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THE RASCALS AT WORK.
 New York state laments the loss, by fire, of its state library, containing many priceless books and manuscripts. The building was supposed to be fire-proof, and to it were committed many treasures. But the object of the builders, and of the people as well, was defeated when the grafters got to work; and the edifice that was to cost \$4,000,000, actually cost \$25,000,000, and was scandalously defective. The payroll contained the names of men who were not employed upon it. A cracked ceiling suggested the replacement of it by one of carved oak, and one day an employee, walking over the rafters, put his foot through a panel, and then it was discovered that paper mache had been used. Fraud and deception marked the progress of events. And now it is learned that the state, in a spirit of false economy, is without any insurance on the capitol, and that with its destruction goes one of the finest libraries in America, a library containing books which cannot be replaced. Will the people never get wise? Will they ever escape from the Phistines whose pursuit of them, in the quest for spoils, is persistent and unwavering? Ontario had its experience with regard to a fire and its ravages, when a section of the parliament buildings fell. Its library was affected. Some of the missing records have been supplied from other public libraries, and from some private libraries, and a building, absolutely fireproof, may now be secured. A good deal depends upon the men who have the supervision of the structure, and Ontario has not at any time been subject to the rascalities that have prevailed across the border.

THE WHITNEY BLUNDER.
 Mr. Mackay will go on an extended tour of Ontario, and will discuss reciprocity as he is capable of doing it. His speech upon this subject in the legislature was the ablest deliverance of the session, far surpassing that of Sir James Whitney, which was of the usual oracular kind. Sir James does not pretend to argue. He scolds, he shouts, he sneers. All this is an evidence of his greatness. If he reasoned like other men, calmly and dispassionately, he would not be himself. He would fall off the high pedestal on which his friends have perched him. The reciprocity issue is a federal one, and really does not concern the legislature. But the Whitney government has adopted it, and Mr. Mackay is warranted in explaining his views, and incidentally the local government must suffer. It will lose a few seats in consequence; perhaps it will lose its majority and get its just deserts. The rural voters are disturbed over the situation. They are convinced, the larger number, that reciprocity in natural products, will be a good thing for them, and the Whitney government, they see, is willing to lead itself to a movement that is against them. In the interest of party politics. Men are changing their politics on this question. Some liberals are leaving the party, because they are identified with the manufacturing associations, and are opposed to the trade agreement. It does not affect them, but they fear that something may follow it that will. Conservatives are leaving their party because they see that it is not acting in their interest. The defections are principally in the counties, whose members dominate the legislature. Let the farmers once be persuaded that they are being opposed or betrayed by the local government and anything may happen. The leader of the opposition is leading in the education of the people, and the rest will follow.

DEEPENING OF THE WELLAND.
 Hansford gives the discussion which occurred in the commons when the minister of railways and canals, the smooth and conciliatory Mr. Graham, made reference to the Welland canal. He was asked if there was any intention of going on with the improvement of the canal this year, and answered very candidly. There was no provision in the estimates for the canal, and for the reason that the engineers were encountering difficulties, and had to overcome them. Two routes were surveyed, each embracing a part of the present canal. A third route tapped Lake Erie about four miles west of Port Colborne, and touched Lake Ontario at Jordan Harbour. The old route was marked by quicksands, and the quantities frightened the engineers. The examination of the way still goes on. Respecting the third route, the new and independent one, the minister

said: "The engineers have made a thorough survey and borings on what I have described as the Jordan route. It is possible to construct this route, but it will include something that will startle the ordinary individual. The idea in the minds of the engineering staff at present would be, if that route were adopted to do away with all but two lifts. This would mean a lift at each place of over 150 feet. Mr. Weller and the chief engineers say that is practicable. At first thought, as a layman, I hesitated to believe it was, but I am assured that from an engineering standpoint it is. However, before it is adopted we will make a closer investigation, and get the best advice we can." The lift at Peterboro, which has hitherto been one of the world's wonders, is 65 feet, and the one proposed on the Welland will be twice as high. This would be a stupendous undertaking, but it would not cost any more than the twenty-six locks now used on the canal and the navigation of the canal would be immeasurably facilitated. Of course the old canal, in any case, would be preserved. It would be essential to the success of the town of Welland and the industries that have located along the canal.

