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THE GRAIN TERMINAL.

The grain terminal question has been revived by the suggestion, made in a Toronto interview by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, that government grain elevators should be built at Prescott. People who were disposed to pass lightly over this matter during the election campaign, failed to realize that there will be a fight between Prescott and Kingston interests for the foot of the lakes terminal. When Premier King spoke in Kingston last month, he advised the people of this riding to elect the Liberal candidate so that Kingston's interests would receive attention. Kingston voted otherwise, and should the Liberal Government manage to retain power by reason of Progressive support, as there appears to be every probability it will, and remain in power several years, the city's interests are not going to benefit with its member in the opposition.

Never was there a time when the services of Mr. John M. Campbell were more needed at Ottawa than now to fight the terminal battle for Kingston. It will be a battle, too, for it has been declared that Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, who in the last parliament represented Grenville, of which constituency Prescott forms a part, will no doubt support the claims of Prescott to become the terminal. Kingston has now to fight to have its claims recognized. It may win out, but its action in twice electing an opposition member does not qualify it to ask favors from the present Government. The building of government elevators here would probably result in the addition of a thousand inhabitants, and it is population and industries that Kingston sorely needs just now.

THE TOWNSHIP SHORTAGE.

The arrest of two former Kingston township council officials, on a charge of being responsible for a shortage of over \$15,000 in taxes over a period of several years, caused a shock to the people of the township and also the city in which both now reside. It will be for the courts to decide upon the merits of the case, but one thing about the predicament of the officials is this: That a faulty municipal financial system permitted laxity in collections. There was no effective audit until about a year and a half ago when Mr. Muir's investigation into the township affairs opened the eyes of the ratepayers. Had the township's system been corrected ten years ago, the present condition of affairs revealed by further audits would not have been possible. The trial of the officials will reveal things that perhaps the audits have not brought to light, in the way of careless methods, and other municipalities, which still have faulty systems of financial collections, will benefit therefrom.

ABOLISH SUBMARINES.

Britain is agitated over its latest submarine disaster with a loss of life that has carried mourning into many homes. The M-1 went out and dove never to come up and probably never to be located. And now the people of Britain are loudly calling for the abandonment of the submarines. The whole nation would joyfully see the

BIBLE THOUGHT

MAN IS BORN INTO TROUBLE, AS THE SPARKS FLY UPWARD.—Job 5:7.

end of this deadly machine of war, but—and there's the trouble. Britain and the United States have stood for the elimination of the submarine and gas from the weapons of destruction, but other nations are not so favorably impressed. They think they need to have these dreadful war equipments to overawe other nations and stay their hand in precipitating war.

The real fact is that civilized and christianized nations should combine and seek peaceful methods in settling quarrels and disputes, such as arbitrations, conferences, concessions and investigations. The League of Nations cannot do everything, but it does help to quiet and quell the war-like desires of men, and with patience and education good results will flow to mankind in days to come. Meantime the great nations should seek a curtailment of armament, and submarines and gas should be the first to be suppressed.

ANOTHER KIND OF UNITY.

In Winnipeg there is now sitting a body of hard-headed business men whose purpose is the consideration of Canada's need of unity. They have gathered there at their own expense thoroughly aroused to the conviction that the Confederation of 1867 will never be fully completed until there is mutual understanding and good-will between the various parts of this Dominion. This alone can bring about the greatest development and prosperity. This unity is essential if we are to get anywhere. Discord and division has wrought mischief in the past; that day we hope is gone forever. In its place let real Canadians strive to bring about concord and happy relations, even to making sacrifices for the common weal.

There are difficulties to be surmounted, but loyal Canadians never balk at difficulties and problems. They were born to straighten out and to interpret the Dominion's needs and have righted the wrongs of the past. If business men have a task to do they do it and do it well. And because of this we believe the Winnipeg Conference will lay the foundation of a great national movement of unity and harmony, a second triumph in our confederated state.

The people of Canada have a big part to play in the accomplishment of unity. If they act in the right spirit the great desire can be accomplished. Let each place catch the community spirit and build upon it provincial and federal brotherhood, justice and conciliation. The home movement of happiness will beget the wider circle of good-will. The church, the schools, the press, the clubs can all share in the movements, can talk and agitate and appeal for a mutuality of purpose that will give Canada that broad, noble and inspiring spirit that will link the wide expanse of territory into one chain of devotion and loyalty to our beloved land. Let the great movement lead to an enlargement of mind and heart.

IMPROVING METHODS.

In Hamilton the Board of Education has created a "control board of inspectors." They will consider school methods, reach conclusions and submit to the Board for approval. It will have the final say. We quite agree with the Hamilton Spectator when it says: "To have a body of experts, in constant touch with local conditions, meeting periodically for the discussion of problems as they arise and advising as to the most convenient measures to be taken for their solution, will undoubtedly mean a gain in the efficiency of the system. Such an advisory board should result in the maximum benefit being derived from the services of the inspectors, all branches of educational activities coming within the province of the inspector controllers."

