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BURDENS OF THE PEOPLE.

The legislature, at the last session, made it clear, by an act, that the municipality is liable for the care and maintenance of the indigent poor and sick. The Whig observes that a city not so far from Kingston objects to the burden which the law is laying upon it.

But there are cases in which the city knows nothing until it is reported through the hospitals and charities. It is sometimes not a good thing to have a reputation for kindness and consideration. Advantage has been taken of it, Kingston has been "burdened" again and again by whole families that have moved to it.

POLITICS AND THE JUDGES.

One cannot realize the insignificance of all the talk about a recall of judges until it reads some of the things that are said about Judge Archibald, of the United States Commerce Court. He is under political indictment, and congress is disposed to abolish his court.

It is remarkable that since the judge had charges preferred against him in February a lot of misdoings have been called up. He is a Pennsylvania man, who "enjoyed" (if that be the proper word) the fellowship and friendship of Quay, the boss of the state for so many years.

GOVERNMENT UNDER INSPECTION.

Public ownership and control, like municipal ownership and control, depends for success upon the men who have to do with it. Manitoba's experience has been terribly disappointing. The province invested over a million dollars in the elevator business.

Cause of failure—political mismanagement. The Roblin government ran the elevators on the party plan, as a means to an end, and that end the distribution of jobs and patronage among the politicians.

In Saskatchewan there is a different report. There the co-operative system has proved to be an eminent success in every possible way.

source of anxiety. Persons are sent to them from the surrounding counties, and, leaving them, become residents of the city. Children are brought here because the parents are undergoing medical treatment in some of the public institutions, and these children have to be cared for somewhere.

The desire to make every municipality provide for its own unfortunate, and all of them, is very good. It is a discreet and proper proceeding. But the government must, without delay, increase its accommodation for the insane, the incurables, and the feeble-minded.

that power of discernment, that clearness of vision and judgment, that made his choice imperative—but because his backer, Penrose, was believed to be in control of the party vote.

Judge Archibald was a great disappointment to the administration in the Wire Trust offenders. Convicted, they escaped with various fines out of all proportion, in leniency, to their crimes. The chief organizer of the pool he fined heavily when, according to the attorney-general, he should have been sent to jail.

six existing ones, handling approximately 1,500,000 bushels of grain, and closed the year with a profit. This year it will erect between seventy and eighty new elevators and purchase some six or seven, thus bringing the number of elevators up to 125, with a capacity of 4,000,000 bushels.

By the way, while the Saskatchewan legislature had under consideration the co-operative system it was urged that Manitoba's example be followed, and the opposition sought to score a point by calling for the presence and evidence of Manitoba's commissioners.

And it is into Saskatchewan that the federal government are now going as an inspiration in the local elections. Hon. "Bob" Rogers, who engineered the elevator business in Manitoba, and made a mess of it, presumes to tell the Saskatchewan people, who have made a success of their elevator scheme, how to do things, and it would gratify him very much if the electors would turn out Mr. Scott, the wise and patriotic leader of the government, and put Mr. Hamilton, the uncertain and wobbly leader of the opposition, in his place.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir Lomer Gouin denies the rumour that he contemplates retiring from provincial politics to enter the federal arena. Sir Lomer has been re-elected by the people to continue his work, and he will be true to his commission.

"The Calling of Dan Matthews," a comparatively new book, presents a view of a modern pastor and people that will not be generally endorsed. But the story is a good one and in parts of it some of the tendencies of the day are vividly portrayed.

Dr. Rainsford, formerly rector of St. George's Episcopal church, New York, is leaving the ministry to head a scientific expedition to East

plus, and the price, may hardly pay for the digging. Still a market, may be found for in potatoes as in wheat Canada can beat the world.

Women are not eligible to serve as members of the school board in Quebec, which does not seem to be correct. If the women can serve in any capacity well it is as educators. They should make splendid trustees, and the wonder is that so few of them are elected.

Hon. Dick McBridge—on his own account, of course—has been telling the people of England that if the Canadian people are to bear some of the expenses of empire they must be given their full share of partnership. Perhaps John Bull will see the point.

Here's a man—McDonald, of Winnipeg—a wholesale grocer, who sells his business for three million dollars. He had branch stores in a dozen cities, and did not employ a drummer. He drew the business to him. How? The thousands of business and commercial men would like to know.

Mr. Hanna, Ontario's provincial secretary, pooh-poohs the idea that he is the man to take Judge Mabey's place on the railway commission. But Hanna is a lawyer, and a knowledge of law is the first essential. He is a man of great common sense, and that was Mabey's chief and distinguishing characteristic.

Toronto has a pretty row in progress over the charges of the Hydro-Electric Commission. The Queen city has practically been denied a voice in the management of the civic electric department. The Commission is running the waterworks, is making the cost of pumping excessive, and is refusing the council the right to audit the accounts.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

A Shrewd Guess. Brantford Expositor. We now know why Mr. Bourassa went off to Europe. He knew what was coming.

A Word to Judges. Ottawa Citizen. If the successfulness of human life is to be maintained, judges will have to deal with homicides in a rather more businesslike manner, or Canadian law will soon cease to have any terror for prisoners of the stamp referred to.

Things Hoped For. London Weekly Star. There is no probability that the democrats, if successful in the election, will include in their programme removal of the tariff on farm products, which the Canadian conservatives have been promising as a better expedient of tariff reform than reciprocity.

Sir James' Helpers. Manitoba Free Press. The prime minister and the minister of education of Manitoba assert that the treating custom is a good thing, as it exercises and encourages man's social instincts. It is to be hoped, in the interests of Mr. Rowell, these gentlemen can be induced to take the stump for Sir James Whitney in the next Ontario election.

The Aid of China. Watertown Times. Six powers, the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan, have reached an agreement by which 850,000,000 will be advanced, to meet the present financial necessities of the Chinese republic. It is believed that the application of a portion of this loan to the payment of the soldiers will remove the most serious menace to the new government.

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