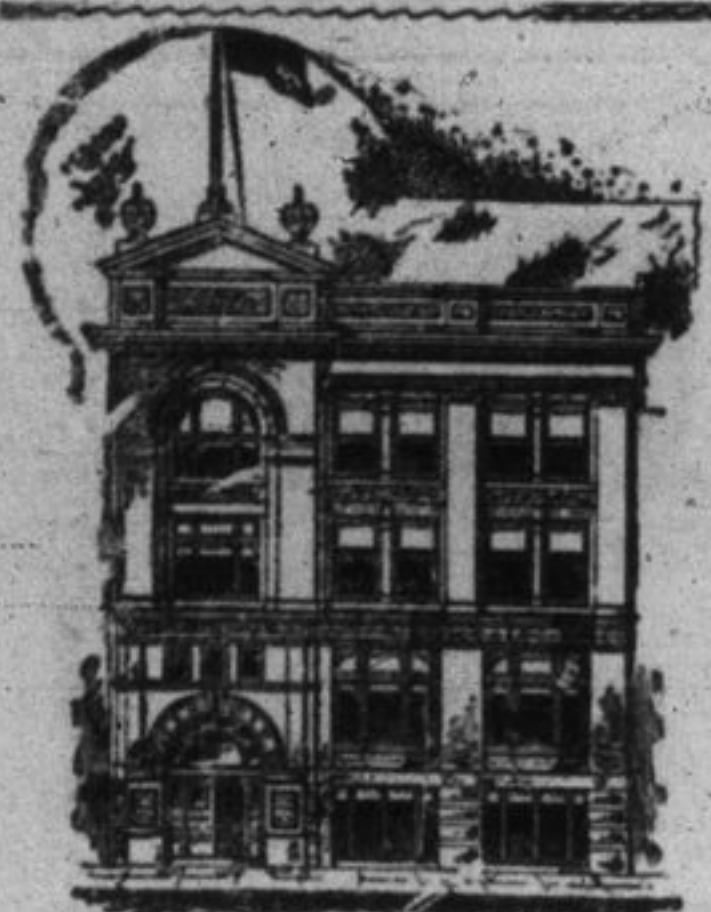


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COSTLY GARBAGE SYSTEM.

It is well that an explanation has been made respecting the cost of collecting the garbage. The estimated expenses in collecting it for 1916 is \$13,000, and the Council has a right to ask what is the cause of the sudden and surprising increase from the estimated amount. The chairman's reply is that the eighteen barracks were not included in the places to be attended for the reason that they were not in existence when the Committee made its estimate. Fancy a contribution to the incinerator per day from these places of five tons of material, and so wet and sloppy, because undrained, that it nearly puts the fire out. The military authorities must see the wisdom of co-operating with the City Council in regard to this matter. For sanitary purposes, for the sake of the public health, and for the health of the men who are in the barracks, the garbage must be regularly removed, but according to the conditions which are embodied in the by-law. There is no reason why the soldiers, any less than the citizens, should be exempt from a duty which is absolutely necessary if the garbage system is to be made a success.

THE BLESSED TARVIA.

Will the Legislature lend its sanction to any scheme which will enable the Council to go back over the work of the last couple of years and collect from the property owners about \$2,000 which cannot be collected at present? One doubts it. The legislators may say to the aldermen—and say it with emphasis—Why did you not settle all your legal details before you went into this work and spent the money? There is law for the oiling of the streets upon the local improvement plan. There is no law for the spreading of tarvia over the highways because authorities have differed as to the qualities of tarvia. It cannot be called an oil; and by the way this definition was procured by the city solicitor after the Council had gone ahead assuming certain things and results and discovering later that it was laboring under a delusion. The Council will petition the Legislature to pass an Act which will legalize a couple of by-laws now said to be of no effect, and give the city the power to collect a couple of thousand dollars which the people in the meantime refuse to pay. The Local House may see its way clear to act upon this request. But suppose it does not. What then?

NEW CIVIC COMMISSION.

