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THE LAND IS SAVED.

The City Property Committee has acted wisely in withdrawing from its report the recommendation agreed upon at a previous meeting, and to the effect that the fair grounds be put on the market and sold. The business men, in very large proportion, almost unanimously, are of the opinion that the land should be held for public purposes. The increment, whatever it is, belongs to the city, and there is no telling what may be the demand for land in the near future for manufactures. The business revival of Kingston is so marked that it will not be surprising if the council be forced ere long to acquire land and hold it for factory sites. Had it acted on the advice which was gratuitously given to it some years ago some land now in the hands of speculators would be in the control of the city.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The council is to be congratulated upon its action with regard to the swimming station which it is proposed to establish at once. How the boys will bless and honour the men who have been instrumental in bringing about this great reform. For years there has been an agitation for public baths. Every public-spirited man has admitted the necessity of them. Occasionally the prayer has been offered that sympathy for the lads would move some wealthy person, and that he would give from his bounty enough to found the baths. Appeals to the individual having failed it is gratifying to see that the council has acted, that it has taken the first practical step, in the boys' estimation, to put Kingston on the map. It has provided a goodly sum, for a specific purpose. Perhaps some one will supplement the grant and so qualify for enrollment among the immortals.

PLACE OF GOOD ROADS.

The Good Roads Educational Association is doing a splendid service in disseminating information upon the subject and in inviting the consideration of it by the people. The fact may not be generally recognized that good roads should recognize every one and for the reason that they contribute to the transportation and trade and that these affect the cost of living as well as the comfort and convenience of the masses.

The province has considerable money of its own to spend in roads, and it will have a good deal more if the federal parliament can agree upon the manner in which its ten millions of dollars may be distributed and applied. The work must be done, of course, under a commission, and men who will have a plan of campaign, one which will be followed without variation.

The Good Roads Association put a lot of sound advice into a resolution which it passed at its convention in February. According to this resolution, which was unanimously carried, road making by statute labour should be abolished, and all roads should be built with a regard for their permanency. The government's share should be one-half, in place of one-third, and the automobiles, which do more than anything else to test them, should be licensed according to power or weight, and the revenue from these licenses should go towards road-making.

Gradually as the facts dawn upon the people—that the good roads affect the markets, the cost of haulage, the use of schools, the rapid delivery of mails, the ease of travel—they will give the question the larger attention which is its due. Hitherto this new

country has been very deficient in good roads, but will presently have grown away from conditions which have prevailed too long to the injury of public business.

BRITISH ELECTORAL REFORMS.

The workmen of the old land are in advance of the workmen of Canada in many respects. The unions, in their ample and effective organization; the fraternal societies, in their large membership, which is now covered by state insurance; the political alliances of the labour party and their strong representation in parliament—these and other factors have impressed upon the government the interests of the industrial classes.

It is no surprise, then, that the franchise bill, as it was formerly presented, for the cure of any anomalies and the conferring of the right to vote on about eight millions of women, has been left over until another session, perhaps the last of the present parliament, while a measure of smaller importance occupies the stage. This measure abolishes plural voting in the general election, and limits 450,000 persons in England and Wales, 55,000 in Scotland, and 20,000 in Ireland to one vote each. The unionist party opposed the change most strenuously, and because it promised to operate against the party. This is one political reform which has been most ardently advocated by the labour unions and labour party and yet some labour members voted against it because it was not more comprehensive and did not include woman's suffrage.

A second measure of importance was that which lengthened out the polling day on general elections from 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. This is in the interest of the masses who cannot leave their work to vote during the shorter day and have not been allowed to do so in some cases. In the evening the time of the elector is his own, and if he does not vote the fault is his.

The only opposition to the longer day comes from those who have to operate the election machinery and sum up the votes, and in the districts where the ballot is a heavy one the people will have retired and had a first sleep before the results can be made known.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Send us another \$500. Last time of calling." That will be the Hanna slogan in the next local election.

Last week sixty-seven applications were made for new house connections with the water system. Who says the city is not growing by leaps and bounds? Let her grow!

Petticoat government, municipally, has been abandoned in Honeywell, Ky. Is the woman's cause generally receding? Have the suffragettes failed to make good? So it would seem.

