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WANTED, MEN OF ACTION.

Syracuse has an epidemic of typhoid fever, and an officer of the state Health Department is delegated to determine the cause of it, and order its removal. That is the only effective course. There must be action with authority, reasonably exercised. Kingston had an outbreak of small-pox, some months ago, and Ottawa had a similar experience this year. The situation in each case was investigated by an officer of the province, and he gave some good advice. But he talked too much, and threatened to do certain things if the city failed in its duty. He would guarantee the capital. He would imprison and imprison all people, including the members of parliament, for the derelictions of the aldermen, and school trustees, and officials. That is the tony rod that makes the average man tired. Those who represent a central authority ought to be big men, big in their ideas, capacities and performances, and men who know just what to do and when to do it. The province can afford to have a few such men in its service, and it should give them scope for the exercise of their abilities. Ontario wants men who can do more and talk less.

A CLEAR-CUT DECISION.

Justice Middleton, of the high court of justice, has rendered a decision that appeals to the common sense of the individual. An appeal was made to him, on a test case, by the province, through the attorney-general's department, and the judge has ruled that it is unlawful for restaurant keepers to dispose of candies or soft drinks on the Lord's Day unless the goods are consumed on the premises in connection with a meal.

"The restaurant keeper may supply meals and refreshments. The refreshments may be either food or drink, or both, and I can see no reason why," said Judge Middleton, "he may not sell a cigar as an incident to a meal, but it is of the essence of his calling that what he sells is sold for consumption on the premises. He may, on week days, have an ancillary or collateral business as a merchant and trader, and sell as merchandise, candy, cigars, etc., but as to this, he is a merchant or trader, and must obey the Sunday laws, which apply to all merchants and traders. He is none the less a merchant because he is also a restaurant-keeper."

This puts an end to the trafficking in small things on Sunday and puts an end, let us hope, to the silly theory in which one judicial authority indulged, namely, that a cigar was a drug and therefore could be sold by the druggist on Sunday.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

The census enumerators went to work, this morning, with a vim, and when the Whig went to press they were still at work. The bulk of their service will be done to-day. That is they will have located most, if not all, the people in their territory, though there may be details which cannot be had at once. The collection and filling in of them may occupy several days.

It is expected that this census will show an unprecedented growth in the population. Upon the final summing up will depend the readjustment of our parliamentary representation. The Mail affects to believe—and it is remarkable how acceptable any theory is for partisan purposes—that the government would not lose much by an appeal to the people, in an election, without a redistribution. It actually concludes that an increase in the membership "would inure to the benefit of the opposition." Still the party would like an election without this advantage and every vote counts.

The work on the census, in Ottawa, is under the direction of Dr. Archibald Blue, a veteran journalist. He was first a provincial official, and the head of its statistical and labour bureau. Thence he was called to Ottawa, and succeeded to the headship of the census department. The press was honored by his transfer to the public service, but it suffers at the same time. He loses the inspiration of the editorial chair and journalism the stimulation of his spirit and personality.

Now there is compulsory vaccination in Quebec. Will it be observed? We shall see. Up to the present there is only one city in Canada which has had a mayor who did his whole duty when a small-pox plague was on. That was Montreal, when Mayor Desjardins directed its affairs. He was a man among men.

MR. CRAIG'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Whig misunderstood or misinterpreted the letter of the city engineer to the water works department, with regard to the intake pipe. In reading over this letter again it is observed that Mr. Craig recommends certain things. The intake pipe, where there are valves, should be closed, and the muck around all the joints should be washed away. Then the pressure, of varying degrees, should be applied in order to discover the leak if possible.

The idea is that this washing away of the muck should be done at the one time, so that when the pressure is applied later the diver may pass from one point to another and make a complete examination. Mr. Craig adds that if, after all the tests he has suggested have been made, the leak exists it should be allowed to go until the fall and for two reasons: (1.) The water pumped from the outer end of the pipe, and chemically treated as at present, can be regarded as perfectly safe for domestic purposes, and (2) the use of shore water, even with a maximum quantity of chlorine, will not be safe.

