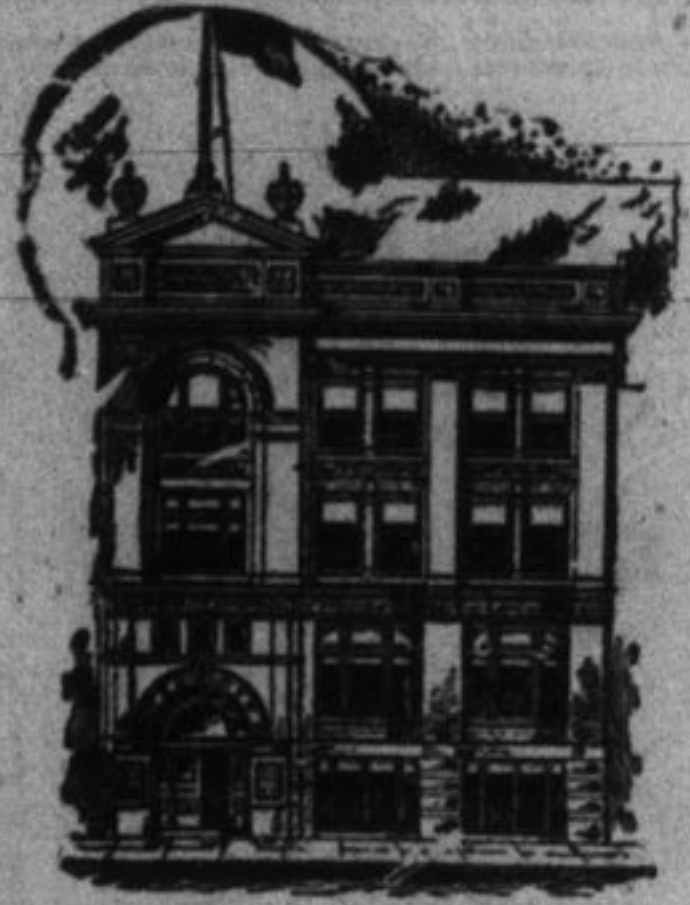


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WEARY OF THE SENATE.

The Senate has been acting in a frivolous manner during the present session, and its treatment of the anti-liquor bill caps the climax. The Commons spent a lot of time over it, men honestly differing in opinion, but expressing themselves candidly and reasonably respecting it.

HOW ONE WAS STUNG.

The home tradesmen, or the men who employ others to do the carpentering and plumbing and painting, are as much entitled to patronage as the merchants and the manufacturer.

The Whig's artist illustrates this point with his usual skill. He had in mind the case of a man in the west who bought his bathroom outfit from an out-of-town store, failed to get the assistance from competent local mechanics, and hired a handy man who botched the job.

ELECTRIC-LIGHT BUSINESS.

The report of a hydro-electric official upon its office management has been under consideration of the Utilities Committee. The present system of collecting rates, subject to some modifications, was promoted by

the Hydro-Electric Commission, and its success was predicted upon the experience of the same system in other cities.

There is one suggestion in the report of the official aforesaid which can be profitably acted upon. It is the enlargement of the stock department so that the supplies for all the utilities under the commission can be kept in the one place and under conditions that will permit of them being promptly distributed or accounted for.

There is another suggestion, however, which is not so acceptable. It has to do with the proposed withdrawal of the utilities officials or clerks from the civic offices and the location of them in some central place fitted out for the purpose. Sometimes a comparison of departmental expenses is illuminating. Thus we scan Windsor's public statement for the last year, and find that the receipts of the electric department were \$71,814.

GREAT WIN FOR FRANCE.

The readers of the Review of Reviews are indebted to Frank H. Simonds, its military critic, for the best description that has yet been published of the attack on and salvation of Verdun. The Germans concentrated their fire upon it under a series of miscalculations. Simonds says this, and he knows, having on April 20th returned from France, and from a personal study of the situation under the highest authority.

But why submit Verdun to assault? It was the bulwark of the republic, the gateway to Paris. Its fortifications could not stand a siege any more than Liege, Namur, or Brussels. France, for want of railway service, could not quickly mobilize her troops. Then the defence was in the form of a salient with the arc towards the Germans, and when they made the drive they straightened the line and avoided the flank fire.

Verdun was emptied of its population and equipment. As a fortification it was abandoned. But in trenches which could not be pierced the French awaited the coming of the foe. The losses were terrible. France, in the first trenches, which were held, lost 100,000 men. Germany in its repeated attacks and failures lost 250,000 men. But Verdun was saved. The effect on France was very great. The defeat in Germany was very depressing. Simonds speaks of the spot which had been selected for the review of the victorious troops by the Kaiser. He walked down the street along which the Crown Prince was to lead the conquering army. Men, he says, and not walls, saved Verdun for the French.

The summing up of Mr. Simonds is somewhat picturesque. "Verdun," he writes, "was a battle-flag. Of itself nothing of less value in conflict. It is a thing without use to the man fighting for his life, and yet it is a thing that soldiers value most highly and die for most readily. And at the close of the contest, if it be closed, France holds the flag. What this means to the regiment, Verdun means to France."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The senator who thinks as much harm is done by the tea and the food as by the liquors is singularly blind to all that is passing around him.

It costs \$1,000 a year to maintain each prisoner in the Montreal jail. In gorgeousness the institution must be a rival for the new Ritz-Carlton.

