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At Orangeville ex-Mayor John Gill christ, collector of customs for nineteen years, is dead, aged seventy-one. He was mayor for two years and was also an ex-warden of Dufferin county.

At Lindsay William White, the well-known produce buyer for Flavell's, limited, dropped dead on Tuesday. Heart failure was the cause. You can enjoy toast made with one of the H. W. Newman's Electric Co.'s toasters. Come in and see them demonstrated.

### THE WHIG, SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

DAILY BRITISH WHIG, published at 306-310 King Street, Kingston, Ontario, at \$5 per year. Editions at 2.30 and 4 p.m. WEEKLY BRITISH WHIG, 16 pages, published in parts on Monday and Thursday morning at \$1 a year. To United States charge for postage had to be added, making price of Daily \$3 and of Weekly \$1.50 per year.

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### IMPOSSIBLE MILITIA ORDERS.

Col. Hughes, minister of militia, is rushing things in his department. He is doing this, apparently, of his own bat. He has a military council, which is supposed to consider all military questions, and it is composed of experts. But a while ago there was the extraordinary spectacle of a conference at Ottawa which was attended largely by militia officers, and lay members of the permanent force. But the experts were silent. Why? No one can tell. They may have indulged in a little mind reading, and realized that Col. Hughes desired to be known by their presence rather than their words.

Now the honourable, the minister of militia appears to be in favour of a standing army. No other conclusion can follow his declaration that the city regiments shall go into camp for at least five days a year. He knows, or he ought to know—and so does every militia man—that as soon as organized and recruited, city regiments cannot go into camp, and what is more, they will not do it. What does this involve? An absence from employment, which cannot be secured by the average man, and the more the proposal is contemplated the more absurd it seems. Playing the soldier for five days! Nothing more.

There are in the city those who remember what happened a few years ago when an attempt was made to form a composite regiment from the city corps, and for three days' training in camp. The 14th Regiment was required to send two companies of eighty-four men, and not a man offered for the service. Was that not sufficient? The experience may have

been forgotten by Col. Hughes, but it is remembered by others, and they regard as ridiculous the plan of putting four hundred officers and men of this city into camp at Barrieffield for five days. The men would not remain all the time in camp, and if they did what training would they receive in so short a time?

There is the question of cost. Who is to meet the expense of fitting out a city regiment for camp? Not the officers surely. Officers of the rural militia who go to camp have the necessary equipment, but the city officers do not have it, and they would not be justified by any crazy experiment in investing in it. Think of the waste in money and in time. The five days will be occupied pretty much as follows: One day, in going into camp; one in returning from it, one, a Sunday, when no work can be done, two at the most for drill.

Here's a suggestion. The minister called the commanding officers of rural corps to Ottawa, to talk to them, and occasionally hear them talk. Why should he not now call the commanding officers of city corps to Ottawa, and ask what they think of the five days' outing? Col. Hughes' advisors in the military council are not in touch with the city corps. Not one has commanded at any time a military unit. How can they tell of the difficulties that confront a commanding officer under the circumstances? The best they can do in this inclement weather is hug the big arm chairs in their comfortable offices and issue impossible orders. Oh, for another "Vanguard" to expose this folly.

### WATER POWERS OF CANADA.

The most valuable publication of the year 1911, from the government, is that which has just been issued by the Conservation Commission of Canada. It deals exclusively with the water powers of the country, and all of them, up to date. In a summary of its contents the book is said to present "an exhaustive compendium of useful information," and a casual examination of it confirms this statement.

This is properly referred to as the first inventory ever taken of the water powers of Canada. The investigation extended over two years, and shows that there are 1,016,521 horse-power developed from water falls or currents. Every phase of the subject from the laws governing the disposition of water powers in the various provinces, to the actual physical data regarding each individual water power, is treated in the report. In addition, there is a very full bibliography of thirty pages, and appendices giving the text of the laws concerning the export of power and the treaty recently concluded with the United States regarding the International Joint Commission.

In the chapters devoted to Ontario, (and accompanied by a splendid map which has marked upon it every power district), there is a report upon the work of the Hydro-Electric Commission in Eastern Ontario. This includes the proposition which was made to carry power from Waddington, N.Y., into Canada via Prescott, and as far west as Kingston. This was before the commission and the Seymour company entered into negotiations for the acquisition of the power generated at the various dams on the Trent river. It will take some

time, manifestly, for a transfer of the rights and possessions of the company to the commission, and for the subsequent development of plans by which the power of the Trent will be carried far east and north. When these places are completed the rates for power to Kingston will probably be lower than the rates embodied in the offer of last fall, namely, \$29.45 for 1,200 horse-power, \$23.76 for 1,800 horse-power, and \$19.20 for 2,400 horse-power.

A remarkable statement appears in the second report of the Conservation Commission, namely, that the Niagara river is not capable of generating many millions of horse-power, as some people supposed. The report states that the low-water flow of the Niagara river would yield at the Falls about 2,250,000 horse-power, of which Canada's share (one-half), would be 1,125,000 horse-power. "Franchises have already been granted," it goes on to say, "and plants partially completed, for the development on the Canadian side of the river, of about 450,000 horse-power. In other words, instead of millions of horse-power being available, it appears that about half, and by all odds the better half, of Canada's usable share of Niagara Falls power has already been placed under private control."

