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REVIVED FIRE BRIGADE.

The fire committee may know what is the heart of the aldermen with regard to the fire brigade, but it is doubtful. The average reader of the debate which was given in the papers learned, but one thing—that the council at the last meeting did not want to do anything, and managed to accomplish this purpose. That something should be done was the unanimous feeling. But what? There has been apparent and all too evident absence of discipline, or respect for authority in the brigade. How may it be established and preserved? That is the great, the dominant, and ever-present question.

Commanders are born, not made. Some men become leaders without effort. There is that about their personality which makes them a force in any station. Then there is that about the subordinate which makes him dutiful and obedient everywhere—when he has the proper training. The mind of the Roman Centurion should be the mind of the fire chief. He speaks, he makes known his desires, he commands and his language is decisive. The mind of the fireman should be that of every one of the Six Hundred. It is his, on duty, to do or die.

We read of the ideal fire-fighters. They do not appear in fiction only. In the experience of every-day life, in the larger cities, they are performing their tasks successfully. Sometimes the perils are great. Sometimes the dangers are appalling. Sometimes the feats attained are worthy of heroes, and in the calm of rest every act of bravery and courage is extolled. Always the service that is above the common is acknowledged and applauded. But distinction in the field of service is won as a result of keen discipline, of an education that fits its recipients for any task. The question arises, How are the Kingston men trained? Is there method and system about it? Is there the daily assignment that toughens the muscle and steadies the hand? Is there anything approaching the team work which one reads of in athletics, which makes for the splendid results when the crucial hour comes? There may be some attempt at it, but for some reason it is defective.

Granted that there has been a lack of esprit de corps in the Kingston fire departments how may it be secured now? The chief holds the good-will of the council. It has shown him a consideration that is very impressive. For what he knows of fire-fighting and what he may yet do he has been retained, and it should be his aim to show an appreciation of the fact by the immediate reform of the department. The men under him are to be asked to resign as a matter of form. Those who have exhibited an aptitude for the service will be retained and the places of others, filled by men who have the qualifications for a very trying work. But from whom are they to get the drill, the inspiration, the incentive they require? If the dominating influence has been absent in the past it is likely to be absent in the future. Some one, as assistant chief, must be procured who is possessed of new ideas, and who has the capacity to put them into force. It may be hard to secure any one who will be content with a secondary place, but with the right or assurance of succession in time he may be found in the Toronto, Hamilton, or Montreal brigades. He would be the means of transforming the situation and giving the city the department which it needs.

Apart from the new men, and especially the new working head—the associate of the Veteran Elmer—there are wanted appliances, and they should be supplied at once. If there is to be a re-organization of the brigade let it be thorough and complete.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REFORM. The plan of the new school bill which is now before the Legislature (coming down like so many things of the present government in the closing days of the legislature), is to improve the public schools, and it is well that some attempt is being made to redeem the promises of the party. The bill in question proposes to make many changes in the law, and to change many conditions which affect the schools of the masses.

The minister aims at a greater supervision of the schools through the inspectors, and so that there may be the fullest information upon the subject he provides for the appointment of assistant and district inspectors with duties that are clearly defined.

The important feature is that the inspector must be a man of distinct qualification, one who is not incapacitated by age. The warning is again given, in cold legal phraseology, that the department wants young men, at least men in possession of full vigour of mind and body, and that when there is any sign of weakness, decrepitude or decay, the place one holds must be surrendered.

The age for retiring is sixty-five. It is not the age which Dr. Osler once set, or stated with apparent approval, for the close of life, the usefulness of the individual generally being gone, but it is the age at which ordinarily the man shows signs of mental and physical failure. There may be even yet the chance for further service on the part of one whose energies are well preserved, for the minister reserves to himself the right to prolong the official life of the individual under certain conditions. These are not political, of course. That Hon. Dr. Pyne would be actuated by political motive is impossible of conception, knowing, as people do, how hard it would be for him to harbour that disreputable thing called partisanship.

The lives of the inspectors are, however, practically in the hands of the minister, and if the bill now before the legislature becomes law there will be some changes. The age limit will retire at once all inspectors over sixty-five, without the minister's intervention, and it is no secret that he seeks certain changes and is using the automatic action of a general law to bring them about. There is some ground for this. In certain western counties, and in two or three towns, the inspectors during recent years have been changed, and remarkable results have followed. The people at once had the evidence of what the man could do who had the inspiration, the tact, the mind for reform, and if advanced years had so much to do with inefficient service in some cases, why not in others. That was the assumption, and it has undoubtedly led to action.

