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ROBLIN IN THE TOILS.

The Manitoba legislature is expected to have an early and special session for the advantage of the Canadian Northern railway, whose owners are in need of legislation. This grates on the Toronto News and it suggests that the legislature make standing provision for such emergencies. "Why," asks our contemporary, "cannot the power to pass orders-in-council be vested in Mackenzie and Mann, subject to ratification at the next meeting of the assembly? As it is now these enterprising capitalists must often find it difficult to get necessary legislation just at the moment when it is required, and some permanent rearrangement of the relations between the legislature and the capitalists should be made in order that these inconveniences may be avoided in future." This may be called sarcasm, but it is the language which the circumstances inspire. Mackenzie and Mann are enterprising railway men, and they cannot wait for anything which they want. What is more—the Roblin government does not seem to be able to refuse their requests.

JOB LOTS IN POLITICS.

The Toronto News refers to a certain county in which the officers of the province are, by reason of old age and infirmity, unfitted for the duties which are incumbent upon them. There is a way of getting at the facts, and that is to have an important authority, the inspectors of the government, to report upon them. But the News will see the force of having definite information outside of that which is handed out by the politicians who are hunting for jobs and not very particular as to how they are secured.

A Prince Edward case has been discussed in the press and the legislature. The sheriff was removed because he was a partizan official. That was the first allegation. Then it was said that he had attained an age when he should be retired. The point is that, in any event, he was entitled to a hearing, and was denied it. Dismissals in vulgar and brutal fashion are not defensible.

The sheriff's case is not a circumstance when compared with the shameful attempt which has been made to oust the jailer and his assistant at Picton. These have been model officials. They have been zealous, painstaking, efficient, and when they were ordered to vacate their positions there was a row. Nor is it yet over. The turnkey has accepted the dictum of the machine, but the jailer is not disposed to leave office until it has been established that no fault can be found with him. He has not been a politician, and has not caused any talk, comment or scandal. Some one may need the place more than Mr. Patterson, but he cannot fill it any better, and cannot present a more creditable record.

The spoils system has been disgracefully in evidence since the Whitney government has attained to power. But it cannot be defended in Picton.

A CLASH OF POWER.

The senate is not a model institution. Sometimes it does queer things. Sometimes its members are given to remarkable proceedings. But it should be fairly judged, and it does not seem to have earned the censure or contempt which the local government is pouring upon it.

The alleged offence, charged against the upper house is that it is passing legislation which is inimical to the interests of Ontario, that it is ignoring the position of the province with regard to its chartering of a certain railway, and endowing it with power which it should not possess.

The bill in question has to do with the Hamilton radial railway, and it is expressly provided that none of the agreements or by-laws, passed under provincial laws, shall be affected. The radial railway must be contemplating extensions outside of the province, and hence it needs and must have a federal franchise.

The parties in Ontario are a unit on the question of provincial rights. The liberals made a stand under Sir Oliver Mowat some years ago, and won the support of the people, as they resisted the proposed invasions of the federal government. The liberals are proud of that record. But they must not be deceived or fooled by the provincial government, which is in a panicky condition at present and inclined to do and say some rash things.

The Hendrie bill—the menacing act which is meant to subdue the seekers for federal powers—is not in its present form as revolutionary as it was, cancellation of all the privileges and powers a company possessed when it had its line declared to be "for the good of Canada." Now there is to be an appeal to the lieutenant-governor-in-council, which means a consideration of every case on its merits. It is a position which liberals and conservatives can more safely endorse.

A SODOM IN AMERICA.

A western paper, influenced probably by the revelations in connection with the New York Thaw trial, alleged that there were not fifty virtuous men in Pittsburg! Astounding assertion. The population is over 600,000. Assuming that the men number one-fifth of the whole, there would be 120,000 to pick from.

The Chamber of Commerce, composed of the leaders in finance, in business, at once took up the task of proving that the city had been grossly libelled. Not fifty in over one hundred thousand virtuous! How ridiculous!

A committee was appointed to prepare a list of those who, being subject to such a searchlight as some men in Ottawa cannot stand, could be accepted as honourable in the highest sense of the term, as possessing the rare virtues of the perfect Christian.