It is important that the leak should be detected if possible, and it may be, if Mr. Craig's recommendations are carried out, but it is imprudent to use the shore water for a prolonged period, and in this respect he is borne out by the opinion of the medical health officer and the bacteriologist.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The voters' lists are being purged in the west. Most remarkable is the desire to keep the Manitoba lists padded, and with the names of persons who have removed to Alberta and Saskatchewan. Why? Can any one imagine?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not carrying himself to suit the Toronto World. He is not promoting the schemes of the conservative party and, therefore, his mission is a failure. The premier will probably see the wisdom of coming home at once.

Will Mr. Borden dare to say, in his western pilgrimage, or in the commons when it resumes in July, that the government will do no more business except on the terms and conditions which he dictates? If he does there will be something doing.

The finance minister needs a holiday, and accompanied by the members of his family, he sets out for a long trip and brief visit to a daughter in England. He does not attend any public ceremonies, but the tory suspect conjures up all sorts of emergencies in which he will engage.

W. D. Morris, returned from the Panama, has an idea which he passes out without charge. It is that the Canadian government should purchase the plant, when the Panama work is completed, and use it in digging the Georgian Bay canal. The government will think it over.

The power company at Peterboro is enlarging its plant, and for the purpose of utilizing all the power of the Otomabee river, Peterboro realizes that the hope of the city is cheap power. It is the hope of any place so far as its manufacturing goes. Kingston must give this matter greater attention—if it would forge ahead.

The Mail finds fault with the census appointments. They do not recognize the conservative office hunters. Only the federal government is expected to be non-political in its plans. The Whitney government can be grossly partisan in all its acts—with no desire to do otherwise—and it's all right, because it's tory, you know. The Mail should give Sir James some of its attention.

Congratulations to A. F. Wallis, who for twenty-one years edited the Mail, with singular ability, and now becomes the registrar of the surrogate court in Toronto. It is an important office and one over which he will preside with grace and satisfaction. It will be a great contrast with the office he has held so long and honourably, but it is the reward which he has justly earned.

Grape Juice.

Pts., 25c, qts., 50c. McLeod's. Vancouver, B.C., council has offered to mediate between the mast builders and carpenters in order to avert the threatened general strike on June 5th. Prevost, Brock street has received all his spring and summer goods for his order clothing department, also in ready-made clothing and gents' furnishing department. They are all well assorted, with new goods.

Try Bibby's \$3 outing trousers. At Campbellford, the by-law to establish a Carnegie library was carried by a very large majority. R.M.C. cigarettes. Gibson's.

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The U. S. senate committee has fixed next Wednesday for a vote on reciprocity. Try Bibby's \$3 outing trousers. Joseph Bell, machinist, Lindsay, Ont., in precarious health shot himself.

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"GREEN WATER" OF NILE.

An Explanation of Why it Turns Green.

The "green water" of the Nile is quite a different thing from the green water of the ocean. About April 15th the Nile begins its annual rise, and a month later the effect is felt at Khartoum. A very curious phenomenon accompanies this increase in the appearance of the "green water."

For a long time it was believed that the color came from the swamps of the Upper Nile, lying isolated and stagnant under the tropical sun, and polluting the waters with decaying vegetable matter. With the spring rise this fetid water was supposed to be swept into the streams to make its appearance in Egypt. Within recent times, however, this theory has been abandoned. Now, we are advised, the green water is caused by the presence of innumerable numbers of microscopic algae, offensive to the taste and smell. They originate in the tributaries, and are carried up to the Nile, where under the hot sun and in the clear water they increase with amazing rapidity, forming columns from 250 miles to 500 miles in length.

The weeds continue to grow, die and decay until the turbid flood waters put them to an end, for they cannot exist except in clear water. Offensive as, in some respects, the green water is, it is hailed with delight by the Egyptians, since its appearance is a sign of the real flood time and the close of the water famine.

HURRYING WORK ON MAINE.

Contractors Hope to Have Vessel Exposed Next Week.

Havana, June 1.—The work of repairing the second broken cylinder in the Maine's boiler is practically finished yesterday. The last pile was driven, and when the caisson is filled with mud the tested pumping will begin. Mr. Ferguson expects to begin drawing out the water on Saturday, and will pump five feet a day. If nothing happens the Maine will be exposed next week.

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