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A REBUKE TO ONTARIO.

That this House, without derogating from the principles of provincial autonomy, and without any intention of interfering with any of the provinces of Confederation in any manner whatsoever, views with regret the divisions which seem to exist among the people of the province of Ontario over the bilingual school question and believes that it is in the interests of the Dominion at large that all such questions should be considered on broad, generous and patriotic lines, always remembering that one of the cardinal principles of British liberty throughout the Empire is regard for the rights and privileges of minorities.—Resolution passed by the Legislature of Quebec, endorsed by the Chambre de Commerce in Montreal.

SILENT IN THEIR GRIEF.

The patience and civility of the Belgians have never been equalled in the world's history. When some of them, bereft of home and friends and loved ones, penniless, abandoned and abused, gave vent to their grief in lamentations, they were rebuked. Edith Verhaeren, referred to as "Belgium's distinguished poet," issued a public document in which she said that some allowance should be made for women and children. Their sobs and whimperings could be tolerated. "Pat," said his "men, who are capable of will and action, must not echo these cries of pain which have already been heard too long." There is nobility of character in sorrow, and dignity in distress, without a precedent.

COUNCIL SHOULD WAKE UP.

When the City Hall was being overhauled recently, at such a large cost, the Council should have seen that the appliances were installed which guaranteed equable heat, perfect ventilation, and economy in the use of fuel. These appliances are in many of the public buildings of the west. They are to be seen in all the public schools of Winnipeg. They are in use in the Normal School at Regina, and the public and high schools of Brandon. This simple and automatic arrangement by which the heat of a large room may be kept at a certain temperature, should be in every public building and public school. In the City Hall, with this appliance, there would be no overheating, and probably no waste of fuel. The Council is simply several years behind the times, and does not seem to know it.

MOVE QUICKLY, GENTLEMEN.

The City Council has gone through the formality of appointing an Industrial Committee, but it cannot do anything until the city has the assurance, from some quarter, of cheap power. One of the first questions the committee is confronted with by an enquirer about local advantages is, "What of the cost of power?" The answer, that from steam it could be supplied for less than 35¢ per horse power, seems to settle most propositions. Kingston cannot get business at this rate. The hope that the Hydro-Electric Commission would deal with the situation has been disappointed. It is expected that some day the Commission will provide for cheaper power and that it will be used at rates which it will suggest or recommend. May that day speedily come. The Board of Trade has urged the City Commission and Council to move quickly with regard to the Campbell proposition.

THE WOUNDS OF ITALY.

The world's pity goes out to the people of Italy in the direful effects of the earthquake that shook so large a stretch of their country on the 13th. Twenty populous centres were badly damaged, and 30,000 people are

said to have lost their lives. One can quite understand that in the presence of this terrible visitation Italy can think of nothing else, not even the great war which she contemplated entering. This earthquake is not the worst of which there is a record. That at Messina was infinitely more destructive, in 1908, when over 200,000 lives were lost. The shake of a year ago in Japan was terrifying, but it was not so bad as that which has just taken place in Italy. It will rank as one of the great events of the year, but it will be overshadowed by the war in comparison with which all other events pale into insignificance.

CALL TO BUSINESS MEN.

The clergymen of the city have been holding weekly meetings, and for the purpose of uniting their prayers upon the war. These meetings have not been marked by what may be called intense effects. They have, as one expressed it, been too cold. There is an absence of what has been referred to by another as the spirit of Elijah. Form and ceremony are totally out of place in these public appeals to a God who hears and answers prayer. The business men of Toronto blazed the way when they, under the inspiration of two or three of unquestionable piety, summoned a meeting, and hundreds came together to express their anxieties for the Allies and their faith in Providence. What is the matter with the business men of Kingston? Do they not believe in prayer at such a time? Cannot some one lead in a forward movement of a unique kind? Some one or some thing is needed to stir the Christian people up.

THE CARNAGE IS INTENSE.

The censors for the Allies are doing their work so well that one cannot get an adequate idea of the war, its progress and effects. The censors for the Germans, or the members of the News Bureau, are fictionists, whose work is wholly unreliable. It is meant, in a losing cause, to mislead the German people of Europe and America, and it is accomplishing its purpose.

The revelations of Dr. Brown-Landone, an American by birth and a Frenchman by adoption, before a Toronto audience, were truly surprising. They first dealt with the tragedy of war. The loss of life and property, was appalling, Belgium was a desolation. Northern France was waste. Beauty, prosperity, peace, were gone. The awful consequences of the conflict were seen in the half million of men who were in the hospitals, undergoing treatment, some to die and many to return to the trenches as fast as they recovered. But without greater hospital accommodation the Allies must suffer. It is in their interest that the speaker had been appealing to the people of this country.