The work of the commission is expensive—this report the Whig is writing about cost a lot of money—but it is worth all that it involves and a great deal more. The commission represents the people. It has been the means of preventing some seizures of public property, and it must be a guard against other seizures that will be attempted. And the public interests must be guarded at any cost.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Vancouver is terrorized by highway-men. That's a nice place for Muwat to go.

The nationalists of Quebec are threatening the Guin government. But Sir Lomar says nothing. He just saw wood.

Bellefleur abolished the ward system some years ago and went back to it. It is repeating of this action, metaphorically, in sack cloth and ashes.

Mr. Bourassa said nationalism did not represent a party but a movement. And Sir Wilfrid has defined this movement—as towards the public feeding trough. Well said.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Montreal, in his address to the young liberals, rap-

ped the government pretty hard. He referred to its members as "the greatest corruptors Canada ever saw." Now listen while some people storn.

The liberals are losing all around, the last province to go against them being Prince Edward Island. The experience will do them good. The party will gather strength, as it always does, in opposition. Any party long in power loses its vitality.

The Telegram thinks Mr. Borden should content himself with a private councillorship and disdain to accept of knighthood. To guard against that, Canada, like Australia, should pass a law to the effect that any member of the commons who accepts a title vacates his seat. That would keep Mr. Borden out of trouble.

### A MINISTER MARRIED

REV. GEORGE W. DUSTIN, FORMERLY OF GANANOQUE.

Weds Miss Annie M. Boehme, of Combermere—Gananoque is Likely to Have an Armoury Shortly.

Gananoque, Jan. 10.—A pretty wedding took place at seven o'clock, yesterday morning in Combermere, when Miss Annie M. Boehme, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boehme, was united in marriage to Rev. George W. Dustin, S.T.L., of Yarm, Que., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dustin, Garden street. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. E. D. Mitchell, in the Combermere Methodist church, before a goodly number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by Miss Gertrude Dustin, sister of the groom, and the groomsmen were William Boehme, brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Dustin led at 4 a.m. for Barry's Bay, where they took the G.T.R. south for their honeymoon trip before locating at their new home in Yarm, Que. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of cream duchess satin and her going-away gown was of navy blue with hat to match. The bridesmaid wore embroidered net over white silk. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome pendant of pearls, to the bridesmaid, a gold locket, and to the best man, a gold scarf pin. The bride was the recipient of a large number of hand-some tokens of esteem from relatives and friends, attesting to her popularity.

The groom is a young Gananoque man, who received his education at local public and high schools, after which he entered Montreal Theological College as a candidate for the Methodist ministry. There he took his degree of S.T.L., and was ordained at the last session of Montreal conference for special work, being by the stationing committee appointed to Yarm, where he has since labored. His bride was wooed and won at Combermere, which was one of Mr. Dustin's former appointments.

The monthly session of the Winona Mission Circle was held in parlors of Grace church, yesterday afternoon. Tea was served, followed by the general business meeting and programme. The funeral of the late Mary Lanning, wife of William Parker, John street, took place yesterday morning to St. John's church, where Rev. Fr. Kehoe conducted a requiem mass. The remains were interred at the Roman Catholic burying ground. The funeral was largely attended. Mrs. Hannah Williams, an aged and highly respected resident of the West Ward, is seriously ill at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. John Lee, First street.

Following in line with the recent notification that the headquarters of the 24th brigade, Canadian Artillery, had been changed from Deseronto to Gananoque, comes a most persistent rumor to the effect that a new armoury will be built at an early date on the government property on the river front near the Gananoque canoe and Motor Boat Association's club house. This will fill in a blank on the river frontage and supply a long felt want.

Rev. Father O'Brien, of Rochester, N.Y., was in town on Monday in attendance at the funeral of his aunt, the late Catherine O'Brien, of Leeds township. Melvin Crothers, Sycamore street, spent a few days during the past week with relatives in Toronto.

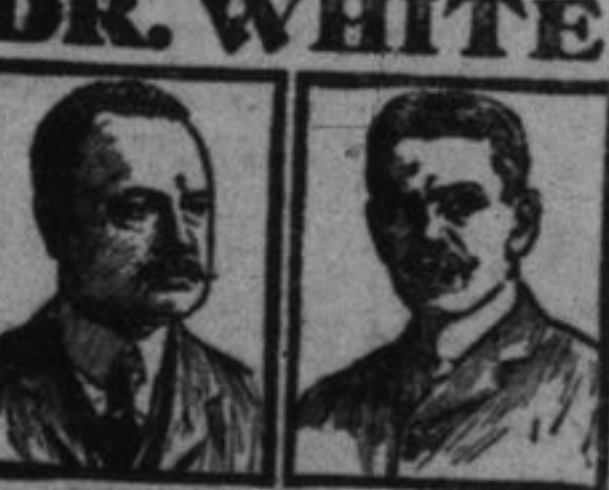
Alexander Leakey and family, North street, have left for Lyndhurst to locate on a farm near that place. Miss Gladys Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berry, Brock street, spending her holidays here, left yesterday for Ottawa to resume her studies at the normal school.