Mr. McColl, a practical man and a member of the commons, questioned the wisdom of deepening the Welland canal beyond twenty feet. Every foot beyond the fourteen feet, (the present depth), would mean an expenditure of \$40,000,000. Thus six feet represent an outlay of \$60,000,000, and unless the St. Lawrence canals were correspondingly deepened the trade would go via the Erie canal.

Mr. Graham's reply was to show that Canada had no fear of losing trade via the Erie canal at Oswego. When finished, at a cost of over \$100,000,000, the Erie canal would not be deeper than the Welland canal at present. He had the assurance, too, that grain could be carried to the foot of Lake Ontario and transhipped as cheaply as it could be carried to Montreal. "In other words," said he, "if the Welland canal were deepened to accommodate the largest and deepest draught vessels the cargo could be taken to Prescott or Kingston at the foot of the lake, through our present canals and then transhipped. The barges taken down the rate would not be any higher, and possibly not as high as if we enlarged these canals and occupied larger and more expensive vessels for a greater length of time going at a slower rate, to say nothing of the dangers that attend large vessels being canalized for long distances. We had this year a rate of 3½c, but that was owing to return cargoes which actually were taken at a very small rate." He added that he had been considering the deepening of the canal to twenty-five feet because the Americans had deepened the Sault to twenty-five feet, and the entrance to the Detroit river; and that they contemplated the deepening of all their larger harbours accordingly. The idea even was to contemplate the emergencies of the immediate future.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
 What is the Board of Education doing about school inspection? The matter was discussed some time ago, incidentally, and laid over. Must one wait for a new election, before there is a revival of the subject?

President Diaz is like some other dictators. He will consent to the reforms which he has opposed, and all of them. Had he been like-minded some time ago there would not have been a rebellion. His concessions now may not be appreciated.

Mr. Borden will make a tour of Canada, and especially of the North-West, at the close of the session. Good idea. He will learn something, and will be able to revise and amend his policy before the next election. He can't get into touch with public opinion in the parliamentary library.

E. Guss Porter, M.P., Belleville, has been telling his constituents that the conservatives firmly believe that they "will wrest from the liberal party the reins of power at Ottawa in the next election." The average conservative must be an innocent if he accepts the Porter talk as gospel.

The idea one gets from the talk of the conservative speakers, in explanation of the recent trouble at Ottawa, is that after each revolt the party is stronger. May be. But it is contrary to the result generally in other connections. The man whose followers are repeatedly rebelling against his leadership must feel very unsafe and very uncomfortable.

Mr. Sifton's great question is whether reciprocity will enrich both the United States and the Canadian farmer. Well, 15,000,000 farmers in the United States are sending a delegation to Washington to inform the president that they are opposed to "reciprocity of the jug-handled variety." So that it must be for Canada's benefit, and for the benefit especially of her farmers.

The name of the old Allan house, in Perth, is changed. The new proprietor has selected the name Hotel Cecil.

STILL FAR AWAY

REPORT OF EXPERT WHO REPRESENTED BRITAIN.

Knowledge is Vague—Cannot See That Any Advancement is Made in Fighting the Disease.

London, April 4.—A parliamentary paper has been issued containing the report of Dr. Bashford, who represented the British government at the second international conference for cancer research held at Paris in October last. Dr. Bashford apparently does not see that much advancement has been made, if any, in fighting the disease itself, but he says reviewed as a whole the conference must be pronounced to have been of some value. This, it would seem, consists chiefly in the working arrangements and the selection of subject for discussion and experiment.

Dr. Bashford, in his report, says: "The knowledge of cancer is still so vague and so ambiguous as to have prevented any unanimity—even a basis for discussion—from being obtained in many points. In particular the delegates were divided upon such fundamental matters as the etiology of cancer and on what is and what is not the legitimate application of statistical methods to the investigation of the frequency of cancer. While some delegates of high standing advocated the theory that cancer is of parasitic or infectious nature, others of equal authority in the medical world held tenaciously to the contrary view." Dr. Bashford concludes that so long as there is so much divergence of expert opinion due to the continued ignorance which prevails it is obviously hopeless to attempt to devise rational measures and as equally futile to promote an international crusade for the prevention or reduction against the ravages of cancer along the lines which are meeting with world-wide acceptance in the cases of the wars which are being waged against tuberculosis and leprosy.

