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Daily Whig.

FAIR WAY OF FINANCING.

A model way of raising money for religious purposes, has been adopted by the congregation of St. Mary's cathedral. The Whig does not know with whom the idea originated, but it is unique in its application in Kingston, and it is producing the best results. Important improvements are in progress at the cathedral, including the frescoing of the main edifice, and by an artist of distinction, and the cost of this is being met most cheerfully. The plan of contribution is simple. Each one gives a day's pay, or a day's receipts, or a day's profits, and he gives, therefore, according to his means, his earnings, or his measure of success. It is equitable and it is effective. So commendable is it that it should be adopted by every church, and if it were some of the present schemes of financing would be forever and happily abandoned. One day's income hurts no one. It may be a sacrifice, but it is so easily borne that there is no feeling of undue pressure. And the result—an aggregation of strength to which each one has contributed his share and according to his ability. The thing is worth patenting, but that would spoil the chances of its universal use.

HOLDING UP THE COUNCILS.

Guelph wants to experiment with a commission of three or five men, these to have command of the public business and public utilities, and run them with all the care, skill and economy of those who make a success of their own business. Apparently the agitators with commission on the brain have infected the council with their enthusiasm, and the effect is a resolution asking that the legislature amend the Municipal Act, so that the commission plan of doing the people's business may be tried.

Will the legislature harken to the prayer of the Council of Guelph? Will it be carried away by the special pleading of men who have given the subject only a superficial study? The St. Thomas street railway is declared by the mayor to be "run as no man would run his own business." The Edmonton council is anxious to secure an expert who will look over its public utilities and tell it "whether they are being operated in a proper manner." In Kingston a power deal is on which, for over three years, is against the judgment of the manager of the plant.

These things teach a lesson to the parliament. It is this: That it shall legislate so as to protect the municipalities from the toys of men who are not quite certain what they want and should not be allowed to indulge in costly experiments.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

Monday, October 25th, has been set aside, by royal proclamation, for public thanksgiving, and if the spirit of the occasion is felt by the people the church services should be largely attended. Canada has had a season of plenty. The barns and stores-houses are full to overflowing. The rich soil has been yielding crops the real value of which cannot be calculated. They represent many many millions of money. They contribute to the happiness and comfort of the Canadian people, and the surplus, from every province, goes to Europe to feed the multitudes who, but for the exporter, would go hungry.

Ours is a land of "milk and honey," the expression of that opulence for which Canada, as a nation, is not perhaps sufficiently grateful. The call to praise is not as heartily responded to as the great goodness of Providence suggests. The parable of the rich farmer has its special significance at this time. His imitators may take the dispensations of the day as a matter of course, but they may have an experience that will be remembered.

The lean years in this country have not been attended by any great suffering. At the most there has been one a pinch. Gannet famine has not stalked through the land. The population, as in India and Russia, has not been reduced to extremities. There has not been starvation, or any approach to it, and because of the absence of all distress there has not been a keen appreciation of nature's bounty. Thanksgiving Day has been considerable of a sham. There may be thanks in the hearts of the masses, but they give no visible manifestation of the fact.

The shareholders refused the president of the G.T.R. a retiring allowance of \$5,000. Sir Charles may be sorry that he gave up his job.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review has not been reading what the British and American naval men had to say about the aeroplane as an engine of destruction. Had it done this our contemporary would not have talked of the airship dropping explosives upon the warships and doing them an incalculable damage.

The aeroplane, it adds, "places it limitable forces of destruction at the disposal of any one who can raise \$50,000, and find a half a dozen desperadoes to do her bidding." The aeroplane or the biplane is going to have its place in the operations of war. That is the only conclusion that follows the purchase of an airship by the United States government, and the training by Wilbur Wright of the officers of the army as aviators, at a cost of \$30,000. It is the conviction, also, which one reaches as he contemplates the efforts of Germany to get and master the best ships of the air, and the money that Britain and France are spending in the experiments in aviation.

But the navy does not regard them with any concern. When Mr. Wright took his thirty-mile spin up the Hudson river, during the Fulton centennial celebration, he had occasion to pass over the warships, and several things were remarked: (1) That the airship could not be navigated only in some kinds of weather; (2) that its flight had to be made in the day, when it could be seen and heard afar off; (3) that its speed was such that it would be difficult to drop explosives on vessels below; (4) that the hot air from the funnels of the battleships had a tendency to disturb the position and motion of the aeroplane; and (5) that the guns of the battleships could be trained on it with startling effect.

Apparently the days of the aeroplane scare have not yet arrived.

