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With a United Farmers' candidate  
and three others in the field for the  
Frontenac county provincial election,  
there should be a stirring time when  
the campaign commences.

Grade number one Canadian salmon  
is to be sold at forty cents a tin  
retail in England. Here it costs at  
least forty-five cents for the same  
grade. Why should this be?

The Board of Commerce is now in-  
vestigating complaints and fighting  
high prices in Toronto. When is  
Kingston going to be favored with a  
visit from the board?

Two weeks ago we were rejoiced to  
hear that the price of pork had gone  
down considerably in Chicago, hoping  
that it would bring down the price  
here. But we are still waiting to see  
the drop in local prices.

It is not likely that opponents of  
capital punishment will think any  
more favorably of the proposal to  
have electrocution substituted for  
hanging. To them the one is just as  
bad as the other.

The Ottawa Exhibition is this year  
the biggest ever, in spite of the un-  
favorable weather in the Capital  
city. But just wait until Kingston's  
big fair starts. "Bob" Bushell pre-  
dicts that all records are to be broken  
this year.

The bill passed by the Senate pro-  
hibiting members of the police force  
of Canada being members of trades  
unions is sure to meet with a storm  
of protest. Yet it is wise legislation,  
for the public safety should not be  
endangered by strikes on the part of  
public officials.

According to the Agricultural Ga-  
zette, the official organ of the Depart-  
ment of Agriculture, the Canadian  
wheat crop this year will be 252,205,-  
000 bushels, as compared with 183,-  
675,000 last year. They say we hear  
so many complaints about a  
shortage in the grain crop?

The Chicago health authorities  
have stopped a marriage because the  
prospective bridegroom was a man  
in an advanced state of tuberculosis.  
This is a drastic step, but it is one  
which for the good of future genera-  
tions might well be enforced by law  
everywhere.

The city of Toronto is proposing  
legislation which will allow land-  
lords to charge no more than ten per  
cent. of the valuation of their prop-  
erty as yearly rental of their houses.  
This would result in a great reduc-  
tion of rent were the valuation to be  
based on the assessment of houses  
and property.

An Ottawa grocer has been pun-  
ished for making three cents a pound  
profit on sugar. He was told that the  
limit allowed by law was one cent  
a pound. As the court figured that  
sugar cost him almost exactly ten  
cents a pound, the price should only  
have been eleven cents. If the same  
figures of cost hold good for King-  
ston, then we send the Board of Com-  
merce an invitation to come here and  
do a little investigating.

Fairs and exhibitions are the time-  
keepers which mark the progress of  
nations. They record the country's  
advancement; they stimulate the en-  
ergy, enterprise and intellect of the  
people and quicken human genius. A  
comparison of ideas and products is  
educational, and instructs the hand  
and brain of men.—President McKin-

ley, at Buffalo, on the day of his  
assassination. The last words of this  
famous man might be handed down  
as an incentive to "Kingstonians" to  
boost our own fair.

HIGH PRICE IMMUNITY.

We have heard it said that every-  
thing has gone up in price during  
war time and still higher since the  
war ended, but a local statistician has  
drawn attention to the fact that at  
least two very necessary things to  
the welfare of the people of Kingston  
remain at the old prices. The British  
Whig, larger and better, is still two  
cents a copy, and the rates for city  
water, saturated with more expensive  
and a larger quantity of chlorine, re-  
main as they were six years ago. For  
these mercies let the people be thank-  
ful when they think over what they  
are paying for everything else.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

Municipalities generally like to  
keep down their tax rate, even for the  
sake of appearance only, as a rate of  
eighteen mills on the dollar looks  
better to outsiders than one of twenty-  
five, even though it may not mean  
anything. A tax rate depends upon the  
assessed value of the municipal-  
ity. High tax rate and low assess-  
ment, or low rate and high assess-  
ment, are as broad as they are long.  
The Whig has talked with two Ont-  
ario assessment commissioners and  
both were of the opinion that it is  
inadvisable to attempt to assess a  
municipality up to its limit in order  
that its tax rate may be lowered.  
Both preferred to leave the assess-  
ment of each other's municipality as  
it is, because they were doubtful if  
the municipal councils interested  
would drop the tax-rate proportion-  
ately.

The tendency of councils is to use  
all the money they can get their  
hands on, and the disturbance of the  
assessment, in the expectation that  
its increase to the maximum would  
permit the council to reduce the rate,  
might not work out that way. With  
a medium assessment, responsibility  
is thrown upon the people's represen-  
tatives—not to levy too high a rate.

ADMIRAL SIMS' STORY.

Beginning on Saturday, Sept. 20th,  
the Whig will start the publication of  
a series of interesting and  
historic articles from the pen of  
Admiral Sims, Commander of the  
American Navy in the late war.  
From the fact that Admiral Sims was  
born and received his early educa-  
tion in Port Hope, Ontario, Canadi-  
ans will find a great interest in his  
narrative. He not only extols the  
work of the American navy, but he  
acknowledges the still greater per-  
formance of British sea power.

The public may not be aware that  
the Americans constructed and trans-  
ported to the front lines in France  
naval guns, capable of throwing en-  
ormous projectiles a distance of thirty  
miles. These were under Admiral  
Sims' command, just as were the de-  
stroyers in the Irish Sea, and he tells  
about them in his narrative.

