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A VERY WORTHY INSTITUTION

The institution that was formerly called a refuge—and proved, what it purported to be, a resort for homeless and destitute people—and is now the Old People's Home, had its annual meeting on Monday. The reports were very satisfactory and the home, under new management, sets out upon a promising year.

There is no reason why the grounds surrounding the home should not be very much improved, with shrubbery, more trees, and flowers. It is well that the utilitarian side of things should be duly considered, but there is something in an environment for old people, and an environment which is bright and cheerful and attractive.

The property belongs to the city, and the Council is represented on its board. The directors are to be congratulated upon all the improvements they have aimed at and accomplished, and it is to be hoped they will continue their efforts until the home has become an ideal spot, with a setting that will be most comforting to all who are interested in it.

The counties of Frontenac and Lennox and Addington are interested in the institution, in that they have agreements with the board of management for the care of their poor, and this agreement is one of very great advantage to all who are concerned in it. The directors of the home, like all those who are spending part of their time in practical philanthropy, must find in the service a great deal that is exhilarating to the soul. Its unselfishness highly commends it.

The Hydro-Electric Commission is to build a second transmission line from Niagara to Dundas. The cables will be of reinforced steel and aluminum. This will guarantee a service practically in defiance of storms. At whose cost—that of the province or of the municipalities?

MAKE KINGSTON BEAUTIFUL

Prof. Skelton, at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trade, will discuss city planning and housing, and he will illustrate his talk with many lantern views. He was asked to discuss the higher cost of living, and suggested the other topic as one of passing and profounder interest. Incidentally the suggestions of Ald. Harrison are worth following up. The future of the city in a large measure depends upon the education of the people.

Some years ago the School Board essayed to interest the school children in gardening, and went so far as to instruct them in planting and to give them the seeds of flowers, for excellence in the growth of which prizes were offered. It was a laudable scheme, and led to some very good results. Ideal conditions were not reached, and could not be reached, in a season, and unfortunately the plans of the board ended with the year in which they were projected. Who were to blame? The teachers in part, and the trustees in part. The teachers could very properly do more than talk about their personal affairs, and the trustees could be original occasionally and deal with more than the things that are forced upon them.

Kingston lacks what some cities possess. Hamilton, for instance. There there is a Live Local Improvement Society, and it is a source of inspiration to the Council, the School Board, and the citizens, in promoting civic programmes of every kind. Kingston should be a clean city, a tidy city, an attractive city, a tasty and artistic city, and it would be all these if the people co-operated in their labours.

COUNTY BOARDS OF TRADE

The county of Elgin leads in a Board of Trade of its own, and one towards which the council of the county has just voted \$1,000. The only objection to the grant came from a county committee who was not clear what a county Board of Trade could do and wanted a programme of its work and duty.

The leading men of the county—who farm, teach school, conduct business in the villages, and run mills and small industries—have many interests in common, and interests which should be fully discussed. Organization of some kind is the desire and ambition of the masses, in every direction, and must be gratified. A forceful man here and there may make his mark, but will not create much influence in favour of any reform alone. He wants company, and with the co-operation of his fellows he can do great things.

In many places in the west, the one Board of Trade answers the purpose for city and county, and its membership aims, successfully, to bring the people of city and county into the most cordial relationship. Belleville has a Board of Trade which, in this respect, is a model. It has made the cause of the city and county members identical, and towards this one man, the president, has worked so effectively that last week the farmers of Hastings waited on him, through a delegation, and presented him with twenty pieces of silver plate.

It is unfortunate that the movement to bring representative men of the county and city into the closest communion, has not resulted satisfactorily, and for this perhaps the city people are to blame. They are not so sympathetic as they should be. One man, a prominent representative, who made application for membership in the Board of Trade, was advised, by merchants, to let it go as the Board could not be of any advantage to him or his constituency. And this fool advice was offered in the face of evidence which is available, in printed form, that the relations of the city and county can be very materially advanced by a Board of Trade, and that they should be promoted as far as possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dr. Creelman is credited with the remark that there is only one place to learn farming, and that is on the farm. Did he put it in that way? Agricultural colleges fit young men for larger usefulness on the farm. Did he condemn them? We trow not.

