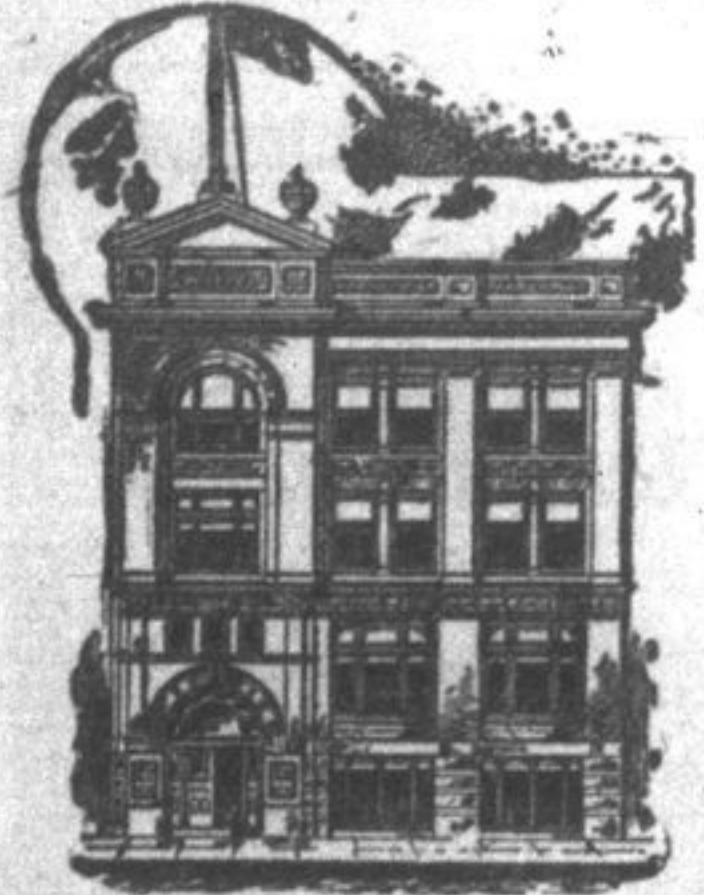


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The best investment a young man starting out in business can make is to give his time, his energies, to work—just plain, hard work—Charles M. Schwab.

In view of what has been said in regard to Kingston's milk supply, will the Board of Health publish the dates and results of the milk tests made by the milk inspector at the Dairy School?

Now that the war has come to an end, perhaps we shall see a revival of the Kingston Gun Club. There are many soldiers who would like to join in order to keep in practice.

There should be no delay when the housing question comes up before the council next Monday. Our aldermen have been active in the hunt for information during the past week.

Some 10,000 tons of Canadian bacon have just been purchased by the British Government. Doubtless the packers will use this fact as an excuse to keep up the home prices.

Quebec has decided to impose an amusement tax of one cent per seat per day, which will total quite a large amount for entertainment houses to pay each year. Ontario gets off very lightly in comparison.

The reasons that the farmers opposed daylight saving seems to be that the farm help have an ineradicable tendency to get up in the morning by sun time and quit work by daylight saving time.

The Sinn Feiners will find that President Wilson is not a man to be moved by threats, and that they cannot expect much consideration from the Peace Conference after the way they acted during the war.

The League of Nations is looked upon as the world's only hope of lasting peace. Should it fail, the nations of Europe will simply begin preparations for a renewal of the conflict at some future date.

Petty jealousy, that and nothing more, is behind Sam Hughes' attack on the Canadian generals at the front. When these gallant officers come home, as they shortly will, Canada's quondam minister of militia is going to have a hot time of it.

If General Garnet Hughes, son of Sir Sam Hughes, had been in command of the Canadian corps in the attack on Cambrai, Mons, etc., would Sir Sam Hughes have slandered the Canadian general as he did in the house a few days ago? We trow not.

A firm of housebuilders which received a cold reception in Kingston, and therefore abandoned their plans for this city, has been received with open arms in Windsor, and has been granted permission to build two hundred houses there. See what Kingston has lost by its conservative policies!

The British Admiralty's new airship, the largest in the world, was given her trial flight on Thursday. Her five engines of 250 horse power each drove the monster ship at a speed of seventy miles an hour,

carrying thirty of a crew and gasoline enough for an eighty-hour flight. This monster machine, the last word in aircraft construction, will shortly make the first attempt to cross the Atlantic. Here's hoping that she will have a safe flight and come as far west as Kingston.

SICKLY SENTIMENTALITY. The Brockville Recorder-Times endeavors to stir up a strong feeling of resentment at the action of the Imperial authorities in refusing to allow the bereaved widows and parents of Canadian soldiers to visit their graves at the present time. The difficulties in the way are real ones, for the shipping problem and the food situation are still acute over in Europe, and until these are cleared up, and the peace terms are finally signed, it is wise of the government to restrict as much as possible travel overseas except in cases of absolute necessity.

From start to finish the Recorder's editorial appeals to sentimentality of the weakest kind, and shows little knowledge of the needs of the present situation. It would be foolish, nay, almost criminal, to allow flocks of parents and widows to go overseas at this time, when ships are needed so urgently to bring home the soldiers, and to transport foodstuffs to the hungry nations of Europe. Later on, when the rush and bustle of war have subsided, there will be every opportunity for trips to Europe, but the government is quite justified in restricting travel, especially for sentimental reasons, until the troops are all home, and trans-Atlantic shipping has resumed its normal course. Until then, all widows and parents of soldiers who died at the front are better to stay in Canada where food, at least, is plentiful, and indeed the majority of them will doubtless have no desire to do otherwise.

