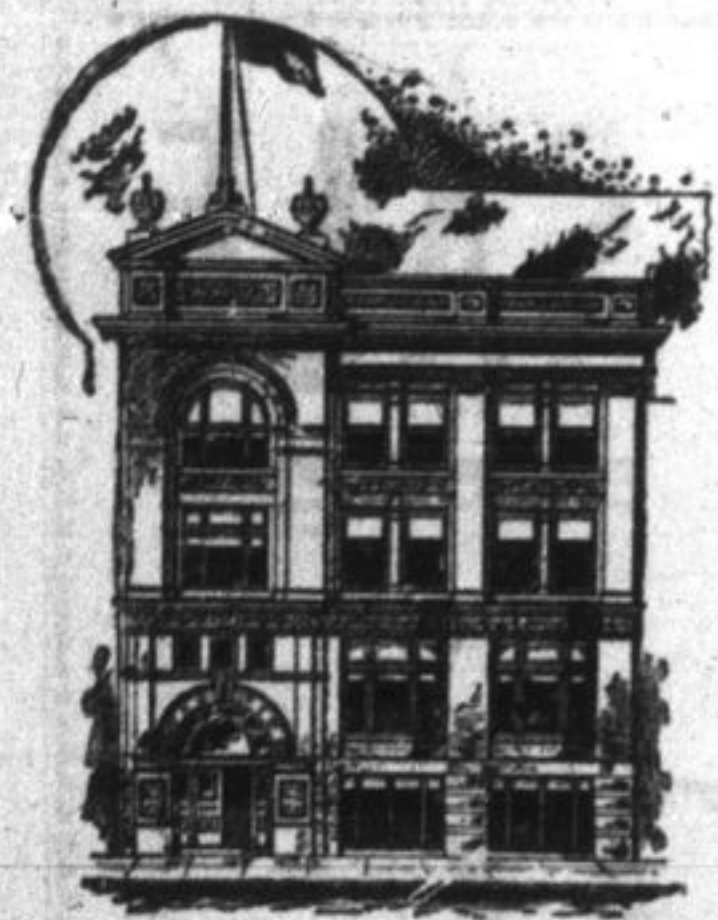


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HE HAD TRUE GRIT.

The splendid grit displayed by
Capt. George Richardson and his men
at the battle of Langemarck is
highly regarded by Kingstonsians.
The discipline and dogged persistence
learned in the hockey arena gave
Capt. Richardson the poise and deter-
mination so eminently manifest
when flanked by the Germans.
Kingston is proud of Capt. Richard-
son and of his gallant men who stood
by him to the death.

HOPE OF DISARMAMENT.

Lord Haldane in an interview with
the Chicago Chronicle, says: If the
Allies win—if Germany, who has
carried her military preparations to a
pitch heretofore unknown, finds
herself beaten—I do not imagine
any nation in the future will be
likely to pin its faith to armaments.
If Germany, armed as she was arm-
ed, could not win, how could any
nation hope to win by means of
arms? I am hopeful that the world,
as a result of this war, will get rid
of at least a part of the burden of
armaments. I am hopeful that civiliza-
tion is going to do something to
defend itself against war.

DAYLIGHT SCHEME AGAIN.

Ald Newman will be encouraged to
continue his agitation for an earlier
start at work and an earlier finish
by what the Hamilton Manufacturers'
Association has done. It had
before it the proposition to alter the
clocks, making the hour for the com-
mencement of labour an hour earlier
than at present, and disapproved of
that. The Association did not see
any necessity for tampering with the
time pieces. But they did see sense
in recommending that the working
day begin an hour earlier. That
decision may be reached by any com-
pany or employers, with the con-
currence of the men, for they are
principally affected and must be sat-
isfied with the change. This move-
ment is easily managed, and there is
more hope of its success than any
movement which aims at a provincial
or national change. Ald Newman's
plan is, therefore, to consult with the
local manufacturers, and if they are
willing get his daylight scheme into
operation without delay. A long
evening with daylight, in June and
July, would be appreciated by all
classes of the people.

THE DUTY OF SPENDING.

