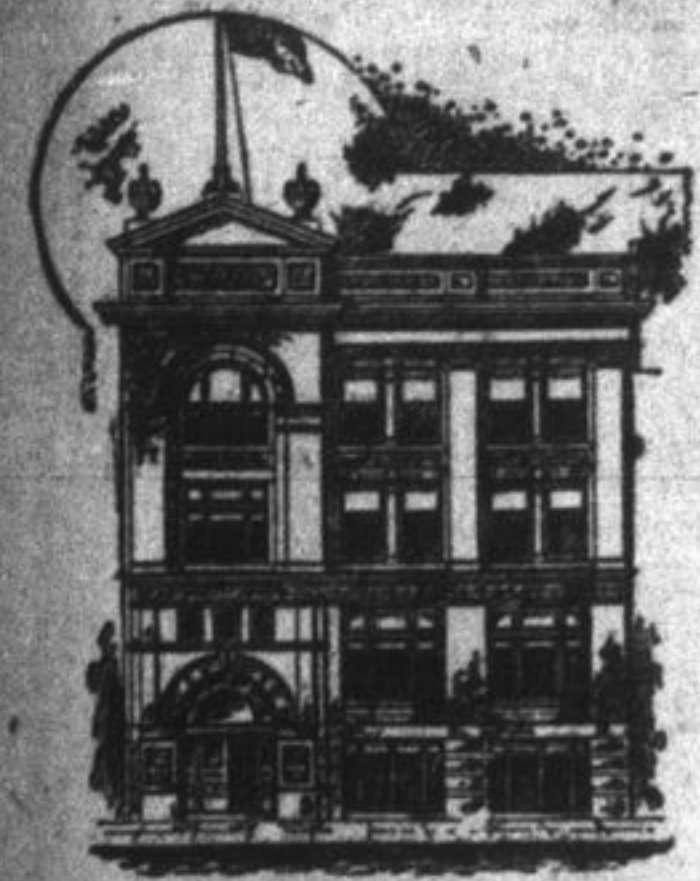


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THINGS ARE SETTLING DOWN.

There seems to be general satisfaction throughout the country with the attitude of the Prime Minister at this critical stage of the country's history. He pursued the only honorable course open to him. To have resigned would have produced chaos, because there is absolutely no possibility of Mr. Meighen being able to form a government that could carry on for any length of time. To have handed over the government until Parliament meets would have been to have done something for which Mr. King has no mandate. Should the Conservatives and the Progressives unite to defeat the government, then perhaps we will have a decisive verdict from the country.

In the meantime the country is settling down. From every quarter comes reports of improved conditions. And big business is facing the winter in an optimistic frame of mind that augurs well for the future.

THE ROUYN RAILWAY.

During the recent election campaign there was an attempt to drag the Rouyn railway in and make it appear as if there was something sinister about the Canadian National's determination to build a road into Rouyn.

What are the facts? Tremendous mineral development had occurred in the Rouyn district, which happens to lie across the Ontario boundary in the province of Quebec. Transportation was urgently needed. The Ontario government was not only willing to construct a line to Rouyn, 75 per cent. of which would be in Ontario territory, but had made complete arrangements to do so. That was the situation when the Dominion Parliament prorogued at the end of June last. It turned out, however, that the government of Quebec raised strong objection to the government of Ontario invading that province. This produced a deadlock, and the situation was serious for the mining interests of the Rouyn area.

An appeal was made to the Dominion government. There was still time to do a great deal of work this year, and possibly complete the road, if operations were immediately begun. The shortest route was from O'Brien, on the Canadian National system, a distance of 45 miles. The Ontario line would have been twice as long. The Canadian National management wanted to tap the Rouyn country. There was no time to be lost.

An arrangement was therefore reached among all the parties, under which the Rouyn Railway company is to build the road, and the Dominion Government has agreed to guarantee the bonds. Work is now actually under way, and rails are being laid rapidly. In return for the bond guarantee, the Canadian National is given a lease of the line in perpetuity. No better bargain could have been made.

It is charged, however, that the bond guarantee is for \$5,000,000, while the road will cost more than \$3,000,000. Sir Henry Thornton's explanation on that point should satisfy every reasonable man. He says the bond issue was made larger than was necessary for the Rouyn line in order that the excess might be available for other important work on capital account which

BIBLE THOUGHT THE LORD SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM ALL EVIL; HE SHALL RESERVE THY SOUL.—Psalm 121:7.

must be done at once. The whole transaction has been carried out in broad daylight, and the suspicion that a "slush fund" was being arranged could originate only in minds that would naturally gravitate to such an idea.

GREAT CITY IN FIGURES.