The Board of Education there did not forget to pay a graceful tribute to the veteran inspector, Dr. W. H. Ballard, now nearing eighty years of age, fifty of which he spent in service in the schools of Hamilton. To show esteem for his faithful, devoted service he was made general advisor to the Board, that body recognizing his competency to speak with authority on local educational matters. With such an adviser and the board of inspectors, the work of administering the Hamilton education department—a task which grows ever more exacting—will be put on a thoroughly businesslike basis. The trustees have provided themselves with more convenient machinery for assembling facts and securing action.

SUB-NORMALS ADMITTED.

Inspector Cowley, Toronto, says too many half-witted and sub-normal children get through the immigration bars. At the Canadian Educational Association meeting in Ottawa he introduced a resolution asking the Federal authorities to tighten the immigration authority. Speaking to the resolution the inspector said he knew of a large number of cases among school children in Toronto in which the children came into Canada from overseas during the past two or three years. He stated that he had proof of thirty-five cases of im-

migrant children who entered Canada during the past three years who are of sub-normal mentality and who will undoubtedly finally be a charge on the community. These cases have been discovered in the city of Toronto alone, and Mr. Cowley believed that they must be general in large Canadian cities.

The Associated Boards of Trade for Ontario viewed immigration from another angle. They asked for close medical inspection at the homes of prospective immigrants in the British Isles, so that there would be no disturbances if the people and their families were not deemed fit to be brought to Canada. It would seem a wise procedure for it was most distressing for parents with children, to be turned away at a British port for unfitness and after they had disposed of their possessions. Maybe rather than demand that a sub-normal child should be left behind the authorities winked at the disability and let it come over with the parents and other normal children. But this is not playing fair with Canada, and the Board of Trade proposition would stop any such laxity as has hitherto prevailed.

WEAK SPOT IN GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Hume Cronyn, London, Ont., in a recent address claimed that Governments in Canada had abused their sovereign power. He cited as instances the seed grain liens established by the Dominion in priority to other claims, and the authority granted to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission to expropriate property at its own valuation. Mr. Cronyn claims that this is "the weak spot in our Canadian constitution." If this is the case a remedy should be found. Parliament can change the law; no constitutional enactment interferes.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have we young men nowadays who say in contemplating things, "I can't afford it"?

Will we have a cold, dreary winter, or just a mild one? Please don't worry, for next April we will give the answer.

Prohibition has its points, grudgingly confesses the Stratford Beacon-Herald, but you'll never hear a song like the "Little Brown Jug" about a fruit jar.

New South Wales has abandoned proportional representation after having found it impracticable. There has been agitation in Canada for this method of voting.

King Tut seems to have been laid away in a gorgeous manner. Nothing in these times equal it. But maybe in his day people had no other ways of spending their surplus gold!

Rotarians, Kiwanians, Board of Trade men, all believers in public service should see that the community spirit is carried out in a practical way by offering their services as aldermen.

A Montreal man protests against the thinness of the mullage on postage stamps. Such a complaint is never heard in Ontario. It must be the excess saliva in Quebec that is causing the trouble!

A hundred thousand boys and girls of Canada have enlisted under the Junior Red Cross banner to strive for health, humanity, good citizenship and international goodwill. As they grow up, they are sure to make a great contribution to the improvement of Canada.

The Montreal Gazette accuses Mr. King of disregarding "the old rule which holds that a government whose majority in an elected legislative body does not exceed the number of its members has no right to continue." Was there ever a government with such a majority?

Bellefleur aldermen are quibbling over paying the debts incurred through the Old Boys' Reunion there last August. Some want next year's council to meet it. The Ontario says: "Kingston absorbed over five thousand dollars indebtedness of their Old Home Week committee without a murmur and called it well worth the price."

The police enquiry at Montreal cost a mint of money. A judge hearing appeals against the lawyers' bill said the enquiry had been unnecessarily spun out. How could it have been different when no limit was made as to expenditures? The taxpayers of the metropolis have to pay through the nose, and that, too, without any specific improvements in police departments.

Have a kindly helpful word for all engaged in the work of canvassing for charity or for church. The persons engaged are not doing the work from choice; they are working for the benefits that will come from generous giving. Canvassing and campaigning is an inevitable outcome of our civilization, and cordial helpful commendation will lighten the load of earnest conscientious workers.

LOOKING AROUND

It does not look as if potatoes were going to drop in price during the winter, as some local merchants have bought carloads at \$3.50 a bag to put away.

Wolfe Island is again shipping hay to the United States, quantities being bought there at \$11 a ton, baled. It would appear that the U.S. is going to be in need of Canadian hay again this winter.

They say that this has been a poor year for turkeys. We will soon know: when the turkey fairs take place in Kingston and Napanee. The year has certainly been an expensive chicken year. When are we ever going to have a cheaper chicken pot pie?

No, the Westbrook Woman's Institute is not dead by any means. Only the other day it had a meeting and one of the numbers rendered was that touching old song, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Westbrook should aspire to be the home of an historic society.

Some Kingston girls are being congratulated over their bravery at not succumbing to the bobbed-hair fashion and for retaining the glory of the woman of the past.

