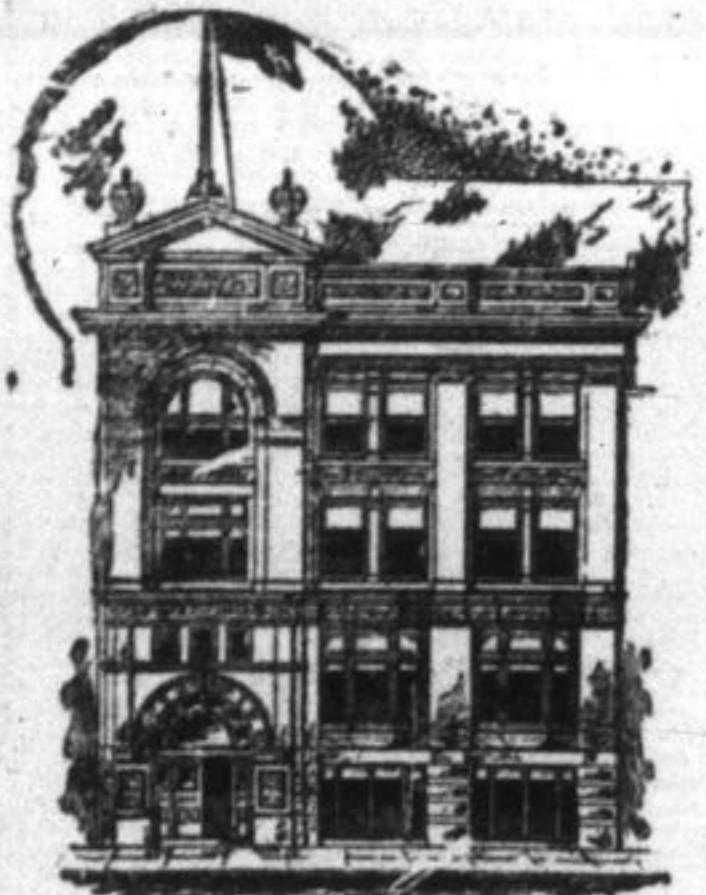


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QUEBEC'S DEFAULT.

Quebec's population sets the pace in provincial affairs, in subsidies and in parliamentary representation. In recruiting it is woefully disappointing, as will be seen by the following comparison: In British Columbia it is 1 to 25; Manitoba, 1 to 54; Ontario, 1 to 46; Maritime Provinces, 1 to 63; and Quebec, 1 to 123. Nationalism is bearing its legitimate fruit. It preached so long against Quebec's participation in Britain's wars that people fail to do their duty even when the interests of France as well as the Mother Country are in peril.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS.

The situation so far as tendering on public school contracts in Toronto by Roman Catholics is concerned was misunderstood by the Whig's reading of the matter. Tenders were asked for by public notice, but a Roman Catholic's lowest offer was declined by the board. As regards Protestants not being allowed to tender for the work on a Catholic school we are informed that in Kingston quite a few awards have been made to them both for buildings and for repairs. We are glad to know that this is the case, for it is as it should be everywhere and amongst all classes.

AN OFFICIAL SUSTAINED.

The City Council is to be commended for its rejection of the Board of Works' report with regard to its Engineer. The majority refused the proposal to make changes in his office which neither the times nor the circumstances justified. The method of procedure was most irregular. The Engineer was asked to accept conditions which had not been referred to the Council, and which, it is now apparent, the Council would not have approved. The Engineer was not given any reasons for the scheme of the Board. It was hatched out in a secret meeting, and the occasion of it the members of the Committee would not discuss. Mr. McClelland could not be expected to submit to that kind of treatment. The result was an appeal to the Council; and, by a good majority, a decision was reached which will not be forgotten.

Probably the Board of Works will profit by the experience. Its members may see the wisdom of letting the Engineer run his office according to his judgment. It will surely supply him with the capable and technical help which he needs at certain times. It ought to be able to conduct the public business without the secret sessions which have unhappily preceded its fall from grace.

ANOTHER FINANCIAL STRAIN

The Canadian Patriotic Fund is making a second appeal to the people all over Canada, and one which it will be hard or impossible for them to withstand. The Central Fund at Ottawa is not yet exhausted. There is a balance of over \$2,000,000, but the desire is to retain it for relief purposes when the war is over and the position of the beneficiaries will be more or less unsettled. Of Kingston's contribution to the Fund there is a balance of \$15,000. The larger part of it is not due until next year, and the plan is to appeal to the subscribers and induce them, if possible, to pay before the end of this year. In this way current demands will be met and before further support has been obtained. What will take place after the present contribution has been used is a matter of serious consideration. The feeling is that the councils of the city and county should promise a certain sum per month for a given time.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Power Commission has dawdled too long over the new tariff rates, and the tariff which Sir Adam Beck admits is not suitable or workable in Kingston.

this sum to be supplemented by the further gifts or donations of the people.

