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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

According to the Municipal Act, a commission governing the public utilities must apply to the City Council before it can proceed with extensions to the water, gas or electric plants, as extensions are capital expenditure. The view is held that the West street water main is not a renewal, as the commission has decided, but an extension that should have had the sanction of council. An old seven-inch main is being replaced by one of eighteen inches, which follows a new route from the corner of West and Sydney streets. At most, only about one-quarter of the main could be termed a renewal. Had the commission placed this matter before council two months ago, the funds for it would no doubt have been provided, and there would not have been the present hold-up in the work.

ALARMED OVER WATER

The town of Pembroke, which gets its water from the Ottawa river, and has spent, during the past three years, \$70,000 to secure a pure supply, is greatly agitated over the prospect of the Petawawa camp, with 12,000 men and over 6,000 horses, dumping its raw sewage into the river, twelve or eighteen miles above the town. This camp will have a population nearly twice the size of Pembroke outside of the 6,000 horses. The Observer regards the thing as a menace to the town, especially during the very hottest period of the year, and the dopping of the water, however much, will not cleanse it sufficiently for household uses. The paper says the nuisance has been going on for a number of years and promises to be continued unless very strong opposition is put up, and it calls upon the Board of Health of the town to bring the matter very aggressively before the Provincial Board to help and secure a remedy.

COOKING AND HAPPINESS

The conclusion of the Kansas Agricultural College that domestic science makes against divorce is based on figures that are not wide enough to be conclusive, but it is nevertheless in accord with reason. The figures are that 829 girls have been graduated in twenty years and all have taken the course in domestic science. Four hundred and twenty-seven have married and only four have been divorced, two of the four re-marrying their former husbands. There is now in many places a movement to make the domestic science course a part of the public school course.

A woman is more likely to be interested in running her home if she knows how to run it, says Harper's Weekly. All of us are interested in doing those things which in early life we learn to do well. Practical usefulness makes us happy. Education ought not to be based on the needs of a small class. It should meet the fundamental needs of everybody.

The girl born in ordinary circumstances who can take care of herself and her whole family when necessary has a feeling of confidence, self-respect and vigor that makes for mental and physical health and, therefore, for happiness.

THE GERMAN BIRTH RATE

The German birth rate is declining. It was 36.5 in 1900, in 1911 it was 29.5. The decline continues. The industrial development of Germany has proceeded so much faster than the growth in population that there are now 2,500,000 factory workers employed in German factories. The militarists are especially concerned about the decline in the birth rate. The economists see in it a warning to Germany to pay more attention to agricultural development. The amazing manufacturing growth of Germany has been at the

cost of the agricultural. Immigration has added materially to the soil-production, but it has made heavier demands upon the production of the soil. The Kaiser has an influence, unequalled by any other ruler, over the habits and the life of his own people. The government of Germany is above all paternal. But the Kaiser and his government and his military aristocracy cannot appreciably affect the birth rate. With the greater volume of wealth and the higher standards of living that have come from industrial prosperity the number of children per family declines. It has been so in America, in France, in England; it will be so in Germany.

CHANGED VIEWS ABOUT WAR

The United States newspapers reflect plainly a changed public opinion in regard to the gloriousness of war, knowledge of what war actually means being vastly more general and more accurate than it was at the time of the Spanish-American war. A few weeks ago there was found and published in St. Louis a letter written by General W. B. Wade, describing the battle of Monterey in 1846, which contains these sentences: "You might have seen the Mexicans running in every direction like sheep out of a pen. And it really was fun for us to pick them off with our rifles as they ran."

These words are being reprinted again in United States papers in connection with this extract from a letter received a week or two ago by a Baltimore family from a relative serving at Vera Cruz: "I never knew anybody could be so bloodthirsty. We would have slaughtered them if they had stood their ground. But they ran like sheep. I am thinking of putting a few notches in my rifle. I have four now. I guess you think I am a blood-curdling villain by this time, but the greasers really deserve it. They ought to be wiped off the map, and we will do it—I mean Uncle Sam will."

There are no indications in the United States papers that this is regarded as glorious or romantic. War does not change, but, with the advance of knowledge and civilization, the mental attitude towards war changes.

"PROSPERITY" UNDER BORDEN

The kind of prosperity Canada is experiencing under Borden's rule is indicated by the trade figures for the fiscal year 1913-14 made public by the Department of Trade and Commerce on May 3rd. During the twelve-month Canada's trade increased, it is true, but the increase fell far and away below that shown in other recent years. In the preceding year, for instance, the increase in total trade was over \$200,000,000, but in 1913-14, after a further period of Borden administration, the advance in trade was only \$26,097,564, while it is noteworthy that during the year financial depression and unemployment were general throughout the dominion. It may also be noted that it was only during the first six months of the time that there was any net increase whatever in our trade. During the latter half of the year there was a steady decrease in the business done. In March, for example, the drop in Canada's total trade, as compared with the trade for March of the previous year, was no less than \$23,000,000, decreases being shown both in exports and imports.

