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CLEANING THE CIVIC OFFICES.

The enquiry proceeds into the management of the Toronto fire department, and because it does not appear to be as efficient as its cost invites. Incidentally at a late session of the special court Judge Denton wanted to know if membership in fraternal and political societies had any effect on the discipline of the force. There were some powerful organizations, and the question was whether the head of the department had the same control of the firemen as when they did not belong to those societies. "The question came up once," was the chief's reply. "I had one organization to deal with which would go farther than any fraternal society. I had to tell a fireman to either break his affiliation or leave the department." It was admitted that firemen once took part in municipal and parliamentary elections. "I did a little of that myself," said the chief; "but that was a long time ago." At the present time the firemen are forced to be non-political, and they are not susceptible to tips. It is not apparent when the reform set in, but it can stand improving and to the end that there can be no lapse from grace. There is no law or by-law now in use, and regulating the life of the firemen, politically, and it ought to be provided without delay.

Hawkes is right. The liberal party will not become a power in the land and capture public opinion until its leaders get together, adopt a progressive policy, and go out to preach it. In the same way liberalism in Ontario would be strengthened by a rally of the leaders under Mr. Rowell before the next session of the legislature.

FOSTER AS A ROMANCER.

Hon. Mr. Foster has not been distinguishing himself by his recent political addresses in Toronto. He is a fine talker, recy, fluent, eloquent, and irrational. In his constituency, in which he must make an appearance occasionally, he said recently that his party in 1911 saw what was forthcoming in the United States, in the way of a lowered tariff, and preferred to wait for it in place of passing reciprocity. The fact is that in February of 1911 he said there was no intimation on the part of the powers-that-be or that are to be that the tariff barriers would be thrown down.

Moreover, in February of 1911, in his Commons, Mr. Foster pointed, in luminous colours the injury that would be done to the people of Canada by reciprocity. This would rob Canada of its natural resources, of its fish, cattle, hogs, to the injury of Canadian agriculture, and especially of the packing business. And it is supposed that the reminiscence of all this is forgotten and Mr. Foster tells his folks, his gullible and easily deceived electors, that he saw what was coming in 1911 and advised the country to wait for it. Drat the Mansard!

The Weekly Sun sums up the situation concisely. Our contemporary supported reciprocity because it promised to give the farmers a large benefit and the consumers a benefit also. Hear it:

"It is some little satisfaction to those who worked for reciprocity in 1911, and were hauled in their efforts by the selfish interests in the large cities, to find that the latter are now beginning to see a great light. That light will become brighter to them as the days go by. They will soon realize that farmers are securing, under the new American tariff, many of the advantages promised under reciprocity, while they themselves have, by their own act, been denied all of the substantial advantages which reciprocal free trade in many lines of food stuffs, as offered

under reciprocity, would have secured for them. "On the other hand city housewives will not have the counterbalancing advantages which reciprocity would have given them. Under reciprocity all agricultural products would have passed free of toll both ways across the border. This would have meant cheaper eggs in winter, when our supply is at low ebb, and southern eggs are in full supply. It would have meant comparatively cheap potatoes and vegetables from the southern states before ours are ready for market. It would have meant cheaper fruits early in the season before our supplies are in full volume. "But city consumers deliberately denied themselves all these advantages. There will be little sympathy for them among farmers now that they are paying the penalty for their own folly."

And Mr. Foster tells the people of Toronto that this is all right, that this is what he foresaw in 1911—though in 1911 he said, in parliament, there was no sign of it—and that they ought to rejoice. The minister of commerce ought to be called the minister of romance.

"Prison is hell," says Julian Hawthorne, after spending a season in it for his part in a mining scheme. Prison may be all that Hawthorne paints it. It was not intended for a sanitarium or health resort. And yet some convicts like it so well that they offend and return again and again.

A LESSON FROM SULZER.