A story wonderful in romance and history has been placed in permanent form; it is the story of the great city of London. In a book of 450 pages the whole life history of the world's greatest city is recounted and it is wonderfully illuminating and instructive. Astonishing figures are given concerning the bricks and mortar value of London and what the public services of the mammoth capital cost. All the houses, offices, and public buildings in London are worth \$312,500,000.

The complete administration of London, county and municipal, with all subsidiary services, costs no less than \$300,000,000 a year. The London County Council has the greatest revenue, \$85,000,000, raised by county rate. The City Corporation is, however, the most favorably placed of all municipal bodies. The income of the City—just a small square mile in size—is no less than \$11,000,000, of which amount only \$6,000,000 comes from the rates. The Court of Common Council, who rule the City, are the richest local governors in the wide world.

Although Londoners pay such fabulous amounts in rates, they still owe a great deal of money. The total debt of London is no less than \$600,000,000—fairly substantial "owings."

The generosity of London is unbounded. The annual income of London charities exceeds \$75,000,000 and of this amount nearly \$65,000,000 is distributed. The largest payment from charity is for "medical relief"—\$8,000,000.

A new life is born in London County every three minutes of every twenty-four hours but of the babies more than 10,000 die before they reach the age of one year. The marriages of London exceed 39,000 a year, and of the bridegrooms 3,500 are widowers. Most London men marry between the ages of twenty-five and thirty, and most London girls before they are twenty-five.

Here are some of the little-known facts of London to-day: The length of London streets is 2,210 miles. They cost \$14,000,000 a year in maintenance.

Telephone lines in the county stretch for 1,472,489 miles, and the number of calls in a year at the London exchanges is more than 805,000,000.

There are no fewer than 5,533 public houses in London, or one for every 800 persons.

A census of vehicles taken at Hyde Park corner during twelve hours on a fine July day gave the following result: Motor cars 49,434, horsed vehicles 3,533, cycles 7,577, motor-cycles 569, and barrows 352.

No other city in Europe publishes such a complete epitome of activity in figures as this volume of the county council statistics.

UNIQUE FARM SCHOOL.

Something unique in the way of farm schools was established at Doylestown, Pa., 25 years ago. This school is for the training of city boys for farm life. The school farm is divided into eight units, and boys in training start with elementary instruction in plowing and the everyday work of the farm, and gradually work up to the charge of one of the eight farms in the school colony. The lads are taken in at 16 to 21 years and, besides their farm earnings, are given the equivalent of a high school course. The average yearly cost for a boy in training is \$600 and, as a means of providing for those who cannot provide for themselves, a dinner, with 120 tables, was recently given in the Hotel Astor, New York, and each table was expected to contribute \$600, the cost of one boy for a year.

The city boys sent to the school are largely Jews and it is stated that 70 per cent. of all those who have graduated in 25 years are engaged in agriculture and for the last five years the percentage has risen to 84. There are said to be forty applications per graduate on file from employers who are anxious to secure the services of those trained in the school. One of the graduates of recent years is to-day one of the foremost plant pathologists of the United States and another is the head of the greatest bulb growing concern in the world with branches in the United States, Belgium and Japan.

AUSTRALIA'S VACANT LANDS.

The Australian Commissioner in the United States says that Australia has 150,000 to 250,000 square miles of coastal area alone available for settlement and that only 12,000 have so far been utilized. In addition there are, he says, vast areas of untouched fertile area in the interior but the objection to these is that they offer none of the conveniences of town life, and Australians, like the people of other countries, do not like to be cut off from such conveniences. Both

Federal and State Governments in Australia are now endeavoring to devise means by which some at least of the conveniences of town life can be extended to outlying sections.

ALCOHOL FROM FAMILY LOAF.

When the innocent, expressionless lump of dough, which we subsequently dignify by the name bread, is put into the oven and subjected to the baking process, there is released from it a cloud of steam. That steam, it has been discovered, contains alcohol in quantities sufficient to warrant its extraction for commercial purposes.

Thus, according to an Italian engineer at present employed in one of the biggest co-operative bakeries in Berlin, a litre of alcohol of 65 degrees to 85 degrees may by a simple process of his own invention be obtained from the dough produced by two cwt. of flour.

The machinery invented by the Italian is of simple construction and is connected with the oven by pipes. Through these pipes the alcoholized steam is conducted into a special receptacle, where water and spirit are successfully separated. It is now calculated that if all bakeries of Germany were fitted with the invention 800,000 hectolitres, or half the yearly requirements in alcohol of the whole country, could be produced at a saving of nine million hundredweight of grain, two million hundredweight of coal and a vast amount of labor. Cast thy bread into the oven and it will return unto thee after many days in the form of light, heat or motor power. In a word, who can calculate the possibilities of this new method of distilling alcohol? Nature's secrets are the servants of man.

