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THE SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS

The farmers of this district, and of Ontario generally, want help. They are willing to pay for it, but help they cannot get.

Hon. Mr. Haast is sure that there is no corporation in Ontario that is guilty of political corruption.

COMPULSION NOT LIKED

The first attempt at compulsory military training in England has been defeated. In the House of Lords a bill was introduced.

Strange to say, Lord Roberts, who was the prime mover in the compulsory training movement, objected on the ground that he saw in the bill that which would accentuate the differences between the classes.

The idea with "Bobs" is that eventually the youth, without reference to class, the duke's son and the cook's son will drill side by side.

There are so many policemen now that they travel, at long intervals, up and down the street or decorate the corners in pairs.

FRINCHES AT STAKE

The Liberal party deserves the lashing which the Weekly Sun gives it because of the tactical mistakes which its members have made.

The Sun is right in deciding that it would not do for the dominion government to meet the demands for

subsidies to radial lines in Ontario. If it did all the other provinces would expect similar treatment.

"A certain amount of economy," says our contemporary, "is always exercised where a spending body is itself responsible for the collection of the taxes it disburses."

Let this campaign go on and by-and-by it will be impossible to detect any difference between the political parties. Both will be bereft of principles.

The militarists of England are a peculiar people. They admit that it would be very unpopular to demand conscription, but they do not hesitate to advocate that drill be forced upon the school boys of the nation.

HONOUR IN PUBLIC MEN

Canadians, away from the scene of conflict, and depending for inspiration upon the brief reports that filter through the American press, can conceive of the intensity of the Panama tolls debate in Washington.

The course of Champ Clark, who, more than any one living represents the ancient type of American whose delight was to twist the lion's tail, made a better speech in denunciation of the repeal measure.

The repeal measure is not yet through. It has still to run the gauntlet of the senate, where the "politicians," not the "statesmen," are as busy as their colleagues in the lower house.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The price of coal, in consequence of a prospective strike of miners, is commencing its seasonal soar.

Madame Siegel denies that she, by any wastefulness, in keeping up her elaborate establishments, helped in

the insolvency of her husband. At no time did he give her more than \$24,000 a year. Which indicates that she did not suffer severely in pocket whatever she suffered in pride.

The outstanding integrity of President Wilson, in his observance of treaties, is the salvation of the United States. It is well that the honours of the nation is not in the keeping of Champ Clark, who has not hesitated to offer uncalculated insults to Great Britain.

The western municipalities have taken the proper course of demanding from the local legislature the financial aid towards radial railways. They never should have appealed to the federal government and invited the throw-down which is coming.

The minister of agriculture in Ontario is a curiosity. He recalls that an agricultural commission reported upon conditions in 1881, thirty-three years ago, and the population has ever since been declining.

Training for the ministry should have a calming effect on a man, and yet the men who write sermons and pamphlets and newspaper articles of a religious character exhibit a most vicious spirit.

The Menace, a violent anti-Catholic paper, has been refused the use of the mails. The North-West Review, of Winnipeg, thinks the post-office department should be absolutely impartial.

PUBLIC OPINION

New Crisis at Hand. Montreal Herald. Crisis No. 998 in the home rule situation having been safely passed, we presume the parties in Great Britain will spend the weekend in preparing for crisis No. 999.

Sometimes Explosive. Toronto Mail and Empire. Somebody has been discovered that milk can be extracted from beans. Hitherto the only things extracted from beans have been jokes.

Will Pay Anyhow. London Advertiser. The duty on agricultural implements have been lowered, but if a bonus is granted to the iron industry the farmer will pay toward the one producer out of his taxes what he may save on his implements.

A Home Thrust. Toronto News. Instead of concentrating its energies upon getting new business it might be well for the local Hydro commission to attend to the business it has already. The streets of Toronto are badly lighted.