The battle between Governor Sulzer, of New York state, and Tammany Hall, as it is represented in the legislature and senate, has ended in the defeat and complete subjugation of the governor. His impeachment was certain to be followed by his conviction, because Tammany Hall and its men had the evidence of his guilt, and he must have known it. He fyled with the secretary of state a false statement of his election expenses, making them a mere trifle when he collected and used, personally and politically, many many thousands of dollars; he committed perjury in connection with this statement; and he used his influence in order to suppress damaging evidence. The vote was overwhelming against him.

The judges and senators fyled their opinions when they voted, and these opinions are strikingly suggestive. They are in commendation, many of them; of the governor's acts while in office, but in condemnation, of his sins, offences, and sordid transactions out of office.

The Syracuse Post-Standard, after a close-range study of the man, pertinently remarks: "Mr. Sulzer is a product of Tammany. He has held office for twenty years by grace of Tammany. He has learned all his lessons in politics in the Tammany school. When he made a false election statement, when he pocketed money that was given him for his campaign, when he raided at Wall street with one hand behind his back to receive Wall street money, when he denounced corruption while he was himself corrupt, Mr. Sulzer was not untrue to Tammany traditions and practice. It was when he, confident that Mr. Murphy would not betray him at so great cost to the party, turned upon Tammany that Tammany determined to destroy him at any cost. When that determination was reached the evidence was promptly forthcoming to prove that Mr. Sulzer was unfit to continue as governor of the state."

He goes down—not to rise again politically—amid a rare confusion of thoughts. He has been bad enough for Tammany Hall. He has pleaded guilty to all that qualifies one for elevation in his party. He has been sacrificed for the good he wanted to do, for the reforms he championed, for the heroic attempt to cut himself loose from the most powerful and merciless political machine the world has ever seen.

Sulzer, in retreat, can meditate upon the unprofitableness of politics in general. The man who is rich, and free from the temptation to improve his finances at the expense of his honour, is a happy man, and a rare man. He can afford occasionally to object to what he cannot conscientiously endorse. The man who is not in this position is better out of politics. Sooner or later it will be a question of conscience vs. candour, and if he cannot do as his judgment dictates, he is in trouble. He cannot fight his party. In attempting it, and when he goes too far, it will turn on him and read him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The retail merchants of the city protest against the purchase of goods outside the city which may be secured within it. Are they—all of them—loyal to the doctrines which they preach? Come now, be honest.

Britain admits, repeatedly, that it took notice of the Huerta government (Mexican), before it had established its right to recognition. Huerta shows himself to be wholly unfit for the administration of any important duty.

The Union Life Assurance company has been running behind for eleven years, and the reason is obvious. It has spent \$694,558 in payments to policy holders and \$3,474,139.39 in expenses. This is high financing, surely.

The Montreal Star and the Montreal Herald are engaged in a deadly combat. Couldn't the editors go up on

the mountain and say what they think of each other and reserve the columns of the papers for what the people are interested in?

The Orange is one of the secret societies which is banned by the police department of Toronto. Why? What is there about it which makes membership therein imprudent and improper? Judge Danton's court is making trouble in the land.

Judge Lafontaine, of Montreal, has suggested that the temperance people boycott the newspapers which advertise the sale of liquor. The Whig needn't worry about this boycott since all it has made out of the trade in a great many years wouldn't pay for a week's diversion.

Mr. Rowell is not disposed to abandon his demand that the bar be abolished. He is quite satisfied that but for the bar there would be less dissipation in the world, and he sees nothing in the times that would warrant him in changing his opinions. He is not what some people would call a practical politician.

Sir Alfred Mond denies that the Chancellor of the England is a single taxer. The question follows: Is a thing that is not good for Britain suitable for Canada? The single taxer will be dreadfully disappointed in Lloyd-George. He is a radical, but not radical enough for them.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Potatoes sold 50c per bag; butter, 23c to 25c per pound; eggs, 22c to 25c per dozen, on the market today.

Two new targets have been erected at the butts. There are four targets at Barrfield now.

D. Harris raised in his garden at Williamsville, three heads of cabbage from one plant, and potatoes weighing two pounds each.

M. Kelly received the contract to raise an old pier near the waterworks.

Merchants are complaining about business being very dull.

