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A TALK ABOUT ROADS.

A representative of the Whig, while in Rochester this week, and under the guidance of John Campbell, the manager of the Buffalo, Lockport & Rochester railway, had an opportunity to inspect all kinds of pavement. The better kind was the bitulithic, or asphalt, (on levels), with brick on the devil strip and sidings of the street railway. The superior of all was the granite block, but it was probably the most expensive. It could, however, be easily removed for any purpose and replaced. On some of the suburban drives the macadam oiled made a beautiful surface, and the autoists, who are usually hard to please, preferred. As one sped over these well made macadam roadways he could not help but reflect that if Kingston had as good there would be little to desire or complain of. There has been some objection to oiling streets here, but in Rochester, the flower city, and with a convention of florists in session at the time of our representative's visit, there was a complete absence of objection to the oil.

SURELY THE LESSER EVIL.

The Mail extols Mr. Bonnycastle, the conservative candidate in Russell, because he has declined to accept the seat that some one had attempted to steal for him. The count of votes in Russell, says the Mail, when first made, gave the liberals, Mr. Valcus, a small majority. A recount was demanded.

Before the time for this scrutiny the ballot boxes were stored in the meat shop of the returning officer, and without any special protection. Some one forced the premises—it was not a difficult operation—and taking one of the boxes spoiled thirteen ballots which had been marked and counted for Mr. Valcus, the liberal candidate. The criminality of some one was apparent, but he was unknown, and much as the judge disliked to do it, he had to reject the spoiled ballots, and declare Mr. Bonnycastle, the conservative candidate, elected.

Mr. Bonnycastle cannot accept an honor which has come to him by fraud. This is the only position an honest man can take. It is the position the Whig expected Mr. Bonnycastle to take. A new election will follow—another injustice—but of the two evils it is the lesser.

A MAN OF POWER.

It has been announced that Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, will surrender the details of newspaper management to his assistants or aids, and devote himself more to international questions, and especially the question of peace. This, however, is not what the Globe says. Our contemporary intimates that the editor is to be relieved from considerable detail of management in order to give more of his time to editorial writing. The editor adds that he may also devote more personal attention to the study and discussion of questions of international interest, and may discuss these on the platform and in the press.

Dr. Macdonald is in short one of those unique figures in Canadian public life that should be as free as possible to act according to the best of his mind. There are some editors who can only express themselves forcefully with the pen. There are others who cannot do quite as well in debate or address, and there is the occasional one, like Dr. Macdonald, who is possessed of the intellect, the scholarship, the voice, the address that makes him distinguished in his calling.

It was inevitable that the change that has taken place would follow. The man of large talents placed in the public eye, must be hampered as little as possible while he discharges the responsibilities of moulding and directing public opinion. In the last year Dr. Macdonald has become a national figure, and the press rejoices that it has one who can take high rank as a diplomat and leader. He does the profession an honour by refusing to leave it for any other engagement, however dignified and honourable.

AN ONEROUS MISSION.

The premier of Ontario has started for England, and will be absent five or six weeks. His mission primarily is to consider, in conjunction with the officials of the province in London, immigration questions, and especially the question of securing for Ontario the kind of farm help it particularly wants, and the kind of domestic servants for which there is a demand. There will also be considered the possibility of providing, as the province did this year, improved farms for those who were able and willing to take them up.

But the greatest care will be the en-

largement of the London office, in order to meet the larger volume of business that is going through them. An architect, associated with the men who occupy the offices and know what they want, would probably give an advice in which a practical government could very safely act, but a couple of ministers would be without an excuse for a jaunt abroad; and that would never do.

The minister of education, who escaped from Ontario when scores of people were most anxious to see him, or hear from him, with regard to the entrance examinations, will be present returning from Paris. There he appears to have been studying hygiene and from the comforts of some delightful retreat, he will go to London and there discuss the immigrant question. It will probably jar a man of his fine sensibilities, but he will endure it for the sake of Old Man Ontario, who is pictured as constantly standing near Sir James Whitney and his little boys in the government and encouraging them with his smiles.

The premier says there is an order-in-council that either a minister or a deputy shall go to London once a year and study the immigration problem. The deputy minister is in London, but he couldn't get along without the premier, and the premier could not get along without his man—Pye.

WHEAT CULTIVATION.

Prof. M. A. Carleton, of the department of agriculture at Washington, is a decided optimist as to the future of wheat growing on the American continent. Instead of the United States being forced to discontinue exporting wheat before many years pass, as some have contended, Mr. Carleton predicts that by 1950 the total wheat yield of the republic will reach 1,600,000,000 bushels—sufficient to feed its entire population, which he estimates will by that time have reached 160,000,000, and leave a surplus for export of 490,000,000 bushels.

In an address before an assemblage of millers at Minneapolis recently Prof. Carleton explained how he reached his conclusions. He estimated that since the last decennial census was taken, 200,000,000 acres had been added to the farms of the country, so that today probably 46,675,000 acres are under wheat, as compared with 41,971,900 acres in 1900. In addition there are some 50,000,000 acres in the Indian reservations, unallotted and unreserved, and 79,000,000 acres of swamp lands which are gradually being drained and brought under the plow. He believes, further, that advancing prices will increase the area annually sown in wheat, and that the new varieties which have been introduced of late years will greatly increase the yield per acre.