The day of great sacrifices has not yet been reached. The Mother Country is giving heroically of her strength and resources, and Canada must realize the necessity of following her example. The magnificent spirit that has been exhibited in connection with the Red Cross Fund, will, no doubt, be repeated in connection with the Patriotic Fund, which, in Sir Herbert Ames' opinion, should engross the larger attention and enlist the greater aid until its objects have been fully served.

FIRE APPARATUS.

For the second time, and within a short period, the Council has rejected the proposal to equip the fire department with a motor engine at a cost of \$12,000. On the first occasion the people voted on the question and defeated it. On the second occasion the scheme was defeated by the aldermen, and in the exercise of their individual judgment. There are times when a referendum is in order, when it is prudent or wise to consult the people, especially when this can be done without much expense. The present is not one of these occasions.

The motor engine is a most desirable thing. The Whig has seen it in the western fire stations, and realizes how effective it is when called out for service at a fire. But the towns and cities that possess motor engines, and proudly exhibit them as evidences of their progressive spirit, did not probably invite a sacrifice of property such as would have to be made in Kingston.

The objection to the purchase of a motor engine is that there is no great demand for it at present, that the city is pretty well supplied with fire equipment, and that no expense is justified which can be avoided. The argument against this is that the proposition is an economic one. Which costs the city the lesser sum per annum, the engine which is driven by the motor, or the engine which is drawn by horses?

A motor engine, in good condition, does not incur much liability from day to day. Horses must eat to live, and their feed and care are a continual expense. The contrast in cost should be easily made and with effects that should be apparent to any one.

PROFITS IN WAR TIME

The manufacturer or employer of labor who increases profits during war time should regard himself as disgraced. The first obligation of the manufacturer, so long as he can maintain his business in a condition of solvency, is to his workmen. One would think that he could not hold up his head if he increased his profits by discharging employees. So the manufacturer of munitions should require only a moderate profit. If in competition with rivals he is able to manufacture at lower prices he should give more generously to patriotic objects. In short, no man should be able to respect himself, or should expect the respect of his fellow-citizens, if he trades in the distresses of the Empire for his own personal advantage.—Toronto News.

This is taking very high ground on a very serious issue. Men must not make money out of their country's misfortune? Surely not. In Britain the munition factories are practically government institutions, and in the operation of them allowance is made for an ordinary profit, or for an ordinary return of interest upon the invested capital. Of the earnings the Government appropriates its share, about a half. Canada may be forced, in order to meet the financial claims upon its Government, to imitate the Mother Country and adopt new methods of raising revenue.

It has been suggested that a poll tax be put upon every healthy male who can go to the defence of his country and does not. The idea is to make him do his bit or pay for it. The idea, further, is to have a general survey made of the field by the Government, and a special tax levied on all who have enjoyed large contracts for war supplies and made large profits from them. Of the many millions of money that have been spent in Canada by the Imperial Government a few millions at least should be devoted to the costs of war. It is hardly likely, however, that the cash will be given voluntarily, and as a kind of national tribute. It must be exacted by some form of taxation. He is a rare individual who will see the force of the Toronto News' argument and regard it as a disgrace to collect and hoard the profits he has made out of the war.

Kingston's contribution per capita to the Patriotic Fund was \$1.75. It is the sixth highest in the province. The little city of Galt heads all the municipalities with \$2.35 per capita.

The Winnipeg Telegram urges that the Duke of Connaught take the direction of Canada's part in the war. And retire Sir Sam? This is the most direct drive which Hon. Mr. Rogers, through his paper, has yet

made at the Militia Department, and must attract wide attention. Evidently there is dissension among the ministers.

The members of the Council who are posing as engineers—and there are several of them—will now probably take a rest. Once more they have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The South African elections have re-established Gen. Botha as the political as well as military leader of the people. The Nationalists made so poor an exhibit that their cause must in time wholly disappear.

The beginning of the end is indicated in Germany by the bread riots. The boast that Germany was self-contained, that is, possessed of everything which her people required, has been based upon fiction.

A Canadian loan is to be floated about the beginning of the new year. Rumor has it that it will bear only five per cent. interest. This will be disappointing to those who have deferred their investments in securities. The British-French loan yields a trifle over five and a half per cent.

The Hydro-Electric Commission may rule in Kingston whether the Utilities are run by a Commission or a Council. Somebody has to demonstrate the unworkable character of recent legislation, and if the Commission is not equal to the task it must let the Council show what it can do.

Sleepytime Tales

THE BROWN EGG'S STORY.

Once upon a time there was an old hen that had a nest in the barn and each day she laid a nice egg. Each morning a little girl would come out to the nest and take the egg away. The egg was put together in a basket and sometimes they stayed quite a while together before they were used by the family.

