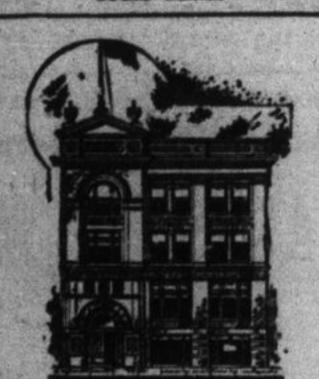
### SOTH YEAR



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#### TAKE HIM UP.

The Ontario government, which has ever so much credit with its Guelph farm for offenders, will surely something to reform the Central prison so far as it contract labour is concerned. The revelations of Mr. Taylor are simply astounding. The idea of any man making from \$33,000-never less than that clear-to \$120,000 year out of prison labour, for which he pays four cents an hour, is enough to set people protesting at once. Mr Taylor was so candid in his talk before the Prison Reform Commission that one is inclined to conclude that he has made his pile and does not care how soon the contract is ended. He says the prison can be made self supporting, that convicts can be paid at least \$1 a day for their work, and \$1.50 a day when times are good, that their product cannot be undersold, and yet a market be found for it all. He is willing to demonstrate his views in actual experiments, and the government should take him a his word and put the experiment into operation at once.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, a leading German paper, declares that Britain's pose of municipal ownership appears chancellor of the exchequer is right in his contentions about armaments and that Germany must follow Fngland's example in reduced naval expenditure. Why? The Germans groan under the superfluity of armaments against which England is pro-

#### AMENITIES OF THE PRESS

The Toronto News pays a high compliment to Lord Burnham, of the London Telegraph, on the attainment his eightieth birthday, when a representation of London journalists wait ed upon him. They were headed by Lord Northcliffe, not the oldest but the more conspicuous because of hi remarkable successes, and they included some of the men who are most in fluential in the newspaper world. Two or three had graduated from the editorial rooms of the Telegraph, with the training of the veteran leader they now honoured, and with many reminiscences of his versatility and judgment.

But, regarded as most remarkable, was the mingling of different political interests, the originator of the movelearns the profession of medicine or Jan. 1st? law. At the outset he is a student o political economy and style; and it does not make much difference in what office he serves so long as he is aggressive and appreciative in his ap prentigeship. In London the young men who served under Lord Burnham went out to make names for them selves in the field of journalism. Mr. Garvin became the editor of conser vative papers of most energetic policies, but he was still the friend of the Central Prison contractor, Burnham, and of every other writer

of worth. for the press may differ journalistical- \$1 per day each for their labour ly on public questions, but socially and directly they are the best friends and can commune on any sub ject in a most interesting way. Indeed in every local centre there should tractor Taylor, of the Central Prison, be the press club, with its peculiar from giving as much as he liked to charms and privileges, and such a the men he hired for his elub is missed in Kingston. Why the working business. He had them at men who constitute the staffs of our 4c, an hour, but he could give them papers should be so largely unknown to each other, and why they should could have afforded to do it out of be engaged in a work of the greatest his enormous profits educational value from day to day, without an opportunity of occasionally discussing their contests and con-led. ders of the day.

WHAT CAUSES FAILURES?

"Concerning Municipal Ownership" contains many articles which indicate that this ownership is a failure. But else, namely, that failure follows bad management. Any business will fail under similar circumstances and the cipal world a favour by defining, as it has done, in a recent judgment, the financial relations between the city and its public utilities. The case came from Sparts, and had reference to the obligations of the water department and the Commission made itself quite clear in declaring that a public utility plant, owned by a city, "should be treated as an enterprise separate and distinct from the city itself."

Evidence was taken and it went to show that the accounts of the water department had not been kept in such a manner as to prove where it stood, and the Commission ruled:

"The city must pay the utility at. reasonable rate for all service render-

"The utility must pay the city a ever. reasonable amount as taxes and as interest on the city equity in the property of the utility. "The city must provide all funds for

capital expenditures such as new extensions, retirement of bonds, etc." Winston Churchill go off The city, it was argued, undertook movement and lose themselves. to serve the community, through the unionist party, Attached is one of the best job water department, in two ways: (1) had a day's fortune since it accepted inting offices in Canada. for instance, fire protection, street would not be helped by Chambersprinkling, and (2) by giving service lain's attempt to climb a new to private consumers of water. The der. Our good brother of the Telecity should meet the cost of the first gram has got the blues bad. service by payments from the general funds, and private consumers the cost of the second service by direct rates. Private consumers should not, however, be compelled to bear any part of the cost of the service rendered by the city except as they contribute as taxpayers to the general fund of the

Next, if the plant has been built out of the general funds of the cityas the different plants in Kingston have not-the city is an investor the utility and is entitled to a rea sonable rate of interest on the investment. The city must provide the funds for capital expenditure such as extensions. Consumers should con tribute through rates only enough to cover the cost of furnishing the service. This would include operating ex- amongst a group of old men in penses and a reasonable allowance for quandary. interest, taxes and depreciation. In this connection two facts are emphasized: (1) Cash, offsetting depreciation reserve, cannot be used for new extendepreciation reserve is used for new extensions no funds will be available when replacements are necessary. So that there should be no tempering

with the depreciation account.

