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A JOLT TO MOTHERS

We are always learning something, and the latest information is that sterilized milk is bad for children.

The Monacle Man, in the Canadian Courier, expresses his strong opposition to the referendum.

THE COMMISSION ON TRIAL

The Utilities' Commission, when elected, and duly organized, as it will no doubt be without delay,

Thus it should have its accounts kept in the most approved form. The Hydro-Electric Commission has in its service the best system that is available.

The wisdom of this course will be apparent by an examination of the record respecting public utilities, under public ownership, which have not been a success.

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Now this is not business, and it is not surprising that public ownership in Wyandotte has been a failure.

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THE COMMISSION CABINET

It is a matter for regret that the press of the city could not be agreed upon the Utilities' Commission, as reflecting in a general and independent way the public opinion.

There will be four commissioners, and in connection with the plants there are five distinct features, power, heat, gas, water, and finance, and if these be assigned to different commissioners the appointments would be:

Power—Dr. Ross, because of his intimacy with the subject, and the necessity for negotiations with the Hydro-Electric Commission for the energy which it supplies.

Heat—Ald. Elliott, one of the city's successful business men, and an authority on heating.

Gas—Ex-Mayor Toye, who was the chairman of the Fire and Light Department when it took over the gas department and gave to the question of cheaper and better gas his closest attention.

Water—Mayor Rigney, who, as the head of the council last year, passed through the agitation for purer water and is most familiar at the present time with the needs of the hour.

The commission will hold frequent meetings and discuss its general affairs, but the members of it will make the greater progress, with less loss of energy, when they follow the example of other commissions in the larger cities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Will the Industrial classes be opened next week?" Not unless the Industrial Committee gets a grant on and gives the supervising principal power to act.

Can the lazy and the improvident among the city's poor, be made to work and shift for themselves? This is the question that is worrying the charitable societies.

A new gamble is projected—a railway through British Columbia, and connecting Seattle with Alaska. It is to be built by the American and Canadian governments, with national money.

In the penitentiary the convicts used to be allowed tobacco in reward for good work and conduct. Now it is regarded as the equivalent of poison.

The Whitney government must surely have taken notice of the grouching of conservatives about its work.

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the teachers go, must end. That proposition is now under consideration.

There will be no paving in the spring, on Princess street, unless more of the stores are connected with the main drains.

"The Morning Advertiser" has made its appearance. It has a splendid field, all Western Ontario, and will fill a place peculiarly its own.

PUBLIC OPINION

What He Means  
London Advertiser.

Mr. Rowell would not only give the workmen good shop conditions, he is in favor of building them good homes.

After Another War  
London Times.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees victims of the recent war totally destitute and suffering terrible privations in Bulgaria.

Time For a Change  
Brentford Expositor.

The builders and contractors have been running the weather long enough and running it to suit themselves.

Glad News  
Toronto Globe.

The folk who are going to jail as vagrants because they have no work and no money will be pleased to learn that there is more hard times in club gossip than there is in actual business conditions.

Can't Escape It  
Toronto Weekly Sun.

Customs station, unless a man refrains from being born, escapes dying, and goes naked through a nebulous existence, cannot be evaded.

The Middleman Again  
Montreal Star.

There are still people in the world who honestly believe it when they are told that the higher the price of meat and provisions, the less the profit for those who handle them.

Get Confidence  
Calgary Albertan.

The best way to get a good big depression here is to think about it, commune it and talk about it.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Elliott Bros. are putting in steam heating in the Gananoque post office. To-day was a very mild day.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABLE MEN

The Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, assistant Bishop of Toronto, who observes his seventieth birthday Saturday, was formerly Bishop of Mackenzie River, and as such used to call himself facetiously the Bishop of the North Pole.

SUNDAY, JANUARY FOURTH.

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woods parish where his four famous sons were born. Judge Osler being the eldest; the late B. B. Osler the second; Sir Edmund Osler, the third, and Sir William Osler, the youngest.

Wise and :  
: Otherwise

Wrongly Blamed.  
Mother—Willie, is it possible you are teaching the parrot to swear?  
Willie—No, mamma; I'm just telling it what it mustn't say.

Low Comedy.  
"Hast" said the villain. "I am in a plot!"  
"You have killed somebody, eh?" asked his accomplice.  
"No, it isn't that. My mother-in-law has died and left me some city lots."

No Answer Required.  
"Did you tell your sister I was here?"  
"Yes."  
"And what did she say?"  
"She didn't say anything. She went out."

The Conqueror's Return.  
"I was rather embarrassed," the amateur hunter confessed.  
"Why so?"  
"When I got back to camp after my first day out, the fellows greeted me by singing, 'See the Conquering Hero Comes.' And all I had done was shoot off my guide's left ear."



Frank—Mazie has a splendid complexion.  
Maud—Yes. And just think, it hardly costs her a cent! She answers all the advertisements that offer free samples.

An Excellent Reason.  
Bacon—I understand some of your hens have stopped laying?  
Egbert—Two of them have.  
Bacon—What's the cause?  
Egbert—Automobile.

Out of the Frying Pan.  
"When she married, ten years ago, she stated frankly that it was simply to avoid working for a living."  
Maud—What's the cause?  
Egbert—Automobile.

Headquarters.  
"Do you have as much trouble finding your cuff and collar buttons as you used to?"  
"No, I always find 'em in one place now."  
"Indeed?"  
"Yes, I go to the vacuum cleaner."

The Life of the Party.  
"Pa, what does it mean when they say a man is 'the life of the party'?"  
"The life of a party, my boy, is a man who buys while the other fellows are hanging back trying to remember whose turn it is."

Silent.  
"What are you grinning at?" snapped Mrs. Gabb.  
"A funny tem in this paper," smiled Mr. Gabb.  
"What's funny about it?" asked Mrs. Gabb.  
"It says a woman has been made a silent partner in a business firm," replied Mr. Gabb.

As You Will.  
Speaking in Buenos Ayres a few weeks ago, Theodore Roosevelt said: "The Monroe Doctrine is a thing of the past."  
Speaking later in Santiago, Chili, Theodore Roosevelt said: "The Monroe Doctrine is not dead. It is more alive than ever."  
You "take your choice."—Albany Journal.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.  
Let every man be occupied, and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.—Sydney Smith.

The disappointment succeeds to the delusion of youth. Let us hope that the heritage of old age is not despair.—Disraeli.

The uttered part of a man's life, let us always repeat, bears to the unuttered, unconscious part a small unknown proportion. He himself never knows it; much less do others.—Carlyle.

How much time he gains who doesn't look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.—Marcus Aurelius.

Never do a thing concerning the rectitude of which you are in doubt.—Pliny the Younger.

Two rules we should always have ready—That there is nothing good or evil save in the will and that we are not to lead others, but to follow them.—Epictetus.

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