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Very few people who want more free speech have shown any desire to do more work and relieve the scarcity of anything.

Half-dressed women will henceforth be debarred from some of the French churches. They will have the freedom of the streets and the dance halls.

"Toronto is soon to be isolated from the rest of the province," says a contemporary. Why lament the fact? Won't the rest of Ontario be better off?

Judges in Kingston, St. Catharines and elsewhere deplore the low pay granted to jurors and witnesses. The rate at present is absurd, and a change cannot be made too soon.

The Australian government offered a prize of \$50,000 to the first airman to fly from England to that commonwealth. It is fitting that the prize should be won by an Australian, Capt. Ross Smith.

Sleeping sickness is spreading, and a warning is being sent out to the doctors of Ontario to guard against the disease. A number of deaths have already occurred as a result of this strange malady.

Three years in the penitentiary was a light sentence for a man who seduced a motherless young girl. The fact that the man had a wife and large family of small children evidently weighed heavily with the judge.

The Unionists have lost another seat to the United Farmers. The election of President Halbert, of the United Farmers of Ontario is an indication of what is likely to happen when the next federal election takes place.

W. F. O'Connor, of the Board of Commerce, states that 75 per cent. more sugar was received by Manitoba in 1919 than in 1918, yet this year there is a lamentable shortage. The only explanation is that dealers must be hoarding sugar against a rise in prices.

A Dutch minister expresses alarm at the danger of the ex-kaiser's continued sojourn in that country. The next step may be an invitation to get out, Wilhelm, like that other despot, Napoleon, will probably yet throw himself on the protection of England. But his reception is likely to be quite different.

The C.P.R. officers have visited Kingston this week, looked over the field, formed their own conclusions and listened to the words of welcome as voiced by the mayor and other representative citizens. The Canadian National Railway—the people's own line—has entirely ignored this city. Public ownership has yet something to learn from private control.

A Rideau ward citizen writes to the Whig that he has waited seven years to have a curbing put down to keep his cellar from flooding, but that Ald. Graham can secure the use of the city's plant without notice and without authority. The people who elect such aldermen are more to blame than the aldermen who take advantage of the people's indifference.

WINTER WOES OF A MARRIED MAN.

Writing in the December number of The Rotarian, Charles O. Smith, a member of the Rotarian Club, of Saskatoon, Sask., and the editor of

the Saskatoon Daily Mail, has some very apt and amusing things to say regarding the many trials and tribulations that afflict the average married man during the winter season. After recounting the cussedness of storm windows, furnaces, ash sifters, frozen water pipes, etc., he says: "Perhaps the most pestiferous foe of a married man's comfort is the husband who knows how to make things. (Every married man will understand just what he means.) There is one in every neighborhood. Nothing can stop his activity. He can do things with hammers and saws. Seems to have a gift that way. Normal sorts of husbands can't understand it. Cold weather seems to bring it on bad. In the long winter evenings he goes to the basement and makes things for his wife.

"If these amazing performances could be kept secret in his own house all would be well. There would be no complaint. But in her pride his wife tells the other men's wives, and then the trouble begins. Home comes the talented whittler some cold evening with a discarded telephone pole on his shoulder. His glowing wife meets him at the front steps. He turns sideways so as not to poke her in the face with the pole, and greets her with an affectionate kiss. Such husbands are always greeting their wives with an affectionate kiss. Then he lays the pole down.

"That night he starts in to whittle, and four months later he brings forth a wonderful six-foot lamp, all fluted and polished. His delighted spouse telephoned all the neighboring wives, and they go to see it.

"And they come home and sit wondering why it was not their joyous fate to marry a man who can make things like that. They compare their husbands with the gifted hammer-slinger until the luckless man who can't do anything in wood-work, except pull a splinter out of his finger, feels that nothing in this life matters but an ability to make seven dollars' worth of furniture out of a dollar and nineteen cents' worth of railroad ties.

