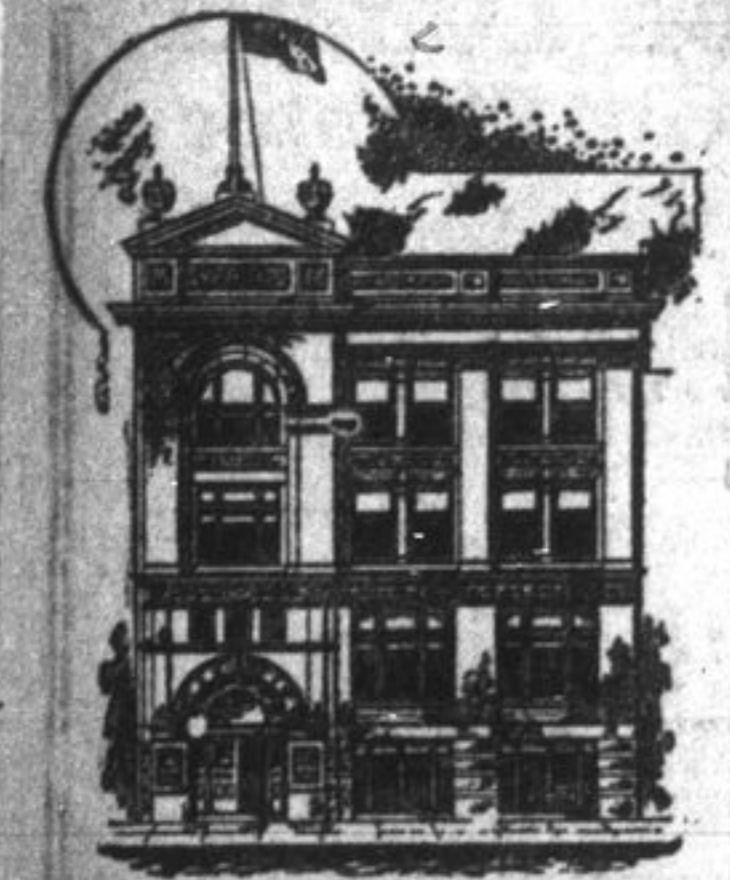


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WELCOME TO CANADA'S LEADING WOMEN.

The British Whig extends to the executive of the National Council of Women a hearty welcome to Kingston. A week or two ago we had in our midst the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario. Many important matters of grave national concern were discussed, but none, we will venture to state, of greater importance than those that will be discussed at the sessions of the executive of the National Council today and tomorrow.

The National Council of Women, which became an incorporated body in 1919, represents all that is best and sanest in Canadian thought and ideals today. It is composed of serious-minded, able women, who take a vital and intelligent interest in the welfare of Canada and Canadians. The executive is composed of the outstanding women of the organization, and the Limestone City, which has played such an important part in the history of this country, should feel honored that these high-minded women are meeting here this week.

Many important matters are scheduled for discussion today and tomorrow, including the communicable schools problem, the drug traffic, immigration, household economics, an equal moral standard, etc., and we feel sure much good will result from these meetings. The British Whig hopes that the visit of these distinguished Canadian citizens will be a happy one and that they will carry away with them pleasant memories of Kingston hospitality.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S ATTITUDE.

The statement of the Prime Minister outlining his reasons why he is not seeking a seat in the House of Commons before Parliament assembles again illustrates the difference between the Liberal and the Conservative mind. In a sentence the Liberal idea is that the people should rule; the Conservative idea is to gain power and remain in power. Mr. King has stated in effect that the choice of government for the immediate future must rest with the representatives of the people chosen at the polls on October 29th last. As everybody knows the balance between the leading parties is today fairly evenly divided as a result of that vote. No person in Canada has an absolutely accurate idea of the exact division of opinion among these representatives. No person can forecast for a certainty just how this balance will swing. Mr. King himself is doubtless confident the scale will be turned in favor of his Government, and in fact he has so expressed his thoughts. The point is, however, that he is not seeking in any manner to disturb this balance by means of bye-elections. He is adhering strictly to the fundamental Liberal idea that the people should rule.

It would be comparatively easy for Mr. King to enter the Commons almost immediately. He could have contested the Bagot seat in Quebec where the member-elect died since polling day. If it was in his power to fight this seat and surely be elected.

BIBLE THOUGHT

BUT THOU, WHEN THOU PRAYEST, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.—Matt 6: 6, 8.

ed and little if any destructive criticism could have been offered against such a course. One must give Mr. King credit for remaining true to his high political ideals and the tenets of his political faith. He might have taken the easy road to a temporary personal if not party advantage. He did not do so. He let pass an opportunity because he is firm in his belief that the people's representatives of last election day must make the decision for themselves—the decision whether the Liberals are to continue in power or whether the Conservatives are to assume office.

From a purely party standpoint, one may conceivably argue that the Prime Minister has made an error. But there are occasions when party has to be cast aside and other considerations taken into account. For instance there is the setting of a precedent. Nothing intimately related to the present political mix-up has ever occurred before. Mr. King, of necessity, therefore, has to have due regard for precedent. He desires to take no step for purely party advantage which might hereafter be cited as a precedent for any group of men in power. He has avoided one way out of the difficulty which might react on those political principles to which he is pledged. Mr. King is guiding his course according to the highest and best Liberal thought. More and more people are beginning to realize that his method is the right and proper one. Canada has a Prime Minister who will not stoop to political trickery.

