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WHAT WOMEN CAN DO.

Word comes from Ottawa and to the effect that some of the improvements recommended by the Prison Reform Commission will be carried out at once, and the rest will be held over for consideration later.

She has been in office only four months and in that time she has been busy. Her accomplishments have been summarized by the New York Times, and embrace the following acts: Prohibition of all smuggling of goods between the outside and inside; employment of boys upon the farms in healthy, open-air exercise; employment of instructors in sewing, so that the workhouse matrons may be able to provide to a larger extent for the comfort of those committed to their charge; complete study of the dietaries and systems of food supply at a saving to the people; tests of blood for scientific purposes and so as to save the city from suits for alleged contamination; new record to guard against imposition and repeating; shop work for the safety of the inmates and the good of the state; suppression of the drug traffic; adoption of indeterminate system of government, and honor roll; and the introduction of new accounting in all prison departments.

All this outlines a woman with ideas and the capacity for putting them into use, and her example is surely inspiring. Canada has no woman the government feels like raising to a position where she can gain distinction. The women of Canada, thanks to the hostility of the politicians, are held back and hampered a good deal. But in the United States they are getting their dues, and they are making good.

Manitoba's local election occurs on July 10th. Same demand by the opposition. "Abolish the bar." Manitoba, some years ago, had a referendum. And the people voted for prohibition by a large majority. And Sir Rodmond Roblin refused it. Did not think it would be a good thing for the province.

NEW SCHOOL ATTRACTION.

"Have you read anything about the Little Mothers' meetings?" asked a city physician of the editor of this paper a day or two ago. The editor candidly admitted that he had not. The papers were full of news about the election and the need for political reforms. The "Little Mothers" were not concerned directly with the success of the political parties; but they were indirectly, and the force or effect of the new movement was accentuated by some experiences through which the little mothers had passed.

To say that the "Little Mothers' Meetings" are held in connection with the public school is to at once suggest that these public schools are already overburdened or trespassed upon by the fads of the day. But the education of the day becomes more precious as well as more practicable for the girls and boys, and the Little Mothers Meetings are a development of the European school system which has already found favour in the United States and Canada. The New York papers of last week gave extended accounts of the meetings there, and the Canadian Courier of last week had a long and descriptive article by May Josephine Trotter, who has by her rosy-tinted prose and pictures opened up

the subject in a most interesting manner. The meetings of these little mothers are simply class meetings at which the nurse attached to the school staff takes some bouncing baby and washes and dresses it and turns it over for the admiration of the class. Why have such things in the schools? some one asks. Why give the girls dolls which they wash and dress and "rock to sleep" as the mother washes, dresses, and rocks to sleep some younger sisters?

The "maternal instinct," it is explained, is in all the girls, and the idea, (a good one), is to cultivate it in a rational and useful way. This cultivation is the result of the Little Mothers' Meetings, and in Toronto, within a year, there are twenty-four schools which have held them. The lesson may have been on "Growth and Development," under any one of its subdivisions—weight, muscular strength and exercise; or, perhaps on one of the special senses—smell, sight, hearing, or speech; or, on "Bathing and the Value of Water," "Clothing and Cleanliness," "Sleep and Quiet," "Fresh Air," or, "How to Feed the Baby." And "First Care of the Sick Baby" is one of the most important of the subjects. The lessons are very interesting and surpass the cooking classes in the concentration of the girls' attention.

Rowell, says Le Temps, the Ottawa French paper, is the enemy of the French-Canadians. Just what the Whig has been saying all along, and because he is for English schools, and English schools only, for this province.

TOURING IN THE WEST.

The premier of Canada will take a run over Canada west, beginning in July, and will see for himself whether the time is ripe for another election. The excuse in Ontario for the contest which ends with to-day is that the people have to be consulted about political matters seeing that the basis of representation has been altered by the redistribution bill. The people were making no complaint, and they would have been perfectly satisfied had the legislature continued until the end of the period for which it was elected. Party interests suggested an early appeal to the electors and it remains to be seen whether the government showed wisdom in making the plunge.

