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**The Reforms Are Coming.**  
The Canadian people were not so much interested in life assurance while the enquiry was confined to the American companies, and specially the Big Three, which handled millions of dollars a year and had many millions always at their command. But the insured have been thoroughly aroused by the revelations which have so far taken place at Ottawa, and as a result of the few days' work of the federal commission.

The investigation began at the capital because the first question at issue was the character of the annual inspection which is made by officers of the government for and in behalf of the people. Irregularities were not looked for. They were hinted at through the press. But the evidence came out unexpectedly that the insurance commissioners, or members of his staff, have for years been having their own time of it in requiring the insurance companies to meet their views and without success.

The things some companies have been doing with trust funds will be duly discussed when the particular transactions come up for consideration later. Suffice it to say that the commissioner's ideas have not at all times prevailed, and that he has pleaded that he could not insist upon it as the law stood. Practically the inspection was non-effective. The only answer is this: That the government should have realized the situation sooner, should have been informed of it definitely, so that the remedy that is now so apparent could have been applied.

When the enquiry is over certain reforms will surely be inaugurated, and some of them will be these: (1) A closer annual inspection by a staff large enough to do the work quickly and well; (2) a protection against any change in the investments or assets of the companies without the department's knowledge, and (3) a proviso that the company that cannot satisfy the reasonable demands of the commissioner, after consultation with the minister of justice, shall not be licensed. The period of sham and disobedience has surely passed.

**Matheson's New Scheme.**  
Mr. Matheson, the provincial treasurer, has just upon a happy expedient for the raising of funds for provincial purposes at a low rate of interest. A large sum of money is paid to the courts annually in trust account, and as it cannot be distributed at once, or for some time, it is invested. The provincial treasurer finds that while three and one-half per cent. interest is allowed on the deposits, 67-cent days after they have been recorded, there was at the end of February over a million dollars which were earning only three and one-quarter per cent.

It is not explained how the courts can pay a higher interest on money than it is receiving, but as there were a million and a half of dollars earning over four per cent., it is possible that there was an evening up process, and that the courts managed in that way to pay three and one-half per cent. interest all around.

Then comes Mr. Matheson's happy thought of securing the courts' funds—all over half a million of dollars—and giving as security the three and one-half per cent. bonds of Ontario, which he cannot sell except at a discount. These bonds will not be of the Tenimscaming railway. They are pledged to the Bank of Montreal at a discount, and the province must lose a hundred thousand dollars or so rather than that Mr. Matheson's word should be compromised.

The independent press—which is supposed to give candid advice—has counselled against the carrying out of the agreement. But the treasurer is bound hand and foot, it appears, by the deal and cannot recede from it.

**Labor In The Prisons.**  
The inspectors of prisons put in a strong plea for the employment of the convicts at hard labour, and it seems impossible to carry out the routine imposed upon them because this labour is not supplied.  
One gathers from the comments of the inspectors that they do not see any objection to the putting of the products of the prisons against the products of the factory. But those who remember the old days of prison management will see conditions which they will not want revived.

In the Kingston penitentiary there were the shoe factory, the cabinet factory, and the lock works. Sometimes they made money and sometimes they did not. The experience of one was a matter of management. It lost money and it made money—raising a contractor and making his successor rich,

because he had the benefit of a great tariff change under the National policy. Convict labour at thirty cents per day could not be expected to do as well as free labour, at \$1.50 or \$2 per day, but it did enough to unsettle prices and make it impossible to conduct a competition reasonably. The labour unions of the country in time made a protest against it which parliament respected. That protest would be raised again if any attempt were made to return to the contract system in our penitentiaries.

The sentence of the convict certainly calls for hard labour—not because it should be remunerative, but because the health of the individual demands it. Hard labour of some kind should be provided, and if not a good gymnasium should be erected for the daily and vigorous exercise of the prisoners. The labour unions would probably go that far.

