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SEATS IN THE SENATE

Henry Corby, of Belleville, has been named as one who is most eligible for a seat in the senate of Canada. The government is responsible for its choice in this matter, and it will be most anxious, of course, to put in the upper house those who will be most helpful of its interests. It knows the most desirable subjects for senatorial honours; yet it is probably most willing to hear suggestions and receive nominations. The Belleville district is warranted in supporting the claims of Mr. Corby for recognition. He is the type of man who is most in demand for parliamentary service. He is able, popular, energetic, influential, and, best of all, he is not a political castaway. In other words he is not one who, having appealed to the people in an

election, and been defeated, looks for an appointment which the government can give him. Mr. Corby represented West Hastings in the commons for many years, and would be representing it still had he been anxious to do so. There are several things in his favour. He is in the prime of life. He has the capacity for service. He has the experience, which is one of the highest qualifications and most valued or prescribed in the many schemes that have been advanced for senate reform. He is independent. He will serve his party when it deserves his support, and he will serve a liberal when he needs help. Only a few days ago the Whig learned of his devotion to a liberal friend in Belleville and under circumstances which did him great credit.

THE SYSTEM IS DEFECTIVE

The garbage system has miscarried, and through defects that appear to be inherent and for the time being irreparable. The contractors meant well. Some, or perhaps most, of the garbage was of some value, and because of that they could afford to accept of the civic responsibility to some advantage. But ere long, in the working out of their plans, they encountered difficulties. They visited certain places where they expected to find garbage, of a kind they wanted, only to discover that it had been removed, and by persons with a financial interest in the transaction. It did not occur to the committee, nor to the council, that contracts could be made outside of them for garbage that could be used in the feeding of hogs, and now

that this has become known they can do nothing about it. The city solicitor will be asked to look into the legal aspect of the case and advise upon it. It may be possible for the city to make the garbage collectors carry out their contract, and if so a great hardship will be put upon them. If the general law does not put the collection of garbage under the control of the council, and subject to its authority, an amendment should be sought. The garbage question is an important one, and the city must pursue the work with the determination to make it a success. It may be even necessary to appoint an inspector whose attention to the subject will guarantee results, in a sanitary sense, which are very much to be desired.

ALL UNDER A CLOUD

The filtration question has entered upon a new aspect. The Board of Health has declared its intention to report the City Council to the Provincial Board of Health for a failure to do its duty. The result will be awaited with a growing interest. The Whig has criticised the Board of Health because it did not perform what appeared to be its duty. The Board of Health should decide that the water needed treatment, in order to be safely used for domestic purposes, but also it should have reported upon the nature of that treatment. Filtration was favoured and deemed expedient, but the filtration plant should have been described or defined. The Utilities committee, however, assumed the responsibility of deciding the issue, after its chairman put himself on record as saying that this committee would provide any plant the Board of Health recommended. The

Utilities committee has had two plants under consideration, and had not reached any decision with respect to them. It transpires that no progress has been made of late, because there is a difference among the aldermen upon the need of any plant. It is on this account, because the committee is disposed to mark time, that the reference to the Provincial Board of Health appears to be timely. The provincial authorities cannot avoid taking some action, and it may be the means of educating the aldermen or converting them from the error of their way. The Utilities committee has disappointed those who were its admirers. A while ago it seemed to be the only civic organization that gave evidence of life. The later revelation upon this filtration system has advertised it as no better and no worse than any other committee.

