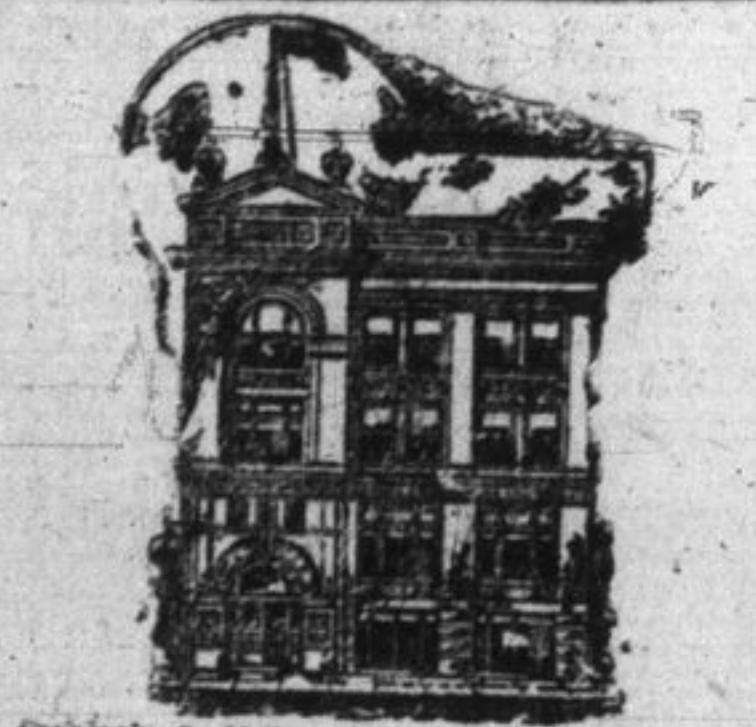


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BETTER THAN HIS DAY.

Preston's book, in which he analyzed the life and service of Lord Strathcona, has had a good run. It has been read and criticized by many. It is now receiving the attention of the English press and the view one gets of it is this—that it deals too closely with the petty details of the man's career.

AN ENLARGED COMMISSION.

The Board of Trade has made representations to the Hydro-Electric Commission which it is hoped may be effectual. The development of power in Eastern Ontario has been slow, and for two reasons: (1) That the power has not been harnessed in the east as in the west, and (2) that the municipalities in the east are not as eager as the municipalities in the west for the advantages to be derived from cheap power.

THE BUSINESS MEN HURT.

The merchants of Kingston are suffering, and suffering severely, from a new change of time-table, and this time on the Canadian Northern Railway. The train which left formerly at 4.30 o'clock now leaves at 2.15 o'clock, and with the result that the orders, delivered orally or by letter at 10 o'clock, on the arrival of the train from the north, cannot be filled.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Bell Telephone Company is not indifferent with regard to the cost of a Canadian-American service. It has promised to look into the grievances at once.

and their interests, can get redress, but the business men that are not united cannot hope to accomplish much.

CITY NEEDS THE FUNDS.

The City Property Committee does not seem to have considered the offer of the Township of Kingston Fair Association, or if it did the essence of the discussion has not appeared in the public press.

Last fall the fair people had the main building very carefully examined. They ascertained—which was surprising—that the timbers were sound, and the directors made a proposition. It was, in effect, that they would rent or lease the fair grounds and buildings for a term of years, at a given sum, on condition that they be made tenable.

The sale of the property the Whig has opposed for many reasons. It is becoming generally more valuable. It was purchased for \$17,000. It could be sold for double that sum.

THE COST OF FOOD.

The cost of flour is going up. It will follow any increase in the value of wheat, and from Chicago the report proceeds that it will, ere long, be worth \$2 per bushel. The advance is due to the world's need of supplies.

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Kingston Events

Twenty-five Years Ago

The steamer Pierrpont was compelled to give up her trip to the island to-day on account of the ice.

MOST EGGSTRAORDINARY.

Shel. Fire Makes Hens Lay, Says Officer.

London, Jan. 15.—The captain of a London fire brigade, in a letter from the front, describing the effect of shell fire, says: "A funny thing is that the shells make the chickens lay—whether it is the shock or what I can't say—and as soon as the fusillade is over, you see men dashing about after a stray chicken in the hope of its dropping an egg. We have an old duck in our back yard, but, by jove, the old girl felt the shock to-day, as she laid an egg twice a shot, and my servant brought it in in triumph. I shall try running a poultry farm, when I get home, on the explosion system."

Glad He Couldn't Read It.

A certain college professor who writes a Herace Greely hand, tells this story as his own expense: He had written a marginal comment on one of the "pindemits" themes, and shortly afterward the student came to him and said: "Professor C., I was unable to read what you wrote on my paper, and my parents also could not decipher it. I then called on my uncle, a lawyer, and he finally managed to read it for me."

The Chamber de Commerce.

The Chamber de Commerce, in Montreal, has endorsed the resolution

which was passed by the Legislature of Quebec on the bi-lingual question. This shows that there is plan in the movement and that it has the solid backing of the French.

