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ADVANCES IN QUEBEC.

A commission, appointed a year ago by the Quebec legislature, has reported. Its recommendations are not known because its report has not yet been printed. There are rumors that the hotel bar is to be abolished, and that the consumption of liquor, of an approved brand, will take place in the dining room or halls of a hotel which is licensed to sell spirits. Moreover it is intimated that the government will restrict the sale of liquor in large quantities to the stations which it will establish, so guaranteeing the regulation of the trade and the profits that are to be made from it. The government has foreshadowed legislation, of a most radical character, and one is the more surprised at this because Quebec has not been looked upon as a leader in temperance reforms. Truth to say, however, the church has been more pronounced on this question than in Ontario, and the men who administer the public affairs seem to be more aggressive than the public men of Ontario. Sir Lomas Gouin is far in advance of Sir James Whitney, but, of course he is a younger man, more energetic, and more in touch with public opinion.

The postmaster-general talks of giving the people of Canada a parcel post after the new year. Why not before it? Wouldn't it be the nicest Christmas box Mr. Pelletier could give the electors—at their own expense.

NO LIMIT TO RESTRAINT.

The Asquith government has under consideration—it is the big push behind them—a series of measures that have for their object the social improvement of the people. These include free medical attendance, sanitariums for the sick and the helpless, dental treatment, feeding of children, insurance against sickness and non-employment, freedom from oppression on the land, regulation of tenure and farmers' wages, protection of tenants, and compensation for the improvements they have made while occupying rented property. The farmer and the tenant are to be cared for by special legislation. Practically the commissioners and the courts will command and control rural and urban areas so far as the land and its buildings are concerned. One needs only to take a step further—and the real socialist is prepared to take it—and demand that the government control and regulate the wages in cities and towns and handle the great corporations when they and their employees quarrel. The government "at home" has not its hand to great unexpectations, and they will fall short of completeness unless they cover the diversified occupations, and exercise a paternal oversight of the labour market.

At a meeting of the National Municipal League, in Toronto, the liquor trade was discussed. Some favoured the return of supervision to the municipality. None of that, please. The Whig remembers when the city controlled the business, and that was the period when the city had too many drinking places, too many saloons, and too many shebeens.

TRYING OUT A MANAGER.

The National Municipal League discussed a very live subject when, at the meeting in Toronto, a special committee which had the subject under consideration for two years, reported on a civic manager. This committee had a large field to survey—America having over three hundred cities and towns under commission government—and it endorsed the appointment of a "civic manager" as an experiment that is well worth the trial. Westmount is the only city in Can-

ada which has an official who is called by this name. He is appointed by the City Council whose members, in committees, decide on all public questions and recommend the necessary legislation. The manager simply takes up their work where they lay it down and carries it to completion.

There are several grounds for endorsing the proposition and the committee recommended them. The manager, who appointed his subordinates, secured greater harmony in the city's service; he was more successful in his work of supervision; he was not independent of the Council and could be removed at any time he resented its authority; and he distributed and carried through the duties devolving on the officials better than any committee.

The city manager is a new creation. Many years ago, in one of the southern states, a Council tried a manager. He was the outcome of a peculiar situation. In the last two years other places in South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Arizona and Minnesota, have appointed managers, and the desire is to see more of them and their work before passing emphatically upon it. When Kingston is ready to experiment—when our local legislature is persuaded that it will be a safe procedure, and that may be some time yet—the success of it will have been worked out by other cities, and to their complete satisfaction.

Ex-Ald. Hales, of Toronto, a conservative, is in East Middlesex, as a temperance worker who is dissatisfied with Sir James Whitney's performances and willing that he should be retired. The independent voters are the hope of the country and the terror of the local government.

DRAGGED INTO THE LIMELIGHT.

