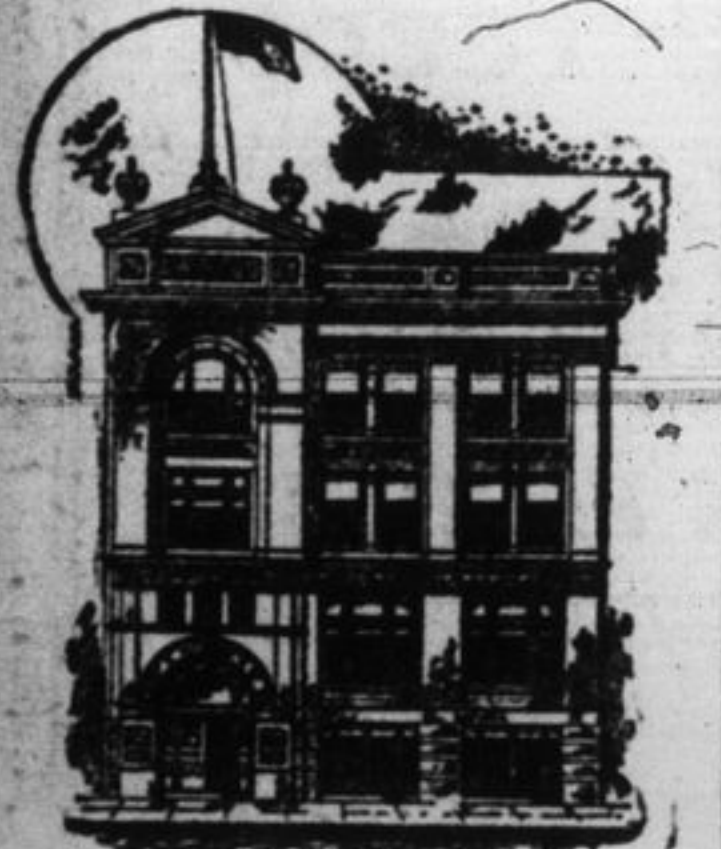


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Anyway, there are too many \$9 hats on \$1 heads.—Ottawa Citizen

The report from Tokio announcing the overthrow of the Lemine Government was too good to be true.

Ex-Emperor Charles of Hungary says he is short of cash. In which respect he comes near to being on an equality with the rest of us.

Ex-President Taft may sit on the Grand Trunk Arbitration Board. In that event the board will need to be a solid one, with excellent foundations.

The labor convention at Montreal went on record as favoring a six-hour day. Suppose the farmer adopts this idea, what then? Where will the city workers obtain their food?

The great war may be over, but there are a score or more of other wars going on in Europe and Asia. The need of a strong and effective League of Nations is more evident to-day than ever.

"Get all you can while the getting is good," seems to be the motto of most men and most organizations to-day. In other words, we are "doing others," instead of "doing unto others." Such a policy can have only one ending.

Representatives of a million travelling salesmen have arisen to demand federal control of hotels and restaurants in the United States, to the end that extortions may cease in the rates at which while on the road they may be fed and sheltered.

Britain again leads the world in shipbuilding. Steel steamers under construction for the quarter ending with March aggregated 7,592,000 tons gross, or \$21,000 tons ahead of the United States record. The old land is showing great recuperative powers.

It now appears that Attorney-General Roney's action against the grocers will not be heard until next fall. By that time public interest may subside in which event the department will likely follow the precedent established by its predecessors and do nothing.

Many clergymen are leaving the ministry in order to make a living for their families, as they say they cannot subsist upon present salaries. But we are being made good so rapidly by legislation that we probably won't need any ministers in the sweet by-and-by.

The Ottawa government is practicing what it preaches when it saves the country over \$500,000 a year by introducing economical methods in the printing bureau. It promises to effect similar savings in other departments. For these reductions in expenditure let us be thankful.

Poor Casus! Thieves not only robbed him of \$500,000 worth of jewels, but they have now stolen his choice wines and liquors. He will have to give a few more concerts to make up the losses. At Havana the other night seats at his concert were selling at \$35 each, so he won't be long in recouping himself.

Poe the willing slave of any publisher for life. Probably no writer had a worse "deal from fate during life," and the growing craze for his manuscript merely serves to emphasize the misery which Poe suffered from lack of appreciation during his brief career.

Poe never whined over life's outlook. When he had been insulted by the offer of a miserable sum for one of his stories he returned to his lodgings and wrote "X-ray a Paragrab," in which he indulged in a little satire at editorial expense.

But the extent of the bitterness behind those few lines of satire can be imagined by the reader who knows what Poe received for his work as compared with the prices which so many less worthy writers receive to-day.

A COLLISION WITH PUBLIC WRATH. The number of automobile accidents noted in the news of late has been startling even to a public somewhat hardened to such things. As fine weather tempts everybody to stay outdoors, all those who own cars or who can borrow or hire them are taking to the road. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons many highways are almost hid from view by the motor procession.

