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TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

The fact that Ald. Carson has been
given the contract for fodder in con-
nection with the military camp in
June seems to have created a panic
in the conservative camp. Ald. Car-
son is a grit. What right has he to
supply goods, even though he is the
lowest tenderer and most successful
contractor!

Let's see. The militia department is
the one non-political division of the
government. During the liberal regime
a leading conservative was appointed
to a good fat office, one for which
competent liberals were nominated,
and the appointment stood. Indeed
the liberal objectors were very severe-
ly castigated. How dare they import
politics into the militia!

It is true that the Col. the Hon. S.
Hughes confessed, in a moment of
weakness, that he had violated the
doctrine of political non-interference
when he consented to remove a cer-
tain armory caretaker in order to
give his place to a party hack. The

Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, neverthe-
less, regards himself as sufficiently in-
dependent to do as he pleases, with-
out waiting to hear from the little
party critics what they think about
it. He may quake when he hears the
thunders of the Kingston conserva-
tives, and he may not. He is a soldier
and he does not scare.

Hon. Mr. Borden, too, may call a
special meeting of the cabinet and fit
in solemn session upon the latest
deliverance from Kingston. And then
again he may not. He will learn that
the lowest tender in any case has been
accepted by a responsible officer, and
probably a conservative, because it
could not be rejected. He will learn
that for years, under a liberal govern-
ment, a conservative held the con-
tract for camp supplies.

Later it may be in order for some
one at Ottawa, in authority, to write
to the local troublemakers and tell them
to go away back somewhere out of sight
and sit down.

THE USE OF ICEBERGS.

Some one suggested that the ice-
bergs be used as targets by the ma-
rine department of the United States,
and that they be demolished under the
constant fire of the warships.

As if this were not silly enough the
New York Sun proposes that the U.
S. submarines be sent out to dive
under them and blow them up. The
Syracuse Stand-Post adds to the hu-
mours of the day by recommending
that the icebergs be anchored in the
ocean, that they be lighted, and that
the ships pass through them en
route to and from Europe.

It is remarkable that the Americans
do not undertake something more
profitable. Why not tow a few of the
bergs close enough to cool the at-
mosphere of New York, during the
summer months, to offset the splen-
dours of the north when the people
are in restless mood, to supply them
with the ice when the grinding mono-
polies become exorbitant in their de-
mands?

The icebergs have been floating
about the ocean for centuries, but it
is only when a great ship strikes one
and is damaged and sunk, with hun-

dreds of people, that they become an
object of uncommon interest. Even
then there is a disposition to joke
about them, and perhaps for a pur-
pose, namely, to divert the mind from
the greatest sea tragedy of the times.

It is punctuated the more by the
wireless system of telegraphy, but for
which nothing would have been heard
of the fate of the Titanic. She would
simply have disappeared like so many
of the ships of the past, with only an
inference as to what had become of
her.

All at once the bergs have become
the terrors of the deep and Marconi
and others, working like him, will
some of these days make accidents
impossible without news of them be-
ing flashed in every direction and re-
ported to every passing craft within
hundreds of miles.

The outcome of the enquiries which
are being conducted on both sides of
the Atlantic ocean will assuredly be
the inauguration of such provisions,
regardless of cost, as will give assur-
ance of safety to every one who em-
barks upon an ocean voyage. The
bergs have become a source of warn-
ing as well as menace to the world.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The proposal is to transfer the tech-
nical department of the Collegiate In-
stitute to one of the public schools,
and preferably the new Macdonald
school, which will be opened in Sep-
tember. It will, with the change, take
on a new name, and one which befits
its aim and purpose.

Apparently the technical class has
outlived its usefulness. It was pro-
jected under the most promising cir-
cumstances, and under the belief that
it would play an important part in
the education of our young men. The
design was to have a class which, dur-
ing the high school training of the
students, would offer opportunities for
a development of the tastes or inclina-
tions by which the future careers of
the participants would be more clearly
marked.

It does not seem to have at any
time fulfilled expectations. For a season
its benefits were freely tried. Its work
was lauded by the inspector. Its
teacher was praised as one of the best
in Ontario. Still only a few, a very
few, of the boys or young men took
the fullest advantage of it, and, final-
ly, and in strange contrast with all

his previous reports, the inspector de-
preciated its merits, and the govern-
ment reduced its annual grant by
\$500.

The education department did more
—it suggested that a change be made
in the class, that it be devoted to
manual instruction, in which the pub-
lic school pupils could engage, and
that the board of education take up
the question without delay. The sud-
den change of policy on the part of
the department, and its impatience of
action by the trustees, excite com-
ment. But let that pass. One more
divergence in the performance of the
department, and one more vagary on
the part of its officials, need not dis-
turb any one.

The board of education has tried to
meet the new conditions, and its man-
agement committee will recommend the
removal of the equipment for manual
training during the next vacation. The
teacher will remove with the equip-
ment, and he will probably do better
work under the new conditions. One
thing is certain—that a new start is
being made in a new field of service,
and it is likely to be for the best.