The men who go into a political fight must be prepared for anything, and this lesson or fact is being impressed upon the minds of all observing persons. There are illustrations which can be appreciated. George Maguire, of Syracuse, is a democrat who worked his way into the inner circle of the party. He reached the place where he enjoyed the confidence of his leaders, and earned it by the personal sacrifices he was willing to make in their behalf. He knew Sulzer, who was made governor of the state, and sympathized with him in his fall. He was willing to "die" for him, and so gave to his henchman, Hennessey, confidential information regarding the grafting of the party in the state. Maguire had been the one who had touched some of the contractors and knew what they had done in the way of gifts for the party.

The campaign was at its height. Sensations were the order of the day. These were following each other so fast that only the experts could trace their meaning and measure their significance. Maguire was one of these. Among the last minute messages which he sent to Hennessey, and to act as a destructive shell in the attack on Tammany's citadel, was one he wrote himself and telegraphed to New York. It gave the proof of Tammany's iniquity in the raiding of state contractors and the collecting of party toll.

Of course he did not expect to be confronted with its authorship, and through it to be made a witness against corruption in high places. Hennessey was called to account by the district attorney. He had to give details or swallow some of the things he had been saying in the election campaign. He dragged Maguire into the limelight. He was forced to use the telegram in defence of certain statements. Maguire denied that he sent it. Detectives visited Syracuse, hunted up the original telegram, one of Maguire's staff, and his own typewriter, and then threatened with prosecution for perjury, the man went back into court and confessed his guilt. He mentally and physically collapsed. He had been eager to expose Tammany Hall. He had not the courage to come out in the open and face the foe.

And there are others of his kind. Some of them in Canada, and even in Kingston. The penitentiary enquiry is a revealing thing in this respect. There has been a lot of tattle about a great institution and its management, and a lot that has not been verified. What is wanted, apparently, is a Whitman who will make the people who have been saying so much privately, of a damaging character, come out into the open and tell what they know. The pity is that they cannot be served as Maguire, of Syracuse has been, with a production of evidence the authenticity of which they would have to admit. Men who undertake great tasks, affecting the life and character and usefulness of officials, should be equal to the responsibility of staying by their decision. Moral reformers, who succeed, must be courageous men.

The progressive party, which Roosevelt sought to found, has gone to smash. Mr. LaFollette, a supporter of Teddy, is satisfied that the "Bull Moose party has breathed its last." It never amounted to much when it went to pieces so easily.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

They must be ghouls who would rob the bodies of those who perished in the lake storms and drifted ashore. The men engaged in this despicable way are surely without souls.

The Newfoundland government has a majority of six in a house of thirty-six. The Morris party may be able to get along with this margin of safety, but it will need to have an hourly roll call when the house is in session.

More trouble for the unionist party. Johnson Hicks, M.P., and a conservative, comes out strongly in the press in favour of Lloyd-George's land scheme. His party must agree that the chancellor's statements are true, and tory and liberal should unite in giving them effect. The tory party, it is said, had no land policy.

Yes, Bonar Law is depressed. In the last forty years he says the conservatives have only ruled a few years, on sufferance, and he believes that it is possible for Lloyd-Georgeism to succeed indefinitely. "If it does," he adds, "we cannot help it. All we can do is fight against it as well as we can." What is this if not the wail of a pronounced Sour Dough?

PUBLIC OPINION.

Yes, Funny Indeed. Ottawa Free Press. The hilarious cheers of the Tories when Alexander Morrison took his seat in the House of Commons as the member for Macdonald sound funny to-day.

Apparently Not. Montreal Star. A New York youth has been sent to jail for twenty days for winking at a young woman. Is romance to have no place in modern life?

Halsbury's Hodge Podge. London Advertiser. "Must the king do as he is bid?" cries Lord Halsbury, aged eighty-three. The king's veto is as dead as Queen Anne, and so is the veteran Halsbury's political philosophy.

Burying Their Gold. Ottawa Journal. The natives of India are said to be burying gold in great quantities, banking having no attractions for them. And here, when we get it, we usually sink it in something. Cobalt to wit.

