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RIGID AUDIT SYSTEM.

The city clerk of Hamilton says that one auditor cannot check and audit the accounts of the Ambitious City. Why? One auditor does the work of the federal government, and he manages to see everything that needs his attention. He has assistance, according to the measure of the service that is demanded of him, but he is the one with whom the mischief-makers in all cases have to deal. He may not discover all the irregularities, but his staff calls his attention to them, and he is ready to act. Hamilton may have enough business in the audit department to keep two men, or half a dozen men, busy, but the department should have only one head, and if he be energetic and efficient, he will make his presence felt. The judge who conducted the recent enquiry into Hamilton's civic scandals, commented most severely upon the inadequacy of the audit system, and it should not require anything more to bring about an immediate improvement. To delay the matter would only aggravate the situation.

NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER.

An indication of how Canada has progressed is found in the following item taken from the files of the Kingston News twenty-nine years ago: "The Kingston and Pembroke Railway company has purchased the car works at a price said to be \$20,000." Presumably this was the nucleus of the Locomotive Co., Limited, in which \$5,000,000 has now been invested. -Montreal Journal of Commerce.

No connection, whatever, friend. The car works which the Kingston and Pembroke Railway company purchased was the enterprise which the late William Irving projected, and had a location of Montreal street, and in close conjunction with the railway's main line. The original company was composed of some optimistic men, and men who invested their capital again and again in schemes which were designed to build up the city. The works did not meet the expectations of the founding company and of the purchasing company. They were not equal to the large contracts that the great railways desired, and these great railways went into car building on their own account, and had no occasion to patronize the smaller plants unless their own shops were unable to provide rolling stock as fast as it was wanted. No, the car shops were not the nucleus of the locomotive works, which some time ago, and before the new buildings were erected, changed hands, at a cost of \$5,000,000.

THE END CERTAIN.

Whatever may be the outcome of the naval conditions at present existing in the North Sea, as a result of the daring raid of German warships on the English coast, we may be sure that in the end the British fleets will show that Britannia rules the waves, remarks the Peterboro Examiner. Not only is the British navy, as it existed before the war, ship for ship, double that of Germany in both strength and numbers, but the British are building warships so rapidly that according to the statement of the first lord of the Admiralty, Great Britain could have destroyed one super-Dreadnought per month for a year and still be in a better position than at the beginning of the war. The German plan of wearing down the British navy works both ways. The wearing down is not all on one side, and if the material wearing down process should continue as it has done so far to the advantage of the British navy, or if the material destruction were only equal, the time would come when the German fleet would cease to exist—then Britain would be left with the most powerful navy in

the world. We are stirred out of the rut the hitherto inactivity of the German navy has put us in, and though the bombardment of the British coast is a distressing incident, it is only an incident. It will not discourage the British; it will only put them on their mettle. If there was any need of a stimulus to recruiting in Great Britain, the bombardment has supplied it. We are a little surprised; but we are not discouraged, and more desperately set in our determination to fight the fight to a finish. We have set out to win, or help win, and we shall do it.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Brantford, an ambitious sister city, is about to indulge in the luxury of a Board of Education. The people appear to be approaching the experiment with some degree of anxiety. They have had a Public School Board and a High School Board. Now there is to be a joint board, and the people are wondering what will happen when, as the Expositor announces, "old things have passed away and all things have become new." Kingston has had a Board of Education for many years, and it can unhesitatingly endorse the change. There never was any justification for two boards managing the affairs of our educational institutions. The public schools lead up to the secondary schools and there should not be, at any time, a difference of opinion with regard to the manner in which they should be directed.

The amalgamation does away with the possibility of friction between the governing bodies. The high school trustees remain. They are appointed by the council, six in number, two retiring each year, but so far as the work of the joint board is concerned there is no distinction, and the standing committees, having to do with high school as well as public school questions, co-operate with the utmost harmony. The Expositor says that Brantford will have nine trustees elected by the people, in the municipal elections. Kingston has fourteen public school trustees, seven elected annually. It has, with a separate school representative, a board of twenty-one, which is too large. A smaller board would do better. It would concentrate the business, and that after all is the great consideration. If the change is ever made it must be with the consent and motion of the people, in a popular referendum, and the surprise is that the interest in educational matters is so light. In one ward a year ago a school election went by default twice because the electors were not sufficiently concerned to see that a member of the board, and a good one, was re-elected.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It doesn't take much of a sea fight to throw bricks and run. It's a safe bet the soldiers at the front in Europe won't hold Santa Claus up because of his passports. Canadians can be depended upon to perform as finely in North Africa as they did in South Africa. We need more than ever, Christmas as usual and not a usual—in the form of manifestation of its true spirit. Let us try to show proof that Christmas has made us Christians. The Toronto News discussing coldness in churches remarks that many a timid man would extend his hand to the stranger and beam upon him in a most friendly manner, if the stranger were not a refrigerator of legs. One cannot fall upon the neck of an icicle unless one is a preacher with a "knack for neck-falling."

No peace terms, however well thought out, can ensure peace unless they rest on the assurance that all parties will abide by them. So what treaties are made at the end of this war should bind the parties to unite against any state that may disregard its obligations. If each knows that if it does not live up to its promise it will have all the others down on it, it will think twice or more before it tears up the "scrap of paper."

RURAL SCHOOL FAIRS.

Remarkable Result of Youthful Enterprise Last Year. Toronto, Dec. 19.—The rural school fair is a success. Reports received by the provincial department of agriculture for the recent autumn fairs show, on all counts, that the enterprise is a record-maker. Three years ago, when the school fair idea was first introduced, twenty-five such fairs were held. Last year the total number was 148, embracing 1,321 schools, 75,502 entries and 23,872 school plots. The attendance at these fairs aggregated 95,310, and the scholarly gentleman who prepares the department's report concludes that the school fairs have become "a real influence in developing an interest in agriculture in their (the pupils') youthful minds."