On Sunday last, when Mrs. John Kidd and her two children were returning home after a drive, while passing the sluice near the crossing at the Punch Bowl school, the cutter struck the horse's heels, frightening a slight kicking a few yards, she kicked, breaking the cross bars, and cutter, freeing herself, and the sudden stop caused the cutter to slip to one side, throwing the three occupants out. All three escaped unhurt, and were caught up by the kind friends who witnessed the accident. They were placed in J. Bishop's cutter, and driven safely home. Meanwhile, the frightened animal ran towards home the harness clinging to her, and was caught by John Bishop, near Mrs. R. Kidd's residence, and was taken home by Gordon Harris. The horse escaped with some slight scratches.

Wool Trade Affected. Bradford, Eng., Jan. 10.—The serious trouble which has developed over the spread of the non-union labor has caused a stoppage of the wool trade. Two thousand members are out on strike here, and a lockout of twelve thousand employees is expected.

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### KING'S PERSONAL TRIUMPH.

W. Maxwell Writes of His Conquest of India.

New York, Jan. 10.—The New York Times publishes the following despatch from William Maxwell, of the London Daily Mail, from Calcutta: "Calcutta's farewell to the king-emperor and queen-empress, was even more crowded and impressive than her welcome to them. It gives a true measure of the success of the royal visit. From Bombay to Calcutta it has been a personal and progressive triumph. At every stage of the journey the popular enthusiasm had a new force and a new significance, but it was at Delhi that the real impulse was felt. Lord Minto, before I left London, assured me that it would be politically the most important visit ever paid to India. He spoke with knowledge of the administrative changes to be announced at the durbar and he was right in his estimate of their effect. From that moment, the king assumed another character in the eyes of India. He passed at one bound from a personal to a political supremacy and realized the popular conception of a ruler."

What this means to India, we saw at Delhi and Calcutta, where multitudes did homage before the vacant thrones. There was neither servility nor affection in the amazing demonstration. They were the natural expression of native reverence and complete submission. This statement affected all classes. Even those who at first were inclined to criticize the administrative changes, accepted them as the acts of the emperor. The effect has been universal and instantaneous. A new atmosphere has been created. Bengal, about which there had been foreboding, responded to the common impulse. It is only just to say that neither the king nor the government shared these fears. The Bengalis are an emotional race, and the partition of Bengal was a sentimental, if unreal, grievance. It would be folly to assume that this will end all the agitation in Bengal. The political agitation will still be seen in Bengal and elsewhere, but a new spirit will animate and direct it, and for this new spirit their majesties will be responsible. The Indian reformers have taken off their coats to the sun after bottoming them to the wind, and it is true here, as in other countries, that the masses follow their leaders. This reconciliation is the great achievement of the visit and it will not depart

### Is New Stamp Bungle?

Toronto, Jan. 10.—Is it another bungle? This is the question stamp collectors are asking over the new issue of King George stamps. The design, which has been on sale for only a few days, shows the head of the king facing to the left, the same as the Edward VII issue. The practice has been to reverse the direction in which the head is turned each reign. This has not been done in the one and two-cent denominations in the present issue. Postoffice officials say they know nothing of the matter, but stamp collectors said the issue did not follow custom.

### Big Cement Plant.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—The Portland Cement Contruction company has commenced operations on the erection of a million-dollar plant at Todd Inlet, Vancouver Island. This is within a few miles of the Vancouver Island Portland Cement company's plant, established several years ago.

### Prof. Pember Coming.

Prof. Pember, of Toronto, will be at the Randolph hotel on Monday and Tuesday, January 15th and 16th. All ladies should visit this display. Bald men should see the Pember ventilated lightweight toupee. Read the advt. on another page.

The opening of the fourth session of the twelfth provincial legislature of Quebec took place Tuesday afternoon, with the customary pomp and formalities.

### THE COST OF LIVING.

U.S. Senate Has Proposal for International Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Crawford introduced a bill to provide for the appointment by the United States of members of an international commission to investigate the general increase in the cost of living. The measure would provide for a general inquiry relative to the wages, the effects of trusts and the influence of the increased volume of gold. The bill is in line with suggestions at the recent economic congress in this city.

### THE NEW FRENCH SENATE.

A Net Gain of Eight Seats for the Republicans.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The complete return of the triennial election of 100 senators which were elected yesterday when a third of the total number of senators had to present themselves for reelection, show a net gain of eight seats for the republicans and two for the republican-socialists, while the reactionaries lost two seats, the progressives four, and the socialist-radicals four.

### German Pig Iron Record.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The production of pig iron in Germany in the year 1911 amounted to 15,534,223 tons, or an increase of 740,898 tons over the total of the preceding year, and breaking the record of production for any year. The total for the month of December also broke the monthly record.

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