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ALL HONOUR TO THE MEN.

Lieut.-Col. H. R. Smith, sergeant-at-arms of the commons, has had his name put on the municipal lists, and in return will pay the municipal taxes on his income, which all other government employees escape by losing their civic franchise. All we can express is the hope that Col. Smith's action becomes popular among the civil service.—Hamilton Herald.

Every federal officer and clerk gets the benefit of the improvements which the municipal government provides. He has fire and police protection, light, walks, street watering, and other things. They cost money, and the man who enjoys them should not be above or below paying his share of the expenses.

Some years ago Kingston possessed another citizen, a clergyman and professor of Queen's, who could have claimed exemption from assessment under the law, but who insisted upon paying his portion of the taxes. All honour to the men who will not dodge their responsibilities, but why, being able to afford it, pay their proportion of the burden of civic government. Prof. MacKellar left a sweet and noble memory. Col. Smith is following in his footsteps, and will be respected for the lesson he is teaching the officials of Ottawa.

DOES NOT VALUE WEALTH.

It is announced that Edison has, from his inventions and the products of his experimental station at Menlo Park, an income of \$500,000 a year. Some time ago he said he had no desire for further financial gains, and that he was disposed to serve the people, henceforth, to give them the best that was in him in discovery and service without fee or regard. It is a noble spirit. It shows the quality of the man. He has never been the slave of money. He has never made it his god. He has become wealthy because his inventions have been of great practical value. Memory goes back to the time when he was a newsboy on the Grand Trunk railway, and he made his sacrifices in order to get the knowledge which comes from laboratory science. He set fire to one car by the explosion of his chemicals, but he persevered, and he succeeded in the end. It is not to be argued that his triumphs have been the result of devotion only. That would be a silly conclusion. He had genius and he developed it by a zeal which knew no flagging. All poor boys cannot imitate him in his rise in the world, because the percentage of persons who are as highly endowed mentally is very small. There is something about him which can be humbly imitated, with some promise of success—his kindly spirit, enthusiasm, industry, and unselfishness. Rich men have offered of their abundance to worthy causes. Edison offers of his inventive genius, and the world cannot appreciate this as it would like to do.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

A correspondent, "Fiat Lux," writes to the Whig on the street lighting, and raises certain questions which are of very great importance. Only one point can be dealt with at a time, and as this paper has undertaken to enlighten the people on the matter it proceeds with the work. Our correspondent asks:

"What has become of the \$12,000 in profits made by the plant last year? Has the plant any sinking fund?" Accepting these queries as the text of the article let us proceed in our own way, after a study of the situation, to state our conclusion. In 1904 the city purchased the plant and real estate in connection with it for \$182,897.76. The cost of gas extensions in 1906-9, met in this way, was \$25,000.35, and of electric improvements \$14,910.35. The details of these outlays are before the writer, and they can be given if asked for.

David Elmer in the West.

David Elmer, a former Kingstonian, who was employed in the Whig office, and who is a son of Assistant Chief Elmer, of the fire department, continues to do well in business, in the west. He located at Cranbrook, British Columbia, and the Cranbrook Herald refers to a deal Mr. Elmer has just put through, whereby two local men purchased of Andrew Good, of Crow's Nest, twenty-five square miles of Flathead coal lands. Mr. Elmer's young son, Jack, was the victim of a severe accident, a few days ago, but has recovered. While engaged fixing a lamp on an electric light pole, he had the misfortune to fall a distance of twenty-five feet, on a pile of lumber. It was at first thought that he had been internally injured, but luckily this proved not to be the case.

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OUR COAL.

You will thank us. Your wife will thank us. Your guests will thank us. Your cook will thank us for the holiday performance of our coal. And we want to thank you and all our customers for past favors received.

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\$182,897.76 \$34,526.96

The increase in value in about four and a half years is, therefore, \$165,629.20. There were two issues of debentures, \$105,000, and the surplus of six years, \$36,267.92, on improvement account, and they all amounted to \$141,267.92. At the end of 1909 the amount not provided for on capital account, was \$24,361.28. The amount

now unprovided for, on capital account, and largely incurred in gas extensions, is \$36,551.24. Here is a difference of \$12,159.96.

The profits of the year 1910 have not been announced. They have not, and cannot be, accurately figured for the present. They are expected to be about \$16,000, but the money is not available for street lamps. Why? As fast as it accumulates it is applied on an overdraft on capital account, which brings us to the second question asked by our correspondent. Has the department a sinking fund? It has a provision in all its schemes for the retirement as they fall due of debentures, principal and interest. Out of the current revenue is appropriated a sum each year for the purpose. This is the first charge against the department. It has not a sinking fund.

It has been crippled from the start for lack of funds. It bought the plant at a valuation. It began operations without cash on hand or capital. It had to make changes, some of them costly and very necessary, in the interest of efficiency and economy. Most of the money was borrowed as it was needed from the bank. Some of it was paid back out of the earnings of the plant.

In a later issue the Whig will discuss other features of the electric and gas business, and it will show that though the property has been under the direction of a changeable committee, it has been managed successfully, has been bettered very materially, and is to-day one of the best assets of the kind in Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So the Goderich man who beat his six-year-old boy to death is a lunatic who should have long since been locked up somewhere. Who is to blame for his liberty and the crime which followed?

It may be that the school children need the care of dentists more than doctors. In New York the Health Commissioner says that ninety per cent of the children have bad teeth. What would be the percentage in Kingston?

Why picture Mr. Sifton as at cross purposes with his political friends? He announced, when he accepted the chairmanship of the Conservation Commission, that he was out of politics. He knows, no one, politically. Why misrepresent him under the circumstances?

