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A PERTINENT ENQUIRY.

The one thing about these alleged failures of conservative papers is how the thing happened with a benevolent government in power at Ottawa, a government that is passing out its patronage with an unstinted hand.

The minister of labour sends his deputy to the maritime provinces to propose a settlement of the Inter-colonial railway strike.

A GOVERNOR ON TRIAL.

Canadians are not deeply concerned with American politics, but they cannot be indifferent with regard to what is happening among their neighbors in New York state.

The difficulties in the way of the governor date from his entrance into office. He differed with his political leaders with regard to patronage, and there is no one who allows it to influence him much who can hope to escape the toils eventually.

While a candidate for office he was the recipient of political contributions. The law requires a man to acknowledge all he receives and expends in an election.

A committee has the case under consideration, and whatever the conclusion of it, the effect will be very unpleasant for the governor.

A secretary of state billed like a circus company to speak at a small place in Pennsylvania, and fakers filling the market places with "juice joints."

AVOIDING PUBLIC DEBT.

W. H. Stewart, in the Canadian Courier, discourses upon municipal financing, and contrasts the public debts of the cities of Toronto and Montreal with the public debts of the cities of Detroit, Buffalo, Newark, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco.

The Americans favour the policy of making most of the civic-improvements out of current revenue. The councils or the commissions—and the number of commissions is constantly increasing—are imbued with the idea that the less borrowed for civic improvements the better.

Mr. Stewart, without expatiating upon it, makes clear one other very important fact—that the American system of financing is by far the best. The average council that borrows large sums annually calculates on paying, in twenty years, as much as its loan amounts to in interest.

It is possible to save in usury, for usury is the word when municipal bonds command six per cent., and two cities of Ontario this week offered their six per cent. bonds for sale at par. But the saving cannot begin until the city, some time, under a council or a commission, shuts down on the borrowing, drops improvements for a while, and adopts the American principle, and only undertakes public improvements each year for which it has provided the money.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A bankrupt concern in Brantford cannot pay its taxes, but it has a receiver who draws \$12,000 a year. Something wrong somewhere.

The Whig has already counselled Kingston people, on going to Toronto, to use the 6 a.m. train. It repeats the admonition. The Grand Trunk is keeping tabs on the number of passengers who use this particular train, and will not hesitate to report it if it is not patronized.

Mrs. Rupp had her husband arrested in New York because, on the outside of a crowd, he interrupted her suffragette talk by advice to go home and mind the kiddies.

The battleships provided for by Canadian contributions were to be in addition to the increase provided for by the admiralty. Now it is said they were not, and the construction of three other battleships is to be hurried, with the consent of the government.

Chance For Geologists.

Toronto Globe. It is a pity that Ontario cannot produce sufficient coal to make it independent of the United States.

Why is it that a man who is always helping his wife at home during his spare time is regarded by his fool friends as being in the hen-pecked class?

PUBLIC OPINION

Will It Now? Ottawa Free Press. It will be quite fair to refer to any of Chicago's women policemen as "the Queen of Clubs."

The Usual Request. Hamilton Times. Huerta refuses to resign, President Wilson refuses to interfere, and unhappy Mexico continues to suffer.

The Very Latest. Brantford Expositor. When it comes to looking after the floss and jettam of life's sea there's nothing the matter with Hanna.

The First to Fall. Ottawa Journal. Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, famous evangelist, says Adam was not the first man. Well he was the first man to gain any notoriety, anyway.

A High Flier. Montreal Herald. Armand Deperdussin, the aeroplane inventor, has been arrested for forgery after running up debts of about seven millions. He was, it appears, flying a little too high for his income.

Criminals' Retreat. Montreal Star. Murders, robberies, and riots, to say nothing of epidemics of pocket-picking and a wide-open Red Light district, would indicate that the police department is being administered to the complete satisfaction of one element of the population.

Explained. De Actor—Your wife seemed to enjoy my reading last evening. I noticed her applauding with great enthusiasm.

A Supreme Moment. His hand lay on her hair. Her face so fair. Uprturned to his. Bespoke the truth. And he, with subtle care. Her thought did share. Her thought—a whizz! He had the tooth. —Scott Co. (Miss.) Gazette.

Willie Was Wise. That it is not always best to have too much company was demonstrated the other evening by a story told by Senator Duncan Fletcher of Florida, during a pleasant little smokfest.

Family Resemblance. "Pray, whom do you resemble most?" I asked the little girl—"our father or your mother?" And I stroked a wayward curl. "We never have any of our own"—in accents sadly sweet.

Food for Thought. "Married only a few days and downcast? How now?" "You should have heard my wife's inaugural address stating what she proposes to do."—Washington Herald.

A Dietetic Dirty. Peter, Peter, Pumpkin eater. Had a wife and couldn't keep her. Even in a London cell They couldn't keep her very well. —Cornell Widow.

For the First Corner. Young Man—So Miss Ethel is your eldest sister. Who comes after her? Small Brother—Nobody ain't come yet, but pa says the first fellow that comes can have her.—Boston Transcript.

Wise and : : Otherwise

Don't waste all your energy making trouble.

A honeymoon generally lasts as long as the money holds out.

Most women feel that their love letters could be twisted into a successful novel.

The one thing a man is anxious to share with the world is the good opinion he has of himself.

