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### CROTHERS IN OFFICE

This big, good-natured man (T. A. Crothers) is said to be lacking in moral courage and afraid to do things he ought to do. Last year he put up a strong fight against the Grand Trunk Railway and threatened to block all their legislation because they had allegedly failed to fulfil a certain labor agreement. That one stand is described as having taken the starch out of him. The Grand Trunk did not so much as blink, but men said that Tom Crothers became the most nervous man in Ottawa and was always looking behind him. It is said now that he is too timid to do anything.—Collier's Weekly.

### SIR JAMES IS CALMER

If Sir James Whitney now approves of the Galt practice, which he clearly did not on the day when he nearly scared the five senses out of the special legislative committee, it merely means that he has at last begun to see that he cannot make good his "Big Boss" attitude. As nearly as we can make out his present position—if he approves the Galt practice—he will oppose the amending of the law because, he always said he would, but he will not oppose the reform if municipalities will go ahead and adopt it unlawfully and shut up about it.—Toronto Star.

### SEEKING SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

The council is apparently of one mind with the mayor, who, in his addresses before the election, and in his inaugural on Monday, intimated that the Public Utilities of the city had grown to proportions, and carried with them grave responsibilities, which made management by a changing committee very difficult. A Utilities committee has been named, to direct affairs for the time, to legislate for it particularly since the administrative side of it is largely borne by the officials.  
During the year there can be an educational campaign carried on. This campaign is absolutely necessary. There are some members of the council who may know what commission government means, but there are some who have not had the opportunity for reading and reflection, and these should make themselves familiar with the facts. Eventually there

### THE CUTTING OF ICE.

Ottawa is objecting to the cutting of ice from a part of the Ottawa river where the water is supposed or said to be polluted. The theory is, however, that the impurities in the ice have been rendered harmless by the freezing process; and the ice is not used for domestic but cooling purposes.  
The same argument has been used in Kingston where ice has been cut below Cataragui bridge for cold storage, while the ice that is used in the home is cut far out in the harbour, and beyond a line that is fixed by the local board of health. The plan of keeping these ice supplies separate, and of preventing the use of the article cut for a specific purpose, for any other, is good enough, but can the members of the Board of Health here, in their offices, vouch for the complete carrying of it out?

### JUSTICE HAS BEEN DEMEANED.

In all our experiences it is doubtful if a more scathing criticism has ever been passed upon the jury system than that of Judge Middleton, in Toronto, in passing upon the theatre scandals. They were the outcome of the exposure by Mr. St. Clair, the local secretary of the moral alliance, an institution whose very existence is a protest against the immoralities of the times. Six or seven hundred people attended the show which Mr. St. Clair denounced, but they do not seem to have been anything repugnant in the dances or anything very revolting in the language used. All of which shows that the audiences generally were composed of persons who countenanced the coarseness of the programme.  
The point is that after hearing evidence with regard to the show in question, including that of the presentation of the old censor department, who saw nothing objectionable, the case went to the jury. It was inclined to disagree, but eventually the twelve rendered a verdict of "not guilty," but added a rider, that the proprietors and managers of the theatre "could not be too strongly censured for allowing such plays, which were suggestive of that which is immoral, indecent and obscene." The judge accepted the verdict, but he wanted it to be distinctly understood that he entirely disagreed with it, and he questioned if another jury would take a

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Here is a town of six thousand people in England which is not the possessor of a single bath tub. What a time the people must have, in the spring, when, with the young ducks, they take their first plunge in the mill pond!  
Now it is the Brockville Times that has been called to account by some party men who think their advice must be accepted. Now that the Times has made it clear that its

editor does not belong to any person or party perhaps it will be left alone.  
The Toronto News is very much annoyed over the idea that the liberals would obstruct business at Ottawa. Horrible! But the News only sees the shocking feature of it when the Tories are in power. When they obstruct, in opposition, they are always in the right.