One of the causes of the present
industrial depression is the short-
sighted economy of those whose
spending power has not been seri-
ously curtailed, remarks Industrial
Canada. This fact is easily estab-
lished by the bank returns, showing
increases in deposits. Since thou-
sands of manufacturers', wholesal-
ers' and retailers' employes have
been thrown out of work or have
had their wages reduced, it is evi-
dent that their bank accounts must
have either disappeared or decreas-
ed. Consequently the total savings
bank deposits could not increase by
substantial addition to the accounts
of those whose incomes have escap-
ed the general cut. Such persons
are putting their surpluses into the
banks instead of spending them.
This means that they are going with-
out clothes, furniture, machinery,
and many other articles in order to
increase their savings.
The effect becomes apparent in
our imports entered for consump-
tion, as follows: Year ending March
31st, 1913, \$570,000,000; year end-
ing March 31st, 1914, \$618,000,000;

year ending March 31st, 1915, \$455-
000,000.
These decreases in our purchases
abroad indicate that there must be
correspondingly great decreases in
our purchases at home. It is true
that our borrowings from England
have been seriously curtailed, but it
is also true that they have been re-
placed to a certain extent by sales
of bonds in the United States, which,
since the outbreak of war, have am-
ounted to \$70,000,000. The people
of Canada, after three years of great
extravagance, have gone suddenly to
the other extreme and have been
frightened into a fit of rigid econ-
omy. The result has been a serious
decrease in manufactured output.
If every man in Canada determined
to do without new neckties for a
year, for example, the effect would
be severe to the manufacturers who
make neckties. If those who have
money to spend would spend it
within reasonable limits, our fac-
tories would be benefited to an al-
most incredible extent, employment
would be furnished to many who
need it and the return to prosperity
would be hastened.

CONFESSION OF A GANGSTER.

Astonishing revelations have been
made through the revelations of Ben-
jamin Fein, alias "Dopey Benny," a
leader of the gangsters whose fees
from crime have been \$10,000 a
year. Fein has been a prisoner re-
peatedly, and has escaped his due
sometimes through the bribery of
witnesses. When in gaol his pay
has usually gone on. At last he
was pinched for a serious crime. He
demanded bail. It was not forthcom-
ing as soon as he expected and he
"peached."

According to his confession New
York was divided into districts and
the work of the gang directed like
the work of the Police Department.
It was paid for by fees which were
got out in printed schedules. Thus:
For raiding and wrecking a small
plant, \$150. For wrecking the largest
of the shops in the clothing and
needle trades, \$600. For shocking
a man in the leg or arm, or clipping
off an ear, \$60 to \$100. For in-
vading a factory and throwing a man-
ager or foreman down the elevator
shaft, or breaking an arm or a
thumb, \$200. For the complete
knockout of any individual, \$200.
"Dopey Benny" seldom took a
hand in the raids himself, but he was
usually very near in order to see
how the job proceeded. He was a
real "boss" who demanded the ut-
most servility from his followers.
His patrons he held by agreements
which appear to have been prepared
by lawyers, signed and sealed in the
usual way. Several of the con-
tracts have passed into the hands of
the District Attorney, and he pro-
poses to refer them to the Bar Asso-
ciation with the recommendation
that the persons making them be de-
barred from the practice of their
profession.

Thirty-four members of the gang
are on the defence. One has been
convicted already. Three surren-
dered on the advice of their legal
counsel. The world is shocked by
what has been made known of gang-
ster life. The gunmen, the thugs,
the hired assassins, in the pay of any
one, subject to call at any time and
place to commit any crime, is almost
unthinkable, and yet it is the con-
fession of one who was a leader of
desperadoes and one who gloried in
his wicked profession.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Straw hats are never perfectly safe
before June 1st. Neither can Furnace
fires be damped before May 24th.
The country looks splendid. The
grain is growing nicely. We pray,
as do all, that the good Lord will
send an abundant harvest.
Where did the fifty tons of nickel
taken out of the hold of a Swedish
steamer bound from New York for
Copenhagen come from? Was it
Ontario nickel?

