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The visit of the Prince of Wales will ever remain as a pleasant memory to all Kingstons who saw him.

The farmers are going to plow a lone furrow. And, as usual with them, it will be at least a straight one.

Time has shown that Rev. Dr. Cody was wise in remaining both Minister of Education and St. Paul's. The one has gone, but the other remains.

An airplane, says an Ottawa paper, is now regularly engaged in carrying liquor from Montreal to the capital. Its capacity is a hundred gallons a trip.

On Saturday morning the Prince laid a beautiful wreath at the foot of the monument to Sir John Macdonald in the City Park. At the civic luncheon in the evening he referred to this, adding: "I take off my hat to Sir John A."

Toll is the law, said John Ruskin, a fact that people to-day might well take to heart. If you want knowledge, you must toll for it; if food, you must toll for it; and if pleasure, you must toll for it. There is no other safe way.

The Hamilton Herald says that Lieutenant-Governor Hendrie, as the representative of the crown, has a right to decline to accept the resignation of the government if he chooses to do so. But he will scarcely choose to do so if he steps to think of the consequences that would result. The people are not inclined to-day to accept further autocratic dictation.

AUTOCRACY NOT WANTED. In his first speech in parliament since being chosen as Liberal leader, Mackenzie King gave utterance to a statement that most people in this country will agree to, when he said: "What we need to-day is more control of parliament by the people and more control of the cabinet by parliament." In other words: representative government instead of rule by orders-in-council. Less autocracy and more democracy is the demand of the hour. The people's voice must be heard and obeyed if serious trouble is to be averted. A government that defies public opinion will not last long under the condition prevailing at present. The election in Ontario last week made that fact very plain. It is a lesson the Unionist Government at Ottawa should take to heart.

STUDY THE ADVERT. The High Cost of Living loses much of its terror to the man or woman who studies the advertisements of the Kingston merchants as published day by day in the columns of the British Whig and who takes advantage of the bargains thus afforded. Many opportunities to save money are given to the people who read the advertisements, and the wise ones are they who take full advantage of such public service. Thrifty buyers follow these announcements closely and are thereby enabled to effect considerable economy. The merchants of this city live up to their promises; their store news can be relied upon. The cost of living can be materially reduced by watching the advertisements and picking up the bargains offered. Read the announcements and profit thereby.

CONCERNING ONTARIO STREET. One of the most striking of contrasts was witnessed by the Prince of Wales and his party during their drive along Ontario street on Saturday morning. In front of the beautiful and massive white limestone city buildings, artistically draped in colors, was a roadway that was a disgrace to Kingston. The day before and also the hour before the arrival of the royal party, the Board of Works chairman, apparently moved by shame, or because of criticism, had made attempts to fill in the holes and hollows with coarse stone, so that in case of rain the street would not be full of pools of water. Such a roadway to face the city buildings and the beautifully kept lawn of the C.P.R. station! It was really an eyesore. Since the summer it was known that the Prince would visit Kingston, and that he would be driven to the city buildings, yet Streets Administrator Graham made no attempt to re-sheet that harbor front roadway over which all traffic to the railway stations and wharves has to pass. A lot of money was unnecessarily expended on other streets that should have been resurfaced under the local improvement system, while Ontario street was allowed to remain worn to its bottom. Verily the Prince must have wondered.

The Board of Works chairman wants the gas and water departments given back to the City Council. Well-informed opinion is that the Board of Works' czar had better be satisfied with what he has to do. If the utilities were conducted no better than the streets department, Heaven help them!

THE ENGLAND OF TO-DAY. The war and the unrest that has followed as a consequence have done much to change the social and economic system of England. The labor unions have seized the opportunity to improve the condition of the working men and women, and still greater reforms are looming above the horizon. The industrial unrest has for the time being crippled business, but out of the turmoil much good will undoubtedly come. In discussing the present state of affairs, Barclay's Bank, a leading financial institution of London, makes the following confession: "There is some ground for this serious indictment of our past national policy. We have to admit that very large numbers of our population have worked hard and for long hours and yet under conditions which were a disgrace to a great nation—this while we were annually investing \$1,000,000,000 of so-called 'surplus profits' abroad. We have also to admit that at a time when our country was the greatest and wealthiest in the world, conditions of abject poverty obtained to a greater extent than in many small and comparatively poor countries."

