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KINGSTON'S FAIR.

The weather being appropriate—and it is most regrettable that Old Probs should talk of the showers at this time—the fair for which so much preparation has been made should be a success. The directors and the manager have worked long and industriously to accomplish this purpose, and the manager especially put a lot of ginger into his work. The Whig has often thought that a man of Mr. Bushell's energy has been working to little purpose within the limits of his service. But it is glad to commend him for the many results which he has accomplished.

The fair is growing with the years. It has room for expansion. It can be made worthy of the district, and let us hope that circumstances will favor it to this direction. There is no reason why the agricultural interests of this county should not be united. There is no reason why the county show should not absorb all the other shows and represent the ambitions and energies of the people in a proper way. This is a consummation dearly to be sought.

The people of the city owe it to themselves and to the directors of the exhibition to give it their most cordial support. It means a circulation of a good many thousands of dollars in the city during the week, and for that reason, if for no other, the institution should be accorded the greatest encouragement.

Oh, no, all judges are not alike. All of them are not susceptible to the mighty dollar. There is one, and a liberal, who declined an honorarium of \$5,000 for extra judicial service. This was Justice Duff, who looked into the shell scandals.

VOICE FROM THE FRONT.

The Canadian government will wince, as it ought to do, when the members read the message which Mr. Rowell has brought from the front, the message which he delivered at a large Toronto meeting. The Canadian troops have done well, and gallantly, as a part of Great Britain's army. But the contingent is deficient in one respect, remarkably and astonishingly so. It lacks the aviators who should accompany the men into the field and act as eye-witnesses whose service can be most highly appreciated. The attractive feature of all this is that it has required a layman, one not burdened with the care of the militia, or any part of it, to make this announcement.

Our minister of militia has been over the seas for some weeks, and for a second time. His first visit was cut short by a call to Ottawa, there to attend the sessions of the Meredith-Duff commission. As soon as possible he got off again, to the intense relief it may be of the country and the government, and resumed his touring of England, Ireland and Scotland. He has been the star attraction of many public occasions. He has been at the front, and should have seen there the things which Mr. Rowell contemplated, and yet nothing has been heard from him about them.

Canada, says Mr. Rowell, wants more men, and especially more aviators. Its aviation station should be under the direction of the government, and manned and equipped adequately. The eligible young men should be invited to take up aviation as a profession, and they should be trained at the expense of the country just as the soldiers and sailors who compose the military and naval forces are trained. Yes, more, the young men who have had to pay for their training, and to the extent of at least \$400 each, should be refunded their good money and tendered an

apology for having to put it up in the first place for expenses which the government should have cheerfully met.

The Toronto World, independent conservative, has commented most sensibly upon the defects of the government with respect to aviation, and the Whig gladly quotes its opinion and prints it in an adjoining column. Perhaps, under the jabbing of a spirited press, the militia department may wake up to another of its duties and one that has been too long neglected.

The Toronto World, which, now that it has become free from party fetters, can speak its mind, has something to say about the New Brunswick election. It is that the late bye-election will give the Clark-Baxter faction time to reconstruct itself and get ready for the next general election. Will it repudiate ex-Premier Fleming? Will it let the corruptors go? If not, it is doomed.

SYNDICALISM IN AMERICA

Today New York city suffers, from a sympathetic strike—from syndicalism, which means a united effort of the unions and representing all trades and calling—arising out of labor difficulties in connection with the railways. This was to have begun on Monday, but was deferred, pending the outcome of continued negotiations. These difficulties began on Aug. 6th when a conference was held between the railway managers and the laborers, and an agreement was entered into. It provided for an arbitration of all differences, and for an adjustment of them in an amicable way. At the outset a decision was invoked and given in favor of the men, and all went along favorably towards an abiding peace.

On Aug. 30th, the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's officials had a conference with the subway and elevated railway employees, and it was agreed (1) that the employees should have a right to organize; (2) that all questions between them and the employers should be referred to and settled by arbitration; and (3) that the employees and employers should meet when necessary and discuss their grievances.