A NEW ORDER IN THE WORLD. President Wilson put the prevailing thought and feeling of the world into words when he said in his Boston speech last week: "The arrangements of the present peace cannot stand a generation unless they are guaranteed by the united forces of the civilized world. And if we do not guarantee, can you not see the picture? Your hearts have instructed you where the burden of this war fell. When I think of the homes upon which dull despair would settle were this great hope disappointed, I should wish for my part never to have had America play any part whatever in this attempt to emancipate the world."

There are differences of opinion as to the exact method by which the hope of the world is to be realized. But there is no difference of opinion anywhere as to the necessity for a more enduring international structure than the one that has collapsed—a structure based upon firmer foundations than selfish aims, secured by separate action or by the old principle of the balance of power.

This war, from the moment the British Empire entered it, ceased to be a war of sovereigns, of statesmen or of governments, and this was especially so after the United States intervened. It became a war of people, aimed solely at the vindication and the guaranteeing of the right of peoples to live their lives and achieve their destinies without hindrance or interference from the iron hand stretched out from above.

The meaning of the victory achieved by the peoples of the world is plain to read in the hearts of mankind. The statesmen who are framing the structure of the new world order at the peace conference are not the spokesmen of sovereigns or of governments. They are the spokesmen of peoples.

THE REPARATION EMPLOYMENT SCHEME. No more urgent task follows upon the demobilization of the forces than the re-employment in civil life of our soldiers. The number of men to be dealt with in this country will probably be about a quarter of a million, and of these Kingston will have its share. The machinery exists, however, for their re-employment, and it only remains for intending employers and employees to avail themselves of their opportunity. The Employment Exchange, with their military and civil representatives, which represent equally the interests of both parties in the district, have their organization now ready for use. The branch of this work in Kingston is now in working order, and the staff has been made adequate for the strain which will soon be put upon it.

In these employment offices, there is a department which deals entirely with discharged soldiers, and in many cases with disabled men who can only undertake special employment. As far as possible, the work in these offices is carried on by men in the same position as those whom they are helping back to civil employment. Discharged men, with no small pro-

portion of disabled among them, superintend the placing of discharged and disabled men. This is true of the Kingston branch, as of many others. It has been found that the loss of an arm, of a leg, or two legs and even of eyesight, is no insurmountable obstacle to the performance of efficient work, given employers who will employ the men, and the employment exchanges which make use of such men are patent examples of the fact that war, even when it has dealt serious bodily injuries, does not entirely unfit the fighter for successful life as a civilian.

FREE EDUCATION FOR CANADIAN CHILDREN. No. 3. In coming to the question of free education for all Canadian children at the collegiate institutes, it is realized that this is a drastic demand to make, and one which calls for a certain amount of courage. But as the Whig has ever been in the forefront in all progressive movements, there is no hesitation in stating the case in favour of making the collegiate institute free to all children who wish to attend. In the first place, the collegiate institute is of tremendous importance in the education of the future citizen of Canada. In the high school the education gained at the public school is used as the groundwork for the development of the pupil's mind along channels which will make him or her a more useful citizen, and better equipped to go out into the world than the scholar whose education stops with the public school. In the past and at present the high school education of the children has been shakily, a question of the financial circumstances of the parents. Many a brilliant scholar of the public school has been forced to go to work, and has been robbed of his right to further education by the lack of finances in his home, while other children, endowed with less brains and wealthier parents, have been able to go to the collegiate and thereby gain an advantage over the other. This is not fair in any way to those who have the misfortune to be in poor circumstances.

The big objection which will be brought forward in opposition to making education at the collegiate institutes free is one of the cost. In Kingston that is the reason which will be given to show that it cannot be done. But it can be done, and for the sake of giving every child, irrespective of class or wealth, an equal chance of having all the education desired, it should be done. And when the figures are quoted, it will be seen that the cost is not by any means prohibitive. The total pupils' fees for the Kingston Collegiate Institute in 1918 were \$7,835.26, made up of \$4,098 in fees from city pupils, and \$3,737.26 in fees from country pupils. Taking the fees for city pupils alone, and adding that to the cost of school supplies for the public schools, the total cost of making education free, had it been done in 1918, would have been \$6,336. This sum would, of course, have had to be raised through the school rates, and would have been more than covered by a rate of one-half a mill on every dollar assessment. Such a rate for the purpose of making education absolutely free to all children, both in the public and the high schools, is one to which no educated citizen could object.

The problem of the county pupil is a little more complex, and would require to be adjusted by the mutual agreement of the county and city school trustees. No doubt the government, if approached in the right way, would help considerably in making an agreement possible. In the near future the government must make some provision for free education, and any step that is taken by our city and county boards will be heartily applauded as a move in the right direction. We hope that the day is not very far distant when the Whig's ideal of perfectly free education, both in secondary and high schools, will be an accomplished fact, and all the children of our country will have equal opportunities to develop their God-given faculties. (The end.)

Rippling Rhymes FATHER TIME. When our lives are filled with pleasure, we observe that time is fleet, and we wish that he would measure shorter strides, with laggard feet. We would have the glad days linger, have the minutes seem like hours; but time halts no foot or finger, toiling on through sun and showers. He is like some loosed sprinter hustling for a golden prize, spring and summer, fall and winter, each he brings, and each one dies. When our lives are bright and joyous, full of laughter and of song, time seems anxious to annoy us, by the way he hikes along. When we're pained that naught can deaden, when we leave the bitter sob, then the steps of time are leaden, he is loafing on his job. Says the optimist, "The morrow will be gay, so help me John;" but we cross a sea of sorrow ere we see the smiling dawn. When we're sorrowing time's a laggard, he's begrudging every step; he is tired and spent and haggard, and he has no sign of pep. When we are in jail for arson, or for sampling too much fizz, vainly does the village parson say that time like lightning is. Time is going, like a tartie; time is going, like a hare; it depends, believe me, Myrtle, on our gladness or despair.

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