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WORK ON THE BUREAU

Kingston is marking time again, needlessly, with regard to an industry which desires to locate here. The correspondence was opened by a whole-sale firm whose head has always been interested in the city's progress. He pointed out that the location here was very desirable for many reasons which were set forth in one of the letters. Then, when the subject became one for larger or practical treatment, it was referred to the Board of Trade and is now before the Bureau of Industry. That was some days ago, and though expedition was invited, though it was very necessary in view of the fact that other places were very eager to secure it, no definite notice has been taken. Why? The Bureau may undergo some change as a result of the changes in the Council, but the old board remains until it is replaced, and the manufacturing company is awaiting a decision and saying that our success "will depend entirely upon the inducements offered." It is time some one was getting busy.

Judge Lennox differs from some of the brethren of the bench and says that he cannot find any law on which to base a judgment that the salaries of government officials should not be taxed. If the salaries were made low because they were exempt from taxation there would be some sense in the contention, but the government officials are not now suffering from the salary limit.

THOUGHTS OF A LEADER

It seems very certain—and the regret is the greater in consequence—that the premier of Ontario will not again lead the government of which he has been the head since 1902. No man that has succeeded to office has been so powerful in his place and ruled with such absolute authority. He must be missed, and the anxiety deepens when men canvass the situation with a view of selecting his successor.

Should his health be revived so that he can reach his home in Toronto, and his revival be such that he can be consulted about the work which he must lay down, the choice will be an easier one. Hon. Mr. Beck, Hon. Mr. Hanna, and Hon. Mr. Hearst have been named. Mr. Beck has the energy but not the experience or the tact. Mr. Hanna has both, but he has an esotichism that has been staid. Mr. Hearst seems to be an impossible choice.

A leader, alert, adaptable, aggressive, able, from outside the cabinet, is probable, and one also from outside the legislature. There is one who would have liked, some years ago, to occupy the position which Sir James Whitney must now vacate, but it is possible that he has no ambition for it now. This one is Chief Justice Meredith, who went on the bench many years ago when the hope of his accession to power was no longer entertained. He would find it difficult now to lay aside the austere airs of the judge, and become the pleasant and gracious leader of a party. Better be the lord high commissioner of the government, and its leader, than the worried and distressed occupant of office.

RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS

The controversy between the Winnipeg Public School Board and the Roman Catholic School Board has come to an end. The Catholic schools have been maintained at a very great expense to the Catholic people. They paid their school taxes for the national system, and because they wanted religion taught to their children, by their own staff, they agreed to a second and voluntary tax. In 1911 they proposed that the schools be carried on by a consolidated board, and the law of the province was amended so as to make this possible.

For months, however, no substantial progress has been made, and because the Roman Catholics claimed the right, which their co-religionists in New Brunswick claim to have retained under similar circumstances, of continuing their teachers, in the garb of their orders, and their religious teaching. An end has been reached in the negotiations, and the proposed consolidation has been dropped. The Public School Board has declared that no particular sect or class can be represented in the schools, and that these schools cannot be operated upon a religious basis.

It is important to notice the contention of Viscount Bryce, who, speaking for a representative body in the University of London, said religious teaching should be continued in the schools. He had been observant in both England and the United States and found that biblical knowledge was declining "to the loss of the life of the country." In the United States religion has been omitted from the national schools. In England it is proposed to abolish it from the voluntary schools which the government is taking over. In Manitoba this religious teaching is the cause of serious differences between the educational boards.

From all of which it would appear that the last word has not been spoken on this question of religion in the schools. Viscount Bryce is correct in saying that this home and the Sunday school should contribute to it, but the public school should do its part.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

License reduction was carried in Ottawa with a sweep, and as a result nineteen tavern and ten shop licenses will be cut off. Will the drinking be any the less? That is the greater and more important question.

The illness of Premier Whitney is generally and sincerely regretted. Political feeling is at this time put aside, and the people, without regard to party, realize that the life of a great man is in peril. His recovery is fervently hoped for.

The political parties largely lost their identity in the recent municipal election. "We never saw such a mix-up," says one man. And may it never be otherwise. That is the wish of the sincere desire, so long as Good comes out of the situation.

