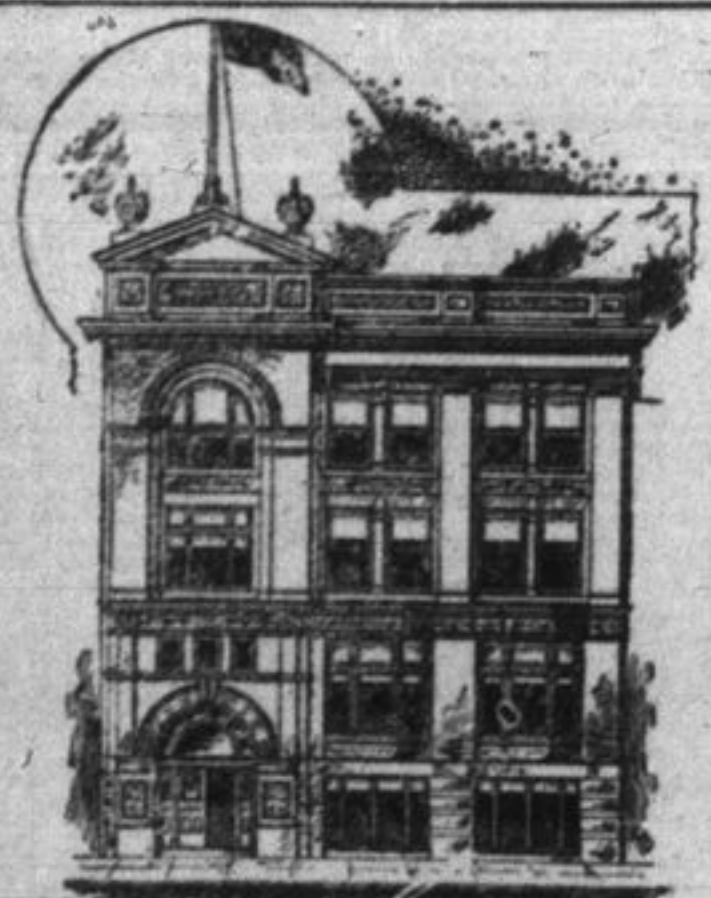


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A VERY CANDID CRITICISM.

The Hanna proposals are weak and dangerous in their attempted substitution of commission authority for popular control of the license administration. The old country board of licensing justices is idealized in Hon. W. J. Hanna's vision of its perfections. Squires and local magnates constitute these old country authorities.

The membership of these bodies is divided between men denounced as "teetotal cranks" and "pro-liquor zealots." The board of licensing justices is accused of deciding every question according to the sympathies of the moderate justices or the prejudices of the teetotal justices, or the interests of the brewers. Hon. W. J. Hanna is working on the lines of a poor model when he tries to fasten any intimation of old country agencies for dealing with the liquor traffic on the license system of Ontario.

A commission irresponsible to public opinion will not keep the liquor issue out of politics, and will prove the ruin of the Government which creates such a commission. Hon. W. J. Hanna must improve the present pattern of an authority that is to exercise a centralized control of the liquor traffic. Centralized control is desirable. Such a commission as Hon. W. J. Hanna proposes to create is not desirable.—Toronto Telegram, Conservative.

Mr. Mooney, of the New York Central Railway, estimates that \$500,000,000 will be spent in the United States and Canada this year which would go to Europe but for the war. A large part of this will be spent down the river, at the summer resorts.

FEEDING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Education Department has eased the way of those who desire to provide for the poor children of our cities. It has authorized, in an amendment to the School Act, Boards of Education to supply meals, medical and dental services, to pupils who cannot afford to pay for them. A step in the right direction, and taken in time. A member of the Board in this city, at a recent meeting, called attention to the manner in which the poor children were suffering for want of shoes and stockings. He emphasized a fact that was not generally known, namely, that the children of the poor of London, England, and New York were being not only clothed, when this was necessary, but fed. The proceeding was justified on the ground that without proper nourishment the children could not be expected to make reasonable progress with their studies. Moreover, the wants of children appealed to teachers, and they were moved to render a measure of relief of which the school trustees had little knowledge. The Education Department has dealt openly and fairly with a question that has been upon the minds of many people for a long time. Now a remedy can be found. The great difficulty will be to employ the law in a judicious way. Only the very poor should be helped in food and clothing, and one knows from experience how hard it is to avoid imposition.

The chief of the Fire Department has reason to kick against the proposal that his men shall flush out certain of the pavements. The whole proceeding is a fave or a folly, and worthy of the reputation of the Works Department. It wouldn't be right unless committed to some fool proceeding.

CHOLERA IN FRONTENAC.

According to the information which has been laid before Parliament, in a special return, the stamping out of hog-cholera in Frontenac last year cost the country \$4,856.61. The plague was caused, in the estimation of the Department of Agriculture, by the feeding of garbage to the pigs. This feeding must stop. The Government may not be able to enforce its ideas with the aid of law, but it can make its influence felt by refusing to compensate any farmer who tempts the cholera by the use of garbage. When a man realizes that he cannot feed what he likes to his pigs, or that feeding it he cannot claim compensation when he is a loser by it, he will become obedient to current authority. The Government has promised to act quickly and effectually should it be warned of a new outbreak, but the danger of disease may be best avoided by legislation; and Parliament should prohibit the feeding of garbage to the hogs under any circumstances.