The contract did not prove an easy once. Names were written down, many of them only to be stricken out or erased. Man after man was scrutinized, but in some way they lacked and were dropped.

Presently it became apparent that the fifty could not be found. Were there forty? No. Thirty? No. It was figured out that there were just twenty-eight (including the members of the committee), and these were judged by outward appearances. Samuel's pronouncement upon the sons of Jesse, as he went in search of a king, must be recalled in the contemplation of this picture.

Twenty-eight righteous men in Pittsburg, in the estimation of a friendly committee, and in a population of 600,000! Perhaps the small number would suffer a shrinkage if the tests to Sodom were applied. There is some facetious comment on the situation, but it is not a subject for merriment in Pittsburg, but for sad and serious reflection. Morality and virtue are beyond a money value. They are not properly appraised, and the degeneracy of the race generally, is a painful consequence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The federal government encourages the electric smelters of iron as it has been asked to do. Now there will be something doing.

The salary question must have forced itself on the premier of Ontario unexpectedly. Some days ago he professed not to know anything about it.

Mr. Fowler, M.P., was somewhat severe in his criticism of the militia estimates. He is for economizing in the expenditure on "frilleries," whatever they may be.

The Rainy river people are talking of secession. The first thing they know Mr. Whitney will be in pursuit of them with a club. It is well that they live near the woods.

The opposition in the legislature will support a motion to take the license business out of politics. It will be interesting to see how the government will vote in view of the recent Toronto scandals.

Mr. Borden wants charges preferred against any offending member of the opposition. For how many of his party does he speak? The question is pertinent since he appears to act for only the high tariff man.

Col. Denison wants an imperial council. He thinks something is necessary because of the way things have been going in England. Hon. Campbell-Bannerman had better be careful what he is doing.

The coal strike in Nova Scotia has been undertaken in violation of the new Lemieux bill. The people are said not to have been aware that the law had been passed. Does intelligence travel as slowly as that in the east?

Mr. Gardiner, principal of the blind institute, Brantford, has been vindicated. He is to be congratulated. It would have been more creditable to those who were managing the inquisition had justice been done him less tardily.

Senator Cox has made his deliverance on the insurance commission. Next week Mr. Foster has his say. He will be followed by Mr. Bennett. Surely Mr. Lafurgy and Mr. Fowler will offer their contributions on the subject.

Mr. Bristol, M.P., in Toronto, has talked about the superior ability and political morality of the conservative party. Supposing he were asked to tell how many of them were absolutely pure and virtuous what would his answer be?

It was not public ownership that was killed in the Chicago election as Hearstism. The New York journalist cast himself into the campaign with the people and drove them into rebellion against him and his methods.

The reference in the constitution of the teachers' union about "controlling qualifications" invites attention. It is hoped there is not to be a repetition of the medical council's work in Canada. There may be too many doctors, but there is a decided scarcity of teachers—of high and low degree.

The literary people of Canada will sympathize with Dr. Drummond in his serious illness, at Cobalt. It will be a matter for profound regret if the pen that has produced so many delightful stories of Canadian life be laid aside. The doctor has enjoyed a unique place among the writers of this country.

RIDEAU ROUTE.

A Unique and Handy Booklet By Dr. E. J. Lake, this City.

Under this title there has just been issued from the press of the British Whig a unique booklet by Dr. E. J. Lake, of Kingston, with an introduction by Capt. Daniel Noonan. Very exact detail is given and studied brevity is manifested, no doubt to avoid bulk and make it a safe and handy pocket guide to this delightful route. There are no folding maps to get torn, nothing larger than the page.

A miniature map of the whole route from Kingston to Ottawa shows the relation and succession of the various lakes and rivers for general reference, and dividing lines indicate where enlarged map of any section may be found. On the opposite page there is valuable information and suggestions for launch owners and canoeists who purpose taking this trip. Following this, the route is taken up in detail, a section of a few miles at a time being mapped out, to give sufficiently large outline so that each point and island close to the channel may be recognized when reached, and the boat channel confidently followed. The sailing tourist is not left to follow the map only, however, for right opposite to it (without turning a leaf) are minute sailing directions and descriptive notes for that particular part of the way. There is an elaborate table showing the number of locks at each locking point (with the rise or fall), the distances between the various places and the whole distance of each place from each end of the route.

