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In Massachusetts the majority of the districts have voted for a return from "dry" to "wet" conditions. Is this a sign of the times?

The companions of Bolshevism are vice, famine and death. Canada has no use for any of them, and therefore has no use for Bolshevism.

Golden silence is still the policy of our city fathers regarding harbor improvements, and meanwhile other cities are gaining advantages in the race for recognition.

A returned chaplain states that he would give the V.C. to every Canadian nursing sister overseas. And every Canadian soldier who has been wounded will second his statement.

Great Britain has removed all restrictions on Empire trade. How inconsiderate! The opposition in the Canadian parliament won't have very much left to kick about.

We believe it is quite in order to call upon the city council to forget their individual interests and act for the good of the people they represent in dealing with the housing question.

In many Canadian cities the Chamber of Commerce is supplanting the Board of Trade with splendid results. We mention this as a hint to Kingston, and especially to its progressive young men.

The Ontario Conservatives are hunting for a new leader to take the place of Sir William Hearst. The party is doomed, and any man will do to lead the party to certain defeat at the next election.

Steamships leaving American Atlantic ports are crowded with aliens anxious to get back to Europe. It is expected that a million or more will depart. So far, no one has shed any tears over their going.

Colonel Cooper was right when he said that free speech of the Hughes variety is bad for the country. Why does Sir Sam not condemn something that deserves condemnation? The Ross rifle, for instance.

The naval veterans of the war are now forming an association. The best results will only be obtained by having one big organization of all veterans, instead of having half a dozen different ones. Unity means strength.

The prohibition party have their strongest ally in the vote of the women of Canada, and that is what the "wets" fear more than anything else. It is not likely that the women of Canada will vote for a return of the bar.

The men who fought at the front are the first to condemn Sir Sam Hughes' utterances as untrue. As Colonel Cooper said in the House of Commons, "It is easy for an arm-chair critic to sit four thousand miles away and criticize."

Toronto, with sixteen free public libraries, is asking for more. How about Kingston, with only an associate library that is totally inadequate for a city of even ten thousand people? The memorial plans

should certainly include suggestions for a memorial library.

The handing over of the largest steamers to the United States for the return of troops from overseas was one of the chief causes for the riots in the Canadian camp in Wales. The Canadian soldiers are tired of the way in which the Americans are being pampered by the British government.

THE END OF MILITARY GERMAN.

The military terms of the Allies, to be imposed upon Germany, have surprised the world, and are far-reaching in their scope and effect. To bring an arrogant military nation, with a machine-like army of millions of men and tens of thousands of officers, to the status of a third grade power, with an army of one hundred thousand men and four thousand officers is indeed a drastic step. It is a step which exceeds the most sanguine expectations of the citizens of every Allied country. The acceptance of these terms will show more clearly than anything else how complete was the defeat of Germany, and will forever put the Prussian nation out of the running for world supremacy. Civilization will be freed from its greatest menace in all history, and the small nations of Europe will once more be able to breathe freely.

No one will be sorry to see the end of the military aspirations of the Huns. Even the German people themselves will welcome this measure of freedom which has been accorded them by the Allies. The limiting of the army to voluntary enlistment will enable the youth of Germany to enjoy a liberty which has never before been theirs, and the Allies are indeed living up to their slogan of liberty, freedom and democracy.

Of all the terms to be imposed on the enemy, none can be more significant than the military terms. They foreshadow the severity with which the peace conference intends to deal with the Huns, and the Allied peoples will have no fault to find with the whole schedule of peace terms if this standard is maintained throughout.

KINGSTON HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Once the problem of affording harbor facilities for the largest vessels has been solved, and the means of exit and entrance to the harbor provided, the next questions are those of dockage, transportation and elevator accommodation. The first proposal to be dealt with is that of a municipal and government wharf, or dock, which has been proposed many times since the agitation for harbor improvements began. It is admitted that the best location for this municipal wharf would be in that part of the harbor between the Clarence Street and Brock Street wharves, but various plans have been suggested as to how it should be built.

The most feasible plan is that suggested by Captain MacMaster. It is that the Clarence Street pier and the Brock Street pier both be extended until they are clear of the tower, and that they be joined by a third pier, and the enclosed space filled in. This would form a large municipal wharf, with ample space for large freight sheds and railway lines. As an alternative, instead of filling in the enclosed space, it is suggested that at the Brock Street end an opening be left, and a dock be formed with the present wharf, the extended Clarence Street wharf, the proposed new pier and the Brock Street wharf, slightly extended, as its boundaries. This would provide a splendid harbor for small boats, motor launches, yachts and barges, in which they would have complete protection from the westerly gales. In both these plans the proposal is to have a municipal or government dock, preferably a municipal one, built by the city.

The question of easy transportation facilities would cause no difficulty in this case. Both the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. run close to the present wharf, and they could be tapped in order to run a siding down to the extended dock. The G.T.R. could be tapped at Johnson street, and a line brought down the Clarence Street wharf and along the proposed new pier, thus bringing the line to the water's edge. Should the first proposition, that of filling in the basin and forming a large wharf be adopted, the line could then connect up with the main line at the foot of Princess Street. In the second plan, that of an inner basin, the track could run to the end of the new pier, and then be brought back on a second line by means of a switch. Either of these plans would give great satisfaction, and would meet with the city's needs for a civic wharf.

