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PORONTO BEPRESENTATIVE 

BETTER THAN HIS DAY.

the life and service of Lord Strathcome, has had a good run. It has been read and criticised by many. It is now receiving the attention of the British press and the view one gets of it is this-that it deals too closely with the petty details of the man's career. The Manchester Guardian is not surprised at anything it reads about the grossness of Canadian politics. One regrets the low estimate that is put upon Canadian service and Canadian public life. Strathcona's ninety years may not have been without a blur or a blemish, but he rounded it out like a stalwart who had only one object in view, that was to render to his king and country the highest service possible His generosity and public zeal marked him out as one of Canada's most use ful and devoted servants.

AN ENLARGED COMMISSION. The Board of Trade has made representations to the Hydro-Electric much larger cultivation of the Commission which it is hoped may be and by an alternating devotion of west for the advantages to be derived from cheap power. A much Electric Commission had been so engrossed with business that it could not deal with the situation in Eastern Ontario as it desired. The Board of Trade is persuaded that perhaps remedy could be found in an larged commission, and it has peti tioned the government to add to to the extent of two members, these to reside in Eastern Ontario. It remains to be seen how the Associated Boards of Trade and government. will regard this request.

THE BUSINESS MEN HURT.

The merchants of Kingston are suf fering, and suffering severely, from new change of time-table, and 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.

The change is made in the interest of a service outside of the city, and it has been made without consulting the trade in Kingston. The wholesale and retail merchants have been hit hard, and they content themselves by grouching about it in place of acting unitedly, and in putting in a protest which must be respected. At the Board of Trade last evening the whole salers asked the board to forward a petition to the railway company. But should be, at the meeting, to back their petition and give it effect. The retail merchants were not represente present, asked for an opportunity to have a protest signed by the merchants, as they were losing trade which changed its time-table.

The wholesale and retail men of the city should be alive to their own in- that the interests of the French must her it. I then called on my uncle, "When they get close enough for a "She called him up the other day he terests, and they should use the mahave paramount importance in the a lawyer, and he finally managed to hand-to-hand fight they throw down and said: 'Hello, darling,' and he their guns paramount of the recognized her woise and replied: posal in order to command the at- bi-lingual school issue will be tention and respect of the railway sently acute. company. A united body, with a declaration that they will not support a The Chambre de Commerce, in Mon-

and their interests, can get redress, which was passed by the Legislature

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. The Fair Association is reasonably ambitious. It has demonstrated that with energy, properly directed, a successful exhibition can be run; and it has demonstrated, too, that it can only hope to win public favour and support by provid ing attractions of no mean order. the outset it is handicapped for want of buildings that are ample, sale, and inviting.

Last fall the fair people had the main building very carefully examined They ascertained—which was surpris ing-that the timbers were sound, an the directors made a proposition. was, in effect, that they would rent or lease the fair grounds and build ings for a term of years, at a given sum, on condition that they be made tenantable. A certain expenditure was estimated, and upon this outlay the association promised to pay a certain interest, this interest being regarded as equivalent to a rental. The association argues that this exhibition brings a great many persons to the city, and that the stores, hotels, and restaurants get a very material ad- was established.

should help to run an exhibition ev- a vacation. ery year-for the financial benefit there is in it. Failing to show the necessary enterprise the Council should sympathize with the Township Asso: ciation, and entertain and discuss its business proposal in a business way. The association ought to be beginning its plans for the year, and the Council's answer should not cause delay.

THE COST OF FOOD.

The cost of flour is going up. will follow any increase in the value wheat, and from Chicago the report proceeds that it will, ere long, be worth \$2 per bushel. The advance his statue in one of its public is due to the world's need of supplies. Europe at war will not provide itself with foodstuffs this year. Germany professes to have laid plans for effectual. The development of power male inhabitants to farming and in Eastern Ontario has been slow, battling. It need not say it will and for two reasons, (1) That the raise, within the war zone, enough power has not been harnessed in the food for its wants. It cannot do east as in the west, and (2) that the this, and the rest of the world that municipalities in the east are not as is friendly or neutral may spare some eager as the municipalities in the of its surplus-if it can be shipped through blockaded ports.

The United States is considering the larger commission would probably fa- possibility, or the advisability, of filitate results, as it would have a forbidding the export of flour and larger number of members at work, wheat when the supply of these is not and they would probably hasten the in excess of the needs of America. end the commission has had in view The question cannot be easily deterfor a long time. Sir Adam Beck, in mined-and all the light possible conversation with Commissioner should be secured - as to what continent are. American dian government to inquire what it should do under the circumstances. It can get competent men to advise it. There is one in Kingston. The New. Zealand government acted promptly when it became apparent there was shortage of wheat in that colony. It appropriated the entire crop at me ket rates. That meant that there would not be any grain exported.

An expert at the Chicago wheat market puts the situation thus: " is not so much a question of price for wheat as a question of supply. Wi there be enough to feed two continents? If wheat goes to \$2, that will mean eating corn as never before." But what if corn also goes up? On the Chicago Board of Trade, despatches have been received indicating that farmers' ideas as to corn are "away up," and that many growers say corn will sell at \$1 a bushel on the farms. The latest price of May

a raise in the price of bread for the present, or in the near future. if there is any serious fluctuation the government should be in a position to

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Bell Telephone Company is not ndifferent with regard to the a Canadian-American service. It promised to look into the grievances.

The agricultural course, now in the county. The talks from the specialists who are being brought here are a whole education in themselves.