Dr. Gilmore, of the Central prison, says only fifteen per cent. of the prisoners are criminals, the rest being unfortunate, whose fall, not complete ruin, is caused by drink. Alcohol, says Dr. Gilmore, plays the greater part in sending men to prison. Is it any wonder some men fight it so hard? Is it any wonder that weak men cry out for protection from it?

Kingston is interested in the decision against Chicago's canal scheme. Anything which would lower the waters of the lakes, canals and rivers, would hurt our harbour. Chicago should be forced to dispose of its sewage in a scientific way. It has no right to adopt cheap methods at a ruin of Canada's and America's shipping in which many millions are invested.

**A Bad Reputation.**  
Hamilton Spectator.  
Philadelphia, "the city of brotherly love," had 95,248 arrests and seventy-two murders last year. The community once dominated by Quakers is evidently trading on its long past reputation.

**It Surely Does.**  
Hamilton Herald.  
Arnold Bennett, the English novelist, says it doesn't require much ability to amass a great fortune. But that depends upon the way in which a great fortune is amassed.

**A Coming Change.**  
Ottawa Journal.  
Before very long the liquor interests will be demanding the repeal of the three-fifths clause and the temperance people will be in favor of its retention as a defensive measure.

**A Matter of Guess.**  
Toronto Star.  
But perhaps Hon. Sam wants to have the ladies present at the military conference so that he can balance them against the colonels and majors when the canteen question comes up. Talk about strategy!

**Running a Great Risk.**  
Hamilton Herald.  
Hon. Col. Sam Hughes proposes to call Canadian women to his military councils—perhaps a subtle device on his part for combating the spirit of anti-militarism. But how would it be if the ladies were to convert the doughty colonel to anti-militarism?

**MILLIONS LOPPED OFF CLAIM.**  
Arbitration Results, in Original Demand Reduced.  
London, Jan. 14.—The British government is to pay the National Telephone company of the United Kingdom the sum of \$62,576,320 in respect of the transfer of the company's system to the state, according to a decision reached by the Railway and Canal commission, sitting as a court of arbitration.

The whole of the telephone in the British Isles passed into the hands of the state on Jan. 1st, 1912. The National Telephone company originally claimed \$105,000,000 for its interests, but during the trial, which lasted seventy-three days, the claim was reduced by many millions by way of agreement.

**RAILWAY WRECK IN ENGLAND.**  
Two Passengers Killed and Forty Injured.  
Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 14.—Two passengers were killed and forty injured, many of them seriously, in a collision on the Midland railway yesterday, when an express train crashed into an accommodation train at Brantford Bridge, near here.

The express was proceeding to Leicester, and the accommodation train from Birmingham to Walsall. Nearly all the victims of the collision were travelling in the slow train.

**AUTOMATIC RIFLE WANTED.**  
Government Will Call Attention of Inventors to Subject.  
Washington, D.C., Jan. 14.—The automatic revolver, after many years trial, having finally found favor in the United States army, the ordnance bureau has now taken steps to embody the same principle in the army rifle. Circumstances are being sent out, inviting the attention of inventors to this subject.

**Queen Alexandra's Tact.**  
In the bright days of her reign at Buckingham Palace it came to the knowledge of Queen Alexandra that one of the housemaids, who had for some years been in the royal service, had suffered severely over an affair of the heart.

Queen Alexandra sent for the girl, and after learning all about the matter, consoled her and sent her off to her home in Sandringham. Very shortly thereafter the couple returned to town, and there was a wedding sequel, with the royal blessing.

Then her majesty summoned the errant lover, who also held a domestic position in the palace. After a kindly and tactful homily, Queen Alexandra, with humorous tact sent the young man also to Sandringham.

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N. W. Rowell and colleagues speak this week at Princeton, Bright, Toronto and Berlin. Tax reform in its many sides will be considered. Other meetings in Eastern Ontario are being arranged.

Cabe Wolf, who has many times attempted to swim the English channel, says he will attempt to swim the Niagara in September.

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