**The Ballot Is Faulty.**

The Toronto World, after an examination of the ballot used in the Kingston bye-election, is moved to disapproval of it. The World, which in an earlier issue, and on the presentation of the facts by the member for Kingston, said a blot had been cast upon the record of the Whitney government, in a subsequent issue said:

"That the ballot paper used in the Kingston election permitted of individual votes being traced appears to be clear. It is true that only the ballot paper itself and the counterfoil were associated by number, and that the number of the voter upon the register was not placed upon the counterfoil. But though no means existed which any third party could identify a voter with the particular paper issued to him, it would be possible for a dishonest polling officer to note the number of any ballot issued and thus ascertain during the process of counting for whom it was cast.

"Clearly if the ballot is to be absolutely secret, it is to be absolutely hidden for officials acting at the poll or anyone else to trace any vote that is cast—there must be nothing that connects the marked paper with the voter. The form of dominion ballot provides for this, and at the same time permits of the poll officer satisfying himself that the paper issued to the voter is the one actually deposited in the ballot box. Nothing of course can altogether prevent fraud on the part of unscrupulous polling officials; all that can be done is to reduce their opportunities to a minimum."

The question is not what the Ross government did, but what the Whitney government promised to do and failed. The numbered ballot had not been abused by the liberal government, or by any one acting for it. But the conservatives declared that it was a menace to the elector, and the Whitney government passed an act which was supposed to abolish it. When papers so friendly to the powers-that-be, as the World goes back upon it, and calls the Whitney ballot a violation of a solemn promise and enactment, it is time there was both an apology and remedy.

**Editorial Notes.**

No agreement on the coal question. Take a look at your bias! Are you ready for a strike?

Eight thousand five hundred employees on the Intercolonial railway. About twice as many as there ought to be. Is it any wonder there are deficits?

John Dryden may become a permanent official of the agricultural department of England. His knowledge of Canada would be of untold value to the British government.

The Toronto Star favours the senate reform. Now is the time to do something if ever. The liberals talked of reform, and they have a big enough majority to do what they like.

The Hamilton Herald suggests the appointment of a writing master if the public school pupils are to write well. The Whig agrees that some one must specially direct the writing or it will become very bad.

The politicians at Washington talk about limiting the terms of the judges because one of them gave a decision in favor of the meat packers. The law must have been in their favour and the judges are not responsible for defective legislation.

**UNDER COUNCIL FIRE**  
FOR MAKING SUCH AN INCREASED DEMAND.

For School Purposes—Board of Education Criticized for Increasing Salaries—Should Be Made to Bear Some of the Burden.

The board of education came under review of the city council, last evening, in connection with its request for \$2,487 more than last year for school purposes. It is only one in a very long while that the educational board gets any prominence from the civic fathers, but it came in for a good share of criticism last evening for raising salaries, when the city council has such difficult work in financing the city departments on the present rate of taxation. Any demand the board of education makes on the council has to be met. School requirements, according to law, are uncontrollable expenditure, so far as the council is concerned, and have to be met, even if the streets and walks go to rock.

It was moved by Ald. Carson and seconded by Ald. Gaskin: That whereas the board of education has demanded from the city council the sum of \$2,487 for the additional to the amount asked by the board last year, such extra sum being chiefly made up of increases to the salaries of teachers and officials; and whereas, as the law now stands, the city council is powerless to resist such a demand; and whereas it is neither expedient, nor just that the body on which is placed the onus of raising the tax rate should have no voice as to how so large a portion of them should be expended; therefore, he resolved that this council is of opinion that the municipal council should be given power to review the financial demands of the board of education, or in the alternative that the board should levy and collect its own taxes; and he further resolved that the Ontario legislature be requested to pass legislation giving effect to these views.

Ald. Gaskin said he was heartily in favor of the motion. The council had come to a point when it had to put a stop to increases. Property was loaded with taxes, and couldn't stand more. The board of education should be required to submit its report to the civic finance committee for ratification.

Ald. Craig said the motion was all right in theory, but what was to be gained by it. The members of the board of education were as responsible to the people as was the city council. He would like to see the clause reflecting upon the faithfulness of the education board.

Ald. Givens said the board of education would be more impressed with its duty to the people if it had to meet the burden in some way. It had no burden to meet, and hence wasn't impressed. The board of education had increased salaries of its officials and teachers, while the city council, in order to pay the increase, was very unfair, in his opinion.

