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CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

The Young Ladies' Improvement Society, of Whithy, recently waited on the council of that town, and asked that body to set aside a day for tree and flower planting, as well as a general cleaning up of the town. A society of this nature has a great field for operation in this town. Some of our thoroughfares are littered with boulders, tin cans, etc., and present a very untidy appearance. Some of our citizens, too, could vie with the organization by improving the conditions about their property. If all worked together, it would be surprising the change that would be effected in the appearance of our town.

UNDER A CLOUD

The recent farcial attempt to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Proudfoot M. P. P., against Premier Whitney and Provincial Secretary Hanna has created a bad impression throughout the country. The sittings of the committee was a parody on justice and fair play, and no surprise need be felt when Conservative newspapers as well as independent Conservatives are outspoken in their condemnation of the tactics employed to prevent the truth from coming to light.

A thorough investigation should have been made into the charges and the refusal of the committee to admit certain evidence clearly demonstrates that the members were prejudiced in the case.

One thing is certain. Both Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna have suffered as a result of the charges. Even among their own followers there is a strong suspicion that there was something irregular in connection with the Taylor matter. Until such time as the charges are fully investigated these gentlemen will be under a cloud of suspicion. The situation is not a very creditable one, but it is their own making.

THE PROUDFOOT CHARGES

In the midst of such a mass of spectacular news from the Legislature, and in view of such clouds of dust being raised by the Government in their last frantic efforts to stifle the real facts of the Hanna-Whitney charges, it is not amiss to collect a few salient facts brought out within the last day or two.

Such eminent lawyers as E. B. F. Johnston, K. C., G. H. Watson, K. C., and H. H. Dewar, K. C., have declared their belief that the transaction between the Hon. W. J. Hanna and Geo. C. Taylor, involving the acceptance of a payment of \$500.00 to the Minister comes under the criminal code. Two sections were declared to be applicable. In one no prosecution can be inaugurated after two years from the date of the transaction, but under the other there is no time limit. This question of the criminal code increases the gravity of the situation.

It has never been suggested that Sir James Whitney, who admits that he knew the money was received, ordered it to be returned. Theodore Roosevelt, in similar circumstances, ordered the money to be returned immediately.

Sir James Whitney did not make the admission of the receipt by the Hon. Mr. Hanna of the \$500 until the trouble caused by it had occurred on the Public Accounts Commit-

tee. The famous Thorne letter so fundamentally damaging to the Government, was written shortly after all the circumstances described in it occurred, and was written by a man who knew the facts, a man to whom Mr. McNaught had given a certificate of character, and who before the committee swore that the letter was true and who was the Government's own arbitrator.

The indefensible action of censure against Mr. Proudfoot by the majority is simply another step in the campaign of suppression and exclusion of both facts and fair play. As a matter of fact, if it had not been for Mr. Proudfoot, the province would not know today that Mr. Hanna received a payment from a government contractor. Among fair-minded people Mr. Proudfoot has gained the greatest credit by performing a duty which he owed to the province in attempting to clean up facts which the public interests demanded should be known.

GOVERNMENT ON DEFENSIVE

Much has been said about the challenges and counter-challenges in the Whitney-Hanna charges, but the debate in the House on the last night of the session shows that it was the Government which was on the defensive at the close and still remains there.

Mr. Proudfoot's position is clear. "If this matter," he said, "will be taken before a Royal Commission, and they find that the charges are not substantiated, then I am willing to resign my seat." The challenge is clear cut, and the refusal of the Government to accept it is equally apparent. They voted down the minority report, which advocated a Royal Commission, and refused all further enquiry. The challenger is Proudfoot, not Hanna, and the refusers of the challenge are the Hon. Sir James Whitney and the Hon. W. J. Hanna and the Government, not William Proudfoot and the Opposition.

APPLICATION OF WHITewASH

The Midland Free Press says that "whitewash when not properly applied has a tendency to wear off and leave a streaky surface." (If this should prove the case, the coat of kalsomine administered to Sir James P. Whitney and Provincial Secretary Hanna by a committee of their own followers was a little "too thin." It will take more than a coat of whitewash of the vitriolic fulminations of Premier Whitney to remove the stigma attached to the Government in its relation to the Taylor matter. A bad odor has arisen from the revelations which cannot be banished by the windjamming utterances of the government followers.