MRS. PANKHURST DETAINED

At Ellis Island Till Decided If She Is Undesirable.

New York, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, British militant suffragette leader, with her secretary and travelling companions, were taken from the steamer La Provence to immigration headquarters at Ellis Island today, on its arrival from France, and will be detained there till a board of three inspectors determines whether or not she is a desirable person to be allowed in the United States. She is a fugitive from British justice, but the question is whether her conduct in England involves moral turpitude. To the questioning of the inspectors this morning, she said her campaign was not against King George but Premier Asquith.

Dorland School Fair.

Napacoe Express. The school fair held at Dorland on October, 19th, was a magnificent success. The attendance was about 800. The pupils of the schools at Adolphustown, Dorland, U.E.L., The Pines, Conway, Parma, Sandhurst and Silvilleville attended, and all the exhibits were made by these school children.

The main tent was filled with samples of oats, barley, potatoes, corn and roots that equalled any fair held in the county. The bread, cookies, preserves and aprons made and shown by the girls were an eye-opener. The collections of weeds, weed seeds, and insects were also very fine. A wonderful showing of white Wyandottes was made. One hundred and sixty-six birds were exhibited. These chickens were all hatched and reared from eggs supplied to the school children last spring by the Department of Agriculture.

The live stock exhibit was good; fifteen colts lined up before the judge, and twenty calves, mostly Holsteins. The Adolphustown Women's Institute supplied refreshments in their tent on the grounds.

How Sapphires Are Mined.

Engineering and Mining Journal. The method of recovering the stones from the ground of the New Mines Sapphire Syndicate, Yogo, Mont., is rather unusual and interesting. The matrix containing the stones is an intrusive igneous rock, yellowed to a yellow clay for a depth of approximately twenty feet from the surface. From this portion the sapphires are easily separated by washing. Below this belt, where the rock is harder, it has been found necessary to disintegrate it by exposing it in piles to the weather, and wetting occasionally. The ore is placed on incline, doors and left for several months during the winter; the frequent freezing and thawing causes the lumps to slack and disintegrate. A large stream of water is then placed on the piles and the material allowed similar to plaster gold.

Sight of Blood Prevents Suicide.

Honolululu, Pa., Oct. 18.—Because of ill health, Miss Florence Writ, sister of Paul E. Writ, fountain pen manufacturer, stood before a mirror at her home here and cut her throat. The sight of blood flowing from the wound she made terrified the woman and caused her to seek help. Doctors do not regard her injury as serious.

Fined For Watering Milk.

A farmer from the county appeared before Justice of the Peace George Hunter on a charge of watering his milk and paid a fine of \$30. Over one-third of the milk was water.

The general election in Italy, will be held October 26th and are waxing warmer. Dr. R. W. Garrett will return to town from Montreal to-morrow.

Wise and .: .: Otherwise

Few students of human nature ever graduate.

Most men are too polite to adhere strictly to the truth.

After the husband goes shopping the wife goes swapping.

An apartment isn't the only place in which marriage is a flat failure.

A correct guess passes for wisdom—with the man who makes the guess.

