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DEMAND OF THE HOUR

The attention of farmers who pay taxes is called to the details of the new government house at Toronto which the Whitney government is now building at an expense of a million dollars.

The liberals in the legislature have very strongly declared their opposition to the style and snobbery that must be created by such a palace, and the farmers and workmen throughout the province should speak loudly against the wastefulness going on.

The government is doing less for agriculture, is doing less for education, is doing less for a dozen different things that would be of advantage to the inhabitants of the province, and yet they can spend a million on a building whose chief purpose will be to build up class distinction, a most undesirable thing in Canada.

One of the best remedies that can be applied is for the ridings that are, in any sense, agricultural, to put farmers into parliament rather than the lawyers and doctors who now represent them.

MANNERS OF CHILDREN

Much has been said about the manners of the rising generation, and many remedies have been suggested. In these days when children are turned over to the schools for care and attention various plans are suggested to improve their conduct and attitude towards those older than themselves.

MAY BE AN ELECTION

The talk in conservative organs, at the present time, is of a premature dissolution of the legislature, with an election about the end of June. This is splendid evidence of the weakness of the government party. They are afraid of public opinion, and are anxious to have the matter settled as to their future.

PUBLIC OPINION

The public will be alive to the gross abuse of power by the government. There was no reason why business should be disturbed for party advantage, as there is nothing pending of a pressing character. They went in after the Borden government was elected, and now it would seem as if they wanted to feel public opinion, so that Borden could follow with his election.

win the approval of earnest electors. They would be fit men to follow the leadership of N. W. Rowell, who, as the Globe says, "has made good his title to enthusiastic support, from not merely those who have called themselves liberals, but also those who under other names have been driven to the conclusion that he best represents their political ideals."

The liberals in the house have put up a manly and strenuous warfare against the baneful legislation that has been offered by the government party. They have led in all moral and social reforms, and have forced action by a number of instances, that of the Workmen's Compensation Act being the most prominent.

The liberal party in Ontario can fight with the feeling that there is splendid hope for success. The country is thoroughly disgusted with the gerrymandering of the constituencies. Conservative papers are themselves decrying the outrage. The scandals, too, that have been exposed, but hushed up, will find exploitation on the public platform that must command the disapproval of all right-thinking people.

It is not possible to forecast what the future holds in the way of liberal success, but an earnest, virile and lively campaign will show up all that is disreputable in the conservative government of Ontario, and public opinion and support we aver will be on the side of right.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Tom" King, writing in the Toronto World about the federal parliament, says: "On the whole this session will be notable for its barrenness in the way of legislation."

Villa is now credited with a plan to organize Northern Mexico into a separate republic. That would generally be looked upon as a scheme of the United States to repeat the history of Texas.

Some English women want to be lawyers. But the Law Society objects. The members fear the competition of the women and possibly they will have influence enough to keep the women out of the courts. Yet people wonder why women want votes.

Looking from the outside it does seem an outrage that the Canadian Press, Limited, refuses to grant a franchise to a new evening paper in Montreal. The distribution of news should not be controlled by any combination; every paper desiring it, and can pay the price, should be admitted.

We are told that the average term of the 125,000 telephone girls in the United States is only three years. They respond to about 140 calls an hour, and each call is accompanied by four flashes of light. This results in eye-strain, followed by headache. It is well to remember this, and not to be too much put out when the wrong number is given or some other mistake occurs. The telephone girls have no easy task.

The average under wheat in 1913 in England and Wales, was only 1,701,588. This was a decrease of nearly 200,000 acres from the wheat acreage of the previous year. The total acres under wheat in England and Wales will not equal the amount of new land broken and sown to wheat in western Canada this year. On that showing there will always be plenty of demand in the old country for Canadian wheat and wheat products.

E. J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk railway, has sent out a message to the employees of the system in which he urges kindness and good-will towards everybody. A smile, a kind word, or a kindness done to any of its patrons never fails to leave its impression for good. In other words, Mr. Chamberlain desires to coin kindness into dollars. He has struck the right note for there are thousands of timid people travelling to whom a little help, a little relief out of their difficulties, would find a response worth more than all the price they pay for travelling upon the line.

