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THE CANTEEN IN EVIDENCE.

Some queer arguments are being advanced by the advocates of the army canteen, and the very queerest appear in the report for 1907 of the war department's chief of staff. He undertook to collect information upon the subject, and on the strength of it declared that the abolition of the canteen was an injury to the service.

As if anticipating the question as to why this should be so he declared: "When the canteen was in operation there were fewer desertions, fewer fines and forfeitures imposed by sentence of court-martial, less alcoholism, and less venereal disease than prior to its establishment." This is a remarkable statement. The writer is contrasting conditions now and before the canteen was abolished, and he refers, erroneously it appears, to what happened before it was established.

He will have a busy time of it proving that his conclusions are well-founded. He will be asked to explain what desertions have to do with the canteen or the fines for misconduct, or the physical punishment that follows a wayward life. The issue is one of alcoholism only, and the discussion, to be meritorious, should have been confined to this.

In passing on to discuss the pay of the regulars the major-general gets at the pith of the matter, for it happens that able-bodied men cannot be induced to soldier any longer, and submit to the discipline of the army for a pittance. By carrying his investigation a little deeper the chief of staff may discover that the canteen, after all, is having very little to do with the demoralization which has passed over the great body called the United States troops during the last year.

A CALL TO ORDER.

The Ottawa Journal has been of late regarded as among the most pronounced admirers of the conservative party and among the most persistent critics of the liberal party. But it has made a declaration on one question which recalls the time when it was independent and discussed political subjects upon their merits.

There was a demand, it will be remembered, some days ago for the production of original state papers when copies of them had been supplied. The discussion became acrimonious. Later Mr. Borden, in going into supply, made a motion the subject of which was to ascert the right of a member to have the original papers when he wanted them. The premier agreed, adding that there should be reason for the demand and that it should be stated.

Mr. Foster sneered at the premier, and some of the party papers spread broadcast the idea that Sir Wilfrid had surrendered! The Journal contrasts the position of the men, saying that one played the part of a statesman, and the other the part of a politician. It proceeded:

"A vast proportion of Canadian liberals are as honest and patriotic as the vast proportion of Canadian conservatives, and public administration under liberal auspices is certain to include a great deal that is admirable as well as some things that are not. Anybody who sneers at everything that is done by his opponents is sure to make himself of little effect as a critic of anything they do at all. Sir Wilfrid Laurier showed his strength of mind and honorable public spirit when he withdrew from the position first taken regarding public documents. Had Mr. Foster honestly and frankly congratulated him and parliament upon this vindication of constitutional right and of the dignity of parliament. Mr. Foster, to our mind, would have shown not merely both a generous and a patriotic spirit but shrewd politics."

The Journal, in this tribute to worth and rebuke to rank partizanship, reached a high plane of public criticism, and its remarks will be well-considered by both liberals and conservatives.

SPENDING THE PEOPLES' MONEY.

The examination of Mr. Brodeur's accounts, while in Europe on public business, has been carried to extremes. The contention of the critics is that the minister has been widely extravagant. It was not intended that he should seek the cheapest lodging houses of London and Paris while visiting them. Nor was it expected that he should live like a prince and in a flashy fashion because the people were paying for it. The question is whether the expenses are reasonable, for him and his official party, and the auditor-general should answer that question to the satisfaction of the house.

The men at Ottawa with a nose for scandal, who pry into public records with the one object in view of finding something to grumble about, are not engaged in a pleasant occupation. They have found that while Mr. Brodeur was speaker of the Commons he was extravagant. They could go further, and say why this was. They could explain, if they chose, that he came into office at a time when something had to be done to the speaker's apartments, the furnishing and carpets of which had been worn out. The refurnishing occurred during the term Mr. Brodeur was speaker, but he did not get the benefit of it wholly. His successors enjoyed the accommodation the Commons provided, and without any objection at the time.

Mr. Foster put himself on record as one of the men who travelled cheaply when he was a public servant. He has shown himself to be exceedingly anxious about the dollars and cents, and he probably would not have been quite so economical had he looked as deeply into the public accounts as he is now. For Sir A. F. Galt, while a conservative minister, spent five months abroad, vainly seeking a commercial treaty with France and Spain, and got rid of no less than $9,234.

The spendings of one minister is, of course, no justification for the spendings of another. Every case must stand on its merits, and Mr. Brodeur's must stand there eventually.

LESSONS OF THE ELECTIONS.

The federal bye-elections seem to satisfy most people that the liberal party is well behind the Laurier government. The opposition had great heart in entering the contests, and, according to the reports sent to the press from headquarters, both Stanstead and South Huron were very likely to go conservative.