"Sometimes one of the goaded husbands tries to emulate the home-improver, but instead of converting an abandoned piano-box into a mahogany chiffonier, he flattens out his thumb with the hammer, and the language he uses is something his wife never thought she would have to listen to.

"Winter time brings one to the conclusion that there is something wrong with our educational system. It either produces wives who expect too much of their husbands or it produces husbands who lack the technical training that modern conditions of housekeeping demand. If the latter is the case, there should be a change in the school curriculum. There should be a special course in handling a home in the winter. Political economy should be replaced by fuel economy. Schools should teach the use of furnace draughts instead of bank drafts. As we are using wood instead of coal, the care of the teeth of a saw should be included in the hygiene lesson, and the botany professors should impress upon their classes that it is more necessary to know what to do with a leak in the sink than a leak in the garden. The class of future husbands should be taught how to get storm windows on without breaking the glass or into profanity. And when our schools teach husbands all these things the wives of that day will rise up and call them blessed—the schools, that is, not the husbands. Never that. One must not expect too much."

Public Opinion: At Regular Rates. (Washington Star) "Does your cook give you any impertinence?" "No. She charges me ten dollars a week for it."

Economic Adjustment. (Amsterdam Recorder) It is suggested that we keep our coal this winter in the empty sugar bowl.

New Premier a Talker. (Manitoba Free Press) Premier Drury, of Ontario, had better watch his step. Some folks down there are already charging him with talking too much.

In Doubt. (Ottawa Journal) Tenants may be bright enough but they cannot always tell early in the negotiations whether the landlord is offering his house for sale or merely quoting the rent wanted.

Before But After. (Boston Transcript) Wife (as the door bell rings)—That woman always comes here just before dinner.

Hub—Then it's evident that she comes here after dinner.

An Insinuation. (Rochester Herald) A Philadelphia clergyman says that negro automobile labor is better paid than labor in the pulpit. But, dear man! negro automobile labor is very important in the modern scheme of living.

How to Treat Them. (Philadelphia Press) When a person comes into your office to bust up your business you kick him out without much ceremony. When an anarchist comes into this country to bust up the government there ought to be no uncertainty about what to do with him, or hesitation in doing it. Kick him out.

DENIKINE PUSHED BACK

By the Bolsheviks—Latter Repulsed in Caucasus. (Canadian Press Dispatch) London, Dec. 12.—Bolshevik forces have again heavily attacked the left flank of General Denikine's army and driven the latter's volunteers back to a depth of three or forty miles along a front from three to four hundred miles long. The Reds are within fifty miles from Kharlov and Doltava, and are swinging around to the southeast of Kiev, which is also threatened from the northwest, according to news from south Russia. The situation gives rise to anxiety.

On the Caucasus front, however, the Bolsheviks have been repulsed before Tzaritzan with heavy losses. Don Cossacks have also been successful in pushing back the Reds.

MANY MINES STILL AFLOAT

Germany Have Been Backward in Clearing Seas of These. Berlin, Dec. 12.—German naval authorities have been backward in removing mines from German waters, according to a Hamburg dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung. At a meeting of the Nautical Association in that city the dispatch says maps were shown indicating that 9,700 square miles of the North Sea are as yet not cleared, while Great Britain and the U. S. have almost finished clearing fields, laid by their navies during the war. It is claimed here that the delay has been due to lack of coal.

KEEP SKELETON STAFF

Imperial Munitions Board Spent One Billion on This Continent. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Sir Joseph Flavelle, head of the Imperial Munitions Board, was in Ottawa yesterday—his first visit since the board wound up its business. He states that the expenditures made by the board on behalf of the Imperial Government exceeded a billion dollars. Nearly all of them have been liquidated now, but the skeleton of the organization will be maintained for a month or so yet.

