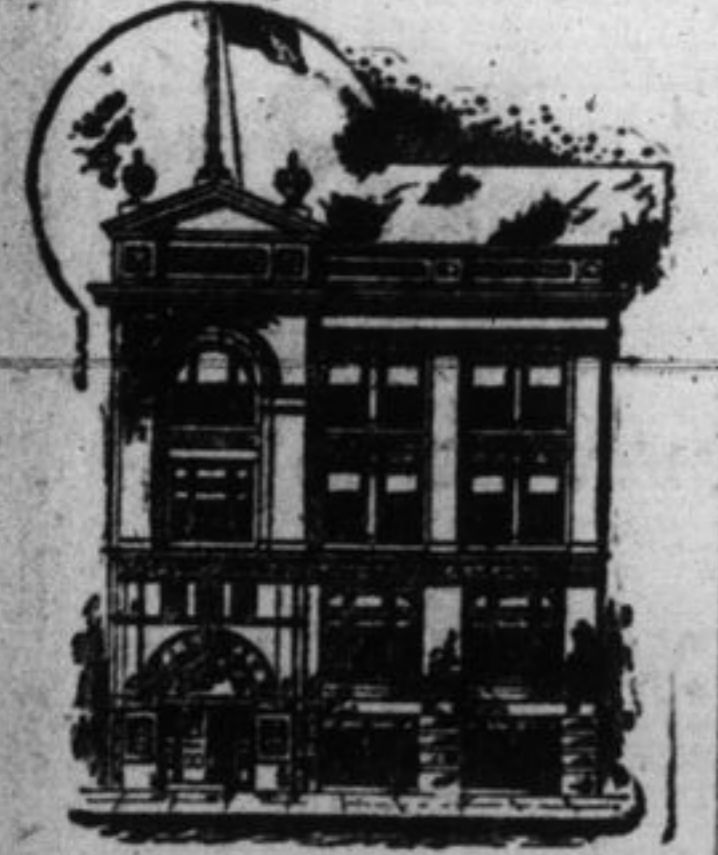


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When will living conditions find their normal state? Potatoes in Poland are being used as money. If we cut them in slices in Canada we might also use them.

For once—strange as it may seem—the classes rather than the masses are to be called upon to pay the additional taxes.

Who's going to put the Turk outside of Europe? All the nations are busy in the old land. Will the United States tackle it?

Clothing prices are the first to tumble. What lines will compete for next place? The public is anxiously awaiting the answer.

The Boston Transcript says: Aunt Cynthia, who "thought the I. W. W. was a railroad," is about right. It is the trunk line from Idleness to Wanton Wickedness.

Kingston will this summer have three supervised playgrounds in commission. And they are splendid places for training of character and physical equipment for later days.

Will the Consumers' League please tell the man whose back yard measures four by six where he can secure a plot of ground in which to plant potatoes and other vegetables?

Mother's day—Isn't it every day? The daughters are jaxing and flirting while mother rocks the cradle and cooks the meals and washes the dishes and the family raiment. Dear old mothers, they never strike.

Since the war began these places in Ontario, Windsor, Sarnia, Brantford, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Galt, Niagara Falls, Brockville, Fort William, Port Arthur and St. Catharines, have become one newspaper towns. And more may be added.

The Drury government is to expend \$6,000 in remodeling the dairy barn at Rockwood hospital, this city. The amount may appear excessive to the average citizen, but, then, this is a farmers' government, which ought to know something about barns.

The steamer St. Lawrence has long been one of the most popular boats engaged in Thousand Island traffic. It is, therefore, pleasing to note that she has been transferred from American to Canadian register, and will this season ply out of Kingston.

It is something unusual to have "luxury taxes." In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it is the poor man who is compelled to pay more. Kingston's member, who is the finance minister of Canada, has accomplished something well worth while.

If the provincial government sees fit to spend \$6,000 in remodeling a barn at Rockwood hospital, it surely ought not to object to establishing a Normal School in this city, especially as it has discontinued the Faculty of Education at Queen's University.

The enquiry into the need of a tariff revision will not be left solely to a commission. Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, will tour the country to take evidence on the industrial and agricultural conditions and their requirements. He insists upon getting into close and intimate touch with the people.