Besides describing these warlike  
performances, the admiral will tell  
the story of British-American co-  
operation, perhaps the most complete  
illustration in history—of harmon-  
ious action between two great allies.  
The greatest figures in contemporane-  
ous history—King George, Jellicoe,  
Lloyd-George, Lord Robert Cecil,  
Beatty, Asquith, Balfour—will fig-  
ure in its pages, which will give a  
lasting picture of the English-speak-  
ing races, working side by side with  
the utmost harmony and determina-  
tion, against the powers which were  
attempting to destroy them, and to  
supplant their civilizing influences by  
the forces of barbarism and savagery.

It is a moving story that Admiral  
Sims relates. His revelations of con-  
ditions in the dark days, when the  
submarine menace was threatening  
to starve out Great Britain, form a  
fascinating story. The Whig has se-  
cured this special feature at great ex-  
pense. The first installment will ap-  
pear on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and reg-  
ularly each week thereafter.

THE PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

The Parliament of Canada has  
wasted very little time in ratifying  
the Peace Treaty between Germany  
and the Allies. The senate last  
week disposed of it at one sitting,  
setting a commendable example of  
speed to the senate across the border;  
and on Thursday night, after less  
than a week of consideration, it was  
passed unanimously by the House of  
Commons. The opposition contented  
themselves with trying to point out  
that it hardly seemed necessary for  
the Canadian parliament to ratify the  
treaty, but when it came to the end  
of the debate, they did not offer any  
objection to its being done. Several  
notable speeches on the debate were  
heard, most of them centering around  
the famous article 10, which has been  
the storm centre of the discussion in  
the United States. The attitude of  
Canada in regard to this article was  
admirably summed up in the speech  
made by Peter McGibbon, the mem-  
ber for Muskoka, who said in con-  
cluding a splendid effort:

"I would ask this house and this  
country to consider whether Canada  
has not some duty to perform for the  
benefit of the world and for human-  
ity. We have passed through a dark  
night filled with trouble, tears and  
death, and we on this side of the  
House think that Canada should now  
step out on the platform with the  
other nations of the world and do her  
part in carrying to those nations less

prosperous and less blessed than ours  
the blessing of our free institutions  
and the civil and religious liberty  
which we possess. We should do so  
in the interests not only of Canada,  
and of the great Empire to which we  
belong, but also in the interests of  
humanity."  
In these words are expressed the  
feelings of the mass of the Canadian  
people, and also the great reason for  
ratifying the treaty as it stood. That  
the Canadian parliament has gone so  
far is a matter of great satisfaction, and  
it is equally a matter of regret that  
the senate of the United States can-  
not look at the matter in the broad  
light of world citizenship, instead of  
in the narrow, self-centred way in  
which they are doing.

KINGSTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY ON  
THE WAY.

The announcement to the people  
of Kingston, made exclusively in the  
Whig of Wednesday, that a subscrip-  
tion of \$10,000 had been made to-  
wards a fund for the erection of a  
new library building, came as a  
pleasant surprise to the people of  
Kingston. In the months of March  
and April of this year, the Whig  
brought its persistent efforts to have  
interest aroused in the needs of the  
city for a new free public library to  
a head, and published a series of arti-  
cles on the subject which created a  
strong impression in the minds of  
many citizens. Since then, the Whig  
has from time to time brought the  
subject before the public, but until  
this week there was nothing tangible  
in the way of returns. Now, through  
the generosity of George Y. Chown,  
B.A., a start, and a splendid one at  
that, has been made towards gaining  
the objective of a library that will  
be worthy of a city of the size and  
educational importance of Kingston.  
The \$10,000 which have been offered  
on condition that \$40,000 more are  
secured, should give the library board  
a splendid incentive to work hard to  
reach the sum required. They are  
already at work, and further an-  
nouncements are expected very soon.  
The city council should not forget  
the obligations which lie upon it in  
this matter. They can afford to be  
generous, for since the establishment  
of the present library they have per-  
sistently adopted a niggardly policy,  
and have forced the library board to  
live from hand-to-mouth in the way  
of financial resources. They have  
never once come within contributing  
one-half of what their portion should  
be under the provisions of the Public  
Libraries Act of Ontario. Now they  
have a chance to do what is right,  
and, when council meets again after  
the summer vacation, this should be

one of the first subjects up for dis-  
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September in Algonquin Park.

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Rippling Rhymes

I never yet have ridden in airplane or balloon,  
although I've oft been bidden to board one and go  
skiddin' around the smiling moon. In motor cars  
I've gaddied, but I'm not keen to fly; until the earth  
is padded, with velvet cushions added, I will not soar  
so high. I hate the plane and scan it, but if I fell  
from that, the jolt would shock the planet, and all the  
folks who man it, and leave the buildings flat. I hold  
it right and proper for youths to tour the air; for  
they're as tough as copper, and if they come a cropper  
they do not need to care. But my old blood is  
chilly, I limp in many styles; and I'd look rather silly  
if I fell, willy-nilly, about a dozen miles. My years  
are three score seven, and I'd lose dignity, if I came  
down from heaven, some fourteen leagues or seven,  
and landed in a tree. I hear the air fans calling,  
"Come with us, if you please!" The sport is too ap-  
palling for one whose beard is falling, all snowy, to  
his knees. Let reckless youth unravel the cloudland's mystery; the soil on  
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