To Help Party Out.

Peterboro Examiner: No wonder the government had to resort to the gerrymander, to give it an advantage in an appeal to the people that it could not expect from its record of wasteful administration and high-handed legislation.

C. N. R. Gold Brick Ottawa Free Press: The Canadian Northern railway has already received from the people of Canada in subsidies and guarantees the tidy little sum of \$197,916,125. The government now proposes to help Bill and Dan scare the persistent

wolf from the door by another dose of \$15,000,000.

Hanna's Hope Deferred. Brantford Expositor: The Presbyterian synod of Hamilton and London has endorsed the policy of the abolition of the bar. It would delight Mr. Hanna's heart to hear of any church court approving anti-treating legislation as a temperance measure, but he is not likely to be thus encouraged.

Forced It Out.

Chicago Canadian American: We have killed the old, ridiculous prejudice against the Jew—or rather, the Jew himself has forced it out of existence in this enlightened city by showing that his race is not necessarily inferior to our own. In all walks of life, and every sort of achievement, the Jew measures to the standard of the best in Chicago.

Can Only Hear Capitalists.

Farmer's Advocate, London: It does seem strange that the agricultural classes who ask so strongly for lower tariff on certain articles of trade are seldom heeded to any great extent by either political party, while all political cars are erect and on the alert to bear a whisper from the manufacturing concerns or big interests. We are not arguing one way or the other on the tariff question, but when the farmers line up and ask for something, and the manufacturers line up in direct opposition the farmer body gets a hearing but no action, the latter gets a hearing and almost everything else desired. It is about time for a fair division in place of the apple for the manufacturer and the core for the agriculturist. The only possible way is to renounce party politics and vote accordingly.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Five citizens were summoned to the police court to-day charged with being interested in a cock fight. Three were fined \$50 and costs and two \$25 and costs.

Hotel and tavern proprietors are being compelled to erect fire escapes on their premises.

FOR A BATTLE CRY.

London Advertiser: The Tories of Ontario will use hydro-electric as a battle cry. But they will keep dark the dissemination that exists over hydro-electric at the present time among the members of the commission. They will not acknowledge the aid in the promotion of that policy that was given by liberals. They will not remember their promises to keep hydro-electric out of politics, and they will not admit that in so far as hydro-electric has succeeded it was by the co-operation of liberals.

The liberals inaugurated the policy of public owned and distributed power in Ontario. The conservatives have been given the necessary money to carry out the policy. To hear them tell it, one would imagine that the government was a combination of Thomas Edison's genius and Niagara Falls' productivity. However, it is quite well known that the conservative who invented the means of handling electricity, nor did they discover Niagara Falls. Long before they took the hydro policy as a legacy from the late Hon. George Ross, power was being taken at the Falls and distributed for greater distances than it is now distributed in Ontario. Engineering skill, the desire of the public for cheap power, endless financial resources, non-payment of taxes and the co-operation of the liberals with Hon. Adam Beck have been responsible for the development of the policy that gives light to most of the municipalities of Western Ontario.

The only difference between the liberal policy on hydro-electric and the conservative policy was that Sir George Ross proposed to have the commission controlling the affairs of hydro-electric elected by the municipalities from among the representatives of the municipalities. The veteran statesman believed that politics should not enter into the control of this public utility. He deemed it a thing above politics. He would have had the policy of the country and not of a political party.

The desperate fight in the Toronto cabinet against hydro-electric has not been forgotten. Had not Hon. Adam Beck given the support of the liberal party and the liberal press he never could have carried the policy through. While Mr. Beck's methods have been frequently criticized by liberal papers, the policy of public-owned power facilities has been championed from time to time in every liberal paper in the province. Bitterest opposition to the policy has come from conservative papers, some of which have made desperate attacks upon the scheme at different times.

While there is constant fear of surrender to that wing of the government which is openly opposed to the Beck policy and which never makes reference to it, and which appears to be able to keep it out of its section of the province, the liberal party in Ontario stands for a safe and sane administration of hydro-electric and for the development of the policy upon broader lines than have been laid down. Sir George Ross took the first step in giving the municipalities their own power. Newton W. Rowell would bring the scheme to its greatest development.

