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**GUARDIANS OF OUR HEALTH**

Perhaps our board of health will wake up long enough to notice that our provincial board of health will not approve of a sand-bed filter for the city of Ottawa. The provincial board is not partial to mechanical filtration, but it has satisfied itself that it is the best and practically the only effective system available. Evidently the patience of the provincial board of health with Ottawa is about exhausted. A year and a half ago there was a violent outbreak of typhoid fever at the capital, and the remembrance of it should nerve the people to action. They have dawdled along, the controllers and aldermen, until there are evidences of a new epidemic. A sand filter is now suggested.

Dr. McCullough, after listening to all a deputation had to say in support of it, remarked: "You go home and tell the city council and the people of Ottawa that they will never get sand filtration approved here. It is up to you whether you have mechanical filtration of Ottawa river water or take McGregor Lake water. Moreover, you may go back and tell the people of Ottawa this: That if they don't do something right away the board will apply the clause in the health act about imposing a fine of \$100 per day upon the city for neglect to protect its public health. I am not threatening you, but something must be done! Mechanical filtration is the latest and best. An engineer visited Kingston some time ago and discussed its merits in a most interesting way. What new light is our board of health expecting?"

**GREATEST WESTERN FORCE**

When the smoke of the Saskatchewan battle had cleared away some of our papers indulged in strange moralizing. The Toronto News was certain that the result was due to the American farmers, who had crossed over into Canada and "wished to set up closer relations with those from whom the bought and sold before they left their native land." But the national policy would triumph still, though the tariff should be made "to fall with impartial incidence in all sections of the country." The Ottawa Journal said the province farmers should realize that "this country is not going to sacrifice its industrial development to free trade or drastic tariff reduction," but the days of high protection were over. "The tariff must," is said, "be moderate, sensible and well-placed." The Whig sees in the west a great farmers' movement which is, and must be, controlled by the grain growers. They have an association,

which numbers 30,000, and it has just had its annual meeting. It has from its trading, a reserve fund of \$200,000 dollars. It has leased the big terminal elevator at Fort William from the C.P.R., and all the elevators, owned by the Manitoba government; it has acquired limits in British Columbia with 30,000,000 feet of timber; and it proposes to deal incidentally in lumber, binder twine and implements. It aims at securing big coal areas, and later embarking in successful merchandizing after the manner of the British Co-operation Society. The Canadian Manufacturers will presently have the active opposition of the greatest political agency Canada has ever seen; and perhaps the manufacturers are to be credited with its formation. The C.M.A. has not hesitated to try its coercive qualities in the political world, and it has inspired and helped to give form to something that will be its equal, if not its superior.

**DEATH OF A STALWART**

The late William Robinson, will be remembered most kindly and by a large circle of friends. He is one of the last, perhaps the last, of the stalwarts who served the liberal party faithfully, and fought for liberal principles when fighting meant personal sacrifice. Mr. Robinson was for many years a successful contractor in the city, and one who, by his own acts, lent dignity to labour. There comes a time when the workmen claimed recognition and Mr. Robinson became a candidate for political honors. He was elected, as an independent, and as an independent meant to serve the people of Kingston. But conditions in Toronto, and in the local legislature were such that he could not do otherwise than vote against the John Sandor Macdonald government, and conflict and criticism finished his conversion. In succeeding elections he ran as a liberal and was elected. While in parliament he was devoted to the city's interests, and under his direction and at his solicitation, it got all the favours to which it was entitled. In

due time he was retired, as all men are who serve the people, despite their sacrifices. The best of men cease to hold the peoples' allegiance, and Mr. Robinson was not unique, therefore, in his experience. Delect, however, did not affect his loyalty to local interests, and until failing health set in he was the local champion of any good cause. Like most men, who rise to eminence in public life, Mr. Robinson scored in the Model or Normal school, called the city council. He was an alderman of long standing, and the mayor, and his painting in the city hall, among the finest collection in Canada, reminds one of his untiring labours in a civic capacity. Best of all Mr. Robinson was a citizen whom every one respected, including those with whom he differed religiously and politically. He was a man of strong opinions, because he was sturdy in his character, and staunch in his profession. Gradually, through ill-health, he has been fading from public view, and now death claims him as its own, and so ends a life that was long and honoured and useful.