Stanstead was a conservative stronghold for forty years, and the fact that it went liberal in 1900 and 1904 was an evidence (1) of the waning influence of the Hacketts and Popes, and (2) of the growing influence of Hon. Sydney Fisher. The minister of agriculture conducted the campaign on behalf of the government, and he is deserving of much of the praise. The defeated candidate, A. H. Moore, represented the county from 1892 to 1900.

South Huron had formerly been a liberal stronghold, but it suffered through the dissension of the party, not once, but a couple of times. The victor in the last election, Mr. McLean, of the Seaforth Expositor, wiped out the conservative majority in the last election and gathered up a surplus of 150 votes besides.

The conservatives at Ottawa, the members of the house, say that they were disappointed by the results of these bye-elections, but not surprised. They must have been both, unless the reports that emanated from reliable sources in their interest were of the most delusive and misleading character.

CORRUPTING ENGLAND.

Municipal corruption, rank and ill-smelling, has been exposed in connection with the London poor houses. The people had reason to complain of the increased taxation, and John Burns, the labour leader and new president of the Local Government Board, began an enquiry. As a result so far five guardians and one coal contractor languish in prison, and but four of the forty-four districts have been examined.

The sins of the men who were supposed to be serving the people are numerous indeed. The official positions were offered in the market practically to the highest bidder. No one could get any place without paying a large sum. The coal men had to buy recognition, but they compensated themselves by putting in inferior fuel and charging twice for it. When tenders were called for, the favourites were allowed to see their rivals' bids.

At Mile End the guardians refused to buy six houses, for pauper children, at $1,500 each, but they accepted the same a little later at $3,000 each, and in repairs there was as much more spent in the next three years. At Hammersmith a building was erected for $1,500,000 which should not have cost more than half a million, but for the grafting. At Poplar there is a magnificent building, adorned and enriched with everything new and attractive, where the paupers disported themselves with all the comfort of the wealthy classes. This was the socialists' experiment and in a measure expressed their ides of the eternal fitness of things.

The investigation has only begun, and the revelations are such that some people are already persuaded that municipal government is far, far from perfect. Indeed if the London mess improves as it proceeds those who have regarded the Americans as the most scandalous of managers will have occasion to revise their estimates.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When Senator McMullen is willing to admit that the senate should be recast it is time something was doing.

According to Hon. G. W. Ross the senate is as busy and as useful as the lower chamber. It is not quite so noisy, which is something in its favour.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News is a very cute fellow. He is always pointing out the weakness of the parties, and the opportunities they are missing. The wonder is that some party does not appropriate him as a sort of mascot.

Some senators are willing to admit that the upper chamber needs reforming, but they are convinced that the commons can stand a little touching up also. That goes without saying.

So no other grit than the one who now represents it could be elected by Cataraqui ward. What about ex-Ald. Polson who resigned only two years ago? He could carry the ward at any time.

Hon. Mr. Graham's proposal for a definition of jurisdiction with regard to railways is the most reasonable that has yet been presented. It is the one which promises to safeguard every interest.

The tories are very much opposed to corporate contributions to the elections—while the liberals rule. So long as the conservatives ruled the red parlour and the contractors were very much in evidence.

Some people appear to think that because the senators are not talking all the time they are taking life easy. This may be a result of the lightsome spirit which big Dan Derbyshire is putting into the proceedings.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Perhaps They Are.

Belleville Intelligence.

Leap year dances are the order of the day in Kingston. The Limestone City girls must be getting desperate.

Answered.

Toronto News.

What is a king's counsel? A lawyer whose great grandfather and all the rest of his ancestry had conservative opinions.

He's A Rum 'Un.

Ottawa Free Press.

What is going to happen? A Toronto lawyer has refused for the second time to be created a K. C. Wonders will never cease.

Candid Speaking.

Toronto Telegram.

The list of king's counsel just issued by the Whitney government easily ranks as the weakest act in the history of the present Ontario administration.

Equal To The Job.

Toronto Globe.

The fraternal societies will have time before next session of parliament to hammer out their ideas of what an insurance bill affecting them should contain.

Treatment Defective.

Toronto News.

No, Mr. Whitney is not as an— as he seems to be. He eats well and sleeps well. It is only his vocabularly which needs the rest cure. He developed this trouble in opposition and it does not seem to yield to treatment.

Alcorn's Little Bill.

Hamilton Herald.

George O. Alcorn, M.P. for Prince Edward, has introduced a bill designed to prevent corporations from contributing to party campaign funds. This is good legislation; but it should have been introduced by the government.

