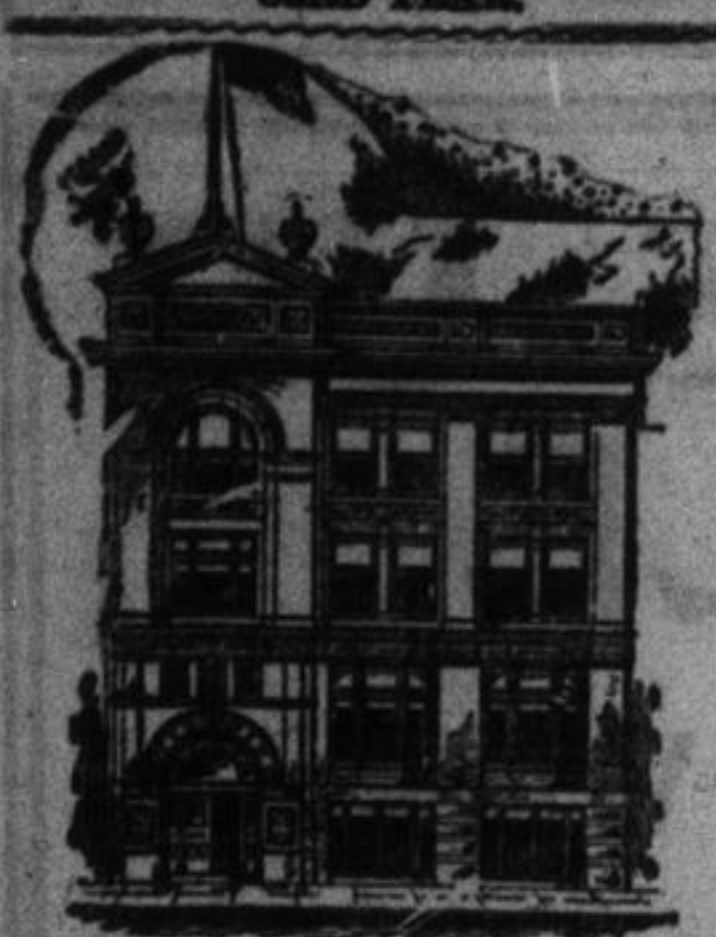


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BACK TO ANNUAL TERMS. The legislature is giving effect to the petition of Kingston for a return to annual terms in the council, and the law will be amended accordingly.

A BILL TALKED OUT. Notwithstanding the titanic battle which raged in Ottawa last week, with Sir Adam Beck on one side and the C.N.R. Company on the other, and ending with a practical triumph of the company, it is possible that the bill for the extension of the charter of the Niagara, St. Catharines, and Toronto Railway will not go through.

The Toronto Telegram now charges that Sir Adam Beck has been thrown to the wolves by his party at Ottawa. He was almost alone in committee as the representative of the Hydro interests when the company made application for a renewal of its charter.

The company has seventeen years in which to make good its policy, or show evidence of its bona fides, and nothing was accomplished. In the battle royal before the railway committee the C.N.R. won out.

SMOTHERING THE SCANDAL. The surrender of the government on the shell scandal, so far as the Kite charges are concerned, is significant when it is remembered that it was opposed to an enquiry of any kind.

That the attempt to limit the investigation is not popular is made apparent by the Ottawa Citizen, a conservative paper, and the principal one at the capital.

enquiry into all the facts. The Citizen follows this up by saying: "Where public opinion will be far from satisfied is in Sir Robert Borden's effort to limit the scope of the inquiry."

"Limiting the scope of the commission will be taken as a sign of weakness. The impression in the country, that the government is anxious to shield some special interests or friends will be strengthened. Let the commission be vested with all the power a federal government can give it; and let the government as well as the people trust it to decide what is evidence and what is hearsay regarding the Dominion shell committee's transactions."

The opposition will certainly not vote to limit an enquiry, and the government and its supporters, in seeking to smother any of the scandals, will be inviting censure of the severest kind.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Sir Adam Beck and the provincial auditor had a serious clash in Toronto in discussing the proposed amendment to the Audit Act. A committee of experts had better take hold of the commission's accounts and determine just what their position is so far as the province is concerned.

The Belleville Intelligencer complains about the manner in which the Militia Department has been attacked while the minister is away. Well, why did he leave? He knew the charges were coming up. So did his colleagues. They were going to bluff the business through, and they were forced to surrender. That was all.

It must have been a great disappointment to the liberals of Frontenac on Saturday not to hear Mr. Kite, of Richmond. He was one of the brightest men of the house and most courageous. No one questions his independence of mind and action after the manner in which he dealt with the charges respecting war contracts.

The people of Montreal for about ten months of the year complained of the indifference and insanity of Modere Martin, who happened to be their mayor. But when a new election came around they seemed to be reconciled to his performances, and he is likely to be returned in the election which is taking place this day.

Ontario is paid \$40,000 by the International Nickel Company in settlement of an annual tax which it was difficult to compute. But this rating was based upon exportation of ore to the value of \$5,000,000, whereas the ore exported last year was valued at \$17,000,000. Ontario is evidently entitled to a heavier tax, and the government need have no hesitation in imposing upon the Nickel Company.

Mr. Bradshaw, Toronto's finance commissioner, who was employed upon a special work in Ottawa before his recent appointment, found a surplus in the sinking fund of \$167,000. This is a find that puts the Ottawa council in the very best of humor. What to do with the money, however, seems to be the conundrum of the hour. Kingston had a find of this kind not so long ago, but it was limited in its size, and there was no difficulty in spending it to advantage.

