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Daily Whig.

THE PROPHECIC EYE.

Collier's Weekly has made a bid for reputation by inviting the Lieutenant-governors of the Canadian provinces to become prophets and indicate what the provinces will be fifty years hence. These lieutenant-governors are all experienced men. They have served in the governments, and so are familiar with the progress which has been made since confederation. But they all appear to be cautious or timid, or they have not thrown themselves into the trance mood or condition and undertaken to read the secrets of the future. What Canada will be half a century hence no man can conjecture. No one who has lived and laboured in Canada for fifty years, and been conscious of Canada's wonderful development, dare presume to say what may come to pass in a like period of time. The change will be wonderful. The transformation will surpass all expectations. That is all one can hazard. This young country is like the stalwart youth who is just beginning to feel the stirrings of manhood, who is just stretching himself before beginning his toil and doing his best. One needs faith at a time like this and the loyalty that is lasting, that nothing can destroy.

REFLECTING PUBLIC OPINION.

There appears to be some mystification about the meaning of public ownership, and it singularly enough prevails in Toronto where the meaning of the term should be understood. The city council has just disposed of a plot of twenty-two acres, on the outskirts of the municipality to Cawthra Mulock, for \$35,000, and to the end that he may, with his wealth, make them valuable and eventually devote them to some worthy cause. Rumour credits him with the ambition to follow the example of Carnegie and Strachcona and give to the people some of the blessings they may need and be unable to secure. But the Telegram sees no virtue in the transaction; on the contrary it accuses the council of 1909 of having put public ownership to open shame, of selling land worth \$500,000 to one who is alleged to have some useful purpose in view, while he is simply engaged in a huge real estate deal. It is remarkable that the council should be wholly and completely deceived, and while one wonders at the charge of the Telegram he has to remember that not so long ago on a great financial issue, the seal wall, it reflected public opinion, and it was the only paper in Toronto which did so.

FRIENDLY BACTERIA.

Micro-organisms which, abound in the air, earth and water, are of two widely different kinds—one, the protozoa, which are virtually animalcules, and another larger division, the bacteria, which belong to the vegetable kingdom. So far as they have been identified, the protozoa seem to be a bad lot, because they have been chiefly discovered in the act of killing people with malaria, yellow fever or some other terrible disease. On the other hand, many of the bacteria are useful, and, since they are vegetable and can be cultivated like any other plants, a new industry, that of raising valuable crops of bacteria, has arisen. William Hanna Thomson, M.D., LL.D., tells something about the uses of the vegetable division of micro-organisms in his article, "Indispensable Bacteria," in the August number of "Everybody's Magazine." Instead of bacteria being solely causes of deadly diseases, he says, science demonstrates that but for bacteria this earth would soon become uninhabitable. No animal or plant spontaneously decomposes after it dies any more than do stones or rocks, and bacteria keep life going by removing the bodies of each generation to make room for the next. Some varieties of bacteria also promise to increase the supply of food-stuffs to an extent that cannot now be foretold.

Nitrogen is a necessary ingredient of food, whether vegetable or animal, and since three-fifths of the atmosphere is composed of nitrogen, it may be imagined that there need be no fear that this source of supply will give out. Unfortunately, however, nitrogen prefers to be free, and refuses to be locked up as a component of vegetable or animal tissues, except in the most roundabout ways. The eaters are multiplying at such a rate that, it is said, there will soon be no available nitrogen to provide the food of the nations. The store of one nitrogen fertilizer, nitrate of soda, or Chili saltpetre, is now being drawn upon so rapidly that 1,740,000 tons of

it were dug out and exported in 1907. Neither is all of it used for the good purpose of helping plants to make foodstuffs, because there is a world demand at present for saltpetre to make that wholly non-nutritious thing, gunpowder.

The advancing price of nitrogen fertilizers derived from any of the old sources has stimulated research for other means of "fixing" nitrogen, as it is termed. These efforts have met with a considerable degree of success, but as yet no way has been found to make artificially "fixed" nitrogen cheap. It is hoped that this way is to be found by the help of bacteria, as some of these micro-organisms have been discovered that are benevolent enough to make a practice of "fixing" nitrogen on the roots of plants, just where it is wanted, and experiments have proved that these bacteria can be artificially produced and sold as fertilizers. Prof. Whitney, of the United States department of agriculture, goes so far as to say, in this connection, that the future of agriculture will be bound up in the application of the science of soil bacteriology.

TOO BIG A CONTRACT.

The latest report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, issued by the imperial government, gives data with regard to the public utilities and the result of municipal ownership. There is no evidence, in the material before us, as to how the accounts are kept, and reports to hand heretofore have indicated that they have been defective in certain cases, that a depreciation account has not been kept, and that in consequence the management has encountered serious difficulties.

