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CARING FOR EMPLOYEES

The progress made by great corporations in taking care of their employees is illustrated by the latest list issued of employees retired on pensions in a single month on the Pennsylvania railroad system.

It is said that six of the employees retired have been on the payroll more than fifty years, fourteen others more than forty-five years and thirty others more than forty years.

The pension provided by the company is much more than a nominal one, for every employee is required to retire, even the president, at the age of seventy, and in case of physical disability, at the age of sixty-five.

The pension amounts to one per cent. of the average pay for the ten years previous to retirement, multiplied by the number of years the pensioner has been on the employ of the company.

The plan is so satisfactory that the road finds it profitable to continue and to expand it because of the excellent quality of the work it secures, because it takes care of its employees in so liberal a manner.

ATTENTION! CLEAN UP!

Clean-up week has been arranged for this month. There is work to do in every city where winter is past and spring has come in this climate.

It is a very easy task to clean up, if each household attend to its own premises and with the co-operation of the city department there ought to be no difficulty in presenting Kingston as the cleanest and most attractive city in Ontario to live in.

The city is without rival in many respects. It may make itself the finest town in the country by attention on the part of each household and land owner to the business of clearing up after the winter.

It need not be understood that we are in a worse situation than the average town, for it is not; but it needs, like any other city, to remove the signs of winter, the debris, the accumulations, whatever is unsightly and unsanitary and so prepare itself for the warm season.

It is a splendid thing to have the clean-up business undertaken on a general scale, so that none may feel the reproach of needing it while others do not, but while all working together give confidence to all and encourage all and in that way work out the very best results.

A DEMORALIZED MINISTRY

The Ontario government, helpless and disorganized, is again in the equivocal position of suppressing investigation. Even the former experiment of making a pretence of investigation and springing to protect the snarled ministers when crucial points were reached will not be risked.

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ing of millions of deficits by tricks in bookkeeping, the misapplication of New Ontario funds, the bold levying of heavy taxation and the panicky withdrawal on protests from the taxed, and now the timidly hidden operations against the Scott act all show a condition of helpless and dangerous demoralization.

Mr. Bowman, the liberal whip, assumed the full responsibility of his position as a member of the house in making the Snider charges and asking for an investigation before a commission of judges. He charges the provincial secretary with acts that would make him directly responsible in the Snider campaign against the Scott act, and with responsibility for the sending of Mr. Snider into three contests to use his position and influence against the act.

It is told to the honor of leading citizens in an American town that they turned out and worked as scavengers when the municipal authorities left the streets in a dangerously insanitary condition. And it is to the honour of the leading liberals that they have not shrunk from the disagreeable duty of revealing to the people the nature of the men and the organization into whose hands public affairs are entrusted.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The bill-boards throughout Kingston have been setting forth the claims of the church upon mankind, and urging that all men should attend some one of the sanctuaries on Sundays, there to worship and to manifest regard for God and His bountiful providence manifested towards all.

All over this continent, many are beginning to see a return to the standards of a higher living, of a higher intellectual and spiritual life; they see the waning of the commercial spirit, especially due to the fact that the chances for the accumulation of great fortunes are being minimized, and also that religion has been freed from the dry bones of a dead theology and become an active, living thing.

It is also pleasing to learn, from those who are interested in the subject, that under the new ideals there is not so much reluctance on the part of young men to enter the ministry. They are beginning to realize that the calling is becoming more and more a paying proposition—if it could be so termed—or at least not-demanding so much of a sacrifice of man for himself and his family to do the Master's work.

The go-to-church campaign, which has been passing over the country, both in the United States and Canada, has led many to think of religion and the claims Christ has upon them in service and in sacrifice. There is one thing associated with the church, and that is, with all its failings, no man has ever gone astray who has followed in any wise its teachings, or who has even found within its sanctuaries relaxation and comfort. Evil influences are not found in the church. Within her bounds there is the association of good people, in the society of which everybody is eligible; no one is excluded, everybody is sought to be long to this largest of all organizations that its efficiency and usefulness service may be increased.

The church's motto is the same as her Master's: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The Christ spirit in her has made her members missionaries of every form of good in the world. There is not a person in Kingston who does not share in the church's benefits, her laborers are everywhere, doing duty in uplifting, in helping, in comforting, and in waiting upon those who most need attention and sympathy. The being so the question naturally resolves itself into the pertinent one, having enjoyed the benefits of the church, why does not each one share in her work and responsibilities? The matter is up to the citizens in this city of churches, and for the sake of the children, for the sake of influences that may be exerted, the church should be thronged by those who believe in God and His institutions.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kingston will not forget that it was under the Borden administration that its military camp was taken from it, and the troops of this division were ordered to Petawawa to be drilled in warfare which they could be taught just as well on old Barrie-field Heights.