Does the fact that France is ally of England in this war mean read what you wrote on my paper, in the left hand, because of their "And him a flirt. How does

but the business men that are not un- of Quebec on the bi-lingual question. ited cannot hope to accomplish much. 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 em-

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

The sale of the property the Whig Dr. Alex. MacGillivray, of Toronto, has opposed for many reasons. It is and related to Kingston by college becoming generally more valuable. It and family relations, gets a three was purchased for \$17,000, It could months' holiday. He deserves it. Any Preston's book, in which he analyzed be sold for double that sum. It costs man who began, as he did, a church nothing to hold it. It was acquired that has grown until it has a thousoriginally as a public venture. It and communicants and a thousand should be retained as such. The city Sunday school children, is entitled to

### 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

It Certainly Should.

Glasgow, the city in which Sir John

A Warlike Colony

London Advertiser Australia, with a population der 5,000,000, has 164,361 men under arma, and expects to send 2,000 the front every month.

Plan For Spelling Bees,

Montreal News Kincardine, Ont., is reviving old-fashioned spelling bee. A of sessions spent on the campaign in Poland ought to provide some excite

Sam Slick Again.

Hamilton Herald. Uncle Sam won't say that he wants Germany to win, but he demands the privilege to supply Germany with war material on the sly without being interfered with hy inquisitive Bri-

A Notable Example

Toronto Globe. .The "Commercial Travellers of Canada" have set a noble example to other benevolent associations in contributing ten thousand dollars to Canadian patriotic funds connected with the war, and in keeping in good standing as mortuary beneticiaries those Canadian travellers who have colunteered for service at the seat

### Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

The steamer Pierrepont was com and to-day on account of the ice Everybody in the churches to-day appeared to have la grippe. It was annoying to the ministers preaching to hear the coughing. E. Martin is organizing a polo nice quiet evening?"-Exchange team for the roller rink.

MOST EGGSTRAORDINARY

Shell Fire Makes Hens Lay, Says Of-

London, Jan. 15-The captain of a London rifle brigade, in a letter from the front, describing the effect of shell fire, says: "A funny thing is that the shells make the chickens I can't say-and as soon as the fusibut, by jove, the old girl felt the a shot, and my servant brought it in poultry farm, when I get home, on deepest things in the soul of manthe explosion system."

Glad He Couldn't Rend It. A certain college professor who writes a Herace Greely hand, tells had written a marginal comment on | Indians all of whom had their left one of the students' themes, and

shortly afterward the student came

line which is so oblivious of them treal, has endorsed the resolution tween two eternities.—Carlyle.

Two Views Of It. Auntie didn't care for the classic

"But what a graceful figure," "And what a disgraceful costume, commented auntie, -Kansas City

> 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, o "But won't you be lonely and mr-

"Huh! Then I won't go."-New York Weekly.

Changing His Language

"Lor!" Mrs. Brann, wot's that 'érrible noise goin' on in your 'ouse?' "Yer see-Mrs. Smiff, my husband's gran Tarver was a German, in case the perlice comes rahnd 'e's practisin', so's 'e can pass for Swiss."--Loudon Bystander.

No American Dish "English mutton chops," the man with the menu, "German fried potatoes, Russian French peas. Hum! Walter, I want to be strictly neutral." "Yessir."

"Gimme a Spanish omelet." Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The Soft Coal Question "Is she blonde or brunette?"

Pittsburg." - Philadelphia Public Matching the Furniture The head stenographer was

"I don't know; I met her

clonde again. "She had to do it," explained the office boy; "dark hair looks flat against this new manogany office furniture "-Philadelphia, Evening

Not Certain

What is this malady which addenly attacked the nations "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.

As "unkindness has no remedy at law," let its avoidance be with you a point of honor.-Hosea Bailou. The pleasures of the palate deal with us like Egyptian thieves, who strangle those whom they embrace.-

Memory is the primary and fundamental power, without which there could be no other intellectual opera-

If the wicked flourish, and thou suffer, be not discouraged. They are fatted for destruction; thou are dieted for health.-Fuller. Oh that you could turn your eyes toward the napes of your necks and make but an 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 dare all things .- Mme. Swetchine. faithful and true friend is a

living treasure, inestimable in session, and deeply to be lamented thing more difficult than to find one nothing more rare than to improve by one as we ought .- Anon.

Starting Something. Leavitt was sitting in the den or night glancing over the pages. Opposite him sat little wifey making something with a knitting Suddenly mother

"John Henry," she said, that paper a minute. I want

"What is it, dear?" was the obedient response of John Henry. "It's just this," returned "If you were single and I were single again, would you ask me to

"Look here, Mary !" exclaimed father a little energetically, "what do want to start something for when we have settled down for

An Imperial Mystery. The fact cannot be gainsaid that England, who does not begin to be as logical as Germany or as systemstic as France in matters of government, has nevertheless the knack of has the gift of keeping alive, across willingly tax themselves to send her St. Louis Republic.

Cut Grasping Bayonets. A Canadian soldier who has visit-

all receive the same sort of injuries. the Professor C-, I was unable to "All of them have bayonet wounds ead it for me."

This is what the professor had enemy with their left hand and use You have evidently made a miswritten: "Your penmanship is scar- their knives with the right hand, or take; I am not your darling. I have course they get a bad wound in their the dearest, sweetest, most beautiful left hand, but they don't mind that, wife in the world, and she is the

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