Some things have been happening in the west, and of them Sir Robert Borden will be sure to take notice. Two bye-elections have taken place in Saskatchewan. In North Qu'Appelle, where a conservative member retired, on account of ill-health—and he would have held the seat had he expected a political turnover—a liberal was elected, changing a former majority of 44, against his party, to 204 in favour of it. In Rosthern a liberal was elected by a majority which increased from 120 to 271. And this, mark you, despite the powerful influence of federal patronage.

This would indicate that public sentiment is not changing over in favour of the federal government in Saskatchewan. There are no signs of a conversion of the electors to conservative ways in Alberta. In British Columbia, thanks to the co-operation of the local government, the federal government has had a strong support. But the popularity of the McBride government is waning, and the popularity of the Borden government suffers through its manner of dealing with the labour issues. Sir Robert Borden, however, wants to see things for himself, and—there will not be an election next October.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The federal government for the period running from Sept. 1st, 1913, to June 5th, 1914, borrowed, to meet demands for which it has not the cash, \$90,095,000, or \$224 per minute. High financing, eh?

The grafters of Britain, in the public offices, have brought scandal on themselves and the nation. There has been so much petty thieving that the government will have to make use of efficient engineers in order to put an end to it.

The postmaster-general has in an arbitrary way, raised the newspaper rate, and practically says to the press, "What are you going to do about it?" The journalists can bide their time; and a little later write Mr. Pelletier's epitaph.

The Hamilton Herald is coming around to the Whig's conclusion—that a commission can run the civic government better than a council. The commission in the cities of the United States is certainly proving itself to be the superior.

The Hamilton Spectator has led the press on its side of politics in advising the pulpits as to its duty. Were the preachers and editors to change places the Spectator man would be the first, from the pulpits, to tell the other fellow to mind his own business, and the editor, in the pulpits would not like it a bit.

The Belleville Intelligencer thinks the Whig referred to the Montreal

Herald in a kindly way for sinister purposes. Well, the Brockville Times cannot be accused of currying any favours from the Whig, and it quotes an editorial from this paper and refers to it as "the leading liberal paper in Eastern Ontario, and edited by a strong and consistent temperance man." Ahem!

Laugh and Be Merry.

By John McNeill. Laugh and be merry; remember better the world with a song, Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong.

Laugh for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span; Laugh and be proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man.

Laugh and be merry remember, in olden time, God made heaven and earth for joy He took in a rhyme;

Made them, and fill them full with the strong red wine of His mirth, The splendid joy of the stars; the joy of the earth.

So we must laugh and drink from the deep blue cup of the sky, Join the jubilant song of the great stars sweeping by;

Laugh and battle, and work, and drink of the wine outpoured In the dear green earth, the sign of the joy of the Lord.

Laugh and be merry together, like brothers akin, Guesting awhile in the rooms of a beautiful inn,

Glad till the dancing stops and the lilt of the music ends; Laugh till the game is played; and be you merry, my friends.

In a Dangerous Way.

A London litterateur has a little son who sucks his thumb. The litterateur said to him one day: "Now you must stop sucking your thumb. If you don't you'll swell up like a balloon and burst. Mind what I say!"

The urchin was most impressed. He promised to do his best to break himself off his bad habit.

It happened that Gilbert G. Chesterton dined at the litterateur's that evening. With the dessert the little chap came in. He looked at the urchin, who weighs 200 pounds, and started. He turned pale. Then he sidled up to the mountainous writer and said in a compassionate and yet reproachful voice:

"You suck your thumb, don't you?"

Call All "Engineers."

Every now and then, we are confronted with a new species of "engineers," which it is difficult for us to recognize. We have published frequently letters of protest from engineers who object to being classed with engine-drivers, crane-men, stake drivers, concrete foremen and the like. With the constantly increasing number of business specialties new kinds of "engineers" are constantly popping into print, whose connection with real engineering is far-fetched, to say the least.

The newest brand to come to our attention is the "rural engineer," who, according to newspaper advices has become "a new and vital element in the development of country districts." It is explained that this work is being taken up by the Young Men's Christian association, which sends out country secretaries or "rural life engineers," men who are generally college trained with agricultural educations.

