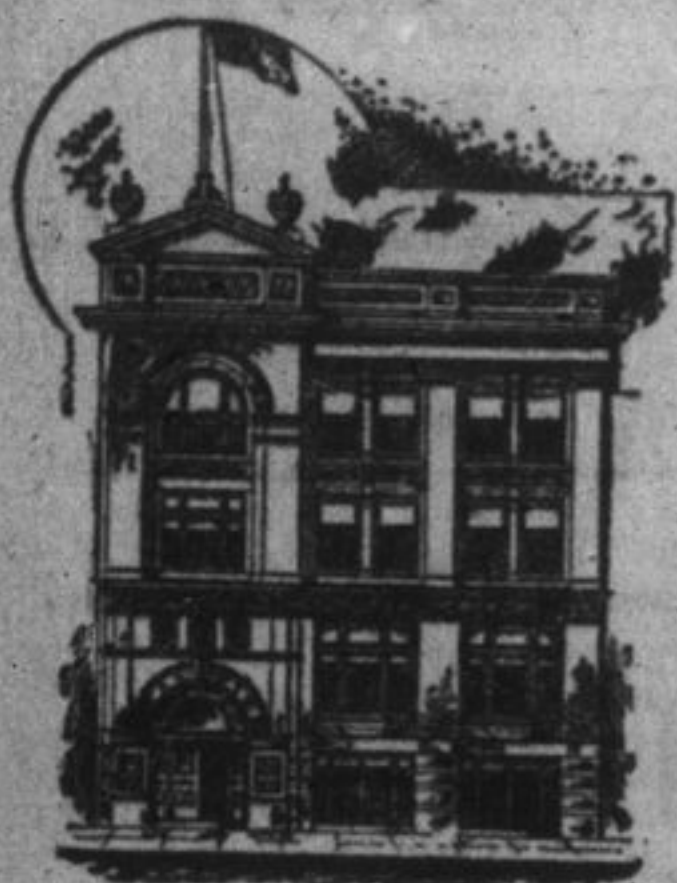


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Toronto city council has surrendered and given the Board of Education the money it asked for. It could not, under the law, do otherwise.

There is a rumor that city teachers will go on strike if their full salary demands are not granted. The pupils will, no doubt, gladly go out in sympathy.

Canadian money is now worth about 86 cents on the dollar in the United States. The only logical thing to do is to spend our dollars at home, where they are still worth 100 cents.

The ex-emperor of Austria reports that he is able to live on \$500 a year. He could make a small fortune by writing the secret of how he does it for newspapers and magazines all over the world.

The Board of Commerce has removed price restriction on sugar, and we immediately hear that the price is to be raised from two to four cents a pound. That proves that price control was effective in keeping the price down.

The Toronto minister who refused to increase of \$1,000 in his salary is one of the few men in the pulpit who can afford to do so. The vast majority of our ministers would feel wealthy with a salary of three thousand dollars a year.

J. M. Campbell was right in pointing out that the city's progress should not be blocked because it might cause a little inconvenience to the firm. We must all be prepared to make a little sacrifice if the final result is to make Kingston grow.

Hon. R. H. Grant has promised consideration of a request for larger grants for the continuation schools in rural parts of the province. The same consideration should be given to similar requests from collegiate institutes and high schools, whose intances are indeed meagre.

Canadian imports from the United States in January amounted to \$74,189,425, as compared with \$57,379,127 in January, 1919. This is one of the reasons for the discount on Canadian money, and until the imports are considerably reduced there will be no improvement in the exchange.

The Russian Soviet government claims that Russia was promised Constantinople by the Allies as a reward for their war efforts in 1918. But since the Soviet refuses to pay the debts of the former regime, they cannot very well expect to cash in on any rewards that were promised it.

The German troops returning to their homes after being prisoners say they are going home to prepare for another war. This is all the more reason for a rigid enforcement of the terms of the peace treaty. The Allies have so far been too lenient, and it is time that a little more pressure was exerted.