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Sir James Whitby is a great admirer of Sir Henry Pellatt. He has been graciously pleased to present Sir Henry with several books of press clippings about the Queen's Own trip. Sir Henry might return the compliment by presenting Sir James with a few volumes of press-clippings, with regard to the Toronto electric lighting and gas deals. These make fine reading.

DEATH AT BAYSIDE.

James Sprout Passed Away on Wednesday.

The death occurred, Wednesday, at his home, at Bayside, of an old and very much respected resident of that district, in the person of James Sprout. Deceased was a well-known farmer, and had many friends, all of whom were very sorry to learn of his death.

Besides was sixty-eight years of age, and was born in the township of Kingston. He has lived on his present homestead for the past four years, and had only retired from active farm work a few years ago. Before moving to Bayside, he lived at Ernestown. He was a member of the Methodist church. In 1868 he was married to Annie Bevitt, of Ernestown, who survives, with the following children: Stanley, at Sydenham; Herbert, at Ottawa; Garnet, at Wimipeg; James, at North-West; Ross, at home; Cecil, at Brandon; Gertrude and Jean, at home; Grace, trained nurse, at Boston, and Mrs. Frank Price, of Brockville, also four brothers, John, of Brandon, Man.; Thomas, Joseph and William, of Westbrook.

The funeral will take place on Saturday morning, to Catarquini cemetery, on arrival of the 12.57 G.T.R. train at the outer station.

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THE DAY'S EPISODES

LOCAL NOTES AND THINGS IN GENERAL

Occurrences In The City And Vicinity
—Other Brief Items of Interest
Easily Read and Remembered.

Hunt's, for 50c. neckwear.
Buy that boy a brownie camera from Best's.

Hunt's for smoking jackets and bath robes.

"The home of good sweets," Gibson's.

There was no session of the police court to-day.

Big assortment 1911 fancy calendars, only 15¢, at Knott's.

The College Book Store, for Xmas and Post-cards.

"The home of good sweets," Gibson's.

McKay for mayor, is the slogan in Catarquini ward.

Christmas delivery of delicious chocolates, from Best's.

Books for boys and girls, at College Book Store.

"Saturday and Monday delivery" Xmas sweets, Gibson's.

One man, in for protection, was the only occupant of the police cells last night.

Christmas goods of the best quality, King Edward Cigar Store.

Mule hide ankle supports, 25¢ pair, at Johnston's Shoe Store, Brock street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Atwater, Ottawa, are with Mrs. James Sherman, at Earlscourt.

"Saturday and Monday delivery" Xmas sweets, from Gibson's.

Ex-Md. John Tweedell may again be a candidate in Catarquini ward, which is very popular.

Fur-lined gloves, regularly \$3.50, now \$2.70; Hunt's, Brock street.

Mrs. W. Armstrong and daughter, Eleanor, Port Hope, are in Kingston to spend Christmas.

Ledgers, cash books, or any kind of blank books made at the Whig Office book binder.

Dr. and Mrs. Coy and children, of Vancouver, B.C., are in the city with Mrs. W. A. Mitchell.

John McKay is gaining votes every day. He offers the people his best energies to make Kingston prosper.

Den pictures, for Xmas, College Book Store.

Dr. and Mrs. Cays, Oswego, N.Y., are enjoying Yuletide with Dr. Cays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cays, Barrie street.

"The home of high class sweets," Gibson's.

There will be a very choice programme of Christmas music, on Sunday evening, in Queen street Methodist church.

Skates put on free on our hockey boats. All solid leather. John's Shoe Store, Brock street.

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"Just ask any lady in Kingston," about Hayler's or McConkey's sweets. She knows they are the best money can buy. Sold only at Gibson's.

Capt. Robert Fraser, of the Montreal Transportation company, is being urged to stand as an aldermanic candidate in Catarquini ward, and is considering the question. At this time, when harbor improvements are under discussion, a marine man of Capt. Fraser's ability would be a strength to the city council.

Nat. Goodwin, the New York actor, has authorized an emphatic denial of the story that he and his wife, Edna Goodrich, have quarrelled.

The union secretary in Paris, France, has been sent to the gallows for conspiracy to kill non-union men.

It is feared that Cecil Grace, aviator, has been lost in a fog on the North Sea.

Three members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police force will be selected to attend the coronation of King George V. It is likely Col. Walker, Calgary, will be selected to command the western contingent, which will probably be two hundred strong.

Federation of Zionists.

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From Best's Gift Store.

ALL WERE SUCCESSFUL

At Model School Examinations in Kingston.

The results of the model school examinations have been announced, and they show that all the candidates who tried the examinations, in Kingston, were successful.

The following is a list of the successful candidates. Grace G. Bristol, Bath Ethelreda E. Cassidy, Milsp; Jean Crozier, Barrfield, Marion G. Cunningham, Batterson; Anasasia Daly, 122 Earl street; Kingston, Talia D. Daniard, Bethany; Patrick J. Dillon, Warkworth; Robert S. Dawson, Perth; Estelle Driscoll, D'Arcy; Gertrude Dewell, Bethany; Frank M. Egan, Westport; Clare L. Ewing, Warkworth; Mabel A. Fletcher, Marmora; Kate B. Gates, Gretna; Mabel A. Kemp, Kingston; Robt. J. Muller, Campfield; Nona P. McDonald, Dafford; Alma McLean, Brockville; Abbie M. Notan, Phillipsville; Ruby A. Patterson, Warkworth; Aileen Pickworth, Brighton; Luella M. Totts, Howard's Station; Vera Prior, D'Arcy Bertha M. Ranson, Prescott; Marguerite W. Rothwell, Brockville; Harold H. Sheldon, Brockville; Caroline V. Weese, Bath; Effie E. Whitley, Spencerville.

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