We do not question for a minute the good work done by these country secretaries, but to call them "engineers" is overworking a much-abused name. Perhaps it illustrates not only a misuse of the words, but a popular fallacy, very current nowadays that all problems of the human race may be investigated, studied and analyzed with mathematical precision, and solved and remedied and curbed by the use of statistics and data with as much ease and certainty as engineering problems are solved. — Engineering News.

PUBLIC OPINION

No Welcome.

Ottawa Free Press into Vancouver we don't anticipate any torch-light procession welcome.

When? How?

Hamilton Spectator. Women mean well when they interject themselves into politics. But what a mess they make of things!

He's a-Doin's.

Montreal Mail. Edmonton's former chief of police says he was told by the mayor and several aldermen to pull off occasional "raids" so as to make a splash. In how many cities is the same practice followed?

Do You Hear It?

Montreal Star. Mr. Roosevelt considers that the present United States foreign policy is making that country a joke in the eyes of the world. The trumpet is already heralding the approach of 1916.

A Problem of Empire.

Toronto Globe. About five-sixths of his majority's subjects are dark-skinned and unfamiliar with the English language. This creates a problem of empire which is not simplified by projects for Hindu emigration to Canada.

Helps Very Much.

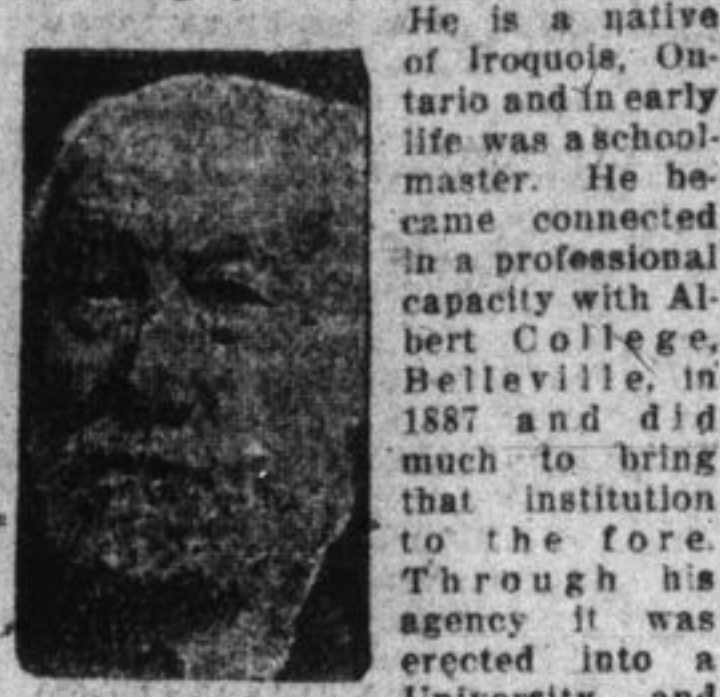
Montreal Herald. Sir Donald Mann remarked to an interviewer here yesterday that the arrangement his company had made with the government to "help some" was not what he would have called a "right away" that the people of Canada expect that \$45,000,000 to help a whole lot.

No woman talks all the time. When she is doing so her hair her mouth is full of hairpins. When the average man succeeds in raising the wind he begins to blow about it.

Birthdays Note

SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTY-SEVENTH

The Rev. Dr. Albert Carman, the grand old man of Canadian Methodism, is eighty-one years of age to-day.



He is a native of Iroquois, Ontario and his early life was as a schoolmaster. He became connected in a professional capacity with Albert College, Belleville, in 1857 and did much to bring that institution to the fore. Through his agency it was erected into a University and he was made its first chancellor. He had meanwhile been ordained and by 1874 was made a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1883 he became superintendent of the Methodist Church, a position he has continued to hold with great force and usefulness down to the present time. He is a strong speaker, a man of ripe experience and gifted with astonishing energy.

