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THE TIME FOR APPEAL.

There is an apparent division of opinion with regard to the kind of pavement which should be laid down on the residential streets. The people petitioned, in some cases, for a pavement, but they did not define what it should be, and some of the property owners, who are not millionaires, or in easy circumstances, fear the effect of a contract which will increase their liability to the extent of doubling the amount they have to pay. They have a remedy, of course. They can, if they like, appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board under a recent amendment to the Act which governs that body. But the appeal must be made before the work is begun. In Hamilton the Hon. Mr. Hendrie is testing the virtue of this amendment, by protesting against a street pavement in which he is interested and intimating his purpose to appeal the case to the Municipal Board. The work has been begun, and the civic authorities say he is too late with his objections.

Is Mr. Hanna to be fired out of the Ontario government? It looks as if the cabinet is not big enough for him and Sir Adam Beck, and Sir Adam is not disposed to move at present.

THE LOSSES ARE ALIKE.

It makes a difference whether an election is on or not. The license inspector who undertook to exploit the liquor trade of his district, by peddling a certain stock among the license holders, (whom he practically blackmailed), was discussed during the last session of the legislature, for a heinous offence. He was reinstated later, the election having, it was said, purged him of all his sins. Mr. Gamey worked the fishermen of his district, and the license holders of the province, for his particular benefit, as president of the Elizabeth Gold Mining Company. It is a question whether a member of the legislature, and a supporter of the government, has a right to presume upon the people who are more or less dependent upon the government for favours. This question must be settled, and the sooner the better. If the electors condoned, (in a manner which no one can understand), the offence of the license inspector it must have condoned the offence of Mr. Gamey. The cases are alike and must be submitted to the same white light of criticism.

The hot weather is responsible for the success of the army worm. It paralyzed the birds and parasites, and for a few days the army worm had a sort of triumphal march across the country.

MR. GAMEY'S GOLD MINE.

The Hamilton Spectator, so partisan generally, feels that there is something in the Gamey transactions with the Elizabeth gold mine, which demands consideration. It confesses that when the Globe printed a copy of Mr. Gamey's letters to the fishermen, and the men whose licenses depended somewhat on the member, small attention was paid to the case because an election was on and the purpose of the exposure was obvious. But the revelations with regard to the license department—Mr. Gamey's evident plan of exploiting the liquor trade for his benefit—makes the Spectator feel that the premier must give this matter his serious attention. Our contemporary says that the gold mine stock may be worth all that Mr. Gamey is getting for it. The answer is supplied by the Globe, which tells of one hotel man who gave away the stock, for which he had put up good money, because he did not think it had any value. Surely the premier

must see the wisdom of getting away from the indifference which he has exhibited so far. Twice he has declared, somewhat abruptly, that he has "nothing to say." He boasts and his friends boast in his behalf—that he has the boldness to do his duty under any circumstances, and this man Gamey is surely demanding his discipline.

The letter carriers want a half holiday each week, and the average business man thinks the demand a reasonable one. But an occasional one is found who thinks the half day should be confined to Sunday.

CHECKING THE EMIGRATION.

Mr. Collings, M.P., writing to the London Times, advocates the adoption of a policy which will keep the British people at home, and for the cultivation of "the vast areas of uncultivated and waste lands of England." Mr. Collings estimates that over 261,000 people have left Britain in 1912, and taken with them a total of £4,000,000. In the last ten years the mother country has lost 1,318,609 persons, by emigration, and they carried to America £20,000,000. Mr. Collings says the money lost is bad enough, but a more serious matter is "the steady and continuous drain on the life-blood of the nation by the export of the pith and luster of its population." The aged apostle of agriculture is not captivated with the argument that Britain should contribute to the upbuilding of the overseas dominions. Britain is not unmindful of her duty, but it has been losing too much in money and men, within a given time, for its good, and he wants a check put upon the emigration.

Swift and Armour, of Chicago, have invaded Australia and for the purpose of controlling its meat trade. Already they have extensive plants in operation in north, east and south Queensland, and the price of meat has advanced 100 per cent in the last six months. Already the consumers are realizing what a monopoly of the beef trade means.

MUSTY ASSESSMENT LAW.

A friend of the Whig has sent it the Houston Plan of Taxation, as enforced in the city of Houston, Texas, and a careful perusal of it shows how worthy it is of consideration. The foundation of the plan is the Somers system of equalizing values. Under it the value of one foot of land, fronting on a street and running back 100 feet is determined, and it becomes the basis for the valuation of all the land in the block.

The buildings and improvements, including machinery, are assessed at twenty-five per cent of their value. Public Franchises, are assessed at a price which represents the value of that portion of the streets which is used by them. All cash deposits in the banks and all personal property are exempted. And yet in one year (1912) the assessment showed an increase of \$33,000,000 and the rate was reduced from \$3 per \$100 to \$1.50. The general result of the plan of assessing and taxing is approved by eighty-eight per cent of the taxpayers.

