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DOING ADVANCE WORK.

Some remarkable statements are being made at the annual convention of insurance men in New York. These men discuss a wide range of subjects. For instance our own Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, thinks it the function of the insurance men to "use their influence towards the enactment of the proposed Anglo-American Arbitration treaty." At the first glance it would not appear that the insurance men had any special concern with the treaty. But the doctor sees the point. "Of all men," he remarks, "you are responsible for the earnings and savings of millions of the people's money, and you are, and must be, unfaltering advocates of international peace."

At Wednesday's session President Day, of the Equitable Life, said a

hundred millions were annually wasted in the business of life insurance. How? The policyholders were not stayers. They were content to insure for a time. They were not concerned with the maintenance of their policies. Their indifference led to the enormous loss already stated, and it "comes from the needless borrowing of reserves, unnecessary lapsing, unreasonable taxes, and excessive loss of life due to reasonably preventable and postponable causes."

Here is a truth, simply stated. The insurance men in their generation are very progressive. They are doing a great service in educating people upon the value of human life. They are enlarging upon their usefulness and in the matter of hygiene, and practical experiment, are leading in the world's work.

PROGRESS IN ALBERTA.

Good news comes from Alberta, where the liberals in the legislature, after some dispute and dissension, have become united in a railway policy, and the government of Judge Sifton rejoices in the most cordial support of all the party.

The trouble originated in the differences of opinion which followed the abandonment of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway. In certain Americans were interested and the bonds in connection with it the Morgan banking house floated in England. The scheme was launched hurriedly. The sale of the bonds was certainly hasty, and the money was forthcoming before there was really any use for it. The liberal party—even the liberal government—divided upon the merits of the scheme. It led to the retirement of Hon. Mr. Rutherford, Alberta's first premier.

The Sifton government faced two difficulties. One was to receive possession of the \$7,000,000 which Alberta

claimed, as it has to pay the bonds when they mature. The railway company has claimed the money and demanded that the work proceed. Next it has been hampered in developing a new policy, and its plan of railways and trunk roads, designed to develop the natural resources of the province, meets with general approval. When it was announced, and the legislature fairly undertook its meaning, there was an end of the insurgency and the liberal party again became a happy family.

One thing more stamps the quality of the legislation to which Alberta is committed. The province is being divided into townships for the purposes of municipal government, and the basis of taxation in land values. Here is one of the newest governments in Canada with the newest ideas respecting taxation, and Ontario, under the antique Whitney, fights tax reform as something that is vicious in both principle and practice.

IMPERILLING THE SERVICE.

The dismissals of public servants continue. It may be that the federal government is not so eager for this as it is alleged to be. The party, in opposition for so many years is simply desperate and it is being driven to the last resorts. Mr. Borden's experience may be Sir James Whitney's over again. Sir James, in opposition, did not believe in the spoils system, but he had hardly settled himself in office until the clamours of the party made him first mad and then merciful. He resisted his party for a while, and then—the heads of the frills rolled into the basket.

The federal government is committed to reform in connection with both inside and outside branches of the civil service. It is in this fact that is making the demand of the office-seekers so fierce and persistent. What it is no one outside of parliament and away from the capital has the remotest idea. Some changes cannot be objected to. They are inevitable with all changes of government and should make employment under any govern-

ment less in demand. Some changes are not in the public interest, and they must be protested against.

It was a great mistake to change the head of the International Waterways Commission. Mr. McGrath, the new chairman, may be a clever man, but it will be long before he can be as conversant with many details as Sir George Gibbons. So the list named should at least have been retained on the commission. The Montreal Harbour Commission may be changed, but its head has, at great personal sacrifice, and expense, fortified himself for the public service, and his removal will be a distinct public loss.

Finally the deputy ministers are threatened; not because they are incompetent, but because their places are wanted for others. These men are the experts on whom the government depends for efficient service. They should be non-political experts, the men who will continue to serve the people no matter how elections go. Failure to recognize this fact must operate disastrously to the public service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Drinking disinfected water, eh? What does that mean? The deeper one goes into this subject the less he likes it.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier, the postmaster-general, announces that the government has abandoned the idea of a Canadian navy. Yes? Will Hon. Mr. Borden make an announcement to this effect?

The editors of the Toronto World and Telegram have resumed their kind offices as advisers of Sir James Whitney. They are posing just now as his mentors and he may not like it. Listen! He's feeling for his club.

Hon. Dr. Reaume has been elected by six votes, and they may disappear in a recount. And he represents the electoral divisions which constitute Bishop Fallon's diocese. What is the inference? Is it not that the people do not want the bi-lingual schools?

Sir James Whitney had nothing but contempt for Hon. Mr. Mackay, while he was leader of the opposition, but when he resigned, the premier became

fulsome in his praise. Perhaps he will revise his tribute now that Mr. Mackay goes back to the legislature to advocate progressive measures.

Mr. Rowell was a fine man—a man of scholarship, of high character, of worthy and admirable ideals—until he became leader of the liberals in Ontario. Then the conservative papers vied with each other in depreciating his virtues. Amazing, but true.