H. B. Ames, M.P., has a lecture which he is working off everywhere he can. He may let it go here. It is on the "Making of the Battleship," and is designed to show that Canada cannot have a navy of her own. Men as wise as he, and more patriotic, say it can.

In the last fiscal year \$1,400,000 was spent by the federal government in advertising. "Pap," it used to be called, and freely fed on this nutritious stuff the papers have been able to say many kind things of the government and its members. Nothing like "pap" for the sturdy infants of the press.

General Goethels, the engineer who built, with his staff, the Panama canal, is anxious to keep the management in the hands of his competent aids and not in the hands of the politicians. He will succeed for a while, but not for long. He could not keep the grafters off without clubs and rifles.

British returns show that the imports of cattle fell from 121,075 head in 1908 to 1,755 in 1913. Sheep and lambs fell away from 12,167 in 1908 to 501 in 1913. What's the matter? Going to the United States which, under the new Underwood tariff, is the better market. The only satisfaction one gets is to sing "God Save the King."

Col. the Hon. S. Hughes will be the storm centre of this session. He has promised to make a full explanation of his estimates, but he fell down on the first item under criticism. An \$11,000 item for "odds and ends" was held up until the minister explained it was for travelling expenses, but not for entertainment of officers at political picnics or elsewhere.

The Monroe-Nantucket collision, and loss of life, emphasizes the fact that the skill and science of man, and his forethought and provisions against accidents, do not count in an accident. The struggle for life of the imperilled passengers, and the loss of some after a heroic struggle, makes very pathetic reading. They all risk danger and disaster who go down to the sea in ships.

A Sweeping Change
Toronto Globe.
The effect of Wednesday's voting will be to abolish fifty-four licenses in Wexford, forty-one in Huron, and nine in Peel.

PUBLIC OPINION

Supplementaries to Come
Montreal Star.
A decrease of \$12,000,000 in the estimates is a pretty good proof that the government means "economy" when it says it.

Not Needing Help
Hamilton Spectator.
Unemployed Hamilton men who refuse to accept offers of jobs at farm work with good pay are the sort of unemployed whose unemployment need not cost sympathetic citizens a single pang.

Generous Sometimes
Montreal Mail.
An agent, acting for an American millionaire, offers to spend \$15,000,000 in founding hospitals for the treatment of cancer by radium. These American millionaires will make themselves popular if they don't watch out.

The Virtue of Smoking
Montreal Herald.
A woman of Potsdam, N.Y., has just died at the age of one hundred and ten years. For eighty of those years she had been a steady smoker. If she had only started earlier there is no saying how long she might have lived.

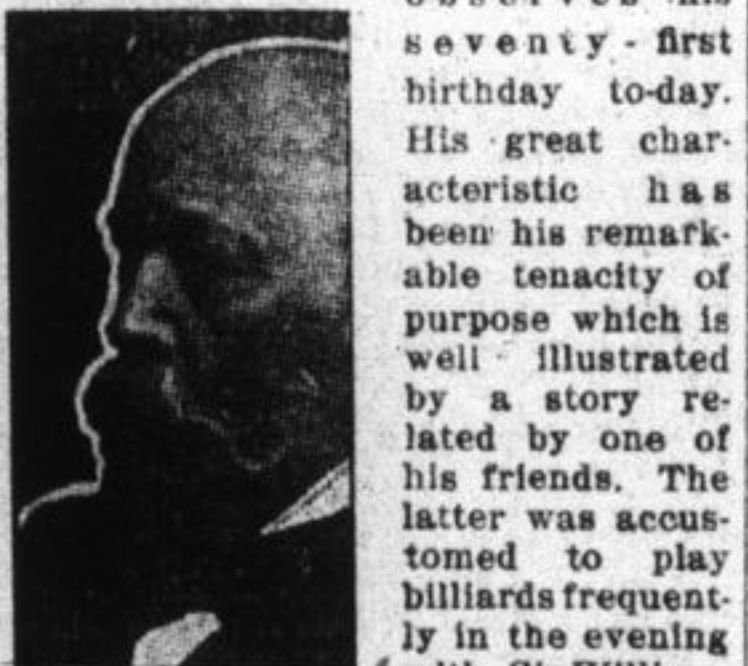
A New Outlook
Toronto Star.
There are men and boys who have had no chance in life, who have been badly reared, for whose fault society itself must take part of the blame. It is the duty of society to redress the wrong. The prison, instead of being a hell upon earth, as some have been, may be made the threshold of a new life.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO.