A woman can generally be depended upon to make a fool of a man but sometimes he saves her the trouble.

Now conversation, in a way. Depends on how the people weigh it. The less some people have to say. The more persistently they say it.

Why Married Men Live Long. The reason a married man lives longer than a single man is because the single man leads a selfish existence. A married man can double his pleasures. Any time he has a streak of good luck it tickles him all over, but it makes him feel twice as good when he tells his wife about it, and she is so pleased and proud that she feels like a two-year-old. There isn't a chance in the world of a man's arteries hardening or his heart weakening when he can get a million dollars' worth of pleasure out of making his wife happy. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Explained. Dr. Macnamara's facts on Insurance Act Boon.

London, Aug. 11.—Dr. Macnamara, M.P., speaking at North Camberwell, said that under the parliament act great radical reforms to which they had devoted all their political lifetimes were passing slowly, surely and reluctantly.

Referring to the insurance act, he said that the less reputable tory journals continued to cry out "chaos" and "failure." Yet every week 500,000 persons were receiving medical treatment and attention; every week 270,000 people were receiving sick pay, and 18,000 maternity benefits were being paid.

Up-to-date 28,000 people had received treatment for consumption, 10,000 of them in residential institutions. In six months from nine to twelve millions of people had received medical benefit at a cost of two and a half millions of money. In six months from five to six and a half millions of people had drawn two and a half millions of money in sick pay. In six months nearly half a million of maternity benefits had been paid, costing something like £650,000.

They would have to live a lifetime before "chaos" and "failure" of this sort would ever stand to the credit of toryism.

If Mr. Lloyd-George had not held on with splendid tenacity, unflinching courage, and indomitable determination, the vendetta against the scheme would have made it impossible for him to give these striking particulars of work actually accomplished.

FARMERS BUYING WATER.

Missouri and Kansas in Throes of Drought. Kansas City, Aug. 11.—So many rivers, ponds and wells are drying up as a result of the drought that farmers in Missouri and Kansas are trying to buy water for their stock from the cities and larger towns.

A Jackson county farmer, to-day, asked the fire and water board of this city for enough water to supply 250 cattle. Another farmer wanted three large tanks a day until rain falls.

A water famine developed at Olathe, Kan., two weeks ago, and since then the town has obtained 60,000 gallons daily from this city.

A Wish.

To face each day of life, Nor flinch from any task, To front the moment's strife And only courage ask. To be a man unswayed By aught but heaven's command, Though men revile or praise, To take a stand—and stand. To fill my life with toil With God's free air and light; To shun the things that spoil, That hasten age and night; To sweat beneath my load, No ask a better gift, From self or man or God Than will and strength to lift. To keep my spirit sweet Though head and hand be tried; Each brother man to greet, Nor leave him uninspired; To keep my spirit fed ; On God unceasingly, That none may lack his bread Who walk this way with me.

Never forget that your neighbors have an eye on you even if they are looking in another direction. It takes a fussy woman to believe that neighborhood gossip is true when she knows it isn't.

BIBBYS Kingston's One Price Clothing Store.

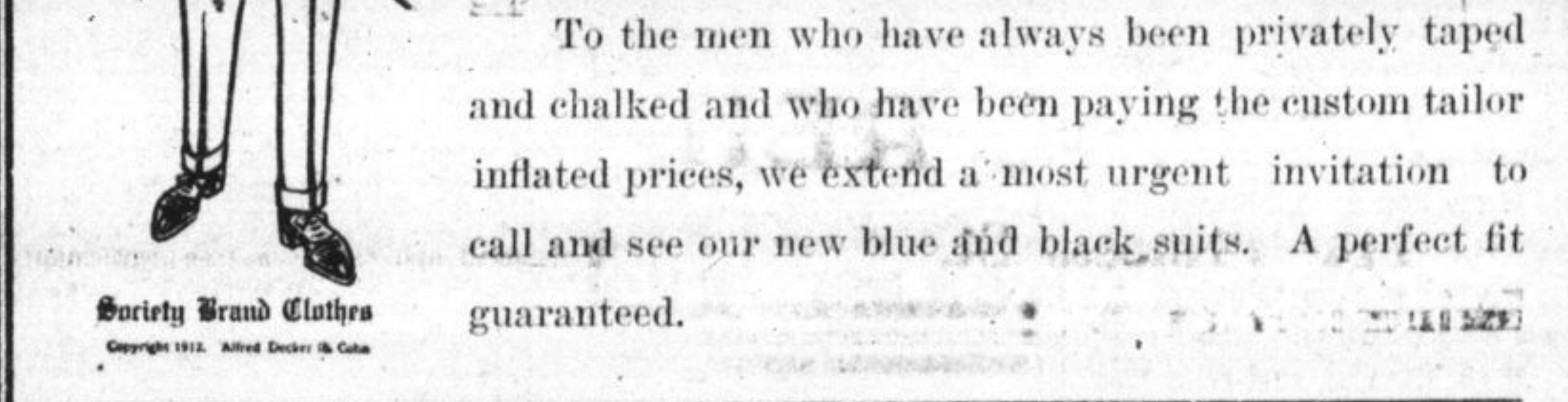
Table with 3 columns: Men's Outing Shirts Special \$1.00, Men's Bathing Suits Special 50c, Men's Silk Hose 50c.

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