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There is wonderful competition between the tap rooms and tea rooms of England for the patronage of the people. The tap rooms lead.

FAILURES IN EDUCATION

Dr. Seath, the Superintendent of Education, has not raised himself in public opinion by expressing his personal respect to Thomas Marshall, the member for Monck. Mr. Marshall has paid particular attention to Dr. Seath, and in the legislature, has intimated that it is time this official were re-elected.

The Whig is asked, "Is the council not somewhat disappointing?" Somewhat? It is very disappointing. It has one great and serious defect. It does not tackle important issues with any kind of vigour and determination.

A VERY CANDID CRITICISM.

The Whitney government—or the local government without Whitney—has merited the castigation which the Toronto Telegram has administered. The Telegram has a peculiarity. It is pronouncedly Tory.

The last one to receive the attention of our contemporary is G. Howard Ferguson, the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Last year he bulked largely in the eye of the people because of his double performance.

"Loyalty to party requires G. Howard Ferguson, M.P.P., to officiate as a traitor to himself. The ability of Mr. Ferguson should not be frittered away in the manufacture of rulings that deprive the Ontario opposition of its right to wide-open enquiry.

The hint is very clear. Mr. Ferguson is not serving the people, and the Telegram refers to him in a unique way. He is "preparing for the scrap heap."

The Guelph Mercury says the Kingston Board of Trade will conduct a polo competition in Frontenac under an auspices that must improve the quantity and quality of the goods.

A PREMIER ON TRIAL

The colleagues of Hon. Mr. Fleming, premier of New Brunswick, are demanding the particulars with regard to the charge which a member of the assembly, L. N. Dugal, has preferred.

The strangest feature of the case is the profound, the inexplicable, silence of the premier. He said nothing in his own behalf. He offered an explanation through the attorney-general of the province, but on at least two occasions, when he could have spoken effectively, he had not a word to offer.

H. F. McLeod, M.P., and a former colleague of Fleming's, is accused of grafting. He is said to have accepted of \$1,500 which was part of the

funds paid by certain contractors in connection with the St. John Valley railway. Mr. McLeod does not deny he received the money for legal service, while a member of the government.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Time the people were cleaning up. The movement, to become general and effective, cannot be begun too soon. It takes time to organize a community.

The Mail refers to the liberals in the house as "an unpolished opposition." It has Sir Wilfrid Laurier for its guide. Could it have a better? It would be a good thing for the government if its leader were as skillful.

Mr. Borden has hurried back to Ottawa to make peace in his party on the Canadian Northern Railway loan. If he can reconcile some of the members now acutely disgruntled he will be awfully clever.

Lincoln's admonition against the trading of horses while crossing the stream is commended to those who would have a change of principal at Queen's College just now. The great university is passing from one condition to another. It had better keep its able pilot near the helm.

The Brantford Courier says Sir Wilfrid Laurier is anxious for senate reform now that the liberal majority is diminishing. He was always in favour of it, but the way cannot be found for the accomplishment of the work.

The reformers, (Conservative) under the clamour that they could be more economical, that they could reduce the rates, supplemented the Progressives, (or liberals), in the London County Council. The rates, as a matter of fact, are rising annually and huge deficits are piling up.

PUBLIC OPINION

Hard on the Kaiser: Montreal Telegraph.

Having shown an invincible dislike for the Kaiser's moustache, Paris people are now objecting to his bust. Why not tell him they don't like him at all and have done with it?

Woman's Wants: Hamilton Spectator.

The Greenwood Edge man says "woman wants that little long." Dead wrong—it's a man. Woman wants all he can earn for her, and then some.

Tip to Col. Sam: Ottawa Free Press.

Let Col. Sam have overlooked the matter, we remind him that he might send some of his prize colonels to Mexico to watch the way this fellow Villa does his work.

Now for Settlers: Toronto Globe.

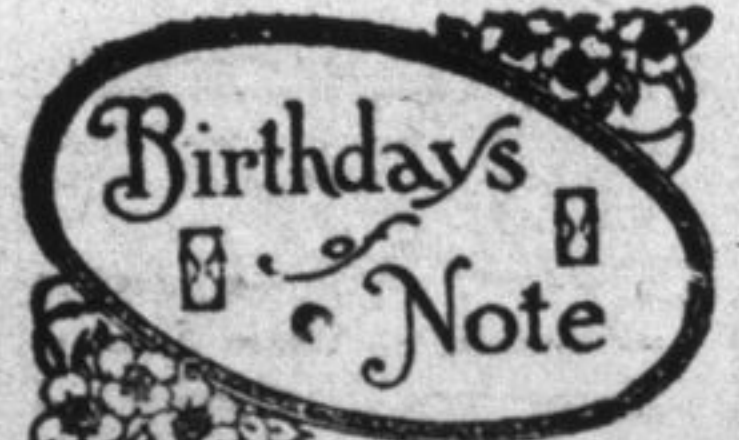
With the completion of all our trans-continental next year we ought to see to reorganize the immigration department that its chief business will be to plant actual settlers on the land and nurse them along till they take root.