THE MISSIONS AT FAULT.

Most unexpectedly, and most surprisingly the members of the Japanese commission, now in America, for a study of western civilization, endorse the sentiments of W. T. R. Preston with regard to the futility, the wastefulness, the failure of Christian missions. Mr. Preston brought down upon himself so much criticism that some thought he had been rash and indiscreet.

Speaking with a Montreal Star reporter, S. Tamura made certain statements that are worth repeating. The first desideratum is a native and united ministry, and it cannot be had until the foreign missionaries withdraw, and because they are largely responsible for the separation that attends denominational service. The language, with its three thousand characters, make mission progress difficult, and it is expensive. Five or six native evangelists can be maintained for the cost of one foreigner. The Japanese church, it is true, is poor, but it could get along without foreign aid. It could do more work and do it quicker if it had at its disposal the money now spent in missions.

Asked whether, if left to itself, the Japanese church would remain faithful to the teaching of the west, Mr. Tamura said the people would remain true to the teachings of Christ, "and they want less theology and more Christianity." Mr. Tamura said he had no commission to present the views of the Japanese church upon the work of the missions, but if the church in America were wise it would investigate conditions through a commission, and it would change its missionary policy, for surely at the present "both money and human efforts are being wasted through conscientious but undoubtedly misdirected effort."

Mr. Preston did a brave thing when he invited the unfriendly criticism of the church and its missionaries, but the evidence of Mr. Tamura, a Christianized Japanese gentleman, makes one think that the ex-trade commissioner was well posted on the subject which he discussed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Whig ventures a prediction—that if the conservative party holds a convention in Winnipeg next year it will hear more about the box cars than the battleships.

The U. S. postal department contemplates the establishment of parcels post as a money-making scheme. Has our postmaster-general given the matter his attention?

Premier Melville, of British Columbia, knew what he was about when he fought shy of the railway labour troubles. He had an election in view and the labour vote is an important consideration.

There is to be an alliance between the provincial and federal conservative clubs for offensive and defensive purposes. They will have access to the same secret service fund, which is the most important consideration.

Two members of the Melville government have resigned as a protest against the C.N.R. deal! There is a conflict between the C.P.R. and its rival, and it would be remarkable if it led to the wrecking of the cabinet.

Sir Conan Doyle may rouse the British people in the Congo atrocities. But the brilliant Richard Harding

Davis tried what he could do on the same subject. With Sherlock Holmes upon the case—the result may be different.

The further west the politicians go to hold conventions and build platforms the lower the tariff will become. The west is as nearly free trade as it is possible to go and get money enough for the purpose of government.

Toronto's superintendent of school buildings calls fire escapes "death traps." But Toronto's schools are without the escapes in question and one wonders whether an attempt is not being made to fit the argument to the case.

The publication of personal diaries is all the rage in England. It is to be hoped the fashion will not break out in democratic America or there will be serious trouble. The less one knows about the inner life of some people the better.

The Mail has another rumour. It retires Sir Frederick Borden, makes Mr. Lemieux the minister of militia, and Mr. Murray, now premier of Nova Scotia, the head of the postal department. It's a wonder the Mail does not tire of its faking.

Kear Hardie, M.P., having led off with a fool remark about the danger of king's crown going into the melting pot, it is in order for other socialists to go off at halfcock. The ballot being replaced by the bullet is the remark of a rattle brain, surely!

The Weekly Sun calls upon the people to demand of their members of parliament the abandonment of the naval scheme. How can they do that? Can they repudiate the policy they adopted at the last session? The Sun and some of the people on whom it shines have come to life a little late.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Momentous Question.

Woman's National Daily.

Today's question: Which shall it be, which shall it be, a pound of butter or a diamond necklace?

The Nation's Defence.

Belleville Ontario.

A nation's sure defence, says the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, is Christianity, but it also needs guns and the best of skilled marksmen behind them.

Perhaps He Will.

Hamilton Herald.

Now that the Hon. Sam Blake, K. C., is safely married, it may be hoped that his criticism of the higher crimes will be a bit less savage in the future.

Sins Of The Women.

Guelph Mercury.

The three cardinal sins of American women are said to be over-dressing, flirting and gossiping. To these the English women may add a fourth, viz. a desire to get into the political game.

Pleasures Of Jail.

Toronto World.

Governor Chambers, of the Toronto jail, wants to have a smoking room in that institution for the use of the inmates. A reading room and billiard room, a gymnasium, and a plunge bath would also add materially to the pleasure of the ladies and gentlemen who are enjoying the governor's hospitality.

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