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It is high time that the Board of Works paid more attention to the filling of excavations in the streets. Every water, gas, or sewer trench falls in shortly after being filled. There is a right way and a wrong

way of excavation filling, and Kingston should follow the right way. It is time also that the Board of Works had full jurisdiction over street repairs. If excavations by the Utilities fall in the city engineer's department should attend to them.

Lifelong tory temperance men in those counties where Mr. Snider interfered in the Scott Act campaign as Mr. Hanna's authorized representative, are ready to testify under oath, and now that the facts as they know them have been falsified in the legislature, they will put truth and the interests of temperance before any party obligations to the ing investigation, says the Toronto minister who betrayed his trust. Burk-Globe, instead of ending the matter, has only given it larger significance and a new beginning.

Regina has decided to move forward the hands of the clock one hour for the summer season. The idea is to get the citizens to start work earlier in the day. The same result could be obtained with less confusion by ordering everybody to go to bed at seven o'clock instead of eight. Why should the timepiece have its system upset for the sake of mortals who like to lie abed when the sun is shining?

PUBLIC OPINION

Will Be a Surprise. St. Thomas Journal. Letting daylight into the C.N.R. finances may prove the biggest revelation of modern times.

Signs of Decadence. Ottawa Citizen (Cont). Bruce and the double-headed seats in Toronto are signs of decadence which all true friends of the Whitney government will heartily regret.

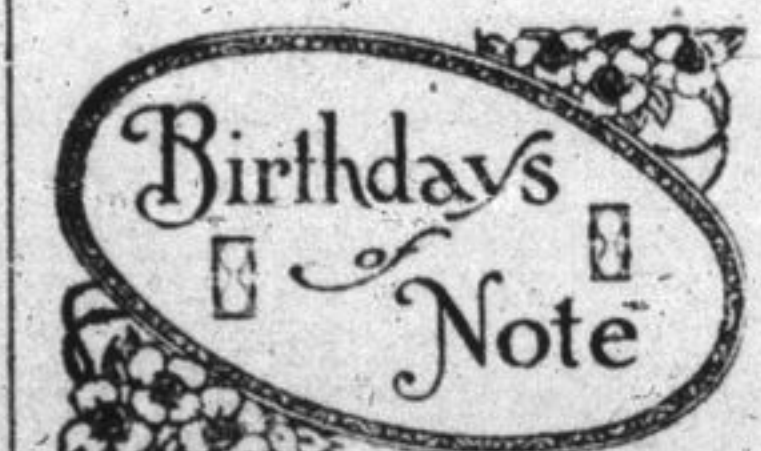
Won Many a Round. St. Thomas Journal. Leader Rowell with a corporal's guard has won skirmish after skirmish with the Whitney government, and only its preponderance in numbers has served it from utter rout on more than one occasion.

Importance of the Silo. Farmer's Advocate. The silo by its worth has grown in numbers rapidly. Thirteen states in the American union have 130,000 silos between them, and Wisconsin alone has over 41,535. If you are a livestock breeder or feeder you can scarcely afford to be without this valuable asset.

Retribution Coming. Stratford Beacon. The steam roller is being worked in the legislature with a vengeance in these closing days of the session. The people may take it in hand later and turn it on its present manipulators. The quills of the gods grind slowly, but surely. The modern steam roller contrivance may have retribution in its wake.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Quite a number of marriages have taken place recently among the members of "A" battery. The Kingston Yacht club selected delegates to attend a convention in Rochester. The police are placing under arrest boys found setting off fire crackers in the street. Work on Hotel Frontenac is about completed.



BIRTHDAYS NOTE SATURDAY, MAY SECOND

Dr. W. Bell Dawson, superintendent of the Dominion Survey of Tide Currents and a man whose work has been of immense practical importance, reached his sixtieth birthday to-day. Dr. Dawson, who is the second son of the late Sir J. W. Dawson, was born in Pictou, N.S., and studied at McGill University, whence he graduated with high honors. He was later admitted to the highest school of engineering in France and led his class there.

At graduation. From then until he received his present appointment in 1893, he engaged in a long series of engineering undertakings in Canada, principally in connection with railway construction. Under his supervision there are now issued annually those tide tables for the principal harbors of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, which are so invaluable to mariners. For this work Dr. Dawson received the Watt Gold Medal from the Institution of Civil Engineers of London. Also born to-day: Lt.-Col. G. S. Cantlie, general superintendent of car service, C.P.R., Montreal, born in Montreal, 1887. Dr. J. D. Logan, poet and journalist, Montreal, born Antigonish, N.S., 1869.