**ARE THE CAMPS SUCCESSFUL?**

The boys' camp at Barriefield is over, and one is inclined to ask, Has it been a success? The object, the purpose, of the men's camps is well understood. It is to keep alive the military spirit, to interest men in national defence, to equip them for service, and, to make them, above all else, disciplinarians and sharpshooters. The lesson of the South African war was that less drill and more target practice was necessary, and the lesson has not been in vain. The Boy Scouts are active imitators of the men, and, of course, the minister of militia realized this. He knew that the boys liked nothing better than an outing, and camp to them meant this. But it meant more, namely, that under its restrictions, the boys would be subject to discipline, and they would become respectful and obedient. The daily round included exercise in two forms, drill and recreation, and the influences of home was in some measure supplied by the morning devotions. The severest criticism of the Niagara camp has appeared in the Toronto World, which sent out two men to write it up, and one of them said it was the toughest camp in which he had any experience. Fault is found with the camp attendants, for the profligacy in which they indulged for the

lack of discipline, the lack of experience and the selfishness of the "masters, teachers and commanders," who thought too much of themselves and not enough for the boys committed to their care. The Kingston camp was not subject to this criticism, and was, indeed, carefully managed. The camp attendants appear to have offended, as they did at Niagara, by using language which should be ruled out of any camp, and would be if every officer in it steadfastly set his face against it. But as a rule the boys were carefully guarded, and it cannot be said that they suffered in any way from the routine of the camp. Here, as elsewhere, they gained in courage, in independence, in alertness, in obedience, and in respect. They showed themselves to be worthy of the compliment which was paid to them at the closing meeting in the Y.M.C.A. on Sunday evening. The disappointing feature of the Niagara camp, says Rev. Mr. Barrow, was the absence of the clergymen. The boys represented in large part the Sunday schools. Some of them were choir boys. They missed the sympathy which has a wondrous effect in the development of character. The minister of militia, who is responsible largely for the boys' camps, will pro-

bably have his confidential reports, and will see that next year they are organized in such a way that the boys will be developed mentally, morally, and physically. Ideal conditions cannot be reached in a single year.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

A municipal bakeshop is one of the things one may expect to follow the revelations in Toronto respecting the bakeries. Our food stuffs should be made and kept in clean surroundings and some of the Toronto shops are fully unclean.

The canteen has been effectually barred from the militia camp, thanks to the firmness of the minister of militia. The profanity should go now, and it will if Col. the Hon. Samuel Hughes only realizes the necessity of it. Let the minister pass the order, and it will be obeyed.

Western railway rates have been found unduly high by the railway commission, but the railway companies will be allowed to argue against this decision. The hand that is now guiding the commission is not the hand of Mabes. That is quite evident.

St. Thomas wants a better rate for the power it is now being supplied by the Hydro-Electric Commission. It is paying at the rate of \$32 per horse-power, and London, with competition, is getting it for \$26.50. Monopoly in any form is not a blessing.

Hon. Winston Churchill will to-day make an announcement with regard to the imperial navy. It remains to be seen how far Mr. Borden is in accord with it. His imperial council has not been endorsed by the government and cannot be in view of what Mr. Asquith has already said about it.

The medical health officer in Toronto complains that the magistrates will not apply the penalties that are provided for infractions of the by-laws. And without the penalties the law becomes a dead letter. This is practically an indictment of the magistrates. Is it deserved?

It is just 100 years ago, to-day, (July 22nd) since the great British general, Lord Wellington, won the battle of Sialmanen, which, according to Napier, was "the first decided victory gained by the allies in the peninsula. The shock heaved and shook the colossal structure of Napoleon's power to its very base."

