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## Daily Whig.

## HUNDREDS MAKING CONFESSION.

The American papers contain long reports of the revelations which have been made in a court at West Huron, Ohio, before Judge Blair. The New York Herald prints a picture of him. He is not a handsome man, but the face indicates strength of will and character. He had suspected general corruption in his country, but it had continued for years, and something had to be done to bring the people to their senses. So he worked cautiously until he secured the names of several persons who were alleged to be bribers or bribe takers.

These he sent out, and invited to tell what they knew about the boddling. They became scared as he asked them questions, and, fearing that he knew all, made humble confession of their sins. They gave in the list of persons that had been bribed, and the judge sent out other invitations to come and see him, and later still other invitations, until his reception extended from day to day and involved hundreds of persons. A couple of clergymen were among the confessors to wrong doing and also many, many real good or pious persons.

Bribery had become so common that the church leaders and church people failed to see the iniquity of it, and it was then, when the limit had been reached, that the judge began his process of regeneration. The result is a unique experience. Hundreds of persons have been recorded as "guilty" of corruption, have been fined, and given time in which to pay the penalty. In sack cloth and ashes the whole country has been repenting of its folly, and promising reform. Such clean-up has never been had in the state of Ohio, and it will never be wanted again.

## ANGLIN FOR INDUSTRIES.

One reads of the facts of the publicity man in Brantford, where he landed several industries during the last year. Today announcement is made that the Industrial Commission of St. Catharines has secured a factory which will ultimately employ 250 hands. Secured, in what manner?

It is important to note the details so that our Industrial Committee may realize "what it is up against," to quote a popular phrase. St. Catharines has promised the Steel and Radiation, Limited, a site of thirty-five acres. In addition it will raise \$3,500 by debentures and purchase two adjoining lots. For this consideration the company agrees to locate its plant and operate it before the end of 1911, to employ not less than one hundred men in 1912, 1913 and 1914, to increase the number to two hundred and fifty in 1915, and to spend in wages all the way from \$50,000 to \$125,000. In buildings the expenditure will be \$50,000.

If the agreement is lived up to the taxes will be in the first three years the ordinary rating on \$5,000, and for the next seven years on \$10,000. Should the company not extend the additional land will revert to the city, and the assessment remain on \$5,000.

The municipality that offers inducements can get the manufacturers, and as Kingston has never gone beyond the offer of a site of limited dimensions, it is not playing the game. The city has to angle for the industry, and it has to use the finest bait.

## DIVORCE IN ENGLAND.

W. T. Stead, who is an authority on so many things, was called as a witness before the commission which was appointed by the government of Britain to report upon the question of divorce. The complaint, originally lodged with the government, was that the divorce law favoured the rich, that one could get into the matrimonial fold for \$2 or less, but could not get out of it for less than \$100. A good many of the poor could not put up the money. One other remarkable fact remained—a reflection upon British justice—that a woman could not get release from her husband except, in addition to unfaithfulness, he assaulted or abused her. On the other hand a man could get a divorce from his wife for one act of incontinency. The three questions before the court or commission, were these:

(1) Whether there should be any addition to the reasons for judicially dissolving marriage and if so, what should they be?

(2) Whether the cheap and popular county courts should be invested with divorce jurisdiction?

(3) Whether any steps should be taken to limit their liberty at present enjoyed by the press to publish reports of proceedings in the divorce court?

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and when it was about closed, and he does not venture a prediction as to what the report will be. He does infer that there will be "a closer equalization in the appliance of the divorce laws to men and women." Only that? Well, that will be a great change for the better, and the other change must follow, that divorce, if proper, cannot be the exclusive luxury of the rich.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

State making, in connection with the council, is now in order. How would these chairmanships do? Finance, the mayor; works, Ald. Toye; power and light, Ald. Elliott; property, Ald. Baillie; fire, Ald. Harrison.

Over 150,000 persons in England, on New Year's day, ceased to be paupers and became pensioners. It is a heroic effort on the part of the government to help the paupers to become in some measure self-supporting.

There was not the creation of five or six hundred peers at New Year's. That was the terrifying conception of the tory papers, the bogey that has disturbed the sleep of some people in the old land for a considerable time.

A Toronto paper objects to its city being called the good. The idea is that it is no better and no worse than any other city in Ontario. Which is the solid truth, and our contemporary is to be commended for stating it so candidly.

The aviators, especially those who are interested in the manufacture of aeroplanes, have declared against any more sensational stunts on the part of the bird men. Will that end the gamble with death, or big prize money? We know not.

A rumour of the day is to the effect that a certain church member will be disciplined for holding an election meeting at his place of business on Sunday. The defence may be that it was a meeting with the missionaries, who were meeting semi-out doors and were installed and the first degree exemplified by the latter. The visitors were tendered a banquet.

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## DRUCE CLAIMANT

## THE ALLEGED DUKE OF PORTLAND LED DUAL LIFE.

## Made Fight for Estates—Case Settled When Coffin Was Opened and Duke's Body Was Found.

London, Jan. 1.—The death is announced of Mrs. Anna Maria Bruce, the original claimant in the famous case in connection with the Portland estates.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Bruce asserted that the fifth Duke of Portland had a dual existence and while he spent a part of his life at Welbeck Abbey, he also carried on business as Thomas Charles Druce at a Baker street bazaar.

The Druce claimants asserted that the late duke, in order to get rid of his other self, had a mock funeral over Thomas Charles Druse. Their case, however, fell through when in the coffin, which according to them contained only lead, was found the body of an aged bearded man.

The principal witness in support of their claim was from America.

## GANOANOQUE BY-LAW CARRIED.

## For the Exemption of the Wheel Company's Works.

Ganoanoque, Jan. 4.—The annual ball of the Ganoanoque and auditor boat association was held in turner's hall last evening and compared very favorably with other like functions. The Citizens' orchestra furnished music and quite a large number of out-of-town guests enjoyed the event.

The wheel company's exemption by-law, which was reported as lost by a small majority, was, on the recount, found to carry with a small majority.

William Chapman, the conductor of the T. J. R., injured last week, is still in a critical condition.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher and daughter, Miss Winona Pitcher, are attending a family reunion in Montreal this week.

N. R. Gardner, P.D.G.M., and suite, consisting of Past Grands Robert Webster, Thomas Bouchard, George Dowsey, Damon Buck and Frederick Lloyd, and P.D.G.M. Christie Knight accompanied by the degree team of Ganoanoque Lodge, No. 114, L.O.O.F., went to Lansdowne last evening where the officers of Lansdowne Lodge were installed and the first degree exemplified by the latter. The visitors were tendered a banquet.

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