What the professor has to say about Canada is of special interest. Outside of Manitoba, he points out, wheat production has only fairly begun in Western Canada, and yet the entire production can be made as large as that of the United States at present. He recognizes the greatness of the undeveloped resources of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the available farm area of which he places at 250,000,000 acres. Of this about one-ninth is available for wheat, as in Manitoba, and Kansas, especially as corn production is impossible. He considers 30,000,000 acres in wheat for the three provinces as the figure in 1950, an estimate which Western Canadians will doubtless agree is ridiculously low. However, the professor does not include in his calculations the increases that will occur in the older provinces of Canada, and the possible production in North-eastern British Columbia and the North-West Territory.

To show that the possibilities in Northern Alberta have not been fully tested, Prof. Carleton recalls the fact that in 1908, 35,000 bushels of wheat were grown in the vicinity of Fort Vermillion—an average of twenty-four bushels per acre—and this on land 250 miles north of Edmonton.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So some of the women wardens of the British prisons are experts in wrestling, including the Japanese style. Getting ready for the suffragettes, eh?

When Rochester can get along with oiled roadways, in the parks and suburbs, and the automen are pleased, the kick of the Goderich board of works, that oil rots the rubber tires, can be patiently passed over.

Chinese exclusion may be aimed at by the increase of the head tax to \$1,000, but will there be exclusion? It is not likely. The Chinaman is wretched enough sometimes, and occasionally he is very clever—when there is a tax to dodge.

Mr. Monk, M.P., favours the study of constitutional law by men who are not politicians. These men must be like the jurors who are chosen in odd cases because they have not heard or read anything about a case, and represent the weakest combination of men it would be possible to find.

When the little houses of the republican party have finished with Mr. Roosevelt, and completed his humiliation, they may have discovered their error. The ex-president is not easily

suppressed. Coming from the jungles of Africa, where he fought the wild beasts, he is not likely to scare before the wild men of New York state.

The Buffalo, Lockport and Rochester, which is managed by John Campbell, the former expert for this city, is an ideal electric railway. The handsome cars run as fast as any steam cars, sometimes faster, and they are always so clean and airy. One can see on this road what perfect system can do. Its methods are worth studying.

Dr. Carman is willing to be elected for another four years as general superintendent of the Methodist church, but there is a demand for a division of labour, and the appointment, as formerly, of two superintendents, one for the east and one for the west. Dr. Carman is a vigorous old man, but the duties of his office are very onerous.

The government annuities system may be the best under the sun—is indeed the best so far as the Whig can learn—but it is like the article of merchandise which the manufacturer or the merchant wants the people to buy. It must be advertised. The government, which has adopted so many other desirable things in connection with the business, should not overlook the most important, that of advertising.

Johnny Canuck was informed by the press recently that if he did not behave himself on the pulpwood question he would be metaphorically seized and spanked. But Johnny goes right on with his policy, in no way alarmed or scared. The Maritime Provinces are now considering the wisdom of prohibiting the removal of pulpwood from the government-owned land to the United States, and if this goes through, Canada will be solid on the question.

The Man On Watch.

The presence of about five thousand people in Macdonald park last Sabbath evening, should be a pretty good answer as to whether or not the people of Kingston want hand concerts on Sabbath evenings, the Lampman remarks. Of the multitude in the park on the above occasion, he thinks that fully three-quarters were regular churchgoers, who streamed down after services. The other quarter were what some might call the Sabbath desecrators, but the Lampman could not see any difference between the two sections of people. If the people did not want Sabbath hand concerts, they would not crowd to the park to hear them. In view of the fact that the townspeople are strongly in favor of operatic music on Sabbath evenings, music that is played better than most of the church organists render it, he thinks that Town Councilman Kent, who is the worthy chairman of the committee on parks, should at once proceed and arrange a hand concert for every Sabbath evening during the balance of the warm weather. The Lampman says he was taught that all things are sacred, and therefore, he was surprised to hear a Presbyterian clergyman declare that there was nothing sacred about a Sunday evening hand concert. He objects to the members of the Lord's Day Alliance interfering in the matter, and wishes to say that all the righteousness in Kingston is not confined to this venerable organization. As music is divine, he cannot see that anyone could have suffered by the park concert of a week ago.

The Lampman says he is not a night hawk, and, therefore, was not aware that the dials of the town clock are robbed of their light after one o'clock in the morning. He agrees that the town council is a pretty mean body to try and be economical by hiding the time from the people late at night. He calls upon Mayor Gosper to order the dials in the town buildings' dome lighted all night.

What is the use of having inspection for taverns that sell liquor, and no inspection for those hostilities that do not sell freewater? The Lampman asks. What protection have guests in taverns that are not equipped with fire escapes? The government inspects only the whiskey-selling taverns, as it licenses them, but all other places which keep lodgers are not under government inspection for temperance taverns and also boarding-houses.

A game of husband between the doctors and the lawyers would be an attraction, the Lampman thinks. In years gone by, the numbers of these two professions used to meet on the

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