The Arctic Brotherhood, which invited the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to visit the Yukon, have received with a ready two large engravings of the royal couple. Frank Stuart, seed sixteen, eldest son of Col. J. Duff-Stuart, Vancouver, disappeared on Sunday evening after escorting his sister to Braemar school.

Little Current has voted for a \$12,000 electric plant.

Wise and : : Otherwise

It ought to be the deliberate custom in every home to make the evening just as pleasant as possible, and to see to it that no member of the family retires in an unhappy mood.

An evening happiness bath, a bath of love and good will toward every living creature, is more important than a water bath.



That audience cheered my remarks repeatedly. Yes, I never saw an audience that wouldn't rather hear itself bulge than listen to somebody talk.

Words of Wise Men. We never live; we are always in the expectation of living.—Voltaire.

Great men lose somewhat of their greatness by being near us; ordinary men gain much.—Lander.

The devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers, and dreads nothing so much as their charity and patience.—Lowell.

Age and youth look upon life from the opposite ends of the telescope; to the one it is exceedingly long, to the other exceedingly short.—H. W. Beecher.

By desiring what is perfectly good, even when we do not quite know what it is, and cannot do what we would, we are part of the divine power against evil, widening the skirts of light and making the struggle with darkness narrower.—George Eliot.

A man of integrity will never listen to any plea against conscience.—Horne.

A passion for distress is, I think, the only one which long sickness leaves untouched with its chilling influence.—Mrs. Hemans.

An inquisitive man is a creature naturally vacant of thought itself, and therefore, forced to apply to foreign assistance.—Steele.

Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; as the blinding meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.—Longfellow.

There are men of convictions whose very faces will light up an era, and there are believing women in whose eyes you may almost read the whole plan of salvation.—Pitkin.

The great must submit to the dominion of prudence and virtue, or none will long submit to the dominion of the great. This is a feudal tenure which they cannot alter.—Burke.

Three things too much, and three too little are perilous to man: to speak much, and know little; to spend much, and have little; to presume much, and be worth little.—Cervantes.

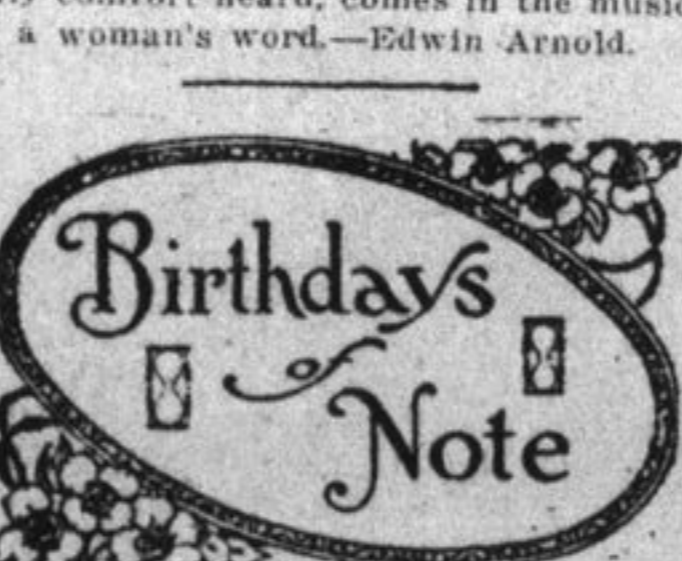
Never forget that of the word unsaid you are master; of the word spoken you are slave.—Anon.

It is ever the invisible that is the object of our profoundest worship. With the lover, love is not the seen, but the unseen; that he muses upon.—Boswell.

A history will live, though written over so indifferently, and it is generally less suspected than the rhetoric of the muses.—Shenstone.

When weary life, breathing reluctant breath, hath no hope-awakener than the hope of death, then the best counsel and the best relief to cheer the spirit or to cheat the grief, the only calm, the only comfort heard, comes in the music of a woman's word.—Edwin Arnold.

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Birthdays Note

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