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### NOT NOW IN DEMAND.

Mr. Roosevelt is coming out of the political obscurity which followed his unsuccessful attempt to dragoon the republican party in the state elections. He was certainly in the limelight very much in several of the states. He headed the New York state convention, and ran it to his liking. But he killed the party. He helped to wound and cripple it in every state in which he participated in the campaign, and when the voting was over democratic success testified most powerfully to the fact that his dictation had been repudiated.

Now he has been regarded as the special friend of Mr. Taft. The president was the most hopeful member of the Roosevelt administration, and when Teddy had enough of the honors and responsibilities of office he cleared the way for Mr. Taft. That gentleman has been making his mistakes. No one that ever lived has

been infallible. The president, is, however, a good safe man, and has been serving the American people with great acceptability. He deserves re-election, if he desires it, and he does. He has got to the point of saying so. Mr. Roosevelt has got to the point, also, of saying that he is not averse to a re-nomination, and between him and Mr. Taft there will be a mighty struggle.

The sympathy of the Canadian people will be with Mr. Taft. They will agree that if Mr. Roosevelt wanted to monopolize the office he should have made some attempt to hold it. He was picturesque and sensational enough for anyone, and as the first citizen of the United States it was easier for him to attract attention than now. He has been making wild plunges, politically, and they have not helped to bring him popularity.

### TOO MANY COMMISSIONS.

The Moring Commission, which the Borden government has appointed, and which is going to make an examination into the details of the civil service, will, it is said, have a contract which will occupy it for two or three years. Granted that there is much in the public service which needs attention, that the business of the people has grown prodigiously in recent years, and that there is the need of method and system in its management, the question arises, is the commission which has been appointed the best for the purpose?

Its members are able men. Two of them are lawyers. They have no knowledge of the routine in a public office. They have not had the experience that will guide them in this investigation. They may, by patient and persistent work, and by the exercise of a wise discrimination, reach good conclusions. The men who bring about great changes or great reforms are the men who have risen in the ranks, who have had a personal experience in the service, and who have had, at the same time, an opportunity to see the best in similar and other walks of life.

A commission which went through some of the departments some years ago,—the Courtney Commission,—was in its plans the most effective. The chairman of it was one of the oldest and best officials in the federal service. He had his training abroad. He entered the finance department while still young, and, when he retired, was in a position to offer criticism and advice. He would have been more successful, if he, or he and his colleagues, had been allowed, at the public expense, to visit some of the countries in Europe and report upon their manner of doing business. No nation has a monopoly of the science or art of government, and Canada has much to learn.

What is the matter with the permanent civil service? It knows most about the departmental work, after a study of some years, and it should be able to suggest reforms of the most urgent character. Its members are the experts which the modern industry has employed, and whose function it is to recommend changes that mean greater economy and efficiency. Why was the Civil Service Commission not given scope for greater usefulness?

### ENFORCING THE LAW.

Thomas Ritchie, of Belleville, in the *Intelligencer*, makes clear a very great defect in the law with regard to neglected children. It is very gratifying that a love for humanity puts it into the hearts of our legislators to provide for the unfortunate of our race, and the most unfortunate, truly, are the little ones who are the offspring of dissipated and degenerate parents. The law says these shall claim the protection of the municipalities which have the necessary refuges and legal machinery for making them what they ought to be.

"This undesirable progeny," writes Mr. Ritchie, "beget their like, and this class is usually more prolific than the well born; thus, the evil being neglected, keeps multiplying. The only practical application of any rational system of eugenics is to deal with the subject at its source, that is, with the children; we can do little or nothing to stem the tide by dealing with the depraved men and women who bring these children into the world. We cannot dispose of them by locking them up or otherwise disposing of them, or chloroforming them, as some would suggest; such resources are impracticable, except for the worst criminals."

