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Daily Whig.

Trouble In Toronto Jail.

The commissioner who is investigating the charges against the governor of the Toronto jail has been hearing some pretty strong evidence in favour of the defence. This evidence has tended to show that when the local government changed certain subordinate officials became troublesome, and that they did not conceal the fact that they desired the removal of Van Zant.

The governor appears to have been a pretty good man, who found the institution lacking in discipline, when he became its head and who did what he could to overcome the defect. He had occasion to complain of the men who are responsible for the charges against him, and the sheriff confirmed the fact that the jailer made a reference of the grievance to him.

The commissioner (hearing the charges), thought that Mr. Van Zant should have dismissed the troublesome officials and in that way brought about the crisis. The counsel for the defence dissented, and with good reason. The situation was critical. Mr. Van Zant was conscious of the conspiracies against him. He could have snuffed them out by the dismissal or suspension of certain officials.

That would have been a courageous way of dealing with the difficulty. He endured the vexations for a season, with infinite patience, however, pending such developments as would secure him a vindication.

Perhaps the enquiry has not been in vain. It may do more than re-establish Mr. Van Zant in the public confidence, and nothing is needed so much at present as a lesson to the government for its surrender on the spoils system.

Cheaper Power In Kingston.

Mr. Beck made a most favourable impression in his talk in this city on cheap power. He is a business man, with a business man's method of presenting his case. He is, besides, an enthusiast, whose language is inspiring. One of his fluency of speech and readiness in debate should be in the government of his party, with portfolio, for certainly he is the best talker of all the ministers.

The subject is interesting to Kingstonians only in so far as the power which may be generated at the Trent falls is concerned. The Hydro-Electric Commission has had the matter under consideration, and it has been calculated that energy can be purchased at the Trent Falls, transmitted to Kingston, and sold here for $21.43 per horse power.

The calculation is founded on the assumption that 2,700 horse power will be contracted for. If such a daily quantity cannot be used the price will be higher, and if the quantity used be greater the price per horse power will be less.

The speech of Mr. Beck is preliminary to the submission of the question to the council and the people. It must be voted on, and intelligently. Before the polling the council will have a canvass made for patrons, it is presumed, and the people will be assured of a certain patronage before they assume any liability in the case. Meanwhile the issue is one which invites closer attention from the council and citizens.

Writing in The Schools.

The writing in the public schools came up for discussion at the Board of Education Thursday evening. This writing is not as good as it ought to be, in the opinion of some of the trustees, but the cause of this dissatisfaction is hard to determine. The system has been changed, and it takes time for the working out of the details. The hand of the pupil may be changed, but opinions differ as to how fast this change can be made.

It is about three years since the vertical system of penmanship was abandoned because some business men and parents found fault with it, and the medium-slant—a cross between the vertical and slant—was adopted. The change should have been pretty radical in that time, and yet it is alleged the results attained have not been quite satisfactory. This raises a new issue—the efficacy of the direction towards change or the merits of the system itself.

There is undoubtedly something in the contention that "system" is not everything. The individuality of the pupil or teacher will assert itself irrespective of the teaching. At the same time there is great value in the help that is inspiring, that raises the ideals of the pupils, that instills a spirit of conciliation into them. The supervisor of writing in the schools is an important person, and she does her work well.

If there is anything amiss with the medium-slant which she is teaching she is not to blame. She is conscientious and painstaking, and she would be worth her salary, as one trustee put it, if she did nothing more than make the scholars realize the neatness and beauty of her work.

Care Of The Imbeciles.

Some people may question the wisdom of Dr. Smith's declarations respecting the imbecile and pauper poor. It is humane and Christian to care for the helpless of any class, but it is a problem whether the community as a whole should add to its expense and responsibility annually, under some circumstances. Should there be any restriction placed upon the poor, and to the extent of preventing the matrimonial alliances that are followed generally by greater public burdens?

Dr. Smith is the inspector for Ontario of the charitable institutions. He was, before accepting this position, an assistant to the superintendent of the Brockville insane asylum. He has, therefore, had experience, and by it he is enabled to speak more clearly. His opinion, so largely quoted, is this: "The time has surely come when more attention should be paid to preventing the propagation of the undesirables of the species. It would seem to be good economy to make special provision for the care of these feeble-minded girls without proper custodial protection."

The suggestion is important and far-reaching. It is that the government should become the guardians of imbecile women, and care for them so that they may not be made the means, innocently, of adding to the race a larger rate of persons mentally defective. The change is a great one, but, seriously considered, and with a regard to the consequences that may follow the continuation of present conditions, there is economy in the recommendation of Dr. Smith.