Had it not been for the removal of many American duties under the Wilcox-Cunderwood tariff and the opening of the United States market last October, the dominion would have made even a more sorry trade showing than has to be recorded. Following the removal of the American duties on live stock, there was a great increase in the flow of Canadian stock southward and while the total export of annual products in 1912-13 amounted to only \$2,000,000, in round figures, this export in 1913-14 was \$9,000,000 and of this total over \$8,000,000 was accounted for by the exports to the United States. Similarly, reductions in the American tariff on breadstuffs accounted for the greater part of the increase in Canadian export of these products. Had it not been, then, for the privilege of opportunities of wider markets given Canadians through the lowering of the tariff of a foreign country the decrease in the business done by the dominion last year would have been even more startling than the official figures show.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ariazana is about to bond herself in the sum of \$5,000,000 for good roads.

There are few liberals who believe Sir James Whitney would have been guilty of the Bruce gerrymander.

There should be a continuous inspection of all electric wires in this city. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

One of the first principles of house-cleaning is to put things where the old man can find them when he comes home.

The young liberals of Kingston are going to be heard from in the coming provincial election. When this body was active in elections years ago, the liberal candidates always won, and its coming back into the

arena makes it a foregone conclusion that the liberal candidate in the election near at hand will be elected.

It is said that in the coming provincial election N. W. Rowell will contest one of the Toronto ridings in addition to North Oxford. The liberal leader sets an example of splendid courage to his followers.

That school children who are taught in fresh air classrooms advance more rapidly in their studies and make greater improvement in weight and strength than children in regular classrooms, was a conclusion demonstrated by Frank H. Mann, of New York, before the sociological section of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in Washington.

The producers of the best oats in the world were given a banquet at Lloydminster, Sask. It is time that men who excel in lines of production came in for more notice. The man who can put a bag of seed oats in the ground in seed time, and reap the greatest return in the fall, is a greater producer of new wealth, and adds more to the national assets of the country than the greatest spell-binder that ever existed.

PUBLIC OPINION

All 'Round Cleanliness. Chicago Record-Herald. The city—that is dirty physically cannot be clean morally. Clean up.

Be Calm. Cleveland Leader. Considering the present styles of women's clothes why worry over the possible future creations of dressmakers?

A Coincidence. Atchison Globe. You may have observed that the athletic young man doesn't need exercise at the same time the garden needs spading.

Bury Them. Galt Reporter. One of the best ways of forgetting your worries at this time of the year is to bury them in the garden.

Don't Forget the Weeds. Farmer's Advocate. Declare war on weeds early in the season. They are much more easily destroyed while young than after a widespread root system entrenches them firmly.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Dr. Massie, veterinary surgeon, ordered a horse owned by a Latimer farmer to be shot. The animal was suffering from glanders. Ald. Swift has sold nine lots on Horseshoe Island. Gold in large quantities was found on the farm of J. Dodds, a few miles from Ose.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN

Liberals Do Not Think Interests Sufficiently Safeguarded. Montreal Herald. Conservatives are affecting considerable surprise at the attitude of the liberals in regard to the proposed further government assistance for the Canadian Northern. The liberals have already made it clear that they are not opposed to the principle of assistance. Their objection is that while the proposed agreement ostensibly protects the interests of the dominion in thus assuming a further share of the Canadian Northern's financial burdens, in reality those interests have not been sufficiently safeguarded. For instance, will the additional \$45,000,000 to be guaranteed by the government, be used on contracts for which no tenders are called? In view of this question it must be remembered that Mackenzie and Mann are the controlling owners of the Canadian Northern railway. The lines built by the Canadian Northern and its subsidiary railway companies have been constructed by Mackenzie, Mann and Co., contractors. The same Mackenzie and Mann who control the Canadian Northern and the Mackenzie and Mann of the company who built the roads constructed by the railway company. And Mackenzie and Mann, railway owners, awarded contracts to Mackenzie and Mann, contractors without tenders. For building the Halifax and southwestern—a Mackenzie and Mann, contractors, received \$5,663,972; for building the Canadian Northern Quebec, \$4,228,889; for work done on the Canadian Northern Ontario lines, \$52,815,623; for Canadian Northern lines from Port Arthur to Yellow Head Pass, \$109,749,509, with more to come; for smaller contracts, \$5,399,881. Not content with giving Mackenzie and Mann these five contracts without tender, Mackenzie and Mann, railway owners, gave Mackenzie and Mann, contractors, the work of purchasing equipment for the railway. The liberals are now asking how much of the money obtained for building these railways went to the account of Mackenzie and Mann, contractors, and how much into actual railway building? It is a serious matter, for the facts to be faced are that already Canada has given these men \$250,000,000, in one form or another, for the construction of railway which is not yet completed; that Mackenzie and Mann handed over rich contracts to themselves and paid the bills with money obtained from the people of Canada, and that they voted themselves \$128,000,000 of stock for which they have not paid a dollar.