Oysters Going To Waste. Montreal Mail. While Montrealers are paying more dearly than ever for oysters this year, the oyster farmers of Prince Edward Island are complaining that they can not find a market for their oysters, and that over a hundred barrels had to be destroyed ten days ago, because it did not pay to ship them to market. Who's getting the rake-off?

Favor Reforms.

Ottawa Citizen. In the borough council elections in England and Wales the socialists and laborists made a net gain of about twenty seats, showing the tendency to demand drastic measures in the securing of reform. It shows also that the radical Lloyd-George land programme is in line with popular demand and political need.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

There is quite a blockade of grain in the harbor, and the elevators are running overtime to relieve the situation.

Wholesale men say they can control the trade of Eastern Ontario if the railways are built. They do not fear the competition of Montreal or other places.

J. Hazlet will be a candidate for aldermanic honors in Rideau ward. Harry Gilderleeve has been removed to the Hamilton branch of the Montreal bank.

Schooner William I. Preston, grain laden, was wrecked off the Galloup Islands.

SELECTED GEMS.

He is the eloquent man who can treat humble subjects with delicacy, lofty things impressively and moderate things temperately.—Cicero.

Man's help comes not from the earth nor from daily experiences, but from sources that are unseen and eternal.—C. Capen.

Recollection is the only paradise from which we cannot be turned out.—Richter.

Too much love there can never be.—Browning.

How can it be known you are in earnest if the net follows not upon the word?—Coleridge.

May we be satisfied with nothing which shall not have in it something of immortality.—E. W. Beecher.

Reading Woman Dies of Laughter. Reading, Pa., Nov. 15.—Remarking just a few moments prior, "I'll die laughing yet," Mrs. Charles K. Arndt, laid her head on the shoulder of a neighbor, Mrs. Charles Berger, whom she was visiting and in a fit of laughter passed away. Not a word was uttered by the dying woman and it was a few moments before the real condition was discovered.

RECURRING SCANDALS.

DEMAND THAT CAMPAIGN CORRUPTION SHALL BE EXPOSED.

Call Premier Borden—Urge Him To Fulfill Promises and Put Civic Service Under Commission. Montreal Daily Mail.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—If the government listens to the counsels of the better element of its own party there will be legislation at the approaching session, not only to compel the publication of all contributions to election funds, but also to appoint special officers to see that election scandals and corruption are fully exposed up, and to end the wretched patronage system by placing the whole of the civil service, outside as well as inside, under the civil service commission.

Staunch supporters of the government who are, however, not absolute slaves to party, are rapidly confessing their disgust with present conditions in regard to these matters, and are calling on Premier Borden and his government to carry out the programme for ensuring, as far as possible, clean government and honest elections.

Even from "Tory Toronto" comes a strong expression of impatience on the part of some who are in sympathy with the government, at the smothering of the election crookedness in Macdonald bye-election which probably involved both sides. "The whole system is unsatisfactory," they are told. "The courts are too ready to acquiesce in agreements between rival politicians. We need to enforce publicity for electoral subscriptions. We should stop legislation for the sources from which the heaviest contributions proceed. We require public officers to ensure that when wholesale corruption is practised it will be exposed."

Another voice from Eastern Ontario, largely in sympathy with the government, refers to the voiding of the Macdonald bye-election and adds: "Until the country demands publicity of campaign funds there is little to be gained by protesting against corrupt elections."

A short time ago, when the evidence regarding past management of Kingston penitentiary was published, there was also a demand from an important section of the conservative party that Mr. Borden should carry out that part of his Halifax statement calling for placing the whole civil service under the civil service commission and thus abolishing the manifest evils of the patronage system which was such a serious handicap to efficient government.

