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CIVIC WELCOME MISSING.

The absence of any civic welcome to the members of the Presbyterian Assembly so far is deeply regretted. It is surely an oversight. The city that is mindful of the courtesies that are due to visitors, in large numbers, is a city that builds up a good name for itself, and everything counts in these days of civic competition. Kingston is a convention centre. It has the special facilities for representative meetings, and the accommodation which the Assembly finds in Queen's University is unsurpassed. Granted that the Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church has met here several times in the past, and under circumstances of the most agreeable character, the Mayor and the Council have been so very active in addressing other public bodies that one must conclude there is some cause for the delay in greeting the Assembly and that the welcome will yet be presented. The Assembly is a very important body, and the eloquence and vigor of its discussion are remarkable. In some Presbyteries, there is a selection of representatives by rotation, and in others there is an election without special rule. The result is that the Assembly is made up of new men in large proportion and of experienced men who act as their guides. Generally, the Assembly is a parliament in which intellect is a distinguishing characteristic.

The Municipal Councils in Saskatchewan are authorized by law to rent and run hotels in the public interest, when, on July 1st, the license holders close up their houses. Pity the people, if the Councils do not run the hotels any better than they run other things.

ENORMOUS FIRE LOSSES.

The Berlin Board of Trade, in a carefully prepared resolution, emphasizes the terrible losses from fire. The average annual loss in Britain, in ten cities, has been 50 per cent, while in Canada it has been \$3.35. The average rate of premium in the British cities has been 22c per \$100, while in Canada it has been \$1.46.

In 1913, Canada's insurance companies paid out \$14,000,000 in fire losses, as compared with \$2,300,000 which was paid out in Great Britain on similar risks, and the difference between these, in fire losses, in ten years, will amount to a larger sum than the Dominion has voted thus far for war purposes. Canada may be called "a nation of incendiaries." It may be guilty, as alleged, "of a criminal waste of money." It can stand this, but it cannot—and cannot afford to—stand for the highest per capita tax for fire losses in the world. For that is the statement of Mr. Schmalz, of the Economical Fire Insurance Co., of Berlin. The business men of Canada cannot encourage a continuance of that experience. The Ontario Government has been asked to appoint a fire marshal. What can he do? Simply organize a campaign of education in which he may succeed if he is supported by the people.

Without education in which all public bodies engage, school boards in particular, not much can be attained. In New York, the schools are being inaugurated in this education against fire, and to some purpose. The safety of the future lies with the children, and with their knowledge of how fires may be prevented. Most conflagrations are the result of ignorance, gross ignorance that can only be removed by enlightenment that is cleverly and skillfully imparted.

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the day. It would educate the masses with regard to fires and the dangers of them, and the manner of preventing them; and of the millions, now contributed for fire losses, the insurance companies could afford to spend a large percentage educationally to the best advantage.

SEEING MORE THAN WAR.

It may be difficult for the average preacher to compose his thoughts on any subject without reference to the war. He hears about it. He reads about it. It is the theme of the day. And yet the average man is weary of the subject and gets all he wants to know of it from the bulletins and the papers. Let us assume that all the preachers say and prophesy is true; that the Canadians are doing their duty, and only their duty, in standing by the Mother Country in this war; that their representatives at the front are distinguishing themselves; that Canada is in common with the rest of the world, and affected by the strife, will have her share in its reconstruction. The war is not a subject for perennial sermonizing, and it may not be amiss to suggest that at least some new idea be discovered, if possible, and discussed in an illuminating way. The soldier boys can be helped to do their best in the trenches and be cheered by the letters and comforts that friends can send to them. The church has a really live topic in considering what it should do to meet the awakened thought of the time. For old things are passing away, and presently all things will have become new; and the church must realize it. The man of the times, in business is planning what he shall do under the new conditions. The churchman must do the same. The union committee of the Presbyterian Church is composed of wise men, and they are of one mind in saying that the war has changed the judgment of values, and that matters that formerly distracted and divided men, must now be accounted trivial in the presence of the vast issues involved. Reflection must widen the horizon of our views, and men must contemplate the more what is happening at home in the changed relations of the church, rather than the carnage of war, the details of which are always depressing. Above the tumult of war it is said that one hears the song of the lark, and above the grunting of the period, which is all too common, one should hear the steady note of the man who sees beyond the conflict of the hour, and is in a position to inspire and encourage and direct his fellow men.

