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and he suggests an appeal to the League of Nations for the rectification of the boundary in question.

A PLEA FOR THE JEWS.

A member of the G.W.V.A. on Monday evening caused a mild sensation at the general meeting by his spirited speech respecting the attitude adopted in speaking of the Jewish people. One speaker had occasion to refer to a transaction in which some furniture was sold to a furniture dealer of Jewish nationality, and he did so with an unconnected gesture which was interpreted as being contemptuous by a Jewish returned soldier present.

In making his appeal for fairer treatment of the Jews in everyday conversation, he said: "Samuel Gompers is always referred to as the great American labor leader; Lord Reading is always spoken of as the great British statesman but when one of our nationality does wrong, he is not spoken of as a Britisher or a Canadian, but in a contemptuous manner, he is referred to in the press and on the streets as a Jew."

There is a great deal of truth in the statements made by this young Jewish soldier. Our Canadianism should be broad enough to ensure that every loyal citizen, and the Jews are undoubtedly a loyal people, should have the name of Canadian. It was indeed courageous of the young man in question to make so eloquent a plea on behalf of fair dealings for his race and his words should be borne in mind at all times when people of his race are under discussion.

THE CITY MANAGER PLAN. The articles published from time to time by the Whig, dealing with the government of a city by the manager plan, have aroused considerable interest.

It may be argued that the city manager plan is an American idea, and that while it might be successful there it would not work out as well in Canada. We should welcome new and progressive ideas no matter where they originate, and apply them to our own use and profit.

The weakness of this system becomes more apparent as the municipal activities become more diversified, and the advisability of some change in the administration of municipal affairs in general is now generally admitted by all who have given the subject any study.

of to-day and be ready to improve on them as experience suggests. "As the shareholders of our joint stock companies appoint directors and these in turn engage managers who select their staff with the object of the most efficient service," concludes this manager, "so in civic affairs the citizens as shareholders cannot do better than follow their lead."

(a) The aldermen are freed from the consideration of petty details, and are thus enabled to give a much greater portion of their time to the larger affairs of civic administration, which more properly belongs to them as legislators.

(b) The holding of one man responsible for the administration of the various departments tends to a thoroughness which cannot be expected from committees of aldermen, who are changing their personnel from year to year.

(c) Lack of continuity of policy, owing to the changing personnel of these committees, is thus obviated.

(d) The control of municipal employees is much more satisfactory under the managerial system when the right man is secured.

(e) The placing of all departments under a permanent official assures efficiency and economy which cannot be obtained under the system of committees.

In other words, the managerial system retains the best features of the aldermanic system of civic government and eliminates its weak points by adopting the methods of the most successful public utility undertakings. The subject will be further dealt with in subsequent articles, as the Whig is convinced that the public are not satisfied with existing conditions in this city.

PUBLIC OPINION

Sure Way To Stop It. (Albany Journal) When shooting hunters by mistake for deer is made a crime by law there will be an end of it.

When Fighting For Fun. (Toledo Blade) If there has to be a fight anywhere in the world let it be in Ireland, where it will be enjoyed most.

Almost Invariably. (Ohio State Journal) It may be laid down as a general rule that whenever anyone makes a ring-tailed simian of himself in public life he thinks the newspapers are supplanted.

Shivered The Wrong Way. (Los Angeles Times) A woman broke three ribs over a washboard the other day. If she had done it during the shimmy she would have gained notoriety. As it is she only achieves fame.

No Longer Potent. (New York Sun) When Charles Kingsley wrote his famous line: For man must work and woman must weep! he probably could not have imagined the extent to which the year 1919 was to find two "musts" impotent.

Returned With Interest. (London Passing Show) "I'm awfully sorry, Mrs. Blunt," drawled the fashionable youth, "that I forgot your party last Friday night!" "Oh," remarked Mrs. Blunt, innocently, "weren't you there?"

The Good Old Days. (Joseph Morocoff) Whipping is about to be abolished in the Toronto public schools says a news despatch. There was a time, many years ago, when a red-blooded boy thought his education was being neglected if he couldn't outdo the teacher to "lick" him at least three times a week. And there were some holdings, too. On special occasions the chief subjects came properly reinforced to allow the master to get sufficient exercise before the hopeful pupil cried enough.

Thought The Professor Was Joking. (London Opinion) Sir Walter Raleigh, who is searching for the missing records of several squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps, has a famous game to live up to. When he went to Philadelphia, he was to be met at the station by a professor from the University of Pennsylvania. This U. of P. professor had never seen the English scholar, but had obtained a fairly good description of him. The first man to get off the train seemed to tally with it—so this is the conversation that ensued: "Excuse me, sir, are you Sir Walter Raleigh?" "No, you fool. I'm Christopher Columbus. Sir Walter Raleigh is in the smoking-car playing checkers with Queen Elizabeth."

