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Help the Forward Movement.

Great Britain has spent over thirty million dollars in building a single warship. This hardly suggests that we are going to have no more wars.

Never lose your sense of humor. The person who can't laugh never finds much of a welcome anywhere, and, as a matter of fact, doesn't deserve it.

The past week has been a sad one for Kingston, for since Sunday we have lost two of our best and most respected citizens in David Murray and Richard Uglow.

Plenty of money is available for the erection of theatres in Kingston, but little, if any, for the construction of an up-to-date hotel, which this city needs more than anything else.

Autro-Hungarian prisoners, to the number of 375,000, are said to have died in Serbia. While everyone regrets their sad end, they will never again invade a friendly country on twenty-four hours' notice.

It is a matter for regret that Premier Drury must fight for his seat in the legislature as the representative of Halton, while less deserving members of the Government are elected by acclamation.

The next position to be filled locally which is liable to cause some controversy is that of industrial commissioner. The applications are now all in, and citizens of all classes are waiting to see who is to be the choice of the council.

The Forward Movement canvassers are calling on practically every Protestant home in Kingston this week. The sums asked for are reasonable, and they will probably be raised easily, for the cause is one which has stood supreme for nearly two thousand years.

"Efficient schools are a community necessity," says a bulletin issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research. But the schools will not continue to be efficient so long as the present miserly salaries are paid to the school teachers. Young men and women will not train for the work until the remuneration is made sufficient to be worth while.

Col. Carmichael is just a little beyond his duty in saying that the nomination of a soldier as a candidate against Premier Drury is a discreditable act. In this, and in other matters affecting the veterans, he has shown that he is looking for faults, and not trying to give any help in solving the problems of efficient re-establishment.

The town councils of Gananoque and Belleville have enforced the principle of buying only Canadian-made goods, and will live up to that. The main thing, however, is for the citizens to observe the same principle in all their shopping. The sooner the adverse trade balance against Canada is wiped out, the sooner will the exchange rate return to par.

Tens of thousands of Armenian women and children are dying of starvation. Nearly all of that little nation's bread-winners were massacred by the Turks. Canada, which has enjoyed years of prosperity, should respond generously to the appeal to help these unfortunate sufferers. The Whig will be glad to

acknowledge your contribution and to forward it to headquarters.

Time and again, says the Labor Leader, of Toronto, labor has avowed its loyalty to Canada, and when the great test came the army of labor went into the ranks of another army and proved their loyalty beyond all doubt or question. Canadian labor is sound and loyal at heart and has no use for those extremists who would destroy the foundations of national progress and prosperity.

A HARD PROPOSITION.

The Queen's University professor of political economy hopes that our public men, our press and our students of public affairs will make plain to the people of the United States the basis of Canada's claim to a vote in the League of Nations by showing them the change in our status—that we are no longer part of a state but a nation in ourselves.

Well, to get that into the heads of our American neighbors—we can scarcely regard them as friends just now since they are charging fifteen per cent. discount on our money—would be some job. Roosevelt, Taft, Sims and other great Americans have failed to make their countrymen understand that they did not win the war, so how can we drive it into their heads that we are a nation and not a colony? Our American neighbors may have eyes but they see not and ears but they do not hear.

TAKE THE LEAD AGAIN.

Kingston's medical profession has taken the lead in improving the clinical work of Queen's medical college. It is the same old story in regard to the Queen's medical school—its staff takes up the burden. With the Clinic to be established and the General Hospital gradually enlarged, Queen's students will not want for clinical experience.

Another proof that the clinical material at hand in Kingston is not utilized is contained in the Queen's University Journal of last Friday, a medical student writer showing that the embryo doctors get little advantage of the Hotel Dieu. There is no doubt but that a better arrangement could be entered into with the authorities of that excellent hospital.

Notwithstanding the argument of those who have been moving for the transfer of the clinical department of Queen's to the new hospital to be erected in Ottawa, medical students who come from outside places to Queen's declare that the training here is really better than at Toronto or McGill. According to students at the latter colleges there is more opportunity at Queen's for individual help. Old practitioners highly commend the Queen's system of medical training. After all it is the finished product that counts, and what medical school can show a finer lot of talent than that produced in Kingston?

