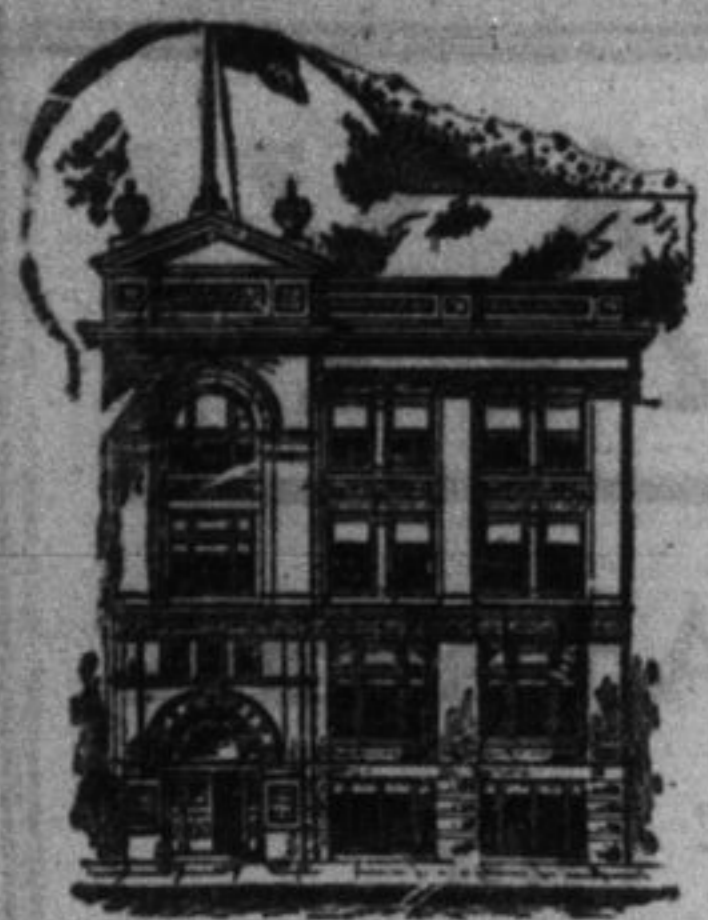


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EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE.

Liberal journals demand that the country shall condemn the dominion government and suspend judgment on the Saskatchewan government. Toronto News.

MENACE TO THE SCHOOLS.

Dr. C. K. Clark, the superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, is dispirited over the apathy and indifference of the people respecting "the menace of defectives." He does not think public opinion has advanced in forty years. Oh, yes, it has. The Whig can go back for thirty-five years and trace the growth of public sentiment upon the subject. True, it has been slow, and altogether too slow, considering the importance of the issue.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If northern Ontario is to draw all the people to it they must have roads, railway connections, capital and implements. The government proposes to lend from \$500 to \$700 to each settler at six per cent. How much can he do in the way of pioneer work with such a sum?

TWO COMMISSIONS SUSTAINED.

The Whig notes with satisfaction that the commission form of government at St. John, N. B., after a trial of four years, has been submitted to a test of public opinion, and been sustained by a large majority. True, one of the commissioners has been defeated. This is not remarkable. It would be remarkable, indeed, if the first men chosen for a new departure, weighted with great responsibility, and depending largely upon their work for success, did not show a weakness somewhere.

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KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Plans are being prepared for an extensive addition to the House of Providence. R. J. McKelvey and N. P. Joyner have been gazetted as captains in the 16th Battalion. Several children from Collins Bay attend school in this city. They get railway fares of seven cents per trip.

entered upon a new term of years with the best wishes of the people. It is said that this commission was very expensive, even extravagant, and that the people would be wise in returning to the council form of government, but Mayor Hanna, a most capable man, showed that the city had better government with less expense; that the commission showed rare skill and judgment in the handling of the finances, and that there was efficiency with economy in the service of the board. Hence, it went back into power with a sweeping majority. Make a note of all this, ye croakers against the commission form of government.

LIBELLING HON. MR. GRAHAM.