Later it was discovered that, through a brotherhood, which the employers recognized, many individual contracts had been made. It was at once claimed that this was a breach of the agreement. It was demanded that the individual contracts should be cancelled.

While the controversy continued the employees met and voted for a strike, and in this regard they erred as they had not given notice of their action and offered an opportunity for arbitration. The mayor of the city, and the chairman of the Public Service Commission, offered their good offices towards the solution of the difficulty, and in a summing-up of their work they say:

(1) That the Interborough Company breached a verbal agreement in refusing to arbitrate on questions which has arisen subsequently to the verbal understanding.
(2) That the New York Railway Companies breached their contract settlement of Aug. 6th, and the employees breached it in inaugurating a strike without appeal for arbitration.
(3) That the men were guilty of the breaches of the contract for settlement of Aug. 7th in the cases of the other street railway lines.

The civic commission pleaded that one breach did not correct another, and that as the difficulty widened it was the harder to reconcile. A sympathetic strike entailed great injury and hardship upon the city. The men in reply pleaded that "the integrity of unionism has been involved." Eleven thousand men have been concerned in the railway strike. If the sympathetic strike goes on, as it is expected to do, there will be six hundred thousand men involved. Business will be paralyzed. On Friday and Saturday a committee, representing the business men of the city, some twenty-five of them, intervened and tried to bring about a truce or a peace. They have labored until the present, and in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What has hindered the recruiting in Canada? What has made the government so timid in its coercive, and necessarily coercive methods? The fear of the Nationalists. Added to this is the opposition of the labor men to conscription as they understand it.

If Mr. Rowell only had time to go through Canada and tell his experience at the front, if he had only time to repeat the call of Gen. Byng for more men, there would be a revival in recruiting. As it is, the government is lamentably deficient in its efforts to recruit the forces.

One has to admire and commend Hon. Judge Duff for his refusal to accept what Hon. Mr. Rogers has been pleased to call a bribe for extra judicial service. He, of all the judges, and the only one, interpreted the law to mean that he was not at liberty to receive compensation

for this service. And he was a gift. When he became a judge he ceased to be a politician.

If after reading the conservative press' and its comments on Mr. Rogers' remarks, respecting judges and judges' salaries and duties, Sir William Meredith does not feel hurt, and does not return the \$5,000 which the federal government gave him as a scandal probe, it will be a wonder. Of all the judges that have been favored in a financial way he is the chief.

The labor men are said to be against conscription. Probably, as conscription is understood. But they should not be against a proper registration of the men of Canada, and for the service that is most required of them. Two years have gone with the country at war, and the government is only beginning now the service which should have been undertaken at least a year and a half ago.

Twenty thousand priests are in the army in France, most of them serving as privates, and all of them doing the duties of ordinary soldiers. They made no claim upon the government for special consideration. They have done the country the best service while patriotically doing their duty side by side with their fellow-men; and in their ministrations to the wounded and dying have served their God as ordinary chaplains could not do.

KINGSTON EVENTS:
25 YEARS AGO

E. J. Madden shipped 1,500 cheese to London, Eng., to-day.

Police Constable John Ballantyne shot a bear at Sharbot Lake.

Convict Eddle, of the Fortmouth penitentiary, received thirty-six lashes for striking an officer named Birmingham.

CANADA'S DEFAULT
IN THE GREAT WAR

Toronto World (Ind. Con.).
Among the comments made by N. W. Rowell, K.C., on his return from the front, nothing is more important than his statement regarding the position of aeroplaning in relation to the Canadian troops. General Byng told Mr. Rowell that he had found Canada's army a complete fighting unit, with the exception of an air service branch. This, of course, is not the fault of Canadians, but of the militia department in Ottawa. Australia has her own air service, with a squadron at the front, and another in training, but Canada is behind in this respect.