Also born to-day: W. F. Allen, Bowmanville, born 1823. H. B. Ames, born Montreal, 1863. Dr. H. A. Bruce, Toronto, born 1868. Prof. Howard Murray, Halifax, born 1859.

SUNDAY, JUNE TWENTY-EIGHTH

Lieut.-Col. H. D. Johnson, M.D., one of the best known professional men in the Maritime Provinces, was born fifty-one years ago to-day in Charlottetown, P.E.I. where he continues to reside. As a medical student at McGill he won distinction as a football and hockey player and his interest in sport has never since waned. He took up soldiering, entering the militia as a medical officer, and during the South African War saw active service. For eight years after his return he acted as Principal Medical Officer of Military District No. 12, retiring a few years ago. Colonel Johnson has also been active in fraternal work and has held high offices in several orders.

Also born to-day: Prof. W. H. Alexander, University of Alberta, Edmonton, born Ottawa, 1878.

Judge Morgan, Toronto, born St. Vincent, W.I., 1833.

P. J. A. Cardin, M.P., Sorel, P.Q., born 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE TWENTY-NINTH

Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake, former Inspector-General of the Canadian militia and more recently Chief of the General Staff in India, is fifty-nine years of age to-day. He is closely related to the Price family of Quebec and his brother, R. S. Lake, ex-M.P. for Qu'Appelle, has long been a Canadian citizen, so that the General has many interests in this country. He has had a long and distinguished military career.

Entering the army when only eighteen years of age he has served in numerous campaigns, including the African War, and the Soudan Campaign. During the South African War he was in charge of the mobilisation branch at army headquarters. Since then he has held important posts in various parts of the Empire.

Also born to-day: Col. E. A. Cruickshank, Calgary, born 1854. A. E. Frapp, Ottawa, born 1866. Rev. T. A. Moore, Toronto, born 1860.

TUESDAY, JUNE THIRTIETH

This is the sixtieth birthday of Andrew Dickson Patterson, the celebrated Canadian portrait painter, who now resides principally in Montreal. He was born in Pictou and educated at Upper Canada College and in London. His work has been confined principally to portraiture and some of his paintings are of a high order of merit and will live in the history of Canadian art. Among the distinguished Canadians who have sat for him are Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George W. Ross, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Sir Oliver Mowat. He is exceedingly painstaking and lavishes great care on any canvas he attempts.

Also born to-day: Col. J. B. Forsyth, Quebec, born 1830. James Mackinnon, Sherbrooke, born 1830.

Kingston Event's 25 YEARS AGO.

Oddfellows attended service at Bethel church where Rev. Mr. McFayden preached a sermon commemorative of the late John Marshall, captain of the ill-fated Bavaris.

At the entrance examinations into the Collegiate Institute now being held in the City Hall there are forty-three girls and thirty boys writing.

The school property committee has under consideration the plans of the proposed additions to Louisa school.

The city clerk reports persons as very negligent in the matter of registering births, deaths and marriages.

Creditors and poor relations always show up at the wrong time.

Bibbys Summer Sale. See Our \$4.00 Shoe. Bibbys See Our Great \$4.00 Shoes. Shoe Sale Men's \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Oxfords for \$2.50. Sizes 4-1-2 to 7-1-2. Our Great 69c Shirt Sale Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirts for 69c. Sizes 14 to 18. Underwear Sale 50c values for 25c. Shirts and drawers sizes 32 to 44. Our \$10.00 Outing Suits A genuine homespun suit in three different and distinct shades of grey. Sizes 34 to 46. Trousers plain or cuff bottom. Coat are three-quarter lined. Neckwear Sale 50c Tie Values for 25c. 25c Neckwear for 12 1-2. Suit Special Price \$15.00 To-day we place on sale a range of Men's Hand-Tailored Suits that are the equal of suits the custom tailors are asking \$22.00 and \$25.00 for. The fabrics are pure wool English worsteds in rich shades of grey, brown and blue, beautifully tailored by experts. The new two and three button models, sizes 34 to 44. Bibbys

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To Clear Them Out at \$1.98. H. JENNINGS, King Street.

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