Ald. Cooke said it wasn't fair to hold up the board of education. Why were the salaries of teachers increased? Simply because teachers were leaving. To retain them, the board had to raise the salaries.

Ald. McCann said the city had a reliable board who were trying to keep down expenses. More money had to be paid teachers in order to obtain them.

Ald. Bassam said that many clerks who had no education, were getting more salary than educated teachers. He thought that the board of education should be let alone.

Ald. Nickle hoped that the mover and seconder would withdraw the motion as it was a reflection upon the management of the school affairs by the board. Kingston is losing some of its good teachers because of the small salaries paid here. It would be disastrous if the city council should have the right of review of the board of education's management. There is only one way for the people to realize that they have an interest in the schools, and that is that they should know that their money goes to the support of the schools. If they are dissatisfied, then let them change the trustees. The latter were giving valuable service and time, and receiving no thanks.

Mayor Mowat said that he was in favor of the resolution for this reason: That the rate of taxes depends upon the board of education as well as upon the city council. He was in favor of the increases to the teachers who must be paid, in order to be retained. He felt strongly upon the budget of the board of education, because the raises in the officials' salaries, which had been practically put through. The officials' increases were made in the hip-hip-hurray fashion. It was unfortunate that the officials of the board were increased at the expense of the civic officials, who are doing harder work and drawing smaller salaries than the officials attached to the board of education.