Unselfishness is one of the things lauded by the Boy Scouts, and perhaps in camp. Their supper on Saturday missed connection with the boat and many excursionists shared fruit with the boys. This they divided and so made go as far as possible. They exhibited a spirit of which too little is seen among the youths of the day.

**THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS**

**How Condescending.**  
Toronto Telegram.  
N. W. Rowell has Sir James P. Whitney's sympathy, and that's about all he'll ever succeed in getting from the Ontario leader.

**Save Us From Them.**  
Toronto Mail.  
It is said that some of the New York gamblers have fled to Canada. We ought to be thankful if we were not certain of the New York police.

**Do They Catch On?**  
This conservative party should realize that the era of high protection is past, so far as political safety is concerned; that the tariff must be moderate, sensible and well-placed.

**Fearing an Anti-Climax.**  
Hamilton Herald.  
Mr. Borden continues to make fine speeches in England, pledging Canada's support to imperial naval defence. It is to be hoped that when the announcement of what his government is prepared to do is made, it will not produce the effect of an anti-climax.

Walter Cass Newberry, seventy-six, one time postmaster of Chicago, congressman, and a general of the Union army in the civil war, died on Saturday. He was a member of the Newberry family that presented the city of Chicago with a library costing more than \$1,000,000.

Ottawa is experiencing an epidemic of typhoid, sixty cases being reported within six days.

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Coincident with a number of other active agencies designed to revive the sheep raising industry in Canada, there has been issued by the live stock branch of the department of agriculture a new edition of that "Sheep Husbandry in Canada," which, exhaustive and practical treatise, received such a warm reception some four years ago. This work of 126 pages, which constitutes a report as well as a helpful bulletin of instruction, covers the history and condition of the sheep industry in every province, pointing out the weak points and offering useful information for the guidance of older shepherds as well as those who are just beginning, or desire to begin, raising mutton and wool. In this work the author, who is a trained sheep man, brings out clearly the great advantages of keeping sheep from the dual standpoint of direct profit in cash returns, and the even more important indirect one of cleaner farms and better crops. Then there is a special section, "From the Block to the Table," designed to popularize the consumption of mutton and lamb. Other sections deal with wool destruction by sheep, diseases, wood housing, enemies, breeds and breeding, feeds and feeding, and other important matters. Under "The Industry in the Several Provinces," some of the latest news, concerning the profits made from sheep, are brought out. It is shown that a flock of about 150 ewes worth \$6 each, after housing, feeding and care were charged against them, gave in 1911 a profit of more than \$600. This occurred on a Manitoba wheat farm.

A special feature of this Bulletin in its many beautiful illustrations in sepia tints, many of which are worth framing. A large issue has been printed to be supplied free to those who apply for it to the publications branch, department of agriculture, Ottawa.

Scarcity of labor in all lines in the city of Watertown, N.Y., has caused the Chamber of Commerce to establish a labor bureau in connection with its campaign to get new industries, under the direction of the executive and finance committees.

At Belgrade, Servia, a plot to kill King Peter was discovered. The man chosen to commit the murder has been arrested.

**WESTERN WINTER WEATHER.**  
A Record Made Along the Grand Trunk Pacific.  
An official temperature chart has been received by the Grand Trunk Pacific, showing the maximum and minimum temperature recorded at Fort George, B.C., during last winter, the result of which has been briefly summarized as follows:  
The lowest temperature recorded during the month of December was on the night of the 30th, being three below zero and rising to eight above on the 31st.  
During January the thermometer recorded below-zero weather on sixteen days, the coldest being January 12th, when the minimum was forty-four below and the maximum ten below. The next coldest day in January was the 9th, when the minimum was thirty below and the maximum ten below.  
In February the thermometer sank below the zero mark on eleven days, the coldest being February 1st, with a temperature of thirty-one below rising to nine above on the same day. The next coldest day was on February 14th, when sixteen below and sixty above were respectively recorded as the minimum and maximum.  
The temperature did not go as low as zero on any day in March, the highest in that month being on the 15th inst., and 20th, when a temperature of eight above was recorded.  
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