The judgment concludes : "The purto be to furnish service to consumers at cost without inflicting unjust burdens on either the consumers of the service or the taxpayers. The execution of this purpose requires revenue sufficient to cover the operating ex- churches. There is nothing new penses together with a reasonable this idea. Some men do it every amount for depreciation, taxes and interest, on at least those elements of the city equity which result from the sale of bonds and from cash transfers from the general funds of the city for |"East is east and west is west, and capital expenditures. Whether "or not never the twain shall meet," he did the element in city equity resulting from the appreciation of plant value and the reinvestment of profits from operation should also be included in the amount of city equity upon which interest is to be earned, is largely a matter of local policy and should decided in the light of local condi- photo on her dresser before she take tions If the city so desires, it appears that it should be allowed to earn on the entire amount of city equity.' What is the policy of the Hydro-Electric Commission, for its system is to be the one adopted?

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

There is an agitation which should ment being an ardent conservative become general in favour of holding while the object of it was as ardent a the municipal elections outside of the liberal. There should not be anything Christmas holidays. Why not have surprising about this. Journalism is them at the end of November, a profession which one learns as he the change of office to take place on

> Peterboro is moved to demand senatorship for some one in cession to the late Mr.-Cox. By the way, was he made a senator because e was, or had been, a resident of Peterbero, or because he was a man of commanding ability and the kind of man the senate needed?

Now one can see why Mr. Taylor, such an important man. He is clearing \$33,000 a year on his contract. And this is as it should be. Writers He could, he says, pay the convicts and make money, but it happens that pays only 4c. an hour

There was nothing to prevent Con-

Mr. Chamberlain may not be knight He declined a title early

all of these articles indicate something sires, and the family may be hon-

Mr. Borden has given no sign that he will listen to Mr. Lash, one of the new advisers, and let go his idea of a permanent haval policy for Canada. An emergency grant does not suit Mr. Lash. Canada must have a naval policy and Mr. Borden should he equal to saying what he thinks it ought to be.

The conservative paper that the opinion that Lloyd should hide his diminished head, since Lord Haldane and Hon. Mr. Samuel did not approve of his armament arguments, spoke too hastily. Public opinion in England, as expressed by the press and by the political organizations, has strongly endorsed the chancellor's opinions, and he can hold his head higher than

The Toronto Telegram is becoming

#### PUBLIC OPINION

It Won't Do. Guelph Mercury. The conservative idea of reforming the senate is to get more conservatives into it.

He Wasn't There. Montreal Herald. A/tramp at Kingston stole a min ster's coat, yet we don't remember

his cloak also. Nearly Time. Montreal Telegraph. It is nearly time that the of divorce was treated as matter of justice and not of lobbying

noticing that the parson offered him

A Great Conundrum

Ottawa Free Press. We fail to see why Col. Sam Hughes should make silk hat bets sions, and (2) when cash offsetting the when hats with feathers and spikes and gold lace are far more useful.

The One Concession.

Toronto Star. Hon. Adam Beck will probably de cide to "stay with Ontario" if he can be assured that he will not have to

It Has Been Known

Rev. J. D. Morrow suggests that luring the cold weather workless men should be allowed to sleep in Sunday regularly.

Did Not Forsee

When Rudyard Kipling wrote that not forsee that an Indian prince would narry a suffragette.

> Very Retiring London Advertiser.

Yes, Cynthia, the mercury these days has a more modest, retiring dis position than the spinster lady w know who reserves the minister's off her false hair.

#### Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Hugh Rankin was elected warden of Capt. Fraser is putting repairs to

the extend of \$1,500 on the barge It is likely that night clerks will be employed in the Kingston post

Competitive plans are being asked for looking to the enlargement and improvement of St. George's cathe-

### BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABLE MEN

Tuesday, January Twentieth. John Hendry the millionaire Britpresident of the



ty-first birthday to-day, has had most adven-He carried his pack into the western province in the seventies and worked there for some time as a lumber jack But he had fore

Canadian Manu

ciation, who ob

serves his seven

facturers'

limits. It is said that he squatted on the site of the Hastings Mill in Vancouver, property which is worth over a million dollars at the present time, for nothing, the deeds having only and actually got this valuable land recently been handed over to him by the dominion government. He is today one of the biggest, men on the mo-bile."-Lippincott's.

#### AGES OF

Biffing the ball about the vacant lots,

Quick on bases, snappy and sure in field-Seeking the slugger's reputation E'en against "Three Fingered" Brown; then-pouf-bench warming!

