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SOME CIVIC STATISTICS.

Of fourteen cities in Ontario Kingston's tax rate is lower than all save one. The ascending scale is as follows: Hamilton and Kingston, 19.9; Brantford, 20.02; London and St. Catharines, 21.9; Belleville, 22.5; Ottawa, 22.7; Toronto, 23.3; Guelph, 23.6; Woodstock, 23.7; Stratford, 24.9; Windsor, 26.8; Chatham, 27.6; St. Thomas, 28.2. The rate generally is high because the modern cities must have the improvements that bespeak the progressive spirit. The place of any pretensions must possess a municipal water works system, and an electric light plant. Most of them have concrete sidewalks, and some of them have also paved streets. The average public debt is heavy, but not overburdening. Kingston has, perhaps, a larger outlay in interest than any other city, population and assessment being taken into account.

SLAUGHTER OF DEER.

A shameful slaughter of deer is reported to have taken place this year. The law is very explicit on the subject, and the aim is that each hunter shall be limited in his captures. The season being warm, however, some of the early sportsmen appear to have hung up the deer they killed, upon the trees and left them to rot, while they pursued the search for others. It was not the venison which they desired so much as the excitement of the hunt. It is alleged that the deer are numerous and by no means in danger of extinction, but the abandonment of the carcasses is suggestive of the wantonness which forced the government to indulge in stricter enactment some years ago. The deer season may be changed, from November 15th to 30th so that the weather generally may be colder, and each hunter confined to one capture. It may be difficult to detect the offenders—the men who violate the law with aggravating regularity—but something must be done to stop the waste that they produce in the recklessness of their operations.

A WORD FOR THE BOYS.

"The need of the hour," said a large employer of labour yesterday, "is of educated boys. The average parent makes a great mistake in supposing that because a boy is going to be a mechanic he can leave school early. The result is that the trade is not so easily learned, and the graduated tradesman is not as competent as he might be. He becomes skilful enough as a craftsman, and he works well. But he is not a planner. He does not use his head. Perhaps he cannot do it for the lack of that education to which I have already referred. My idea is that the boy who is to be the expert of the future must have a good schooling. The more advanced it is the better." The institute is, if this employer's idea prevail, the institution which the boy must leave with the best training it can afford. Better still if the college technical course can be taken. The artisan who makes his mark needs all the education he can get, and it is the more easily acquired in youth. This is a fact or circumstance which should be kept continually before the youth, and by the parents more than by the teachers.

A WELCOME TO QUEEN'S.

Queen's College is to be congratulated upon its choice of a principal. It has been hard to find one who could aspire to fill the place left vacant by the death of Dr. Grant. The late principal had accepted the office when the college was an unpretentious institution, and had grown with it; in truth he was the cause of its expansion. He infused his spirit upon every department of its work, and seemed to have no limit to his ambitions and its usefulness. Dr. Gordon is a man after the late Dr. Grant's heart. He is a Canadian by birth and education. He hails from a province which has given to Canada and the United States many distinguished educators, and it is hoped that he may crown his career by his best service in connection with Queen's.

He has had a varied occupation and experience, and they have, no doubt, widened his view and given him the peculiar qualification which the principalship of a great university requires. Travel, contact with men, pastoral and administrative duty, academic, and professional service have had their effects on this man of high ideals, strong character and progressive spirit, and he will enter upon his new field of labour with the ardour, deliberation, and devotion which give assurance of success.

It will be some time before Dr. Gordon can be a master of the situation. There are many interests, diverse and complex, which he must study, but he will have the loyal support of a very numerous staff—he has the promise of that—and in time he will make his in-

fluence felt in the college councils. May he be a power for good in every walk of life, a worthy successor of the man whose mantle never falls upon him.

A HOPEFUL LAND SCHEME.

The Mail has resurrected a speech which Mr. Ross made in 1882, while he was a member of the commons. Mr. Ross was then dealing with a serious proposition, namely, that of selling vast stretches of the Canadian northwest to speculators, men who had no definite plans, whose only desire was to hold the territory they acquired until advancing civilization added to its value. Our contemporary sees in Mr. Ross' demonstration of twenty years ago a strong condemnation of the New Ontario scheme in which certain Americans are interested, but there is really no compassion between the cases. The New Ontario proposal involves the settlement of a given district of 2,000,000 acres within a certain time. The land is sold by the government at fifty cents an acre, and the syndicate is pledged to populate it, and sell for not more than \$3 per acre. To induce the necessary colonizing there will have to be large expenditures, so that the margin between the buying and the selling price will largely, if not entirely, disappear. The deal, as it affects the local government, is a simple one and easily comprehended. Mr. Ross wants the lands of New Ontario occupied. An American company undertakes to look up the people, to transport them to the land, and put them in possession of it. The only consideration is the disposal of it, in the first place, at a reasonable rate. The colonizing company is really a great immigration bureau, which undertakes a heavy task without reward or compensation so far as the Ontario government is concerned.

TEACHER OF THE FUTURE.

The Journal of Pedagogy is a monthly publication of the Syracuse University, and one of its editors is Prof. Metzler, whose home is close to the city—Odessa—and whose work is very well known to many here.

All the articles are readable, but the editorials are especially bright, and deal with current issues. That which describes the teacher's personality is particularly striking because it emphasizes that which Rev. Mr. Macdonald of the Westminster said on a recent occasion. "The intellectual equipment of the teacher," it is remarked, "is advancing with the passing years, but it is not so certain that the heart equipment is keeping equal pace. The teacher must have a large heart, a gentle spirit, a great personality, a strong and noble character."