In Leeds (according to the late reports), the profit from the tramways was \$225,000, and from the gas \$85,000, while \$140,000 was made from the waterworks and the markets. This large sum went towards the reduction of public rates. In Sheffield the tramways (another name for street railways) yielded a profit of \$180,000, which was applied upon the maintenance of various free municipal enterprises and education. In Bradford the tramways showed a profit of \$55,000, and the people enjoyed a reduction of rates.

There is little said of the waterworks, and it would appear that in some of the English cities this department is operated at a loss. Why this is the case is not apparent, since the water service generally is the most profitable. This has been the experience in Kingston, and in every other city where the treasury of the department has not been plundered to make up the losses, the excesses or the extravagances of other departments.

Saturday Night is moved to remark that "there is hardly a large city in Canada which is not suffering from the disease of privately-owned public utilities. However, some day we will awake with a jolt to the fact that we have been working for the other fellow long enough." Every case has to be judged by its circumstances. The success or failure of some utilities does not depend upon the ownership alone, but upon the management, and the contract is too big for the average.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

M. Clemenceau has gone off to Carlsbad to take his baths. His liver is out of order, and his temper as well. Both may be cured by the one process.

The forty-second government of the Third Republic has been formed in France. The making and remaking of cabinets must be going on most of the time.

In the Rhindress wife-beating case the magistrate in Toronto said there was some provocation. Probably; the woman's tongue again. But is there, or can there be, any excuse for horse-whipping a wife?

Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, recommends free speech for the man in the pulpit. And free speech for the man in the pew? Heckling in church would be an undignified proceeding, but it would be mightily interesting.

Canada's timber lands are about twelve times greater than those of the United States. This will not be the condition very long unless a check be put upon the export of logs, and especially of pulpwood.

St. Thomas has its teachers' trouble. The board cannot anticipate the changes that are taking place in the institute staff, and is worrying in consequence. Who is to blame—the trustee board or the education department?

Mr. Hays, the general manager, is an authority for the statement, that when the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed it will be necessary to make arrangements with some existing company to supply Atlantic and Pacific connections, or the railway company will build its own fleets.

The Journal, of St. Thomas, suggests with regard to the high school teachers' staff, that the board resort to contract that will be binding for some years. The demand at higher salaries will allure the men. They will take into the teaching profession some of the young men who have been training for commerce.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Worth Trying. Ottawa Citizen. It is possible to fatten poultry by inserting food with a tube into their crops. What is the matter with fattening sufragettes?

Has Made His Pile. Guelph Mercury. John D. Rockefeller is to retire. Well, if he proves saving, he will probably have enough to put himself through his few remaining years without having to go to the work's.

Not All Glitter. St. Thomas Times. There are said to be 9,000 stage folk in New York looking for jobs. And yet there are thousands of foolish young people who believe they have only to go to New York to embark on a theatrical career that will make them rich and famous.

Times Have Changed. Montreal Herald. "I came with an umbrella, I leave with a cane," said Clemenceau as he left the department where he had ruled France for three years. There's a change for you, from the days when kings made their household arrangements on the basis of eternity and the day after.

THE ATTEMPT FAILED. Latham Did Not Cross the English Channel. Dover, England, July 28.—Hubert Latham's second attempt to fly across the English channel ended disastrously yesterday. Almost in the moment of victory his monoplane flattered down into the sea, two miles beyond the Admiralty pier, like a bird with a broken wing. Thousands of people crowding the water front saw the fall, and were kept in suspense for nearly half an hour, not knowing whether the daring aeronaut had met death or had been rescued from the water.

A flock of large and small craft raced to the scene of the disaster and a pinnacle of the British battleship Russell picked up the unlucky flyer and put him aboard the French torpedo boat destroyer, Escopette. After a surgeon had attended to his injuries Latham was brought ashore by the destroyer and taken to the Lord Warden hotel. His face was damaged and bleeding, and his nose was broken. The machine, badly wrecked, was hoisted from the boat to the dock.

Latham's flight, to the moment of his sensational finish, eclipsed Blériot's in some respects. The Englishman made greater speed being only twenty minutes in the air from the time he left the coast of France, and steered a straighter course than Blériot, as he was making directly for Dover when he fell.

The physician in attendance on Latham reported last night that he did not believe the aeronaut was greatly hurt.

Bell Rock Budget.

Bell Rock, July 27.—Quarterly services will be held in the Methodist church here next Sunday. Rev. William Sanderson will officiate. A highly educated resident in the person of Mrs. John Pomeroy, passed away at her home here on the 16th inst. E. Martin is putting a new wall under the schoolhouse, a much needed improvement. The township stone crusher is rushing business in this vicinity. Huckleberry excursions are very popular. Miss Marie Muir and her brother, Earle, of Duluth, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. M. Muir. Miss Mabel Steinburg, of Enterprise, is the guest of Miss Olive Sanborn. Miss Stella Vanvolkenburg is spending a few days at Moscow.