Natural Inference: New York Mail.

At the close of the service a certain minister in New York city said: "Brethren, I have been earnestly trying to reach the poor of New York and have been urgently inviting them to come to church. I infer from the amount of the collection just taken—\$3.75—that they have come!"

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

There were ninety-two deaths in Kingston in March. The Easter contributions in St. Mary's cathedral amounted to \$1,400. The sum of \$15,000 has been provided by the government for the introduction of the electric lights into the penitentiary.



TUESDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIRST

HIS HONOR D. B. MACAVISH, judge of the county court of Carleton and a prominent and public-spirited citizen of Ottawa, celebrates his sixty-second birthday on this date. He is now one of the most eminent county court judges in Ontario, possessing a splendid reputation among members of the bar.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

THE PROPHECIES MADE BY FRAU NELLY VON HEYMAN

Germany Will Make Alliance With England and Three Monarchs Will Die During the Year—Four Earthquakes in Europe.

Berlin, April 21.—Interesting to those who believe in occult revelations are the prophecies of future events made by Frau Nelly von Heyman, of Bremen, the "Madame Thebes" of Germany.

Frau von Heyman has attracted much attention as a seeress, and like Mme. Thebes, of Paris, is consulted by persons high in social, political and financial circles of Germany, and has won favor by her predictions of political events. As her name indicates, she belongs to the so-called "lesser nobility," and is a woman of education. Like Mme. Thebes, of Paris, Frau von Heyman once a year issues a series of world prophecies, but she is more conservative than the French seeress.

Among the prophecies just issued by Frau von Heyman for this year are the following:

"It will not soon come to war between America and Japan, but there will be much controversy and a serious disagreement, long-drawn out. Japan eventually will give way, but should America lose her rudder, then will come confusion."

"Germany will make an alliance with England during 1914.

"Germany will lose much this fall and weep many tears.

"Three monarchs will die during 1914.

"It can be said that no European war is approaching in 1914.

"There will be four earthquakes in Europe during the year.

"There will be rapid development in aerial navigation, but also many deaths. The ocean will not be crossed by airship or aeroplane during the year. Zeppelin will lose his principal airship."

Less Talk of Militarism

Toronto Star. There is, perhaps, rather too much of a tendency to exploit the schools of Ontario for purposes which are not strictly educational. Complaint is made that education is superficial, and that it does not fit the children for their life work.

The problems which will confront the children of Ontario when they go into the world will be how to earn a living, and how to live in right relations with their families, with their fellow-citizens, and with other nations.

Defence against foreign enemies is a part of this problem of human relationship, but it ought to be presented in its right proportions, not unduly magnified. A child should be taught that he is a citizen of the school, a citizen of the nation, a citizen of the world, and that he has duties arising out of all of these relations.

The duty of social service should be taught—not as a new subject to add to an already crowded program, but as something which should permeate the whole teaching, and be part of the atmosphere of the school.

Canada and the Canal

London Chronicle. Dr. F. Vroom's lecture yesterday at the Royal Colonial Institute brings forcibly before us the possibilities which the opening of the Panama canal may have for the Canadian west.

He calculates that the area which will be able to ship its grain to Liverpool more cheaply via Vancouver and the canal than by the present eastern routes, includes the whole of Alberta and about half Saskatchewan. He reckons the saving on freight to the Alberta farmer to average 5d. a bushel, and to the west Saskatchewan farmer 2d.; and as the grain grown in Alberta in 1912 exceeded 150 million bushels, and one-half the Saskatchewan crop yields about the same figure, the money value of the change, if correctly estimated, is very substantial.

Vancouver, of course, though it has already seven railways running into it and considerable harbor facilities, would need great extensions to cope with all this traffic, and would become one of the chief ports of the world. Taking soil and climate alone, there seems no doubt that the fertile areas of west Canada are both richer and larger than those of east; and when once they have access to an equally serviceable sea, the political and social centre of gravity in the dominion may quite possibly shift to them.

Died in General Hospital

David Hutchinson, who last Thursday arrived here from New York state, where he had worked for the past two years, died in the general hospital, Monday night. On arriving here he found his relatives had moved, and, being ill, he went direct to the hospital, where he passed away from heart trouble. His remains were taken in charge by James Reid & Sons, and sent to Gananoque, where his brother, Richard resides. The deceased leaves five brothers, J. B., of Kingston; Charles, in Clyde Forks; David, in Mexico, N.Y.; and Richard and William, in Gananoque; also two sisters, Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Hague, of Sharbot Lake. The deceased was forty-three years of age.

To Let

Market garden property less than one mile from Kingston, consisting of 27 acres of excellent soil, most of which is especially adapted for truck farming; ten acres plowed last fall; the balance in meadow; good dwelling and large barn.

For Sale

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Advertisement for F. J. Johnson, The Leading Florist. 324 KING ST. 50,000 bedding plants, geraniums, etc., window boxes filled from 35c per foot up. Hanging baskets filled from 50c. A full line of cut flowers. PHONES: Store 229, Residence, 1212, Greenhouses, 235.

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