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On behalf of the husbands of Kingston we implore the women shoppers to save enough money to buy hubby a 50c necktie.

Premier Drury promises to get after the combines. Hitherto Ontario's attorney-general has refused to afford the people any relief.

Whatever President Wilson's physical condition may be, it is quite evident that his mental faculties remain unimpaired. His last message to congress demonstrates this fact.

Two Chicago hotel keepers have voluntarily reduced their prices for rooms and meals. Is Rev. "Billy" Sunday holding a revival in that burg?

Carpenter says that he has the same blow for Dempsey that laid Beckett low. In that event the price of admission to the coming fight ought to be reduced to about three cents.

The Canadian dollar will buy only eighty-nine cents worth of goods in the United States, but it will still buy one hundred cents worth at home. The moral is plain: Spend your money in Canada.

In an article on the railway strike here, the Temps says that the problem really comes to this: "Should a worker be paid according to the good that he does, or the evil that he might be capable of doing?"—London Times.

Great Britain regards the exchange situation as a blessing in disguise, since it tends to foster home industry and to develop exports. A temporary inconvenience will in the end prove to be a national benefit. The same holds good in regard to Canada.

The United States is alarmed at the curtailment of oil production in Mexico, just as Canada has been alarmed at the curtailment of coal production in the United States. Nations, like men, cannot live unto themselves alone.

The Belleville Ontario declares that the old slogan was "Advertise Belleville;" but that the new slogan is "Make Belleville worth advertising." In other words, that is the exact difference between a defunct Board of Trade and a live Chamber of Commerce.

The new minister of education has acted wisely in selecting June instead of July as the date for holding the mid-summer examinations. Writing on examinations when the heat is intense imposes too big a strain on the pupils. Teachers and scholars alike will rejoice over the change.

Toryism is still supreme at Ottawa. If you doubt it, let any Liberal endeavor to secure the same treatment accorded to a Tory, and note the result. This applies also to the Militia Department—which is supposed to be entirely removed from political influences—as well as to the other departments of the government.

Huge profits were made in many lines of business during the war, but it now appears that shipowners led all comers in this respect. One ship, operating under orders of the United States Shipping Board, earned \$750,000 net on one trip from San Francisco to Calcutta. The income tax gatherer should realize a nice sum from these fellows.

NO NEED FOR TRANSFER.
If Queen's University board of trustees, after the most striking array of facts and figures presented by Dean Connell, considers further the proposal to divide the medical college course and transfer the clinical teaching to Ottawa, great surprise will certainly be caused. Here we have the president of the Dominion Medical Council, the highest medical body in Canada, staking his reputation as a medical school administrator on the declaration that there is no need whatever for transferring the clinical teaching to the Capital city. A showing that Kingston hospital and other local institutions can sufficiently supply all the clinical instruction necessary. From the argument of those in favor of splitting up the course, one would be led to believe that they regard the five or six years' course as a finality. A medical college course, according to the laws of the provinces and the dominion, does not entitle a graduate to practise—he must first pass the dominion or the provincial medical council examinations, so that in itself is proof that the Canadian medical colleges—including McGill and Toronto—are not regarded as producing finished material until the provincial or dominion examiners take a "whirl" out of them and try and discover what they "don't know."

A good case has been made out for retaining Queen's medical course here intact. No case has been made out for giving Ottawa a "piece of it." Because a few medical students who went overseas found themselves deficient in some things and not big enough to meet conditions that confronted them, is no ground for worry. Hundreds of other Queen's graduates were overseas and found that they were fully equipped, and that graduates of other larger colleges in other parts of the Empire had "nothing on them." If Ann Arbor, Michigan, with 14,000 population can supply sufficient clinical instruction to its medical school, one of the best in the United States, and if Montreal with half a million population cannot make a first-class medical school of Laval, why should Kingston, with its various hospitals and charitable institutions, not be able to meet the needs of Queen's medical college? The proof that Queen's medical college graduates are well equipped when they finish here lies in the fact of their immediate success when they begin the practice of their profession.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.
Much has been heard of late regarding the inadequate salaries paid to the school teachers of this province. The conditions prevailing in this honorable profession are such as to bring a feeling of shame to every parent and every taxpayer. The years of arduous training and the high standard maintained by the teachers count as little in their favor. Next to the father and mother themselves—and, sad to relate, surpassing even them in thousands of cases—the teacher stands as the faithful guardian of childhood, its instructor, companion and friend. The eternal principles of right and wrong, which the home ought to inculcate in each childish breast, are often left to the teacher to instill in order that the parents may have ample opportunity to attend the movies or the nightly dance to the music of a jazz band. The nation owes a debt of gratitude to the teachers who take up the burden the modern parent seeks to evade, and who give to the children of this generation the only sane and sensible guidance they are apt to receive. The teacher may grow discouraged over the apparent failure of his or her efforts, as the children slip beyond control and join the giddy throng of those who seek merely present gratification rather than the acquirement of a character and a personality that will be of some use to themselves and the world. But the influence of the teacher is never lost. Like the pebble cast into the pool, it spreads in ever and ever widening circles. Wordsworth recognized this truth when he wrote:
"As thou these ashes, little brook, wilt bear
Into the Avon, Avon to the tide
Of Severn, Severn to the narrow seas,
Into main ocean they, this deed accursed
An emblem yields to friends and enemies
How the bold teacher's doctrine, sanctified
By truth, shall spread throughout the world."
And the teacher's "doctrine, sanctified by truth," has spread throughout the world, greatly to the world's benefit. But this supreme service has gone unrewarded and unacknowledged. A few leaders have championed their cause, one of the most pronounced being Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto. In an able article written for the December number of Maclean's Magazine he says:
"There is such a disparity between the large incomes made in commerce and trade, and even some of the professions, and the meagre stipends paid to teachers in our schools and universities, that unless the salaries paid to men and women engaged in the teaching profession in Canada are substantially increased there inevitably will be a dearth of