Rippling Rhymes

THE EMPLOYER. The man who owns the posthole works gets sympathy from none, we sympathize with all his clerks, who say they need more man; and with the artisan, we sign, when they the story tell, of how their children wall for pie and oysters on the shell. But for the owner of the place no pity can we spare, though narrowed in his weary face, and graying is his hair. His grievances inspire no ode, his troubles are a bore, though his the man who bears the load, the man who walks the floor. He is the man who stands the gas, who wrestles with despair, and while his merry workmen laugh, he tears his scanty hair. The toilers work eight hours a day, and leave the factory door, 'twixt clock around and sing and play, but he works twenty-four. Oh, with the janitor we weep, when he cheap, his diamonds mostly stolen, in poor and cheap, he keeps the books we all in pity draw, and bear his tale, and say, "Gadsooks! There ought to be a man who bears the load, the man who walks the floor."

—WALT MASON.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Madeleine Vercheres.

The conditions of life during the long period when the Iroquois were the scourge of Canada put to the severest tests almost daily the valor of the French soldiers; there are many instances of heroism to brighten the annals of those days. One of the most romantic was the defense of the Fort at Vercheres in 1692 by Madeleine, daughter of the seigneur of that place. She was at the time a mere girl of fourteen years of age. The inhabitants were at work in the fields, no one was left in charge but two soldiers, two boys, an old man of eighty years and some women and children. Suddenly forty or fifty Indians appeared in the neighborhood. Madeleine placed herself in command of the settlers and the weak carrison. Her courage was inspiring but one of the soldiers was so badly scared by the Indians that the girl found him preparing to blow up the fort with a barrel of gunpowder. Her two brothers, ten and twelve years of age, helped the soldiers to man the loopholes from which a steady fire was kept up upon the Iroquois. The cannon on the fort walls were also fired occasionally more to make the assailants think there was a strong party within than to do much damage to the Indians. With her brothers and the old man placed at three of the bastions the girl took the fourth while the soldiers occupied the blockhouse and kept the enemy busy on that side. For a week the little garrison was on constant duty, not resting day or night. Then a detachment of French soldiers came to the rescue and the Iroquois vanished into the woods. The fame of Madeleine was scattered far and wide among the early settlers attracting the attention of the Iroquois themselves.

INDIGNANT WORKERS

Who Have Not Been Paid for Election Labors. Ottawa, Nov. 10.—If another election comes on soon the Government will find it will have no persons ready to work for it in recording the vote, and very few places at which polls may be held.

This statement was made by William Burns, who was Chief Enumerator for West Ottawa, and later Returning Officer for the riding in the Provincial elections and referendum. Mr. Burns has been besieged by half a dozen indignant deputes, poll clerks and soldiers, who have up their day or houses to the Government and have not received payment. Not in thirty years have election expenses been held up so long, and Mr. Burns has been forced to pay out hundreds of dollars to appease them.

Wrong Body Sent from Russia. Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 10.—When the flag-draped coffin which was supposed to contain the body of John T. Westerhof, the Grand Rapids soldier who was killed in northern Russia, was opened at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westerhof, it was found to contain the body of some other soldier. Marks of identification disclosed that the wrong body had been placed in the casket marked for Grand Rapids.

Relatives are endeavoring to obtain instructions from the War Department relative to the disposition of the body. Pastor May Be Candidate. Woodstock, Nov. 10.—Dr. L. B. Gibson, pastor of Knox church, declines the statement that he will run for the Board of Education as a representative of the Independent Labor Party in the coming municipal election. He said he would run if the opportunity presented itself, but not as an I.L.P. man. He said, however, he was interested in labor affairs, and in anything that would benefit the people.

Will Tour Canada. Montreal, Nov. 10.—Interrupted by the outbreak of war, the decision of a British syndicate to send out all British companies to tour the Dominion with the big theatrical bits of Great Britain has been revived. The first of a series of such companies has arrived here with "The Luck of the Navy" production, which, after an engagement in Montreal, will tour the principal cities of the Dominion.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at Ottawa, when Ouida Ethel, elder daughter of the late Albert A. Davis, Brockville, and Mrs. Davis, was married to William Egbert Cockfield, Ph.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cockfield, Montreal.

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The death occurred suddenly at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lane, Maynard, on Saturday, of a highly esteemed resident of Jasper in the person of Mrs. G. C. Nowans.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Bowers, widow of the late Nathan Bowers, occurred on Sunday afternoon at her late residence, Belleville street, her late residence was a native of Prince Edward County, and was a daughter of the late William Thompson.

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