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Do your Christmas shopping early. Begin now. You will thus please yourself and the merchants.

If Foch has to be called upon to finish his task, there is no doubt but that he will do it thoroughly and completely this time.

Textile manufacturers report a need of needles. What a yarn! 'Tain't sew.—New York Sun. Maybe so, but the point is there just the same.

Premier Drury scores the combines which he says are fostered by protection. He is fighting a strong adversary, but he has the public behind him and deserves to win.

Tommy Church, mayor of Toronto, intends to run for his sixth term. He evidently intends to go after the record of the mayor of Rochester, who has held the office seventeen times.

The use of automobiles in Bermuda is forbidden by law. This would make that island an ideal place for a holiday after a few weeks of dodging the demon auto drivers of Kingston.

An agitator has started a campaign seeking to make Canada independent. He might as well save his time and energy, for Canada is too well off in her present status to desire a change.

The United States is still technically at war with Germany, and the attorney-general has ruled that the coal strikers are guilty of treason. What about those Americans who are now doing business with Germany?

When in Kingston last week, Dr. Edwards, M.P. for Frontenac, urged that a deputation be sent to Ottawa regarding harbor improvements without delay. Every day is precious now, so that deputation should soon be on its way.

A few of the members of the present city council are up in arms against the wave of progressiveness which is taking hold of Kingston. Such men have outlived their usefulness to the city, and should have no place in next year's council.

"More Pep," the Whig's little house organ, celebrates its first anniversary this month. If you are not on the mailing list, drop a card to the Whig office, and receive a regular copy of a bright little magazine with a big idea.

The Soldier Settlement Board announces that 39,793 returned soldiers have gone in for farming. This addition to the ranks of producers of foodstuffs should materially increase supplies and help to bring down prices.

The first forenoon of the Belleville campaign for building up its Board of Trade resulted in over one hundred new members being signed up. This campaign is being conducted by the Canadian City Bureau, which offered to set the Kingston organization on its feet.

A large new pulp and paper mill is being built in Canada, with a capacity of between four and five hundred tons of newsprint daily. The newspapers in this country will welcome this addition to their supplies, and hope it will have the effect of reducing the price.

No coal can be expected in Canada from the United States until after the beginning of 1920, and even then supplies depend on the duration of the strike. Although there is a good supply in Kingston, it should be used with the strictest economy until a further supply is in sight.

The largest vessel ever built in Kingston is nearing completion at the local yard of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company. This is a creditable record for the company and an occasion that calls for the extension of congratulations to two enterprising officials, Messrs. Walsh and McMillan.

"The Three-Cent Daily Newspaper Is Now Here," says the St. Thomas Times-Journal. In spite of tremendously increased costs of production, the Whig has maintained its pre-war subscription rates, and is about the only instance of a commodity which has not increased in price. But if costs keep on increasing, there is no telling what may have to be done.

HAVE A HOBBY.

A hobby is the business man's saviour from rustication, vegetation and starvation. It fills his mind when he is away from office with something besides work; it turns his brain power into different channels and gives the poor brain cells he has used all day a much needed rest. It increases his interest in life; it broadens his outlook; it sharpens his wits. Therefore, we say, a hobby is a good thing and not a foolish thing as some people have been wont to call it. It will serve you faithfully and well. Get a hobby.

THE VALUE OF PERSONALITY.

A very admirable person often leaves you completely cold and uninterested. It may be because he has no originality or ingenuity of expression, or because he is never human enough to permit you a glimpse of his temptations. Such a person may compel your respect, but never win your regard. The most persuasive thing about anyone is his personality. It is sometimes magnetic enough to make you like him no matter what he thinks, or feels, or does. The latter type is not a heathful influence. On the other hand, a truly interesting personality continues to display a charm that is an attractive expression of that person's admirable characteristics.

ONE FUTURE FOR CANADA.

The Farmers' Sun declares that there are three alternatives before the people of Canada: An imperial union in which this country will have a real voice, absolute Canadian independence or a union with the United States. The Whig protests against the very suggestion embodied in the third proposal; it has no place in the thought of Canada, nor will it ever have. There is plenty of room on the North American continent for both the Anglo-Saxon nations to work out their destiny separately. Nor are we yet ready for independence, if this means a severance of the ties that bind us to the mother land. There remains, therefore, the need of revising Canada's status among the free and democratic nations comprising the great British commonwealth.

DOMESTICITY DERANGED.

Telegrams from Constantinople give some idea of the serious tribulations which beset domestic life along the well-known Bosporus. The gaunt spectre whose name in English is N. C. of L. flaps its wings dismally among the households of highly placed Turks. The sultan has reduced the size of his harem, pachas who formerly were rich are also retrenching, and the Koran's allowance of four wives to a single man is in process of reduction on all sides; so much so, indeed, that the proportion of unmarried women is increasing rapidly.

An interesting corollary to this demonstration is the creation of a "race of bachelor maids who are going into politics," as the correspondent puts it. If the young women are going into politics as a means of livelihood, it would seem that a problem of civics is developing very fast in Turkey. There are said to be three women for every two men in that storied land, and if the men find an establishment of the old fashion too expensive for them to maintain, the surplus of girls unmarried rises like a swift tide. Moreover, women in Turkey, as elsewhere, has become distinctly articulate, not to say vocal, and the world is sure to be favored with her opinions upon the question of her survival in comfort.

As yet no separate destiny from marriage is officially accepted for Turkish women; the majority are said to be anxious for peace in order that "the resultant prosperity will make marriage less difficult." Many of these women are "nationalists," who say that both votes and husbands have been promised to them. Thus, with prohibition a part of the national religion, the Turkish women will have an even start with their eastern sisters.