PUBLIC OPINION

What, Always? (Brantford Courier.) Sir Robert Borden always takes prompt action when any specific charge is made.

Anything Goes. (Ottawa Citizen.) It is not a compliment to parliament to appoint a judicial commission where a parliamentary committee might properly conduct the investigation.

Has Plenty of Nerve. (London Advertiser.) Jess Willard takes a nerve tonic. Anybody that can pull down \$4,500 for tangoing 30 minutes needs nothing for his nerve.

A Sad End. (Ottawa Free Press.) After being the lion of the hour in London, we don't see why the British government doesn't at least give Sir Sam a third-class cruiser for the voyage home.

Useful Fun. (Coehester Times.) The mind is buoyed up by pleasure, and that keeps the heart young. The more fun—clean, legitimate fun—we inject into our labors the lighter they will be and the better we will do them.

Poor Encouragement. (The Winnipeg Tribune.) Looks like a mighty poor way to encourage recruiting to sentence Private Ryan, of Edmonton, to nine months in jail because he left one regiment to join another which was going to the front first.

LIBERAL PRESS.

The West at Ottawa. Toronto Star. The Dominion Government needs to be strengthened and stimulated, awakened and toned up. If this can be done by putting out one conservative and appointing another, well and good. But the work must be done, and done thoroughly.

In any Government, the alternative to reform is defeat and change. Governments seem to be afflicted with a fatal inertia, a weakness which prevents reform and leads them to drift to shipwreck. At last the people, even those who are friendly or tolerant, lose patience, and change the Government from top to bottom.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

The Ghouls At Work. Montreal Star. Twenty-two thousand Canadians!—dead, wounded or missing—and yet we are told that there are human ghouls so lost to all sense of primitive decency, to say nothing of patriotism or appreciation of the greatest of this war, that they will fasten on the very monies, taxed out of us to carry on the war. The rest of us sweat blood to keep the war going, and send out best beloved to the front to die; and these men—the charges allege—cynically and gleefully pocket enormous profits and commissions out of our blood-money, thus leaving us that much less to spend in arming our volunteers, and lessening by just so much the weight of our blows against the Germans.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Sir John Macdonald to-day entertained the following gentlemen at luncheon at the Rideau Club, Ottawa: Rev. Father McWilliams, Rallison; John McIntyre, Ald. Gaskin, George Richardson, R. M. Horsey, Kingston.

He Won't Quit. (Toronto Globe.) At Ottawa members on the Conservative side of the House are wondering if Sir Sam Hughes will quit meekly. What an absurd idea. Sir Sam will not quit meekly or in any other way. He will have to be pried loose.

Will Find A Helpful Suggestion In This Letter. Overworked, run down "fagged out" women who feel as though they could hardly drag about, should profit by Mrs. Carter's experience. She says:—"I am the mother of six children and I got so weak and first down that I couldn't eat anything and it seemed almost impossible for me to get around and do my work. I tried different doctors' remedies without benefit. I saw Vinol advertised and decided to try it, and received so much benefit from the first bottle that I continued to take it, and it has built up my strength and made me strong and well. I consider Vinol the best medicine I have ever taken, and advise all weak, run-down women to try it." Mrs. Bessie Carter, State Road, N.C.

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RANDOM REELS

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE CONSCIENCE. The conscience is an elastic form of alarm clock which was brought to this country in the Mayflower in 1620, but is not being cultivated to any great extent by the present writ.

One peculiar thing about the conscience is that it will lie around for several years in a dormant state, and then suddenly arise and compel the owner to restore \$1.65 which he took from an employer who had entered into rest without being able to balance his books. This shows what the conscience can do when it is not sand-bagged and laid away in some vacant corner in the attic. The government now has on hand a large amount of conscience money contributed by people who were over-taken by remorse at a time when when remorse had about abandoned hope of catching up.

Conscience is a great aid to making restitution, but after all, the best time to restitute is before it becomes necessary.

Rippling Rhymes

MARCHING ON.

I have read a hundred essays on the Causes of the Fight, and every country's in the wrong, and all are in the right; the bones of countless butchered men are bleaching in the light, and Death goes marching on. The war was forced on yonder king, who couldn't dodge the scrap; and it was forced on 't'other king, who is a peaceful chap; and meanwhile over every foot of Europe's soggy map, King Death is marching on. It seems a shame, when all the kings were suffering for peace, that war should spring its wrinkled front, and all its dogs release, that generals should wade around in blood and fur and grease, and Death go marching on. And still the soldiers fight and slay, their little wages to earn; and where the vine and fig-tree wags, the lurid beacons burn; the sleepless children watch and wait for dads who won't return, and Death is marching on. It must have been spontaneous, the great and bloody game; if anyone's responsible, no man will take the blame; old Europe's littered with her dead, her blind and halt and lame, and Death goes marching on.

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Slush! In Nanpawee Beaver. There was a young man named Rut-tan, Who sat, when for office he ran, If you make me your Mayor, By all that is fair, I will do whatever I can To improve the old town, And to give it renown, And you'll enjoy the fruits of my care.

Now the ladies say, hush, Don't believe all this gush, You will find it is really all talk, As you wade through the slush, (Caused by the Spring rush), Upon our good Mayor's sidewalk.

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