Canadian securities are the best investments for Canadians, and in prohibiting the purchase of foreign bonds, the Minister of Finance is trying to educate the people of this country to the value of keeping our money at home. This is another good step towards righting the exchange situation.

The provincial government is now considering putting an income tax on the residents of Ontario. What will the Dominion income tax, the municipal income tax and the hundred and

one other assessments, the man of moderate means will be left without any of his salary for himself if many more calls are made upon him. He will be very much like an orange that has been squeezed dry.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

It is but natural that there should be a certain amount of opposition to closing of streets, especially of those running to the harbor, but in the case of Bay street it would appear that the larger interests of the city would be served by permitting its closing for the benefit of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new freight yards. If the city refuses to permit the closing, it is pretty certain that the Dominion Railway Board would issue the necessary order, as the powers of municipalities in these later years are much curtailed. However, we may rely on the assertion of J. M. Campbell, president of the Board of Trade, who best understands the conditions, that the closing of Bay street to the harbor will work no injury to the city.

Kingston must have better railway facilities, and the site chosen by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific for their freight-yards is the best that can be secured, being most convenient for local business. In time the railways will have to secure control of all the land from Place d'Armes to the Davis drydock. The closing of a small street in that section would therefore be insignificant, as the railways would have the benefit of the harbor. Sufficient access to the harbor can be had east and west of Bay street.

CANADIAN COAL FOR CANADA.

During the past few years considerable trouble has been experienced in securing a sufficient supply of coal for the needs of Ontario. The source of fuel has always been the United States, and when that country made up its mind to enter the war, certain restrictions were imposed on the export of coal which caused a shortage of supply in this country, as well as raising the price to a very large extent. Last winter the labor troubles caused a further shortage of fuel, and there is no telling what the future will bring, especially as some United States Senators have talked of putting an embargo on the export of anthracite coal to Canada.

With such a situation before us, it is not surprising that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is making a thorough survey of the coal resources of Canada, with a view to making this country self-supporting in regard to fuel. In Alberta it has been discovered that there are enormous deposits of coal. Competent authorities have estimated that one twelfth of the total coal supply of the world is under the soil of this province, and it is anthracite coal of the best quality. It is, therefore, quite possible for Ontario to find its total coal needs supplied from this source. There is also a very large coal deposit in Nova Scotia, and although this is largely soft coal, it is merely a matter of educating the people to its use that stands in the way of its being utilized to its fullest extent. In the maritime provinces the people use soft coal almost exclusively, and find that it answers their needs admirably. Therefore, it should be an easy matter for the people of Ontario to do the same.

The only stumbling blocks in the way are the mining of sufficient quantities, and the cost of shipment. These can easily be surmounted. Once the demand for Alberta coal is assured, the mines will be able to carry on operations on a greater scale than ever before. The freight rate could be adjusted so as to enable the Alberta mines to ship their coal into Ontario nearly as cheaply as the companies in the United States can do. The exchange charges assessed on coal from over the border would be eliminated, and would make it easier for the Canadian companies to meet competition. Then again, there would be an increase in the use of Canadian products and a decrease in imports from the United States, filling exactly what is needed to right the exchange situation.

Canada should have started to use her own coal resources many years ago. They lie undeveloped, and provide a splendid opportunity for employment, economic benefit, reduction in living costs, reduction in railway deficits, and many other things of vital importance to the country. Canada's coal should be developed for Canada. Ontario needs more coal than is being supplied by the United States. Alberta can supply her with all the coal she needs. Then why not take it, and make another great stride forward in encouraging home industries?

Canada—East and West

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

Edward Blake. On the first day of March, 1912 in the City of Toronto, Edward Blake, one of the foremost political leaders of Canada, died at the age of seventy-nine years, for he had been born in Middlesex on Oct. 13, 1833. For months the great man had been failing and confined to a wheel chair, so that it was no surprise when the

word went forth from Toronto that his career was at an end. Four years earlier he had withdrawn from public life with the intention of spending his remaining years in peace and calm after the strenuous part he had played. But soon he was stricken with illness that grew steadily more serious until the end came.

