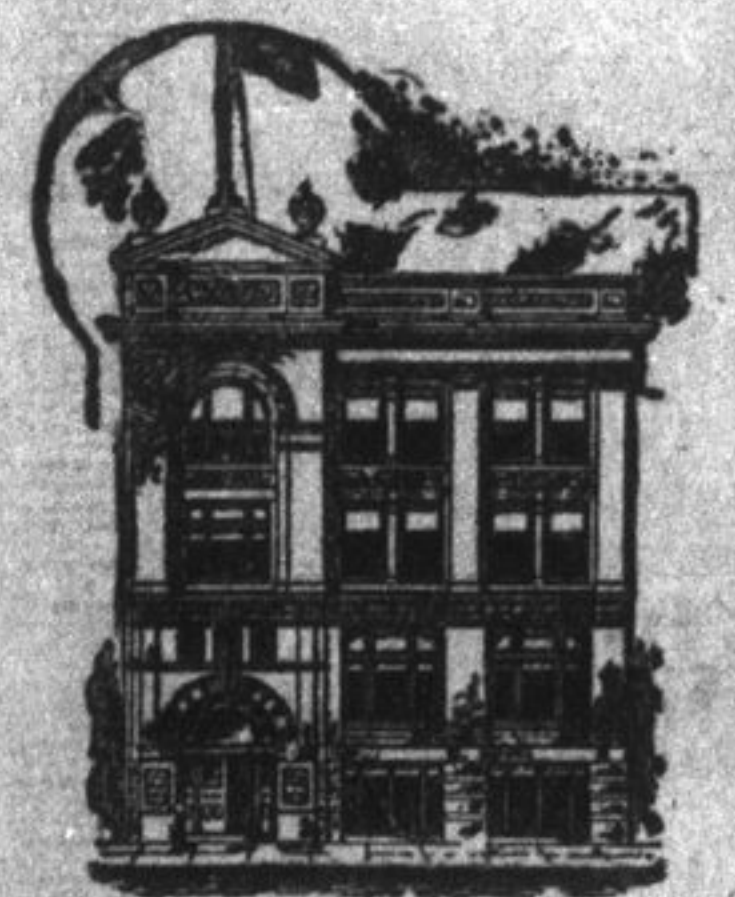


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Food prices, both wholesale and retail, are tumbling in Chicago

Strikes, like wars, are destructive. The world requires greater production if prices are to be brought down

One person in every twenty-five in this province owns a car. Doesn't look as if the high cost of living was bothering the people of Ontario very much

The last of the band concerts in the city parks, which was enjoyed by many people last evening, is a reminder that the good old summer time is fast drawing to a close

Actors in New York are on strike and their Chicago brethren threaten to go out in sympathy. They chose an inopportune time. The public will not mind being deprived from the theatres in sweltering August

There is said to be a tree which grows in Ashanti, West Africa, which produces excellent butter that keeps perfectly. These are the kind of trees that we should plant in the streets and parks of Kingston

Hon. I. B. Lucas, attorney-general of Ontario, says he is ready to prosecute the combines in the province. It has taken him a good many years to get ready so that he ought to make a good job of it once he gets started

Canada needs people, production and development. If we would concentrate upon these vital problems a multitude of lesser problems would settle themselves and we would begin to prove ourselves worthy of the great heritage which we possess

The fellow-service of war-time is being demanded in peace-time, remarks the Veteran. The lesson of self-sacrifice, forever emblazoned above the horror of war, must become a living factor in the lives of all men. There must be no drones in the community, the responsibility of wealth must be accepted, and the common principles of Christianity applied

The Union of Canadian Municipalities, in session in this city, passed a resolution urging the government to utilize the now vacated M.T. elevator. It has a large storage capacity, and would certainly be of valuable service now that the Port Colborne government elevator has been destroyed. The city should lose no time in strongly endorsing the resolution

THE TEACHER AND HIS SALARY

That was a very sensible remark of President Lowell's about the under-paid teacher. Say what you like about the disparity between a man's views and his fortunes, you will most often find him stoutly classified as to economic and political opinions by a reference to his financial standing. "If you would stay the sway of discontent, radicalism, socialism or Bolshevism, do not allow the teachers of your sons to be discontented," says Dr. Lowell, and those who have taught school, or whose sisters or brothers have taught school, know well what he means. It's hard to be wholeheartedly and bicarantly in favor of a system that seems to be using you badly. Few men are philosopher enough to see the world a rosy hower when they get paid no more than will hire them a cheap room, dress them in near-washed, near-shabby clothes, and feed them on viands that make up for not being tasty by being exceedingly

nourishing. It's not easy to cheer at a game that seems to be played at your expense. Four or five years of this will convince any rising young man of one of two things—either that he isn't worth much or that he isn't appreciated. Which-ever decision he comes to, he is likely to bear a grudge against the institutions of society in his generation.

