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THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE.

Some comment has been made advisedly upon the disturbing effects of the American laws relating to marriage, each state asserting its right to legislation upon the subject. Canada may eventually, and all too soon, have a similar experience, now that the privy council has confirmed the decision of the British Columbia court and to the effect that the provinces can legislate with regard to marriage and divorce.

There has never been much difficulty in securing marriage. The way to union of two persons in matrimony has been easy enough, much too easy in the opinion of some people. Those who are mentally and physically incompetent should not be allowed to wed, for the state's sake as well as their own, and sooner or later the representatives of the medical profession upon the matter will have due weight. The church, too, has been a brake upon the marriage of divorced persons. It does not recognize the right of any one to divorce. His marital relations may be very unfortunate, and divorce may be the only way out of his trouble, yet the church holds that whom God hath joined together no man can put asunder.

There has been but one way heretofore of procuring a divorce, and it has been by an appeal to the senate. This legislative body is not constituted specially for this work, but it has been the only institution to grant relief to those who have been unhappily yoked. The causes have been limited. Only the grosser offences against the sanctity of the marriage vows have given warrant to the senators to decree, as they have, that the contracts entered into between men and women shall be ended. Rarely has a defence been offered to the proceeding.

The cost of a divorce has been so great that only the few have been able to indulge in it. This suggests that the percentage of cases may be higher if the provincial court can dispose of them for less money. The competency of this body being declared it will be resorted to the more, and it will deal with evidence as the senate committee cannot be expected to do. The history of the next few years should present some interesting chapters upon the question of divorce.

FARMERS MAKE DEMAND.

The Weekly Sun's idea is that rail ways should not be built unless there is an immediate prospect of making them pay. "Not one dollar of the twelve or twenty millions voted in subsidies to railways ought to have been granted by parliament," it remarks. "Wherever population, present or immediately prospective, is sufficient to call for the construction of a line the revenue in sight is ample justification for building without a subsidy. Where there is no such immediate prospect no company should be allowed to build on any terms."

Had that doctrine prevailed many years ago there would have been no Canadian Pacific railway, for it passed across a continent in parts of which the population was very light, if not entirely desert. It developed the country, helped to populate it, and has made spots that were barren to yield blossoms and fruitage. The Grand Trunk Pacific is likewise a colonization line. It will open a vast territory further north, and will in time, though not now, reap the revenues that are available by the Canadian Pacific, though the failure of this latter road was dimly discernible when it was projected, and only the sagacity and sacrifice of Lord Strathcona carried it through.

There is, it is true, a growing feeling against railway subsidies, but it is not such as to influence parliament very much. The aid that the commons voted to various lines lately has the strong backing of the people whose interests will be affected by railway extension, and the government has never been, and will not be, which can withstand the demands of the people for transportation facilities. The Sun speaks for the farmers, but it is the farming section of the North-West's population that is most insistent upon railway extension. It is the same section that is making the commotion with regard to grain elevators and warehouses, that has impressed the western delegation to parliament with the necessity of an expenditure of many millions more, to which, for the present, it is not committed.

Alberta will have a re-distribution bill next year, and then an election. Its premier, Mr. Rutherford, having attended the ter-centenary proceedings in Quebec is now visiting the scenes of his earlier life in Eastern Ontario.

SOME POLITICAL FENCING.

The imperial commons may reject the lords' amendments to the old age pension scheme. The lords may a second time limit the application of the law to seven years. The amendment of the measure in any event would be a victory for the lords. The upper chamber has done an unconstitutional thing in tampering with a money bill, but it will not be damaged by the indignation its act may provoke. The lower house wants to get the scheme in operation, and it can afford to bottle its feelings on the constitutional point. The Tories do not oppose the bill, which is an evidence that they dare not, that they are afraid of attacking it, and are simply putting hindrances in its way without noise and talk. Mr. Asquith is called a master in tactics, and he may be safely left to advise in this case the course that is best.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is somewhat cooling to read of what Mr. Peary is going to do when he reaches the Arctic pole. This is decidedly the season for Arctic literature.

It is quite probable that British capital will assist in moving the Canadian wheat crop. Quite proper. England should help to handle the crop on which so many of its people depend for life.

Mr. Taylor, of Gananoque, has had what is called a pipe dream. It is that the federal election will be held in October. He is not recognized as a seer, but for the time being he is the opposition's man of mystery.

Sixty million pounds a year for war material is being spent each by Germany and Great Britain. This is what Mr. Lloyd-George calls a "stupendous waste," and no other word fittingly describes the situation.