And now, in connection with the dismissal of the Sealforth postmaster, this confession is heard from a conservative source: "Without passing on the merits of this particular case we do not believe public officials should be dismissed for party reasons. No doubt there have been unjust dismissals. We agree that the whole patronage system is vicious. Let us unite by continuous appeal and argument to secure a permanent, non-partisan service." It rests with the government to say whether this "continuous appeal" must be kept up indefinitely or whether party expediency shall give place to principle and the fulfillment of deliberate pledges to the people of Canada.

IN ALIMONY SUIT.

Mr. Skeaff Was Formerly Manager of Bank of Toronto. Cobourg, Ont., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Edith A. P. Skeaff has commenced an action against her husband, J. S. Skeaff, Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, for permanent alimony at the rate of \$300 per month, and of \$10 per week interim alimony until the trial of her action. She further asks, on behalf of herself and four children, for an order for the execution of a pre-nuptial agreement, made in 1895, under which all the furniture and effects in the family residence are her property, the repayment of \$1,000 advanced to her husband, and the immediate payment of \$20,000 in accordance with the pre-nuptial covenant. She requests the court to grant an injunction restraining her husband from annoying or interfering with her in any way, or from disposing of the property in dispute.—Mail-Enterprise.

Mr. Skeaff was manager of the Bank of Toronto here prior to the appointment of Mr. Hargraves, and lived here with his family for several years.

Chicago Co-ed On Warpath.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Women students at the University of Chicago, went on the warpath yesterday, when the price of hash at the Lexington Commons was boosted to seven cents a plate. Protests, at first mild in tone, and then becoming more threatening, were hurled at the management of the Commons by the fair co-eds, even to the extent of the girls inaugurating a hunger strike to force the management to stop the added cent. The increasing cost of meats was given by the management as the reason for the price boost.

Finds Son After Fifty Years.

Centralia, Ill., Nov. 15.—Through an advertisement James Waters, aged 76, of Summit, N. J., found his fifty-four-year-old son, whom he had been seeking for fifteen years, and was reunited to him at his farm a few miles east of here. Waters served under Admiral Farragut in the civil war. When he entered the navy he placed his one-year-old son in the care of Mrs. Fitzpatrick. Before the war was over the baby was brought west with a carload of orphans and adopted by Charles Jennings, where he lived until he was twenty-one.

Plum Hollow Personal.

Plum Hollow, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Charles Mills left to-day for a three-months' visit with friends in London. England. D. M. Kilborn and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Elgin friends. The Ladies' Aid meets at the home of Mrs. W. H. House on Thursday next. The rural mail delivery started last week with P. Y. Mullingsworth as carrier.

BIBBYS Saturday & Monday Doings OVERCOAT TIME We've particularly Good Overcoats Overcoats \$15.00 Overcoats \$18.00 The University Overcoat. Shawl collar in a very nobby, blueish grey Vicuna cloth; hand tailored. This coat was made to sell for \$22.50. We have only eight of these coats. Sizes are 35, 36, 37, 38. The College Overcoats \$8.50 New, two-way collar, long double breasted style. Good pattern in grey Herringbone tweeds. Sizes 34 to 42. Winchester Overcoats \$15.00 Fabrics are English Meltons, Beavers; plain or silk velvet collars; single breasted; fly fronts, 44 to 50 inch in length. Exceptionally well tailored. Sizes 34 to 46. The Winnipeg Overcoats \$12.50 Heavy grey Freeze cloth, Scotch tweeds in rich shades of brown, bronze and grey. Storm collars, Expert Tailoring. Sizes 34 to 44. Chinchilla Overcoats \$18, \$20, \$22 Shawl collars, new browns, greys and blue. Perfect tailoring. New models. Sizes 34 to 42. Hosiery Special 35c, 40c Values for 25c A pure wool cashmere hosiery; fast black. Spliced heel and toes. This line cannot be replaced for less than 35c. or 40c. per pair. BIBBYS 78, 80, 82 PRINCESS STREET

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