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REGRET HIS DEATH.

The death of the Duke of Argyll will call to mind many pleasant thoughts about him by Kingstonsians. He was a frequent visitor here during his term as governor-general, and, with Princess Louise, made warm friends. They enjoyed Canadian life, and the then marquis won a great deal of public respect and regard through his high sense of duty, and his efforts to fill the office with honor to himself and to the nation that sent him here. He was always a man of purposeful life and in Scotland, as well as in Canada, his death will be learned with sincere regret.

SUPPLY OF TEACHERS.

The subject of the supply of teachers for public elementary schools is at the present moment one of the most serious with which the British education board have to deal. In many parts of the country, especially in rural districts, local education authorities and managers, who have to fill vacancies in the schools, often find that a long time elapses before they can obtain uncertificated teachers at the rates of salary usual in that grade. Moreover, there are signs of a similar difficulty in country schools with regard to certificated teachers.

There are now 19,100 public elementary schools in England, with accommodation for 6,399,809 scholars. Of these 7,140 are council and 11,960 voluntary schools. Ten years ago the number of council schools was 5,049 and of voluntary 13,438. The number of children on the registers was 5,588,545, and the percentage of average attendance was 88.86.

THE PAY OF PARLIAMENTS

Italy and Spain are the only two European countries which offer no monetary reward to their members of parliament. The Portuguese legislators are not remunerated by the state, but they have a free pass for travelling on all railways in the country and their constituencies are permitted to pay a sum equivalent to fifteen shillings for each day's sitting.

Denmark is another country which believes that its political gentlemen are ready to work for almost nothing. Members of parliament there only receive six shillings per day, but they have the peculiar privilege of a free seat in the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen.

The Norwegian honorable member is thankful for a daily income of twelve shillings, though he must do his duty properly to get it. He loses a day's pay when he takes a day off. Members of the Swiss diet work under the same threat. If they are absent they lose salary which amounts in their case to sixteen shillings per day.

Roumania pays her lawmakers a sovereign per day, and Bulgaria offers sixteen shillings. In the latter country, members living in the capital have four shillings deducted, because they have no train fares to pay, and only one home to keep up.

Hungary treats her statesmen just half as well as England does, allowing them £200 per annum. They have, however, a liberal allowance for house rent, and can travel first-class with second-class tickets.

NOT A NICE POSITION.

Peter S. Grosscup, of New York, in a letter to the New York Times, intimates that the mediation of Argentina, Brazil, and Chili, in the Mexican troubles with the United States, may not be the best thing for the people of the United States. He points out that if the United States accepts mediation "it means that the moral aspect of the situation—what under all circumstances is right and what wrong,

what justifiable, and what unjustifiable—is transferred from our judgment to the judgment of the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile. It will be for their representatives now to formulate what is right and what is wrong, and for Huerta, Carranza, and ourselves to accept or reject the judgment thus formulated; but at the cost of winning or losing thereby the moral support of South America; for in South America, at least, the judgment so formulated will be accepted as final."

If the judgment of the mediators is not accepted and the United States should enforce its demands, by superior armed force, it would be regarded as a triumph of force, and not of right, and would, undoubtedly, isolate the United States for a century to come, from any influence with, or confidence in the South American republics.

NEEDS SUPPLEMENTING

Great praise has been accorded Mr. Ross, M.P.P., by the conservative press, for his contribution to the discussion of "the Snyder incident," in the Ontario legislature last week. His words, the papers say, were forceful and eloquent, and the two maps which he exhibited, showing the progress of local option under the Whitney regime, were not only artistic but instructive. The doctor does not seem to have blinked an eye as he gave the government all the credit for whatever measure of temperance reform has been brought about in the province since 1905.

But the speech, though masterly, and the maps, though artistic, still leave much to be desired. A supplement to both the speech and the maps should be issued. A waiting public desires to know which of the members of the Whitney cabinet have taken the platform for local option, or which of them through the press ever advocated it, or which of them ever denounced the liquor traffic with anything like the same vehemence with which they denounced the grists. Was it the Hon. Mr. Foy? If not, who was it? Which of the conservative private members has, since his election to parliament, taken a prominent part in a local option campaign? Has George H. Gooderham done so? Or has any other member done so? Has Dr. Ross himself done so?

The public have the idea that the splendid progress along the line of temperance reform in recent years has been due almost entirely to the aggressiveness of the Dominion Alliance and the churches, and even the Wine and Spirit Journal cherishes the same idea. But now it seems that the Whitney government has done it all!