The Weekly Sun is surprised that Mr. Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern railway, was not knighted. He is the maker of men and governments. He is, according to the Sun, the one the premiers are most anxious to serve.

The Princess of Wales will no doubt appreciate the \$8,000 fur coat which the Nova Scotians have kindly sent to her. It is hoped she will not get any erroneous conception therefrom, as to the kind of weather which at present prevails in Canada.

Was Mr. Borden deliberately misquoting the London Economist when he referred to it in the commons? One gets that idea when, on reading the Economist, he finds a justification of the expenditure of Canada in order to provide for its "uninterrupted development."

One-third of the candidates at the entrance examination for the high schools failed and there are many complaints from the candidates and their parents. The examination should be abolished. It is surely not a fair test of what the pupils of the public schools should know and do.

"The desire for dress is the curse of modern society," said Judge Morgan, when two women appeared before him charged with shop-lifting. They were not hard-up, their husbands inclined, and the judge regarded them as a menace to society.

NEWS OF NEWBURGH.

A New Teacher Appointed to the High School.

Newburgh, July 30.—Henry Beaman, who finished his boat, which he has been building in his spare moments during the last year. The skill is about eighteen feet long and the builder has reason to feel proud of his first venture in this line. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Ottawa, spent Sunday with his father, J. B. Aylesworth. Harold Ryan returned home, this week, from a short holiday. George Paul and Miss Annie Paul, Tamworth, spent Sunday at Mrs. Storey's. A number from the 'burgh attended the employees' excursion to Tweed, on Wednesday. Miss McGee, Winnipeg, is visiting Mrs. Haines. Miss Lizzie Humphries is visiting Miss Tillie Wagar, Colebrook. Mr. Sexsmith, Selby, spent a couple of days, last week, with Rev. M. E. Sexsmith. Robert Anderson has been given the contract for taking care of the cemetery, and S. E. Sagar will be the superintendent. Miss Goodard, of Kingston, is the guest of Miss Potter.

The Board of Education met, on Monday night, to engage a teacher to succeed Miss Grange, on the high school staff. In all, eighteen applications were received, and after much consideration, the board accepted that of Mr. Owens, of Trenton, with that of Miss Smith, of Niagara Falls. Mr. Owens wired his acceptance, on Tuesday, and will be the new teacher on the staff when school reopens. Extensive repairs are being made at the academy this week. F. D. Moore was in Belleville on Monday. F. A. Dunwoody and T. A. Wilson repaired the bridge at Isaac Asselstine's this week. Miss Lambert left, on Tuesday, for her home in Ohio.

Campbell Bros., Umbrellas. From 50c. up, are just right.

Mrs. Jacob Bond, a lady highly esteemed, resident of Carleton Place, passed quietly to rest, last Wednesday, aged sixty-nine years. The deceased was born in Kitley township, her name before marriage being Margaret Donegan.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Hon. Maude Missed It. Toronto Star. Col. Sir John Hanbury-Williams gets a knighthood for being a master of ceremonies that knows how to be democratic. All that Major Maude, his predecessor, ever got was the merry ha-ha.

Crocker Knows. Ottawa Journal. Richard Crocker, ex-Tammany chief, says that if a monarch of the whole world were to be elected, King Edward would get the job hands down. And Crocker is a pretty good judge of men.

A Sure Cure. Montreal Herald. Sir Clifford's remedy for the cigarette habit has been applied for the discouragement of sloppers. A Pennsylvania father overlooked his daughter, spanked her well and sent her home, and had the boy locked up. That ought to be rough on romance.

Drop In Revenue. Exchange. The depression which began last fall has caused a falling off in revenue to the extent of \$4,000,000 in the first three months of the fiscal year, April-June. In July, the falling off was \$1,300,000. That is quite a drop, but it does not compare with the experience of our highly protected neighbor. Uncle Sam's treasury is running behind at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day!

Country Doing Well. Hamilton Times. The surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditure in the fiscal year ended March 31st, was \$19,413,054. The capital expenditure in addition was \$35,263,970. The larger part of that was on the National Transcontinental railway, which is merely an investment. The revenue paid all the ordinary expenditure, all the capital expenditure other than that of the N.T.R., and about \$4,000,000 of that.

Sins of Omission. The Ottawa Free Press gives a very elaborate review of what, according to its contention, the Whitney government has done for the cause of education in this province. There are, however, two very marked respects in which the government has fallen down and as to these our contemporary is silent.