And hence arises that typical product of starved pedagogy—the discontented school teacher. A man is contented only when he is measurably successful, and successful, as we count success, the teacher is not. This applies more particularly to teachers in rural schools, where the salaries are miserably inadequate. He who drifts by accident or slides by inclination into the profession is doomed at the start to the most wearying kind of financial struggle. Unless the school boards throughout the country want their teachers to fall in line with radical schemes, they will find it necessary to lift the teacher out of the proletariat bodily by means of a long, hard, upward heave on the salary life-line.

POICIES SHOULD BE DEFINED

The Toronto World (Conservative) strongly urges that party to hold a national convention, but says that the High Self-Appointed Ones say no. It points out that the Liberals, the farmers, the labor men and other groups have recently organized, and adds: "The Conservatives alone are unable to point to a definite statement of their aims. Even a tyro in politics can understand that this is a poor way to face an election."

The World can now point to a specific case which proves its claim. The Conservative convention in North Grey was unable to secure a candidate of its own political faith, a farmer winning the nomination from the present member of the legislature. Partisan has lost much of its power during the past few years. Many of the best men of all political parties are taking a more independent stand. They are not satisfied with the performance of the old parties, and are looking for leadership that will be aggressive, honest, and in keeping with the changed conditions of the day. The best newspapers of the country have also adopted a more independent attitude; they have ceased to be mere party organs, and are devoting their energies in support of measures that make for the national weal instead of blindly following party leaders whose only ambition is to gain power. This strongly accentuated movement away from partisanship is a hopeful sign, and one that augurs well for the future of the Dominion.

Let the Union Government and the Conservative party hold their conventions and declare their policies, as the Liberals did last week. The voters will then know what each party has to offer them, and will be able to make an intelligent choice.

Education

A professor of a Western University has evolved a series of test questions for the educated which he avows are the best evidences of a real education. If you can answer "yes" to each and all the questions you are truly educated, the professor says. Here are the questions:

- 1. Has education given you sympathy with all the good causes and made you espouse them?
2. Has it made you public-spirited?
3. Has it made you a brother to the weak?
4. Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?
5. Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?
6. Can you look an honest man or a pure woman in the eye?
7. Do you see anything to love in a little child?
8. Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?
9. Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries of life?
10. Do you think that washing dishes or hoeing corn is just as compatible with high-thinking as playing the piano or playing golf?
11. Are you good for anything yourself?
12. Can you be happy alone?
13. Can you look out on the world and see anything but dollars and cents?
14. Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky?
15. Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?

Canada Leads

A paragraph appearing in Repatriation, a monthly bulletin published in the interests of returned men in Australia, quotes the speech delivered in Sydney by Premier Holman, of New South Wales, in which he stated that the state had settled 1,100 men on the land. The Premier claimed that this was a much larger number than had been settled in any of the other states. New South Wales sent to the battlefields of Europe thirty-nine per cent. of the total of the Australian Expeditionary Force. If the proportion of ex-service men settled in the land in the other states was equal to that of New South Wales the figures would be for the whole of Australia 2,320 men benefited by the Land Settlement Act up to the date of the Premier's speech. Up to the 17th of May, the Soldiers Settlement Board of Canada had approved 7,500 applications for the benefits of the Soldier Settlement Act and a great many more applications were before the Qualification Committees in the various provinces. These figures which will be largely augmented by the returns for the last two weeks of May and for the present month show that Canada is well in advance of the sister commonwealth in providing suitable farms for her war heroes.

PUBLIC OPINION

Your Own Case. (Daily Reporter) If you are charging too much for what you sell don't blame the other fellow for the High Cost of Living.

Increase Production. (Buffalo Courier) It will probably be found that in the long run the most effective way to lower prices is to increase production.

Does He Escape? (Buffalo Commercial) The Attorney General is to prosecute the big packers. Who is going after the little fellow at the corner store who adds two cents to the retail price every time the wholesaler tacks on a cent?

The Only Drawback. (Brantford Expositor) The railroad brotherhoods of the United States have a grand scheme for the government ownership of the railroads with an equal division of profits, after paying fixed charges and operating costs, between the public and the employers. The only drawback to the scheme is that under government ownership there are usually no profits to divide.

