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Now is the time for the friends of  
the public library to rally to its support.  
A vigorous campaign must be  
conducted if the present opportunity  
is not to be lost.

In two years of government control  
the United States railways piled  
up a net loss of \$594,200,000. It is  
to be hoped that public operation in  
Canada will show a better record.

The position of industrial commission  
has now been advertised,  
and the best man for the job should  
be appointed, irrespective of whether  
or not he is a friend of one of the  
aldermen.

The Hon. Howard Ferguson is  
credited with having said that a permanent  
Unionist party cannot succeed  
in Canada. He neglected to say,  
however, what kind of a party will  
succeed.

There has been a remarkable increase  
in the number of drunks in the  
Kingston Police Court during January.  
Perhaps the "open door," if not  
the open bar, helps to fill up the  
city's coffers.

The veterans, who contributed to  
Mayor Nickle's election, now call upon  
him and the council to resign. His  
worship is not the first man to discover  
that the public is a doubtful mistress.

There is every disposition to give  
the farmers' government at Toronto  
a fair chance and to give the Union  
government at Ottawa a full kick.  
Neither of them is being judged by  
its fruits.

Few if any municipalities in the  
province can equal the record of the  
village of Portsmouth, which boasts  
the fact that it has no debt. Little  
wonder that Portsmouth persists in  
electing Reeve Halliday every year.

Premier Drury is being given an  
acclamation in Halton. That is as it  
should be. Then the Farmer's government  
will have to prove that it is  
out for the best interests of all the  
people and not for class legislation  
for themselves.

In a campaign speech at Paisley,  
Scotland, ex-Premier Aquith advocated  
the granting to Ireland a generous  
system of Irish government. If  
the Irish people would but consent  
to that, the rest of the empire would  
breathe a sigh of relief.

The United States navy is to lead  
the world, and the cost will probably  
reach \$1,000,000,000 annually, says  
Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.  
Wouldn't it be more sensible and  
economical for his country to join  
the League of Nations and thus help  
to reduce all armaments?

Our Wolfe Island correspondent  
testifies to the valuable work being  
accomplished through the agricultural  
course presided over by Mr. Sirrett,  
but deprecates the small attendance.  
The young farmers and the  
farmers' sons who neglect to attend  
such classes are missing an opportunity  
that was never open to their fathers.

English movie films, staged by  
some of the best actors and actresses  
in the old country, are soon to be  
shown regularly in Canada. This  
ought to be good news to those who  
wish to see something worth while  
when they attend the picture shows.

Every now and then a penitentiary  
inmate, who has been transferred to

Rockwood Asylum for treatment,  
makes his escape. One wonders  
whether these fellows are as crazy as  
they pretend to be.

Kingston has in Ald. B. N. Steacy  
and J. M. Campbell two excellent  
representatives as the executive of the  
industrial committee. Both are capable,  
wide-awake men who can be  
counted upon to render good service  
in this capacity.

The Whig's appeal on behalf of the  
destitute Armenians is meeting with  
a generous response. Many church  
organizations in the country are now  
conducting a vigorous canvass, the  
result of which will doubtless do  
credit to them. The Canadian people's  
hearts have been deeply stirred by  
the story of this martyred country's  
sufferings, and their sympathy is  
being expressed in a practical manner.  
Inasmuch as we have been  
blessed above most other nations, it  
is our duty to assist those not so  
fortunate.

THE AFTER-DINNER SMOKE.  
A few years ago a movement was  
inaugurated to prohibit the growing  
of tobacco in Ontario, but happily  
nothing came of it. The crop last  
year was the largest and most profitable  
in the history of western Ontario,  
to which district this industry is  
largely confined. From time to  
time of late years various busybodies  
have endeavored to start a  
crusade against the use of tobacco in  
any and every form. The opposition  
has been so widespread and so strong  
as to put a temporary quietus on the  
movement. The campaign has now  
broken out afresh in the neighboring  
republic. Millions of smokers will  
find cause for keen alarm in the  
news from Columbus, S.C., that the  
General Assembly of that state has  
passed and sent to the House of  
Representatives a bill forbidding the  
smoking of "tobacco or any other  
substance" at meal hours in any  
public eating place in the common-  
wealth.