Regarding Bounties.

The government has made public its mining scheme. The proposal is to encourage the smelting of ores in Canada, and it promises to be fairly effective. The method of encouragement is to pay a bonus or bounty on metals or compounds when produced in Canada and from Canadian ores.

Ontario for many years suffered its logs to be rafted and towed to American ports, there to be reduced to lumber, the process involving an expenditure in labour and materials which very largely benefited the Americans. The law which forced the manufacture of the lumber in Canada was revolutionary in its character, but it had the desired result. The only regret expressed with regard to it was that it was not enacted and enforced some years ago.

Then the same reasoning applies to the metals. Ontario has suffered by the exportation of its ores for years to the United States. Its nickle has been the best in the world, and in constant demand, and it was shipped to the United States, there to be refined and made valuable by the larger expenditure of money upon it. The ores of Cobalt are being similarly dug out of Canadian territory and shipped across the line. The aim is to have it, and the ores of Sudbury, smelted in Canada and this object should be attained.

The new law will collect an acreage tax from all mining lands, whether in organized or unorganized districts, and a tax upon the products of the mines, with profits exempted up to $10,000. This tax, all of it, or all that is collected and more, will be distributed in the bounties which are provided for—$60,000 a year in metallic nickle or refined oxide of nickle, $30,000 a year on metallic cobalt or refined oxide of cobalt; $60,000 a year on metallic copper or refined sulphate of copper, and $15,000 a year on white arsenic or arsenious acid. The department to have the option to change the proportions of these bounties, according to circumstances, but the total to be limited as specified and the arrangement to hold for a period of five years.

The proposal is one which is worthy of trial. The Whig and the Whitney government are not in accord on most things, but on this matter it seems that the government is pursuing the course which prudence approves.

Editorial Notes.

Delmas is getting $100,000 to defend Thaw, and Jerome is making him earn his money.

The Manitobans will elect a new legislature on March 10th. The government is on trial.

"Provincial rights," is an old issue revived in the legislature, and with a solid house upon the subject.

Mr. Graham did not steal the platform of the government in the local option vote. He and his party are following independent lines.

The cheap power meeting last evening was a success. It gave some people the better idea of what was going on.

When some people have nothing else to talk about they turn to the writing in the public schools. It is a delightful subject with those who do not understand the facts.

The anti-consumptive movement is gaining in power. The petition of the friendly societies in favour of isolation and special treatment is bound to command favourable consideration.

The London Free Press is under the impression that "Beck's power scheme" will be knocked unless a conservative is elected in West Middlesex. This must make Mr. Beck laugh. It is the joke of the week.

The Mail and Hamilton Spectator are the only two papers in Ontario which understand the facts and have misrepresented the Whig and its publisher in the Gamey episode. It is very much to their discredit.

The Trent Falls are regarded as the source of cheap power for the Kingston district. The one assurance about it is that the enterprise cannot pass into the hands of a monopoly with changeable rates.

The Industrial Disputes bill, which provides for conciliation in labour trouble, has passed its second reading. The Borden-Foster crowd wanted to refer the question to a committee for further consideration, and the house rejected that idea by a large majority.

The Galt school board has appointed a special teacher for the individual instruction of backward pupils. The schools are not closed half an hour before the regular time on this account. The scholars are simply given coaching in the subjects in which they require special help.

Will the government change tactics in the Liquor license act? It has announced that it is satisfied with the effect of the three-fifths clause, in local option contests, but it may hedge now that the opposition has come out strongly for the majority vote.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

An Honest Hope.

Toronto Star.

Although the C.P.R. still has ten million acres of North-West lands to sell, the management hopes to avoid that pitch of fortune at which ten per cent. dividends give rise to taxes.

Some New Developments.

Montreal Gazette.

One of the insanity experts in the Thaw trial, in proof of the contention that the manslayer was insane, mentioned that he had a variable pulse. It may not, however, be well for everybody whose mode of life has affected his vital organs to go out and kill his enemy. The trial is not over yet.

Invitation To Trouble.

Montreal Herald.

The king's speech not only invites the two houses of parliament to get into one of those periodical rows about Ireland which do so much to keep the blood boiling, but also suggests that the lords and commons might mix it up a little with each other to see which are the better men. With such a programme parliament might do something for the national debt by charging an admission fee to lovers of sport.

The St. Catharines Sensation.

St. Catharines Star.