This is all the more unsatisfactory to Canadians, since young Canadians have furnished the most expert aeroplanists in the service. A British officer told Mr. Rowell that Canadian

Random Reels

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

PRINT PAPER

Print paper is a thin, frail substance on which newspapers are printed when they can get it. It used to be as common an article as the celluloid collar, but now harder to obtain than the non-stuttering spark plug.

Print paper is made in this country with the aid of the German empire, which furnishes several important ingredients for which there is no substitute except raising the subscription price or swallowing some strangling competitor. This has caused a shortage in the visible supply of print paper which is causing thousands of harassed publishers to figure on opening a truck garden or learning the horseshoeing trade.

The scarcity of print paper, however, is having some beneficial effects. There will not be many newspapers established with a sock full of type and the aid of the local candidate for Congress. Any man who figures on putting a third paper in a town just large enough for a four-page weekly with a generous collection of patent insides should take a look at the print paper market and then subsides in a noiseless and thorough manner. If the paper shortage doesn't lengthen out within the next six months, the crop of jack-leg lawyers, hopeful school teachers and reform clergymen who desire to perch upon the editorial tripod will be harder to find than a bone collar-button in a feather bed.

Rippling Rhymes

NATURE'S WAY

All summer long, to save the grass, I kept the lawn well watered down; the grass all shriveled up, alas! and changed from green to gray and brown. I worked nine hydrants overtime, and used three miles of garden hose, for sprinklers squandered many a dime, and still the grass turned up its toes. "Your grass is dead," the neighbors said; "you'll have to seed it down once more; the life from all the roots is sped, the lawn's as barren as a floor." And then one night there came a rain, the kind we had when I was young. J. Fluvius grew safe and sane, and from the rain tank knocked the bung. And then the grass once more showed life, the green came back that long was gone; and I and Susan Jane, my wife, turned joyous handsprings on the lawn.

flying man were preferred on account of their daring and skill in difficult and dangerous tasks.

Hundreds of young Canadians have taken and are taking the aviation course, assisted by private interests, and by some meagre grants from the provincial and Dominion governments, but officially, so far as the department of militia is concerned, aeroplanes have not yet been invented.

This is all the more to be regretted, as we have the national spirit to take hold of such work, and we have the national future which cannot ignore the developments of the flying machine commercially which will inevitably follow the war.

It might astonish the department of militia to look ahead twenty-five years, but no one who has gone into the question doubts that air traffic will in the future come second only to land and sea traffic, while in some respects it will surpass both the other branches of transportation in importance. The nations that first secure pre-eminence in this branch of industry will gain a heavy advantage over their neighbors.

WOMAN LEADS BLACKS
AGAINST THE ALLIES

Conducts Guerilla Warfare in East Africa—Her Husband Slain.

London, Sept. 27.—A letter from Cape Town says: There has appeared in the Kilimanjaro region a German woman warrior who is leading a force of native troops without the assistance of any other European.

Near the Mountains of the Moon this woman waged a guerilla warfare against the allied forces, and thrilling stories are told of the strange wild life which she and her black followers led.

The native story is that she is the wife of a German commandant who was killed in the fight which took place at Longido on September 25th, 1914. She was so grief-stricken over the death of her husband that she had openly declared to be revengeful.

The natives, who spoke of her as a mad woman, said that her anger was particularly concentrated against the King's African Rifles, in a skirmish with which force her husband had been slightly wounded, and the East African Mounted Rifles.

She is described as a big woman with flaxen hair. She rides astride and is armed to the teeth. She seems to have a wonderful control over her native followers.

The Askaris tell wonderful stories of the Bibi Sacharin's prowess with the gun. She has the reputation of never missing anything on which she can pull a trigger.

At Belleville on Wednesday, a wedding was solemnized by Ernest C. Youker and Blanche Wilkins, youngest daughter of Willoughby Wilkins.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

(Special to the Whig.)
London, Sept. 27.—In the two days of the great battle on the Somme front, the British alone have captured between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners, Gen. Haig reported this afternoon.

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