The Toronto News, perhaps the most partisan supporter of the federal government in Canada, is guilty of a gross misrepresentation. It attacks the Hon. Mr. Graham because of his incidental reference to the bilingual question. Hon. Mr. Graham has been campaigning in the province of Quebec in the interests of recruiting. He has been doing a work which the ministers have been unable or unwilling to perform because of their Nationalist entanglements. He has dwelt, eloquently, upon the duty of the hour, namely, that of supporting the Allies by contributing to the army all the young men who are available, and to the limit, if possible, of the number promised by the government, namely half a million.

His allusion to the bilingual schools was in marked contrast with the allusion of Mr. Lavergne, a colonel in the militia, who offends by advising his fellow-countrymen not to fight the battles of Great Britain. Mr. Graham urged the Quebecers to approach the bilingual question in a conciliatory spirit, this being no time in which to utter a jarring note of discontent or dissension. That advice, offered in the most friendly and uncompromising way, has been disdained by the Toronto News, and Mr. Graham has been proclaimed as the champion of bilingualism in Ontario.

Mr. Graham will be able to explain his position when it is necessary. Meanwhile, it will be observed that the chief press supporter of the federal government in Ontario is devoting its energies to a racial war rather than to the relief of the patriotic policy which Mr. Graham went to Quebec to advance. Of course, the object of the misrepresentation is quite apparent. It is to prejudice the electors of Ontario, against the Hon. Mr. Graham by picturing him as the ally of those who are fighting the Ontario government on the bilingual question. He has been doing nothing of the kind. It was not his mission to Quebec, nor was it the theme of his address.

THE MOSQUITO.

The mosquito is a small but high-powered insect with a roving disposition and a deft, two-edged stinger. It is one of the most unpleasant insects which grow in this country, owing to its clandestine methods of doing business, and can produce more pink blotches on the human article than an epidemic of the scarlet fever. The attribute of the mosquito which endears it to all mankind is its noiseless, long-stroke stinger, which is of the reversible type. The mosquito carries this weapon in its hip pocket, and sinks it into friend and foe with lightning-like rapidity. The average mosquito can discharge its stinger in to the right ear of a heavy sleeper and get away before the latter realizes that he has been operated upon. This is the reason why so many mosquitoes are able to bite at home among friends, leaving the record of a useful life and a long trail of ornamental bumps on the male ankle.

Some parts of the country carry a larger stock of night-blooming mosquitoes than others. The brand found in the Panama Canal zone a few years ago probably has never been exceeded in bust measurement, general efficiency or enthusiastic devotion to the duty of the hour. This mosquito resembled an adult humming bird, and in the calm hours of the southern night could be heard distinctly at a distance of two miles, sharpening his stinger preparatory to perforating the American tourist. Many an American has gone to the canal zone with a sound, weather-beaten cuticle, only to return a few months later containing more artificial airholes than a shredded wheat biscuit.

The mosquito flourishes with more enthusiasm at a lawn social than any place else, and causes the guests to reach down ever and anon and paw wildly at their silk stockings. Bald-headed men distrust the mosquito, and seldom venture out after night without a dome shield. There would be more deaths from mosquito bite if the mosquito did not feel obliged to sing a little song before descending upon its victim, thus enabling nervous people to crawl under the bed clothes and wonder if the mosquito follows them.

Hygiene and the bare hand have done a great deal to eliminate the mosquito, but the mosquito has about eliminated the practice of successful spooning at a moonlight picnic, so the score is even.

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PUBLIC OPINION!

How Much?
(Hamilton Herald.)
Canada is spending a million dollars a day on the war—but a good deal of the money is coming back.

Cause For It.
(Montreal Star.)
The little Dutch boy, sitting with his thumb in a hole in the dyke seems to be getting a trifle impatient.

Poor Hannah.
(Windsor Record.)
It's a shame for P. A. O'Farrell to attack Hon. Mr. Hanna, whose motives, it was shown by the white-washing committee, to be lily white.

Latest Trimming For Hats.
(Detroit News.)
Midsummer hats are to be trimmed with porcelain, says a Paris despatch. We shall hopefully look forward to pewter and granite wafers for next fall.

