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MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

The Toronto News, which finds no difficulty in defending any of the acts of any member of the federal government, worries a good deal in discussing the Rogers-Galt case. The reason is that Mr. Rogers and Justice Galt are conservatives, and the task of criticising them impartially becomes exacting.

The Toronto News professes to know little of the judge's character, "and nothing of his political sympathies or relationships." It knows, however, or has suddenly become obtuse, that the judge belongs to a distinguished family, every member of which is or was a leader in the conservative party.

The general impression prevails that the nomination of judges lies with the minister of justice. But it appears that the judges are not selected in that way. The Ottawa Free Press has heard of cases in which the political rather than the legal accomplishments counted in appointments.

Mr. Rogers has made it plain that he is, though formerly a grain buyer and now a political boss, something of a lawyer himself, and the makér of judges.

RACE AGAINST RACE.

The Canadian Courier charges that the Toronto News is engaged in the ignoble task of putting race against race in Canada. The purpose is, of course, political. It is to represent the French-Canadians as disloyal and distrustful, as worthy only of the enmity of the English-speaking people.

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He helped to elect some of the conservative candidates. He counselled with Sir Robert in the formation of his cabinet. Latterly, as a result of this war, and the participation of Canada in it, Bourassa has left Borden, but there are Nationalists still in the government, and it is presumed that they remain there, for the time being, with Bourassa's consent.

In the face of all this, a revelation that is politically shocking, the Toronto News associates Laurier with Bourassa. They are opponents, and the News knows this. Still it persists in saying that a vote for one is a vote for the other. It is this that astonishes the Canadian Courier, under the circumstances, and invites the sharp criticism of Sir John Williams, which appears in an adjoining column of the Whig.

The Winnipeg editor who defied Judge Galt loves the spectacular. He had it when he was called to the bar of the Quebec legislature to explain his tirades, and he had it when he sauced the commissioner who probed into the Manitoba scandals. To him these scenes rank with a decoration.

REFERENCE TO ALLIES. The keynote of the conference which was held in France, the note rung out so loudly and so clearly, was that of a preference for the things of the Allies, for their arts and manufactures, and that a perfect understanding should be reached to make this preference binding. The dominating figure on behalf of the colonies, transcending in power any other overseas representative, and leading the statesmen of the day in his diction by the eloquence of his pleading, was Mr. Hughes of Australia. His plea was that the Allies should make a business agreement and to the effect that as they had bled for the war they should profit by the peace that followed it, and during the period of reconstruction.

Canada needs such a voice as his in her councils. The need of it is exhibited in the preference which the Canadian government has shown for American talent, American genius, and American service, in the contracts that have been let to American firms or syndicates. Protest against this has been offered by the Canadian engineers. They have had a very real grievance, and it has been expressed by Canadians when speaking on behalf of Canadian industry. The protest has been emphasized by the organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. In an article, in its last issue, it arraigns the Canadian government for its thoughtlessness in contributing so much to American energy and zeal and thrift, when the energy and zeal and thrift of the Canadian people were deserving of its care.

Clearly the Canadian government has failed to catch the perspective of that famous Parisian conference. This cannot be the fault of Sir Geo. Foster. As minister of commerce he is issuing a series of circulars which call special attention to certain features of trade that can be developed and retained after the war. It may be that he has labored with his colleagues in the government, and has done his best to convert them to his way of thinking, and in vain. Whatever the reason, the government has been disappointing the business men of Canada. It has not measured up to its responsibilities, and at a time when its vision should be the brightest.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The liberty of the press has not been menaced by Judge Galt. The license of the press has been checked. Only that, and nothing more.

The editor who behaves himself, who uses his paper aright in the discussion of public questions and public men, will not get into jail; and the average journalist has no sympathy with those who do violent things and have to pay the penalty.

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The ambition of Sir Sam Hughes is to become another Kitchener. Let us see. Did the great war minister spend his time at pink teas and in sight seeing? He made certainly public appearances for a purpose. He did not, however, waste a minute from his office. He was quietly, secretly, and effectively busy. Sir Sam has been touring it for months, attended by a brilliant staff.

Food Talk. (Manchester Union) That missing front tooth rained Ned when a fellow's trying to gnaw sweet corn from the cob.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Galts All Tories.

(Toronto Globe) Hon. Robert Rogers cannot accuse Justice Galt of being actuated by party feelings. The Galts are all as good Tories as Mr. Rogers.

A Consolation.

(Hamilton Times) Let potatoes and cabbages and beans increase in price if they will. There are a lot of us who could exist well as long as the supply of pancakes and maple sugar lasts.

They Really May.

(Ottawa Citizen) Lieut. Robinson, the young aviator at Cuffley, picked up \$20,000 prize money for bringing down a Zeppelin the other Sunday morning. Zeppelins may become as popular as Limericks if the prizes keep up.

Look Out For Them.

(Ottawa Free Press) The Toronto World, and presumably Billy Maclean, says: "At times there have been men in politics who did not go looking for jobs with crowbars." Possibly that's true, but they all wear rubber.

No Silver Lining.

(New York Herald) Sympathetic strikes may prevent food delivery, abolish moving day, tie up transportation lines and upset life generally, but so far there is no indication that mail carriers will stop delivering bills on the first of the month.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. Douglas Laing, of the Baptist church preached an interesting sermon to backsliders. The stone steps leading to St. Mary's Cathedral have been laid, and the work of finishing the tower is progressing nicely.