ANOTHER LESSON FROM BELLEVILLE.

It is somewhat mortifying to the pride of our good old city that the neighboring municipality of Belleville should be able to lead the way as it is doing. It has secured industries, it has now an industrial commissioner who is well worth his salary, it is at present in the midst of a campaign to build up the Board of Trade and to create a new and aggressive community spirit. In all these things it has shown the way to Kingston. Yet there is still another matter in which it is giving Kingston a lesson.

When Kingston refused to take advantage of the provisions of the Ontario Housing Act, it placed a bar in the way of its own progress. Belleville took the chance, and came in under the terms of the act in a small way. The amount borrowed for the first year was only a modest twenty thousand dollars, but it was used as an experiment to build six houses. The experiment was a huge success, and the city council of Belleville has now decided that the scheme is an excellent one, and as a result the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is to be borrowed for house building operations under the provincial Housing Act in 1920. The council of Belleville has that larger vision of a bigger and better city which has been lacking in Kingston in the past, and one of the first steps is the provision of an adequate number of dwelling houses to accommodate the increasing population.

Kingston might well adopt this same vision of the future. We have faith in the city and her citizens. We believe that the vast majority are anxious to see the dawn of a better day in Kingston, and we look to the electors to express this idea by their votes on election day. But houses are needed, and needed in large numbers at once. The Ontario Housing Act has proved its worth in eighty cities and towns in Ontario. Then why should it not be a success in Kingston? Our new council should be composed of men who have the vision to see a bigger city and the courage to provide for its growth.

The Reason Why

Why Are Some Roads Called Turnpikes?

Undoubtedly the name turnpike as applied to some roads arose from the fact that pikes or gates were set across the roads by the keeper or toll-collector. In addition to collecting tolls, it was a part of the toll-keeper's business to keep the road in repair. His wages and other expenses for doing this were received from the tolls collected from the people who used the road to ride on in carriages, wagons, etc. In the early days the toll-collector was armed with a pike, a long-handled weapon with a sharp iron head, which he used to prevent people who travelled his road from going by without giving up their toll. Later on a swinging gate was built across the road, which made it unnecessary to use the pike, though the name was retained, for no one could pass while the gate barred the way. When the passerby had paid his tolls, the toll-collector opened his gate and let him pass. If he did not pay the gate remained closed and the driver had to turn back or decide to pay. Hence comes the name turnpike. In some parts of the country they call these toll roads.

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Canada--East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

The Rebellion in Upper Canada.

It was the night of Dec. 5-6, 1837; the alarm bells were ringing all over Toronto. Already murder had been committed in the street in the name of rebellion. The Loyalists were hastening to their posts while the northern part of Toronto—in the locality of Montgomery's Tavern was in possession of the enemy.

At sunrise, Col. Fitz-Gibbon rode out and reconnoitered the position of the rebels. He wanted to attack at once but the Lieutenant-Governor is alleged to have restrained him. Sheriff Jarvis, however, placed a guard on Yonge street. The families of the Governor and some of his friends were placed on a small ship that lay in the harbor, for the season was an open one, and prepared to flee if the city fell into the hands of the rebels.

The Governor proposed a conference with the rebels; it would at least give time to call the troops in from the country and so make a sharper defence if the attack came.

It came. The rebel army, consisting of seven or eight hundred men in two lines, marched southward into the city with their prisoners in the front line, partly to prevent attack and also to make their numbers seem larger. They reached a point near Gallow's Hill, when a flag of truce appeared from within the city. The conference failed, but the rebels agreed not to attack until further word came from within Toronto. They did, however, advance to what is now the corner of Bloor and Yonge streets.

The rebels burned some houses near the corner; this so enraged some of the rebel forces that they quit the army and went home. The same night the advance on the city was begun, after Mackenzie had delivered a speech to his men.

(Continued on Monday.)

To Abolish Governor, Too!

(Brockville Recorder)

The chief function of Government House, since the erection of the colossal palace overlooking the brickyards of the Don River, appears to be a capacity for conducting social entertainments on a magnificent scale of splendor that is possible only to the possessor of great wealth. The whole office could easily be abolished, and the province would not lose anything. The constitutional functions of the office could as well be delegated to the Speaker of the House or to the chief justice of the province. The time is coming when the people will have small sympathy for the social displays that have been manifested in recent years at the expense of the province.

Rippling Rhymes

AN EXAMPLE.

Let us set a good example in these wild excited days, when men mill around and trample on our corns in fifty ways. Let's not join them in their milling, but, by fixing up our shacks, demonstrate that we are willing to get down once more to tacks. Let us shun the noisy clamor of the smiths who wield the jaw; let us argue with the hammer and expound things with the saw. Let us build a stately dwelling for the Lens to occupy, while the anarchists are yelling threats and curses at the sky. Let's erect a noble shanty where our cows may chew their cuds, while the Russian, wild and ranty, blows the foam from bootlegged suds. All our ills will be adjusted, and the Reds will whoop in vain, if we only can be trusted to be calm and safe and sane. If you'd rail at your condition, if you're victimized by crimes, bending 'neath some imposition, let it slide till saner times. Do not join the angry chorus, but be patient and serene, knowing that the storm clouds o'er us soon will vanish from the scene. We but make the country sicker when we paw around like yaks; and we'll bring good times the quicker if we all get down to tacks.

—WALT MASON.

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Mrs. Manly Jones and son, Victor Jones, Napanee, leave on Tuesday to spend the winter in Pomona, California.

B. F. Davy has purchased the house on Bridge street, Napanee, in which he lives.