On the face, however, it looks as if agents for rival paving companies have been endeavoring to obtain business in this city by the same means that civic inquiries in other cities have shown them to have employed there. There is no word in civic, provincial or federal politics that smells so foully as the word "graft," and the citizens will hope that it will be proved that not even the faintest odor of it can be detected with the administration of our civic affairs. The inquiry should, however, serve to put the quietus on every attempt by paving agents to "work" aldermen, here or elsewhere in this district.

Duties Of Wealth.

Goldwin Smith.

It cannot be too often repeated that wealth, especially wealth which the possessor has not himself earned, has its duties, and that it is miserable and vile to live in idle luxury on the fruits of other men's works. But to the rancorous denunciation of all wealth, however fairly earned, however wisely saved, however generously used, to which demagogism is now constantly appealing, the dedication of the Nurses' Home is a telling answer; though it may be one which demagogism is not likely to take to heart while there is a vote to be gained by holding out the lure of confiscation.

Japan's Chivalry.

Great Witness.

Love your enemies. When Great Britain and France conquered Russia, they carried away trophies and planted them all over their empires. We have some Sebastopol guns here and are proud of them. This is the usual method. The conquerors crow on their own high places and erect memorials to their own dead. There is a joint monument at Quebec, which all Canadians love to look upon; but it was the work of neither party, but of the children of both. Japan has outdone Christendom in magnanimity in erecting two monuments upon conquered territory, one to the Japanese who fell in taking Port Arthur, and one to the Russians who died in its defence. This will surely do away with much bitterness and prove a bond of affection between the Russian common people and the Japanese, whom in their protracted struggle they learned to esteem.

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"PROF." BERNHARDT.

Actress Gets Title; Have Cross of Honor.

SARAH BERNHARDT.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Sarah Bernhardt has been appointed to the professorship of dramatic declaration at the Conservatory of Music and Declamation.

The appointment is made in order to remove the objection of the chancellery of the Legion of Honor, which has steadfastly declined to confirm Mme. Bernhardt's nomination for the cross of the Legion of Honor on the ground that actors can only be decorated in the quality of professors.

GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

A Whistle Startles the People of the Town.

Gananoque, Feb. 16.—The league hockey game scheduled for last evening between the Star-Bachelors and Gananoque high school teams had be postponed on account of the storm.

Messrs. Brennan and Ledger were summoned to appear before Police Magistrate Heaslip for keeping their billiard and pool room open after hours. They pleaded guilty to the charge, and settled by paying five dollars and costs.

The Canada Cabinet company, which has been in liquidation for some time past, caused a little flurry of excitement yesterday morning. Work having just started, it was thought best to test the whistle, which was done by blowing a good long blast. Some one supposing the place to be on fire, sounded the general alarm.

Mrs. J. R. Stafford who has been visiting in town with friends and relatives for some weeks past, left on Wednesday, to join her husband in Hamilton, where he has located for the present. Miss Norah Cowan, Athens, spending ten days with Miss S. A. Cross, King street, left for home yesterday.

Mrs. Joseph Cornell is spending a week with her daughter at Harrowsmith. J. Mitchell, of Stouffville, has arrived in town to fill a position as druggist's clerk with Clifford Sine, at the Corner Drug Store. Miss Essie De Long, Charles street, held a class recital by her pupils, at her home last evening. Miss Beatrice Eakins, who has been spending some time past in Montreal, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wood, of Westmount Methodist church, has returned home.

THE ICE IS FINE.

The Cheese Patrons Have a Good Maker.

Crow Lake, Feb. 15.—The ice is in excellent condition and the farmers are taking advantage of it drawing wood and logs to the mill. There was a lively time on Wednesday night at Joseph Cote's. He had a bee drawing up wood during the day. A number attended the raffle at William Hanley's, Thursday night, where they enjoyed themselves in games and dancing. William Hannah has moved to Bolingbrooke. Mrs. Hannah is greatly missed in the league. The Orangemen of this place attended the meeting at Tichborne; some members took the scarlet degree afterwards. They enjoyed an oyster supper at Mrs. J. Brown's Hotel. The patrons of Crow Lake cheese factory had their meeting on Saturday evening. They have secured Mr. McElroy, Philipsville, as maker for this year.

The quilting bee at Mrs. R. Reynolds' was a very quiet one only immediate friends were invited. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. James Davis at George Bradshaw's; Mrs. Miriam Wilts at J. W. Knapp's; Otis Tharet, home from the shanty; Mr. and Mrs. William McGinnes, at her father's in Westport.

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