KING GEORGE'S BIBLE READING.

George V. reads one chapter of the Bible daily. This is keeping a promise which he made to his mother, Queen Alexandra, in 1891. If he has taken the authorized version in sequence, commencing with the first chapter of Genesis and reading one chapter each day, it would mean that he has read the Bible completely through thirteen times and has a good start on the fourteenth reading. It would take him a little more than two years and six months to read the Old Testament and three years and sixty-four days to read both Testaments.

It was an excellent habit which Queen Alexandra instilled in her son. If a king can find time to read a chapter of the Bible daily, surely any other person can. It is an excellent example to the millions of persons who owe their allegiance to him. There is no more majestic prose or majestic poetry than that found in the Bible. In these days the Bible ought to be good reading for kings and for commoners as well. Most great men find time to read their Bible. Roosevelt, Lincoln, Wilson and others always had a copy of the Bible at their right hand. They found it useful and wise counsel. The Bible is on most editor's desks.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Civilization is coming right along. You can buy almost any kind of food in cans now.

Santa Claus will soon be worrying how he is going to get down some of the chimneys.

A judge thinks there are too many men in Canada's jails. The taxpayers hold the same opinion.

A fish diet may not strengthen the brain, but a little fishing trip often tends to invigorate the imagination.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is to cut the wages in the Royal Household by ten per cent. in January, 1921.

A writer says Sweden is the most civilized country in the world. She manages well and has not had a war in one hundred years.

"Scientists To Make This World a Better Place to Sleep In." is a heading in a current paper. Suppose they have discovered how to cut out snoring!

Australia is to fine every person qualified to vote, \$10 for neglect to do so—with this proviso "if without valid reason." How would that law work in Canada?

The Toronto Star commenting on the Whig's caution to hunters, "to be doubly sure what you are firing at," adds "That's right. Do not forget that possibly you may hit it."

Potatoes are dearer now than for years. The dealers say they will reach top notch prices, the equal of the war period, when they touched as high as \$7 a bag.

The Watertown, N.Y., Times says the United States churches have made a gallant fight for the abolition of the liquor traffic and have succeeded in making it an outlaw. Now they must continue the fight to arouse the law-abiding people to a

GO TO CHURCH. The arguments against going are many and of force. But the arguments for going are of greater number and of greater force. Within the church walls, worldly though we may be, something stirs within us, some wee small voice speaks, as nowhere else. Within that church we learn much of the Sermon on the Mount, and we feel more. Of course, you recognize Christ's Sermon on the Mount as the best of all guides through this life of ours—that it points the one right path. Get back of that minister or priest by being a worker with him from inside the walls. Help him through your knowledge of the outside world to understand this modern day and generation and its needs.—Collier's Weekly.

determination that the law must be enforced.

The editor of the Bracebridge Gazette believes that the personal solicitation of votes and the canvassing of the electors should be made illegal.

Canada is shipping "Irish" potatoes to the West Indies, receiving Spanish onions in return. The vegetable kingdom is important enough to be represented in the League of Nations.

Apple consumption in the Dominion of Canada has decreased fifty per cent. per capita in the last twenty years. Too many bananas, oranges, grape fruit, berries, etc., to tempt the appetite.

The United States government is discouraged over its reclamation work in the west. It spent \$135,000,000 on twenty projects, and so far hardly nine per cent. has ever been returned to the United States treasury.

An expedition from the University of Pennsylvania has unearthed, they hope the temple where the Philistines worshipped their goddess Ashteroth. Solomon followed after her and for his misdoings Jehovah rendered the kingdom out of his hand.

News and Views.

Better Than Egg and Gravy. Ottawa Journal: Men's vests are to be covered with flowered patterns. And, any reasonable person will admit, that's better than egg and gravy.

Which Are You. Winchester Press: Critics and knackers are in evidence every day. Builders and boosters are not so numerous. Why? Which are you?

Man's Machinery. Vancouver Sun: The average man takes more care of his motor car than he does of his body. He anticipates motor troubles. He sees that his car get clean gasoline. He feeds it just the right kind of oil. But he goes on stuffing into his body any old kind of food that comes along.

The Inconsequential Male. Jewell, Kas., Republican: While waiting for two ladies to get hair-

cuts and a third to get a neck shave this week, a Jewell city man took a punctured tire to the garage and found the garage man busy vulcanizing a rubber corset.

A Display of Autocracy. Toronto Star: Years ago Premier Ferguson, then minister of lands and forests, stated under oath that he did not consider himself bound by timber regulations. More recently he proved that he did not consider himself bound by pledges solemnly given to the people by himself. And now he tells the people flatly that he will not ask them what they think on any given issue. This display of autocracy should be condemned at the first opportunity.

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