The Reason Why

Why Does Salt Make Me Thirsty? The blood in our body contains about the same proportion of salt as the water in the ocean normally. When the supply is normal we do not feel that we have too much salt in our system, but when you take salt into your mouth the percentage of salt in the body is increased, and the being thirsty, of the desire to drink water afterwards is caused by the demand of the human system that the salt be diluted. The system calls for water or something to drink in order that it may contract the too great percentage of salt in the system. Other things also, when taken into the body in too great a proportion, cause us to become thirsty. Thirst is merely nature's demand for more water on account of the necessity of reducing the percentage of some substance like salt, or merely a necessity for having more water in the body.

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Rippling Rhymes

THE MAGAZINES. I went to buy some magazines, as any sane man would; the merchant showed a can of beans, and said "That's just a good." "There are no magazines," he said, "a strike made them suspend; but here's a loaf of graham bread will do as well, my friend. You've not enough of picayunes to buy a single mag; but we have codfish, cheese and prunes, and onions in a bag." Alas, there are no substitutes for magazines, indeed; I would not give a dozen hoots for life, with naught to read. When magazines are on the stands, appealing to my purse, I paw them o'er with idle hands, and say they're getting worse. But when there are no magazines my nights are flat and gray; I yawn and think of soup tureens until I seek the hay. I miss the gripping, vital tide that used to freeze my blood; and checkers are or no avail, and life's one ghastly thud. I miss the high, uplifting screech, which tells how one may rise, though down and out, and gone to seed, and gain a gorgeous prize. An evening without reading means an evening grim and blue; and so I've missed the magazines—no substitutes would do.

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Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Mackenzie in Exile. When Mackenzie reached Toronto a wild scene was enacted. The days were trodden on politically, and the arrival of the former revolt leader was the match required to start the outbreak. The house in which he was living was mobbed and assaulted with sticks and stones: He was burned in effigy and for several days it was unsafe for the erstwhile warden to venture out of doors. The excitement soon abated and he moved freely around the city, shunned, however, by many of his former associates. He sought to be reimbursed for his losses after the revolt, alleging that he was owed \$12,000 by the government. In 1851 he presented himself for a seat in Parliament for Haldimand, with the Hon. Geo. Brown as an opponent. He was elected, as was also Dr. Rolph, a short time afterwards. Mackenzie held his seat for Haldimand until August, 1853, when he resigned. His influence in Upper Canada politics was at an end.

Two years later some of his friends, having learned that the former rebel leader was in straitened circumstances, raised a fund with which to guarantee his old age, and also provide for the future of his family. Mackenzie sought to have a portion of this money given to him at once so that he could take a trip to Europe. It was refused, and at once Mackenzie inserted a notice in the papers telling his friends not to subscribe. The work ceased at once, naturally, and what had been secured already was invested. Part of it was used to buy the family a house on Bond street, where he resided until his death, which took place on August 28th, 1861, when he had reached the age of 61 years. Four days later he was buried in the Necropolis, Toronto, in the north east corner of the cemetery in which rested the bodies of his two hanged associates, Samuel Lount and Thomas Matthews.

NEW OFFICERS WELCOMED By the Salvation Army Corps on Thursday Evening. Adjutant and Mrs. Goodhue, the new Salvation Army officers, were officially welcomed by the local corps on Thursday evening at the Citadel. The superintendent of the Sunday school in greeting the new officers, stated that he hoped they would take an interest in the school. During the term of office of Mrs. Smith, she had been teacher of the Bible class. Mrs. Goodhue assured the gathering that she would continue the work where Mrs. Smith left off. The heads of the different branches of the work, in greeting the officers, assured them that they would give them every assistance. In thanking the members of the local corps, for the welcome they had received, Adjutant and Mrs. Goodhue stated that they had come to Kingston for the purpose of trying to fill a big job, and with the assistance of every member of the corps they hoped to accomplish it.

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Crawford Foot of Queen St. Phone 9. Lady Beaverbrook's reason for refusing to stand in her husband's former Commons seat at Ashton-under-Lyme, Lancashire, is that she has a young family and many public calls on her time already. A man is never sure he knows an ill he makes good.

A prominent man of the Niagara district, and a former member of the House of Commons, passed away at Niagara Falls, Wednesday evening, in the person of Arthur Boyd, in his 75th year.