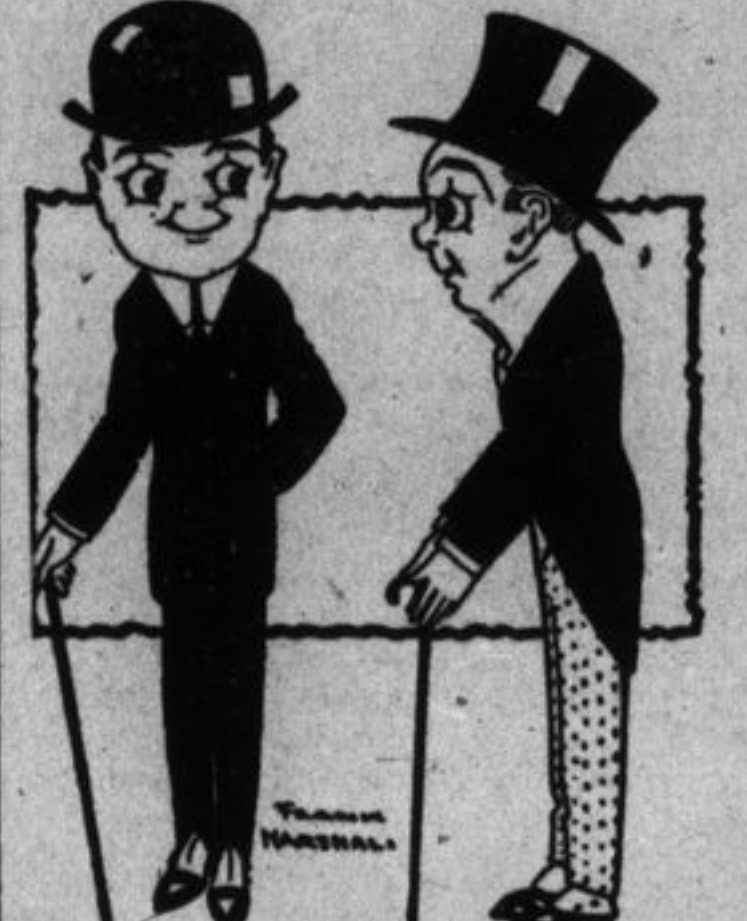
Nearly every woman dislikes fattery when she learns it applied to others.

Unruffled. "I have my good points," said Waserby.

"I fall to see them," said Pickledorf.

"That's all right," answered Waserby. "I cannot find it in my heart to blame a fellow man because he is afflicted with myopia, which may possibly be still further complicated by strabismus."

In Pawn.



Going to hold your first wedding reception, eh? I suppose you'll get out all your wedding presents?

Well—no; not at all. We've lost the tickets on some of them.

A Militant Lady.

"Did you ever think that you would make a good king?"

"Never thought about that. But in one respect my wife would shine in regal circles."

Not in the Car.

"Bobby," said the lady in the street car, severely, "why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for the strap?"

Who Was Shy?

An Irishman going into a small lunch room ordered a bowl of chowder, which was ten cents. When he finished his chowder he placed nine cents on the counter and started to leave, but the waiter called him back, saying: "See here, sir, you're shy a cent," to which the Irishman replied: "Count your money again and you'll find it's yourself is shy a cent."

No Difference.

Miss Largefoot entered the boot shop and demanded a pair of shoes. "Yes, madam," said the polite shop assistant. "What size can I get you?"

"Size three," was the dignified but emphatic response.

The assistant looked dubiously at her fairly (2) feet.

"Yes, madam. May I just measure the size of your feet?"

"But I told you the size of my foot!" said the lady somewhat crossly. "I said size three."

The shop assistant smiled sweetly. "We have three sizes of size three," said he. "Size three for a size three foot; size three for a size four foot; size three for a size five foot."—Exchange.

A Discourager.

"Why don't you work in your garden and get an appetite?"

"The appearance of the vegetables in my garden," replied Mr. Crosslots, "discourages an appetite."—Washington Star.

A CONDUCTOR KILLED

On Spot Where His Father Met His Death.

St. Thomas, Oct. 18.—George Delaney, aged thirty-four, Free Marquette conductor was killed on the track late last night. He was called to take out a train at midnight and left his home for this purpose. His non-appearing for duty caused enquiries and his body was found near the bridge. His father, Steven Delaney, was killed near the same spot twenty-one years ago, an inquest is ordered.

Road Race Monday.

The following have entered for the bicycle road race to be held by Harvey Milne, on Thanksgiving Day: W. Bews, A. Truesdale, A. McGill, S. McGill, A. Tugwood, W. Ferguson, E. Ryan, A. Asselstine, W. Jarrrell, W. Campbell, B. McWilliams, C. Hall, T. McCormack, W. Beardall, A. Day.

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150	\$3250
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100	\$3500
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119	\$4750
100	\$5000
170	\$5250
100	\$5500
150	\$5500
128	\$5750
120	\$5750
165	\$6000
115	\$7000
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160	\$9500
192	\$9500
260	\$10,000
250	\$12,700
200	\$13,000

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