The removal of Major-General V. A. S. Williams from the command of

Kingston military district to that of Toronto, as announced exclusively in the Whig of Thursday, will be learned with regret by all classes of citizens. As a soldier and a gentleman he was highly esteemed, and while his removal is deplored his promotion rejoices his many friends.

THE SALVATION ARMY DRIVE.

Church-forward movement drives and tag days for hospitals and charitable institutions are all worthy of support. None of them, however, are more worthy of consideration than the drive being carried on at the present time by the Salvation Army. Ask the poor widow or the wife of an improvident man who has reason to know whether the Salvation Army is deserving of financial assistance.

Ask the girl from the country, saved from disgrace and a miserable life by this institution. Ask the drunkard reclaimed or the ex-convict who found peace through the Salvation Army when the rest of the world scorned him.

There are many who say, "O, yes; the Salvation Army is a good thing." That is as far as it goes with most of them. If the Salvation Army is a good thing, then it certainly is a thing worth supporting with more substantial goods than just words. How many could spend money on a mere worthy or useful object?

The Salvation Army is made up of honest, ordinary folk. There are no new creeds expounded within the walls of the citadel. They lose no time on discussing twisty theological questions. Their time is too precious to be wasted that way. The Salvation Army preaches the doctrine of the infinite mercy of God and seeks in every way possible to demonstrate it. Such an institution, with such a doctrine, must be supported by the people without question.

THE VALUE OF SAFETY WORK.

The watchword "safety first" has been proclaimed very frequently of late years, but it is a question as to whether the public are yet seized of the meaning of the term or the opportunities that lie in its application. It applies not only to the individual, but more widely still to the industrial life of the dominion. At a recent convention of the Canadian National Safety League, held at Toronto, attention was called to the importance of this subject. Experts advised that these facts should be kept in mind: If a machine is damaged it can be repaired or replaced. If a valued employee is damaged, his efficiency is henceforth a very low percentage compared with his accomplishments when in good health and sound of limb.

In discussing this phase of the subject, Dr. McCullough, medical officer of health, maintained that both from the standpoint of humanity and that of economy, the human machine deserves greater care and consideration than any other mechanism engaged in the production of wealth. As a rule the ordinary machine is oiled, cleaned and cooled and kept in most careful repair, but the human machine is worked for all it is worth and, when worn out, is cast aside and forgotten. Improper light, poor ventilation, lack of cleanliness, overcrowding, excessive hours, fatigue and a hundred and one conditions may affect the health and efficiency of the workers.

The losses consequent upon the failure to maintain health conditions in places of employment fall upon the employer as well as on the worker. The worker loses his health, but the employer loses financially from the want of efficiency on the part of the worker. Fatigue is a big factor in accidents, for it is well known that the number of accidents increase as the hours men work increase, so that more accidents occur toward evening than in the morning. As an example of what safety first will do, it may be noted that in England, where the idea has gained a firmer grip than it has in Canada, there are only about one-quarter the number of deaths, in proportion to the number of workers.

PUBLIC OPINION

Decidedly The Reverse. (London Advertiser) The trouble about common sense is that it isn't common.

Not British. (Farmer's Sun) Sir Adam Beck's friends would be well advised to cease their cry "Trust Beck." The people of Ontario are willing to follow a wise leader with their eyes open but they are not yet trained to idolatry. Let Sir Adam announce his policy. Let it stand or

fail in frank public discussion. That is the way of British civilization. But to kiss the hand that blindfolds them was not the practice of our forefathers, nor shall it be ours.

Dying of Disease. (Baltimore Sun) Germany's Minister of National Defence informs us that Germany's heart is sick. Too many years without exercise.

How the Strike Works. (London Free Press) Strike and you have a "vacation"—strike and you raise the price of all those commodities which, when risen, raise the price of food.

Plenty of Material. (New York Evening Sun) If "everything is produced by nothing," as somebody has lately asserted, there's plenty of material for production.

Too Slow. (Guelph Herald) Municipalities are warned by the Brockville Times to "go slow". Alas, the majority of them are too slow now to escape from the high tax rate.

