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NEED OF COMPENSATION.

The Whig is quite in accord with the Toronto Globe, when it says that there is no tragedy in our social relationships to-day more pitiful than that of a crippled workman or the widow of a soldier in the army of industry who has "died in action" fighting in the courts against a powerful corporation for enough to keep body and soul together, and frequently in some technicality. Sir William Meredith is a jurist, but he is also a humane man, and we hope he will see his way to advise that workmen's compensation in Ontario be made a matter depending on citizenship and not upon the uncertainties of a law suit. This province is behind the times in its compensation laws. A compulsory contributory system—such as the German one—to which the state, the employer, and the employee would be parties, would be far better for the workman and probably little worse for the employer than the present, which yields the maximum of litigation for the minimum of compensation. The one thing about the proposed law which is not well regarded—which is indeed resented as a bribe—is the talk of what the government wants to do for the workmen on the eve of an election. For a year a judge has had the matter under advisement. During that time he has no doubt considered many persons, employers. Now, with the date of the election fixed, Sir James Whitney announces that he will have the labour interests considered. Is he not very considerate?

SNUBBING SIR HUGH.

A conservative paper esteems it a duty to sharply reprove Sir Hugh Graham for his hurtful reference to the new federal government. Sir Hugh was very active in the election campaign. He spent his time and money, he used the resources of his great printing plant, in his efforts to defeat the Laurier government.

He thought he was entitled to be heard in the councils of the party. He certainly offered his advice with regard to the personnel of the administration and when it was formed—and that advice rejected—he had no hesitation in saying it included men or elements that should have been excluded.

Then came the rebuke. "The Graham section of high financiers," it is remarked, "may support the conservative party if they like—they won't become liberals in any event—but they should not make the all too common mistake of thinking they are running the country, or the party either. It was not so very long ago that Sir Hugh Graham was behind the movement to oust Mr. Borden from the conservative leadership."

"Cruel stab! Reviving a memory at once so unpleasant and disturbing. Yes, there was the cabal at Ottawa, and Mr. Borden was the subject of serious consideration. But it was the opinion of the political doctors that he was all right, and that some of his friends were all wrong. Two of them were Monk and Foster, and both are under the shelter of the premier and enjoying the plums of office. Sir Hugh was not the only one who was involved in the cabal, but he is about the only one who cannot be forgiven. He should have made his terms with the party before the crisis came.

COUNTY POLITICS.

On Saturday the county conservatives met. The occasion was the choice of a candidate for the local house, an election in connection with which will occur as soon as the plans of Sir James Whitney have been completed.

Mr. Gallagher, clearly lost his grip. Prior to the last election he received an intimation that his usefulness was gone. Any one who passed through his experience then should have realized that he was not in demand, and quietly made way for his successor. It is a humiliating thing to be dropped by the party which one has served, and perhaps to his material disadvantage.

The convention demonstrated that there are several ambitious persons in this county, and that whatever the party may think, they have what the Scotchman has described as "a good conceit of themselves." The contest narrowed down to Mr. Rankin, Dr. Spankie and Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Rankin is desirous largely and principally of occupying a seat in the local parliament. Dr. Spankie has some very definite ideas on education and could, if elected, impress them upon the house. It is certain that he would make a better minister than Dr. Pyne, and could put into his tasks

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The oil fields of Ontario last year produced 314,411 barrels, about half as much as in 1906, and a third of the production of twenty years ago. What about the natural gas? Is it falling, too?

If the federal government deposes our harbour, as it must do if it is to be as good to Kingston as its predecessor, it will be governed and guided in the work by its own engineers. The city engineer will not be in charge of that work.

Free dentistry is discussed in some places—in connection with the schools. That is the next reform. Most of the children have had teeth. They want treatment which they will only get in some cases, when the school boards provide it.

The population of Kingston is put down in the census at 18,815, and it is about 22,000. The people are in the city, but they were missed by the enumerators. They were found by the religious census some years ago, and in the one day, by an army of canvassers, most of whom were women.

AGED RESIDENTS DIE

NAPANEE LOST TWO VERY ESTEEMED CITIZENS.

S. W. Pringle Passed Away on Sunday morning, in the person of S. W. Pringle, Centre street. Deceased was in poor health for the past few months, and his death was not unexpected. Deceased was about seventy-eight years of age. He leaves a widow and two children—Mrs. C. I. Mayhew and James Pringle with the Robinson company.

Rev. H. Cairns arrived home, Friday, from a two months' stay in the west. Miss Clara Cairns also reached home on Saturday, after a six months' stay with relatives in the west.

On Thursday night last, Nelson Dollar, one of Napanee's most respected residents, passed away at his residence on Dundas street, aged eighty-nine years. Deceased was in usual health until about two months ago. Deceased was a life-long conservative and was president of the association for many years, and only resigned last spring when he found the duties of office too much for his failing health. He leaves, beside his aged widow, one son, W. J. Dollar, Napanee. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended.