Hard Tack Surely.
(Quebec Mercury.)
Prisoners in New York jail broke windows and threw their food to the street below. And pedestrians remarked, "It's a wonder the hod carrier wouldn't be more careful where he dumps the bricks."

Great In Strategy.
(Ottawa Free Press.)
It's all very well for some of the Tories to think that they already have Sam down and out and Sam still on the ocean, but they should remember that the Minister of Militia is strong on strategy.

Making Fur Fly.
(Exchange.)
The opinion is expressed at Ottawa that Sir Sam Hughes will "make the fur fly" over the Kyle Shell Committee charges when he gets back. Provided it is the fur of the guilty parties, that is what the country wants, and it doesn't care whose fur it is, either.

Hunting Out Rottenness.
(Toronto Globe.)
It is only by putting influential men in jail when they go wrong that political rottenness will be stamped out in Canada. Why should the man who steals food or clothing that he needs go to prison when the leading citizen who from cupidity steals thousands he does not need goes scot free?

LEGATO TO HANG JULY 5.

Verne Murder Trial at Guelph—Prisoner Sentenced.
Guelph, Ont., April 14.—Yesterday afternoon, the jury in the Verne murder trial brought in a verdict, finding Tony Legato guilty of the crime.

He was sentenced to be hanged on the fifth of July. Verne was shot on the 24th of October last, and Legato after a chase of some weeks was found in Chatham. Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, pronounced the death sentence.

Assistant War Secretary.

Washington, April 14.—Meredith Nicholson of Indianapolis, an author, practically has been agreed upon by President Wilson and Secretary Baker for assistant secretary of war. Mr. Nicholson is a close personal friend of Mr. Baker and is understood to have the support of Vice-President Marshall.

RANDOM REELS

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

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TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ CASUALTIES.

Which Lately Have Been Reported Very Unsatisfactorily.

Ottawa, April 14.—In the Commons yesterday afternoon Hon. A. E. Kemp referred to changes made in the method by which casualties were now reported. The changes, he said, had been the result of an order from the Army Council of Great Britain. It was a general order, whose purpose was to prevent information getting to the enemy. However, commencing from to-day, it had been arranged that there would be no difficulty in the identification through the lists of those who figured in the casualties.

DIFFERS WITH SIR WILFRID

Choquette Says He Had Nothing to Do With What He Said.
Ottawa, April 14.—Attempts of Conservative newspapers to link up Sir Wilfrid Laurier with Senator Choquette's anti-recruiting speech in the Senate were denounced by the Quebec Senator himself yesterday.

On a question of privilege yesterday afternoon he told the Upper Chamber that he resented Sir Wilfrid Laurier's name being dragged into the question at all. "The truth is," said Senator Choquette, "that I have differed with Sir Wilfrid Laurier during the past ten years. I disagreed with him over a Provincial matter in Quebec ten years ago, and I fought his naval policy in and out of Parliament.

"The Tories were glad to use my speeches then to heat Laurier and his naval policy. To-day they are trying to make him responsible for my speeches. I say he had nothing to do with what I said, and I resent statements to the contrary."

NEED NOT KISS BIBLE.

Toronto, April 14.—In future it will not be necessary for a witness in taking an oath in court to kiss the Bible. The Legal Committee of the Ontario Legislature passed an amendment to the Evidence Act, which provides that a witness shall be sworn by administering the oath while he has a copy of the Old or New Testament in his hand.

Faulty Recruiting.

Saturday Night, Independent.
"The system of recruiting, or it might better be called lack of system, by which we are getting our volunteer army together, is not only costing an enormous sum of money needlessly, but it is also wasting the time and opportunity of thousands of men who could be employed to better advantage."

Toronto Star, Liberal.

For a year the war has been standing, the enemy has been held, until our men and munitions could come up. Every young Canadian ought to count himself a factor, and when the men come up he ought to come up with them. And the Government at Ottawa, it ought to come up, too, and give the country the organized leadership that will make possible the raising of the promised army of 500,000 men.

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