The house has voted it down, but  
the scare is still on. There is good  
reason for viewing with alarm this  
inexplicable manifestation of prejudice  
against a harmless, though in-  
creasingly expensive, consolatory  
habit. We could understand the  
purpose of the South Carolina General  
Assembly if it had passed a bill  
prohibiting the smoking of clay or other  
pipes above a certain degree of  
strength in public eating places, or  
even in homes.

But it is difficult, if not impossible,  
to discern the purpose of a measure  
banning tobacco in any form. This  
legislation, of course, applies to even  
the choicest cigars and cigarettes.  
Doubtless the passing of the bill at  
Columbus is only a playful expression  
of legislative fancy. But even if  
it is a joke, thousands of smokers  
in these northern latitudes will  
cherish the ardent wish that it will  
go no farther north than Columbus,  
S.C.

KINGSTON ATHLETICS.  
Years ago athletics in this city  
were developed to a high degree. In  
nearly all lines of amateur sport  
Kingston players excelled, and as a  
consequence they brought fame and  
prestige to the city, to say nothing  
of the excellent work they did in  
developing the stamina and physical  
well-being of the young men who  
participated in the games. In those  
days the Kingston Amateur Athletic  
Association was a flourishing institution,  
and the work it did in encourag-  
ing sport of all kinds and in main-  
taining a high standard of sports-  
manship is still a matter of pride  
among those who recall to memory  
the good old days.

For a time sport languished, and  
Kingston lost its proud place. Now  
that the war is over, and the young  
men of the city have returned to  
their former avocations hardened by  
several years of living and training  
in the open, sport has taken on a new  
impetus. Kingston's great hockey  
victory at Belleville on Wednesday  
night, when our boys achieved a  
splendid success in the face of almost  
certain defeat, combined with the  
sportsmanlike qualities they displayed,  
has brought credit not only to  
themselves but to the city they represent.  
The revival of amateur sport in  
other lines must also be noted.  
The contestants and those who have  
so loyally supported them are deserv-  
ing of thanks and congratulations.

But is the city, as a whole, stand-  
ing behind these boys who are, in the  
world of sport, putting the name of  
Kingston on the map? What is the  
public doing to encourage them? One  
has only to recall the enthusiasm  
exhibited by the people of Kitchener  
a few years ago when their hockey  
team was winning all sorts of laurels.  
Their players had all the backing a  
proud and delighted city could afford.  
Should not a similar measure  
of encouragement be extended to the  
sporting organizations of this city?  
The young men of Kingston who have  
proved their excellence in all lines of  
sport are deserving of every en-  
couragement from public bodies and  
from the city as a whole. Some effort,  
we are convinced, should be put  
forth to assist and encourage amateur  
sport in this city to a far greater  
degree than has been the case during  
the past few years.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other  
Days.

Caughnawaga.

Thousands of tourists each year  
pass the Indian village of Caughnawaga,  
about six miles above Montreal  
on the St. Lawrence River. It is  
situated at the head of the famous  
Lachine Rapids and its brave warriors  
are famous the world over as bridge  
builders. Only recently a party  
went to France to erect structures  
destroyed by the German hordes,  
while in Canada the great bridges  
spanning the St. Lawrence are in a  
large measure their work.

Caughnawaga is an old village. As  
far back as 1749 it was established  
on its present site. When the French  
missionaries began the task of con-  
verting the Indians the converts  
were collected as much as possible  
at Caughnawaga. At one time it was  
said that 300 Christian warriors  
lived within the fortified place.  
These could not be trusted to fight  
their kinsmen but they were always  
ready to do battle against the Eng-  
lish.

Like various other Canadian  
missions the village was divided be-  
tween the church and the fur and  
frade. It had a chapel, fortifications  
and storehouses; two Jesuits,  
an officer and three chief traders.  
Two of the traders were maiden  
ladies—sisters—who carried on by  
means of the Indian Indians a very  
lucrative fur trade with the Dutch at  
Albany, N.Y. Sir William Johnson  
never had a very high opinion of  
Indians and repeatedly he came into  
conflict with the tribesmen of  
Caughnawaga. Like all the warriors  
of the pioneer days they were en-  
gaged almost all of the time either  
in bloody forays against the whites  
or other tribes or chasing the wild  
animals of the forest. Now they are  
bridge builders while the squaws  
find employment in shop, office or  
city homes.