What is the Militia Department going to do with the officials who have compromised it? One man brought on the trouble with regard to hospital dressings, by insisting that the sale should be made through a middle-man. The other took \$1,200 for his influence in the sale of auto trucks. An example should be made of these men.

ROUGH TALK IN DEBATE.

One should look at our greater parliament, the House of Commons, for the amenities in debate. Members of this chamber are expected to proceed decorously, and to discuss public issues in a calm, courteous, and respectful way. Yet at times, under excitement, members will, metaphorically, fall on each other and use hurtful language. The Minister of Militia does not like baiting, and he had to endure some of it when his estimates were under review. During the Valcartier camp the major-general had occasion to criticize a regiment that had failed to materialize, and its officers are said to have been "cowards and wire-pullers, while Nova Scotia, from which they hailed, was "a two by four provinces any way."

The Minister of Militia denied that he used "the strong language referred to," and it would have been well had he contented himself with saying that. But he could not omit a shot at his tormenter, Mr. Sinclair. He said that the men of the regiment did not refuse to go with the first contingent, notwithstanding the failure of their plans. "They wanted to go," said the major general, "not like his breed" (Sinclair's).

The retort was hot and offensive. Nova Scotia was not a two by four province, and the smallest man in it could knock the stuffing out of him, (the major-general), if he had the chance." After this the temperature of the chamber became visibly chilly. Peace was restored as the Minister of Militia explained that the War Office regulated the movements of the troops as it saw best, and that he had nothing to do with these details. But what a pity it is that the minister cannot keep cool!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Ottawa Citizen is an independent Conservative paper, and it declares that the grafting at Ottawa is like a maggot, eating its way into the very heart of Canada's national life.

Many of the people who want an outing this year, and cannot travel in Europe, will find their way to the St. Lawrence. Kingston will feel none more the full effect of the tourist trade. Get ready for it. Make the city attractive. Make it clean.

The worst feature of this boot business is that, notwithstanding the exposures that have been made, the same kind of boots are still being issued. It cannot be said that the Government does not know of what is going on. It is deliberately compounding this wrong.

In the face of what has transpired before the Scandal Committees one can see why the Militia Department has not been in a hurry to bring down the accounts of the Valcartier camp. Oh, the waste of public money, the folly, the misgovernment, the grafting!

If some of our members of Parliament keep on, and introduce stickleups into the House of Commons, the proceedings will take on a new and lively turn. "From time immemorial" some one has silenced criticism by threatening to hammer his fellows. Is that the place for a real gentleman?

Col. Lavergne, M.P.F., is getting it all round as an officer of the home guard, which is not feeling the strain of war very much. He has not offered for the front. Senator Pope suggests that he is a peace colonel, and that "just now he is under the barn." A safe place when trouble is brewing.

When Hon. Dr. Reid, on behalf of the Government, moved that the evidence in the Powell case be reported

to the Justice Department, for such action as it should take, Mr. Garland, M.P., handed in the Powell letter and the refund of \$6,300. Only when the gun was pointed, and the order given to shoot, did the coon come down.

The Province of Quebec has been so well managed that the average surplus per annum, since 1897, has been \$500,000. Even in the war year (1914) it had \$376,008.89, while British Columbia had a deficit of \$4,128,440, Ontario a deficit of \$697,000, Nova Scotia a deficit of \$200,000, and Manitoba a deficit of \$126,455. Well done, Quebec.

PUBLIC OPINION

Don't Scout It. (London Advertiser.) A submarine blockade which cannot prevent the transport of a single regiment is worth little or nothing.

She Must Be Good. (Owego Times.) If mother does the cooking satisfactorily for the next few weeks, she may get a re-darnation on mother's day.

They Don't Approve. (Hamilton Times.) The wet canteen may be all right. But how about the women who refuse to allow their sons to enlist unless it is made dry?

A Poser For Sir George. (Toronto Globe.) Sir George Foster warns us all to "bend our backs to the burden" imposed by the war. What burden does an increase of their protection impose upon its beneficiaries?

Japan Too Frisky. (Brantford Courier.) The manner in which Japan is commencing to pay attention to China doesn't exactly look as if the health of the Flowery Kingdom was the chief concern.

Try It. (Montreal Mail.) This being the day of slogans, why not appeal to the higher nature of Canadian poultry and stimulate production by admonishing each hen to "Lay an egg?"

Joseph Martin Busy. (Manitoba Free Press.) Hon. Joseph Martin is hard at work in British Columbia reading liberals out of the Liberal party. Having thrown Asquith and Lloyd-George out bodily from the Liberal party of Great Britain, he finds it comparatively easy to deal with lesser individuals in British Columbia.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

There are 167 candidates writing at the "Trinity" medical examinations, now going on for primary and degree certificates. The examiners here are Rev. Dr. Hooper and Rev. W. R. Carey. The Kingston Woman's College may be invited to affiliate with Trinity University.