What does the heavy falling away in the total vote polled in the local election, as compared with the vote polled in the federal election, mean if not that the people were sick and tired of politics. Sir James succeeded with his plans, but what chances he took!

Vaccination will be the determining issue in the Ottawa mayoralty election. It is being championed by Mr. Ross, of the Ottawa Journal, a candidate, and it is an unpopular issue. In England, since vaccination has ceased to be compulsory, it is being resorted to by a rapidly diminishing number.

VERY GREAT PROBLEM

IT WILL NOT BE SETTLED BY THE ELECTION.

The Boy Question a Big One—The Dull One to be Studied. Not the Smart One—Some Reflections That Must be Seriously Considered.

Montreal Herald.
The election controversy in Ontario is helping to restore education in a front rank, among subjects of popular study. Ontario has a pretty good system of education, but good as it is, there is much complaint over a partial breakdown in the supply of good teachers in the rural parts.

In the cities the criticism tends to go somewhat deeper. Indeed, in all cities, there is some complaint that no boy or girl who goes to school wants to do the kind of work that somebody has to do when school days are over. Possibly the extent of the mischief is overestimated. Mankind is everywhere as lazy as it dare be, but the need to live does to produce the habit of work, and, like other habits, few who acquire it ever quite break from it.

The judgment of a boy is not unerring, but if fault there is in his preferring the life of a bank clerk or book-keeper, to that of moulder, machinist or drayman, a perfectly truthful person will admit that it takes a good deal of imagination, where one has no previous experience, to make these pursuits look inviting to the healthy-minded boy. There may be ways of turning the boy's mind in the direction of bricklaying and plumbing, or making the girl see how her future happiness may be bound up in a knowledge of the arts of house-keeping, but there is not very much ingenuity exercised in bringing them to see these things this way.

Another unavoidable difficulty is that arising from the presence in the same class of the bright and the dull, particularly in the case of boys. It is the bright boy who sets the pace, but it is the dull boy who determines how far the class can go. Here in Montreal one of the grave defects is that when the dull boy stops school the bright boy stops too. It is not universally so, but there are a good many schools where it works that way.

The dull boy knows enough of books to scorn bricks; the bright boy has to turn to driving a coal cart when he ought to be on his way to a university. No rule can quite cover such cases, but especially in the case of the boy whose parents are poor, there ought to be special attention given to see that he does not stop going before being brought to sight of what is for him the promised land. The boy, as boy, and the bright boy, as Cecil Rhodes has emphasized in terms of startling magnificence, two essentially different propositions.

FIRST CHRISTMAS RUSH.

The People Flocked to the Stores on Wednesday Afternoon.
Wednesday afternoon was the first fine day this week and as a result the streets in the downtown section were crowded from early in the afternoon until the shops closed. Most of the people have done very little buying as yet and will have to crowd it into a few days now. Next week most of the stores will be open evenings and this will mean that there will be a lot of listless, tired clerks for the next two weeks.

December Rod and Gun.

Full of winter flavor and reminiscent of the time of year is the December (Christmas) number of the Rod and Gun in Canada, "Lost in a Manitoba Blizzard," "Animal Sanctuaries in Labrador," and the "Literature of Angling" show the wide interest created by this number and illustrate the manner in which sportsmen of the most varied tastes are catered to. There are plenty of sporting articles from men in having to do with hunting, including that most strenuous sport of all—mountain climbing. A fine Christmas present is a subscription to Canada's leading sportsman's magazine.

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By John L. McPherson of Y.M.C.A. at Hong-Kong.

John L. McPherson, Y.M.C.A. secretary at Hong Kong, China, gave an enlightening lecture to a goodly audience in the Y.M.C.A. building, Wednesday evening. After prayer by Rev. T. W. Neal, the chairman, George Mills, in a few apt remarks, introduced the speaker.

Mr. McPherson took for his subject, "The Past and Present in China." He spoke from four standpoints, political, commercially, educationally and religiously. China has been changing for years back and will continue to do so for the better. The people in the past had great confidence in their rulers and showed great loyalty to the state. But at the present time the officials are hated by the people. The speaker said he believed the present revolution was for the benefit of the people.

The Chinaman realizes that there are many things he can learn from the people of the west, and is imitating them. The young men are doing the great things, commercially and scientifically. The Chinese women are coming more and more to the front and are seen in the streets and places of amusement with the men.

Educational matters are gradually growing better. In 1905 the old scheme of education was done away with. The government schools, as yet, are not satisfactory, as discipline is very loose. Science is making great strides and a technical school will soon be established in Hong Kong.

Religiously, the country is experiencing a new era. The outlook for missions is very bright, as the Chinese, all classes, are thirsting for the gospel. There is no country where a more complete education is required in a man. Now is the church's opportunity to save one of the most hard-working and cleverest people in the world.

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John Tate, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, Winnipeg, and formerly of Ontario, has been appointed assistant general superintendent of the western lines.

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