Mr. Wilson, president of the United States, explains that he has been misunderstood, and that at Indianapolis he did not announce that he was a candidate for a second term. And doesn't he want it? Why spoil the delusion if it had desirable effects?

German literature, intended to incite the people against the Allies' cause, has been denied admission to Canada, and yet it is being distributed by the mails. Why doesn't the government make an example of some offender? What is the matter with the post office?

Bourassa thinks the government should enlist the men for work upon the farms, and direct the work so that the operations of the coming years will make Canada a great producing country. A good idea. Pity the man was not always usefully employed.

The Belleville Ontario refers to its seventy-fifth anniversary. Is there not some serious mistake? Our contemporary is one of the younger temporaries in this province. The writer did service upon its staff in 1874, and that was not long after it was established.

Dr. Alex. MacGillivray, of Toronto, and related to Kingston by college and family relations, gets a three months' holiday. He deserves it. Any man who began, as he did, a church that has grown until it has a thousand communicants and a thousand Sunday school children, is entitled to a vacation.

Public Opinion

A Thought In Words.

Montreal Mail. The German navy has a substitute for "what can't be cured must be endured" in "what's not burned may be interred."

It Certainly Should.

Toronto Mail. Glasgow, the city in which Sir John Macdonald was born, ought to have this statue in one of its public squares.

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Starting Something.

Leavitt was sitting in the den one night glancing over the sporting pages. Opposite him sat little wifey making something with a knitting needle. Suddenly mother glanced up.

John Henry.

"John Henry," she said, "drop that paper a minute. I want to ask you a question."

An Imperial Mystery.

The fact cannot be gainsaid that England, who does not begin to be as logical as Germany, or as systematic as France in matters of government, has nevertheless the knack of making men step out of their own free will to die in her defence. She has the gift of keeping alive, across the undying bond that unites the heart to home. She has shown herself indifferent to the possession of the taxing-power over her colonies—but what matters it? Those colonies willingly tax themselves to send her warships, and their sons seize their rifles in time to go to her aid. She has a fearfully riddled theory of government still hold on the deepest things in the soul of man—St. Louis Republic.

Cut Grasping Bayonets.

A Canadian soldier who has visited several hospitals in the north of England recently saw 40 or 50 east Indians all of whom had their left hands bandaged. He asked one of the Red Cross attendants how they all receive the same sort of injuries.

His Wife.

"He is very popular with his wife of late." "And him a flirt. How does he do it?" "She called him up the other day and said: 'Hello, darling,' and he recognized her voice and replied: 'You have evidently made a mistake; I am not your darling. I have the dearest, sweetest, most beautiful wife in the world, and she is the only woman I permit to call me darling!'"—Houston Post.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Two Views Of It.

Auntie didn't care for the classic dance. "But what a graceful figure," said out niece. "And what a disgraceful costume," commented auntie.—Kansas City Journal.

Along The Main Line.

Mr. Suburbs—What's new, dear Mrs. S.—The cook has left. Mr. S.—I asked what is new.

Keeping Her At Home.

Wife—Don't you think you might manage to keep house alone for a week, while I go on a visit? Husband—"I guess so; yes, of course."

Not a Bit.

"Huh? Then I won't go."—New York Weekly.

Changing His Language.

"Lor!" Mrs. Brann, wot's that 'dribble-noise goin' on in your 'ouse?' 'Yer coo-Mrs. Smiff, my husband's grandfarver was a German, and in case the perlice comes rahnd 'e's practisin' so's 'e can pass for a Swiss."—London Bytander.

No American Dish.

"English mutton chops," reads the man with the menu, "German fried potatoes, Russian caviar, French peas, Hunt-Walter, I want to be strictly neutral."

Yessir.

"Gimme a Spanish omelet."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The Soft Coal Question.

"Is she blonde or brunette?" "I don't know; I met her in Pittsburgh."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Matching the Furniture.

The head stenographer was a blonde again. "She had to do it," explained the office boy; "dark hair looks flat against this new mahogany office furniture."—Philadelphia, Evening Ledger.

Not Certain.

"What is this malsdy which has suddenly attacked the nations of Europe?" "There is some doubt as to that. Some day it is the German rush, others that it is the Russian germ."—Christian Register.

Words Of Wise Men.

"An unkindness has no remedy at law," let its avoidance be with you a point of honor.—Hosea Bellow.

The pleasures of the palace deal with us like Egyptian thieves, who strangle those whom they embrace.—Seneca.

Memory is the primary and fundamental power, without which there could be no other intellectual operation.—Johnson.

If the wicked flourish, and they suffer, be not discouraged. They are laid for destruction; thou art dieted for health.—Fuller.

Oh that you could turn your eyes toward the napes of your necks and make but pan interior survey of your good selves.—Shakespeare.

The fact that God has prohibited despair gives misfortune the right to hope all things, and leaves hope to dare all things.—Mrs. Swetchine.

A faithful and true friend is a living treasure, inestimable in possession, and deeply to be lamented when gone. Nothing is more common than to talk of a friend; nothing more difficult than to find one; nothing more rare than to improve by one as we ought.—Aron.

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