Even if no other harbor improvements were contemplated, this is a plan which should be gone ahead with as a necessity for the development of water transportation from Kingston. The position of our city

on the lake front is unequalled geographically, and the only thing needed for its development is that the public authorities should be fully alive to its possibilities and make the most of the opportunities now before them. The Whig offers the plan outlined above as one which is in conformity with the needs and the natural advantages of the situation, and the marine board would do well to take note of it for future action.

(To be Continued.)

THE SOLUTION OF KINGSTON'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

Another of the objections which some of our aldermen have to the provincial housing scheme is that they claim that a house cannot be built for the sum allowed for under the act. This sum is limited to \$3,000, and after deducting a reasonable amount to provide for the lot, it leaves a margin of from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the actual building. After extensive inquiries from various reliable sources, it can be stated without fear of contradiction that a very good type of residence can be built for that sum. Indeed, should the prospective builder so desire, a very desirable house can be erected at a cost of \$1,500, which price, after adding the value of the lot, would bring the total expenditure under the \$2,500 mark. Within the last two years many houses have been built in Kingston at a cost less than the amount allowed for under the scheme as outlined by the provincial government, and several builders have stated that they can duplicate some of these houses, which are very suitable for working class families, for less than \$2,000. So that while some of the builders who sit in the city council might not be themselves willing to undertake to build a house to meet the needs of the working man at a cost of less than \$2,000, there are many other builders in the city who can and will do so, and who state that they can make a reasonable amount of profit in the transaction. So that the arguments put forward that suitable houses cannot be built for the money allowed can not stand in the face of the statements made by reputable building contractors in the city. The scheme must go through, or some other good reason for blocking it must be found. But with the present great need for relief in the housing situation, it is imperative that some action be taken at once.

It is generally understood that the Quebec legislature, which went into session on Jan. 21st, will prorogue Saturday.

DR. J. H. BELL, PRAISED.

For His Work As Superintendent of the Byron Sanatorium.

The London Advertiser has a lengthy "write-up" of "reconstruction" work, which is being carried out at the Queen's Alexandra Sanatorium at Byron, which is located a short distance from London. Referring to the work of Dr. Bell, the Advertiser says: "Dr. Bell, the military superintendent, is a real disciplinarian, but he has the respect and the very sincere liking of every man in the institution. Conversation with the soldier patients leaves no doubt that they fairly idolize Dr. Bell. The doctor was mayor of Kingston for a couple of terms."

FIRE IN TOOL SHANTY.

Firemen Had Blaze to Fight on M.T. Co's Premises.

A small shanty, used as a tool house by the employees of the Montreal Transportation Company, suffered on Thursday afternoon. The fire is supposed to have started from a small stove in the building. The firemen got the blaze under control in good time. Several chests, containing workmen's tools, were in the shanty at the time, and the employees had a lively time in their endeavors to get them out. One of the employees was at work in the shanty when it caught fire, and was compelled to make a hasty retreat. The damage is covered by insurance.

Wells-Lee Nuptials.

The marriage took place in Kingston, on March 10th, of Mrs. Flora Lee, of this city, and James Wells, of Medicine Hat. The marriage was performed at St. James church rectory, Rev. T. W. Savary officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Jessie Deprose, of Kingston, while H. Perry, also of this city, was groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Wells will remain in Kingston for a month and then proceed to Medicine Hat. The groom served overseas with the 9th Field Engineers.

Late L. M. Lamb, Ottawa.

Lawrence Morris Lamb, well-known scientist in the Dominion Public Service, and author of numerous valuable scientific reports and papers, died at his home, 226 Argyle avenue, Ottawa, on Wednesday, after a very brief illness. He studied at the Royal Military College, where he graduated in 1887. One son, Morris, is now attending the Royal Military College.

A venerable resident of Harlem passed away on March 6th, at the ripe age of ninety-one years. Deceased died at the home of her son, James Green, with whom she had lived for some years. She leaves to mourn her demise six sons and two daughters.

Without a moment's warning, Eugene Sullivan passed away on Feb. 22nd, at his late home in Murray Township, as he was in the act of dressing to go to Trenton.

The death occurred on Tuesday at Roslin of James Garrett. Deceased was born in Ireland in 1835, being thus in his eighty-fourth year.

Rippling Rhymes

LONESOME

I'm lonesome when the winter ends; the winter takes away my friends, by twos and threes and scores; they live through summer, spring and fall, but winter comes, with bier and pall, and stops their earthly chores. Methinks this winter was the worst that ever happened, last and first, it filled so many graves; a hundred friends have gone to sleep in couches narrow, cold and deep, out where the brown grass waves. A hundred dear old friends are gone; no more they'll gossip on the lawn, or in the Blue Front store; I'm lonesome—for old friends I yearn, I look for them at every turn, but see my friends no more. An old gent cannot make new friends, as down the sunset slope he winds, with halting steps and slow; the more the bells of evening ring, the more his soul's affections cling to friends of long ago. The winter bore my friends away; I lost a comrade every day, and some days two or three; I wonder why death's angel comes to steal my friends, with muffled drums, and why he side-steps me?

—WALT MASON.



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