A World's Record.

Milwaukee, May 18.—The world's
record for the 200 yards four-man
swimming race was lowered 1-5
seconds Saturday night by the Ill-
inois Athletic Club team in a match
with the Hamilton Club of Chicago.
The time was 1:42 2-5.

THE MOURNFUL MUSE

The lost Lenore, who's gone before, and all her dismal
breed, have lived in loads of weepy odes which made our
bosoms bleed. Of birds a crowd have sung the shroud, the
grave, the bier, the hearse; they've chanted death with every
breath, and made their art a curse. Oh, Lord of hosts! We
need no ghosts, or skulls, or dead men's bones; why fill this
world with hopeless wail? It has enough of groans. A
Byron's woe, a dirge of Poe's, ne'er cheered an aching
heart, ne'er helped a soul from out the hole, or made a feary
depart. They call it Art to rend your heart with agony
boiled down, but I declare I'd rather wear the jester's motley
gown, than end my game in Hall of Fame among the high-
brow guys, who'd rather croak than spring a joke of brighten
brow eyes. I hate that Art so far apart from human toil
and pain, it sings Greek gods and other frauds, or fools
with Charles's Wain. I hate that hard who labors hard to
make the morgue seem near, who would impart (and call it
Art) the graveyard atmosphere. The mighty lay that's grim
and gray is but an empty din; the song of gold, I'll always, hold, is that which
brings a grin.

better what the progress recently re-
ported by General Botha means. He
is close to Winhoek, which he ex-
pects to occupy soon. It is between
six and seven hundred miles north
of the Cape Colony border. As
this is getting well into the interior
of Africa and on one side is the great
Kalahari desert, it is easy to credit
the despatch which says that "the
conditions of heat, thirst and hun-
ger called for the greatest resolution
and grit." To make things worse,
the Germans have started to poison
such wells as exist. There is not
much front page space devoted to
the task which these recent enemies
of ours are carrying through in the
interests of the Empire, but we
should recognize that it is one of the
hardest that British troops have to
face anywhere.

PUBLIC OPINION

Good Thing It Isn't.
(Montreal Mail.)
The Roblin Government is out and
a Liberal administration is in, in
Manitoba. The "truce" isn't work-
ing in the Prairie Province.

No One Is Sorry.
(Hamilton Times.)
King George has stripped the gar-
off the Kaiser and a few of his
titled friends. No tra or truck
with Germany after this.

Fight Or Pay.
(Hamilton Herald.)
The Czar has imposed a special
war tax upon all persons excused
from military service. It is a just
tax. Those who don't fight should
be willing to pay.

It Dies Hard.
(Branford Expositor.)
The Toronto News continues to
make elaborate pleas for the holding
of an early Dominion election. The
Bob Rogers' element in the Conserva-
tive party dies hard.

Weak Advisers.
(Montreal News.)
Sir Rodmond has surrendered by the
past three years been surrendered by
weak colleagues—and he has been
without the counsel of a single strong
one. In such conditions the ship of
state could not be expected to con-
tinue long on its course.

A Popular Slogan.
(Chicago Scottish Canadian.)
"See America First!" is the com-
mon-sense slogan of the traveller of
to-day. It includes the bigger half
of the continent, Canada, the Land
of plenty and progress, the land
which, more than any other, will de-
light and stimulate every intelligent
tourist who seeks an optimistic at-
mosphere in his journeyings.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO

Schooner Jessie Brock foundered off
Nias, Mile Point, and eight lives were
lost, including Capt. Thomas Mackie;
Joseph Mackie, mate; Marian Mackie,
cook; James Mackie, William Mullen,
Frank George, John Mullen, Donald
Macdonald, sailors. With the excep-
tion of Frank George, the crew be-
longed to Wolfe Island.
The Kingston Bicycle Club had a
big turnout to-day.
A patrol wagon is needed for the
police department.
James S. Johnson has been appoint-
ed purser on the steamer Norseman.

