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**ELECTIONS IN MANITOBA.**  
The elections are taking place in Manitoba to-day. In local elections the issues are not usually very acute. In this campaign the differences between the parties are sharply drawn, and again the school and license laws are predominant. The premier is cocksure of election. He concedes only one seat to the liberals, which makes one surmise that for once he is trusting too much to his name, his bluster and his bribery friends. Manitoba will be disappointed this evening if Sir Rodmond is not sharply rebuked for his presumption.

**THE IDOL HAS FALLEN.**  
The Whig is distinctly disappointed in Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canada's solicitor-general. It was impressed, during his visit to Kingston, with his dignity, his demeanour, his intellectuality, and his apparent desire to be "fair" in the presentation of political questions. It may be hard to avoid the bias of the politician. To him, in the heat of conflict at any rate, errors and extravagances are inevitable. But the Hon. Arthur seemed to be different from other men. Alas, he has fallen. Out in Manitoba, where he went campaigning for the local government, he let himself loose and charged Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor) with having a pecuniary interest in a hotel at Neepawa whilst he denounced the liquor traffic and inferentially the bar in this hotel. The fact is that Dr. Gordon did help financially to establish a temperance hotel at Neepawa; and sold out his interests when the bar was opened.

**HIGH TESTS OF MERIT.**  
The Medical Association of Canada is worried because some "fakers," or persons without the parchment that shows they have qualified for the practice of medicine, call themselves "doctors." The mere fact that men assume titles is not much of an offence. They like to be addressed as "colonel," "major," "judge," and "Hon." Some people have deliberately printed on their social and business paper titles which they never earned. This is contemptible. Whether it is worth while quarrelling or worrying over is another matter.

**A CRISIS IN ENGLAND.**  
Government caucuses, or party caucuses, are absolutely necessary. No man, no matter how powerful or persuasive, can expect to force his views upon his supporters in parliament by sheer force of logic. It is apparent by the harmony of their views that Mr. Asquith and the members of his

government agree on the great essentials of the liberal policy. But it is patent, also, that between the government and its supporters, or between it and the one hundred members that cannot be depended upon, and the irregularity of whose movements the government has two or three times been in peril of defeat, there is not an understanding. Mr. Asquith must meet these, must consult with them, must honour them with his confidence, or pass out of power. The strain he has put upon them has reached a limit.

Likewise the government must know where it is with regard to the Home Rule bill. Mr. Asquith has carried it so far with a loyal support of the liberal party and the parties that have been allied with it. Every change in it must be made known to those men or they will be warranted in objecting to the "sacrifices" or "compromises" of the government.

**THE THING THEY SEEK.**  
A deputation from Chicago, on which there are two women, are touring Canada, and making a story of the conditions that make for or against vice in every form. This deputation, in Toronto, will find something to contrast with conditions in a city in which religion is at a low ebb.

From Toronto the party journeys to Montreal, in which social experiences are had enough, the plea being offered some time ago that the social vice could not be suppressed or eliminated and that the only thing aimed at would be its control. And yet in the east there is not the ground for supposing that graft is seriously at work and that vice is a great sight more deadly in its effects because of the immorality which it enjoys.

Out in Edmonton a commission, appointed to uncover the scandals which were associated with the police department, finds itself handicapped by an effort which is being made to prevent it from disclosing the manner in which the social evil grew there under the nefarious system of toll.

**A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.**  
There has been a revival of the Leonard-Queen's dormitory scheme, or rather a revival of the discussion respecting it. It is due to two statements, one made by Col. Hughes and one by Dr. Dupuis, and both are entitled to respect for the weight they carry with them.

When Major Leonard, who made the offer, withdrew it, an end seemed to have been reached. The friends of the militia department were inclined to be conscious of the "authorities" of the university, one critic going so far as to say that they had bungled the whole business. Dr. Dupuis now explains that the Leonard offer was declined because it did not appeal to those who valued higher education without the military training that the dormitory accommodation would cost the student \$5 per week in any case, and that he can get all the dormitory comforts he desires elsewhere without the discipline and drill which the Leonard scheme involved.

There is no wiser head in connection with Queen's university than Dr. Dupuis, and now that he has spoken so candidly his view of the case will find general favour. The pity is that he did not express his mind on the subject a little sooner.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
Mr. Carvell, M.P., is a success as a prober. When he gets through with the New Brunswick scandal there will be several persons who will remember him.

experiment and demonstrate its advantage. Gamay has not yet been called to account for the peculiarity of his appeals to the fishermen of Manitoulin island. Is Sir James uncertain as to the discipline which he should apply in this case?