TORY SHAME FOR ONTARIO

Canada must feel ashamed of Tory Government as shown during the past week. At Ottawa the new gag rule was first applied; in Ontario the steam roller was used in an effort to hide ministerial wrongdoing. The spectacle was witnessed of a partisan Tory Committee refusing evidence until the Liberal minority in disgust withdrew. Then the Tory members whitewashed Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna who admitted accepting \$500 as a party contribution from a firm which at the same time sought and secured Government favors.

Then a subservient party majority in the Legislature not only whitewashed the two Ministers, but passed a motion condemning Mr. Proudfoot, the Liberal member, who dared expose the deal. Small wonder that the Ottawa Citizen, the Conservative organ at the capital, says, "Only as a last desperate resort, when there was imperative need to conceal the facts, would a partisan committee be in the least politically wise."

EDUCATION IN ONTARIO

(Christian Guardian.)

The report of the Minister of Education for Ontario for the year 1912 has been issued, and weighs just 3 pounds and 4 ounces. But, as might be expected, it contains some very valuable information. We'll call a few facts from it for the benefit of our readers. It should be remembered that while the report is dated 1913, it really contains the statistics for 1911. The total expenditure upon the elementary schools, both public and separate, was \$9,904,284, an increase of about \$813,000 over the preceding year. The public schools cost \$9,006,394, the separate schools \$897,890. In addition to this the Province spent \$1,948,058 on High Schools and Collegiate and \$252,980 in Continuation work. The school population of the Province is given as 604,555. This includes all children from 5 to 21 years of age. There are enrolled, however, only 520,255. It would be interesting to have the enrollment of the different ages, but these figures

are not given. The average daily attendance is 313,624, which means that on the average there is just about half the possible school population at school. The average cost per pupil, based on the average attendance, and including sites and buildings, teachers' salaries, and all other expenses, but not so far as we can see making any allowance for interest on investment in building, etc., is \$38.59, which is very nearly double what it was in 1902, when it stood at \$19.93. There were 6,096 teachers employed in rural schools, of which 899 were male and 5,197 female. Of these 6,096 teachers only 140 held first class certificates, 2,863 held second class, while the rest held third class and other certificates. There were 4,447 teachers, 600 male and 3,846 female, in the elementary schools of the urban districts, cities, towns and incorporated villages, and of these 507 held first class certificates, 3,213 second class, and the balance third class and other certificates. The highest salary paid to a public school teacher is \$2,200, the lowest is not given, but the average in the cities is \$1,395 for male teachers and \$706 for the female teachers. In the towns the average is \$963 (male) and \$496 (female), while the rural school averages only \$536 for male teachers and \$464 for female teachers. These figures account, doubtless, for the small percentage of first class teachers. When it pays a man better to "hire out" than to teach school in a farming section the educational outlook is poor. In the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools the cost per pupil (average attendance) was \$96.54, not quite double the figure for 1902, which was \$53.34. These figures are worth pondering.

LEAVES A BAD TASTE

Kingston Standard (Conservative)

"The Standard from the beginning has thought that a serious mistake was made by the chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the Provincial Legislature in refusing to admit as evidence the Thorne letter bearing on the Hanna-Taylor incident. What the people of Ontario wanted, and what they still want, is the fullest information on the matter, and any concealment of the facts or any endeavor to conceal them, must, inevitably, react upon those responsible for such a policy. Certainly we cannot for an instant believe that if either Premier Whitney or Secretary Hanna had been consulted in the matter, they would have approved of Chairman Ferguson's ruling, for whether this ruling was legally justified or not, it was bad political tactics, and, for that matter, bad citizenship.

"The best proof that this is so is that the Thorne letter has now become public property, as it was bound to become, and that, unfortunately, it leaves a bad taste in one's mouth."