Science's Latest Find. (Kansas City Star) The scientists have discovered something smaller than the atom. It must be one of those new potatoes that sell for five cents.

We'll Find Out Later. (London Free Press) German propaganda being dead to the world yet speaketh in a thousand unknown tongues which time alone will discover.

An Alarming Sign. (Buffalo Courier) Mr. Census Man, give us some figures to show what has been going on in the rural regions during the last ten years. The report of the growth, of cities are becoming monotonous, if not really alarming.

Might Help Some. (Guelph Herald) No one will greatly sorrow if Belgium isn't able to take ten million dollars worth of Canadian woollens it has ordered. If put on the market in Canada prices ought to drop a peg or two.

Grease of the Social Wheels. (London Daily Express) Tact is a whimsical visitor in this complex world, and more often snubs the homes of the rich than of the poor, for it holds a close affinity to selfishness. Tact—what countless pinpricks could have been avoided if only it had been present. Who enters life's lists armed with tact has a finely tempered rapier that will penetrate the thickest armor of smug complacency.

Canada-East and West Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

Sir George Etienne Cartier. On the 21st of May, 1873, Sir George Etienne Cartier, the great French-Canadian statesman, died after a long and honored career. Messages of condolence came from Queen Victoria and later from almost every

part of the Empire. Now a great statue of the gifted leader of the province stands on the slope of Mount Royal overlooking the city where he labored so long.

He was born at St. Antoine-on-the-Richelieu, Vercheres, on September 6, 1814, the family being one that dated back to the days of Jacques Cartier. When he was old enough he was sent to Montreal College where under the Sulpician teachers he began his education. There, too, he established a reputation for intellectual attainments that was not tarnished in his later years. He was called to the bar and became associated with a Montreal firm. But it was not until 1848 that he entered public life, when he went to parliament as a supporter of the Lafontaine-Baldwin administration. He was appointed to a cabinet position in 1855. Soon he was the first minister of the province of Canada; from that time onward his career was one long line of successes. He gave great attention to municipal law, ocean navigation, the canal of the country, the deepening of the St. Lawrence, and measures that bore their full fruit when the northwest was opened up for trade and settlement. In 1872, however, he met with a defeat in East Montreal. It was known among his friends that he was far from well but his condition was not considered serious. But soon after his political defeat it was evident that the end was approaching and the next May he died.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

"CHICKEN." To refer flippantly to a young woman as a "chicken" is considered as strictly modern slang. Research shows that this belief is justified, for, compared with thousands of other familiar sayings, "chicken" is young and tender. It is first found in literature in the works of Jonathan Swift, famous English writer, who was born in 1667 and died in 1745. In dialogue in his "Polite Conversation," Swift says: "She's no chicken; she's on the wrong side of thirty if she be a day."

Investigations along this line also reveal the interesting fact that the "Hot bird and cold bottle" for which Broadway and numerous other streets are now in mourning, were well known to those of our forefathers, whose minds ran in that direction. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, (English 1690-1762) a justly noted woman writer, in a book called "The Lover" says: "And we meet, with champagne and a chicken, at last." Of this, Lord Byron said, in a letter to a friend: "What such you to such a supper with such a woman?"

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Rippling Rhymes

THE GRAYBEARDS. There's some delight in being old, for one is licensed then to scold and view things with alarm; I hang around the marketplace and let some brine run down my face, and talk of things that harm. I tear my hair and wring my fins and talk of all existing sins as 'thought they modern were; and I denounce the thrifless jays who blow their coin in forty ways, and fill the air with fur. But truly, in the ancient times the giddy jays blew in their dimes just as they blow them now; and people mortgaged their abodes for trotting nags to burn the roads, as graybeards must allow. The poorhouse reared its front of brick and gathered in the thrifless hick, just as it does today; and pauper-graves, behind the kirk, were made for those who wouldn't work, but spent their hours in play. I know these facts and discussing timely themes, I'm in the Blue Front store, discussing timely themes, I boost the past as something bright, a noble strut from the truth; they wouldn't stand it from a youth, but I am bent and gray; and as I ramble on and on, they merely sit around and yawn until I drift away.

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