There is three feet of snow on the ground. The small backyards of some people are now so full of "the beautiful" that many complaints are heard.
E. J. Conroy, J. Ryder and J. M. Campbell are attending the carnival at Montreal.
Nine hundred people have signed a petition asking for a reduction in the number of licenses.
Eggs to-day at 20c per dozen.

Birthdays
Note

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY THIRD
Sir William Van Horne, the distinguished Canadian railroad magnate, observes his seventy-first birthday to-day.



is by no means a brilliant player; whereas his opponent was quite expert. At first the latter would beat Sir William badly but as the evening wore on and his play became less and less accurate, the margin between the pair would diminish. At last Sir William, who would insist on continuing the game far into the night, would turn the tables on his adversary, winning at the end by sheer persistency and tireless energy. In just the same way he has succeeded in the bigger contests of life.

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

The Florist's Story

In the city of Pittsburgh there was a florist who grew tired of standing around waiting for business to come to him.
While his roses wilted and lost their bloom, he pondered over the problem. Many plans were presented to him. He devised many schemes of his own. But when he sifted them to the bottom he found them defective.

No matter which way his mind turned, it encountered advertising, but knowing nothing about advertising, he considered it impossible on account of his preconceived idea regarding the expense.
He finally sought the advice of a small merchant who constantly used the newspapers in a modest way.
"How can I advertise flowers successfully?" he asked.

The small merchant thought a moment and then suggested:
"Why don't you sell—every Saturday—a box of flowers for a dollar? Offer something different each week. Give more flowers for a dollar than anyone in Pittsburgh ever heard of, and see that they are fresh and attractive."
"I'll do it," declared the florist, as he hurried away to prepare for his first sale.

That was three years ago. To-day that once discouraged florist sells more flowers than all the other florists in Pittsburgh put together. Thousands of those dollar boxes find their way into the homes of the Iron City each week. Hundreds are shipped to customers in the surrounding territory.
To-day that florist is big, but he is growing bigger. He is rich, but he is growing richer. He is a firm believer in newspaper advertising.
—Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune.

Wise and
Otherwise

"Doing it now" is the root of success.

Money may be saved by avoiding sure things.

Man is the architect of his own misfortune.

The Wall of a Swain.
That the boys of to-day should be taught to say no.

Is all right; but I'm free to confess that I think it were better if teachers would show

Our young women the way to say yes.
—From Judge.

And Jam.
"How does your little boy take his emulsions?"

"With compulsion."

Fragile.
Little Elsie (after being lectured)—Mamma, the commandments break awful easy, don't they?

Irritability a Sure Sign.
"What is the difference between sickness and convalescence, pa?"

"The convalescent, my boy, usually makes those around him sick."

Clever.
Why did Gills give his wife a clock that strikes the quarter?

It keeps her so confused she doesn't know what time he comes home.



Some Great Thoughts.
Kind words are the brightest flowers in earth's existence—they make a paradise of the humblest home.

Often the grand meanings of faces, as well as of written words, may be chiefly in the impressions of those who look on them.

Every person has two educations—one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he receives from himself.

Smiles are the higher and better responses of nature to the emotion of the soul.

The past and the future are veiled; the past wears the widow's veil, the future the virgin's.

If I have to choose between the two (says Cicerone), I would rather have sound common sense without eloquence than folly with a fine flow of language.

We neglect the advantages we have, and think what we should do if we were something else than what we are.

Courage is of no value unless accompanied by justice; yet if all men became just there would be no need for courage.

What cares the child when the mother rocks it, though all storms beat without? So we, if God doth shield and tend us, shall be heedless of the tempests and blasts of life, blow they never so rudely.

One truth discovered, one pang of regret at not being able to express it, is better than all the fluency and sflpancy in the world.

The best feature of many of the troubles we are prone to worry about is the fact that most of them never come.

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100 \$3500
100 \$3500
200 \$4500
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