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The United States senate has unmistakably shown that its partisanship is greater than its humanity

Attorney-General Raney, to judge from his remarks, is determined to make old Ontario good even if he finds it necessary to put most of us in jail in order to reform us

The Detalogue brought down from amid the smoke and fire of Sinai, the Galveston News reminds us, and the eternal truth enunciated on the mountainside by the Master of ethics and righteousness cannot be ignored

The p. 323, the Board of Trade, the Veterans' Associations and the Retail Merchants' Association are all in favor of the appointment of an industrial commissioner in Kingston

A shaking up is coming to the education department at Toronto, and none too soon, Premier Drury, in a recent address at Toronto, said: "We must get away from the educational machine that we have built up"

THE FARMERS AND THE LABOR MEN. There is a curious lump in the logic of some of the articles appearing in the press about the U.F.O.-Labor government in Ontario

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SIR HENRY BRAYTON'S WISE WORDS. Sir Henry Drayton, minister of Finance, has found a statement in

connection with the Victory Loan which has just been so successfully concluded. After acknowledging the hearty support accorded by the organizers, the workers and the press, Sir Henry declares that a continuation of the spirit that has made the loan a success would render absolutely certain a bigger and greater Canada

"Now that the loan is over," he concludes, "and the money raised, it becomes the duty of the government to see that it is properly applied to the purpose for which it was raised, and that all due and proper economies be exercised in carrying on the government of our country. The homely virtues of work and thrift are all that Canada to-day needs and it is the duty of the government to the greatest extent possible to apply these in the conduct of our business"

It is reassuring to find at last a minister who realizes the great need of economy on the part of the government, as well as on the part of the individual citizen. The country has waited for leadership and advice for some time. It will welcome this statement as an evidence that the millions raised by the loan will be carefully expended. Sir Henry has no fears regarding the future of Canada, provided she practices "the homely virtues of work and thrift"

THE CHALLENGE. Altogether too much criticism has been hurled at the Church. The critics overlook the fact that the Church visible does not consist of some sanctimonious group of narrow-minded ecclesiastics but of all Christian people in the world. When, therefore, the Church is spoken of, let it be remembered that we are all part of it. The challenge to the Church to meet the demands of this age is a call to the individual citizen who answers to the name Christian

It is doubtful if the Church in all its history has ever had such an influential body of laymen directing its missionary campaign work. Critics can talk as they like about the failure of the Church in this and in that, but the fact remains that the Church is the greatest influence for good in the world. Eliminate it and see what will happen. It created the ideal for which the Allies fought to triumphantly victory after four years of war. It has been called an inarticulate ideal, but whatever it was it was born in the minds of the defenders of liberty though the agency of the Christian Church. The Church may need a revival but this can only be secured by a revival in the homes, in the family life. The now age is said to have presented a challenge to the Church to meet the new conditions, but the challenge is in reality to the individual membership of all sects. The greatest thing to be feared is for the religious condition of the new generation, for there has been a lamentable decline of religious teaching in the home during the past two decades. The children of no church body existing today know the Bible as they should know it. The past and the passing generations of deeply religious people received their Christian teaching in the home—not in the churches or the Sunday schools. The present challenge to the Church can well be met, but what of the future? Nothing can take the place of the home for giving religious teaching. What will the present generation of youth contribute to the Church of the future?

He Needed It. (Exchange) "I envy the man who sang the tender solo." "Why I thought he had a very poor voice." "So did I, but think of the nerve he has!"

Too Long to Wait. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) If Ireland is to wait for a solution of her problem till the empire becomes a community of republics the result of a natural process of development she must wait a long time. And already Ireland is tired of waiting

Unusual Punishment. (Buffalo Courier) The Canadian judge who sentenced two boys, convicted of theft, to regular attendance for one year at school Sunday school and church, is not likely to find that enforced religious duties bear good fruit. It would also seem that the punishment might be considered "unusual"

Not a Gambler. (Bystander) Clarissa—Our minister is so good that he won't even perform a marriage ceremony. Melissa—What's that got to do with him being good. Clarissa—He says his conscience won't let him participate in any game of chance

Tourist's Testimony. (Vancouver Province) A Brooklyn paper ran an excursion through the Canadian and United States national parks last summer, and then took a vote of those in the party as to which hotels and parks they thought the most of. The overwhelming verdict was in favor of those in Canada as against those in their own country. That is very good advertising for the Canadian Pacific which owns the hotels, and for the Canadian government, which owns and manages the Rocky mountain parks

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Sir Charles Blair Gordon. On the 22nd of November, 1868 Charles Blair Gordon, who was knighted by His Majesty, the King, during the war, was born in Montreal. His war work both in Canada and the United States was the cause of the honor that came to him in 1917. Sir Charles is a graduate of the Montreal High School and one of the leading men of business in the Dominion. He is president of the Dominion Textile Company, Vice-President of the Bank of Montreal, President of Parsons, Limited, president of the Hillcrest Collieries, Ltd., President of the Dominion Glass Company, vice-president of the Montreal Cotton Company, a director of the Royal Trust Company and a half dozen other big Canadian industries. These many activities engaged all his attention until the outbreak of hostilities in 1914; then he entered heart and soul into the conflict of the Imperial Munitions Board and the following year he was appointed chairman of the British War Mission in Washington. In August of that year he was named Representative of the British Minister of Munitions in the United States and his knighthood followed soon after. In spite of his numerous business activities Sir Charles has always found time to enjoy the club of which he is a member. He is associated with the Montreal Jockey Club and the Senneville Golf Club; he is a member of the St. Lawrence Yacht Club as well as of the Mount Royal Golf Club and the Royal Montreal Golf Club. In religion he is a Protestant and lives at Terra Nova one of the finest residences on the Queen Mary Road, Montreal. He is a generous contributor to all charitable works in the city and his name is always found near the top of the lists of donors. Repeatedly he has shown his keen interest in the schools of Montreal and in his desire for excellent municipal rule for the big city.

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TO URGE THE APPOINTMENT

OF A MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Parent-Teachers' Association of Victoria School Holds Social Event—Prof. Macdonald Speaks on School as Community Centre.

A social event was held at Victoria school by the Parent-Teachers' Association on Friday evening, and it was a pronounced success, demonstrating the value of the association and the wisdom of those who have given so generously of their time in promoting it. The kindergarten room was crowded and Mrs. H. T. J. Coleman, president, occupied the chair, and extended a warm welcome to all. Community singing was greatly enjoyed, and Prof. J. F. Macdonald, chairman of the management committee of the Board of Education, spoke on the school as a community centre and explained what had already been done toward enlarging the use of the schools by vacation work. He also pointed out the difficulty of getting parents to realize that the schools belonged to them. He emphasized this by telling what had been done in the city of Cleveland, where two hundred different organizations in the community made use of the schools. Considerable discussion followed Prof. Macdonald's address, and repeated emphasis was placed upon the need of an expert instructor in music. This was followed by a resolution calling upon the Board of Education to appoint a director of music for the schools. The new projecting lantern that was recently purchased was exhibited. At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served.

That's Different. Jinks: We're pretty careful these days! Saving to buy a house. Blinks: What does your wife think about it? Jinks: Oh, great! She thinks we're saving to buy a new car!—Cartoons Magazine.

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Crawford Foot of Queen St. Phone 9. A society known as Friends of the Latin Quarter has been organized in Paris to persuade students of other nationalities not to attend German universities. Dr. L. L. McManis has been appointed food inspector for Chatham.

The U. S. Shipping Board on Friday surrendered the steamship inspector to the British Ministry of Shipping. It will be operated by the Cunard line.