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A traveller who was in the city recently mentioned a few things which he considered would be for the benefit of travellers in general. "The Y.M.C.A.'s in different cities which we visit would be of material benefit to us if some arrangements could be made whereby we might have the privileges extended," he said. "In a great many instances the boys do not have anything to occupy their time during the evening, although a few times they might be showing samples at night. They have no friends and no place to go, and the result is that they often drift into questionable company. If a couple of dollars a year were to be added on our travellers' certificates and we be allowed the use of the Y.M.C.A. I think in a short time a change would be apparent in the lives of these men. Think how nice it could be to blow in here in the afternoon of a hot summer's day and go to the Y.M.C.A. and have a nice shower bath or plunge and enjoy a game of billiards there in the evening instead of having to go to the pool parlors. I'd like to see this thing go and I hope the Y.M.C.A. men will take hold of it."

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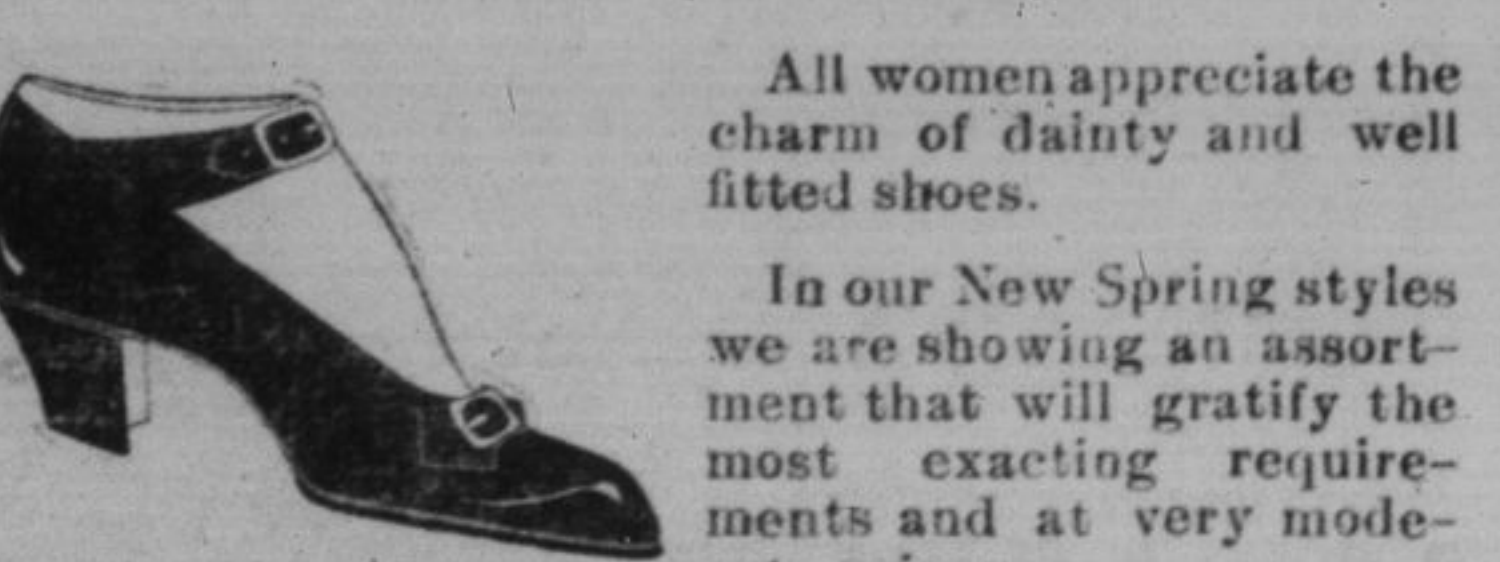
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