One is the failure to do anything toward improving the enforcement of the treasury laws, and providing some kind of machinery for their enforcement. There is little to be gained by improving the course of studies and raising the salaries of the teachers, if the benefits of education are not extended to those most in need of them. The other is the failure to take one single step in advance in the matter of technical education. All we have is the statement that Dr. Pyne has gone to Europe to make a study of this important question, but ministers of the crown have, in the past, visited Europe on all sorts of pretexts during vacation time, and no public benefit has followed therefrom. In short, the Whitney sins of omission are serious, and cannot easily be condoned.

Venerable Medical Man. Sir Henry Pitman, the oldest member of the medical profession in England, has celebrated his hundredth birthday with his wife (eighty years old), and seven children. A party, including several fellows of the Royal College of Physicians, journeyed to Sir Henry's home at Enfield to present him with a silver gift bowl. There were scores of congratulatory telegrams and letters, among them one from the king. Sir Henry is in full possession of his faculties, with the exception of his sight, which had failed him of late.

A Sample Outrage. Hamilton Times. It is somewhat amusing to read the Roblin government organ denouncing the "outrage" perpetrated by Premier Scott, of Saskatchewan, in allowing only twenty-five days between the dissolution of the provincial legislature and the elections. How natural the mind reverts to Premier Roblin's action in allowing only nineteen days between the dissolution of the Manitoba legislature and the last election!

Invasion Of Canada. Ottawa Free Press. The gambling tournament at Windsor, wherein Yankee horsemen and their satellites fleece Canadians, having ended, the aggregation has moved on to Fort Erie, where the evil work will continue. And the attorney-general of Ontario takes no action to stop this debauching of our Canadian youth. Wake up, Mr. Foy! The criminal code will enable you to put an end to this unwelcome Yankee invasion, if you will but put it into force.

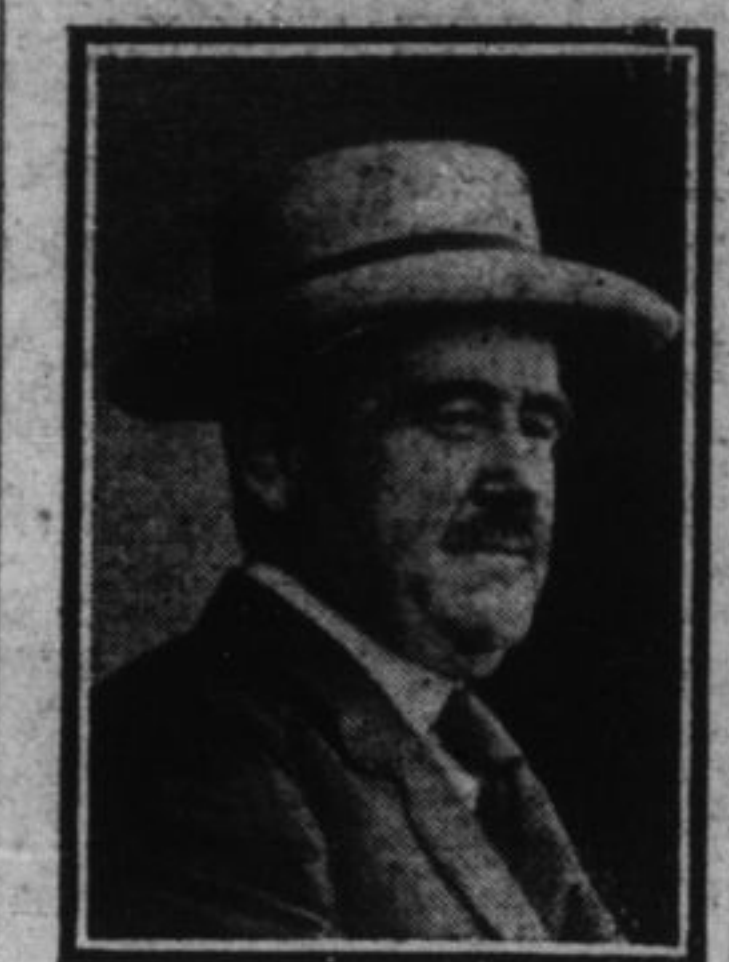
The World's Largest Clock. An enormous timepiece is now being erected on the Colgate soap factory in Jersey City. The dial will be thirty-eight feet in diameter and 1,134 square feet in area; the minute hand, twenty feet long, and the whole clock weighing approximately six tons. Hitherto the largest clock in the world has been on the city hall, Philadelphia, with a dial twenty-five feet in diameter.

For A Delightful Sail. Take the summer America's tour of the Thousand Islands, Saturday, 2:30 p.m., fare 50 cents.