The great advantage to the municipality in the United States is the freedom which it has to alter or amend its constitution or charter. In Canada the municipality is helpless. It cannot do what the provincial government does not permit, and the Whitney administration is opposed to all tax returns. Sooner or later this obstruction to municipal progress will cease. For the present, however, a city must put up with some very musty laws regarding assessment.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Montreal Mail has not found a cheerful response to its appeal that men should make white duck suits more popular by wearing them. The Mail may be interested in some laundry, but some editors are not so lucky.

Mr. Gamey used the license inspectors in introducing him to the license holders while he soaked them for his gold mine stock. This is not defensible. Sir James Whitney cannot treat the scandal with silent contempt.

The anti-home rules are not prepared, even at the request of the king, to modify their attitude. The home rule bill will, therefore, become law as it is, as the Amending Bill, as it has left the lords, is absolutely impossible.

The government papers, knowing how bad it is for the party in power, have undertaken to prove that the times are getting better. The labour bureau has not discovered the improvement, and its review of conditions for June is dismal in the extreme. And the editors of the official paper of the department are, of course, absolutely impartial.

Most of the large boats running on the inland lakes and rivers have been equipped with the wireless system of telegraphy. In fogs cannot the Marconi operators communicate

with each other? Isn't the wireless, if used, the greatest safeguard against accident?

The French are said to be clamouring for recognition by the appointment of one of their number from Ontario to the senate. This is surely not on the recommendation of the Orange Sentinel. Hocken is opposed to all forms of French ascendancy.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The Next Fad.
Toronto News.
It is said that black note paper is a fashionable fad in London. Before long the favorite food of the entire Smart Set will be thistles.

What's In A Man?
Montreal Mail.
The name of Premier Cook is suggested as one of those to attempt the quieting down of the Irish stew. What's in a name?

Would Not Pay Him.
Ottawa Free Press.
A truthful statement of the work of Hon. Mr. Crothers would pay; but the beneficiary would not be Hon. Mr. Crothers.

A Great Merger.
Hamilton Herald.
Oil operators in Alberta are organizing a \$20,000,000 oil merger, thus giving an inspiring example in the art of making a very little go a very long way.

Very Handy Men.
Brantford Courier.
Burglars at Lindsay broke into the C.P.R. station and carried off a safe weighing over a ton. They'd be a handy gang to have around about moving time.

What Did He Do?
Toronto Globe.
Will the Ontario government throw over Mr. Gamey, mine and all? Perhaps he will not be thrown. Some special service must make him dear to the ministry. What is it?

The Real Want.
Guelph Mercury.
If the Ottawa people would send out some more tangible assistance to fight the pest, and go easy on the bulletins and advice, their services would be much more appreciated.

Which the Worst?
Waterloo Times.
It is now said that the poison sprinkled on the lawns and fields, which kills the army worm, also kills the English sparrow. One is about as great a pest as the other. But what is the effect upon other birds?

No Army Worm Then.
Stratford Beacon.
When the potato bug pest came in Mackenzie's regime, the good old tricks used to attribute the invasion to the change of government. They said, "We had no potato bugs in John A.'s time." Well, we had no army worm in Laurier's time, but instead good business all round.

Kingston Events
25 YEARS AGO.

The local crop of blueberries is finished and the supply is coming from the United States. They are selling at 10 1-2 cents to 12 1-2 cents per quart.
Kingston firemen held their annual picnic at Channel Grove today.
The Y. W. C. A. has a lively cricket club.

HARPOONED HUGE SHARK
Weapon Hastily Made From Bamboo Rod and Clasp Knife.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
To harpoon a shark in the Delaware bay with a weapon hastily constructed from a section of a bamboo fishing rod and a clasp knife was the experience of William Maag, a clerk in the Dover post office. He and his companions were fishing in a rowboat when they noticed that the baited hooks and sinkers of their lines had been snapped off. Maag said that a shark was nearby and he began to shape the crude harpoon.

A few minutes later the shark appeared less than 20 feet away. Maag threw the harpoon. The shark had leaped from the water and then headed for the boat. Maag's companions rowed desperately and pulled out of danger. Then began a struggle that continued for a quarter of an hour. The shark finally died from loss of blood. The men's capture weighed 250 pounds and measured 7 feet.

German Wine-Growing.

The German wine-growing industry is in a bad way. Every year since 1906 there has been a shrinkage in the acreage of the vineyards, so that the total has fallen from 297,000 to 266,000 acres. As evidence of the growing distress of the vintners, the fact is cited that the debts of the 50 co-operative societies of growers on the Moselle have increased from \$345,000 to \$2,000,000 within ten years. The causes of the decline of the industry are various: Increases in the costs of production, larger imports of foreign wines, defective German legislation and crop failures from the ravages of insects and plant diseases.