Tarvia cannot be laid on our streets, on the local government plan, but oil can, and when the work is done it will baffle an expert to say whether oil or tarvia has been used.

as the bibulist. Senator Powers may live long enough to make this discovery.

The United States objects to the diversion of water from the Niagara river at Chippewa in accordance with the scheme of the Hydro-Electric Commission. Sir Adam Beck may have to adjust his plans.

Three million five hundred thousand Belgians are in the most destitute circumstances. They have neither work, food, nor money. An urgent and pitiful appeal is being made to the Canadian workmen for help.

Compulsion has been endorsed on the second reading of the bill in parliament by a very large majority. It was said that a compulsion bill would have been carried months ago had the people been really satisfied of the necessity for it.

Lloyd-George says he has been converted to compulsory service because he can see no alternative if Britain is to win the war. He has been looking into the mouth of hell, as it were, and what he has seen surpasses Dante's description of the inferno.

Germany has given out the statement that she will do no more torpedoing of ships within the war zone without warning them and saving all persons who are aboard, but— If the United States does not make Britain cease her food blockade the submarines may have to resume their nefarious service.

The Toronto News says that a speech by Dr. Michael Clark does not seem to excite as much interest among the liberals in parliament as one by Andrew Broder. No, and likewise a speech by Andrew Broder does not excite as much enthusiasm in parliament among the conservatives as a speech by Dr. Michael Clark.

PUBLIC OPINION

What's In a Name?

(London Advertiser.) The name Carnegie seems to be the "open sesame" to the doors of wealth. Andrew and David have both done very well.

No Idleness.

(London Free Press.) The producer at home may be performing an essential duty as the man in the trench. No able-bodied Canadian can afford to be idle.

Which Country?

(Montreal Mail.) President Wilson says he is convinced that the foreign-born in the United States are loyal to the country. Sure they are, but which country?

Free Trade Crank.

(Ottawa Citizen.) Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, will now be praised throughout Canada by the self same journals that have been in the habit of alluding to

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

THE LIGHTNING ROD.

The lightning rod is a substitute for fire insurance which answers every purpose except when the hired man lights a cigarette in the hay-mow. It is one of the noblest protective devices on the market, being far superior to an accident policy which prohibits the owner from being killed outside of the county in which he resides.

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The lightning rod consists of a long stretch of wire which protrudes above the roof at so much per foot. When a lightning bolt attempts to pass, it is impaled upon the rod and thus prevented from ruining the family cow and other agricultural implements.

Rippling Rhymes

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

The thoughtless fellows blithely pass, and cut a corner here and there, and wear a path across the grass, and fill the owner with despair. I try to have a nifty lawn, that will do credit to the town; and thoughtless fellows tread thereon, and break the dandelions down. I set out flowers till I go broke—I buy the richest and the best—and bow-wows owned by thoughtless folk come there and knock things galley west. And thoughtless people let their cows perambulate the town by night, and on the well kept lawns they browse, and make the scenery a sight. And thoughtless people all keep hens, and roosters with destructive feet, which come a-whopping from their pens and spoil my flowerbeds and repeat. There's no protection for the jay who'd make his home a beauty spot; the thoughtless skates will come his way, and climb all o'er his garden plot, and spoil the grass and pluck the flowers, and bark the trees and crush the shrubs; and it will take him nineteen hours to tell just how he views such dubs.



him as a free trade crank. It is only when a public man says something that agrees with the party view of the partisan journal that he becomes a statesman.

Must Be Careful.

(Ottawa Free Press.) Some of the Aldermen persist in calling the Mayor most worshipful sir. Next thing some one will be shouting to stand aside and let the goat get past.

Passing Dugouts.

(Ottawa Free Press.) Dr. Michael Clark says some very nice things about Premier Borden, but we can't imagine that Sir Borden will return the compliment by saying nice things about free trade.

A Serious Touch.

(Paris Astor Chronicle.) A Toronto (this) stole an automobile and ran over a small boy. A jury has awarded the boy's father \$800 damages against the owner of the automobile. The jury had a soft heart and a soft head.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

First meeting of Kingston Light, Heat and Power Company held.

Weather so cold that masons could not work on St. Mary's Cathedral tower.

Denial made that coal found in Kaladar township.

Old structures at corner of Princess and Sydenham streets being razed for Oddfellow's Block.

Eggs selling at 10 1-2 to 12 1-2 cents a dozen.

The market clerk is determined to keep dogs off the market.

Plans being prepared for a new Separate School.

SENATE MAY HOLD IT UP.

Six Months' Hoist Suggested For Restriction Bill.

Ottawa, May 6.—Some opposition developed in the Senate to the Government's bill to aid provincial prohibition legislation prohibiting or restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors. The six months' hoist was moved.

Senator Power, of Halifax, said he was opposed to the bill. While there "had been an epidemic of emotion sweeping the world and Canada had experienced a share of it," Senator Power thought prohibitory legislation led to hypocrisy. A member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, whom he knew, made a practice of going across Granville street for a drink after every speech or prohibition he made in the House. Senator Power said tea and overeating did as much harm to the people of Canada as liquor. He moved that the bill be given a six months' hoist and be seconded by Senator McSweeney.

Senator Domville said he did not propose to be run by women and preachers. Canada was a great nation, too good to be controlled by a lot of psalm singers, who were no good in the trenches.

Senator Choquette said he did not favor prohibition, but was prepared to support the bill because it would not affect Quebec and because it would help every province to do what it wished to do.

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