While yet a child his parents removed from the London district to the vicinity of Toronto—not far from the village of Thornhill. When eleven years old he became a student at Upper Canada College, where he distinguished himself as a sportsman as well as a very clever student. His career was continued as a student at the University of Toronto, where he won many prizes and scholarships. Then he entered Osgoode Hall, from which he was called to the Bar in 1864.

Blake soon became one of the leaders among the lawyers of his day. He was a born orator, and his eloquence made him greatly in demand as a speaker upon the issues of the time. His advancement was rapid in consequence. In 1864 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel; seven years later he was elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. In 1879 he was elected treasurer of the society, a position he held for many years.

Naturally there came to him the call of politics, but it is said he had made a firm resolve not to enter the arena until he had accumulated a fortune of \$100,000, so that he could be immune from all influences that are reputed sometimes to be encountered by the member of Parliament. In ten years after his graduating he was elected to the House by a large majority. His service was brilliant in Canada; then he went to England, where he was elected to an Irish seat by a great popularity. For fifteen years his speeches in the Commons at London, were rich treats. Then, broken with the passing of the years, he returned to Toronto in 1907, to retire from the active events of the Empire. As the years pass the greatness of Edward Blake is becoming more apparent.

PUBLIC OPINION

Now It Begins to Pinch. (Providence Journal) There may be a real revolt against the high cost of living now that the baseball magnates have raised the price of bleacher seats.

Bringing Up Children. (London Daily Mail) The boy and girl who from infancy have been brought up on terms of equality learn to accept each other naturally, and are helped by a sane and healthy comradeship to a wholesome understanding of life. The friendship of childhood is a firm foundation on which to build the true comradeship of men and women.

A Present-Day Need. (London Free Press) There is need just now for a deeper religious fervor in the life of the individual. The average Christian is lamentably ignorant of the real contents of the Bible. The Bible is not sufficiently and in many cases not efficiently taught in Sunday school or church. The church largely deals with current topics instead of expositions of Scripture, and the Sunday schools are too busy with their or-

ganized class work to give ample time to the Bible. The prayer life of the average Christian is so spasmodic that the prayer altar contains a few dying embers rather than a glowing flame.

Seven Sentence Sermon.

Be not simply good, but good for something.—Anon.

A cunning man overreaches no one half so much as himself.—Henry Ward Beecher.

I know not where his islands lift Their fringed palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond his love and care.—Whittier.

Be at war with your vices at peace with your neighbors, and let every year find you a better man.—Benjamin Franklin.

Jesus saith unto him I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me.—John 14:6.

Yet in opinions look not always back; Your wake is nothing mind the coming track. Leave what you've done for what you have to do; Don't be consistent, but be simply true.—O. W. Holmes.

Do not get to be so heavenly-minded that you cannot put up with the little vexations of the family; for we have heard of people of whom it was said that the sooner they went to heaven the better, for they were too disagreeable to live with below.—Spurgeon.

CAMPING.

In a spacious tent on a parsonage lawn, Well guarded by maple trees, Each night for a week with curtains undrawn, We slept and dreamt at our ease.

For this was our only choice and request (Our health and youth to renew) While acting the part of a pastor's guest And rendering service due.

But one night my sleep was specially sound, My dreams exceedingly sweet, For the welcome-rain on the thirsty ground And upon the tent roof beat.

No guest room for me, palatial or plain, But give me this cool resort Under canvas safe, as the drops of rain To slumber my eyelids court.—W. W. W.

Remember "The Rose Maiden" by Queen's Chapel Society, this evening. Senator Kellogg, said President Wilson without justification had "undertaken to dictate absolutely" an Adriatic settlement. He added that the development was "discouraging" to friends of the peace treaty.

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—WALT MASON.

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