The man who remembered the boys and thinks enough of them to advocate their cause is worthy of being mayor. That is the way the boys look at it, and they will all be voters some day.

The Montreal Gazette says that nothing the opposition can do will offset the moral effect of the naval situation. The moral effect! The Gazette must define it, for assuredly the average mind must fail, without a key, to see and appreciate it.

There is at least one man in the commons who the government fears. He is Mr. Verville, who represents the labour interests. He practically defied the closure, while he spoke, and the premier was afraid to apply the gag.

The Thorne letter has been pook-pooed and depreciated by the Tory press, but they have not dared to print it and so let their readers value it for themselves. The best evidence that its contents have been regarded as hurtful to Hanna

Because they cannot get houses, or because they cannot pay the current rents, some families are doubling up, as far as their living quarters are concerned. A sign of congestion, discomfort and high living which is not popularly regarded.

The member of the British government who wanted to know if the Chancellor of the Exchequer could not live on his salary and that he had to resort to gambling in order to support his family, is now out of the house. Forced out by ill-health. The more of the pety. His petulant personality is now accounted for.

The Tory View.

Montreal Gazette.
If the senate rejects the Navy Bill it will not drive the government to the country. Nothing could be gained by appealing to the people on that account. Even if the Borden government were returned by double its present majority, and passed the bill again, the senate could throw it out. The only advantage would be that when the government did go to the country (at a time of its own choosing) it would have in its platform a very popular plank for the regeneration of the upper chamber. A senate which flouts the will of the people cannot expect to retain the people's good-will.

A Heavy Load.

Windsor Record.
Sir James will find that Hanna is too heavy a load to carry much longer.

TO CONSIDER PROTEST AGAINST PREFERENCE

Given by the Underwood Tariff Bill to Shippers Using American Vessels.

Washington, D.C., May 13.—Subsidizing American ships which bring into the United States dutiable goods from foreign countries will be the subject of a serious debate on the tariff bill, which will be taken up for consideration again to-day.

Senators know that unquestionably it will be the purpose of the British and German governments to protest against the preference which will be given to American ships under the Underwood bill.

The bill provides that a five per cent. discount on all duties shall be remitted to shippers using American vessels. It is probably true that Great Britain will claim this as a discrimination against the commerce of that empire, in the same manner that protests have been lodged against the adoption of a policy of free trade on American shipping through the Panama canal.

The senators who will uphold the merchant marine subsidy point out that Great Britain's position in this probable protest is a weak one, inasmuch as that government has spent many millions in mail and admiralty subsidies for the development of its commerce.

These senators also hold that the Panama canal will largely fail in its purpose unless the adoption of the subsidy provision of the Underwood bill shows the country that friendly intercourse between the United States and foreign nations is more easily gained by ships of trade than by any other means.

The American farmer has always opposed a ship subsidy measure. However, the arguments that will be presented to the senate to combat the agricultural interests opposition will present a picture of the great lakes region, where at one time hundreds of grain-bearing vessels were forced to await the pleasure of foreign carriers.

PUBLIC OPINION

Whitney's Revised Boast.

Chatham News.
Revised version of Whitney's boast: "Bold enough to take money for campaign purposes and honest enough to suppress the evidence about it."

Give Them a Fiat.

Hamilton Herald.
If the Farmers' Bank shareholders and depositors think they have a just claim against the government why not grant them a fiat giving them the legal right to sue the crown?

The Mair Issue.

Brantford Courier.
Young man, who would you rather marry—a raving, window-smashing, bomb-planting, militant suffragette, or a nice, vivacious, cuddlesome, coyly-rooting fanette?

Getting Old Early.

Toronto Globe.
This is a ruthless age. At forty-four a man engaged in intellectual work should be at his prime; but the Toronto Board of Education says he is too old to enter its service.

Where They Shine.

Belleville Ontario.
The Ontario government fell down on the prosecution of the combines and the investigation of charges against ministers. The only thing the government seems expert at is the taking of the people's timber heritage, and that is easy.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

J. Mitchell, one of the best mare drummers in Canada, has joined the 14th Battalion.

Major Thompson has been congratulated for the creditable sale of debentures made through him. He disposed of the \$140,000, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the extension of the waterworks, to the Agricultural Insurance company, of Water- town, N.Y.; for \$107.60 premium, the bonds to yield the company 4 per cent., though they were issued at 4 1/2 per cent. This is the most profitable sale of bonds ever made in Kingston. By it a bonus of \$10,645.19 will be secured. The debentures of \$120,000 sold to Cox & Co. only brought \$102,500 premium. The latest sale was made through Folger Bros., who will be paid a commission of \$350.

