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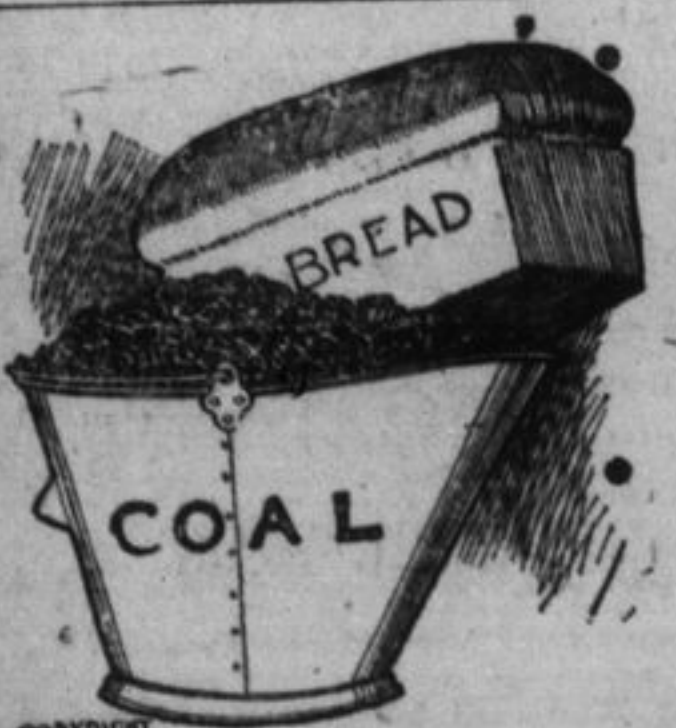
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SPOILING THE LIFE. The penitentiary is no place for convicts under fifteen years of age. The lad who arrived from Wellington a few days ago, despite the efforts of the prison reform people to secure his freedom on parole, will leave the institution a hardened case. That is the general result of prison life.

According to the statement of a government official in the Toronto News, the lad in question was tempted away from his home and into vice by an ex-convict. Now is the time to save him if there is any hope at all, and any one who has heard Mr. Archibald, the parole officer, give his experience must be impressed with the wisdom of trying to change the character of the average offender by something else than close imprisonment. The judge of the Denver juvenile court has also shown, by his treatment of boys who go astray, how possible it is to bring about changes by mild and persuasive methods. Were he dealing with this fifteen-year-old he would not have committed him to the penitentiary for two and a half years, would not have suffered him to lie in the county jail at Guelph for three months, and for another three months in the Central prison, to be then removed with other convicts, shackled, to the Kingston institution. He would have done something to get the lad away from the criminals and from association with them.

As it is if the boy is not forever corrupted, forever spoiled, forever abandoned to crime, with the feeling that the world and what we call justice is against him, it will be surprising.

CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

The Collegiate Institute staff will undergo another change, and as a result of the promotion of a member. The English master, and one of the most fascinating teachers of his subject, goes to a normal school, and he will find in it larger scope for the exercise of his splendid talents. The Whig congratulates him, as it must congratulate every teacher who, on his merits, rises in his profession.

But the gap in the institute staff will be regretted. It opens, unfortunately, the question of qualification for the School of Pedagogy as well as the high school, and revives a local difficulty which has occasioned some local difficulty. The man may be found who will answer the purpose of the institute, but he must have a certain standing, in order to meet the demands of the school of education, and the education department as well as the Board of Education must be satisfied. Some of the ill-feeling among the trustees had its origin in the staff changes which the school of education demanded, or which, more correctly speaking, the education department demanded. An autocrat put himself on record as saying that while he would not, or could not, dictate to the Board of Education whom it should employ, he could take the position that if the teachers in the institute had not certain qualifications the school of pedagogy could not draw its grant.

The School of Pedagogy is an advantage to the city, and the Board of Education is doing the proper thing in its efforts to meet agreeably, the views of the department in Toronto. At the same time the department should act with more generosity and so enable the school trustees to meet its demands without the distressing discriminations which have taken place. Some teachers have received more pay because a necessity for the purposes of the School of Pedagogy. Others, graded as high and quite as satisfactory, have not been advanced in salary, and for the reason that they did not need to be changed. There is only one way out of all this difficulty, and that is to have a school in connection with the pedagogy department, manned and equipped throughout at the government's expense. That is the ideal condition, and the one which will be attained presently in Toronto, and, it is true, at a very great expense. The alternative is to pay all the teachers in the same grade, doing the same class of work, the same salary, so that no one may feel that he is being discriminated against. The education department should meet the necessary expense in its grant to Queen's College.

When the people put a man in the mayor's chair he can sit on it till the end of the year. The Hamilton aldermen undertook to move their mayor, and were unequal to the job. When he is hopelessly in the minority he should see the wisdom of surrendering, however, as he is not personally responsible for the contract which the council made.

WORK OF THE SESSION.

The longest session of parliament will be remembered for more than the obstruction which was its particular feature. Had the house worked as industriously during the earlier as it did in the closing days, three months would have been sufficient for the service it accomplished. And yet some of the most important legislation was passed.

Ready transportation is the great need of the country and, besides the Grand Trunk Pacific, now under construction, the Hudson's Bay railway was projected, and a new step taken with regard to the All-Red route. The cost of the new transcontinental will be greater than it was estimated to be, but it will, from the start, be a profitable enterprise, and will materially in the development of the west. The Hudson's Bay railway is regarded as a necessity and the projected as a necessity of railways in general.

