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Daily Whig.
THE STAY OF DISEASE.
The battle against preventative diseases is a feature of twentieth century activities. People see the advantage of staying—that which can be stayed and extending the length of life and saving thousands of lives to the state. In this connection the proposed Sir Oliver Mowat memorial hospital is a plan to aid in preventing the spread of "the white plague," a disease that has ravaged the country and carried away thousands. The people are alive to its destructiveness and have willingly subscribed to what they regard as a boon and benefit to mankind.

The city council is, we understand, to be approached next week to assist in completing the amount required to make the hospital an assured success. No more worthy or efficacious cause has appealed to the aldermen for help, and the calmest and most earnest investigation is expected. Kingstonians should loyally support this most worthy institution.
The Whig thoroughly agrees with State Commissioner of Health E. H. Porter, of New York, who declares that the social welfare of the state requires that the prevention of disease and the education of the masses in sanitary matters should be full-carried-out. Proper education of the people, efficient work by health authorities and co-operation of public officials for better housing and laboring conditions, proper water supplies parks and playgrounds will produce conditions which will fully justify our pride in citizenship.

DISLOYALTY SUSPECTED.
The Montreal Gazette sees a new danger in the message of Mr. Fielding to the British people, that in seeking free trade between Canada and the United States the British preference will be forgotten. Mr. Fielding admitted that it had to be discussed incidentally during the negotiations of the reciprocity arrangement, and Mr. Foster wanted him, as he revealed the character of the agreement, to state emphatically what would be the attitude of the government towards the preference.
Mr. Foster understood that the present preference would remain intact and it would be discussed when it came up for treatment, and that the men who created it could be safely left to see that it was protected. Now the Gazette realizes that the preference may be increased, and at once it anticipates disaster to some lines of trade in which the manufacturers of Britain and Canada come into competition. Our contemporary associates with the proposition a desire to secure through importations the loss that will be suffered by reciprocity, but at the expense of certain Canadian interests.

There is no pleasing the croakers. The opponents of the preference originally were only willing it should be granted when Britain gave a quid pro quo. They saw in reciprocity the death of the tariff reform movement and the possibility of annexation! They next scent destruction in the possibility of a larger British preference, a something to show that Canada has the warmest feeling for British connection, and that will not do. In the peculiar attitude of the Canadian opposition one has occasion sometimes to suspect disloyalty.

MITCHELL CANNOT RISE.
John Mitchell, who successfully piloted the miners in their great strike some years ago, in which Mr. Roosevelt mediated, is now an officer of the National Civic Federation, and from his position draws a handsome salary. It is a pity that he cannot, in a national way, give his country the benefit of his experience, at a pecuniary advantage to himself, and yet it is to that the miners object. They have had his case under consideration, and have voted that he can either leave the Union or the Civic Federation, but that he cannot belong to both.

And this is referred to by a contemporary as a "rebuke to Mitchell." Is it deserved? Who that followed the devious course of the great strike, with all its anxieties and hardships, does not remember the heroic part which Mr. Mitchell played. He got down among his people, he suffered with them, he sweated blood, he carried a load that was enough to crush the heart of the average man. And he won out. His leadership was a distinguished success. No more picturesque figure appeared in all the controversies of the times, and no other man led on the discussions.
So long as he was true to them and their interests what used the

miners care whether he occupied a public office which carried a salary with it. One would think they ought to be glad that their leader, challenged public attention and commanded, because of his wisdom, a good place in the nation's councils. But they are not. Hence he must either give up his office or the union. Mitchell can be depended upon to do the wiser thing, and if the miners drive him out of their union it will suffer, not him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The man who has to work upon a scaffold will appreciate the legislation which the premier has proposed in his favour. The spider-man will be less in evidence if the Whitney law passes.
Allan Studholm, M.P.P., says he made a contract with the people to serve them in the legislature for \$1,000 a year. Still he is willing to be convinced, and \$400 a year carries conviction with it.

President Falconer calculates that the provincial University is worth \$2,000,000 to the city of Toronto. He's probably right. What is Queen's worth to Kingston? Would a million a year be too much?

The finances of the province are being unmercifully criticized. The economists of five years ago have lost themselves in the government of today. They can be called wasters now without any reservation.
The Oxford men who engaged in grafting as a business will now be prosecuted. It has taken the attorney-general a long time to make up his mind what he ought to do. Grafting, in Oxford, will not be so popular hereafter.

Borden was a little slow in projecting his Hudson's Bay railway and commission ruled elevators. He has been attempting to steal the government's recommendation and he has made a sorry mess of it. The government's programme has been abandoned.
The land tax is being applied in Australia—on the Henry George plan. Heretofore the difficulty has been that the single taxers could not point to any great example of the single tax. Now they can, but they had better wait until Australia has given some evidence of its success.