Tenders may be called for the removal of cats from the roller rink, where services are being held. They provoke hilarity at the wrong moment. Plans and specifications may be addressed to the class leaders.

The freight on coal from Oswego to Kingston is thirty cents a ton.

Principal Grant, of Queen's University, and Hon. John Robinson have been made fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Why Was it Barked?

"I desire to say to the honorable gentleman now, and to the good faith, that if anybody thinks a wrong has been done here, if a charge is made, this government will ask the house to sit here until either the committee on privileges and elections or a special committee can deal with the question fully and make a report."

Wise and : : Otherwise

The man who insists on giving other people a piece of his mind is usually a man who has none to spare.

It might be well to warn the June bride not to take her husband to Muskoka for the honeymoon. George might fall in love with the scenery.

Extravagant.
"Pa must have had a raise in salary."
"Why?"
"Ma's started to fry things in butter again."

Earth and Infinity.
By Augustus Wright Bomberger.
There's part o' the sun in an apple,
There's part o' the moon in a rose,
There's part of the flaming Pleiades
In every leaf that grows.
Out of the vast comes nearness;
For the God whose love we sing
Lends a little of His heaven
To every little thing.

Superfluous.
"Lover—Please send a large bunch of roses to this address, and charge it to me."
"Florist—Yes, sir, and your name."
"Lover—Oh, never mind the name. She'll know."
"Judge."

Travelling Abroad.

"We can stop at Milan for an hour."
"Can't see much in an hour."
"I only want to get a local label pasted on my trunk."

A Mean Steal.
"My! My!" exclaimed Mrs. Gada- bout. "So the story is true and your husband has really eloped with the servant girl."
"Yes," replied the weeping wife, "and she was the best girl I ever had too—a perfectly lovely cook and so quiet and respectful. Dear knows where I'll ever be able to get another."



Moderate Demand.
"Do you want to vote?"
"Not especially," replied Miss Cay- ene. "But I'm conservative enough to insist that the men shall listen with respectful attention when women want to argue about that or any other question."
—Washington Star.

Great Financing.
"He's one of our most successful financiers."
"That so? I didn't know he was rich."
"He isn't. But he's supporting a family of five on \$12 a week."
—Boston Record.

Thoughts of Men.
Life is an education.
Instruction ends in the schoolroom, but education ends only with life.—L. W. Robertson.

The doctrine of love, purity, and right living has, step by step, won its way into the hearts of mankind, and has filled the future with hope and promise.—William McKinley.

There are two stones we may not dare to cast:
The stone of stumbling in our brother's way,
The stone of judgment at our brother's past,
We, who ourselves like sheep have gone astray.
—Hamilton.

Sandy and Pat Again.
An Irishman who could not boast of having a hair on his head was seated in a train. Directly opposite him sat a Scotsman with one of the finest heads of hair anyone could wish to have, which also happened to be red. The Scotsman was very proud of his hair, and, noticing the Irishman's head, he thought he would have a joke at the Irishman's expense, so he exclaimed: "Was there no hair about when you were born, sir?" The Irishman looked at his opposite partner, and with a smile said: "Oh, aye, there was, but it was red and I wouldn't have it."

A Terrible Revelation.
Montreal Witness.
The annual report of the charity department of Montreal shows that increasing care should be exercised in regard to the immigrants admitted to Canada. In 1912 the charity officials in that city deported 225 people, 50 more than in 1911, and of those deported in 1912, 18 were insane. There were sent to the asylums out of those who passed through the recorder's court in Montreal in 1912 no less than 167 persons, of whom but 87 were natives of Canada. This moved the doctor who inspected these unfortunates to remark that the foreign element is responsible for a good share of the insanity of Canada. There does not seem to have been as much care exercised as there ought to have been or so many who would appear to have been fit subjects for public institutions when they came to Canada would not have slipped past Canadian immigration agents in foreign countries. However, the number is now so large that it is not surprising that some who should not pass do so.

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