The institution which has been called in turn the House of Industry and the Home for Aged, Infirm, Friendless People, will henceforth be managed by a commission of three, and these members of the present Board. The Home is now a municipal institution in reality because its revenues (excepting the fees of the men and women who have qualified for places on the Board of Directors) are derived from the city of Kingston, the County of Frontenac, and the Counties of Lennox and Addington. No reason has been assigned for the change in the management of the Home, but it is understood that the Commission may be in a position to deal more effectively with the municipalities which are interested in it and in its efficiency. In making the change from a board of citizens and aldermen it will be felt that the directors who have put so much of their life and energy into the management will be missed, and that the institution will be fortunate if the spirit of the retiring directors is carried for-

ward and made manifest in the future. The Commission is a small one, and it lacks the element which is so essential to its success, the element which was supplied in the late domestic committee. It was composed of women who had a particular qualification for the duties which were assigned to them.

NEARING AN AGREEMENT.

The Utilities Commission and the Street Railway Company have got a step nearer on the power question. They are dealing with an issue which cannot be jacked-up, as it were, to a plane where a perfect agreement can be reached. There is harmony on all points now save one. It refers to the purchase and ownership of a transformer. It was valued at the outset of the controversy at \$10,000. It is now said that the necessary article can be purchased and installed for about \$6,500. The Company proposed that the Commission purchase the transformer with money raised by debenture on capital account, and it would pay current interest on the outlay. The Commission has made a counter offer. It is that the Company take power for ten years at 1.26, whether it is generated by steam or water, and the Commission will put in the transformer and supply the engine power while the Company is laying its plans for a new and improved service. This means that the Company will remove its plant from the power house so as to make room for the necessary extension of the Commission's plant. It will take some time to effect a complete understanding between the Commission and the Company, but they are getting there, and the sponsor the better in view of the changes which the Company contemplates before the busy season sets in.

SCRAPING THE GENERALS.

The war has led to many changes, in men as well as in munitions, in the men who command as well as in the machinery they use. A British publicist implies by an article he has written to the press that success lies with the young men in war. Not necessarily. The young men have the dash and energy. They have not the diplomacy, and diplomacy is needed in the field as well as in the office. At one time the British depended upon the veterans for leadership in the war. For many years Wolsey was the conspicuous figure, and in many of the smaller feats of arms. Bulwer followed, the man of many accomplishments. But in South Africa he encountered new methods of warfare and had to be helped out by his difficulties by Roberts, the hero of Kandahar, and Kitchener. Roberts was too old when the present war broke out to take an active part in it, but he had the spirit which carried him into France, and there, perhaps as a result of over-exertion, he died. Kitchener remains, in Britain as the great organizer, and to his skill and mastery of detail is due the production of an army which has surprised the world by its size and efficiency. Britain has been changing her generals. She has not been "scraping" them, for that is a harsh and incongruous term. She has been assigning some of them to new positions, more befitting their experience, and she has been advancing others because of the resilience for which they have distinguished themselves. The King of Belgium is as appreciative of his men as any ruler, and yet we are told he has changed five out of six of his generals. France has had nearly a complete change of generals, the war having proven the incapacity of some, and the capacity of others who took their work. But, as Everyman points out, these retirements are not caused by the defects of age so much as by the defects of experience. The situation has been making and unmaking generals. Even Germany has had its military upheavals. Some of the most brilliant men have disappeared from the command of divisions and have been replaced by others who possess the special qualifications for which the service calls. Some of the old men still remain in the lime-light. Von Goltz, Von Roon, Von Hindenburg, Von Mackensen, Von Bissing, et al. Age does not dim their vision, nor daunt their courage. Without them the German Emperor, the great war lord, would in this great conflict have been lost.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Capt. Hahn, Canada's chief intelligence officer, has, at the front, and with the Allies, won a military cross for valor. Perhaps he will be allowed to serve Canada unchallenged after that. "We want to go to school," says the Ottawa kids who have refused to attend any but bilingual classes. The Commission's schools are open to them, and the sooner they are forced to attend them the better. Prof. Cadmore, of Toronto, estimates that \$500,000,000 a year could be saved in Britain and Canada by the abolition of the liquor traffic. The money wasted in war would in a

short time be made up by the saving of the money wasted in liquor.