ONTARIO'S SHEEP INDUSTRY.
Registration of Pure Stock Shows Large Developments.
Ontario leads, and Quebec is a good second, in the sheep-raising industry of Canada, the two provinces having 1,700 out of 2,105 registrations in the year 1910. Quebec has, however, a considerably larger membership in the Sheep Breeders' Association, the numbers in Quebec and Ontario being respectively, 131 and 112 out of a total of 394 all over Canada. The other provinces have members as follows: Alberta, 15; Manitoba, 10; British Columbia, 9; New Brunswick, 5; Saskatchewan, 4, and one each in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The numbers of registrations of pure bred sheep in the several provinces are as follows: Ontario, 286; Quebec, 714; Alberta, 158; Manitoba, 93; British Columbia, 71; Prince Edward Island, 26; Saskatchewan, 21; New Brunswick, 12; Nova Scotia, 15; 22 were registered from the United States.
The Shropshires are far in the lead, 862 animals being recorded in 1910, out of a total of 2,963. Leicester come next, with 388. Oxford Down are third, with 221, and Cotswolds fourth in order, with 175. Of the other breeds of sheep, there were recorded in Lincoln's, 73; Dorset Horns, 16; Hampshire, 40; Suffolk, 32, and South Down, 23.

At the recent winter fair in Guelph, there were 137 entries, and \$1,513, was paid in prizes. At the Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show at Ottawa, the entries numbered 189, and \$721 was paid in prizes.
"Buy talcum powders." Gibson's. A policeman at Niagara Falls found a large quantity of semi-circular cuttings from Canadian one and two-dollar bills, with a few bills of other denominations, and some twenty-five cent skin plasters, tied up in a cheap cotton handkerchief at the M.C.R. tracks.

February Investment List
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The Man On Watch.

Some time ago, the town council appointed a publicity committee, the Lampan says, but he has not heard of this committee doing anything. Mayor Graham, although not a member, has done a great deal during the past week to advertise Kingston by colliding with the streets' department. The whole province has heard about the way his worship made things hum, and how Town Councilman Bigney told the people's "Christy" to keep his hands off his department. However, the Lampan is of opinion that the mayor's action will serve to make the civic departments step a little more lively. The Lampan would suggest to his worship that he get after the public buildings that are not complying with the express by-law. He might enquire why the entrance doors of hospitals swing inwards instead of outwards. There may be other public institutions which are in a like condition.

The Lampan has noticed that many townsmen have had an unusually contented look upon their faces during the past fortnight, and he is wondering if their wives attended the recent course in cookery. These men are less dyspeptic-looking than before. Evidently the pastry they consume is causing less perforation of the stomach than before.

The Lampan is not acquainted with the Portsmouth philosopher, but while he agrees with the most of that wise man's sayings, he does not agree with him when he declares that kissing the Bible never made a liar tell the truth. The Lampan knows of cases in which the oath taken on the good book resulted in the truth being told, when the witness ordinarily was an awful liar. Of course, this does not apply to question protest cases, in which the witnesses neatly eat the book, and then proceed to lie without a bit of shame.

Most towns and cities have public benefactors, but it seems a long time since any of Kingston's wealthy townsmen have given the place a gift. The Lampan recalls that John Watkins and William Nickle built wings to the general hospital, and that John Carruthers erected a science hall for Queen's College, but they belonged to a past generation. The present generation of Kingston's wealthy men have given the town nothing. Everything that Kingston gets, the people as a whole have to pay for. The Lampan wonders who will be the first wealthy man to endow the hospital or the home for the aged, or give the town a public library.

TRIBUTE TO H. S. FOLGER.
Regret Over Retirement—A Thorough Steamboat Man.

A New York state paper says there is genuine regret that Howard Folger is not to be connected with the new management of the Thousand Island and St. Lawrence River Steamboat company. For fifteen or more years he has directed the policy of the river steamboat company, and he did it well, so well, in fact, that company employees and travelling public even this early regret the change that takes him from the business. His old employees are sorry that he leaves because he was always fair and courteous to them. There was no dividing line between employer and employee. All were "good fellows" with an interest in the company's welfare that made friction unknown. The fact that accidents of any nature were entirely lacking assured the travelling public that a master hand was in control and that excellent judgment in selecting employees was the main cause of this excellent showing. Howard Folger is a thorough steamboat man. Nothing in maintenance and repairs was slighted—the best material and best help. As crews and individuals the most were treated as equals. Everything considered, it is small wonder that he leaves the service with the highest and good wishes of all connected with the company. Mr. Folger is ambitious and given any kind of encouragement was willing to improve the service of a greater degree than any man we know of. He was handicapped in one way and another, but as it was given excellent service and to the entire satisfaction of every interest in the whole Thousand Island region.
Mr. Bowden continues as secretary-treasurer. He is a very capable officer and will continue to prove a valuable man for the company.