Getting Balder.

Ottawa Journal.

That chap who stole a watch from the archbishop's palace here, after telling a story of contrition for past offences, had even more shameless nerve than the thief who stole $400 from the Ottawa police court safe one night.

Roblin's Bluff.

Winnipeg Free Press.

The worth of Mr. Roblin's protestations that he desired from the outset to secure the co-operation of the opposition in drafting his boundary resolution and memorial is tested by the fact that no member of the legislature sitting on the opposition benches saw the memorial until it had taken its final form and had been printed.

An Easy Cure.

Montreal Gazette.

The Prussian government finds its revenue $110,000,000 short of the calls upon it, largely because of its ownership of the railways. To meet the situation it will borrow some money and clap on some more taxes. Public ownership of public utilities brings quite as much in the way of financial liability as it does in the way of cheapness.

Must Know English.

Toronto News.

In the Berlin schools English, formerly optional, has been made compulsory and French, heretofore compulsory, drops back into the optional class. English seems destined to become the commercial language of the world. On this continent any element of the population which neglects English is certain to lose ground industrially, and in the end politically also.

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The Bijou is the only theatorium that had an ironclad operating room and was able to successfully repel the News attack.

Aged Toledo Lady Dead.

Toledo, Jan. 24.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Wood, mother of C. A. Wood, was conducted, on January 16th, from her late home, here, to the Baptist church, where Rev. Mr. Connors, of Delta, officiated, and thence to the cemetery, where interment was made. The deceased had reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, and death was due to the infirmities of age. Her children are C. A. Wood, Sr., and Mrs. C. Marshall, Toledo, and Mrs. Sweet, Portland.

The council for the township of Kitley met in the town hall, here, on the 13th inst. Miss Minnie Burns left, recently, to take charge of a school at Outlet. Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster spent last week with friends in Charleston. Miss Maud Singleton and Gerald Singleton spent Saturday and Sunday at their home here. A very enjoyable "At Home" was given at the home of J. Strutson, on Friday evening, the 17th. About thirty guests were present.

HAS FINE COLLECTION

OF MILITARY BUTTONS AND ACCOUTREMENTS.

Sergt. Brough, of This City, Has Served Eighteen Years in the Service—Now Attached to Ordnance Store Corps.

A collection of military buttons and other military accoutrements which has taken many years to get together, is in the possession of Sergt. Brough, a well-known Kingstonian, residing at 149 Barrie street. Sergt. Brough is attached to the Ordnance Store Corps. Of buttons alone, he has over three hundred, but in order to fill out his collection, and make it all the more interesting, he has added to it some of the old time funny shells, swords, grenades of all sorts and a host of things used in military circles, too numerous to mention. The buttons and grenades were all in use in days passed.

Sergt. Brough has taken a great deal of pains with his collection, and it is one that he has every reason to prize very highly. The collection has been placed on a shield which is star-shaped, and everything has been arranged in perfect order, so as to give it a fine appearance. The shield is four feet in height, and as an ornament alone, it would be very hard to get something better. Some bullets taken from the Boers, in the recent fight, have a place in this fine collection. The buttons have been used by infantry, cavalry and artillery.

It will be of interest to note, that Sergt. Brough has just completed 28 years in the service. The first time he enlisted, was on July 7th, 1874, when he was taken on in "A" battery. After he served several years he retired for a time, but soon returned to his first love.

HEAD OF ENDEAVORS.

He is a Canadian Now Living in Boston.

Francis E. Clark

Francis Edward Clark, president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and its founder, was born at Aylmer, Que., on September 12th, 1851. His parents died when he was very young and he was taken to Claremont, N.H., by relatives. Mr. Clark graduated at Dartmouth College in 1873 and afterwards studied for the ministry. He married Miss Harriet E. Abbott, at Andover, Mass., on October 3rd, 1876. After having charge of several churches Dr. Clark founded the society of Christian Endeavor in February of 1881. His home is in Boston, where he also edits a paper devoted to the interests of the association of which he is president.

Mr. Gobeil Still Lives.

Toronto Globe.

The report that Antoine Gobell, deputy minister of public works at Ottawa, is shortly to retire, recalls an incident in the regime of the late Hon. J. I. Tarte in the public works department. Mr. Tarte detested tobacco in any form, and had signs up all through the corridors of his department forbidding its use. Mr. Gobeil, however, is an inverate smoker and was not careful to obey his chief's instructions in this matter.