An alderman has estimated that the monthly collections of accounts in connection with the power, light and water departments means an additional expense of \$4,000 a year. The Commission will look into this matter and get at the facts. There must be some miscalculations somewhere.

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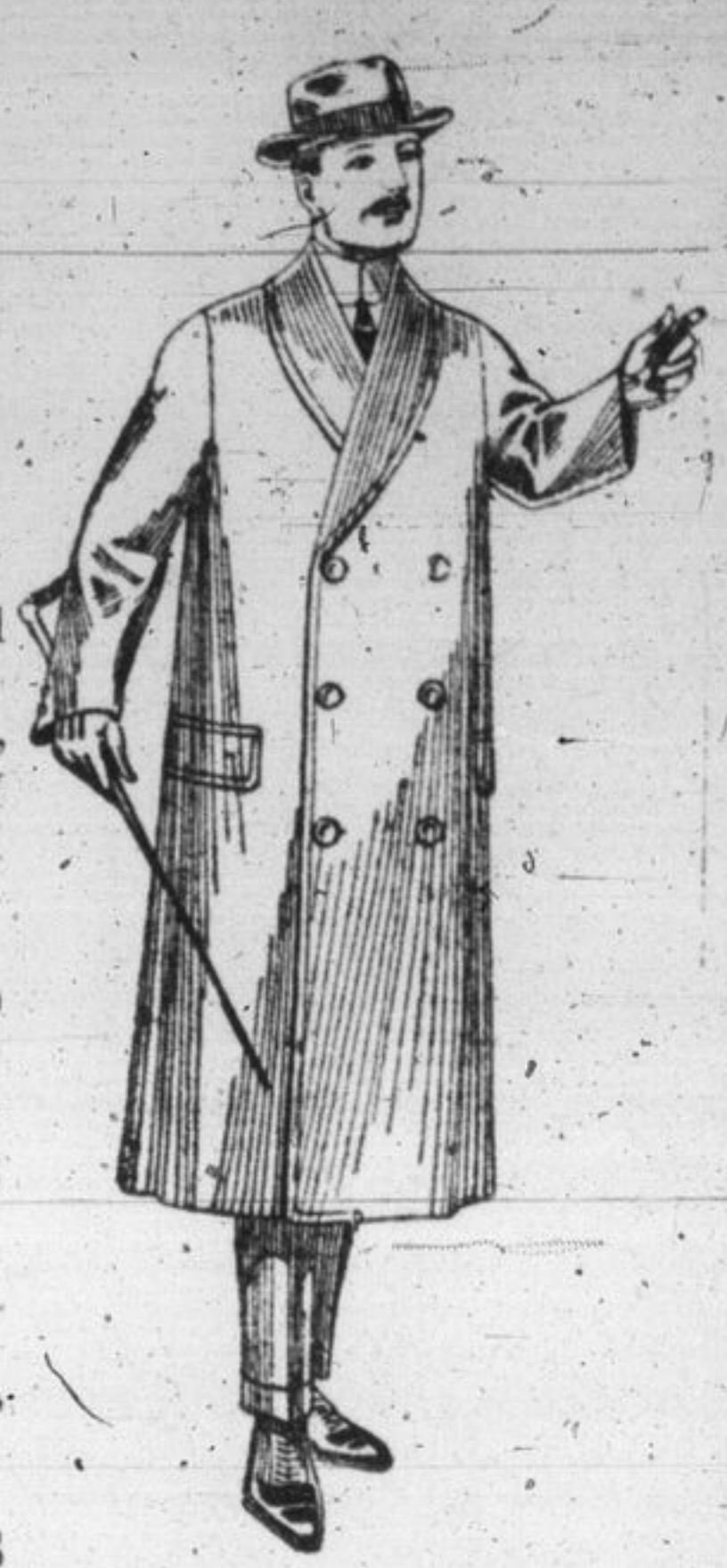
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"Yes, sir," said the tramp, "I've made a lot of money in my time. The trouble was that I didn't know enough to hang on to it. Could you let me have a dollar?" "No, my friend," replied the stranger, "I couldn't after the lesson you've just taught me to hang on to mine."

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