GOVERNMENT NOT FOR CANADIANS

The awarding of the contract for the new Arsenal in Lindsay is a glaring case of discrimination against Canada. Our Empire today is pre-eminently in its naval and military equipment, yet we go across the line to a people who make such pretension, in order to obtain "improvements, devices and inventions." The absurdity of this situation is too obvious, but the worst of it is that these patriotic shortcomings unfortunately militate very seriously against Canadian development. During the year 1915, plans and specifications for structures in Canada were prepared by American architects amounting to \$2,769,999.00, and of this \$1,129,000.00 was awarded directly to American contractors, and \$90,000.00 to Canadian contractors, the balance being in most cases let to American contractors with Canadian specified as to certain work. During the same period American architects prepared for Canadians plans and specifications.

Random Reels

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

WATER

Water is a mild, wet beverage, which is used to lubricate man. Some men need lubricating more than others, and at times are compelled to fall back on some alcoholic stimulant which imparts a headache that would feel better if equipped with shock absorbers.

Water can be applied either internally or externally without injuring anybody, but most people prefer to swallow it in rapacious gulps. With so much water in the world it would seem as if more could be used on the outside with satisfactory results, but this thought does not appear to strike in until Saturday night comes around.

One of the advantages of living in the country is that water is free, while in most of our large cities it costs as much as a good grade of cylinder oil. It is a hard blow to move to town from the farm and be obliged to rent drinking water by the short gallon, and listen during the still hours of the night to the ceaseless tripping of the water meter. The very apex of extravagance is seen when a plutocratic property holder sprinkles his lawn four nights a week with water furnished by the city at the price of wood alcohol.

Water is a great aid to the corn crop when it is not applied too far from the original location, will ever scuff at the most money for the owner, watered corn or watered stock, but nature prepares a thick, chunky cloudburst and aims it at the earth, one marvels at the majesty of the universe and the scarcity of good swimmers. No one who has ever passed through a cloudburst and came out with his bones in their original location, will ever scuff at the storm king or leave home withered out a pair of white wings.

Rippling Rhymes

IN THE FALL

In the Fall Tired Father's fancy gravely turns to thoughts of coal, and he sheds nine kinds of brim as he sizes up his roll. He has thirty-seven dollars—two of them are plugged with zinc—and the outlook for the winter is extremely on the blink. And he hears the children clamor for a lot of winter duds, and his wife makes requisition for some bacon and some spuds; and his lovely grown-up daughter wants no poverty in her—she must have a stylish bonnet and a costly set of furs, and the son will need some money as he studies for the bar; thirty-seven hard-earned dollars won't take Father very far. Father has so many problems that his hair has fallen out, yet it's safe to bet a koepke on that patient, dauntless scout. Somehow he will buy the bacon, somehow he'll provide the spuds, Susan Jane will have her sables, and the kids will have their duds; there'll be coal to feed the furnace; there'll be comfort in the shack, while Tired Father fights his battle with eight stitches in his back.

tions totalling \$4,545,000.00, a considerable part of which is under way during the present year.

It were wished that, by this time the phrase "Made-in-Canada" had become a moral dynamic. Instead, there does not seem to be sufficient patriotism on the part of concerns in Canada, who are erecting large buildings to induce their giving a chance to their own countrymen, particularly at the present time when practically every man is bearing some share of the added burden on account of the war. Canadian architects are not permitted to undertake work in most of the states of the United States, while many of them, both from a theoretical and practical standpoint possess the highest professional qualifications. As a class our own contractors are as competent as their neighbors across the line. They have the training and experience necessary to enable them to undertake the erection of any building or engineering work that Canada requires.

Some effective remedy is called for, with a view to overcoming the present undesirable situation in the interests alike of business and patriotism. It affects adversely the Canadian manufacturer, merchant, as well as the builder and mechanic.

DATES OF FALL FAIRS.

Dates of fall fairs in Eastern Ontario as announced by the Agricultural societies branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Toronto, are as follows: Arden Oct. 3; Bancroft Oct. 5 and 6; Brockville Oct. 14; Frankville Sept. 28-29; Kingston Sept. 28-29; Madoc Oct. 3-4; McDonald's Corners Sept. 28; Odessa Oct. 8; Port Hope Oct. 10-11; Roblin Mills Oct. 6-7; Stirling Sept. 28-29; Tweed Oct. 5.

HAS NO JURISDICTION

The Ontario Board of License Commissioners has decided that it has no jurisdiction over restaurants or what they sell. This is the answer to objections being raised to restaurants selling two per cent. beer, which is also being disposed of at fairs without objection by the Commission.

Mentioned in Despatches.

Major George N. Cory, Dublin Fusiliers, mentioned in despatches for service in the Somme, is a son of C. D. Cory, Toronto. He is a graduate of the Royal Military College and took a commission in the Fusiliers in India, and won the D. S. O. in South Africa.

Real Estate Transfer.

A double brick dwelling, Nos. 565 and 567, on the north side of Princess street, owned by Mrs. M. T. Hayward, has been sold to T. Galtivan by E. W. Mullin & Son.



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