For twenty-one years Tax Collector Thompson has been quartermaster in the 47th Battalion. He wishes to retire, and the other day sent in his resignation to Lieut.-Col Kirkpatrick Major G. Hunter, being the next in order for promotion, will take command of the regiment.

A well-known citizen was locked out of his boarding-house. He slept so uncomfortably that he intends in the future to get home earlier.

THE SILK-HAT SOLDIER.

I saw him in a picture, and I felt I'd like to cry— He stood in line, The man for mine, A tall silk-hatted "guy." Right on the call, Silk hat and all, He'd hurried to the cry— For he loves England well enough for England to die.

I've seen King Harry's helmet in the Abbey hanging high, The one he wore At Agincourt; But braver to my eye That city toff Too keen to doff His stove-pipe bicorn—why? For he loves England well enough for England to die.

And other fellows in that line had come too on the fly, Their joys and toys, Brave English boys, For good and all put by: O you brave best, Teach all the rest How pure the heart and high When one loves England well enough for England to die.

One threw his cricket bat aside, one left the ink to dry; All peace and play He put away, And bid his love good-bye— O mother mine! O sweetheart mine! No man of yours shall show, If I love not England well enough for England to die.

I guess it strikes a chill somewhere, The bravest won't deny, All that you love, Pray to share, And set your teeth to die, But better dead, When all is said, Than lapped in peace to lie— If we love not England well enough for England to die.

England Needs More Nurses. London, March 27.—In a press bureau announcement, the director-general of the Army Medical Service emphasizes need for an increasing supply of trained nurses. He makes an appeal to civil hospitals to train as many as possible for military service.

The unusually fast young man always longs for the two-minute class.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Easy money is easy to get rid of. However, there are many fair singers who are not blonds.

Ready money is seldom ready when you want to borrow some.

Nothing is gained by abusing those whose opinions differ from your own.

That's Right.



She—There's lots of other girls in the world besides me, you know. He—Yes, but I can't afford to spend as much money on all of them to find out if they'll have me, as I have on you.

The New Long Distance Record. A voice goes out from Gotham to the city of the fair; A voice comes back from 'Frisco and it murmured: "Who is there?" The voice that comes from 'Frisco cries: "A favor will you do? Then tell if on your 'Midway there is anything new."

No Doubt. "I think women could improve things everywhere if they were in power."

"Take the stuffy old law. They'd have hand-painted subpoenas and orchestras in every court room."—Kansas City Journal.

Bride's Lament. "My husband is perfectly heartless."

Arboreal. "He is always talking about his family tree."

Where It Is. "I wonder what has become of the old-fashioned dime novel?" remarked the old lady.

"It has gone up to a dollar and a half," replied the grouch.

Caught On First. He—"I's no idea you would accept me the first time I proposed."

Not Posted. Teacher—"where is the Dead Sea?" Tommy—"Don't know, ma'am."

Acquired Virtue. Ethel used to play a good deal in Sunday school, but one day she had been so good that her teacher said in praise:

"Ethel, my dear, you have been a very good girl to-day."

"Yeth'm," responded Ethel. "I couldn't help it. I dot a stiff neck."

Pertinent Query. "Mamma, when people are in mourning do they wear black nightgowns?"

Her Wavering Affection. "Hubby, I'm in love with that hat."

"You fall in love with too many hats. If you'll promise to remain constant to that one as much as six weeks, I'll but it for you."—Kansas City Journal.

An Exceptional Case. She had risen several times to let a gentleman pass out between the acts.

Her Comment. Boggs—"I see Prof. Papin says that the telephone will be improved so rapidly that pretty soon a New Yorker can take down the receiver in his apartment and talk with his daughter in Paris or his mother in London."

A Dangerous Trick. Baltimore American—"When the police dogs get to work the most daring of the bibulous fraternity will hesitate to do one accustomed thing."

"What is that?" "Rush the growler."

Bibbys advertisement featuring various overcoat offers: See Bibbys \$10.00 Overcoats, See Bibbys \$12.50 Overcoats, See Bibbys \$15.00 Overcoats, and Bibbys 78, 80, 82 Princess St. Kingston. Also includes 'YOUR NEW HAT' and 'BOYS' CLOTHING' sections.

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TROOPS MASSES ON BORDER. Austria Has Half a Million Men Ready For Italy. About half a million Austrian troops are now massed in Southern Tyrol and Trentino, where the so-called strategical organization which is considered necessary as a precaution for the past fortnight has been carried on with feverish activity, in dictating that an invasion is feared to be imminent. Practically all the villages between Susana and Lake Garda have been evacuated by the inhabitants, and many houses along the frontier have been blown up with dynamite; so as not to hamper the range of the fort guns dominating the accessible points, and to destroy the cover to the invading army. The eastern portion of the city of Rovereto has been razed to the ground, and the debris of the destroyed houses has been used to improve fortifications. Field batteries are posted at every point of vantage.

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