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All the arguments in favor of it are as cogent to-day as they were in 1911. There are new ones of a most convincing character. The immigration may not materialize, as expected, and prove embarrassing in its effects, but the depression will leave financial results most disturbing, and in the face of this fact the church cannot afford to waste any of its resources to any extent.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

Sure They Should. (Toronto Globe.) Are Canadian factories running nights? Shouldn't they be?

Poor Man. (Guelph Mercury.) It's a mighty poor day when the Toronto Telegram cannot dump a fresh bucket of mud on Hon. Sam Hughes.

What's In a Name? (London Advertiser.) The formidable, the Audacious, the Irresistible and the Triumphant have all fallen victims to the terrible torpedo. What's in a name.

Oh, He's a Warrior. Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian poet, has joined the army as a lieutenant. If he fights as well when a soldier as he did when a plain poet he will win honor and glory.

In Place of a Fleet. (Chicago Journal.) As to prohibiting the export of arms, that scheme boiled down to its bones, means that the United States would make Germany a present of an equivalent to the British fleet.

Pertinent Question. (Toronto Mail.) If it is proper to cancel the Derby, by far the greatest sporting fixture in the racing world, what arguments can be advanced for continuing race meetings that are composed of one-tenth sport and nine-tenths commercialism?

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ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

New York, June 7.—"That not a gun nor even a gun carriage," was on the Lusitania 3, Kingston that ship sailed from New York on May 1st, was again reiterated to-day by J. F. Leach, who was the steward referred to in Gustave Stahl's affidavit, presented to the state department by the German Ambassador, as the man who showed him four mounted guns on the liner. Stahl has disappeared.

HAS PURCHASED FARM

Canadian Steamship Lines Taken Over Smith Elliott's Property. A deal has just been put through whereby the Canadian Steamship Lines Ltd., take over the farm of Smith Elliott on lot 21, concession 3, Kingston township, and will operate it as a produce farm for the supply of milk, eggs, vegetables, etc., for their vessels. Mr. Elliott has been appointed manager of the farm for the next six months.

The farm consists of two hundred acres, and will be a valuable asset to the company, in the securing of the necessary supplies for the people working and travelling on the boats. In Mr. Elliott the company will have an able man for head of the farm. He has had a wide experience in the work, and it goes without saying that he will be the right man in the right place. For many years he has had the contract for the supplying of milk to the liners running in and out of the port of Kingston, and has ably looked after the business. His farm, formerly known as Silver Stream Farm, will now be known as the Canadian Steamship Line's Produce Farm.

Fortune to Art Galleries.

Dublin, June 7.—It is announced that the bulk of the estate of Sir Hugh Lane, the wealthy Irish art expert, who was lost on the Lusitania, is bequeathed to galleries in Dublin and London. The principal items in the estate are the collections of paintings.

Zeppelins to Use Gas.

Copenhagen, June 7.—The German Government is building Zeppelins of a new type, with reservoirs and tubes for discharging poisonous gases. They are heavily armored.

Many offers of convalescent homes for soldiers have been received by the Militia Department from all parts of Canada.

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Rippling Rhymes. Walt Mason. THE EAST WIND. "The wind is in the east," the chronic croaker sighed; "that zephyr is a beast, it fills with pain my hide. Whenever east winds whiz across the dismal sea, eight kinds of rheumatism begin to torture me." So he sits down to groan, and calls for the police, and rubs his old shin bone with liniment and grease. When people thus are sure a certain wind will bring some ill beyond a cure, their guess comes true, by jing. For superstition makes of grief a vast amount, it brings more pains and aches than you and I could count. Now let the croaker greet the east wind with a grin, and say, "You can't be beat—the prize you'll surely win. You can't bring disease, or make my hock-joints sick; no blamed old tin horn breeze can play that sort of trick!" The wind will whoop and hiss, and try to fill his frame with jumping rheumatiz, and then give up the game. If you invite disease, and say it's sure to come, the germs will strive to please, and knock you out of plumb. But if defiance hold you hand the microbes moan, the feet of germs grow cold, and they throw up the job.

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