To minor leagues again, and there he is. He says he's just as good as e'er he was, But even here too fast's the company For his bad leg or arm. His manly voice, Turning again toward childish treble

It on the umpire. Last scene of all, That ends his strange, eventful history, Sans speed. everything!

The Bass Bawled.



inquired the Englishman "do they call this game baseball?" "The first time it was played," explained the American fan, "the members of a singing quartet were among the players, and when the umpire said 'Strike 4!' it made the bass bawl."

S. Holmes, Jr. "Hab!" said Sherlock Holmes, Jr., as he and the doctor sat down in the dining car. "What is it, Sherl?" asked the great

detective's companion. "Notice the man across the aisle?" "He is paying his own way. He is

not one of the many who have the privilege of turning in expense accounts when they get home." "Wonderful! Do you know him?" "No. I never saw him before."

"How have you succeeded in making this startling deduction?" "Look at the bill of fare. You wil see that they are serving strawberries in this car. He is not ordering any."-

Chicago Record-Herald. "I suppose you expect to be engaged as soon as you reach the seaside." "I'm not at all sure. It depends on

"I didn't suppose you were particu-"One can't be particular at the seaside. I know I couldn't be particular

last summer." "Why not?" "There was only one man."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bugs on the Bills. Mr. Mysofobe (tendering a check in bank)-Give me brand new bills,

Paying Teller-Sorry, sir, but at this moment we're all out of that kind. Mr. Mysofobe (irritably)-What's the best you've got, then?

Paying Teller-Here are some we'l guarantee won't average more than a million microbes to the bill.—Boston

Classified.

"That," said a distinguished author pointing to a little red headed impossi bility aged six who was standing on his head in the middle of the drawing room during the musicale-"that is my second edition."

"Not an edition de looks evidently," he had made the confession .- Harper's | 200 ... ...

Her-Why didn't you come to our

Him-I always buy at the lowest Her-But don't you ever carry religion into your business?

One of Many. "Yes," boasted the self made man, "I'm one of those chaps who never forget a favor."

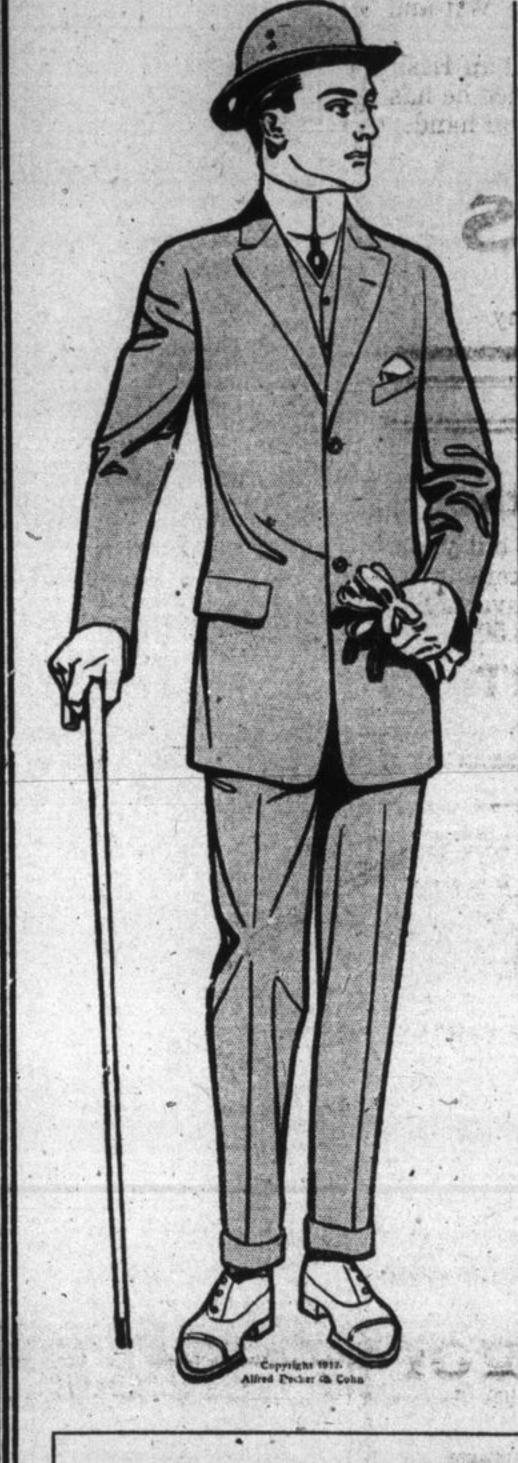
Him-No. I give change.-Cleveland

"That's what you are," rejoined the party who says what he thinks. "You never forget a favor you do any one, and you never let him forget it either."

Paying the Penalty. "Chauffeurs don't get much exercise

"No, and as a result physicians say they suffer from car-buncles and auto

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