Admiral Mahan, an American naval officer, is giving advice to the English people on the naval issue. The mother country is pretty well supplied with naval experts and ought to be able to get along without his help—and alarm, for according to his story the empire is in danger.

The people of the United States are said to have been defrauded out of \$129,000,000 through the mails. Well, they must like it or they would heed the admonitions they receive and give it up. Barum was right in his conception of the folks. They like humbug and are willing to pay for it.

Labour unrest and class strife are said to be seething beneath, in England, while the wealthy are oblivious to their duty. This is the assertion of Winnipeg's industrial commissioner, just returned from England. Result—a menace to society, and a menace to labour, and they may lead to serious consequences.

McGill University is said to be suffering from the want of a residence for students, and the governors will concentrate their labours upon the provision of it as soon as possible. If Col. Sam Hughes were consulted he would see the necessity for an armory, but the military craze is not conspicuous in McGill.

Wisconsin is finding it difficult to enforce the Eugenic law, which permits of the marriage of men and women only when they have been physically and mentally examined and found fit. The people have not been educated with regard to the need of it. The doctors, too, will not make the double examination for \$3.

The question with one of the magazines—and it has been exhaustively discussed—has been, Shall we abolish Santa Claus? Any one can suggest the answer. As Santa does not come at the beck and call of any one he is not likely to go on the command of any one. He is the children's patron saint, and he's going to stay.

should be given a free hand to do as he desires. Prison management has been hurt by too much interference.

PUBLIC OPINION

It May Be
Montreal Mail.
A London scientist announces that the Eskimos have more backbone than any other men. Perhaps that is why they have no party politics.

Presence of Brass
Toronto News.
In the old days idols were sometimes made of brass. And this accounts for the plentitude of that metal displayed by certain idols of the people we might name.

The Crucial Question
London Advertiser.
A Montreal man lays the high price of vegetables to the cutting up of land into building lots. But what good are onions if you haven't got a kitchen in which to fry them?

Not The Best Judge
Toronto Star.
A judge has decided that judges need not pay income tax. Without entering into dispute on the point, we would suggest that it is a question to be decided not by a judge, but by parliament.

Success to the Women
Brantford Expositor.
Two ladies are candidates for seats on the Board of Education of Toronto. Success to them! If there is one municipal body more than another on which women can render valuable assistance it is that which has charge of the training of the youth.

Borrowing Comes High
Edmonton Capital.
During the last twelve months the Hon. Mr. White has gone to London to borrow a total of no less than \$45,000,000. He has had to pay over four per cent. for every dollar of it. The interest on borrowings for this year alone amounts to \$1,800,000. The last loan of \$20,000,000 at four per cent. had to be sold at 97, which means nearly 4 1/2 per cent. interest.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO.

Mayor J. D. Thompson re-elected for second term. J. McLeod, a temperance candidate, elected alderman in Victoria ward.
John Fisher elected reeve of Portsmouth.
George G. and Mrs. Chown left for Winnipeg on a two weeks' visit.
Mahood's fancy store entered by burglars.

BAPTISTS ARE AGITATED

Protest Alleged Catholic Activity on Marriage Question.
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the Ottawa General Ministerial Association the following resolution was read by Rev. G. M. Paul, pastor of the French Baptist church, and carried: "Whereas, it has been brought to our notice by some of the pastors of our ministerial association that during the past year couples who have been legally married by them, according to laws of the provinces have been disturbed and greatly annoyed by visitations from Roman Catholic priests, who have attempted to make them believe that they were not validly married: "Resolved, that as an association we do vigorously protest against such unjust interference on the part of the Roman Catholic priesthood and, whereas, in the province of Quebec, there is still uncertainty, owing to the unlawful claims in some quarters, Protestant ministers cannot marry couples of certain religious beliefs.

"Resolved that we urge upon all true citizens of Canada, to continue the agitation upon the marriage questions until the law is clearly defined, and the Roman Catholic clergy are given to understand distinctly that they have no special favors, but are on an equal footing with the Protestant clergy, and that the state is supreme in this matter."

STRIPPED OF AUTHORITY

Punished For Commanding Col. Von Reuter For "Firm Stand."
Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Berlin Mittag Zeitung states that the crown prince has practically been stripped of all his military authority in consequence of his telegraphing congratulations to Colonel Von Reuter, commander of the regiment that usurped civil authority at Zabern, Alsace, on his "firm stand." The journal states that as soon as the existence of the telegram was verified a conference of "competent" authorities was summoned, and it was determined to recall the prince from Danzig, where he is in command of the Death's Head Hussars, within twenty-four hours. The position he now occupies on the general staff in Berlin is stated to be a "wholly subordinate one."

