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**AN INDUSTRY FOR KINGSTON.**

The council, after a careful reading, and serious scrutiny, has passed the agreement between the city and the company, which proposes, as soon as possible, and certainly without any delay, to commence the manufacture of iron piping.

Several considerations have been before the mayor and aldermen. One was the bona fides of those who are projecting the enterprise. Do they mean business? Well, it appears that the leading spirits are men who have an experience in the iron business, and they are backing that experience in this city with a large investment of capital. They know that Canada can absorb all that the present mills can produce—last year to a value of over \$5,000,000—and that the demand necessitated the importation of foreign manufacture to the value of \$1,000,000.

Next the council has established these facts: That the mill will be within the city; that it will pay manufacturing rates for the electric power, and water it will require; that it will raise \$200,000 of the half a million dollars in capital, and invest \$100,000 in site and buildings and plant before the city will be called upon to do anything, and that for the civic securities, given when the plant is running, the city will have ample and sufficient protection in a first mortgage to the extent of \$100,000.

The council has given its approval to the agreement, and a by-law, based upon this agreement, will be submitted to the people for their vote and approval at a special election. The city, without much trouble, and against considerable competition, is likely to secure an industry which promises well for it and all who have to do with it.

The evening classes, largely technical, in Buffalo, are attended by 14,000 persons. These, in their vocations, discover that they lack in some respect, and they seek to acquire the special knowledge that will increase their usefulness. There are many in Kingston who will realize their wants and have them supplied in the evening classes if it is proposed to open.

**LARGER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Council voted \$300 to the public library, and by that act came to the timely relief of a most worthy institution. The library, as it is recognized to-day, is a development from the Mechanics' Institute, which, many years ago, represented all that the city could afford for technical and intellectual training.

At one time, in connection with the Institute, there were classes in which the young men of the day acquired a great deal of useful knowledge, and the reading was of a high and exceptional quality. With the passing years there came a change in the demands of the people. The young men sought and found technical training in other places, and under other auspices, and the library came to a time when it had to broaden out and take on new forms of activity.

The removal of the reading-room to its present location was certainly a gain in the right direction. It is centrally and conveniently located, and among its patrons many who appreciate its advantages. These rooms are not confined to any class, and they have been a completely disposed of. All the books in the library are free, except such as are regarded as "fiction," and it is a class of literature which is in constant circulation among those who can afford the fees which are imposed.

The library, as now situated and constituted, does not reflect the ambitions of its directors. They realize that Kingston is perhaps the only city in Ontario which has not a large and splendid public library. It is true that some of the municipalities, if not all of them, are indebted to Andrew Carnegie for a bountiful contribution, under fixed and unalterable conditions. One is that of public money there must be spent a certain sum per annum, indefinitely.

Kingston longs for such a library, and Kingston will some day have it. Towards it some contributions have been promised, but a free site is the first desideratum. Some day a citizen, of large heart and generous disposition, will provide this site, and the building will follow as a matter of form. Perhaps some one, seeing this, will open the way to an early realization of civic dream by offering this library site, and the rest will follow speedily.

An examination of the reports from fifty-six cities in Canada, according to the Labour Gazette, shows that Kingston is the cheaper centre in which to live. Here is something of which the city can boast to some advantage. With plenty of work—as well as cheap living—the working element should succeed, and its prosperity means the prosperity of the city.

**RESENTING INDIFFERENCE.**

Toronto will have its municipal departments examined by experts, and these reports will probably be from the Bureau of Research, New York. This bureau was established some years ago by a number of gentlemen who felt that the people's business, like the business of the individual, needed "toning up," that its methods and routine could be improved from time to time, and that men should be employed whose skill in municipal management might be made effective.

If Toronto gets from this bureau the results it has a reason to expect—if the men who are paying for the inquiry, the business men of the city, at a cost of several thousand dollars, are enlightened as they expect to be—the experiment will redound to the credit of all concerned. It should not be necessary for the citizens to become concerned in this way, and yet it is to their credit that they are, for it is municipal indifference that is responsible for all the crosses and all the losses in civic government.

One gets confirmation in this conclusion from a reading of B. B. Cooke's articles in the Canadian Courier. The first of the series deals with the serious consequences that have attended municipal mismanagement in many Canadian cities. The average citizen does not know how the money collected from the people in taxation is spent. Men are elected to office on personal and political grounds. They do the people's financing. They may realize only \$17,000,000 on the \$20,000,000 of debentures they sell, and he is a rare one who knows how it happened. In five years over \$215,000,000 has been loaned to Canadian municipalities, and in the floating and exploiting of this large sum \$20,000,000 a year may have been wasted, and the average man and taxpayer does not see how this affects him.