Wise and Otherwise

Where They Differ. "Do they get along well together?" "In everything but the hesitation."

And, Please Note Last Word. Simplified spelling carried to its ultimate degree was shown on a door card recently seen in the South End. The word ran: "Will be back rite o. a."

Loyalty. "Is that right, Charlie, as youst mites 'It's you wis a-flairon'?" "Er—yus—but only with the blunt end of it"—Punch.

A Distinction. "Husband—Did you have luncheon down-town after your shopping this morning?" "Wife—No, dear, only lunch. I'd spent all I had except fifteen cents."

His Rating. "Didn't you tell me the other evening that Jones is rated A in Dun's?" "Heavens, no! What I said was that he is rated N. G. by Dun's."

Will Have Many Reminders. He (in their new home)—Do you know, I can hardly believe that we are really and truly married. She—Glance over these bills, dear, and you'll have no doubt whatever.

Fatal Words. "Ever hear from that college chum of yours who went to Colorado?" "Oh, he's dead, poor chap. He may be said to have talked himself to death."

What do you mean? "He called some Alkali Ike out there a 'fig'."

A Romance Shattered. Young graduate, (reminiscing a bit proudly)—I remember when I was rowing they started off at twenty-nine strokes to the thirty-four and— She (interrupting)—By the way, what is bogey for the course?—London Opinion.

As Susie Saw It. "Caller—Will you see if your sister is in?" "Susie—Yes, sir, but I don't think she will be. She saw you coming up the steps.—Albany Journal.

An Inevitable Story. The American visitor was being shown through the English jail. On the door of a cell on the woman's side hung this placard:—"Gone Out To Lunch." "Will Return in a Few Days." "Whose cell is that?" asked the visitor. "Mrs. Pankhurst's," replied the turnkey.—London Enquirer.

The Suspicious Widow. Crawford—What makes you think it is risky to marry a widow? Crabshaw—Because she will never believe you if you happen to tell her the same stories her first husband tried to put over.—Judge.

Hard Labor. Green—What is the hardest work you ever did? City Employee—The work I did landing this job, and the next hardest is the work keeping it from being taken away from me.—Judge.

Right. "Now, my little boys," asked a school teacher, "can any of you name a liquid that doesn't freeze?" There was a moment's silence, and then a voice answered:—"Please, teacher, hot water!"—Mel.

A Relief. Little Lester, travelling on the continent with his mother, grew tired of hearing nothing but French and German, etc. spoken. One morning he heard a rooster's cock-a-doodle-do. He exclaimed, "Thank goodness! There's something that speaks English, anyway."—Tit-Bits.

His Problem. Shall I telephone or write? Shall I write or telephone? Guess I'll wait until to-night; I'd rather write at home alone.

Shall I telephone or write? She'd prefer my dulcet tone; My handwriting is a sight— I'm quite witty on the phone! Wish I'd written yesterday! I can almost hear her groan if I call her right away— Chasin' downstairs to the phone.

Shall I telephone or write? Shall I write or phone as all. If my clothes weren't such a sight, I'd just hop around and call! —Judge.

THE LAW. He who first offends causes the strife.

He who does anything through another is considered as doing it himself.

He who apes the guilty punishes the innocent.

What has no force in the beginning can gain no strength from the lapse of time.

Whatever is improper and contrary to reason is not permitted in the law.

The instigator of a crime is worse than the man who perpetrates it.

Advertisement for Bibby's Men's Hosiery. Features Workingmen's Shirts, Special 50c; Neckwear Sale NO. 1 (25 dozen Tublar Silk Ties); Neckwear Sale LOT NO. 2 (New flow ends); Underwear for Men (Special 50c per garment).

Advertisement for F. J. Johnson The Leading Florist. 324 KING ST. 50,000 bedding plants, geraniums, etc. window boxes filled from 25c per foot up.

Advertisement for Ladies' Patent Cloth Top Boots. Ladies' Patent Button, cloth top, medium sole, latest last, \$3.00, while they last. H. JENNINGS, King Street.

Advertisement for 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.

Advertisement for For Sale. A large list of farm properties and some good bargains in city property and town lots. Fire and Life Insurance in first-class companies. Money to loan on real estate only. T. J. LOCKHART, (Over Bank of Montreal) Clarence St. Kingston.

Advertisement for READ THE WHIG WANT ADS. USE CRAWFORD'S COAL. THERE'S HEAT IN EVERY LUMP.