The Simcoe Reformer is through with the liquor plank of the liberal policy. Was it not through with this plank long before the local election? There is nothing new about the Reformer's stand upon this subject.

The premier of England must not dine out any more without consulting the opposition in the commons. He must at least call around late at night and smile his recognition on at least Bonar Law and Lord Cecil. This is the latest ruling.

The Montreal Gazette does not seriously challenge the right of Lloyd-George to say that his legislation has given the municipality an advantage of thousands a year. Bribery? Isn't every government in Canada practising this kind of thing right along?

The federal government inspector of railways who has been so sharply called to account in New Brunswick, should be fired and stay fired. The Hanna plea, that some good people want an erring official reinstated, should have no consideration from an honest government.

Senator Lane, of the United States interior department, figures that the cost of a single battleship will supply four thousand families with permanent homes in the desert lands of the west. Which suggests the enquiry, What would one of the fifteen millions Col. Sam Hughes is spending do in providing comforts for the thousands of suffering poor in the dominion?

**Better Than Fertilizers.**  
Edmonton Bulletin.  
A Pittsburgh scientist claims to have discovered a new fertilizer which will wonderfully increase the productivity of land. No substitute for old-fashioned downright hard work in cultivating the land has yet been found.

**A Human Curiosity.**  
Syracuse Post-Standard.  
The Texas man who came to New York and clamored for steam heat in the hotel on July 5th would be wearing furs if he got as far as Syracuse and sleeping in a polar sleeping bag in Toronto. He ought to summer in Panama and winter in a Bessemer furnace.

**Kingston Events - 25 YEARS AGO.**  
Nothing will surprise us in the tropic line this year after seeing the fine stalks of oats grown by Robert Patterson, of Glenvale. They measured considerably over six feet, with very heavy tops.

**OPIMUM CRUSADE SUCCESS.**  
Manchuria and 11 of China's Provinces Free From Drugs.  
Peking, July 10.—Manchuria and eleven of the eighteen provinces forming China proper, are declared to be free of opium, and the British government, satisfied that this declaration is correct, has agreed that, according to a previous arrangement, no Indian opium hereafter shall be permitted to enter these provinces. The Chinese government has sent instructions to the governors of the remaining provinces in the republic to put down the use of opium and prohibit the cultivation of the poppy before the end of the year.

### Wise and : Otherwise

There may be a reason why people who are too fond of pie are apt to be crusty. You never can tell. The people who laugh loudest don't always enjoy themselves most.

A proposal of marriage never surprises a girl. She has her wedding all planned long before that. The man who tries to drown his sorrows in the flowing bowl never seems to select one deep enough.

**Incongruous.**  
How inconsistent words appear When measured by the eye or ear; Although a furrier deals in furs, A carrier does not deal in curs.

**His Share.**  
Young Wife—Everybody tells me how nice I look in my new dress, but you haven't said a word. Hubby—Your friends, my dear, pay you compliments; I pay your bills.

**An Endearing Act.**  
Wife (pleadingly)—I'm afraid, Jack, you do not love me any more—anyway, not so well as you used to. Husband—Why? Wife—Because you always let me get up to light the fire now. Husband—Nonsense, my love! Your getting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more.—Exchange.

**Why Knock?**  
Mrs. Ellsworth had a new colored maid. One morning, as the maid came downstairs, the mistress said: "Emma, did you knock at Miss Flora's door when I sent you up with her breakfast?" "No, ma'am," replied the maid, with preternatural gravity. "What was de use of a-knockin' at her do' we'en I knowed fo' sure she was in dar?"—St. Louis Mirror.

**The Biped.**  
"Can you advance me 5,000 marks, Isaacs? My rich old uncle has one foot in the grave, you know." "Yes, but what is he doing with the other?"—Flegende Blatter.

**Same View But Different.**  
Creditor—You couldn't go around in your fine automobile if you paid your debts. Debtor—That's so! I'm glad you look at it in the same light that I do.—Boston Transcript.

**That Test Won't Work**  
Mrs. Flatbush—And you think your little boy steals your pies? Mr. Benson—Benson—Somebody does, and I suspect Tommie. "How?" "By the thumb prints." "Oh, no, I can't. When Tommie gets through with a pie there aren't any thumb prints!" —From the Yonkers Statesman.

**Consulted the Wrong Man.**  
It was at a reception, and the lady, who had been reading up on health culture, mistook Lawyer Williams for his brother, the doctor. "Is it better," she asked confidentially, "to lie on the right side or the left?" "Madam," replied the lawyer, "if one is on the right side it often isn't necessary to lie at all."—Pittsburgh Post.

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