Effects Of Liquor.

The Washington Star.
Prof. Charles Sinnickson Carter, the physiologist, was lecturing at a Denver grammar school on the effects of alcohol.
"We now perceive," Dr. Carter concluded, "that drunkenness destroys one of the most important organs of the body, the liver. In a word, winds up as a liverless wreck."
Success is the one sin some people refuse to forgive in their friends. A woman is seldom older than a man thinks she is.

REPUTATION.

Not What People Know, But What They Think.
"Some one has said: 'Character is what a man is in the dark.' What he is without an audience. His reputation must be grandstand play; a safe, senseless slide to second, with a ball a quarter of a mile away—a cloud of dust and thunders of cheers from the people who don't know the game. His character may be the sacrifice hit that brings him hisses from the same class of people—and advances the team."

What you wish you were, that's your ideal. What people think you are that is your reputation. What you know you are, that's your character. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, you may fool some other people all the time, but you can't fool yourself one little bit of the time.
Reputation is a veritable estimate depending not upon what people know about you, but upon their guesses, made from what they see of you. "We have lived together for 50 years," said the Lord and Lady. "and I never saw him do one charitable action." That's reputation. But, all that time the generous Right Hand was the almoner of God, working in loving secret fellowship with him. That's character.

You will not drink wine, not even for goodness' sake, and at the table of an esteemed friend, and "our Best Society" says you are a fanatical, bigoted Prohibitionist. You refuse to encourage a vile story with a smile. Some people say you are a cold-blooded hypocrite. You will not permit yourself to laugh at a funny story, well told, in which all the "laugh" is in its profanity. And folk say you are self-righteous. And you carry your Bible in your hand when you walk to church. And they say a "canting Pharisee." Yet all the while your character is that of a sober, pure-minded, reverent God-fearing man, and one character which outweighs and lasts the going into eternity with you.—Robert J. Burdette, in National Magazine.

BRITISH BIRTH RATE FALLS.
England and Wales Make Low Record—Death Rate 13.3.
The marriage rate shows an increase, according to the annual report of the Registrar-General, issued recently in London. In 1912 it was 15.5 per 1,000, being 0.1 above the average in the ten years 1902-1911. In each of the three years 1910-12 the marriage rate has shown an increase upon that of the preceding year. The provisional figures for 1913, however, indicate that the rate is likely to remain at the level of 15.5 per 1,000.
The birth rate in 1912, on the other hand, was 23.8 per 1,000 this being the lowest rate on record. The provisional figures for 1913 indicate a rise of 0.1 per 1,000. It is concluded that in view of the fact that the rise in 1908 (the last occasion in which there was an increase) proved to be only a temporary check in the general downward tendency, it is unsafe to say there is any present indication of a reversal of the downward movement. The births per 1,000 of total population in 1912, tabulated for comparison between the county boroughs, urban districts, and rural districts of (1) North Midland, (2) South, and (4) Wales, show that Wales leads. The rate for all areas is: North, 25.2; Midland, 23.6; South, 22.0; Wales, 27.0; London's rate is 24.7.
The death rate in 1912 was 13.3, the lowest on record.

HOW LOCKS OPERATE.

Those in Panama Canal Controlled Same as Railroad.
Popular Mechanics.
A vessel passing through the locks of the Panama canal will have all its movements controlled in much the same manner that the movements of a train are controlled in entering a gated railroad terminal.

At Captary Pedro Miguel and Miraflores, an operator standing before a control board will open and close the gates, fill the empty lock chambers, and perform every other operation necessary for letting a ship through simply by throwing a succession of switches, and will know at any instant just what is happening in the locks without ever having to look beyond the indications shown on the board before him. Furthermore, the mechanism is so interlocked that it will be impossible for him to set any machine in motion except in the proper order and at the proper time.
The triple flight of locks at Gatun extends for a distance of 6,200 feet, while the operating machinery is scattered over about 4,000 feet of the distance. This is all controlled from a board sixty-four feet long, which is virtually a miniature of the locks and the operating machinery, and is located in an operating tower at the foot of the upper flight of locks.

Lost His Faith.

Here's an anecdote of the stark variety related by Robert Edeson: "Harry was an only child and the greatest desire of his heart was for a baby brother or sister. He preferred a sister and never failed to ask for one when he said his evening prayer. "Not receiving an answer, he removed his restrictions by altering his petition to the following: "Oh, God, send us a baby, I don't care whether it's a boy or a girl, or black or white, if it's only a baby."
"Shortly after, the Denmsorens, who lived next door, had an addition to their already large family. Harry's mamma, noticing that the little boy no longer prayed for a baby, said to him one day:
"Harry, why is it you don't ask God for a baby any more?"
"Oh, it's no use," he replied, "if one comes along the Denmsorens'll gobble it up!"—August Young's Magazine.

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