Charles D. Black, leaves, to-day, for Weyburn, Sask. Before his departure from the Robinson company, where he was an employee for the past fifteen years, he was presented by his fellow employees with a purse of gold, and a fleur-de-lis tie pin, as a memento of the happy years spent together. For twelve years he was a teacher in Trinity Sunday school, and was also assistant superintendent.

On Saturday last the return games between the Pictou Collegiate Institute and the Napanee Collegiate Institute was played here, in the forenoon the junior football was played in the park and resulted in a victory of 2 to 0, in favor of Napanee Collegiate Institute. The junior basketball was played on the school campus before a large crowd of admirers, and resulted in a win of eighteen to fourteen in favor of Napanee. In the afternoon the senior football was played in the park, and resulted in a score of four to nothing, in favor of Napanee. The Napanee senior basketball team, however, was beaten by Pictou by a score of six to three, but on the round the N.C.I. girls were victorious. The steamer Brockville brought in the Pictonians and their admirers. The day, although cloudy, proved fine and the town was gay with colors and pennants.



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PUBLIC OPINION

It Speaks Feelingly.

The New York Herald is not the only child who has taken its doll things home and refused to play any more.

Really Satisfied.

Ottawa Free Press.

Well, well! Wonders never cease. Toronto is satisfied with the census, probably the first time Toronto was ever satisfied with anything.

Mr. Downey's Cares.

Yes, Joseph Downey, ex-M.P.P., is in charge of the Orillia asylum and its a greater pity that more of Mr. Whitney's supporters are not under his care.

The Great Question.

Ottawa Citizen.

Wonders will never cease. How is it possible that such a progressive whirlwind as Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes could come from a town whose population decreased forty-seven in the past ten years?

Now Hitting Sifton.

Toronto Telegram.

Dear, dear! and Hon. Clifford Sifton gave this country to understand that his genius alone brought to these shores about seven times as many people as are represented in the whole visible increase of Canada's population.

A Princess Street Fight.

A lively fight occurred on Princess street on Saturday evening at six o'clock. Two men got into an argument. One was a little under the influence of liquor. The two got into quite a scuffle and the man who wanted to fight in the first place got all that was coming to him. A large crowd of people gathered around. The police were called, but the two disappeared before they arrived.

Archduke Karl Francis Josef and Princess Zita of Parma, were married in the castle at Schwarzau, lower Austria, on Saturday, in the presence of the emperor, the king of Saxony, and many other members of royalty. Emperor Franz Josef gave the bride an magnificent coronet, worth \$2,000.

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BRIBE FOR LABOR VOTE

MEMBER OF LABOR COUNCIL SO DESCRIBES NEW ACT.

At Stormy Meeting of Toronto Body Premier Whitney Came in For Knocks Over Proposed New Injured Workmen's Compensation Act.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The District Labour Council held a stormy meeting Thursday, and the Whitney administration as a result of it received nothing but knocks.

The council is in arms over the premier's method of procedure in the drafting of the new Workmen's Compensation Act and in spite of the fact that many of the members considered it would be to their advantage to have nothing to do with Sir William Meredith's hearing a committee composed of James Gibbons, F. Bancroft and J. Doggett, will go up to the parliament buildings and look after the interests of the workmen on the day of the hearing.

"Premier Whitney," said Mr. Bancroft, in speaking of the way things had been conducted, "for months did nothing but insult the District Labour Council, but now on the eve of an election he comes forth with a notice that the commissioner, Sir William Meredith, will hear the case on Monday. This is meant as a bribe to the labor vote."

UNIQUE QUESTION RAISED.

Woman Forbidden to Vote Because Husband is Not a Citizen.

Judge Frank H. Rodkin, sitting in the United States district court for Eastern Washington in Spokane, will be called on to pass upon several legal problems of international importance when counsel for Mrs. Maude E. Black, wife of James H. Black, a stonemason, presents an application for a writ of mandamus to force the clerk to issue naturalization papers for the woman.

Mrs. Black has been declared an alien, though she was born in the United States and has never set foot on foreign soil, involuntarily becoming a British subject by marrying a native of Canada in the United States several years ago. The district clerk holds that she cannot be restored to citizenship until her husband swears allegiance to the United States. This, Mrs. Black declared with emphasis, she will not permit her husband to do.

"I was born in the town of Weyauwega, Waupaca county, Wis., thirty-eight years ago, and my father fought in the revolutionary and civil wars," Mrs. Black said. "My people have been Americans for more than an alien. I have never stepped outside of the United States, but the clerk of the federal court declares I cannot vote until my husband becomes an American citizen. I did not know I had married away my legal rights."

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