"To be sure it is only second-hand evidence—heresy—evidence—that in a court of law could not and would not be accepted, and for that reason, it must be taken for what it is worth. Since it is easy to put on paper idle charges and statements that would not bear close inspection, certainly those who know Premier Whitney and Mr. Hanna must feel, as the Standard feels, that it is preposterous to suppose that they would be guilty for one single moment of anything personally corrupt."

"Nevertheless, this does not alter the fact that it is a grievous mistake to have excluded the Thorne letter originally, since it put the Government in the position of having something to conceal. Now that the letter is published it comes in the nature of an after-clap and may be accepted unreservedly by many people who earlier would have been skeptical of it."

"As a friend of both Premier Whitney and Mr. Hanna, and as a supporter and believer in them and their Government, the Standard urges them to let the fullest light be turned on in the Taylor matter. Concealment, evasion or legal quibbling can only do harm."

WHEN BABY CRIES.

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VICTORIA DAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY MAYOR WILL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION

Mr. John Hughes, representing the Independent Order of Foresters, who have in hand the Victoria Day celebration, appeared before the council with blood in his eye. At the regular meeting of the town fathers on May 5th, in response to a deputation of Foresters, a resolution, fathered by Ald. Warren, was put through instructing His Worship the Mayor to declare Victoria Day a public holiday. Since that day Mr. Hughes and his brother Foresters have been scanning the newspapers, as well as the billboards for the proclamation, but none appeared. He wished to know the reason of the delay in the matter.

Now, some of the aldermen maintained that since the day was a statutory holiday no proclamation was necessary. This did not satisfy Mr. Hughes or Ald. Warren, the latter rewriting his resolution and submitting it to the council. His Worship asked if the merchants were all agreed on closing the stores on Victoria Day.

This brought Mr. Robert Nugent to his feet. He stated that a few years ago a big Dominion Day celebration was held in Lindsay. The merchants were greedy and opened up their stores and catered to the big crowd that had been attracted to town. The result was the town was dubbed Hogtown by the smaller outside places, which afterwards held demonstrations in order to keep their people at home. If Victoria Day is to be observed, the council should see to it that the business places were closed for the sake of the town's good name.

Mayor Beal—We can't compel them to close their stores. Ald. Warren's motion was put and carried, and the Mayor's proclamation will accordingly be issued. At this juncture Ald. Warren in a burst of fervid eloquence scathingly condemned those who make a hurried exit from the opera house and other public meetings when the National Anthem is being played. Nothing aroused his anger or disgust more than this practice. Those who were guilty of this disrespect were on a par with those who did not

want to observe Victoria Day on the proper date. Ald. Warren said he had strong feelings on the matter. Ald. Irvine—Let us sing "God Save the King."

Coal Chutes Burn At Belleville

Belleville, May 12.—The coal chutes of the Grand Trunk Railway, situated in the yard here, were destroyed by fire early today, together with five coal cars and about 250 tons of coal. When discovered the fire had gained considerable headway. The chutes, which were situated some distance east of the station, and outside of the city limits, were constructed of heavy timbers, and burned rapidly. How the fire originated is not known. It is estimated that the loss will be in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Destructive Fire Visits Orillia

Orillia, May 12.—The Stephens Electrical Supply Store here was destroyed by fire early today. The losses are: Overend and Lowry, hardware, \$12,000, insurance, \$8,500; W. T. Stephens, \$2,600, insurance, \$500; George Wick and Sons, building, \$4,000, insurance, \$1,000.

Arguing that the limit set as to the moisture content is working against the shipment of American corn from the port of Montreal, a deputation of the Montreal Corn Exchange and other interests will ask the Government to strike it out.

BORN

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Presented Plan of New Subdivision

At last night's council meeting Mr. P. J. Breen submitted to the members a layout or plan of a subdivision in the northwestern corner of the town. This is known as the Douglas property fronting east on Albert and west on Adelaide-sts. It is 514 feet wide and 845 feet long.

A lane will run up the corner. There will be ninety buildings all. Mr. Breen wanted the council to carefully study the plan before registration. A special committee was appointed to meet this evening and the salary of \$20,000.

Children FOR FLETCHER CASTO