DIFFERENT FROM PIRATES

An Example Of British Submarine
Commander's Carefulness.
London, May 18.—As an evidence
of the care with which British sub-
marines act against merchant ships,
even in the most dangerous war zone
the Daily Mail publishes the follow-
ing despatch from Saloniki:
"A British submarine, which pene-
trated the Sea of Marmora, stopped
a supposed Turkish cargo boat and
ordered the captain to get his pas-
sengers and crew off before the ves-
sel was sunk. The captain declared
that he and his crew were Greeks
and that his ship had been seized by
the Turks to transport Greek refu-
gees. The commander of the sub-
marine verified the captain's state-
ment and then allowed him to proceed."

R. P. ROBLIN'S CAREER

THE PART HE PLAYED IN MANI-
TOBA POLITICS.

Twenty-nine Years Since He First
Attracted Attention—Was Then a
Liberal—The Story of His Admin-
istration.
It is about twenty-nine years since
R. P. Roblin became a figure in the
political life of Manitoba, says the
"Winnipeg Free Press." At a Liberal
convention held at Winnipeg toward
the end of May, 1886, called for the
purpose of preparing for the politi-
cal campaign of that year, R. P. Rob-
lin was one of the most prominent
and promising Liberals. He was at
that time Liberal candidate for the
old constituency of North Dufferin,
which corresponded in area roughly
with the present constituency of Duf-
ferin.
At that time R. P. Roblin was a
young man of 33 years of age, very
vigorous and aggressive, and made a
great impression upon the conven-
tion, particularly by a speech which



HON. R. P. ROBLIN.

has since been the subject of amuse-
ment, in which he crowned the Hon.
Thomas Greenway with laurels as
one who "had fought with the wild
beasts" of Ephesus on Kennedy
street.

In November, 1886, the Norquay
government was returned to power
with a bare majority of four mem-
bers. Amongst the defeated was R.
P. Roblin, who was beaten by some
four votes by Dr. D. H. Wilson, one
of the ministers in the Norquay
government, returned to power, how-
ever, was soon in difficulties; the
Hon. John Norquay in 1887 resigned
his seat, and a stop-gap government
was formed with the Hon. Dr. D. H.
Harrison as premier.

The Harrison administration was
defeated in two bye-elections, Assini-
boine and St. Francois Xavier, the lat-
ter of which involved the defeat of a
cabinet minister; it then resigned.
The Liberals, under the premiership
of Hon. Thomas Greenway, came into
power in January, 1888. Hon. Dr.
Wilson resigned his seat in the house,
taking up his residence in Vancon-
ver, where he is still living. R. P.
Roblin came into the house as mem-
ber for North Dufferin by acclama-
tion.

From the beginning of the Green-
way government there was a move-
ment on foot aiming at the inclusion
of Mr. Roblin in the Greenway cabi-
net, but it was not successful. Mr.
Roblin appeared for a time to accent
the situation, but after the election
of July, 1888, showed signs of insur-
rection and for a year or so posed
as a Liberal of the "old school." A
position of this kind of "splendid iso-
lation" naturally could not last, and
Mr. Roblin took the inevitable
course of going over to the other
camp in 1890. The Conservatives
formally elected him leader, and he
led the Conservative party at the gen-
eral election in 1892, having Mr.
Robert Rogers as his chief lieuten-
ant. This election resulted in a dis-
astrous defeat for the Roblin party,
and Mr. Roblin himself was out of
the house for four years.

Mr. Roblin re-entered the house as
member for Woodlands, in 1894, and
resumed his position as leader of the
Conservative party in the house, only
to be displaced shortly afterward by
Hugh John Macdonald. The next
significant change in the political life
of the province came in December,
1895, when the Greenway govern-
ment was defeated, and the following
month Hugh John Macdonald was
called upon to form a new govern-
ment. In doing this he overlooked
the claims for inclusion into his cabi-
net of both Mr. Roblin and Mr. Rog-
ers, to their great disappointment
and chagrin. Six or seven months
later the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald
was induced to retire as premier and
to contest Brandon for the Dominion
parliament in the Conservative inter-
est against Hon. Clifford Sifton. This
necessitated the appointment of a

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