Of the more important measures were those relating to the civil service (reforming it); the railway commission, adding to its membership, and providing for the supervision of telephone and telegraph service; the elections, and how they should be conducted, correcting some rank abuses, and restraining provincial governments in their partisan methods; the occupation of the land in the newer provinces so as to promote settlement and the transportation facilities required; the boundary lines between the provinces, and the enlargement of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec reasonably and equitably; and the grain laws and the manner in which they should be administered in the interest of the North-West farmers, the French treaty and the reciprocity of trade for which it provided the banking act, and its amendment in order to meet further possible contingencies in the removal of the grain crop; the postal laws and other amendments, especially with a view of relieving the one-cent rate in drop letters.

The session was largely occupied in the attempt of the opposition to injure the government with talk of scandals. Anything to discredit the party in power. That was the slogan, and it was heard almost constantly and for the greater part of the session. Alleged scandal followed scandal. The charges which were expected to pan out to the best advantage to the opposition, were miserable failures. These had reference to land sales, the Ross rifle, the classification of work on the transcontinental railway, and the civil service. Nothing could have fallen flatter than the Ames or Hodgins campaigns, and nothing could show the fatuity of the slanders more clearly than the failure to find substantial grievances even when it had access to the departmental correspondence. The one department where there was something to comment upon was opened to an enquiry by the government, and its minister took the assaults of the enemy valiantly while he pursued his plans for reform and regeneration.

On the whole the government emerged from the session with credit, with a record for conservative service which is the only kind the people can appreciate, with an exhibit which will stand the test in a general election. For this election the conservatives have been preparing and the idea was to hamper and hinder and prevent the things which the people want and appreciate.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There's something in the legend about St. Swithin's day. It rained then, and the rain clouds have been in evidence every day since. If some school trustees do not stop writing letters to the papers—and these need not the men who claim high literary standing—the people will have object lessons as to the needs of education they were not looking for. Mr. Sifton, by telegram, called a member of the house a fabricator—to put it mildly—and the message went into Hansard. The speaker refused to have it expanded. A man can, therefore, say by telegram what he would not be allowed to say in the house.

Mr. Foster wound up the session by a personal attack on the minister of militia. He has aimed at being on "the firing line," though some of his party papers have insisted that he is wounded, in reputation, and should be carried to the rear. It has now been discovered that the prayer made by Chaplain Reimer, of Deaver, at the opening of the democratic convention, was really a poem, and the finest literary venture of its kind. One recalls the remark of Max O'Rell about the importance of making orations unto the Lord.

The mayor of Hamilton will not sign a Cataract company contract, and the mayor of Berlin will not sign a Hydro-Electric Commission contract. There are laws and laws, but none which exactly fits these cases. The biggest man of the day is a striking mayor.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Want of Confidence. Hamilton Herald. Mr. Hearst hastens to announce that he has no confidence in Mr. Bryan. The announcement is superfluous. It is well known that Mr. Hearst has no confidence in anybody but Hearst. Means Same Thing. Belleville Outlook. It is reported that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be elevated to the peerage. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that the peerage will be elevated to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A Sound Reason. Ottawa Free Press. The socialist-labor candidate for the presidency of the United States has been compelled to decline the honor, because he is in jail. That ought to be a good enough reason, even for socialists. A Surer Cure. Toronto Star. Old-age pensions as substitutes for precarious charity are found more satisfactory wherever they have been tried. Canada's system of annuities may help to make either method of support unnecessary. The Sentinel's Kick. Toronto Star. If the Orange Sentinel objects to the use of French pictures and French words on the new postage stamps, what will it say to the French inscription on the gold casket Quebec is presenting to the Prince of Wales? Let Some of It Go. Montreal Herald. A socialist named Hawthornthwaite is going to run for parliament in British Columbia. If he really believes in a universal division of property he ought to show an example of the faith that is in him by parting with one or two-thirds of the same.

FASHION'S FORM. Boudoir Robe of Light Blue Silk. The drawing shows a lovely robe, which could be copied in any desired color and made up in either soft silk or satin, or in washable material. The model was of washable pale blue India with valencienne lace, having a square fitted mesh as trimming. The robe fastened invisibly down the front, and was trimmed in panel effect. A knitted tie of pale blue satin was used in front, from neck to waist line.

Protest Against Long Speeches. Mr. Kennedy, New Westminster, at the close of the commons, said he had gone carefully through the pages of Hansard from the beginning of the session, and he found that liberal members had filled 4,908 columns, the opposition 4,646 columns. When they considered that the opposition numbered about half of the liberals they would have to give the palm for loquacity to the opposition. The member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) was by far the worst offender, he having been responsible for 624 columns. Mr. Borden came next with 424 columns, the minister of the interior had spoken 328 columns, Sir Wilfrid Laurier 269 columns, and the finance minister 266 columns. The longest speech was that of Mr. Roche-Marquette, which extended to sixty-three columns. Mr. Kennedy hoped the house would take into its serious consideration the question of shortening speeches. Compare the Relief. If you have been accustomed to using ordinary liniments, try Smith's White Liniment the next time and see how much quicker it relieves and cures. It belongs in a class by itself, and yet costs less than the common kinds. Cures rheumatism, neuralgia, and all external injuries. Big bottles, 25c., at Wade's drug store.

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