Thirteen Island Lake

Thirteen Island Lake, Jan. 5.—The rural mail delivery started on January 2nd. This place also has the rural telephone line from Desert Lake to Verona and connected with other lines. Things are looking our way at last. Richardson's mine have started their teams drawing. Visitors: Miss Hattie Charlton, at W. Babcock's; Mr. and Mrs. George Tuttle, at George Babcock's; Mr. and Mrs. W. Snyder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Storms, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexandria Hoppins and family, at John McKnight's; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storms, at S. J. Deyo's. Mrs. Amos Deyo and son have returned home, after an absence of some months. All are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. T. Ryder, of Verona.

At London, Ontario, two men, one Phillips, Fred Sutherland and his wife, were placed under arrest charged with counterfeiting. At Cobalt, Mayor A. Z. Trudel was returned to the mayoralty by a majority of twelve over Dr. E. F. Armstrong.

Wise and . . .
. . . Otherwise

Some people boast that they never boast.

Unkind criticisms are apt to come home to roost.

A woman with big feet is partial to long skirts.

Must Keep Right On.
My work right now
I'd like to drop,
But for me there's
No near-side stop.

As Luck Would Have It.
"Sure, it's Mike, the boy, that's the lucky man."
"How was he lucky?"
"Why, mum, he got insured for \$5,000 and the very next day he fell off the ladder, paintin', and broke his neck."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Where We Lead.
Church—"They say that the most densely populated of all the countries of the world is Belgium, with 336 inhabitants to the square mile."
Gotham—"I'll bet we can beat Belgium, though, when it comes to strap-hangers."—Yonkers Statesman.

Infantile Wisdom.



George, for goodness sake, take that knife out of the baby's mouth!
Oh, let him have it, my dear. Perhaps he's trying to cut a tooth.

Know Him?
"That man is one of our leading capitalists," said Miss Cayenne.
"Didn't know he was in that line at all. What is his speciality?"
The capitalization of the letter T."—Washington Star.

The Tactless One.
"I will confess to you," she said, "that I am older than I look. I will be thirty-one, say, next birthday."
"Really?" he replied. "Hardly anyone would guess that you were more than about twenty-nine."
"That's the last time," she said when he had departed, "that I'll ever try to be nice to a brute."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Rejected, Not Crushed.
"No, I'm sorry, but I'll be a sister to you."
"Pardon me, I have plenty of sisters. What I wanted was a mother."—London Opinion.

Getting a Verdict.
"We could have settled our difficulties by tossing a coin. Instead we spent a lot of money in going to law."
"Well?"
"I understand the jury settled the matters by tossing a coin."—Kansas City Journal.

Feeling Baby.
Mrs. Jones—"Why are you setting the alarm for 2.30? You surely don't want to get up at that time?"
Jones—"No; I'd like to go to sleep at that time. When the baby hears that he may think it's time for him to turn in."—Puck.

A Glad Consent.
"Do you consent to my marriage to Sam, father?"
"Yes my daughter," said old Jacobs, "but I ran not let you leaf me. You are mine only child, and you and Samuel must live here with de old folks. You can haf that second-storey front room for twenty dollars a week."—Lippincott's.

The Very Pinnacle of Fame.
"Has your father ever been indicted for anything?"
"I should think he has. And once he served six weeks of a three-year sentence."
Least.

Life is full of mysteries not the least of which is where the boards that close the mouth of the coal bin get to during the summer months.

BELINDA.

On her white breast a sparkling cross she wore.
Which Jews might kiss and infidels adore.
Her lively looks a sprightly mind disclose.
Quick as her eyes and as un-fixed as those.
Favors to none, to all she smiles extends.
Off she rejects, but never once offends.
Bright as the sun, her eyes the gazers strike.
And like the sun, they shine on all alike.
Yet, graceful ease and sweetness wild of pride,
Might hide her faults if belles had faults to hide.
If to her share some female errors fall
Look on her face and you'll forget them all.
—Pope.

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