"Good books," cancelled Tabard Inn library ones. 25c. only, at Gibson's. Grand Trunk railway traffic earnings from February 1st to 7th, 1911: \$191, \$740,275; 1910, \$729,669; increase, \$10, 606.
That Lloyd George will not recover sufficiently to take part in the present session of parliament was the disappointing information imparted to Asquith by specialists, on Sunday morning. It is understood the premier and cabinet feel that the presence of the virile chancellor of the exchequer in the house was essential to the cause.

On Pleasure Bent.
It was obvious from his uniform that he was a messenger boy, as he strolled along with his eye fixed on a page of an extra special thrilling story. At the corner of a street another messenger boy, running wildly, bumped into him, but, taking no notice of the temporary interruption, immediately started running again. The amazement of the first youngster was almost too great for words.
"Hi, there, Bob!" he called when he recovered his breath. "What are you running for? Ain't she working to-day?"

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SMALLER BANKS ARE ASKED TO MERGE.

Said That Bankers' Association Notified Some Small Banks of Desire to Concentrate.

The Montreal Herald learns that the president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, on behalf of the association, has asked a few of the smaller Canadian banks to endeavor to come to some arrangement whereby they may be absorbed by one of the larger banks.

Owing to the aggressive competition of the larger banks, it is said to make a pronounced success of their business, and the association therefore has intimated that a few more consolidations or absorptions would be welcome.
Whether the so-called smaller banks will accept this viewpoint remains to be seen.

ADVICE ON CANADA.
London Paper Issues List of "Don'ts" for Emigrants.
"Ti-Bits" publishes a column of "Don'ts" for intending immigrants. Here are a few of them:
Generally speaking, the cost of living in the colonies is higher than in this country, although the wages are better.
Don't pay premiums in this country to gain instruction in farming in Canada. The Canadian government says it is unnecessary and in many instances the payments are induced by fraudulent statements.
Don't forget that any emigrant who, within three years of landing in Canada, becomes a public charge, or an inmate of a jail, hospital, or other charitable institution, may be deported with those dependent on him or her.

Farm and railway work is discontinued, to a great extent, in the winter in Canada, and it is now a bad time of the year to go out there unless assured of employment. In the latter case farm laborers and female servants need have sufficient travelling money only.
Don't forget that all emigrants landing in Canada between March 1st and Oct. 31st must possess \$25 and every child \$13 each. Between Nov. 1st and the last day of February, the amount is increased to \$52 and \$26 respectively, in addition to sufficient travelling money.

Clerks are not wanted in Canada for the simple reason that merchants and business men are not willing to take the trouble of training them. There is a great difference between the copage and the banking in this country and in Canada. In regard to office work it usually takes from six to twelve months to get into the proper run of things.
A knowledge of languages will be found exceedingly useful to those going to Canada and South America. In the latter case Spanish is a useful language to learn. In many Canadian towns, like Montreal, for instance, the French language is spoken by half the population, in addition to which there are many Italians, Russians, Swedes, etc. In the business portion of the community the Scotch, English and French predominate.

In New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland there is a general demand for working men, such as stonemasons, carpenters, blacksmiths, fitters, molders and bricklayers, but in Victoria no emigrants are wanted except farmers with capital and experienced farm laborers, particularly at the present time, which is the summer season. There is a good demand also for women and girls in the dressmaking, millinery, tailoring, shirt-making and confectionery trades.

Oiling the Motor.
"Giles," said De White to his chauffeur, before he started on his run across the state, "have you oiled the machine thoroughly?"
"Yes, sir."
"Are you sure, Giles?"
"Yes, sir. I have filled the spring cups and the engine reservoir, and I have greased the cornet-piston, the plurius unum, the exhaust pipe, the muffled tread, the thimblebob, the rigamajig and both the hot-boxes."
"Are you sure those are all the parts you have oiled, Giles?"
"Yes, sir."
"You have forgotten the most important piece of all. Take the can and squirt a few drops of oil on the license number, so that the dust will collect on it, and make it hard to read. Always remember to lubricate the license number, Giles."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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NEWSPAPERS APOLOGIZE.
Wrongly Attacked Belgian Consul in Montreal.
Montreal, Feb. 11.—Clarence I. de Sola, Belgian consul in Montreal, recently instituted an action for libel against Le Devoir and Le Nationaliste, for having published articles attacking him for having neglected to hoist the flag of the Belgian consulate during the holding of the Eucharistic Congress in Montreal. These newspapers have now published articles admitting that they were wrongly informed regarding the customs governing consulates in matters of this kind, and that they have learned that it is not the custom to hoist consular flags for purely religious ceremonies and that they have ascertained that only one consulate out of fourteen in the city of Montreal hoisted its flag during the Eucharistic Congress. They, therefore, tender their apologies to Mr. de Sola and withdraw their objectionable remarks. Mr. de Sola, in his action against them, had complained that the articles in question were calculated to injure him in the eyes of his fellow-citizens of the Catholic faith by leading it to be wrongly supposed that he offered them an affront, while as a matter of fact, nothing was further from his mind, as he had simply acted with regard to hoisting the flag as other consuls had done.
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