competent instructors for the rising generation.
"The dignity of the teaching profession in the schools and colleges, and its attractiveness to young men and women of promise, will not be maintained long unless they get salaries which will place them, at least, beyond the need of scrimping and saving at every turn, and thus hampering their efficiency. There is very little inducement now for them to look upon teaching as a life-work. Therefore, action of a remedial nature must be taken quickly, for it will require many years to produce the qualified and trained teacher. It is like planting an orchard; severals years must elapse before fruit will be borne. There are schools and colleges in Canada where the teachers and lecturers are actually receiving less than the caretaker. In one school, if a certain member of the staff tore up his certificate, donned overalls and went to sift the ashes, permanently, his way would go up exactly \$160 a year."

The Reason Why
Would a Wooden Spoon Get Hot?
A wooden spoon would not get hot, because wood is not a good conductor of heat. The atoms which compose the wood have not the power to transmit the heat to each other. This is strange, too, when we think that a poker is a good conductor of heat, but will not burn, while wood is not a good conductor, but will burn readily. Perhaps you have already discovered this in connection with a wood fire, one end of a stick of wood may be burning fiercely, and yet you can pick it up by the other end and find it is not even warm. This proves to you that wood is not a good conductor of heat, and explains why the handle of a wooden spoon in a bowl of hot soup will not get hot while the handle of a silver spoon will.
—From the Book of Wonders. Published and copyrighted by the Bureau of Industrial Education, Inc., Washington, D. C.

PUBLIC OPINION
Labor's Essential Need.
(New York Tribune)
In the intricate processes of modern industry untrained and unskilled labor can be used efficiently only when directed by trained and skillful hands. More and more is there need of technical experts. We are shortening the hours of labor and adding to human leisure. If living standards are not to be lowered we must, through better direction, add to production per labor unit. Superior organization and method must carry on the work of the great labor saving inventors. No one questions the value of the service done by our technical schools, but they can do more, and it seems eminently practical to join more closely the laboratory and the factory.
Few people know what they don't want until after they get it.

Rippling Rhymes
LAW AND ORDER.
Give an issue sounding title, and it may cut grass enough; but the only one that's vital is this law and order stuff. Oh, I hear the statesmen chatter of small things and call them great; but such trifles do not matter when the traitors boldly trait; when they hurl a wild defiance, waving flags and beating drums, and for action have reliance on the homicidal bombs. All the forces of the alley, of the kennel and the stew, have united in a rally, anarchistic things to do. They have long since crossed the border of high treason, and they swarm, crying, "Down with Law and Order,"—and it's time for a reform. We must crush the deadly adder, see its venom does not last, or our future will be sadder than Gomorrah's dismal past. We must stop the maudlin pleasures of the treason spouting jay, and refined and gentle measures are but kindness thrown away. We can't stop the screeching vandal with a tap upon the wrist; all such cattle must handle with a scourge of wire, I wist. Still we argue, when we'd ortn't, when stern weapons we should draw; for the one thing that's important is the old time reign of law.
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Canada-East and West
Dominion Happenings of Other Days.
The Last of The Rebellion.
On the 13th of December Loyalist troops made their appearance near Brantford, Ont., to stamp out the trouble that was brewing there with Dr. Charles Duncombe as its head. There had been small uprisings near that city, and also near London, Ont. Duncombe was not merely a follower of Mackenzie; he was also his friend. His adherents gathered and marched towards the little village of Scotland, a few miles from Brantford, but at no time did they number over 300 men. They had neither leaders of ability, a commissariat or an adequate supply of arms.
After December 7 when the Mackenzie forces were crushed at Montgomery's Tavern, Col. McNab marched against this party of rebels. When he arrived near the scene of trouble he found a strong Loyalist body under arms under Mr. C. S. Perly, an old United Empire Loyalist. He entertained Col. McNab, and then, joining that officer with his men and detachments from Woodstock, Simcoe and London, they marched on Scotland. The rebels fled without risking a battle, and Dr. Duncombe and some of the other leaders escaped to the United States. Many of the insurgents were arrested and placed in the jails at Hamilton, London and Simcoe.
Dr. Duncombe was one of the first medical practitioners in that part of Ontario. He was an American by birth and very winning as a public speaker. He had acquired great influence among the early settlers; he was a good farmer and had served a term or so in the provincial legislature.
His property was confiscated, although later it was returned to him and the sentence of banishment was cancelled in 1843. But by that time he had decided to remain in the United States, where he lived a respected life until his death at a very advanced age.

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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 and energy. A man is never sure he knows until he makes good.

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