LABOR AND THE FARMERS. The suggestion has been made that the United Farmers should coalesce with the Labor members and thus command enough votes in the Legislature to carry on a government. Can the lion and the lamb lie down together? What affinity is there between the farmer and the laborer that one should hope to see any such rapprochement? Could they agree, for instance, upon the question of the hours of labor, a matter that is now being widely discussed? The Labor party might insist upon the farmer limiting his workday to eight or even six hours in order that there might be enough work to go around. The United Farmers would probably be inclined to demand that the city worker should toil just as long as he himself does, which might be twelve or even fifteen hours a day. The Labor party would want to reduce the price of food. The farmer would want to keep food prices up. Many other contentious subjects could be suggested, but these will suffice to show how far apart are the two parties. Either one or the other must sacrifice their policy and their principles if an amalgamation takes place. Such a contingency is very unlikely.

On the other hand, there is very little variance between the United Farmers and the Liberals. Their platforms are practically the same. Both favor progressive policies. Both are prepared to trust the people, and to give to all the people what public opinion demands, instead of what a coterie of over-holding political tenants may dictate. On such vital questions as temperance, public ownership, social and moral reforms, non-partisan election laws, agriculture, patronage, proportional representation, etc., their policies are practically the same. It would be natural, therefore, to expect that these two parties might

profitably unite in order that the government could be carried on without another appeal to the people.

PUBLIC OPINION

A Fool for a Year. (Rochester Herald.) Almost a year since the armistice was signed, and the only democratic nation on earth still makes a fool of itself.

A Foolish Mob. (Philadelphia Record.) That was a foolish New York mob which rioted over German opera. Why fear mere opera when all the operations availed nothing?

Providence Knows Best. (Ohio State Journal.) Yesterday we read a poem by Gabriele D'Annunzio, and perhaps Providence in its infinite wisdom knows what it's about in keeping him busy at something else.

Dolly Varden Government. (Buffalo Courier.) All Ontario is agog over what sort of Dolly Varden government is coming. The oldest inhabitant avers that he has never before seen such a muddled-up situation.

Autocracy Doesn't Pay. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review.) Sir Adam Beck has rendered an important service to the Province. The value of that service should not be forgotten, and it is not likely to be that even important public service cannot be accepted as an excuse for the exercise of autocracy.

Justifies Female Suffrage. (Guelph Mercury.) All over the country, the women were solid for prohibition. That's just what was expected, and as it should be, for they were invariably the chief sufferers through lack of it in the old days. If, for nothing else, the accomplishment of this one thing fully justifies their obtaining the franchise.

Back to Two Parties. (Toronto Star.) But with all that can be done to increase flexibility, we are inclined to think that the drift will be towards a return to the two-party system. Its convenience is obvious. The group system might be worked under the constitution of the United States, where the President of the United States and his Cabinet have no seats in Congress, and cannot be made to resign by a hostile vote, representatives or in both. Such situations have actually existed. But under our system the relation of the Ministry to the Legislature is so close as to make it exceedingly difficult for government to be carried on without an assurance of steady support, which can only be given when one party or group has a working majority.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

First Train To Toronto. On October 27, 1856, the first Grand Trunk Railway train to operate on the Toronto-Montreal line of that Company made its initial trip. Toronto and Montreal had been dependent for their communication upon the river and lakes; naturally during the winter season there was much interruption. When the Grand Trunk was incorporated at once a line was started between Montreal and Brockville. A year later it was continued from Brockville to Toronto so that on Oct. 27, 1856, all was in readiness for the first express.

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Rippling Rhymes

THE CAUSE. All the world is in commotion, forty kinds of dust we raise; every gent with crazy notion has an audience these days; all the peoples rise and clamor for new avenues to tread; every fellow has a hammer, and he'd bash another's head. And the man who once was kaiser, says, while people cut up thus, "I'm the lion's early riser who kicked up this beastly fuss. No one's with his work contented, every voter shivers at his job; and the autumn air is scented with the curses of the mob. Now that industry is needed, the dragons' teeth of woe. Cold the forges of the founder, all deserted is the mill; and the demagogue the hound is pouring from the lofty stacks of brick, and no lumps disturb the roaring of the anachronistic hick. And the man who once was kaiser, says, "I'm the blatant advertiser who upset the dish of beans." Say the nations, "We shall haul him to the court and treat him rough; but no fate that could befall him would be punishment enough. So perhaps we'd better let him linger where he saws and sings; better pass up and forget him, while we try to straighten things."

ECONOMY.

Some Things That Can Be Done With Old Clothes.

The old saying "a stitch in time saves nine," is just as true with us as with our grandmothers. Any kind of a garment, whether for outside or inside wear, for big or little people, will wear much longer if the thin places and small holes are darned or strengthened as soon as discovered. Nothing gives one more self-respect than to be neat and clean. Even if the garments are not of the latest cut or the most expensive fabrics their neatness alone will command respect.