The two maps would be more illuminating still if supplemented by another showing how much larger the "dry" area in the province would be had it not been for the three-fifths clause placed in the Local Option Act by the government which the doctor supports. It would not be difficult for such a skillful artist as the doctor to produce such a map because it would be nearly all white. Whole counties such as Prince Edward, and Northumberland, and many others would be as white as snow. On the margin of this third map might be placed the figures 887 and 27, the former representing the licenses which would have been cancelled had they not been protected by the three-fifths clause (and the latter would show the licenses which might have been renewed had the temperance forces not been protected by the three-fifths section.

It is up to the doctor to crown his great achievement in parliament by properly supplementing both the speech and the maps.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Is the City Council doing anything towards the establishment of a public swimming place? There are three or four thousand boys and girls who would like to plunge in the water, provided it is safe and legal.

The Belleville Intelligencer thinks that any contemplated changes in the Book of Common Prayer are not half so much in need of revision as the hearts of many who heedlessly mouth the unmatchable petitions contained therein.

The Toronto World deplors the absence of Sir James from the legislative sessions: The Gooderham bill passed, it regards as bad as anything that has been done by any Ontario government, and it will have its due consequences.

The Toronto Weekly Sun thinks that the parcel system of the post office department is very limited. It says, outside of the twenty-mile limit, the express companies can beat to a frazzle the Post Office Department, both in the matter of rates and service.

Montreal working people are defiant over the attitude of the Dominion government toward them. It can give \$45,000,000 to a group of capitalists for railway development, but it cannot give \$45,000,000 to help the unemployed that are starving on the

streets. The reason for this is: "Because they are all capitalists, and they won't help anyone but capitalists."

The fact that the Ontario government has given ten members to Toronto in the next legislature, is causing the Ontario press to inquire if Toronto will represent Ontario. To make any showing the rest of the province will simply have to become a united liberal stronghold.

Kingston is soon to have a cleaning-up week. It is a splendid idea, and it is hoped that the residents will keep up the habit. Prevention is better than cure, and the cleaning should be followed by the constant keeping of one's premises in proper shape. The result would be that the general health of the community would benefit.

If Dr. Spankie becomes a member of the Ontario legislature, it is a safe guess that whichever side is in power, there will be some improvements in the educational system of the province with reference to rural schools. There is no man in Ontario who knows the shortcomings of the present educational policy of the government better than the Wolfe Island reeve.

When is the Utilities Commission going to announce a reduction in the water rates that were raised this year owing to the general increased assessment? In these days, the gladdest news that could be broken to a household would be that there had been a reduction in some article of consumption. The people are entitled to a cut in the water charges. It is understood that the commission members have considered the advisability of halving the closet rate, as this affects the greatest number.

PUBLIC OPINION

Where to Start.

Christian Science Monitor.
Every man may not serve his country in a conspicuous way, but there is usually opportunity for improvement in the back yard.

Its Conception of Fair Play.

Toronto Star.
With a majority twice as big as its opposition, the present Ontario government does not feel that it would be safe to go to the country without first putting through a gerrymander.

Best Advertising Medium

Quebec Mercury.
The live daily newspaper goes into the homes every day. More and more the readers are learning the value of watching what the advertisers have to say. Merchants have proved time and again the selling value of newspaper space.

Would Choose Rowell.

Toronto Weekly Sun.
To-day if the young men of this province and the leaders in social reform, both men and women, were asked to name a leader without regard to party politics, their choice would undoubtedly fall upon Mr. Rowell.

If True, It's a Pity.

Edmonton Bulletin.
Ontario papers are wondering why good apples are harder to get in Ontario than good oranges. Don't know why; but glad to hear it. From the samples that came this way, it may be because Ontario has ceased to grow good apples, while California continues to grow good oranges.

The Battle Joined.

Belleville Ontario.
The chief fighting ground between the political parties in Canada now and in the next general election campaign will be on the tariff. The line of demarcation is clear. There can be no misunderstanding on the issue. The conservative party is committed to its stand-pat attitude in favor of high protection, with favors for the privileged few and no relief for the masses. The liberal party has once more taken up the battle of the plain people of Canada.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO.

Out of forty inmates in the house of industry it is said that twenty should be placed in an asylum.

Some brutal persons abused a cow owned by Theobald Bros. They stoned the animal, put out one of its eyes and broke one of its legs. Constable "Nick" Timmerman discovered a serious fire in the rear of the Colliery hotel. The hotel laundry and billiard room was destroyed.

Presentiment of Death.