Christmas Packages. For the benefit of those who are unable to call during the day, The Dominion Express office corner Princess and Wellington streets, will remain open until 10 p.m., during Christmas week. There are men and women who insist that others shall make both ends meet for them.

THE DUKE'S INSPECTION IN THE POLICE TOILS

OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

H. R. H. Congratulated Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cunningham on His Generosity in Drilling the Students.

Shortly after five o'clock on Friday afternoon, the Duke of Connaught, Col. Stanton and Major Duff, his two aides, Col. T. D. R. Heming and Col. G. Hunter Oglivie inspected the 250 students in the Queen's University officers training corps in command of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cunningham. The students paraded on the lower campus and were put through several movements, which they did excellently considering the short time they have been training. Although quiet dark, the duke made a personal inspection through the lines, asking questions and talking to the men. Afterwards, the students were lined up in close formation and H. R. H. addressed a few words to them. He said he was glad of the opportunity of inspecting the corps and congratulated Col. Cunningham on his generosity in drilling the men, and he also congratulated the men themselves on their splendid showing. One thing that surprised him was the large number taking the course, as he realized that the time taken up by the military work makes harder study at the regular college work.

Early Friday afternoon the duke made an inspection of the two dormitories used by the members of the 21st battalion. The Cereal works was visited first and from the cellar to the top floor, H.R.H. examined everything. He paid particular attention to the fire-escapes and several times commented on his being pleased with the effectiveness of them. He was very pleased with the large room used as a recreation and dining hall by the men, and remarked on the good effect that proper recreation accommodation means to soldiers. The Artillery park barracks used by the right half battalion, although not quite as good as the Cereal works, was well adapted to be used as a dormitory. H.R.H. found the kitchen departments in both places very good, and paid a compliment to the arrangements that had been made. The duke left at 6 o'clock for Toronto.

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SAD CASES REVEALED IN THE POLICE COURT.

Wife of Man Sent to Jail Wanted City to Provide For Her Two Small Children—Men Should be Made Earn Money For Their Dependents While in Jail.

"If the magistrate sends my husband to jail, I will look to the city to pay for the support of my two little children." This was the statement made this week by a woman whose husband was in trouble, and who was given a term in jail. The woman had an idea that the city would provide for her two children in case her husband and the bread winner of the family was put in jail, and she was quite surprised when told that in such a case no provision was made by the city to care for children. She was disappointed, and the suggestion of a friend was that she place the children in a home so that she could go out to work herself. "No, sir," replied the woman, "my two children will never go into a home so long as I can look after them, I will get some person to care for them while I try and get work." This little story presents the sad case of many a married woman. True, one half the world does not know how the other half lives. It is in the daily police court that such things are revealed. It is quite true that when a man is sent to jail it is not he who suffers, but his wife and children, should there be any. True, one half in jail, where he is sure of his three meals a day, such as they are, and a place to lay his head at night, but in the case of the woman left with the children, it is altogether different. And if it were not for kind friends many a woman who has trouble of this kind would not fare very well. It seems very cruel, but yet it is the custom. The men who commit a crime must suffer the penalty with a sentence in jail or in the prison, but it is really the wife and children who are left behind, to shift for themselves, who are the real sufferers.

There are many who believe that there should be some system in vogue in the local jails, whereby the men might be employed and where a portion of the money they would earn, would be turned over to those who are dependent upon him for their support. Many very sad pictures are revealed from day to day in the Kingston police court, where wives and children are involved, and where they suffer as a result of the head of the family having been found guilty of some offence, and sentenced to a term in jail. If some plan could be adopted to look after those who are left behind, then it would certainly be a move in the right direction.

AN OLD LADY FELL.

Chinghilla, Angora, Kersey and Meltons, in new shawl collar style, new two-way collar style, belted or plain backs, splendid value.

BOYS' GIFTS.

Pure wool sweaters, button at neck, sizes 22 to 30. Special \$1.00 each.

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Vaudeville At Grand.

The large audience at the vaudeville entertainments at the Grand Opera House last evening marked their appreciation of the efforts of the different performers by frequent outbursts of applause. The same bill will be repeated this evening.

On Monday evening a new programme will be presented. Dorothy Watson and Brother in singing, dancing and boxing; Mac O'Neil, the Scotch comique; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett in a comedy farce, entitled, "The Master." There will also be two real-photograph plays, "Mable's New Job," and a comedy one, entitled, "Her Duty."

Light-Weight Butter Seized.

On Thursday morning, Market Clerk McCammon seized forty-one pounds of butter. The prints offered as a pound in weight, were short, from one-half to two ounces. The butter was sent to the Home for the Aged.

Farms For Sale

Table with 2 columns: Acres and Price. Rows include 400 acres for \$1500, 200 acres for \$800, 100 acres for \$400, etc.

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MEN'S ENGLISH RAINCOATS SPECIAL \$8.50 Genuine Parametta cloth, double texture military neck, plain or Raglan sleeve; sizes 34 to 44.

MEN'S FANCY VESTS SPECIAL \$3.75 Heavy silk brocade, red, brown, blue or grey.

MEN'S CAPS, 50c. Brown corduroy with fur inside band.

MEN'S CAPS, 75c. Fur inside bands, fine quality blue or black Melton cloth.

MEN'S CAPS, \$1.00 Heavy Chinchilla or English Beaver, all colors; silk lined with inside fur band.

SEE BIBBY'S NOBBY \$2.00 HATS CLUB BAGS SPECIAL \$7.50 Genuine leather bag, kid lined.

STEAMER TRUNK SPECIAL \$4.75 Bound with heavy brass trimming, two extra straps.



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