BI-LINGUAL SCHOOL TROUBLES

The education department is being menaced by the French-Canadians of Ontario. These, in school matters, were allowed to have their way so long that now they will not be checked or hindered in their plans. The education department was driven by public opinion, and the aggressive action of Mr. Rowell, who has definite views on the subject and a definite plan whereby the children of Ontario will be instructed in English. The regulations were launched at the close of the last session. They were evidently hastily drafted, and they may now be clumsily enforced. Protests against them have been filed in Toronto, and they have been stirring up Sir James Whitney. He scolded because some statements have been made, statements that are calculated to excite the French-speaking people, and especially the school boards. But the school trustees are the men in all cases who are "kick ing" about the regulations, and they are doing it very deliberately. Sir James quotes from two protests. In one, from section No. 17, it is alleged that the regulations represent a scheme of the Orangemen

to "destroy everything which is Catholic and French." In another, from "Imbrum school," the demand is made that French should be the language of communication between the teachers and scholars. The trustees of Nos. 3 and 7, Dover township, go further; they absolutely refuse to enforce or respect the regulations, and if deprived of a school grant will educate the children without government aid. Moreover, when a Protestant inspector talks into their schools the children are instructed to walk out. So that a merry war is on, and it is a direct result of the abrupt attempt to change the schools from French to English, after the French-Canadian people have been allowed to conduct those schools pretty much as they liked for many years. Suddenly, and in a startling way, the government is made aware that there are bilingual schools in which the French language has dominated. The trustees of these are not to be silenced by a shout from even the mighty one who governs in Ontario. They can be guided by persuasive means, and Sir James will realize this before he is much older.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The clash between the Board of Health and the Utilities committee is an event of more than passing importance. One of them is bound to receive a shock, and the people will get a benefit. Ottawa complains of the dilatoriness of public service which is contingent upon the co-operation of several departments. That is the effect of a law which distributes the work of the city, and does it very badly. What is

needed is a commission to educate and instruct our dads in the legislature. Sir Rodmond Roblin does not find any demand for reciprocity in Macdonald, where the election takes place on Saturday. Mr. Richardson, the independent candidate, finds that it is the issue, and one that, barring corruption and intimidation, will be endorsed by a majority of the electors. The inevitable follows the report of

the commission upon the short weight of these shipped from this and other districts. The Inland Revenue department will see why the scales of the cheese factories were wrong. Eventually some of the officials will have to report as to why they did not do their duty.

Dr. Helen MacMurphy—God bless her—is still advocating the cause of the mentally and physically defective and demanding separate classes where they may be educated. It is not a new idea. It has been tried in the United States, and with all due respect to some of their critics, the schools of the United States are far ahead of the schools of Canada.

A grand jury in Toronto would prohibit, by law, the publication of all news with regard to gambling. What rot! The paper does not cause or encourage the gambling, and the absence of news concerning it will not end the evil. Why do not the public officials become busy and suppress the gambling. That is what is wanted, and what the jury should recommend.

AS GRACEFUL AS LOCOMOTIVE

Amesley Burrows' Description of Col. Roosevelt. The Detroit Times contains the following description of Col. Theodore Roosevelt by Amesley Burrows, on the occasion of the ex-president's appearance in that city: "When Col. Roosevelt walked in before the big audience which met him Tuesday in the armory, he looked exactly what a people's candidate should look like. He looked like a man of the people. His coat hung awkwardly upon him. His trousers were bagged at the knees and wrinkled across at the hips. He looked as though he belonged to the plain people—the 'common' people. If he had been driving a dray or swinging a hammer in a blacksmith's shop you would have thought him a fine-looking blacksmith with a splendid looking drayman; a man who should be doing something bigger than either. "But it would never occur to you that he was out of place. "Col. Roosevelt does not look intellectual or graceful, or aristocratic or refined. He looks about as intellectual as a printing press, about as graceful as a locomotive, about as aristocratic as a steam-dredge, about as refined as a road-roller. "On the whole the colonel is no orator. He can turn a team of oxen about as gracefully as he can turn a period. He doesn't know anything about climaxes or perorations. He just sails in rough-and-tumble. "Every word strikes you like a pistol shot. Somebody, or something, drops at every sentence. Slam! Bang! One down, the other come on. "And when it's all over you have that satisfied feeling, like sitting at the ringside and watching the late champion take the count. "Col. Roosevelt's popularity lies in his simplicity. He is magnificently primal. He is the very type of early man. In imagination, one can picture him half-clad in skins, with shaggy hair and battle-club, going out against the monsters of the stone age. "He has the aspect of a leader, not a ruler. You feel that he is one of yourselves—that he is down among the people. You cannot imagine him in robes and periwigs, exercising the hereditary sway of a Louis XIV, but you can picture him in the horned helmet of a Germanic chieftain, throne in the forest, giving the law to his fellow tribesmen, differing from them in nothing and superior only in his strength and wisdom. "That's the appeal that Roosevelt makes. And while it may not get across to the high-brow contingent it certainly has its weight with the crowd."