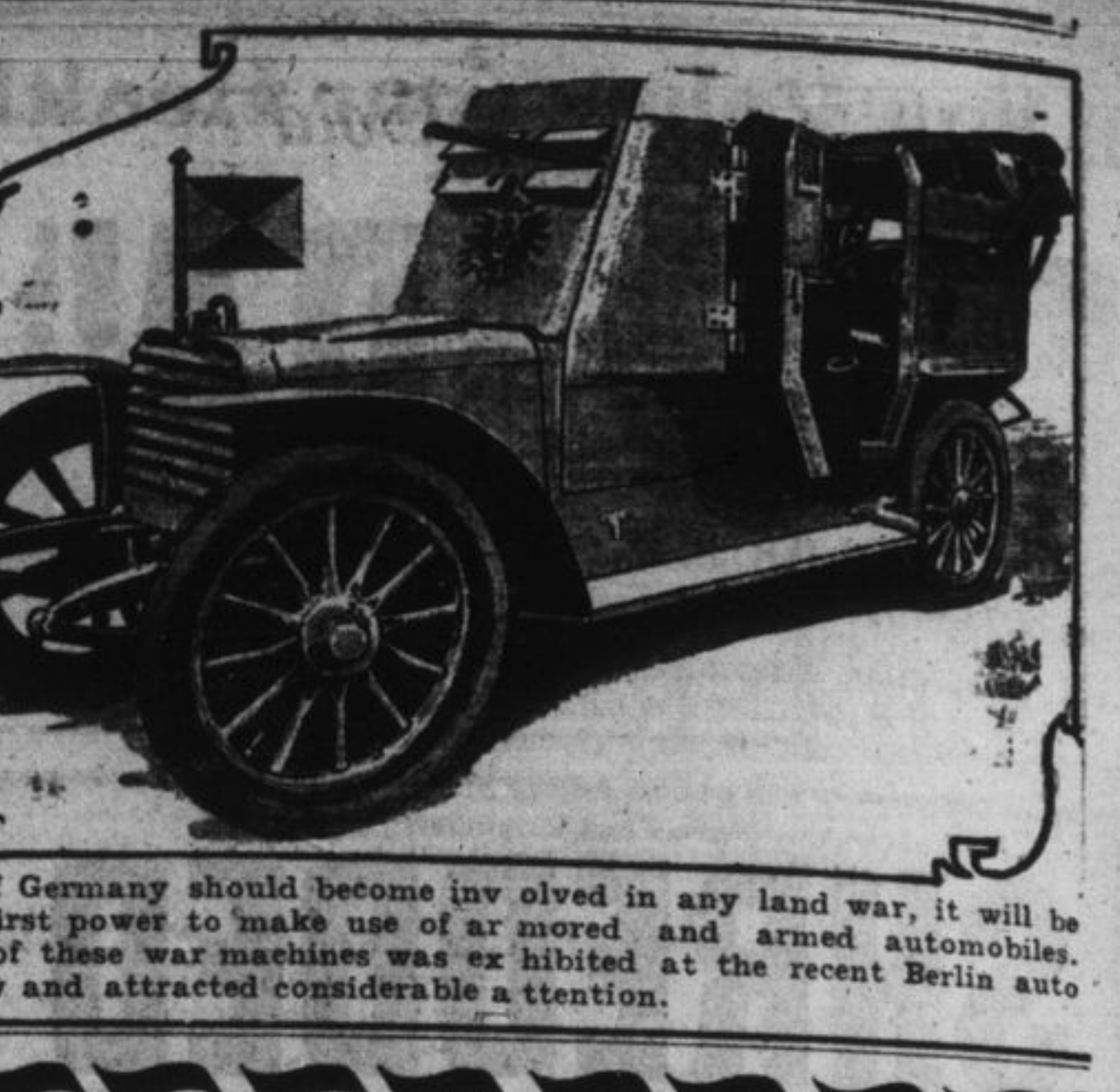
**POETICAL SELECTIONS.**

**When Life's Worth Living.**  
William G. Paul in New York Mail.  
When the sharp winds blow,  
And the drifting snow  
A cold, white world is giving,  
Then the schoolboy throng  
Chant a gladsome song,  
For that's when life's worth living!  
For that's when life's worth living!

**The Age Of Doubters.**  
Pall Mall Gazette.  
Old myths are doomed without a saving clause—  
The critics fall on them with lang and molar.  
The demigods have lost their souls—  
They're simply solar.  
In these sad days, when idols fall to dust,  
I can't feel sure of Caesar or of Nero—  
The one may prove a traitor, the other just  
A culture hero.

**The Beauty Fad.**  
Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
The family all giggle when Mildred says "Good-night."  
They know that "will be hours ere she turns out the light."  
For a certain "beauty culture" is Mildred's present fad,  
And she's so very zealous she drives her parents mad.  
Each evening rather early up to her  
And locks the door securely for fear of  
Her heavy hair she brushes, massages,  
And then proceeds to doctor her fault-  
findings.  
Into her sparkling eyes she drops some  
mystic lotion,  
And down her lovely throat she pours a  
beauty tonic,  
And then o'er boiling water, her face  
proceeds to steam,  
And on her complexion she rubs a  
soothing cream.  
Next comes her calisthenics, which take  
about an hour.  
These wrist and hand gyrations supposedly  
help her hair.  
To make her small waist smaller, and  
shrink her plump throat,  
For fatness and for thinness they are the  
antidote.  
Then she must brush her eyebrows, and  
"clothe-plinze" her nose,  
(She's a bit behind the times, she has all  
sorts of beauty woes).  
These things done, she is thankful into  
her bed to creep,  
Forgetting absolutely the need of "beauty  
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**FALL OF A.I.D. GIVEN**  
He Has Succumbed to the Ladies.  
Ald. Givens, as chairman has been desperately striving out of hot water with ladies' tuition, and has been congratulating himself that he was more than Ald. Angrave, who was in of Y.W.C.A. troubles last year. Ald. Givens has already got water with the ladies, before the breezes of spring have waft themselves over the city. Last meeting of the parks' committee ladies from the Historic Society waited upon Ald. Givens by lunch, to make sure they were told that the parks' committee could help them only in extent. The communication sent to the council had to go to other committees as well. Ladies bowed before the committee, and the parks' committee arose a committee as they retired to the parks' committee would thing in its power to assist. Historical Society in endeavors to beautify Kingston. Chairman Givens failed to report to council drawing attention to the fact that the Historical letter should be referred to of works and waterworks as well. Now, the ladies' march moved because of that will come, by reason that wait another fortnight a month before they can answer to their request. Ald. Givens, like many other men, is a victim to the ladies. His do penance.

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