A Drifting Government. Hawkes in The Canadian. The refusal of the government to do anything whatever in regard to naval policy since May, 1913, is a serious compromise of the position of Canada in the empire.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO. Birthdays Note. FRIDAY, APRIL THIRD.

MISS MARGARET ANGLIN, the actress, whose thirty-eighth birthday occurs to-day, has the peculiar distinction of having been born in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

He tells the boarders with much pride. Of how he blew his dough to buy it for his bonny bride. So many years ago.

The wires are getting rather loose. And yellow are its keys. Sometimes it gurgles like a goose. Sometimes emits a wheeze.

But still it seems a goodly thing. When girls from rustic dells sit down and make the welkin ring. With "Monastery Bells."

NECESSITY. Necessity has no law. Public necessity is greater than private.

That is necessity which cannot be dispensed with. Necessity is the law of a particular time and place.

Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is unlawful. There is no necessity for proving the existence of light.

PITH OF THE NEWS

Tidings Told in Terse Measure For Busy Readers. Parliament will adjourn for Easter week.

C.P.R. steamship Montreal is disabled near Halifax. The Dominion government was sustained on a division of 105 to 67.

General Carranza announces that Torreon was captured by the rebels Thursday night.

One hundred and seventy thousand coal miners are on strike at Leeds, Eng., for a minimum wage scale.

The government will place immigration agents in all towns to encourage new arrivals to stay in the province.

A St. John's, Nfld., despatch says the death toll has reached sixty-four in the steamer Southern Cross disaster.

Engineer George Vincent and Fireman A. Sinclair were killed in a wreck when a C.P.R. train rolled down an embankment near Toronto.

Over 100 miners and mine operators failed to agree on a new schedule. Six hundred mines are closed and 40,000 miners are on strike.

The last spike connecting the rails of the G.T.P. will be driven about April 7th, probably on Fort Fraser townsite.

The decline of emigration to Canada is so especially marked from Scotland that the Allan and Donaldson lines have abandoned their sailings for April 11th.

United States Judge Luther Day, of the Cleveland, O., federal district, has resigned, declaring his salary was inadequate and he could do better at private law practice.

If Australia and New Zealand are approaching the Borden government with any suggestion of naval reciprocity, as reported by cable, the proposal has not yet reached Ottawa.

At Belfast, the growing impression is that the government will not use troops to enforce home rule, even should events come to the worst.

F. A. Delano, president of the Volnon route, in his testimony before the Interstate Commerce commission, declared that every railway in the United States is losing money on the freight traffic.

Nearly every resident of Ridgfield Park, N.J., including most of the high school pupils, are searching for sixteen-year-old Jgnio Wood, who disappeared. The high school was dismissed so that the pupils could join the search.

At the age of 107 years, having celebrated her last birthday on January 12th last, Mrs. J. Barretto died, on Thursday morning, at the Auclair Home, Montreal. She had the distinction of being the oldest woman in Montreal, and one of the oldest in the Dominion.

REJECTED A MOTION. To Make British Common Law Apply to Empire. London, April 3.—Quebec supplied one of the reasons which led the labor party to withdraw its resolution declaring that the common law of England should apply to the whole empire in order to prevent such acts as South Africa's deportation of labor leaders.

The Right Hon. L. V. Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, explained that the common law of England could not apply to Quebec, with its old French law, or Ceylon and South Africa, with the Roman-Dutch law, etc.

The house ultimately accepted, without a division, Mr. Harcourt's amendment that the rights of British citizens set forth in Magna Charta, in the petition of rights, in the corpus act, were those the house desired to see applied to British subjects throughout the empire.

The pious opinion would seem to apply to the position of British Indians in British Columbia.

Offer for Board of Health. Dr. McCullough, chief medical officer for this district, in a circular to Dr. A. R. B. Williamson, local health officer, states that the Provincial Board of Health has made arrangements for the supply of anti-siphilic serum to the local Board of Health and druggists for use at the public, at greatly reduced prices.

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