Wide World Magazine.
When an Eskimo is dying you will notice the inmates of the house moving everything out of doors, otherwise it would be contaminated by the presence of the dead man and rendered unfit for use.

Among some tribes the dying man himself is borne outside. He is never taken out through the entrance tunnel; but always through the smoke-hole or back of the house, and the passage is then closed so that his spirit will not find its way back.

The Eskimos appear to have an uncanny presentiment of the approach of that dead spirit who comes to one and all. When you see them preparing the grave-clothes of one of their number who is ill you may know that his end is near.

I do not think that they do anything to hasten the end, although they may stab or hang the hopelessly ill man at their own request. It appears to be an instinctive feeling which is common to primitive people, and which is often noticed in the lower animals.

Wise and
Otherwise

Has a fool man who thinks that he can please all his wife's relations.

Some women can smile in the face of adversity just as if they meant it.

If a baby is homely the mother is willing to admit that it looks like her husband.

Many a girl catches the man she wants by pretending to desire some man she doesn't want.

Unlike Our Wives.



The watchmaker surely has ways that are queer. He does his spring cleaning all times of the year.

Honesty and Caution.

A woman thinks all women are as honest as the day. But counts her washing three times over and then puts it away.

Oh, That Way.

"It's such a silly superstition to be always picking up pins!" "You may call it superstition if you wish, but I know a chap who makes about six dollars a week by doing it."

"How can a fellow gather that many?" "He works in a bowling alley."—Judge.

The New Way.

"Be warned in time. Don't you know that strl smokes, drinks and gambles at bridge?" "I know, I am going to marry her to reform her."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Those Dear Girls.

Miss Passay—Just think of the nerve of the fellow to propose to me. Miss Bright—Nerve? Why if it is absolute recklessness.

Tough Birds.

"Indian Runner Ducks For Sale." His ad should have read—buck! When it appeared the man turned pale. "It read, 'Indian Rubber Ducks'."

No Difference.

She—No, Jack, I fear we could never be happy; you know, I always want my own way in everything. He—But darling, you could go on wanting it after we are married.—Boston Transcript.

Very Simple.

"My dear," said Mrs. Snuggs to her husband, "what is a canard?" "Don't you know what a canard is?" queried Snuggs. "Why, the word itself conveys its own meaning."

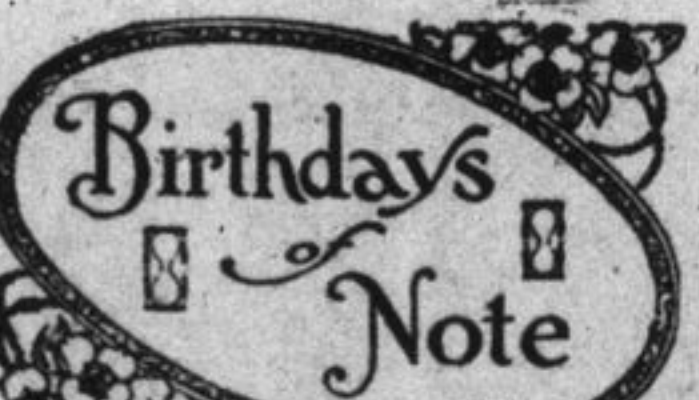
"Does it?" "Well, really, what does it mean?" "Why, a canard is something which one can hardly believe, of course."

"Oh, to be sure! Why couldn't I think of that?"—Exchange.

Domestic Pleasantry.
Mrs. Knicker—The road to a man's heart is through his stomach. Knicker—And a lot of you seem to think it should be laid with bricks.

The Best Side.

The lawyer was endeavoring to pump some free advice out of the doctor. "Which side is it best to lie on, Doc?" "The side that pays you the retainor."—Cincinnati Enquirer.



TUESDAY, MAY, FIFTH

The Hon. John Nesbitt Kirchoffer, whose appointment to the Senate of Canada dates back to the administration of the late Sir John Thompson, celebrates his sixty-sixth birthday on this date. He was born at Ballyronney, Ireland, where his father was rector, and came to Canada when a child. He settled in Port Hope and took up the study and practice of law, later moving to Manitoba where he was instrumental in founding the Plum Creek Settlement. He became a prominent citizen of Souris and sat for a term in the provincial legislature. In 1892 he was elevated to the Senate and is now one of its oldest members in point of service.

Also born today: Adam Crosby, former M.P. for Halifax, born Belfast, Ireland, 1859. Frederick Dane, Toronto, born Belfast, Ireland, 1861.

It is reported that the government will abandon the French river improvements until the special commission reports upon the economic feasibility of the Georgian Bay canal.

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