Of course not. That is the evidence of municipal indifference, the spirit that broods over a community and lets anything go rather than be esteemed a "knocker." Mr. Cooke recites several wonderful experiences in Vancouver where engineers came and went because they ran up against the big wigs, of the Tammany brand, who differed with the officials, put their lay opinion against expert opinion, and defeated the plans that were for the good of the city. In a city nearer home a man was elected to high office, because he needed the money, not because he was fit for it or the duties for which he called.

The average citizen will sometimes approve of anything in the interest of the party or the man that is interested. He will make a great noise, will storm and protest, will denounce systems and society, and council and officials—but he will vote for anybody occasionally when that anybody needs the money. Toronto may get a great revelation, as a result of the inquiry which it will order, will probably express surprise and chagrin, and even undertake the correction of all that may be wrong, but eventually the community will calm down and the old order of things will be restored.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Home Rule for Scotland will follow Home Rule for Ireland. They should, in the opinion of some people, have been concurrent. If a legislature is a good thing for Ireland, for the direction of local affairs, it should be a good thing for all the other divisions of the United Kingdom. With a general plan there would have been less objection to the Irish bill.

The government of Ontario plans to give, in the next distribution of seats, which it will make as soon as possible, two more seats to Toronto. To be sure, it cannot be too good to the city which gives it a solid delegation, and without considering its deserts. If Toronto were a little more independent, or divided politically, it would

be better for both the city and the government.

A man in Syracuse, Max Blanck, in whose factory 150 hands, mostly women, perished in a fire, was prosecuted for criminal negligence, because the doors were locked and these women could not get out. That indictment failed, but on a charge that he did wrong in locking the factory doors, he was fined \$20. A small atonement for the lives of 150 persons. It may ease his conscience, and it may not.

The health authorities of New York recommend the vaccination of school children as a protection against typhoid from infected milk. The inoculation of the army recruits in America with the anti-typhoid serum has been pronounced a sure guard against typhoid, and the perfected vaccine can be used with perfect safety. It may come into general use, but nothing should relax the efforts of all communities to secure pure water and milk.

A manufacturer said a few days ago: "I would be glad to take electric or hydro power from the city if I could get it at or about the cost of my fuel, or \$25 a horse-power." The Hydro-Electric Commission has deposited in Ottawa its plans for the supplying of Eastern Ontario with electric energy from Waddington's Falls, N.Y. Kingston is at liberty to renew its negotiations for cheap power, and it is the first consideration in counting on new industries.

**PUBLIC OPINION**

**Sure Thing.**

Hamilton Herald. Such marvellous feats are being performed by the French aviator. Perogod that the next thing we may hear of is aviation in an unfallable aeroplane.

**One Consolation.**

Toronto Star. Rev. John MacNeil says the modern church is full of Pharisees. Oh, well, there are compensations. There are very few scribes in it.

**Give Him Time.**

Toronto Globe. Must Crothers go so soon? Why not let him stay till the whole government goes? That won't be long, judging from the rate at which it is making enemies.

**Hastening a Charge.**

Ottawa Journal. As the Winnipeg Tribune points out that women's fancy for wearing fewer clothes will not last much longer in Canada. The man behind the coming change in fashions is John Frost.

**A Surprise For Them.**

Ottawa Free Press. It must be cold comfort for some conceited men to learn from these great scientists in convention that the perfect type of man hasn't been evolved yet.

**Wake Up, Canada.**

Montreal Herald. Canadian exporters are said to be apathetic with regard to the United States tariff. Canadian exports to the United Kingdom in some important lines have been falling off steadily for some time. Wake up, Canada! would be a pretty good motto for us to adopt just about now.

**Where's Bob Rogers?**

Montreal Herald. Honorable Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, is inviting suggestions as to how best to spend the ten million dollars voted him at the last session of parliament for the encouragement of agriculture. If the Honorable Martin can't find a politician, past or present, in Ottawa, who can tell him how to dispose of ten millions, there is no use in his going anywhere else for suggestions.

**Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.**

The pupils in Louise and Queen street schools had to be dismissed to-day as the schools were too cold. James Robinson has the work of graining the doors and woodwork in the city buildings.

