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WORTHY EXAMPLE.

Toronto has suffered a serious loss in the sudden death of Ald. Wickett. He was the type of the men who are a blessing in every community. The graduate of a university, and trained in the great schools of Europe in all the knowledge that is essential to success, intellectually, commercially, socially, he became a force in the public life of Toronto. He first concentrated his time and talent upon the up-building of his own business. He established it upon a safe and firm foundation.

Then he decided to give a certain measure of his time to public affairs. As a member of the City Council he showed his ability. He did not succeed in all his plans for municipal reforms. He accepted disappointment philosophically; however, as the average reformer must do. But he had the qualities that told in the long run, and these were shown by his persistence and penetration. He discussed public questions in a dignified way. He made his points. Gradually the people were coming around to his point of view respecting Toronto's finances.

Death came when he was on the eve of expanding power and usefulness. Great is the regret accordingly. Of Ald. Wickett the kindest things have been said, and the best of all is the admission of those who differed from him in many things to the effect that he was zealous, sincere, and honest. What better testimony to his worth could language express? What better tribute can be paid to any man when he has passed away?

VERY PRESSING NEEDS.

Mr. Rowell, M.P.P., has been one of the most efficient recruiting officers in Canada. He began his activities with the war, and there has been no cessation in them. Two things he emphasized in a recent speech at Woodstock. One was that there should be more efficient leadership in the organization of the Canadian forces, and the second was that there should be more system and aggression in the production of munitions.

Some of the Federal Ministers have been appealing to the young manhood of the country, but these appeals have been more or less ineffective, as the service of the British Ministers was ineffective until Lord Derby became the one directing force behind the movement.

In like manner the Shell Committee's work was originally not satisfactory, and it will not be satisfactory even now under changed conditions, unless the Chairman of the Commission, who is a capable man, is given large, or even extraordinary, powers such as Lloyd-George had conferred upon him by a special Act of Parliament.

The war may end soon and suddenly, but the end will be the more happily contemplated when it is known that contributing to the movement in that direction there is a power that is both direct and forceful. As for the profiteers by war supplies, they must be treated in no uncertain way.

Mr. Rowell may stir up some sharp criticism by his incisive speech, but he has been courageous in his utterances, and he will be thanked by every well-wisher of his country.

CHANGES IN THE FUTURE.

The Board of Education at its final meeting for 1915 discussed the accomplishments of the year, and look-

ed casually at the requirements of the year that is to come. The record shows that the attendance of pupils at the public schools is greater than ever. There is not only a larger enrolled attendance, by several hundred, but a larger average attendance. As between 1900, when school expansion really began, and 1915, the number who are out of school from day to day on the average is about half as many.

It is further stated that the absentees are looked after better—thanks to the efficiency of the Follow-Up System—the classes are made more attractive and conditions generally are conducive to the comfort and progress of the children. Kingston's strong feature is its educational policy, and it is a matter for public congratulation that the school trustees have been working in harmony with all others who are interested in this matter.

Though there was a splendid addition to the school accommodation last year it is evident that other additions must be made in the early future, and among the improvements contemplated is the conversion of a certain building from its present uses into board rooms and offices and quarters for the Domestic Science Department. In all these plans the public will be deeply interested, and when the time for expressed approval comes it will no doubt be cheerfully given.

EASTERN POWER POLICY.

Without giving any bias to its comments, in view of the fact that there is a difference of opinion with regard to the action or accomplishments of the Hydro-Electric Commission, the Whig sees great significance in the plea of those who demand a bigger scheme of electric development for Eastern Ontario. The appeal of Mr. Hepburn, M.P., Picton, for the co-operation of the municipalities in the east is especially forceful.

For the time being the manner of the power development, or the organization through which it is to be effected, is of secondary importance. The point of greater moment is the need of some powerful coalition which will impress itself upon the Hydro-Electric Commission. Sir Adam Beck says he has done his very best to carry out his plans, and that he has been handicapped. The next point is the probability of progress by some understanding, which is not impossible, between the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Seymour Company. Both cannot operate in the east to advantage.

The Hydro-Electric cannot get the power it wants on the Trent without an arrangement with the Seymour Company, and the latter has a tremendous amount at stake, about \$9,000,000. Cannot the Hydro-Electric Commission purchase the power from the Seymour Company, as it was willing to buy its power from the Waddington Falls Company, and give it practically at cost and under Hydro-Electric supervision to the municipalities in the east that want it? Mr. Hepburn's proposal is worth consideration in the interest of the bigger scheme which he advocates. It is that the municipalities in the east which want cheap power and cannot get it under present circumstances, should get together by meeting somewhere and make their influence felt upon the public and private vendors of hydro power.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Britain has bought out many of the saloons of London. The Whig's idea of putting the liquor men out of business without a grievance. There is less hardship with compensation.

The Review of Reviews sees in the present war a repetition of the American Civil War in the attrition of the enemy by the Allies. The mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceedingly sure.

The Kaiser now says that the war will be over in February. He wants this in order that the marriage of his youngest son may take place according to programme. Of course, what he will do he must have.