"The office of the teacher," says the writer, "is far too little appreciated by the general public. We laud ourselves, and rightly too, but we do not notice them all. Many a battle is fought and many a victory is won in the classroom. Not a few teachers are giving their best energies, yea, their very lives for the sake of those they teach. Are not these unrecognized heroes? They die that others may be developed (educated) into strong characters, men and women of self-reliance and courage, that others may have larger life. The day is coming when good teachers will be more appreciated and all will be better equipped for their work."

The day is coming, too, when the question will not be, What qualification or degree does the candidate for engagement hold, but what is his character, his bearing, his influence, his power of impressing his personality as well as ideas upon the pupils? The ideal teacher is not the scholar only, but the man who duplicates himself in his scholar.

A LACK OF FIRE.

The people have not been thoroughly aroused in the campaign which culminates in the voting on December 4th. The absence of life is not due to a want of interest, for most people have given the Ontario Liquor Act considerable thought. They have their minds pretty well made up in regard to it. The probabilities are, indeed, that when they vote their ballots will express their mature and deliberate judgment.

There is a division of opinion upon the need of the Ontario Liquor Act. It is pointed out that there has been a steady progress towards sobriety in recent years, and the advocates of high license find in this experience the reflection that it is best to leave well enough alone. It is pointed out, too, that there is less public drunkenness. Against this is the fact that there has been an increased consumption of beer and spirits, and this revelation has been made by the inland revenue department. The more prosperous the people the more liquor they seem to imbibe, and there is no evidence as to how they consume it.

Then the total abstainers are called upon to consider whether the habits of the masses would be improved by the very radical change for which the Ontario Liquor Act provides. There would be an immediate cessation of the traffic so far as the shops, hotels, saloons and clubs are concerned. The only medium for the distribution of alcohol in any form would be the

drug stores, and they would be limited in their dispensation of it.

It is up to the people to say what they think of the situation. The legislature has passed the act and referred the enforcement of it to them. It is stipulated that the affirmative vote shall be such as to guarantee that public opinion is behind the act, and in that event it will have the favour and support of constituted authority everywhere.

The want of the campaign is the opportunity to contrast the pros and cons in public debate. What promises to be the event of the season is the debate in which Mr. Ferguson, of Chicago, and Mr. Mudie, of this city, will engage this evening. The effect of it will be inspiring generally. There will certainly be infused into the campaign the fire which it has so far lacked.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Stratford's school board is going to stand by its vertical hand writing, but will have it better taught. A great deal depends on the teacher.

The Hamilton Times says that some people in the Ambitious City think it is taxed for the teaching of the province. The contention is not admitted. Let us have some light upon the subject.

On dit that the minister of inland revenue is going to have the metric system of weights and measures taught in the public schools. The minister of education should have something to say about it.

In the judgment of Mr. Mitchell, of coal miners' fame, "violence never contributed to the success of a strike, because it loses for those on strike the sentiment of the public." Words well and wisely spoken.

The privy council has decided, on two appeal cases, one from Ontario and one from Quebec, that succession duties cannot be collected from the estate of one who is not domiciled in the province. This may mean refunds amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Mitchell, the president of the Coal Miners' Union, has won fresh distinction by the skill with which he carried himself as a witness before some of the most expert cuss examiners in the United States. McVeigh pronounced Mitchell the best witness he had ever confronted.

The Employers' Protective Society of Toronto made a serious mistake when they took up Mr. Kirby, of Troy, and allowed him to insult the union men by referring to them as "human devils," "union brutes," and "perjurers." No advantage can be gained for any cause by calling names.

The Grand Trunk is expanding its service. It is running lines in various directions in Canada, and into the United States. Most important of all its schemes is the proposal to cross the continent. Will the C. P. R. company object? Not if Sir William Van Horne's late talk amounts to anything. He has it that the trade of the country wants all the transportation facilities the railways can afford.

The New York Sun has reached the conclusion that there is no reason for a diminished church attendance save the lack of religious zeal or fire. "Only," it adds, "when men really believe in the world to come, and that all other profit is a snare and a delusion, so long as they lose their souls in its pursuit, will the churches be as thronged as are the marts of trade and the stock exchange."

A Plain Talk About Catarrh.

In a late number of an Ear, Nose, and Throat Journal, the editor declares a considerable space to a very clear description of the different forms of catarrh, and of a treatment which is curing cases where other methods have failed. A large number of these cases are described so plainly as to give every hope of a cure to those who have suffered for years, especially as the new treatment can be followed at home. For dear people there is also a report upon the successful treatment of defective hearing by external application, with a summary of some really remarkable cases cured even after operations have been performed. For the benefit of those who are interested it is announced that a free copy of the "Journal" can be obtained by addressing the Editor, 52, Regent's Park-road, London, England. With the "Journal" a special "Supplement" will be enclosed, which gives details of upwards of 40 cases cured by the new method during the past month, also a Report Form by means of which anyone can obtain full particulars and free advice as to the use of the treatment in their own case.

Wagarville Waitings.

Wagarville, Nov. 20.—The wedding party at Joseph Cox's on Wednesday evening was well attended. The young people enjoyed themselves by dancing. The party broke up in the wee small hours. Miss Mina Rutan has returned after an absence of a year and a half. J. Davis, formerly of this place, but now residing in the United States, has returned after spending a while with friends here. He was accompanied by A. and A. Cronk. The deer hunters have all returned and they report that deer are still quite plentiful. The shooting match at H. Storey's last Saturday was not very well attended.

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