A North Carolina bishop pleads with the men to grow a mustache and show the last distinctive badge of masculinity left to them by the women. His Lordship appears to think the women would not dare to imitate men to the extent of growing a mustache. But who knows?

The police report that women have been robbed in a Kingston cathedral while at prayer, recalls to the writer how careful a man was in another church lately. He refused to put his umbrella in the rack at the rear of the auditorium lest it should not be there when service was over. He said he believed in the scriptural injunction to "Watch and Pray," even at a church service.

If the little squirrels persist in biting holes through the telephone cables they will not receive the same sympathy from those humanely inclined. The little fellows should stick to nuts, and let the telephone wires alone.

Next thing we know the railway companies will be invoking the law by charging drivers of automobiles with criminal negligence in running into locomotives on crossings. All of unbiased view will agree that in these days there is no excuse for an automobile colliding with a locomotive unless the driver loses control. The railway crossing is clearly marked, and all the auto driver has to do is to slow down or stop. Safety first!

That was a great compliment the champion cheese maker of the Empire paid to the Kingston fair when he wrote Manager Bushell that he owed a great deal to this exhibition for his success across the seas. The Kingston fair appears to have encouraged dairying and agriculture and not been merely a place for horse racing and midway shows.

News and Views.

Rejected an Opportunity. Toronto Mail and Empire: Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, it is revealed, rejected an opportunity to meet a beautiful death in the trenches several years ago but possibly he was then thinking of the prospect held out to him who fights and runs away.

Poor Spelling in Schools. Alliston Herald: Some teachers blame Premier Ferguson's doing away with home work for the poor spelling among pupils. They claim that children have to study some time and if they don't have to do it at home, it takes off a proportion of their learning hours at school.

Teach the Parents First. Springfield Republican: Parents training must precede child training. It may seem a staggering undertaking to improve parents to the point where they will have good children, but it is not a hopeless adventure in human welfare. For good children are potentially good parents—the thing works both ways.

The "P's" Were the M.P.P.'s. Also. Toronto Globe: In the list of the editors who were fellow-members of the Ontario Legislature with the late T. H. Preston the name of Mr. H. J. Pettypiece of Forest should have been included. Mr. Pettypiece had in Mr. Preston an energetic supporter in his long fight for railway taxation. At one Liberal gathering about that time there were five editors present whose names began with "P"—Mears, Patullo, Pense, Preston, Pettypiece and Pirie.

Cause of Loss to Railways. Hamilton Spectator: Mr. Henry R. Trumbower, economist for the United States' government bureau of public roads, declares that less than five per cent. of the abandonment of railroad lines is due to the competition of motor vehicles. Only in a few instances, this authority asserts, has highway competition been the primary cause of railroad abandonment. The main cause of decline of patronage is due, in Mr. Trumbower's opinion, to the exhaus-

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tion of natural resources. This accounts for 65 per cent. of the number of abandonments, in his calculation, and for 57.8 per cent. of the abandoned mileage. In the last five years about 2,500 miles of railroad have been abandoned in the United States, the decline being general throughout most of the states. There is food for thought in this statement for Canadian readers. Cannot Pay Large Sums. Montreal Star: France has had the lesson rammed home daily during the last two years that she cannot pay any large sums either for domestic needs or to meet her foreign indebtedness. No French statesman could have gone to Washington and made a more liberal offer than M. Caillaux fathered—meagre as that was—with any hope of being supported by his own people on his return. It is not a question of what France can pay, but of what her own people say they are willing to pay.

The Call of the Wild. Bellefleur Intelligencer: There are strong indications that next year's tourist traffic in Canada will greatly exceed that of the past season, great as the latter has been. Today it is hardly possible to pick up an outing magazine that does not contain a number of well written and descriptive stories of experiences in the out-of-the-way places in Canada. Such stories cannot fail to call to the blood of the American whose ancestors broke trails in their own country. Even the women, it is stated, are turning a listening ear to the call of the wild. Undeterred by the occasional hardships to be met with on such journeys, many American women will in the coming season ply the paddle, shoulder the pack, and cast the fly along with their menfolk while traversing some of Canada's many canoe routes.

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Income Tax Publicity. Newton's Business Magazine. Now that "the tumult and the shouting" over income tax publicity have died, what are the results? Here are, but not subject to verification, a few statistics: 11,125,234 persons, looking with open mouth at the Rockefeller or the Ford figures, have said: "Well, if he'll give me just half of the tax, he can keep all the rest." 39,145,263 men and women, looking at Charlie Chaplin's \$300,000 against Douglas Fairbanks' \$180,000 have said: "Gee, there's som'n funny about that!" 3,424,165 humorists, noting that Billy Sunday paid an income tax of more than \$10,000, have made poor jokes about salvation being free. About 11 million wives and 11 million plain citizens, discovering the income tax of a neighbor, have said: "We may have only one car, but I notice that your income tax is bigger than that man Jones's." And what did all this publicity amount to, more than the satisfying of idle curiosity, and sometimes arousing careless envy? Have income tax returns been made more honest? Have tax shirkers been brought out of hiding? The demand that tax returns be open to public inspection is based on a sound Anglo-Saxon tradition. It was right that A should have a

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