The doctor gave a graphic sketch of the ravages of war. What he said on certain points was most important. Germany was not yet beaten; far from it. The preparations of forty years had not failed her. Germany was not being starved. For many years she had been planning for just such an emergency as had arisen. Germany is not out of ammunition. She has lots of it. All this, from a man who knows, gives a new and vivid impression of the war and the desperation with which it is conducted. With it before one he must revise his conclusions as to the war.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Men of German names and pedigrees are being removed from Russian councils and Russian territory. Russia will take no chances of betrayal from German ingrates.

Mr. Bourassa blames the Dreadnought trust and the yellow journals for the war. They egged it on, and he has his opinion of them. Yes, and the gunmakers and the newspaper men have their opinions of him.

The Quakers have scored in getting through congress a bill which forbids any one to use the name of the sect in the marketing of his goods. So there will be no more Quaker oats, Quaker bread, and Quaker whiskey.

Kingston merchants want to imitate the merchants of other places, and get together occasionally. They can never be good fellows, and work together without a harmony of relations that is somehow missing now.

Hon. Joseph Martin, still an English M.P., though again a resident of Canada, ran in the mayoralty election of Vancouver and came in third. "Joe" is losing in speed, and must surely give up this racing for public offices.

Armand Lavergne is aching, apparently, for a tussle with Bishop Fallon. If he will only consult the Hon. William Hanna he will get some valuable advice. The politicians of Ontario had only one bout with his lordship, and it was enough.

Westmount has a garbage plant which disposes of the garbage at a profit. The men who installed it offered \$10,000 a year if allowed to operate it. Here is something in which the Works Committee can be interested. Garbage, burned, creates power cheaply, and Kingston needs it.

C. C. Jones, the federal government's agricultural expert, advises

that it is not more land that the farmer wants, but land better cultivated. The big farms of the lower province are not "worked." They are tickled with hurried implements, and half the quantity, plowed and harrowed, would produce more food.

It was the English portion of the Quebec Legislature, regardless of party, that championed the bilingual school question, and pleaded for a modified policy in Ontario. The Senator may have some difficulty in accounting for this.

The Vickers shipyard in Montreal has received an order for twenty submarines, of the latest English model, and ten of them can be under construction at one time. A chance is thus being given the company to show what it can do in Canada.

Public Opinion

Alarm in Hamilton.

Oh, what a weary world to pay, if all the cranks should have their way!

Culture Triumphant.

Instead of turning swords into plowshares, the Germans are melting church bells to make cartridges. And they are stealing the bells.

The British Way.

The last words of the captain of the formidable "Keep cool and be British" will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of Britishers the world over.

Perhaps They Would.

A New York tango parlor has established a nursery so mothers may leave their babies while they tango. Babies with that sort of mothers would be better off in the pound.

A Vague Term.

"Banks will assist Saskatchewan Farmers," says a headline in a contemporary. Don't get excited; it doesn't mean what it seems to mean. The "assistance" will be limited to posting up literature on the proper way to farm.

Reduced to Extremities.

The answer to Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg's claim that Germany has plenty of copper in store is that the Prussians are stealing the door knockers in Belgium and shipping them off to the Krupp factories.

Still A Wet Camp.

They have suspended the canteen at the camp at Salisbury Plain in deference to Canadian clamor. In one sense the camp is now "dry," but unfortunately in a more real sense it will continue to be very wet.

Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

Cooke's church had a most successful congregational meeting. The reports showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. Seventy new members were added within the last three months. The building committee reported the debt almost wiped away. The financial committee, after paying all obligations, had a balance, which was handed over to Rev. Mr. Houston. His salary was increased \$200 per year. The financial prosperity of the congregation is greatly due to Profs. Goodwin, Marshall, Waddell and others.

D. Nicol, Cataragui, read several interesting papers at the meeting of the Grenville Farmers' Institute. The Kingston Salvation Army corps raised \$138.50 by self denials in a week.

Men are employed on Cedar Island clearing away the underbrush. A large number of partridges are on the island.

Huge Mass Meetings To Teach Food Economy. Copenhagen, Jan. 16.—All the German papers without exception have suddenly awakened to the seriousness of the food question. Under the heading, "Mobilizing the Housewives," the Deutsche Tage Zeitung, among others, draws attention to the increasing economic difficulties. The Natanola Women's Service in Berlin is taking special measures to instruct housewives in economy in the kitchen.