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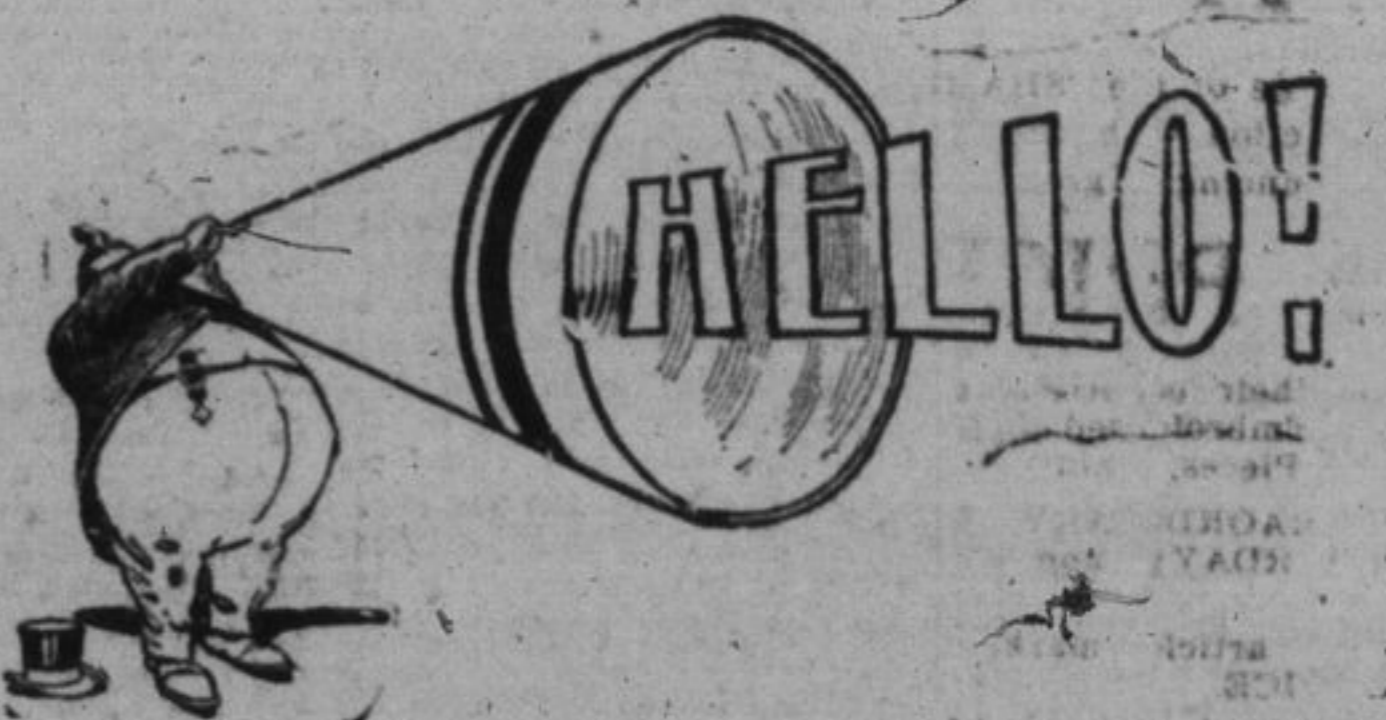
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