Besides the Rideau Lakes route the beautiful canoe route between Morton, on the Rideau, and Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence, is shown and described, thus making the book of great value to down-river canoeists going up the Rideau Lakes. There is also a map of the boat routes between Gananoque and Kingston, on the St. Lawrence, with sailing directions. On the various maps good camping spots, for the camping tourist, springs and wells of water, dams, bridges and lighthouses, are indicated, while the descriptive notes tell where the various supplies needed may be obtained. This book, so complete in every way, is certainly very timely in view of the increasing prevalence of the motor boat, and to owners of such craft it should prove of very great value.

ETHICS OF DRESS FOR MEN.

A Neatly Tabulated Page in the Book, "Dress and Address."

In the booklet which the Semi-ready store is giving away free this year there is a neatly tabulated dress chart, showing the proper dress for gentlemen on all occasions—for morning, afternoon and evening wear, and for all sorts of social functions. The H. D. Bibby Company have some books left.

Lost Young Stock.

Wolfe Island, April 5.—Donald and Hector McRae are visiting their uncle, Alexander McRae, here. Reuben Keil will work James Davis' farm this coming season. John Kane will remain on Miss Briceland's farm. Robert Watts is home from Winnipeg; he has been away for eleven years. R. J. White has gone to Hamilton to go into business with his uncle, John White, who is in the cigar business. Davis' orchestra played in Cape Vincent on Wednesday evening at a baseball "At Home." B. McAdoo was was visiting friends here last week. The teachers in all the schools went home for Easter. Miss Sadie McArdle is home from Ottawa Normal school. Miss Annie Spankie is home from Hamilton; Herbert Spankie was home for Easter. Miss Lulu Pyke and Miss Allison are home from Sharbot Lake. Mark McArdle has gone to the west to his brother, Leo. Invitations are out for an assembly in the C.M.B.A. hall on Tuesday evening, April 9th. Frank McGlynn has gone to the Hotel Dieu for treatment; also Mrs. Joseph McDonald and Mrs. James Lyons. Quite a few of the farmers have lost some of their young stock this spring.

Collector Of Bad Debts.

A resourceful young man of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is about to start a new industry. His stock in trade will be a large waggon with covered top, on the sides of which he painted in huge letters: "Collector of Bad Debts." His plan is to make a contract with merchants to collect their bad bills on commission, and he calculates that most people would pay rather than have his waggon with its huge sign in front of their premises. Some one in Kingston might start a similar business.

Must Have Sunday Papers.

The ferry at Windsor is kept busy on Sundays now since the sale of American Sunday papers has been prohibited. A Detroit traveller, who was in the city yesterday, said that it had been estimated that on Sunday last 2,000 subscribers of Detroit newspapers crossed over on the ferry from Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich, for their papers.

To Preach And Speak.

Archdeacon Sweeney of Toronto, will preach at the St. George's anniversary service in St. George's cathedral, on Sunday, the 21st, and will speak at the dinner on the 22nd, in

A YOUTH POISONED

BY EATING CANNED PEACHES THAT WERE BAD.

His Mother Saved His Life—English Immigrants Found Lazy—Dr. Stirling is Improving in Health.

Picton, April 6.—Bertram Stone, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone, Tecumseh ward was nearly the victim of poisoning from eating canned peaches. Mrs. Stone on opening the jar of fruit had discovered they were bad, and placed them in the woodshed. Later the little fellow saw the peaches and ate them. He was soon seized with violent pains and had not the mother immediately used a remedy the effect might easily have been most serious. The little fellow is again alright. Bertram is a brother of Harold, the older Stone boy, who fell into a well last week, and was nearly drowned.

Two Russian immigrants are among the day laborers who are helping to fit out the steamer Alexandria. They are said to be industrious, hard working men and those in charge feel they are to be preferred to the class of English emigrants which have come to Picton. The town, in truth, has not been particularly favored with her lot of immigrants as with the exception of about three or four cases, the English families that have settled here have been found to be a lazy, good-for-nothing lot. They have been a burden of expense to the poor commissioner.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Mrs. Orcean Dulmage, at the age of thirty-six years. Her maiden name was Norah Hudgin. The funeral services were held Friday, from the home of Mrs. Wallace Rose, Bowery street, to Cherry Valley cemetery.