One of the Kellys of Winnipeg's notoriety has gone to the Old Land, via New York, in order to enlist for active military service. If all of the boodlers followed his example they might be forgiven of some of their sins.

Thomas Kelly, the exiled Winnipeg contractor, fighting extradition in Chicago in order to evade criminal prosecution, and his lawyer in Winnipeg, defending his cause and suing for damages, presents the spectacle of the hour. If innocent of wrongdoing why does he not return to Canada and defend himself?

Mr. Roosevelt severely criticises Mr. Wilson for his alleged demand for the rights of others, while failing to protect the Belgians and to insist upon reparation for the Lusitania and Aiconia outrages. Mr. Roosevelt is looming up more and more every day as the prospective Republican candidate for the Presidency. He is the man that Mr. Wilson must contend with in the next election.

Sleepytime Tales

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT CLUB.

Once upon a time six little girls thought they would like to do something for Christmas to make some other children happy and decided that they would have a club called the Christmas Gift Club. They all went out one day to visit some poor families and find out what they wanted for Christmas. They found plenty of poor families and were treated very nicely every where they went. Each girl took one family, the poorest they could find, to make happy on Christmas day and found out, during their visits, just what would be most needed in each family. Then they had another meeting to decide how to get the money to buy the mittens, stockings, caps and shoes which they were to give to the poor kiddies.

They decided to have a fair and that it would be a flower fair so that the older people would buy and they could get the necessary money. They went to the florists in the neighborhood and each one said they would give them some flowers that were left over the day before Christmas and they could sell them for charity.

So they had the fair the morning before Christmas and many mothers came to the door, when they heard a little girl knock, and gave pennies, dimes and even quarters to help the poor.

The girls found by noon that they had \$12 dollars which would make two dollars for each of the girls to spend for presents.

In the afternoon they all went down to the shops and you can believe it was a busy time in the stores around the counters that contained the things the girls wanted to buy.

In the evening, with brothers and fathers carrying the baskets, the girls each visited the particular family that they were to take care of and presented the gifts. Oh how delighted all the poor people were. The mothers cried with gratefulness and the fathers shook hands with them and thanked them with tears in their eyes, while the poor children, themselves, at once began to put on the useful presents, too happy to even think of the thanks due their benefactresses, just then.

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

**Menu for Saturday**

**BREAKFAST**  
Orange Juice  
Creamed Liver  
Hashed Brown Potatoes  
Coffee

**LUNCHEON**  
Baked Mushrooms  
Bread and Butter  
Pineapple Marmalade  
Cakes

**DINNER**  
Tomato Soup  
Lamb Chops  
Supper Potatoes  
Dutch Spinach  
Lettuce Salad  
Baked Apple Ice Cream

**BREAKFAST**  
Creamed Liver—Cut the liver in small pieces and simmer in butter twenty minutes. Remove to a hot plate, and to the butter in the pan add a tablespoon of flour and simmer until tender. Add two cups of milk stirring all the time. Add the liver and simmer together five minutes.

**LUNCHEON**  
Baked Mushroom—Peel and remove the stems from large mush-

Rippling Rhymes

**THE PAUPER**  
The sad and seedy pauper has no one for a friend; his life has been improper, and now it nears the end. Some cold and frosty morning will see him borne away, another awful warning, to sleep till Judgment Day. And once he was as gilded as any blithesome swain, and palaces he built among the hills of Spain. He had his golden vision, when he was young, time you; the future was elysian, in his ecstatic view. When they have laid the pauper behind the old grey kirk, they'll say, "He came a cropper, because he wouldn't work. Fair visions he was viewing, of fortune and renown, but when it came to doing, he wouldn't buckle down. He took it out in dreaming of wealth in vast amounts, while 't'her lads were scheming to swell their bank accounts. And so we plant his system behind this old stone barn, and not a soul has missed him, and no one cares a darn." Oh, golden youth, get busy, while you possess the years, and labor till you're dizzy, like granddaddy's brindled steers. Yield not to visions fruitless, but make the kettle boil; for visions all are bootless which are not backed by toil.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

E. Scutten was elected president of Leicester Lodge, Sons of England. The death occurred of Augustus Tibbodo, the city's oldest resident. W. Carson is canvassing Frontenac Ward for the council. There are 65 inmates in the House of Industry.

PUBLIC OPINION

Two of a Kind.  
(Montreal Star.)  
Coxie's army and Ford's Army seem to be two of a kind.

What Does it Matter?  
(Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
Germany can afford to be very philosophical over the loss of a Dreadnought by a mine in the Baltic. What use is a Dreadnought to her?

Guarding Eden.  
(Montreal Star.)  
In Mesopotamia, where a British expedition recently met a repulse, is the traditional site of the Garden of Eden. Well, it isn't the first time we got into trouble there.

Monument of Money.  
(Montreal Herald.)  
A hundred million dollars a week coming to this continent! What an opportunity Canada has missed by having a Dominion Shell Committee who turned away manufacturers and contractors and frowned on competitive bidding!

Ottawa's Plight.  
(Ottawa Journal.)  
This town needs a nurse, in the civic line. We of Ottawa ought not

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**A Staunch Defender.**  
(Montreal Gazette.)  
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