One day Mr. Tarte entered the deputy's room and caught him in the act, and the following dialogue ensued:

"Mr. Gobeil, I think I spoke to you before about smoking?"

"I rather think you did?"

"And you are disobeying my wishes."

"Yes, and if I have to stop smoking you will have to find a new deputy minister. I have to smoke when I am working."

"Well, then, if you have to smoke go ahead and kill yourself smoking," exclaimed Mr. Tarte angrily, and, wheeling about, he left the room.

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WOLFE ISLAND NEWS.

Death of Stanley Spoor—A Horse Drowned.

Wolfe Island, Jan. 24.—A very sad death occurred at the house of Mr. and Mrs. John Spoor when their youngest son, Stanley, passed away on Monday afternoon. He was a bright, intelligent young man of good habits, and was called to his early reward at the age of eighteen years. He contracted sciatic rheumatism about a year ago, which developed into a complication of diseases. The deceased young man held a good position in the T. Eaton store in Toronto, till he returned home sick. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning to the Catholic church, where a requiem was sung for the repose of his soul. He leaves a mother and father, two sisters and one brother.

A large crowd took advantage of the fine evening Monday and attended the box social at the home of G. Turner, in aid of Trinity church.

Michael Griffin has purchased the Grant at the end of the village. Thos. Fawcett sold a fine team of horses and J. Hall a fine horse to T. Williams, Toronto. Gilbert Sluman, who has been confined to his house with pneumonia, is improving. The stages are running daily from Horne's Point to the village on account of the steamer Pierpont not going to the capes.

The six-year-old daughter of James Angus McDonald, while sewing some dolls' clothes put the needle in her mouth and swallowed it without any serious results as yet. Victor Kingsley, a popular young man here, has left for Boston to study dentistry. Mrs. E. Prinyer and Miss Nellie Briggs have invitations out for the 29th of this month for their masquerade, which will be held in the C.M.B.A. hall.

Mrs. Dennis Griffin is very low. Arthur Laughlin is on the sick list. The banns are published for the marriage of John Akere to Miss Lizzie Ryan. Both reside here.

David Moran was ice-boating on Grant's marsh, giving a new ice yacht a trial, when the rudder caught in a crack, throwing him heavily, with the result that two ribs were broken. George Abbott of this place is visiting his friends here. H. C. Horan one of the officers of the ferry steamer is able to meet his friends with a smile, after being confined to house with a cold last week. Duff Cosgrove and his wife were away attending the marriage of his sister to John McDonald, Howe Island. There was a surprise party held at the residence of Harry R. Davis on Wednesday evening. John Hogan gave a house warming on Friday evening.

A drowning accident occurred Wednesday morning about nine o'clock. When Joseph McGrath and young Edward McDermott were going to the ferry steamer with Harry Card's famous Dearyaio mare that has been used in the ice-boating these last ten years, they got out to boat and sent young McDermott who is only about twelve years of age, back with the horse. When about two hundred yards from the men, down went sleigh, horse and all. The boy jumped, thus saving his life. Miss Stella Taggart is engaged as teacher in James O'Brien's school.

The Asbestos-Lined Bijou.

The Bijou is the only theatorium that had an ironclad operating room and was able to successfully repel the News attack.

Legal forms are procurable at the Whig office. You can save money by buying these at home.

Reynoldston Budget.

Reynoldston, Jan. 21.—Edgar Genge and William Moore have returned from New Liskeard. School has reopened, under the management of Miss Ethel Davy. Thad. Reynolds lost a valuable colt last week. The residence of Matthew Clow was nearly destroyed by fire on Friday last. The fire originated from a defective stove pipe. Only for the timely aid of William Alport the house and contents would have been consumed. Edgar Genge, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cowdy and daughters, spent Sunday evening at Joseph Jeffries'. The families of A. Bush and T. Reynolds are suffering from an attack of la grippe. Mrs. J. Lovelace is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Ashley. The quilting bee at Mrs. A. Reynolds' was a success. The visiting stork left his burden with Mrs. J. M. Wagar, on January 5th, thus a bouncing boy.

New School Principal.

Bath, Ont., Jan. 23.—Owing to the recent mild weather, the sleighing is about done. Rev. Mr. Glover is the new principal of our school here, in place of Mr. Hicks, who resigned last week. William T. Davy, Kingston, visited, this week, with his mother, Mrs. A. W. Davy. Frederick Calver has just started a new dairy here, and is meeting with good success. He has secured a new delivery waggon, and has it on the route now. James Laird, Marlbank, visited friends in the village on Sunday last. There is still no crossing from here to Amherst Island.

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