Capt. Booth says there have been more marine disasters this season than he has ever known to occur in one year, taking all things into account. There are 128 members in the Young Men's Christian Association.

**Unrest of Labour.**

London Mail. Labor in Great Britain is most restless and dissatisfied precisely at the moment when parliament is most studious of its supposed interests, when the national conscience is more keenly alive to, and most eagerly bent on, remedying social and economic injustices and inequalities, when the philanthropic spirit is most clearly in the ascendant, and when the "condition of the people," the master-issue that confronts all modern democracies, is receiving an unprecedented amount of skilled and anxious thought.

**The Bar-room Is Doomed.**

Toronto Globe. Were the liberals of Ontario ready to haul down their flag because of anything that happened in the bye-elections, they would prove themselves not champions of a cause but short-sighted seekers for office. The real campaign is yet to come. The cost has been counted. Liberalism will not fail. The bar-room is doomed. The choice for it will be clear and definite in the next Ontario election.

**Wise and . . . Otherwise**

Women, we are assured by a doctor, will all be bearded in another century. One more thing to quarrel about—the safety razor.

As a general thing those who pay as they go are always trying to turn back.

Even a grouch can make himself very agreeable to anyone who contemplates buying something from him.

Of course it may be true that staying at home makes a woman morbid, but how do you account for so many more morbid women than women who stay at home.

There may be microbes in kisses but no girl has ever seen one.

The man with high ideals doesn't always take it out in high living.

Don't talk about other people. It is just as well to be too busy talking about yourself.

**The Unhonored Prophet.**

"What is a genius, Ma?" "Your father ought to know; he married one."

"But I didn't know that Pa had been married twice."

**No Room to Kick**



Stage Manager—How do the chorus like their new skirts? Wardrobe Woman—Oh, they're not kicking, sir.

**The Best They Could Do.**

She: "I wonder why they hung that picture?" He: "Perhaps they couldn't catch the artist."—Boston Transcript.

**And She Had Been Warned.**

"All men are alike. They're deceitful and selfish." "How do you know?" "A married friend of mine told me so and warned me against all of them." "But you're going to marry Fred." "Of course I am. He's different." The people who overdo things needn't be surprised if they have to do them over.

Experience is an investment; but, like lots of others, it doesn't always pay good dividends.

The world is almost as full of people who wear themselves out as it is of people who rust.

**If Cowper Had Known Slang.**

"I'm the main squeeze of all that I lamp. I've a cinch that no guy can dispute; I boss everything in this dump. Things scatter whenever I toot; But lonesome! Gee whiz, how I'd like to once more in a car track to skid; I'd swap all I've got for a glimpse of the Honorable Martin can't find a politician, past or present, in Ottawa, who can tell him how to dispose of ten millions, there is no use in his going anywhere else for suggestions."

**Daniel's Lions.**

"Faith, you wuffless ones, you must hab faith!" shouted the colored preacher. "Look at dat ar Dan! Dey drapped 'im in among 'e lions an' did dey eat 'im? No, sah; he jes squelched 'em. He done had faith! Dem dar lions—" One of the younger negroes rose up and inquired: "Say, pahson wuz dem lions big as de kind we has now?" "Co'se not, co'se not," retorted the preacher, "Dey was B.C., meaning befo' circuses."—Exchange.

**Caught in His Trap.**

A student had been bragging of his various accomplishments until one of the company trying his patience, said: "Now we have heard quite enough of what you can do; just tell us what you can't do and I'll undertake to do it myself." "Indeed; well I can't pay my bill, and am very glad to find that you can do it," replied the student. Amid the hilarity of the company the guest redeemed his rash promise.—Exchange.

**Similar Occupations.**

At the circus Beansley nudged his friend and pointed to the strong man who was holding a large dumb-bell on top of which were seated two handsome girls in tight. "Oo!" he observed, "but that's just what my wife is doing at home." "What's that?" asked the friend. And Beansley, the wag, replied: "Putting up peaches."—Youngstown Telegram.

**Judging by Smell.**

Pat and Jim were trudging along the dusty road when a big touring car passed them with a whistle like a roar of a gigantic rocket, disappearing in a cloud of dust. "Gorry!" exclaimed Pat, "thim chug-wagons must cost a hape av cash. The rich in this country is fairly burnin' money." "Indeed, thim," replied Jim, "be thim smell av it. It must be that tainted money we do be hearin' so much about."

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