Henceforth there is to be not only a regular visitation of the schools, but a regular report upon the conditions of each one, in a prescribed form, which calls for candid comment. Such reports are made now by the high school inspectors and with the result that the department has before it the facts at all times. One thing more is needed, a change of inspectors occasionally, to the end that what one man may minimize, if a defect, another man may expose, and with the desire always of enforcing the law fairly and effectually.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Germany does not challenge the naval supremacy of England. Britain, as a great peace maker, is desired to continue in the power she has used so discreetly in the past.

Canada is to have a naval service, under Canadian control and command. Meanwhile if the peace of England is menaced Canada will offer assistance to the limit of her power. That is an offer that is worth talking about.

The only sensible remark of an alderman, regarding the water department's rest fund, was this: If kept for a special purpose why was it not used? The water department, in its dawdling policy, is not entitled to very much sympathy.

The question of the hour is not what has the fire brigade done in the past, in the protection of property, but what can it do now? The city is concerned about the service of the firemen, not about the reputation they have won sometime.

Bellevue pays \$7,000 a year for the water service it enjoys. In other words the city which owns the water department, charges itself with the cost of the public service. How much does Kingston, as a city, pay for the water it consumes or wastes?

The Toronto News has it that the Laurier government is punishing Manitoba by not giving it all it wants. A spoiled baby is being punished, then, because its mamma occasionally refuses its petulant demand. Politics makes some people act in a silly way.

The Susan B. Anthony Club (women's) that demanded the pardon of Mrs. Farmer (because her husband committed a murder for which she was convicted), received a setback by Mrs. Farmer's confession. Her husband is declared to be innocent of any part in the crime. The murder was her's alone.

COURT REMOVES WOMAN WHO HAD MEAN STREAK NO LONGER EXECUTRIX.

Lady Broome's Oddities—Let Property Worth \$17,500 Go Rather Than Pay the Taxes of \$450.

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 31.—Not having made an accounting of the estate for eighteen years Lady Frances Broome was, yesterday, removed by the court here as executrix of the \$270,000 estate left by her husband. Her eldest son, Thornhill, who petitioned the court for an accounting, was made special administrator.

Lady Broome is an Englishwoman whose eccentricities have long kept her in the public eye. She ignored the court order to have an attorney, saying that she could find none she could trust. Other heirs of the estate are Amy, a daughter, and Montague, a son. The estate consists of 22,000 acres near Ventura, and property in Buxton, England.

The family is well known in San Francisco, New York, and London. Mrs. Broome lost considerable property here on her refusal to be amenable to American law procedure. She allowed her home in the city to be sold rather than pay \$450 for street work. Since then \$17,500 has been refused for the property. During this row with the contractor Mrs. Broome was sentenced to one hour in jail, which was served. Again she allowed a \$6,000 house to go by default. She also lost a carriage rather than pay a court reporter's bill.

Thornhill Broome says his mother disinherited him and refuses to speak to him. "Lord" Broome died in 1891.

Where Will It End? Until recently the cost of a great battleship was about five million dollars. The cost of a vessel of the Dreadnought type is ten millions, and it is said that calculations of naval strength based upon any other estimate than Dreadnoughts are useless. Where is this progress to end? Ten years hence the Dreadnought may be superseded by the super-Dreadnought, and the new type may cost twenty millions instead of ten millions. Such a race means bankruptcy for any but the very wealthiest nations, and even for them the draw on the national resources will be appalling. The consoling feature of the situation is that the competition may be for lack of funds. The British empire can afford to continue it as long as any other power.

The Community A Failure. Toronto Globe. Peter Verigin's criticism, that the war and homesteaded but not earned by individual Doukhobors might usefully have been left part of their area for communistic settlement, is misdirected. This country has had all the experimentation with communal institutions it desires to try, and it prefers to leave the present communities, to the wear and tear of time. The lesson from the Mennonite villages in Southern Manitoba is not encouraging and it will be surprising if after the lapse of another generation the Doukhobor communities do not show signs of disintegration. For better or for worse the constitution of Canadian society is individualistic, and the shadow does not go back on the dial.

