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Daily Whig.

GOOD USE OF MEN.

The Lord's Day Alliance has again lost its secretary, Rev. T. A. Moore, by his election to the directorate of the Moral and Temperance department of the Methodist church. He, therefore, follows in the footsteps of his predecessor and gives to his denomination the ability and skill which he has developed as an officer of the Alliance. Not that either of these men has been using the Alliance as a stepping stone to places of preferment.

Rev. Dr. Shearer, of Hamilton, was originally a successful Presbyterian minister and gave up his pulpit and all that it implied in order to serve the Alliance in a cosmopolitan position. Later the church wanted some one to direct the great social or redemptive schemes in which it was engaged, and he was the man chosen for the work. He accepted it, and Mr. Moore, his assistant, became his successor. The Methodist church made Dr. Chown the associate of Rev. Dr. Carman in the superintendency, and Mr. Moore was called from the Alliance to the work of the church. These men were loaned, as it were, to the Alliance, and are now called back to meet the greater demands of the church in a service for which they are specially qualified.

The Alliance is not the greater loser, because the churches, all of them, are giving to, sociology, the study and attention that are their due. The Alliance will get a new secretary, and it can always depend upon the substantial service which Dr. Shearer and Moore will be able to perform as there is occasion for it. In the fight against race track gambling Dr. Shearer made a record for himself, one that will not be forgotten.

THE COUNCIL IN TROUBLE.

It may be a surprise to the council to learn that an agreement, which was entered into freely and without expectation of any complications, is construed to mean that the old Collegiate Institute property becomes the permanent possession of the School of Mines.

It can be safely said that no members of the council, at the time this agreement passed, anticipated that such would be the outcome of the deal. If they had, an agreement with regard to the use of this building, for academic purposes, would not have been made. On the contrary the property would have been deeded to the School of Mines and under circumstances which would never have been questioned.

The city solicitor having offered his opinion in support of the position of the School of Mines, that the property cannot be recovered for public school purposes, it will now be for the council to consider how it can best serve the cause of education.

The board of health, in its wisdom, has commanded that sanitary appliances be put in all of the schools. In two of them the expenditure would be a waste of money. The school board sought to save the city from a heavy outlay of public funds, and apparently its plans are not succeeding. If the people are made to feel the burden of taxation unnecessarily the council and its board of health are to blame. They are committing themselves and others to radical measures of a very expensive kind, and when the question comes before the electors, as it must, they will know what to do and say.

COUNTY GOOD ROADS.

There is between Kingston and Napanee two stretches of road that are in very strong contrast. One piece is near to the city, and represents macadam that has been carefully, if not scientifically, treated. The other piece lies beyond Westbrook, and for several miles-stone of the accustomed width and depth has been spread, but it is coarse in quality and not solid. The average horseman will not use it in the fine weather, when he can drive on the sides of the road. The man with the heavy load has had to use it, and the wheels of his vehicle have sunk in it and made a rut.

All this defective work comes from trying to make good roads cheaply. Some years ago the county council invited Mr. Campbell, then the deputy minister of public works for Ontario, to come here, which he did, and the plainest, clearest, most convincing explanations were given as to the way in which good roads could be secured. Mr. Campbell's plans were thorough and complete. They seemed to meet the approval of city and county men, and were interested in road making, people expect.

But apparently they are not being followed—in the interest of economy. One thing more Mr. Campbell stated, and the pity is that it has not made a deeper impression. It was that the government had decided to aid the municipalities in the making of good roads, and already a very large sum has been expended. Our county councillors are very fond of an occasional jaunt. A deputation of them should see the roads built under government auspices in Prince Edward county. They are the very best. Upon them the county has already spent \$50,000, and the Whig has been informed that an appropriation of \$50,000 additional has been contemplated. Good roads come high, but they are cheapest in the end. The Romans were unparalelled in the material and wealth which they put into the roads that led to Rome, but the work was enduring. Some of the old roads remain to tell the story of the excellence at which the road-makers aimed when they went to work.

WATCHING THE SCHOLARS.

The management committee will be open to criticism if it does not, without longer delay, make a report upon the question of medical attendance on the schools. The proposition is not to appoint a medical man, or medical men, to visit, treat, and report upon the scholars. That may cost too much. But it is possible to have on the school staff a competent nurse, whose duty it will be to visit the class rooms regularly, take observations and act when it is necessary. She can detect defects or ailments, as well as any doctor, and it will only be necessary to have medical attendance called, in occasionally. The teeth and the eyes of the children should be especially watched, for from neglect with regard to these it is understood many of the scholars suffer. In Montreal every pupil must be vaccinated before he can be sent to school. Brantford city may be quarantined unless vaccination can be generally enforced. Anything rather than the epidemics from which some places suffer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

After the baby show at the labour picnic, the enquiry will be general, "Has anybody here seen Kelly?"

While the Japanese government was arranging the terms of annexation with regard to Corea, the national press was hushed into silence. Here is an evidence of the high discipline that prevails in Japan.

The man who shot Mayor Gaynor, and attempted to take his life, is now issuing bulletins respecting his own sanity. This improves upon the experience in the Thaw case.

The new artificial stone walk at the Victoria school cost about \$700. Here is extravagance of the most pronounced character. The old walk was not very bad, and this large expenditure this year should have been saved.

