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RIGHTS OF EDUCATION BOARDS? The city solicitor in Windsor is to be asked to answer this question: Can the Board of Education build schools and charge the cost direct to the taxes collected each year, even though the people reject proposed expenditures.

GRAY'S CHURCHYARD SAVED. Genuine satisfaction will be expressed by all lovers of English literature at the announcement that the danger which for over two years has menaced the seclusion of the churchyard at Stoke Pogis, Buckinghamshire, England, is at last removed.

ONTARIO'S MINERAL WEALTH. Canada is the largest producer of silver in the British Empire, and has been so for twenty years. Last year she took \$13,519,043 worth of that metal out of her mines in Ontario.

LET JUSTICE PREVAIL. It is quite refreshing to hear an Essex county crown prosecutor say that insanity pleas to save suspected murderers from the gallows will not be tolerated by Ontario courts.

AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE. Military men are concerned over the zone established between French and German territory and to avert future conflicts.

BIBLE THOUGHT. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.—Psalm 103: 1, 4.

the question of security as regarding Germany and France, said: "It is first essential to build a really effective barrier between these countries. This can be done if a demilitarized zone is established between them under the effective guarantee of the League of Nations."

A NEW SEAPORT.

Nature has provided access to Northern British Columbia by a tide-water inlet clear through Alaska. The Alaska Boundary Tribunal, twenty two years ago, rightly or wrongly, denied Canada a harbor in that part of the world but Nature has now made it possible.

The Pacific Province is taking action to conserve its important prospective asset. With a view to possible port development at the head of the inlet, it has reserved all lands lying around the water. For the moment the new channel is surrounded by ice fields, but the development of the mining areas of the Yukon and the expansion of Northern settlement are deemed likely to bring about the utilization of its possibilities.

The Toronto Globe in speaking of the new possible port recalls history. It says that when the Alaskan boundary award was made in 1903 there was deep disappointment and chagrin throughout the Dominion. It was openly charged that the British jurist responsible for the majority decision had "sacrificed Canada for the purpose of safeguarding Imperial interests."

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deposits, we may at any time find our mining interests raised to an enormous scale. What is already located, however, makes it certain that production will continue in rising volume for many years to come.

THE FUGITIVE TURK.

The Turk is quitting Constantinople. That noble city on the Bosphorus is falling into decay. Her picturesque streets are deserted. That city of Oriental life which made them gay for centuries has given way to inertia.

It means that the Turk is quitting Europe, and therefore Constantinople, and is setting up her headquarters at Piræus in Asia. That is where he belongs.

The Turks held Constantinople for four centuries. Constantine the Great established it in A.D. 330, in almost a day. It had been a small Greek trading post before being turned into the capital of the Roman Empire.

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Use of Union Jack. Kingston, Aug. 26.—(To the Editor): In your issue of the 25th, under the heading, "Looking Around," the following paragraph appears:

EDITORIAL NOTES. A tombstone company is finding it profitable to inscribe on many of its products: "He had the right-of-way."

Canadians visiting Britain, as well as going to foreign lands, will be well advised to have passports with them. It is a surety to safety.

A motorist in Western Ontario drove his car against a telephone pole when he tried to brush a bee off his dog. Why can't dogs be content with just fleas?

Iowa has only increased 10,000 in five years. The cities have called the people. The state's capacity to produce farm stuff has not diminished though its population is slow in increasing.

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twenty-one. What do you think? We have in the above a start at solving the issue.

It now looks as if the war veterans in Canada are to unite into one organization to be called The Canadian Legion of Veterans. And the movement for unity is not for Canada alone but for all the Empire.

News and Views.

Sees No Sense In It. Dundalk Herald: Young lad here said that reason why his neck should be cut—his meals go down the inside.

A Smile. Chicago Bulletin: A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

And Free Speech. Gananogue Journal: About the only public conveniences that have, so far, succeeded in escaping taxation are free air at the filling stations and free water at the picnic grounds.

Blue Tunics and Plaid Trews. Argyle Light Infantry Band, Belleville, is soon to wear new blue tunics and plaid trews, with the sporrans and tam-o'-shanter caps.

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The heather has arrived for the St. Andrew's night banquet, but when will the Scotch make its appearance?

There are still some bad people on Wolfe Island, even though there may be no octogenarians. But it is a new stunt to try and injure a road grader.

The price and not the strength of beer is now worrying Premier Ferguson and Attorney-General Nickle. According to the beer drinkers, it is necessary to lower the price as well as increase the strength.

Nagging mothers and thrashing fathers are blamed by a New York State judge for making many bad boys. On the other hand there is the other kind of mother who will never believe that her Willie would do anything wrong.

Again we hear talk of the probability of re-opening the Wolfe Island canal. It is doubtful if the island pond will ever see boats sailing through it again.

A bull in Buenos Aires brought over \$50,000 this week. Quite a difference between that South American bull and the Loughboro township one that was shot the other day and was valued at the sum of \$30.

The Canadian Bar Association is to urge whipping for bad boys and also for men—for the latter as a humiliation. But the legal fellows are all wrong. Humiliate a man and he will seek revenge.

Whipping will never improve any person who has brains. It might repress the dull or uneducated. That's all.

The price of gasoline has dropped one cent a gallon. It was most kind of the big corporations to cause this reduction as the summer season is closing.

Yes, there is no doubt that more men of brains are finding their way into the penitentiaries. The way the prisoners are passing examinations shows that. No doubt Red Ryan, who scaled the walls two years ago with his associate bandit gang, could pass an examination on "higher" mathematics and also on mechanism.

Sporting critics say that a baseball player is no stronger than his legs. When the legs go back on him he is done—and they are right. A man's batting and catching eye may be good, but to play the game he has to move quickly, and the legs of a middle-aged man will not respond like those of a fellow of thirty.

We hope Kingston exhibition management will get good weather for

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The paragraph in "Looking Around" was not directed by the writer of that column against any particular organization, but was of a general nature, referring to places besides Kingston. This flag question has been the subject of discussion for a number of years. The authority for saying that the Union Jack is the only proper flag to float on land was the Undersecretary of State at Ottawa. The city of Kingston formerly used the Union Jack on a flag field over the city buildings and it was changed to the plain Union Jack when attention was directed from Ottawa that the red-field flag should not be used.

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