Big And Prosperous. Watertown, N.Y., Times. Canada, for instance, has already a strong national sentiment. Its dependence on Great Britain for defence is about all that ties it to the mother country. If it had its own navy it would not feel dependent for anything, but might become entirely independent. Indeed, that is very likely to be the final effect of such a movement. As a matter of fact, Canada ought to be an independent nation. It is big enough and prosperous enough to stand alone.

B. A. Hotel Arrivals. A. C. Mott, Belleville; F. C. Mackenzie, J. B. Orr, A. C. Turner, C. H. Lewis, James Hohman, T. W. Manton, F. E. Domorray, Toronto; W. G. Earle, Hamilton; Miss Grimshaw, Adams; H. T. Hunter, city; J. W. Adams, H. S. Blatch, C. Mackay, E. O. Bar, Montreal; C. S. Kertcher, Berlin; Mrs. and Miss Codville, Ottawa; E. C. Brown, Brighton, George King, Cornwall; George Dowdell, Hamilton; E. A. Barry, Montreal.

Tiring of Their Leader. Montreal Gazette. William O'Brien has resigned his seat as member for Cork in the British house of commons because he cannot agree with the majority of his colleagues. The nationalist party uses up its heroes at a rather rapid rate. It is only a little while since Mr. O'Brien was second only to Mr. Parnell.

Different Kind of Tory. Stratford Beacon. Premier Hazen, of New Brunswick, is preparing an amendment to the liquor license act in that province which will provide for local option by-law being adopted by a majority vote. Mr. Hazen evidently takes no stock in the Whiggish argument that the bare majority principle is un-British.

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Paul Charbonneau, St. Jerome, Que., says: "For months I suffered tortures from indigestion. After every meal the misery was intense, so that I finally ate most sparingly. I tried several so-called indigestion cures, but they did me no good. My general health began to run down. I suffered from headaches and dizziness and pains about the heart. After after the lightest meal I would be afflicted with a smothering sensation. Finally my mother induced me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Under the use of this medicine the trouble began to disappear, and in less than a couple of months I had completely recovered my health and can now enjoy a hearty meal as well as any one."

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No Excuse To Go. Ottawa Journal. Insurance companies should not be allowed to bar suicide or anything else. The moment they take a premium, they should be responsible for the specified amount of contracted value. No one can foresee suicide, and once in a while—perhaps once in a hundred years—a company may be hit by some man who assists himself to suicide by the reflection that he somebody he leaves behind. But the chance is so slim as to fail to justify the leaving in the hands of life insurance companies of such a club over the relatives of persons who have insured with them as the power to compel the relatives to answer public charges of the degeneracy and suicide of the insured. All other business enterprises have to face the contingency of the suicide of agents or customers or debtors. So should insurance companies.

Afraid Of The Policyholders. Montreal Star. The insurance people are mightily afraid that the policyholders will get possession of their companies. There is no proposal that the policyholders should be able to take from the shareholders one dollar's worth of their stock, but only that they shall be in a position to induce the stockholders to permit the investment of the trust funds in their care securely. The policyholders can have no interest at variance with the stockholders except to put a brake on speculation. If the directors of the stockholders want to speculate with their "trust funds" in order to get big profits, the policyholders ought to be able to prevent a course so perilous to them and their wives and children.

Let Common Sense Prevail. Montreal Gazette. Here and there in Canada there are papers which urge that whatever Corporation should be done after earnest consideration and with deliberation, and after a full review of the necessities of the case. It is trusted this view will prevail in the government and parliament. Big things of revolutionary effect are best done when all these things are to touch know what they mean.

Hungarians and Americans are fighting at the mines in Indiana. The Hungarians refuse to allow the Americans to work.

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SWALLOWED POISON. Hotel-keeper at Fenelon Falls Commits Suicide.

Lindsay, Ont., March 31.—John Swanton, Burnt River, drank carbolic acid, last night, death from the effects of the poison following immediately. Deceased was about sixty years of age, and it is thought that family trouble was the cause.

Swanton bought the acid in Lindsay, and took it with him to Burnt River, where he drank it, lying in bed. A neighbor endeavored to dissuade him, but the man determined, and before he could be prevented had swallowed the poison.

Deceased was a former hotel-keeper of Fenelon Falls, and at one time a respectable resident of the community. He was before the county magistrate last Saturday, but had been let off.

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