Garden party, in aid of St. John's church, Collins Bay, Tuesday evening, August 4th, at George Marsh's Grove, Collins Bay. Admission, 25c. Refreshments served. Crosby's orchestra in attendance. This is the gladsome season when one likes to sit in a shady nook and listen to the running comments of a babbling brook. Astronomers tell us that in our solar system there are at least 17,000,000 comets of all sizes. Lemonade powder. Edwards & Jenkin.

HE IS CHAIRMAN.

Of The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.



W. B. MCKINLEY. Utica, N.Y., July 30.—James S. Sherman will be succeeded as chairman of the congressional campaign committee by Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, who has heretofore held the office of treasurer. The new treasurer will be Charles G. Dawes, former comptroller of the currency. Henry Casson, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, will be assistant secretary, a position that is now created. Mr. Sherman will at once turn over his duties to his successor. Mr. McKinley, besides being a congressman, is the president of several electric railway lines in Illinois and also a director in many other commercial enterprises. He resides at Champaign, Ill., and was born in Petersburg, Ill., in September, 1856. This is his second consecutive term in congress.

PLUNGE IS A PEACH.

Mr. Thompson Likes the Lime-stone City. Lindsay Warder. The sporting editor of the Warder is in receipt of a letter from J. J. Thompson, physical director of the Kingston, Y.M.C.A., and formerly holding the same position with the local association. Quotations from a letter are as follows, and as may be seen, Mr. Thompson appears to like his new position:

"We have a lacrosse team here and I am glad to learn that the lacrosse team has turned out to be a fact in Lindsay. Well, the running game here has been dead for some time; it is just getting wakened up now. There are some likely-looking fellows here. I had a bunch out last night over at Queen's track, and it is a fine track, quarter-mile under track. I ran 100 yards myself in eleven seconds. "This is a very pretty place in summer. There are five teams in the City Baseball League, senior and five in junior. I had to turn down an offer to go to Gananoque to play for one of the teams to-day. "I am enclosing you a picture of our building. What do you think of it? The gym. is in the best shape I ever saw one in. It is 40x70 on the floor. The plunge is a peach."

B. A. Hotel Arrivals. J. J. Jackson, Moscow, Russia; Hugh Kennedy, Orillia; Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Ingrid, Newark, A. C. Shaw, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Shaw, Mrs. M. H. Fitzsimmons, Edith Fitzsimmons, Portia Fitzsimmons, N. H. Rising, Kate Baldwin, Rochester, N. Y.; H. R. Glen, E. C. Shipman, New York; Mrs. S. E. Dougherty, Ithaca, N.Y.; R. F. Shilby, Paterson, N.J.; H. L. Vincent, Paterson, N.J.; M. S. Greene, Potsdam, N.Y.; Dr. Thompson and wife, Watertown, N. Y.; George Commerford, Brantford; H. Fitzgerald, Ogdensburg, N.Y.; F. W. Welsh, D. P. Bailey, F. S. Bonney, R. A. Burdall, New York; G. S. Minty, A. Laing, B. F. Selby, J. Johnston, George Davidson, G. Sneider, Toronto; B. Ferguson, J. Maguire, F. Quinn, D. Torrance, Maurice Welsh, W. P. Coates, Montreal; H. H. Bayne and wife, Ottawa, Ill.; F. W. Woods, Ottawa, Ont.; Joseph Woodruff, Sydney; D. H. Kennedy, Harrisburgh; M. T. Bruce, Lindsay; Thos. A. Webster, Lansdowne; C. Hutchinson, Waterloo; F. W. Gates, Cedar Rapids; W. D. Strong and wife, Chicago; John Cowan, Irvine, Scotland; R. M. Milligan and wife, St. Louis Mo.; D. B. McDonald and wife, Virginia, Miss.; A. Blachall, Joliet; B. G. Cutts, C. Powers, Utica, N.Y.

Death At Hartington. The people of this vicinity were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Lewis Clow, of Hartington, who passed away at her home in Hartington on Wednesday at twelve o'clock noon. She was apparently in perfect health up to a short time previous. Diabetes was the cause of death. Her death at the early age of thirty-six has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Deceased was the second daughter of Benjamin Campsall, of Hartington. She leaves a husband and three little girls, Flora, aged thirteen, Marion, aged ten, and Kathleen, aged six, who will miss a fond and loving mother. The late Mr. Clow was well known in the city. Mr. Clow lived in Kingston at the time of their marriage fourteen years ago, spending nine years of their married life in the city doing business on Brock street, opposite the market square.

The Highest Temperature. The highest temperature of the summer was registered on Thursday, when the mercury rose to eighty-three degrees. It felt every bit as warm as that and warmer. A whole week of hot weather has now been enjoyed.

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