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INSPECTION AT FAULT

The provincial secretary may be proud of the manner in which the law is enforced, but on the confessions of two inspectors that enforcement is very lax. Mr. Snider made a tour of several counties and discussed the weaknesses of the Canada Temperance Act, as a representative of the department, without the provincial secretary knowing where he was or what he was doing.

THE PROBE WAS SHIRT

The partisan nature of the report of Guletins and Lynch-Staunton has been demonstrated by the enquiry of the Public Accounts Committee. The National Transcontinental Commission, under the liberal government, had deducted \$512,000 from the McArthur contract, and the dispute was on when the government passed from the liberal party to the conservative party.

MANAGING THE UTILITIES

Owen Sound is confronted with the proposal that, if the city will give it a franchise, a company will establish or install a street railway. The offer looks enticing, because, so far as the city is concerned, it means no present expenditure of money, no investment of funds on capital account.

demand of the hour is that the government give to the east as good facilities and as much help in attaining them as it gives to the west. Adam Beck promised this city two or three years ago, electric light as cheap as candle light, and it is about time that he redeemed his promise.

NO LIBERAL NEED APPLY.

A redistribution of seats in the legislature is in order after each census and when it is necessary to adjust the representation according to population. The principle is correct, and there can be no objection to any reasonable application of it. But one sees the straits of a party when the measure it projects, and presumably for the adjustment of boundary lines, between constituencies, carries on its face the evidence of unfairness.

CAN'T CHECK CORRUPTION

The attempt to restrain financial corporations, and associations having a direct interest in legislation, and a desire to influence it in any way, will be made at this session of the legislature. At least the liberals, after many rebuffs, have made the government act. It cannot fight down, again and again, that which is manifestly to the advantage of the province.

estimation of the European powers. All will depend on how the United States army acts in vindicating a nation's honour, not an invasion for conquest.

According to Mr. Bowman, at least \$60,000 was spent in three counties of Ontario to defeat the Canada Temperance Act. Never in the history of the province has there been such a determined effort to defeat temperance. The cost has been very great.

"The Hydro," says the Toronto Telegram, "must make good its promises of cheap power and light." And in the east as well as the west. The people in the east have reason to be offended over the neglect which the Hydro-Electric Commission has shown to it.

The Utilities Commission should make an effort to get the lighting system completed as soon as possible. Two or three men have been puttering over the business since last fall, and the people are tired of the delay.

The Oddfellows, (Independent Order), will observe the ninety-fifth anniversary of its establishment by a service on Sunday. Over two millions of men and women will participate in an event which marks the progress and work of one of the mightiest benevolent institutions of the times.

The London correspondent of the Canadian Press sends a home item of news from abroad. It is to the effect that the Canadian parliament will dissolve next year and "appeal to the people on the navy." The navy? What about the hard times, the tariff, and other things that touch the people everywhere?

The cadet movement will be the better of the attention it is now receiving. The Board of Education is seeing that the enrollment of cadets is made with the understanding that the parents are consenting parties. The effects on the studies of the boys, if any, will be apparent later.

The politicians who distribute the bundle in elections—or some of it, there being no way by which all of it may be accounted for—will not worry about the law which forbids political subscriptions. There will be a way of collecting and scattering the coin in spite of all laws to the contrary.

A war used to be regarded as the precursor of good times. Our granddads used to talk that way. My, what a thrill they would receive if here to read about the \$50,000,000 which congress has appropriated as a first instalment in the American-Mexican war.

PUBLIC OPINION

Full of Hope. Hamilton Spectator. While the birth rate of England and Wales has slightly decreased, there is an increase in marriages. So the outlook is full of hope.

It Would So Appear. Toronto Star. If the thousand inhabitants of Madoc had half a million dollars on deposit in the local bank that failed, they must have gold mines in their cellars.

His Own Farmer. Lethbridge Herald. A postal card to the Lethbridge Board of Trade will start you in as a farmer. Get some spuds that are thoroughbred and see what the soil in your back yard will do with them.

A Long Wait. Ottawa Free Press. That United States congressman who declared in a burst of heroics that he would stay in Washington till the war was over is surely planning to receive one of the first consignments of medals.

Did Not Materialize. Brantford Courier. A man who died recently in Montreal kindly left \$50,000 to McGill University. As his entire estate was only worth \$200 his spendthrift did not exactly jibe with his desire.

Welcomes Such Blunders. Montreal Telegraph. The Borden government bids fair to go down in history as the Master Blunderers. A more inopportune announcement than the one made to-day of sweeping reductions in western freight rates it would be impossible to make.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

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Wise and Otherwise

As For As He Went. "Do you dance 'the maxixe'?" she asked. "Yes," he replied, "but I hardly ever attempt to say it."

Stayer in the Bankers. First Caddie—That old gent is a judge in the high court. Second Caddie—Then all I can say is that if he's a judge he gives 'issel a lot of ard labor.—Tatler.

Under the New Law. "Miss Franks has bought a birdleg hat," said Mrs. Curuso. "It might be called an audubonnet, might it not?" asked Mrs. Cawker.—Christian Register.

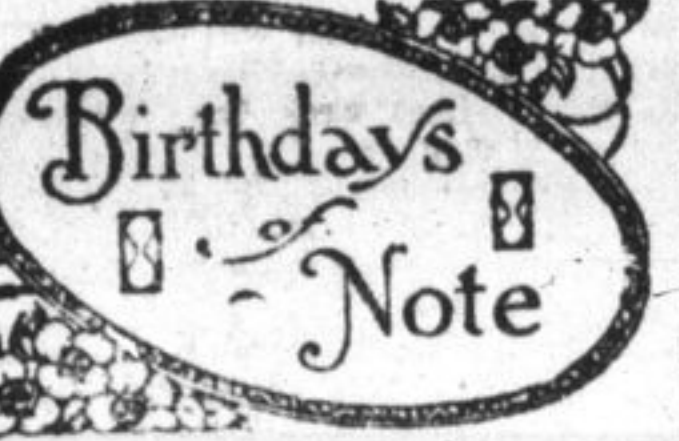
Geographical. "Is the oldest history tells us. Of all man's chosen land, Why they call it 'Asia Minor' I don't quite understand."



Wife—You won't flirt with any of the stenographers at the office, will you, dear? Hubby—I should say not, you oughter see the bunch we got there.

Modern Courtship. "You never seem to get any letters from your sweetheart?" "Oh, getting so commonplace as that. My exchange graphophone records."—Kansas City Journal.

Looking Well Forward. First survivor from wreck to second survivor, clinging with him to flimsy raft.—Ow much ought we to ask off the music 'alls when we get back—unless and fifty quid a week or two 'undred?—Punch.



SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIFTH

M. R. JARVIS celebrates his fifty-fourth birthday to-day by retiring from the Commodoreship of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, to which office he has been elected eleven times.



same period of the "Thistle-down," "Canada," "Beaver" and "Minota," and has been an active racing man since the '70's, he being said to have won over 200 races during this time. As a boy he went to sea before the mast but returned to more pleasant sailing waters and yachting. His line of amusements has been exceedingly varied, as a young man having won foot races and bicycle races, and was stroke of the Leander crew when they won the Canadian Association Regatta on Toronto Bay in 1883.

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