Now there is authority for the removal of children from parents who

are incapable, for any cause, of discharging their duty. There is authority, in towns and cities, with not less than 10,000 population, to place the helpless children in temporary homes or shelters. But these homes are not always forthcoming, and it is simply impossible, outside of a public institution, to secure accommodation for some degenerates. What is more, there are neglected children, hundreds of them, perhaps thousands, outside of the towns and cities, that are specified, and they should be cared for. The country must provide a home for its aged and infirm and friendless people. Why should it not provide for the helpless children?

The defect of all these well-intentioned and philanthropic measures is the inability of the government to enforce them. Every poor and helpless person, rightfully belonging to the municipality, and a resident within it for a specified time, (not a floater), should be in a public institution. But is he? What steps are taken to make a canvass of any county in order to ascertain the conditions of its indigent poor and to insist on their removal to the county refuge? The question has been raised before, and it will be raised again, and some day all the deserving poor will get their due.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Roosevelt is coming back. Do the people want him? There is no demonstration anywhere in his favour.

Ottawa has voted for a federal scheme of government, or government such as Washington possesses. These Ottawa people have big ideas.

When the ex-mayor leaves the city, the name of a Mr. Nowat will disappear from the assessment rolls of the city for the first time in over a century.

Mayor Hugo has made a great record in Watertown. He is sure of political honours later, in the assembly or in congress. His Kingston friends rejoice greatly in his success.

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license ballot. The best legal opinion was secured upon it, and this opinion was favourable. There can be only one result of an appeal on this subject—a decided defeat.

Christian Science is said to be making some people in England insane. There is less said about the science in America since the death of Mrs. Eddy. That event, and the quarrels among her "arrivors," have done the rest an irreparable injury.

Opposition dislike has reached a climax in London because Lloyd-George got as much attention in his departure for a rest on the continent as if he were a king. And is he not a king—among his fellowmen? His ability has commanded the homage of

### DATE FIXED MARCH 25TH.

Vote on Union That Assembly May Act.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—March 25th is the date set for the official announcement of the vote cast by the Presbyterians of Canada on the questions regarding church union. This is in order that the matter may come before the general assembly at its next session. A third question has been added to the two proposed at first, which were, "Are you in favor of church union?" and "Are you in favor of the proposed basis of union?" It is, "Have you any suggestions or alternatives to offer?"

### LANDED ON COW-CATCHER.

Lady Struck by Train Was Little Injured.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 4.—Miss Minnie Allen was hurled high in the air, but landed on the cow-catcher of a train running forty miles an hour, and was not badly hurt, when the train struck and killed her horse and demolished her buggy on a level crossing here to-day.

### New York Living Better.

New York, Jan. 5.—A death rate of 15.13 per thousand in New York city for 1911 was officially announced by Health Commissioner Lederle, to-night. This is the lowest on record, last year's rate, the record up to now, being 15.98 per thousand. There were 75,423 deaths, as against 76,742 in 1910, the number being 13,537 less than the decennial average. The saving of life extended to all age groups, but was most pronounced in that under five years of age, there being 7,332 less deaths in this group.

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### Want West Indies Trade.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Canada is after the trade the United States has with the West Indies. The imperial government is negotiating with the West Indies to improve trade between that country and Canada.

It is probable that the minister of trade and commerce, Hon. G. E. Foster, after the house closes, will go to the West Indies to discuss a proposed reciprocity agreement between Canada and the greater portion of the islands.

### May be Recognized.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Mr. Burrell is considering the re-organization of his department, but it is not likely to be undertaken before the inquiry of the new commission appointed to look into conditions in the civil service is completed. The fruit growers will convene here in February to adopt resolutions in support of the department in re-organizing that branch of the agriculture department.

### J. W. Pearce Appointed.

Belleville, Jan. 5.—J. W. Pearce, ex-M.L.A. for North Hastings, who resided at Margara, has assumed his position as bursar of the provincial deaf and dumb institution, the preceding bursar, William Cochrane, having been transferred to the asylum at Cobourg.

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