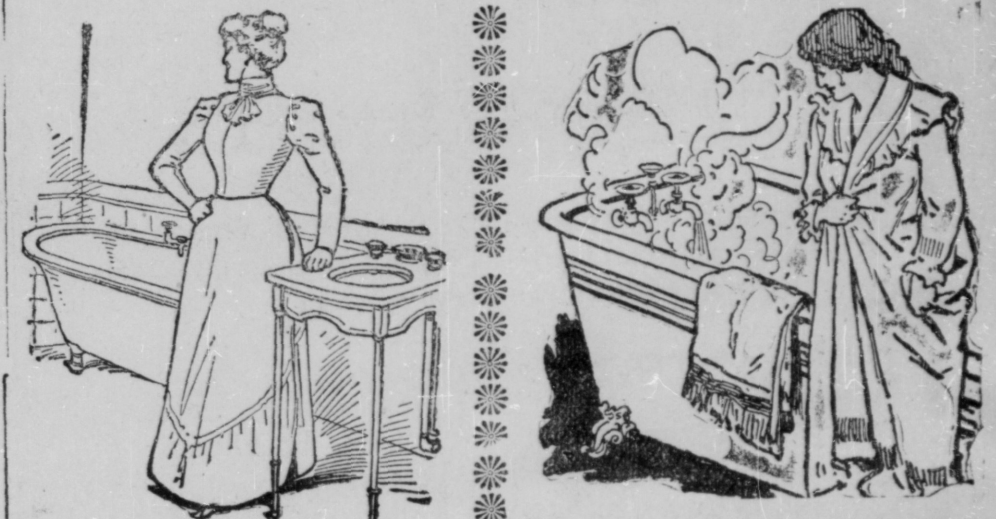
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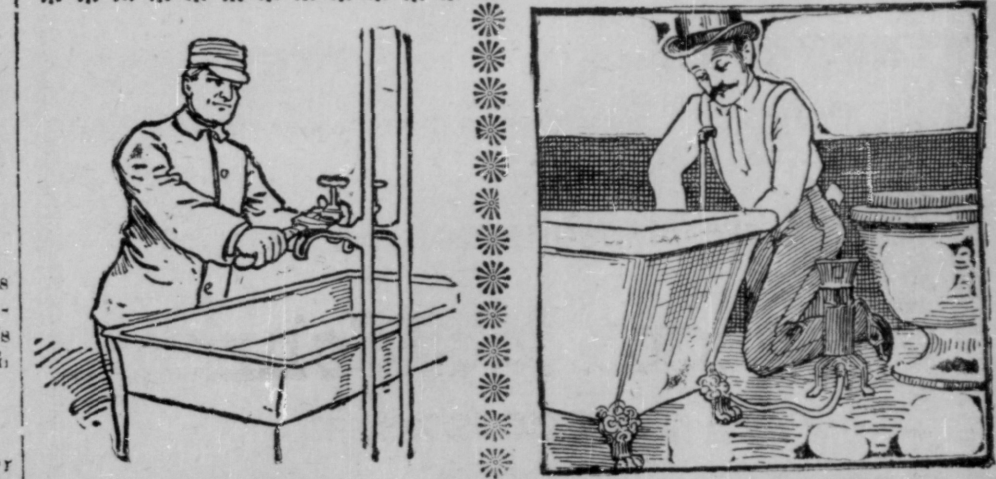
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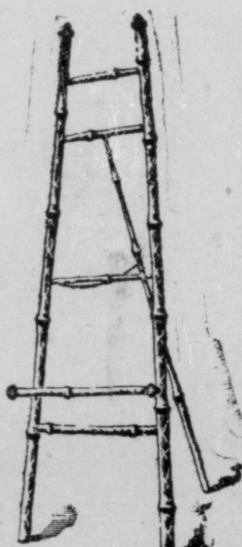
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