Robert Dobson, B.A., principal of Picton high school, has returned after a short stay in Toronto. He was a guest of honor and speaker at the seventh annual "At Home" of the Prince Edward County Old Boys' Association, and also attended the convention of the Ontario Educational Association. Miss Winnifred Morrish, B.A., also of the high school staff, also attended the latter convention.

There is a great scarcity of houses to rent in town. As a direct result, landlords are getting high rents. To cope with the marked demand for houses it is understood a number of double houses for renting purposes will be built during the summer, work on which will commence as soon as the weather permits. Rents are easily $2 to $5 per month higher than two years ago.

A change was made this week in the staff of the United Empire Bank. P. G. Ross was promoted to the position of teller. The new junior accepted is Kenneth Van Vleck, son of Capt. and Mrs. H. Van Vleck. C. Morgan, accountant, is seriously ill.

Frederick Brewer, who for some time has been connected with the typhographical department of the Mail and Empire, is in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brewer. He will shortly leave to accept a position in Chicago.

Mrs. G. O. Alcorn has returned home after spending the winter with her daughter in New York city. Mrs. Alcorn will be en pension at the Royal till G. O. Alcorn, M.P., returns from Ottawa with the rising of the house.

His many friends not alone in Picton, but also in Kingston, where he is particularly well known will be pleased to hear that Dr. Stirling has so far recovered as to be able to be around and about town. Dr. Stirling has been seriously ill for nearly two years.

Miss Edna Batton and Mabel Brisben attending the normal school, Ottawa, and spending the Easter holidays in town have returned to the capital.

Miss Boorbridge of Belleville, has been the guest of Mrs. F. E. N. Boulter, the past week. Mrs. Thomas Shannon, Toronto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Shannon, Main street. Mrs. W. G. McClellan has returned home after a month's visit at her old home in Lindsay. Miss Dora Lesslie, guest of Mrs. W. T. Ross, has returned to Brighton.

Hat Model For Spring.

The cut depicts an unusually attractive and becoming little hat, the shape being a tricorne in fine black Milan braid. The back was turned up straight across the hair, black maline being fluffed on the bandeau. A strap of black velvet ribbon encircled the crown and was caught at the left brim by a cut jet buckle, which also held in place three ostrich plumes.

A Baulky Horse.

Late last night a local butcher led a horse along Clergy street in anything but a contented mood. His horse had been standing in the middle of the road and would not budge for whipping. A crowd soon gathered, and after beating the animal for some time the young farmer decided to walk, and led the horse to an hotel on Princess street.

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GANANOQUE NEWS.

Several Off For New Ontario to Reside.

Gananoque, April 5.—The Star-Bachelor hockey team had invitations out for a supper and dance at The Inn as a wind-up for the season after their winning the cup for the second time. Other arrangements will now have to made since the Inn is no more.

Mrs. Anthony English, Pittsburg, who has been spending a few weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Salter, has returned home. W. J. Allen, Centre street, is spending a few days in Athens. Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, Kingston, spent a short time this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Stone street. Mrs. Frank Stoliker and daughter, Florence, spent several days during the past week in Belleville.

Miss Weart, in attendance at the high school here, is spending a few days with friends in Lansdowne. William Gibson, of Athens, spent a short time this week with Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Stone street. Mrs. Horace Griffin, King street, spent several days this week in Caintown and Mallorytown. William Thompson, left last evening for Earlton, New Ontario, where he has secured a situation.

Miss Laura Gibson of Havergal Ladies' College, Toronto, is spending a short vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gibson, King street west. W. S. Lloyd, King street west, who has been spending several months in Brockville, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Running and family left on Wednesday for New Liskeard, where he has accepted a lucrative position. William Melville, an employee of the Spring and Axle company, here, left last evening for New Ontario, where he purposes settling.

Liquor Law Administration.

What it costs Ontario—Salaries and expenses of detectives, $6,096; G. E. Morrison, special officer, $1,025; G. E. Morrison, expenses, $1,290; John A. Averst, special officer, seven months, $875; John A. Ayerst, expenses, $462; Henry Totten, special officer, two months, $200; J. W. Gordon, travelling, $641; legal services, $269; total, $10,858.

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