WHEN SCIENTISTS DISAGREE.

Two distinct and irreconcilable scientific opinions have sprung out of the inexplicable circumstance that some mysterious part of the universe is "talking in" on the wireless systems of the world and that it is impossible to find out who the remote talker is.

Signor Guglielmo Marconi, who invented the wireless as it is known around these parts, has come to the conclusion that if the calls come from another world, that other world must be the planet Mars.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, director of the astrophysical observatory of the Smithsonian Institution, takes sharp issue with Signor Marconi and declares his belief that if the "talking in" proceeds from a planet, it must be Venus and not Mars. He cites the longer distance between Mars and us and the low temperature on that heavenly body—about 100 degrees below freezing, according to our standards—in support of his contention that if there are other-world voices being waited around us they must originate in the milder, pleasanter and more hospitable Venus.

A good many of us are disposed to hope that Dr. Marconi is wrong and Dr. Abbot right. We have been hearing too much from Mars since the summer of 1914, anyway. It has been a raucous, screechy and appalling voice. The grim messages from Mars have made the world tremble and have done a good deal to impair its digestive processes and ruin its temper. We are about ready for a change, and what could be a greater or more agreeable change than a transition from the harsh commands of Mars to the gentle influences of Venus?

PUBLIC OPINION

Not All Spendthrifts. (Athens Constitution) In spite of a leading manufacturer's opinion, we believe there are people who would wear a \$20 suit of clothes—if they could locate it.

Not Guilty. (Edmonton Bulletin) An eastern bishop wants men to stop smoking because women are learning it from them. He is mistaking coincidence for consequence, and over-estimating the extent of masculine influence over the feminine mind. Women who smoke would quite as

likely do it if their husbands didn't. In matters of personal habit the fair ones do not follow the "lead" of the less refined male of the species. Rather they go by contrasts. Dress, for instance, who ever saw a man "got up" like that?

Quebec's Example. (London Advertiser)

In this matter of forest conservation Quebec is far ahead of Ontario. The Gouin ministry has put into force a vigorous policy of conservation that is registering excellent results. Reforestation is being applied vigorously and widely, fire guards are numerous and are equipped with the latest forest fighting apparatus. Even the aeroplane has been recruited to this most important service of the people. The Drury Government might, to excellent advantage, study what our eastern neighbor has accomplished in the vital matter of forest conservation.

The Reason Why

What Makes Us Thirsty?

Thirst is a sensation of dryness and heat which is generally communicated to us through the tongue and throat. The sensation of thirst can be artificially produced by passing a current of air over the membranes which cover the tongue and throat, but thirst is naturally due to a shortage of water in the body. The human body requires a great deal of water to keep it in condition, and when the supply becomes low a warning is given to us by making the membranes of the tongue and throat dry.

In connection with thirst, however, as in the case of hunger, where the warning is given by the stomach, thirst will be appeased by the introduction of water, either into the blood, the stomach or the large intestine, without having touched either the tongue or throat, which proves that it is not our tongue or throat that is thirsty, but the body itself. —From the Book of Wonders. Published and copyrighted by the Bureau of Industrial Education, Inc.

An Attractive Investment.

J. L. Mathewson, representing the Royal Securities Corporation, Ltd., of Montreal, is in the city in the interest of the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Ltd. This corporation, which is capitalized at \$4,000,000, has purchased the Strand theatre in this city and also operates fourteen other moving picture houses in Canada. It is building seven new houses which will be opened this year, and eight others which will be ready for business in 1921. Already about two and a half millions of stock in the new enterprise has been privately sold. The company is now operating six theatres in Toronto, two in Vancouver, and one each in Hamilton, Kingston, Guelph, Galt, Port Hope, Ottawa, Victoria and Nanaimo. Its development programme includes the erection of additional houses in Montreal, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Quebec, Ottawa, Edmonton, Windsor, Halifax, Moose Jaw, Brantford, St. John, Saskatoon and London. The present net earnings of theatres already leased or controlled by this corporation, applicable to dividends on first preferred shares, are at the rate of \$200,000 per annum. The magnitude of the motion picture industry is one of the marvels of the present day. The gross receipts in the United States in 1918 were \$75,000,000. Canada offers a correspondingly attractive field for picture theatre development. The new company intends erecting in Kingston a theatre that will be up-to-date in every respect and that will cost about half a million dollars.