Says Company Has Won.

Montreal, July 28.—F. L. Wanklyn, the vice-president of the Dominion Coal company, has reached the city from Sydney and Glace Bay and when seen stated that there was not any longer any doubt that the company had won out against the strikers and it was now only a question of days when the whole plant would be in operation again. From actual conditions at the mines the company would make more rapid progress from now on than it had from the time the strike was declared up to the present time.

Beware of people who pat you on the back. They may be looking for an opportunity to kick your feet from under you.



PRINCESS HELIE DE SAGAN.

SOME STRIKING CONTRASTS.

Kingston in 1870 and the City of 1909. Kingston, July 27.—(To the Editor): I am trespassing! I am amidst the ripening grain on Duff's farm! Peculiar thoughts, these I am in the dreamy past of poor old Kingston. Rip Van Winkle like I am, awakened in thought not only of the past of poor old Kingston when Farmer Duff was alive and those fields of grain were a reality, and when Dr. Barker and his first of April jokes in the Whig had their semblance in some people's minds. These were the days of poor old Kingston and its quiet ways of progress. Where once was Duff's farm is now all about me the multitudinous foliage of maple leaves, of buildings, lawns and gardens and macadam roads, and an unkempt railway track. Where once stood the shadow of poor old Kingston is now to me "Dear Old Kingston," in quiet beauty and progress. What a change in old Gordon street, and above it, and on either hand. And in proximity to the old drill building what a change? Learning's ways have taken possession by the "progressive" encroachment of a campus ground and of a host of fine buildings where young men and young women are taught to become useful men and women. As I walk down Gordon street, or as my friends will have it, "University Avenue," and look across to the other side, what a change since 1870! And Queen's authorities, not satisfied, wants the old Orphans' Home to be away so that they may add a little more to their schemes of progress and beauty.—AN OLD KINGSTON BOY.

The Thing We Want. Winnipeg Journal. While we are glad to see municipal and government ownership of certain things in suitable places, it seems to be necessary to constantly rebut a notion sedulously cultivated by certain interested people, that we are bigots about public ownership and want it at all places and times and for all sorts of matters; that we are enemies of private enterprise, of lighting and power companies and street railway companies and of all capital. This is not the case. On the contrary, we are the true friends of capital and all solid enterprises. Municipal men in general are responsible and conservative. They wish private capital to have a liberal chance. They only desire a fair deal for the public; and all sound and solid capitalists should recognize this and help them to oppose the common enemy—the reckless charter pirate and the occasional dishonest company which abuses the public, defies the people, grasps their property, corruptly or illegally, and is consequently a danger to their freedom. In most cases there are fair bargains, good relations and mutual respect between municipalities and corporations. This Latham has always carefully drawn the distinction.

Two Priests Of Blessed Memory. Contributed. The late lamented Fathers Lynch and O'Connell, of Peterboro, were the immediate predecessors of Rev. Father Kietly in the parish of Douro. Father Lynch left Douro forty years ago and Father O'Connell twenty years ago. To know them was to love them. Hence, over their graves, the following lines are, in the case of each, appropriate indeed:

"Warm Southern sun  
Shine kindly here,  
Warm Southern wind  
Blow softly here.  
Green sod above  
Lie light, lie light;  
Good night, dear heart,  
Good night—good night."  
—May they rest in peace, Amen.

The sixteen days' anxious wait for the Fraser River salmon men was, on Monday, rewarded by three miles of sockeyes.

What Is Itch Dirt?

It is the old Anglo-Saxon name for Dandruff and it's a good one. If you have dandruff you have itchy dirt and the little microbes that are part and parcel of dandruff are working persistently night and day and sooner or later will reach the very life of your hair and destroy its vitality. Then you'll be bald—bald to stay for not even the wonderful rejuvenating properties in Parisian Sage can grow hair after the hair bulb or root is dead. Parisian Sage cures dandruff. G. W. Mahood, the druggist, sells it—recommends it and guarantees it; only 50c. a large bottle and your money back if it fails to cure Dandruff, Falling Hair and Itching of the Scalp.

BIBBY'S. SAVE YOUR DOLLARS. TIME AND MONEY. Both are quite an item these days, and both can be saved by the man, that comes here for his outfitting. You'll save time, because, look where you will and as long as you will, you can not buy Clothes—good clothes at prices less than we name. Our \$10, 12.50 and 15 Suits will prove this, for you cannot match the quality and price at the same time. SPECIAL—See our display of Straw Hats at \$1.00. See our display of Men's Soft Shirts at 39c. The H. D. Bibby Co.

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