Alde Carson and Kent, who are not usually of one mind on anything municipal, are said to agree with regard to pavement. Which agrees a knowing one to wink and remark, "What hen have they got now?"

Roosevelt is out in the state elections, as an anti-grader. He will lend his aid to put the crooks in limbo or out of business, wherever they are found. He will lose the support of a large party at once, the crowd that are always out for the stuff.

Belleville or Deseronto will be a divisional point on the C.N.R. What a pity it is that this new line cannot make a connection with Ottawa via Kingston. Then the G.T.R. and C.P.R. would give this city the railway service and connection which it should have had long ago.

Col. Matheson comes to the defence of the Downey appointment in (Bellia) asylum by saying that what the institution wants is not a medical expert, but an administrator. Even in that respect is the appointment defensible? Where did Mr. Downey display his great managerial capacity?

The Owen Sound Herald proposes to save the young girls from taint and badness by driving them out of the streets after eight o'clock. How? It will publish the names of those who are found at large after this hour, unattended by their parents. Our contemporary's methods are not legal. We wish him luck, but we realize that he cannot succeed.

Dr. Chown's advancement is another tribute to the fact that energy and faith properly exercised will find recognition. For thirty-six years he has been using his powers as he could in the interest of moral reform, and when a new superintendent was wanted he became the choice by an overwhelming vote. The man who is ready never misses his opportunity.

The main street in Picton is being rebuilt with macadam. The work resembles that done in Kingston on Bagot and Brock streets, but the top coat of fine limestone is bound with the encaustic stone by tar and the large roller which is used. The road appears to be a pretty good one, but it won't last for twenty years, which some

people expect.

The Man On Watch.

The protests from pulpits of various churches against the increasing reduction of feminine warm weather attire are timely, the Lampman says. When young women go about the streets in ballroom garb, he doesn't wonder that the clergy become disgusted. He learns that the good people of Brockville have been shocked during the past fortnight over the action of some of the town belles who have been doing something real sensational. These young women, in company with several gentlemen friends, have been displaying themselves on the shore in male bathing garments. The Lampman hopes that the innovation will not be introduced in Kingston.

A few days ago, a youth came to the penitentiary to serve a sentence for stealing an insignificant sum of money, and the Lampman learns that officials at the prison were surprised when they saw one so youthful placed in a cell. The penitentiary is no place for a youth, and when this one goes forth from its walls to liberty, he is apt to be worse than better. The Lampman is surprised at the lack of trust exhibited by so many judges in persons who have broken the law, and he has spoken of this matter before. The average judge and prosecuting attorney seem to consider their duty done when they find an unfortunate man or a youth guilty, and send him to prison. The letter of the law must be carried out. The chance to redeem oneself is denied. Happily there are judges who have more faith in mankind, and because of this class of judges, the prisoners are kept from being overcrowded. When a prisoner, after serving one or two years in prison is freed on parole, why could he not be given his parole after his trial, instead of being sentenced to confinement? The Lampman would like to know.

The Lampman disagrees with the town solicitor, who has intimated that the town council would be bonusing the street car company if it laid new rails on Princess street. Where would the bonus be, he asks? The street car company doesn't want new rails, claiming that the present ones suit its purpose, and that if Princess street is paved, it will be more expensive to it over a period of ten years. Wherein does the bonus lie? The Lampman would like to know. It usually takes two parties to carry out a bonus arrangement, and in the case of the town and the company, the latter is not asking for new rails.

The other day the Lampman received from an esteemed clerical acquaintance a very flattering note of commendation, which expressed appreciation of his "fairness, good sense and apt-handling of topics of local interest." The Lampman's recent comment on the matter of sacred and secular, and his rebuke to the narrow-minded in regard to Sabbath observance, were endorsed.

—THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

Right After the Admiral.

Peterboro Review.

The Toronto Star's correspondent in London, says that Admiral Kingsmill snubbed him. The admiral must be getting a swollen head. The writer some years ago shared the same sea-sickness in a ship from Halifax west, and found him a very affable fellow. However, he wasn't an admiral then. It's strange how some people get struck on themselves when they get up a bit in the world. Kind fortune is good to them, they are given a raise in position, or they are left a bit of money and then they put on airs. Their old friends are not good enough then. What sense is there in this. You, sir, are clever, in law, in trade, in it naturally, or you are clever in medicine and surgery, or you are a natural born salesman or musician. Don't be conceited. It was a gift and the same hand that gave it you might take it away.

Earth as an Automobile.

New York Herald.

Off a communication from Mons. Camille Flammarion to the European editor of the Herald, will be found a succinct description of the thirteen different movements performed perpetually by our planet. The French astronomer points out that all these movements take place and we are carried through space in an automobile, travelling at the unbelievable speed of 66,297 miles an hour. Nevertheless, "the mechanism of the universe is so admirably organized that none of our senses can perceive this pitiless movement." Though the earth is but a small part of the prodigious organization formed by countless systems of worlds lying through space, it is regulated by the intelligent laws in virtue of which the mechanism works.

The Silver in Speech.

Toronto Globe.

It is said that Mr. Borden's meeting at Glace Bay was attended by a charge of twenty-five cents for admission to the grounds. It is a poor leader whose speech is not worth a quarter, and a poor man who would ponder over paying that sum to hear his leader.

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