On Tuesday ten huge meetings were held in Berlin to impress upon the housewives the seriousness of the situation, and their responsibilities in the kitchen in war time. The university, the commercial high school, the Prussian diet, the patent office, the Charlottenburg city hall, and the public schools were inadequate to accommodate the enormous crowd of women anxious to be instructed in a way to face the coming terrors in the home. Famous professors and society ladies spoke on the coming dangers, and sage advice and receipts for meatless soups and foods were announced from the platform.

Many public appeals to housewives in German papers have created a feeling of alarm. It is realized that the authorities are not hiding the fact that the pinch is beginning to be felt. The mobilizing of housewives for economic instruction, will be of great value.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

The greatest fault some people have is finding fault with others.

The chronic borrower may be long-winded even when he is short.

Some people talk so much they never remember anything they say.

Cheap Coffee Pot.

Mrs. Wyse—"I bought a nickel-coffee pot to-day." Mrs. Green—"Mercy! It can't be any good, for five cents."—Boston Transcript.

Settled.

Jinks—Could I borrow your car for this afternoon? Binks—Sorry, 'old chap, but I just smashed it myself!

The Last Word.

Bit—What nonsense to say that one can't get the last word with a woman; I found it easy enough to-day. Dix—You don't say! How did it happen? Bit—Why, I said to a woman in the car: "Madam, have my seat."

Fully Protected.

"Why trouble about our national defence," A. D. L. asks this department, "while we still have the turnstiles in Boston's subways?"

Quite Obvious.

Tramp—It is needless to ask the question, madam. You know what I want. Lady—Yes, I know what you want badly, but I've only one bar of soap in the house, and the servant is using it. Come again some other time. —Tit-Bits.

Placing the Responsibility.

"I'd get along better with my dancing," said Uncle Flopsie. "If I could get hold of the right tune." "What's the matter?" "There isn't a piece in the whole music box that doesn't get out of tune to the way I dance."—Washington Star.

Domestic Strategy.

Mrs. Eze—"That last cook I had was awful; I'm glad she's gone." Mrs. Wye—"Did you discharge her?" Mrs. Eze—"No; I wished to avoid a scene. What I did was to flatter her so about her cooking that she thought she was underpaid and left."

Another Car.

A booking agent for a Christmas bureau visited the most prominent man of the town. "Mr. Jones," said he, "I called to see you in regard to a Chautauqua."

"It won't do a bit of good," spoke up the prominent citizen. "My wife and I have looked over all the catalogues carefully, and have already decided on another machine."—Everybody's Magazine.

Embarrassing Position.

At a country fair in Jersey one of the stoutest visitors sat down in a pavilion to rest her weary feet for a moment. She couldn't imagine why everyone who passed was so amused.

Since she is very sensitive on the subject of her size, she concluded that it was the cause of this amusement, and so she decided to search for a less conspicuous seat.

She glanced around and saw that she had been sitting in front of the guessing cake table, directly under the placard, "Guess my weight and I am yours."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Stock Definition.

Little Johnny, on being asked by his school teacher if he knew what was meant by "at par," replied that "Ma was always at pa when he came home late."—Exchange.

Just Now He's Looking For Tips.

Eph—What is Mose doin' in de city? Ben—He is a bank director. "What's his duties?" "He stan's in de door an' tells people where to go."—Youngstown, O. Telegram.

Fact.

You won't be able to dodge strife. You won't succeed, my son. When you have a good aim in life. And stole an empty gun.

The Bore.

"I hate to ask Jinks about his health." "Why?" "He promptly tells me all about it."

Passing Judgment.

Producer—The comedians seemed nervous. What they needed was life. Critic—You're too severe! Twenty years would be enough.

Rough On The Nerves.

"Did that sea voyage do your nerves any good?" "Put 'em out of commission altogether, 'old chap. Every barrel I sighted looked like a floating mine to me."

Couldn't Keep Out, Anyway.

"Do you know that Lacey's is advertising a mammoth sale this week?" "No. Why I thought mammoths were extinct."

As If They Needed Schooling.

Gabe—That is the most useless institution in the country. Steve—What is. Gabe—That school of oratory for suffragettes in New York.

A quiet wedding took place at the Newburgh, on Jan. 6th, when Elijah A. McQuail, eldest son of Angus McQuail, Selby, was united to Jesse May, second eldest daughter of Robert Kirkpatrick, Wesley.

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