THE FALL OF MR. TAFT.

It was a great surprise which came
to Canadians when Mr. Roosevelt
gave publicity to a letter which had
been addressed to him by Mr. Taft
and dealing with the reciprocity pact.
Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft were at
the outset of one mind with regard to
the subject. Later Mr. Roosevelt, with
his ear close to the ground, heard
rumblings of discontent in the west,
and switched around.

Mr. Taft could not openly change
front. He had championed the pact as
a fair thing to both the United States
and Canada. He made overtures which
had been so eminently reasonable that
the Canadians accepted them, and one
party, the liberal, was willing to risk
its future upon the result. It was dur-
ing the campaign, and apparently af-
ter Mr. Roosevelt had bolted, that
Mr. Taft wrote the compromising let-
ter, the letter in which he talked of
making, under the treaty, Canada an
adjunct of the United States.

Mark the effect! In the dispatches
of Friday Mr. Taft is referred to as
a political impossibility, and largely,

if not entirely, because of his somer-
sault or sudden right-about-face upon
reciprocity. Apparently this is no
minor issue. The man, hitherto regard-
ed as big in his ideas as well as in
his stature, as a man of principle, and
in principle before power, has fallen sad-
ly and seriously in the estimation of
his own people. Those who admire
character above all else, have discov-
ered that Mr. Taft is not impervious
to political temptation and has been
willing to barter his prestige for a
mess of pottage.

Hence the announcement that he can-
not be elected, and because of his al-
leged or assumed deception in dealing
with the Canadians. He has forfeited
the confidence of all self-respecting
persons, and so it is a case of Mr.
Roosevelt rather than of any one else
in sight. For his rash and unpolitic
reference to Canada's future—Champ
Clark is also doomed to defeat, and
Mr. Wilson, though intellectually
great, is unfortunately untried in pub-
lic office.

It is well that the air is clearing in

the United States and that the candi-
dates for public office are coming to
their own. In Mr. Taft's fall there is
no glorification. It is the inevitable
consequence of his deplorable depart-
ure from the path of rectitude. In his
success Canadians are no longer inter-
ested.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The men who make their money,
their fortunes, in Canada, should re-
main in it and help to develop its
resources. Isn't that a most reason-
able proposition?

An Easterner who bought some
corner lots "just outside of Winni-
peg," has learned that they are sev-
eral miles in the country and far
beyond the city limits.

Col. Smith's talk to the Canadian
Club on Tuesday noon will be on
"A Glimpse Into the Past." The
colonel has an experience of over forty
years in the commons and his remin-
iscences should be very interesting.

Bodies from Titanic when found were
weighted and sunk. Was that the
only way they could be disposed of?
Why didn't the Bennet-Mackay boat
let them float, and be picked up by
the other boat, the Minia.

How long will the land boom last
in the west? Just so long, says a
traveller and land speculator, as the
people of the east and of Europe
pour their wealth into the west. When
the excaupia has been emptied there
will be a drop in values, and we
into the man whose money is then
in land.

**The Man
On Watch.**

The Lampman hears that the min-
ister of St. Andrew's kirk last Sab-
bath commented upon the fact that
the Oddfellows' order was not dis-
tinctly Christian. If the order is
not Christian in name and constitu-
tion it is at least Christian in work
for its members visit the sick and
those in prison, and the fatherless
and widows. Any fraternal body
deign that is Christian enough for
the Lampman, even if the word Chris-
tian is not written across the con-
stitution.

Convicts may make their way at
times through the walls of Forts
mouth's stronghold, but they cannot
get clear away from the Hatter's Bay
prison, the Lampman says. If the
keepers of the prisoners are not good
guards, they are at least expert
pursuers. It has been reported that
the penitentiary has been run with
a few to economy, and that the
staff of guards has not been kept up
to strength. When the last escape
occurred six weeks ago there were sev-
en or eight guards short. It is no
pleasant duty that prison guards
have, and they should not be over-
worked.

The death knell of "Whiskey Row,"
on the market square, has been toll-
ed by Liquor License Commissioners
Richardson, Burns and Hanley, the
Lampman notes. Counting the two
apothecary shops on the corners, there
used to be eighteen places in three
blocks in which one could buy a drop
of liquor. Chicago could not show
up better than that, with all its Mar-
phys, Hennessys and O'Flahertys.
Some of the places where thieving oc-
curred, and where the law was con-
tinually violated, have seen their last
day. The Lampman is strongly of
the opinion that had all the pro-
rietors of bar rooms kept the law
and insisted upon lawfulness and
keeping a long way from those places
of business, there would have been
no need last January for a liquor
license reduction by-law. The hotel-
men have themselves to blame for the
strong feeling in Kingston against the
bar.

The closing of the Opera House sal-
oon, one of the town's best, will be
a blow to those who love a "smirt"
between ages. Lost wives and awe-
trembling hearts should be rejoicing too great-
ly the Lampman would like to ex-
plain to them that their husbands and
young men will still be able to get
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