Soldier And Gentleman. (Buffalo Courier) Canadians and Americans will greet with very real cordiality the young prince royal, not so much because he is the Prince of Wales, but because he has proved himself thru the war a modest democratic and capable man.

As the future heir to the British throne he will receive the welcome due his rank and station, but the real warmth and cordiality underlying the greetings will come from the feeling of the people that the Prince of Wales is at heart a clean, fine, companionable soldier and gentleman.

What Is Innocence? Cynics say there's no such thing. Optimists insist there is. Whitmore, an artist, actually thought he had found it in a reform school for wayward girls. Surely those pretty, laughing creatures dancing around a may-pole must be sweet, innocent young girls! Particularly, shy Nadine. So he painted Nadine's picture. Rupert Hughes in "Innocence" tells what Whitmore found out. A good story for pessimists or optimists to read.

CORN AND PORK PRICES HAVE DROP

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Radical down turns in grain and provisions prices took place yesterday and the breaks were largely ascribed to seizures of food hoards and to other developments in the war against high cost of living. Corn fell 3/4c. a bushel to \$1.33 for September delivery, and pork took a barrel to \$44 for September.

On Wednesday Rev. Dr. P. L. Richardson, Brockville, united in marriage Miss Sarah Ann Jowett, Lynn, and Roy G. Campbell, Toronto.

DOES FIELDING "BOLT" THE NEW PLATFORM?

He Hopes the Convention Resolutions Don't Mean What They Say.

Hon. W. S. Fielding in Journal of Commerce, Montreal. Democracy has its disadvantages. It must be content to have much of its work done hurriedly, and consequently imperfectly. A very small committee, with ample time at its command for the study of the questions raised, would make a better platform than a committee of more than a hundred members, called upon to frame in a few hours a declaration of policy on many very important questions. A very large committee at the Ottawa Liberal Convention, facing such a situation was naturally obliged to deal, with little deliberation, with many resolutions sent to it, and the convention to which the committee reported had to treat some of the recommendations in the same way. A smaller committee with ample time would probably have asked the wisdom of dealing with fewer questions and giving them fuller consideration. Many of the delegates, it is safe to say, learned for the first time through the newspapers of resolutions which had been adopted by the convention as part of the party platform. The resolutions may be found to be all right. In some cases they may be regarded with less satisfaction when they come under analysis and criticism.

Like the covenant of the League of Nations, the platform cannot now be amended. But, as Mr. Fielding proposes in the case of the League some of its friends may feel obliged to receive it with "interpretations and reservations." One is reminded of the old story of the colored porter of the Pullman car who remonstrated with his passengers for remaining outside. "You shouldn't stay here, gemmen," said Sam, "that's not what the platform is for." "What is it for then, Sam?" "Platforms, gemman, is only to get in on." "No doubt there were at the convention as there must be at every Opposition political gathering—many men whose first thought is as to the paramount importance of getting in, leaving the future to take care of itself. But there may come a day of settlement, and those who are called upon to fulfil the agreement may have cause to regret the largeness of the order that was accepted.

The most important part of the platform is that concerning the tariff. It might have been wiser, with an eye to the future, to deal more in principles and less in details. In their general character the tariff declarations are substantially in accord with the economic views which most Liberals have held in the past. If the Liberal ideas are being pressed further than in former days, it is because events have made a large section of the party less disposed to moderation than they formerly were. The "interpretations and reservations," however, still leave room for a belief that the resolutions do not mean the extreme and alarming policy that is being ascribed to them by some hostile critics.

George Corbett, accompanied by Oliver Sennette, another prisoner, made his escape via a cellar window from Arnprior jail in view of many people. They are still at large. The more a man doesn't know the less he doubts.

Rippling Rhymes

COURAGE. Sometimes things seem all disjointed, in this weary path we tread; we are galled and disappointed, and we wish that we were dead. And it is a foolish habit, letting briny tearsdrops start; man should never be a rabbit; he should have a lion heart. If the lion heart is lacking, he can still pretend it's there, and his burden blithely packing, show no symptoms of despair. I am prone to vain repining, when I strike a vein of grief; it's my nature to be whining, and to paw around and beef; but by long and earnest practice I've acquired a cheerful front, and I chortle when the fact is, tears would seem the proper start. Let the lion horns griefs assemble, they will think I'm not afraid; though my rabbit heart may tremble, I'll pretend I'm undismayed. And the bluff will work, I'll bet you; and 'twill work as well for you; don't let worry scare or fret you; face the beast, and mutter "Shoo!" Nerve's a thing that some inherit, easily all ills they've dared; but we show a greater merit who pretend we are not scared. —WALT MASON.

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