THE DEADLY THREE-FIFTHS

How it was Worked to the Disadvantage of Places

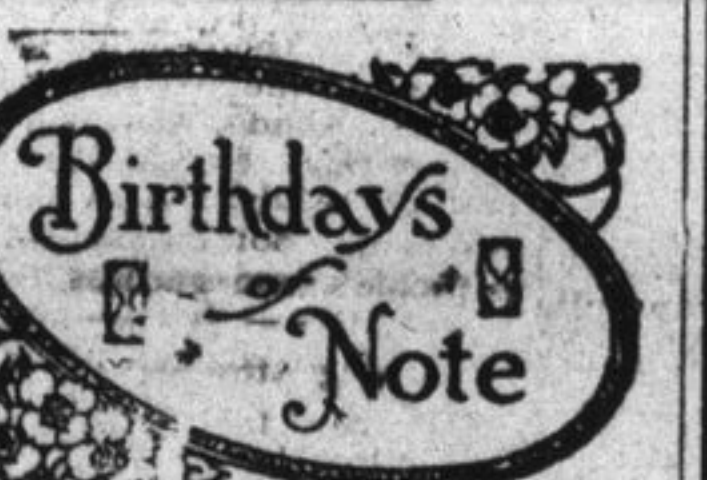
Brantford Examiner. The supporters of the Whitney government are endeavoring to avoid the day of wrath which awaits that administration because of the damage it has done to the cause of temperance, by parading certain amendments important and unimportant, which the government has made to the Liquor License act. They do not, however, make any parade of the fact that the obnoxious three-fifths clause has been the greatest obstacle to temperance reform which has ever been introduced into this province, and that for this obstacle the conservative party is entirely responsible. The following is the record:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Held up by Licenses Three-fifths Continued. Rows: 1907 (40), 1908 (29), 1909 (22), 1910 (55), 1911 (30), 1912 (21), 1913 (38), 1914 (20).

It will be seen that the operation of this handicap interfered with the carrying of local option in 255 districts, including Brantford and Paris, and kept 901 licenses in force. To-day there are 123 municipalities where local option by-laws would be in force but for the three-fifths requirement. Fifty-six of these have been held up twice, and six have been held up three times. In these 213 municipalities there are 408 licenses.

In short, the will of the people, as expressed by majority vote, is prohibition in 668 municipalities, and license in 184 municipalities, while the three-fifths requirement has permitted prohibition in only 535 municipalities and has retained licenses in 307 municipalities. The will of the people is to continue only 1,165 licenses, while the will of the Whitney government is to continue 1,573 licenses. Is it any wonder with such an exhibit that the existence of a close alliance between the Whitney government and the liquor interests is directly charged?

Who Will Pay Hospital Bill? Guelph, May 14.—Mrs. Lizzie Richardson, who has resided in Hamilton for the past seventeen years but who formerly resided in Guelph, was sent here by the relief officer at Hamilton, and has been in one of the hospitals as an indigent patient ever since. She is now able to be moved, and was sent back to Hamilton. The bill for her care here will be sent to the Hamilton authorities for payment, as she is not a citizen of Guelph.



THURSDAY, MAY FOURTEENTH

Sir Frederick Borden, who was continuously minister of militia during the entire period of the Laurier administration, and who is the head of the Borden family in Canada, was born at Cornwallis, N.S., sixty-seven years ago to-day. His father, the late Johnathan Borden, was the paternal uncle of Premier Borden, so that Sir Frederick is a first cousin of Canada's present prime minister. Educated for his father's profession, Sir Frederick began practice as his assistant in the village of Canard afterwards removing to Canning where he has ever since resided. He early became interested in military affairs and was appointed surgeon of the local regiment of militia. This connection led to his being chosen for the portfolio of militia and defence in 1896. He had meanwhile enjoyed a lengthy Parliamentary experience, entering the House of Commons for the first time in 1874 and sitting continuously therein until 1911 with the exception of a term from 1882 to 1887. Also born to-day: E. R. Wood, financier, Toronto, born in Peterboro, 1866.

Flowers without fruit. Prune thou thy words. The thoughts control Not o'er the swell and throng. They will condense within thy soul And change to purpose strong. But he who lets his feelings run in soft, luxurious flow, Shrinks when hard service must be done And faints at every foe. Faith's meaneest deed more favor bears Where hearts and wills are weighed Than brightest transports, choicest prayers. Which bloom their hour and fade. —John Henry Newman.

Two men are held at Pembroke, suspected of a burglary at Carleton Place. Goods were found that may identify them.

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