The Reason Why

What Makes the Stars Twinkle?  
I might tell you, just to show how  
clever I am, that stars do not  
twinkle at all, and leave you with  
that for an answer. But since they  
really do seem to twinkle, and that  
is what causes your question, I will  
tell you. As we have already learn-  
ed in our talks about the stars and  
the sky in general, the stars are  
sun which are constantly throwing  
out light, just as our sun gives us  
light, and when the light strikes the  
air which surrounds the earth it  
meets many objects—which particles  
of dust and other things always float-  
ing about in it. The light comes to  
us in the form of rays from the stars  
and some of these rays strike particles  
of various kinds in the air and

Rippling Rhymes

ANNOUNCEMENT.

This year I'll be a candidate for Woodrow Wil-  
son's honored place; my friends keep chasing to my  
gate, and urging me to make the race. My plan is  
a simple thing, one single plank is all it costs: Cut out  
extravagance, by jing, quit burning up the precious  
bones! The cost of government, these times, gives  
every thoughtful soul a wrench; our government  
blows in the dimes, yet calls on voters to retrace. It  
taxes people to the grave, and makes their workworn  
spirits sore, then urges easy marks to save, so it can  
touch them for some more. When I take up my resi-  
dence where now the White House banner flaps, I'll  
cut down every fool expense, and fire all loafers who  
have snaps. I'll shear the grafters to the hide, and  
clothe the toilers with their wool; all other Vital  
Things may slide until the treasury is full. The bil-  
lion dollar schemes will get blue pencilling when they  
are born; the man who'd make another debt will find  
me standing on his corn. So rally round my standard, boys, line up like  
soldiers, rank on rank; then government will make a noise like money in  
a savings bank.

—WALT MASON.

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looking at a lighted window some  
distance away and there are a lot  
of boys and girls or men and women  
running past the window, one after  
the other, rapidly, it will make the  
light in the window appear to  
twinkle. The twinkling is due to the  
interference which the rays of light  
encounter while travelling toward  
the eye.

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PLANET WIRELESS TALK

"NONSENSE," SAYS LODGE  
Thinks, However, Some Means  
of Communication Will  
Be Devised.

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Sir Oliver  
Lodge, the British physicist, yesterday  
day added his bit to the current dis-  
cussion on planetary communication,  
and suggested a novel method of at-  
tracting the attention of the inhab-  
itants of Mars. "Nonsense" was his  
comment when asked if he thought it  
possible to communicate with the  
planets by wireless telegraphy, but  
went on to say he still believed some  
means will be devised for establish-  
ing communication.

"It would be possible to de-  
scribe an immense geometrical figure,  
say, on the Sahara Desert," he said,  
"and then, if the inhabitants of Mars  
are of a high order of intelligence, it  
is possible that with their powerful  
means of magnification they might  
be able to distinguish the figure and  
determine that it had been the work  
of man. Geometry is an universal  
science and it is not unlikely; that if  
they are of a higher order or intelli-  
gence than we they would interpret  
the gigantic figure as an effort at  
communication."

WILL SAIL FOR CUBA.

The Government Releases Liquor-  
Laden Yarmouth.  
New York, Feb. 6.—The "Green  
River" liner Yarmouth, owned by  
Progress, and laden with nearly \$5,  
000,000 worth of whiskey, will finally  
be allowed to sail for Havana.  
The ship was seized by federal  
officials yesterday, but to-day the  
owners succeeded in an appeal to  
Washington.

In such a hurry was the Yarmouth  
to get away with the whiskey the day  
before constitutional prohibition  
came into effect that her cargo was  
not properly trimmed and she sailed  
with a list to starboard. She came  
back for repairs and the authorities  
say her presence in the harbor has  
been useful to those in this city who  
like the stuff she carries.

Fortune never favors the man who  
is too lazy and shiftless to take ad-  
vantage of opportunities.  
Sometimes we find ourselves wish-  
ing for the other man's money so we  
could be cheerful givers.

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Death of Nonagestarian.  
Belleville, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Norah  
Smith, aged 95 years, passed away  
in this city last night. Deceased was  
born in Ireland, but had resided  
in this vicinity for three-quarters of a  
century. A family and sixteen grand-  
children and thirty-six great-grand-  
children survive.