There is a danger which the reckless automobilist apparently has not considered at all. That is, a collision with public wrath. He may sometimes escape the specific punishment of his disregard for others' safety. But if such disregard goes too far it will result in the erection of legal stone walls which he cannot break through.

The public will demand a stern and unrelenting repression unless there are signs of a change. It is better for the automobilist to avoid such a reaction by his own more reasonable, more public spirited attitude. If he keeps on saying "After us the deluge," the deluge may overtake him. There are some forces even more swift and powerful than exploding gasoline.

THE CRIME AGAINST CHILDHOOD. Recent news despatches tell of a man who, having been convicted of cruelly beating and otherwise mistreating his daughter, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of three months to two years in the penitentiary.

Those who have followed the proceedings in the case, and who have read the descriptions of the welts and scars that were inflicted by parental hands upon the body of the young girl, will be exceedingly glad that there is a law to lay its heavy hand upon the offending father.

But there is a wide range of cruelty inflicted upon children in every community in the world that cannot be punished by law. Sometimes this cruelty is physical; but more frequently it is moral. And the scars that are left upon the soul of a child by this moral form of cruelty are, in many instances, deeper and more lasting than those traced by blows.

There are too many fathers and mothers who commit an unforgivable sin against childhood by depriving their boys and girls of that companionship, that understanding and that sympathy which thousands of children crave in vain.

There are too many fathers and mothers who consider the full measure of their duty to their children done when they have provided them, to the best of their ability, with food, clothing and shelter; too many parents who are strangers to the hearts and minds of their offspring.

A WONDER OF WONDERS. The appointment of a Canadian—and a former Kingstonian at that—to the chair of Latin in Queen's University is regarded as one of the wonders of the third decade of this century. The trustee board of the university for years past clung tenaciously to the policy of going to England or Scotland for professors to fill the chairs of English, classics, modern languages and philosophy.

PUBLIC OPINION

If Conditions Were Reversed. (Brantford Expositor) It is not very difficult for anyone to imagine what would happen in the United States if a Canadian delegation, enjoying American hospitality, were to pass a resolution regarding the improvement of the condition of the negro, and the lynchings relating thereto. They would be mobbed, and few of them would escape with their lives.

Is This the Double? (Woodstock Sentinel-Review) Can it be that the church is too busy with other matters to do its most effective work in winning the world for Christianity too busy in winning the world for the church, for instance, and in the carrying out of social and economic propaganda that may or may not be related to Christianity, but which certainly cannot be always described as Christianity?

"The Evil That Men Do." (Kansas City Star) The other day a man in Philadelphia, who would not let even his name be known, contributed to a church fund the sum of one million dollars. The incident was given the barest mention, doubtless is unknown to most of the people, and will be straightway forgotten. If the man had stolen a million outright, or gained it by illegal means that had been exposed, it would have lived in history.

The Patent Medicine Tax. (Ottawa Journal) In the opinion of the Journal the tax is still too high, for it is the sick who are being taxed, and especially the poorer people who are sick. The taxes are styled luxury taxes, but it is surely not a luxury to be sick. Patent medicines are very often the poor man's substitute for professional medical attention, and very often, too, an effective substitute. Undoubtedly they do a lot of good. Patent medicines of proved worth are rightly termed the "poor man's doctor."



JOHN T. VICK Labor representative on the Board of Conciliation, which brought in an award raising the demands of the Toronto Street Railway employees for higher wages and better working conditions.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

HON. ADAM CROOKS In the Oxfords a name that is held in great respect even after the lapse of many years is that of the Hon. Adam Crooks who died on December 27, 1885, after a long and honored career in the service of his province. He was born near Hamilton, Ont., in 1827 and was educated at the University of King's College and at Upper Canada College, where he covered himself with glory as a student. In 1864 he became Vice-Chancellor of the College and retained the position until he resigned upon his appointment as Attorney General of the Province of Ontario. From that time he was a prominent leader in the political arena of the day although he was defeated in West Toronto in 1867 by John Macdonald. Four years later he turned the tables on the same opponent in the same riding by a substantial majority.

In December of that year he accepted office under the Hon. Edward Blake, as Attorney General with charge also of the Educational department.

Then his attention was turned to South Oxford and after a defeat in East Toronto, he entered the Legislature from the Oxford constituency. In 1879 he carried the same seat by almost one thousand of a majority. Mr. Crooks was a busy man in the House. He was chairman of the Private Bills and Railway Committee. For five years he was Provincial Treasurer and for a number of years the Minister of Education. He found the school system in need of many changes to bring it up to a more adequate state and these he endeavored to make. Text books were inferior, teachers far from having the qualifications they should possess and the Normal schools were inefficient he maintained. He made many changes in the Mechanics' Lien Act and also in the Liquor License Laws before he retired two years before his death.

KIRBY MAKES \$100,000 GIFT TO LAFAYETTE

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Watertown, N.Y., June 16.—Fred M. Kirby, vice-president of the F. W. Woolworth Syndicate of five and ten cent stores, a native of Brownville and former resident of Watertown, has given \$100,000 to Lafayette College at Easton, Pa.

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