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WHY HE SUICIDED.

When General Nogi, of the Japanese army, suicided it was said that he had complied with an ancient religious doctrine and desired to join the emperor in the life beyond. A different vision has come with the letter left by the general for the information of his friends. Early in his military career, in the civil war, he lost his regimental flag. He could not forget the act, nor forgive himself. In the crisis of the nation that followed he became seriously and personally involved. He served

his country with distinction, but he did not atone, it seems, for the disgrace of other days. When his usefulness was over he offered his life as a sacrifice. The point of his case, the real moral of it, lies in the importance which he attached to public duty. If anything like it prevailed among our public men there would be an end to the scandals which humiliate and depress society. The lesson of Nogi is one that all men of every nation, and tongue and caste, can study with great profit.

MALIGNING SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

The Toronto men, who got into the prints a notice of doings in the Wilfrid Laurier lodge, and for the political effect it might have in Quebec, do serve the most which has been given to them by the Montreal Gazette. The people of Quebec, according to our contemporary, "are more intelligent than the men who sometimes undertake to instruct them in public affairs," and they may give evidence of this on a very early occasion. The Gazette recalls the time when a Wilfrid Laurier lodge would not have created surprise. This was when Sir Charles Tupper, coming from England, pushed Sir MacKenzie Bowell aside and essayed to stamper the electors on the Manitoba school question. Sir Wilfrid, in that campaign championed the cause of moderation and conciliation, and won out, and had the support of both Orangemen

and Roman Catholics. The pity is that the spirit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not been imitated by his opponents. He was advertised as a traitor to his countrymen in the last election by the extremists. They induced Mr. Poirer, in an evil-hour, to become their champion. He sowed the wind, and he is reaping the whirlwind. The Manitoba government played into the hands of the same extreme party, and amended or tinkered with the School Act—to make vote for Borden in the last election—and some of these days the country will be astonished with a new eruption. It pays, eventually, to be fair and consistent, and avoid appeals of a racial and religious kind. The Gazette cannot be blind to the new difficulties that confront its party in the east and west, and because it has been playing double with a very serious issue.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Macdonald school—and named in honour of the man who represented the city so many years, worthily in the parliament of Canada—has cost \$40,549, or \$540 more than it was estimated to cost. The most of the excess is due to the removal of the technical or manual training from the Collegiate Institute building to the public school. This class has at its head a most capable man. It will do all it is designed to accomplish, in all probability, namely, develop or awaken the mechanical ideas of the pupils and start them joyously on an industrial career. But what a pity it is that Kingston, an educational centre, is so poorly equipped for industrial education. What a pity it is that so much time has been spent, or lost, by the education department of Ontario on examination and research or meditation upon the greatest issue of the day. Ontario has been marking time to its great disadvantage. Its government has been prodding the federal government and contending that in

distrial education is something that concerns and should be dealt with by the central or Canadian parliament. The full development of Canada, industrially, does concern the federal government in a very special sense, but the province is not acquitted of blame or criticism when it fails to do its part and do it well. Manitoba surpasses this province in its educational machinery. Winnipeg, with the aid and concurrence of public opinion, as expressed by all classes and especially by the workmen, reads Toronto and puts it to shame with its two large technical schools now in operation and its third school which will be open and in use in the beginning of the year. Were the education department advanced as it might be—were it really up-to-date, and it is not—it would be behind a splendid system of technical education, and Kingston would have a technical school that would be worthy of the name, its importance, and the cause it represents. It is a live subject and will stand for their discussion.

NEW BASIS OF TAXATION.

There is great value in publicity and there are ratepayers in the city who advocate it in connection with local assessment. The assessor is a good man. He puts a lot of labour into his work. He may err in judgment, but he errs without a desire to discriminate in the slightest degree. The feeling is that the assessment, when fairly approved by the commissioners, should be printed and circulated. Would any good purpose be served by the publication? There ought to be, for when real estate owners are in a position to compare notes they may be disposed to call attention to contrasts of a most remarkable kind. It must not be forgotten, however, that many years ago, during the reign of dominance of the Big Four, the assessment was issued, within a few days, and it was the talk of the people for a few days. Did any special reform or readjustment of the assessment follow? Not that the Whig can remember. Which is not a reason that the assessment should not be printed again. Admitting that the assessment is out in many respects, can it be corrected except through the assessor and commissioner, as at present? Apparently not. There can be a reappraisal by a special commission. It can be similar to that which is being proceeded with in the United Kingdom. The work in England will not be completed for some years, as the job is a large one, but already it is producing great results in establishing values that cannot be disputed. The Municipal Act defines the manner in which an assessment of the city for taxation purposes must be conducted. There is nothing to prevent the appointment of a committee to go over the city and check the assessments, and this check would be gladly accepted, no doubt, by the commission, in revising the work of the assessor. Anything that will remove the discrimination that now exists would be hailed with satisfaction. Some day the land will be made to bear more of the tax, improvements being exempted, and then the crooked waste places, within the city will be sold and built upon. It will not then pay to hold land any longer for the sake of the unearned increment.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Kingston man is a candidate for a senatorship. He has never served the people in any way, and is without experience in public life. Is he, therefore, eligible? A movement has been on foot to elect a certain member of the council, a man of means and leisure, as mayor, by acclamation. Overtures to this end have been made.

The attempt to stop tipping in the Windsor hotel, Montreal, has failed. The elimination of the "padding" lasted just a day. Shortest war on record. Some can advertise that he has discovered something which will restore grey hair to its natural colour. It's no good. What some people want is something that will give their hair

an unnatural colour. The common blusher is in evidence everywhere.

The Provincial Board of Health consents the people to let in the night air, and so to sleep with open windows. The fresh air need may not be popular, but he can stand a puff of wind and is not standing daily in jeopardy of pneumonia.

The Toronto News, which worried so much because Laverge was about to plunge into "the vortex of European militarism," will be relieved now that Armand is not going. The captain in the Montmagny regiment is going to take observations of fighting nearer home.

Mr. Monk is said to have been worried in the administration of his department. Public works is going now to Hon. "Bob" Rogers, and there isn't anything political that bothers him. He is in his glory as the head of Canada's greatest spending department.

Hamilton is distressed over the variations and inequalities in the assessment. A financial authority suggests that the real estate be valued by a commission of experts every ten years, and that this valuation be taken as the basis for assessment for the next decennial period. This corresponds with the suggestion of the Whig.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

A Great "Ad." London Advertiser. President Roosevelt's genius for keeping himself in the public eye is almost miraculous. The man who gave him a bullet only succeeded in giving him an advertisement.

A Result of War. Stratford Beacon. One result of the Balkans war will probably be an advance in the price of perfumes. Practically all the attar of roses in the world comes from Bulgaria, and this enters in small quantities into most perfumes.

Regulating the Pictures. Montreal Herald. A by-law is to be framed to regulate the moving picture places. Very well. But don't let it be the kind of a by-law whose provisions can be evaded if the men who run the "movies" will stand for graft.

Consumption of Tobacco. Montreal Gazette. Of the \$19,491,172 of excise revenue collected by the government of Canada in the year 1911-12, the sum of \$8,130,776 represented taxes paid on tobacco, the consumption of which in various forms is increasing. The army of smokers is "great in number and restless in its activity. Last year in Canada its consumption of the soothing weed reached the considerable figure of 3,679 pounds per head of the population, which is quite half a pound a head higher than the record of any preceding year. The hold-the-cigarette has of the smoking population is indicated by the fact that last year duty was paid by Canadian manufacturers on 737,000,000 of them. The man who used to hold that a real smoke could only be had out of a pipe is being shoved into the minority.

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