They had many fine egg talks together telling what they had seen on their way from the barn and each egg had a different wish as to where they would go when taken from the basket. One day the little girl brought two eggs and laid them both in the basket. One was just like all the rest but the other was a very dark brown color, and had white streaks all over it. The other eggs had never seen one just like that before and they asked the brown egg why it was that color and where it came from.

The brown egg said it didn't know why it was brown, but was sure it was very much nicer than the others. It had come from a bake shop. The children, it said, often came into the shop to get eggs and liked the

PUBLIC OPINION

A Close Guess. (Ottawa Journal.) If you ask us, we think the next Imperial leader should be that little Welshman.

A Casualty List. (Hamilton Herald.) Seven dead and twenty injured was last Sunday's toll to automobiles in New York city. Looks like a war casualty list.

Culture of the Turks. (Stratford Beacon.) The Turks seem to have been showing more kultur with the Armenians than even the Germans did with the Belgians.

Hold the Fort. (Guelph Mercury.) Sir Edward Carson is retiring when the stress is greatest. How about it if the British soldiers at the front did the same thing?

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

There are fifty-six inmates in the House of Industry, twenty females and thirty-six males. Two hundred people came up from Gananoque to-day to attend a service in St. Mary's Cathedral. The investiture of Archbishop Cleary with the pallium, the pontifical insignia of office, was a brilliant event at St. Mary's Cathedral to-day.

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Wednesday

BREAKFAST: Orange, Fried Kidneys, Creamed Potatoes, Toast, Jelly, Coffee. LUNCHEON: Fried Ham Sandwiches, Tomato Swirl, Crackers, Chocolate Cake with Marshmallow Filling, Tea. DINNER: Jackson Soup, Boiled Dinner, Celery Salad, Chocolate Cake.

BREAKFAST: Fried Kidneys—Cut the kidneys in small pieces. Melt a tablespoon of butter, add a teaspoon of minced onion, half a teaspoon of celery salt, and salt and pepper. Add the kidneys and fry slowly one minute. Pour over a cup of beef stock, the same of water and boil half an hour. Thicken the gravy with a little dissolved flour. Boil one minute and stir in a tablespoon each of lemon juice and sherry.

Creamed Potatoes—Melt a tablespoon of butter, add the same of flour, and stir smooth. Add a cup of milk and the same of cold boiled potatoes. Cut in small pieces and boil five minutes.

Rippling Rhymes

HATRED

I hate a lot of men, I wist; I'd camp upon their frames, but when I try to make a list, I can't recall their names. I should resent the evil slings from this or that old scout, but there are far more pleasant things that I can think about. Old Weatherwax has done me ill, here in my native town, and every day he tries to kill my twenty-cent renown; I've heard the evil things he's said, and yet I don't repine; and vain is the effort to punch his head, he'd surely land on mine. Attacks; I'd rather possia with a friend than scrap with Weatherwax. I do not care what people say; words leave no smarts or stings; and every passing sunny day is full of pleasant things. Why should I miss the sight of birds, as to the South they go, I stand around and bandy words with some long-winded foe? Why should I harbor thoughts of hate, that soothe and cheer? Why should I hold a vengeful mind, when it is best to laugh, when I can sit around and grind chimes from my phonograph?

LUNCHEON: Fried Ham Sandwiches, Tomato Swirl, Crackers, Chocolate Cake with Marshmallow Filling, Tea. DINNER: Jackson Soup—Boil three potatoes and when soft mash through a coarse sieve to a pulp. Add two cups of milk, half a teaspoon of celery salt and the same of minced onion. Boil one minute longer all together. Boiled Dinner—Boil the beef until nearly done, then add a small cabbage, a large pared turnip, and boil all half an hour. Then add whatever other vegetables you wish. Allow half an hour to boil the potatoes and then serve all on one platter with the vegetables as a garnish. Chocolate Cake—Mix two cups of flour, a cup of sugar, the same of milk, half a cup of butter, two eggs, two teaspoons of baking powder, and two squares of melted chocolate. Bake about thirty minutes. For the marshmallow filling boil a cup of sugar with two tablespoons of boiling water until the sugar threads, then add the beaten white of one egg and half a pound of marshmallows melted. Beat together and spread on the cake.

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Why Is A Horse Chestnut?

Why the horse chestnut is so called is a debatable point, but at least one possible explanation of the name may be found in a peculiar characteristic of the tree. If, when it is mature, a leaf be broken off cleanly at the point where its stem joins the branch it will be discovered that the base of the stem is the exact shape of a horse's hoof, and if one looks

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

Sure He Would. Did you ever have a cold you could not get rid of? No—If I did I'd still have it now.

How It Sounded. Bacon—What is your daughter doing at the piano? Egbert—Sounds as if she was setting her class yell to music.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Wise Kid. "Johnny, do you know that your mother has been looking for you?" asked the neighbor next-door. "Sure I do," replied Johnny; "that's the reason she can't find me!"—Judge.

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