Here are some suggestions for making over garments: A lady's coat and skirt suit can be made into a very serviceable one-piece dress. A separate skirt completed with a remnant makes a pretty one-piece dress. Long coats can be made over for one's self, or a top coat for young girl or boy. A short coat can be remodeled for a dress for a girl, using remnant for a dress for a girl, or a covering for a woman's summer hat.

From worn night gowns, infant dresses, children's petticoats or corset covers can be made. If the covers are better, the worn yokes may be cut off. Sew up the end, run a tape through the hem and you have a slip cover for fine dress or coat, when hung in the closet. From men's worn shirts, children's dresses, combined with remnants, can be made blouse waists for a boy, bibs for the baby, or apron for the woman.

Old neckties make beautiful patch work comfort tops or couch covers. Old sweaters may be washed, dyed uncolored, re-knit for women's or children's sweaters, scarfs, caps or wristlets. Keep all scraps of silk or velvet for patch work quilts, couch covers, shopping or work bags.

Stocking tops or old underwear may be used for bloomers, or petticoats for babies or little girls, bedsocks, dust rags or wash rags or for miscellaneous mending. If possible, mend knit underwear with knit underwear patches, bastings the patch over the hole. Stitch with machine, hemming down the raw edge by hand.

Copals of East Africa. In what was lately German East Africa lie great tracts where some of the finest resins in the world may be found. This is the gist of an article in the Cornhill Magazine which in a few pages lifts a corner of the veil from the romance of the world'sopal trade from far Cathay to the Fiji Islands. But the writer's attention is fixed on the east coast of Africa, to the resins carried by Arabes from Africa to India for sale in the markets of Bombay and Calcutta. In Sir Richard Burton's day, a century before, Mombassa traded in ivory, in hippopotamus teeth, in cattle, in cereals, in slaves from the interior, and in resin. It was the possibility of the resin trade which Sir Richard wished to investigate. He desired to see the copal tree with his own eyes. His purpose was practical but he could not refrain from harking back to those days when Mombassa, the desolate, was, as spoken of by Camoes, a home of ancient grandeur. Burton's optimistic forecast for the immediate future of the resin trade did not lead to its development. For years copals have mainly come from Angola, Benguela, Congo, Gaboon, and Loanga. Now it would seem as if, with the passing of German East Africa, a fresh opportunity had arisen for the collection of those "tree-products which link us so strangely with the past."

Roblin Reports. Roblin, Oct. 24.—The farmers are doing their fall ploughing after the recent rains. Basil Gray and John Kathleen of Harlow are visiting their uncle, D. Gray's. John and Homer Richmond left last night on a business trip to Stratford. The party of Chas. Kimmet, Jr., on Wednesday night was much enjoyed. A large crowd attended Amos Dennis's sale on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Cook called at his father's, John Cook, on Thursday. Mrs. Leonard Schamehorn is very ill. Miss Grace Richmond has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Rodgers. Glenvale, Fred Wilson, Napanee, shipped a carload of pigs and calves from Roblin on Friday.

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Hear Tracey J. Kingman baritone of Chicago, at Grant Hall, Monday night.

Advertisement for Bibby's HATS and SHOES. Features the slogan 'The Store That Keeps The Prices Down' and 'Where The New Things Are Shown First'. Lists various items like overcoats, suits, hats, and shoes with prices. Includes an illustration of a man in a hat and a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for BUNT'S POULTRY SUPPLIES. Lists various items like drinking fountains, feeders, coop cups, grit boxes, wall fountains, celluloid leg bands, assorted sizes and colors. Includes contact information for Bunt's Hardware at King St.

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Advertisement for BUTTER WRAPPING PAPER and DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE. Butter Wrapping Paper is available in various quantities. Dr. Chown's Drug Store is located at 185 Princess Street, Phone 343.

Advertisement for Special For The Season. Lists various fruits and nuts like Sweet Cider, Tokay Grapes, Almonds, Filberts, Brazil Nuts, California Walnuts, Imported Walnuts, Chestnuts, Hickory Nuts. Contact information for Jas. REDDEN & Co.

Advertisement for DELAWARE LACKAWANNA and WESTERN RAILROADS CELEBRATED SCRANTON COAL. Features the slogan 'The Standard Anthracite, Chief Distributor for Kingston'. Includes contact information for Crawford at Foot of Queen St., Phone 9.