BUDGET FROM 'SUNBURY.

The Township Board of Health Has a Meeting. Sunbury, Feb. 9.—A large number of the residents attended the unveiling of the memorial tablet at Inverary last Friday, and speak in glowing terms of the addresses delivered on that occasion.

The township Board of Health held a meeting at Inverary to-day and are taking measures to put the community matters on a health basis. Master Leslie Moreland, who was operated on last week for appendicitis, is recovering very well and is expected to be able to return home. Miss Francis Sears, of Glenhume, is staying a short time with Mrs. Thomas Ritchie who is recovering from a severe attack of illness.

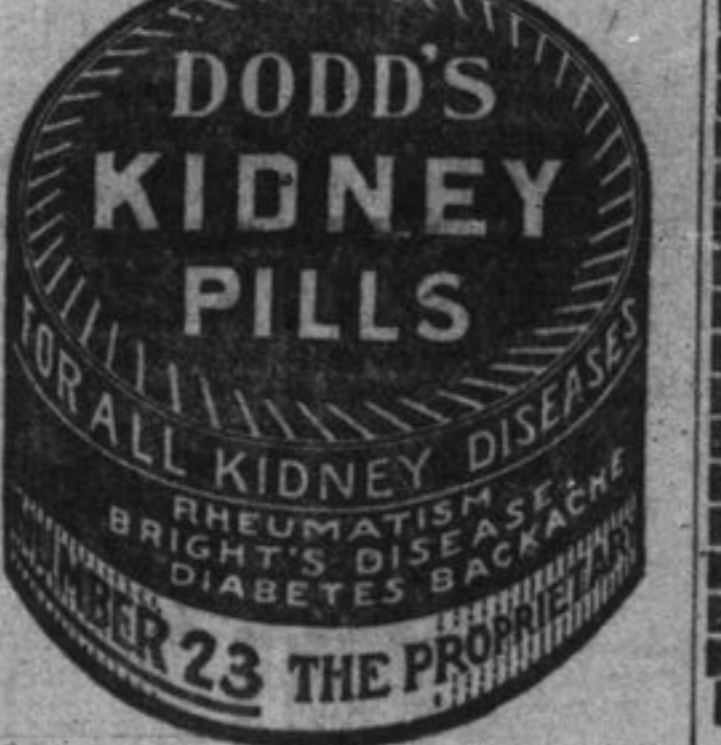
The farmers are busy getting in wood and ice for the coming season and both are of good quality. George Ritchie had the sawing machine at work on Monday and got a large pile of wood. Campbell has improved considerably during the past few

The financial canvass for the Forward Movement is proceeding in the various churches in this locality and good success is reported.

ONE OF POLAND'S BAREFOOT YOUNGSTERS. With shoes all but an unknown luxury, thousands of children in Poland are forced to go barefoot, the year round, according to reports of Jewish relief workers. This picture was taken in the late winter with the thermometer not far above freezing.



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Rippling Rhymes

SPRING COMING.

Soon the farmers will be farming, plowing up the bosky dells, skies will soon be blue and charming, and the breezes nearer Spring, the season we admire; and this precious thought grows clearer as I feed the furnace fire. When I'm shaking down the ashes, when I'm heating in the coal, this reflection goes a-flashing through the fibre of my soul; and I wave the rusty poker and I slam the furnace door, for I will not need to stoke her, in the spring time, anymore. Oh, the winter winds are chilling, and they jolt us when they strike, but the springtime's calmly drilling somewhere up the dusty pike; and she's bringing birds and roses and a swarm of bumble bees; we forget our frosted noses when we think such thoughts as these. Spring is coming, gentle reader, with that luscious smile of hers, and the farmer with his seeder will be sowing cockleburrs, and we'll get us picnic parties in the sylvan dells and glades, where the happy village smarties will escort the giggling maid; and we'll be knee deep in clover, and the farmer will be over, and the spring will have the floor.

—WALT MASON.

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