ONE PROBLEM THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SHOULD TRY TO SOLVE.

Shella Kaye Smith, who probably stands higher in the estimation of literary England to-day than any other novelist except Thomas Hardy, wrote a book recently entitled Joanna Godden. Joanna was a plain matter-of-fact woman, who owned and operated a sheep farm very successfully. She became infatuated with a very commonplace sort of fellow and later discovered that she was about to become a mother. The discovery awoke within her a realization of the shortcomings of the father of her expected child and much to the disgust and hypocritical shame of her worldly-wise sister, she refused to marry the man, preferring to bring up her child herself in her own way.

Joanna was a strong-minded woman, but after all she was the creation of a fiction writer, and in fiction it is possible to do things that are difficult of accomplishment in real life. In real life, it is not easy to defy the conventions, and in real life, also, unmarried, expectant mothers are not all wealthy shepheresses.

What can be done to help solve the problem of the unmarried expectant mother? Have we not ostrich-like, stuck our heads in the sand long enough? Seldom a week passes that the details of an unfortunate case are not published in the public press. We had one a few months ago in Kingston. As a result the girl is dead and a man is in the penitentiary. A couple of years ago the distressing case of Ivy Patterson shocked this province. Yet we do nothing.

Should not an effort be made to establish in our various provinces comfortable, and dignified maternity homes for unmarried mothers, where the utmost privacy and secrecy would be observed? And should not some provision be made by the state for the care, maintenance and training of the children born out of wedlock? Would the establishment of such an institution tend to increase immorality? We do not think so. On the other hand it would save the lives of many who in their bewilderment, when the tragic discovery is made, turn to any source for aid, and of necessity, often fall into the hands of unprincipled men and women, with disastrous, and too often fatal, results.

The British Whig believes that this is an age-old problem that should be faced with twentieth-century common sense. Thomas Hardy, years ago, ridiculed the double standard in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," yet to-day it is still the woman who pays. It is true we now have laws in Ontario that compel the fathers of children born out of wedlock to pay for their maintenance until they are sixteen years of age, but should we not go a step further and make that a state obligation, and also make it possible for unmarried mothers who have no guilt in their hearts, and who would in nine cases out of ten be stronger and better characters for their experience, to return to their normal life without the brand of the scarlet letter upon them. During the next two days the executive of the National Council of Women will be passing many resolutions, and The British Whig humbly suggests that this is a problem worthy of consideration.

HOLDING BUSINESS.

There is a human element about the matter of town and villages that you cannot get away from; a civic

pride and a civic spirit which will permit these places to go back, re-marked Mr. S. L. Squire, deputy minister of highways, while discussing improved highways and their influence on communities. True, it is a sorry commentary on human life that the second generation in certain families does run to seed, or die out. The same can also be said, not only in these modern times, but also in past days of certain villages and towns. This was not due at all to changed conditions of roads or anything else, but simply because people simply failed to keep up the standard which had been set them by leaders of the past generation. Active, energetic, progressive men can keep business in their own towns every time and against big odds.

BENEFICENT RULE IN INDIA.

A fine editorial tribute to the beneficent rule of Great Britain in India appears in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor. Referring to the common fallacy of reading into reports from the East the notion that India is a mass of disaffection and on the verge of chaos and ruin, the Monitor quotes from an article by Sir Montagu de P. Webb in the Asiatic Review, which shows that under the "beneficent and stimulating guidance of Great Britain, the country has been making steady and continuous progress in all directions; that her people are, on the whole, good natured, peaceful, alert and industrious, and not unappreciative of the value of British institutions and of British connection." Sir Montagu sees India stronger, from an economic standpoint, than any other division of the British Empire, increasing the quality and amount of its yield of rice, sugar cane, wheat, jute and cotton. Industrial undertakings are growing. The output of coal, as well as gold, lead, salt-petre, iron, tin and mica, is considerable. The cotton and jute mills are expanding, as extensive manufacturing establishments in the United Kingdom know to their loss. In the last official year India sold surplus products valued at over £288,000,000 after providing for a population of 320,000,000, while at the same time its imports amounted to £255,000,000. Educationally and politically, marked progress is apparent. The country is on the way to self government, though this progress is impeded by its numerous divisions in race, language and religion. The intelligent people of India themselves recognized that the achievements in so many lines of progress are due largely to western ideals. Reforms have been instituted in a manner equal to the ability of the conglomerate races to absorb them. The Monitor says: "There is a debt of gratitude owing to British rule which the critics, in their zeal for the cause of 'down trodden peoples,' should not overlook."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There are still a few houses in town without a garage on the back lot or beside the front door.

"British industrial conditions are improving." Good. Britain has sought long for this accomplishment.

The Grabaki Government in Poland has retired. May be it had enough goods to do so from its name!

French journalists have a really hard struggle trying to keep tabs on the politicians who are in and out of the Cabinet.

Have you begun to think about Christmas? This always precedes Christmas buying. The merchants are stocked for the event.

The golf season is over and a lot of men who miss the healthful exercise are ordering cord wood, split and sawn to stove lengths.

The fez has been banned in Turkey, but it is worn in Canada and by men who never "crossed the burning sands" except in a lodge room!

Mayer Mitchell, Windsor, recommended that the council find out why residents are charged 15 cents a quart for milk, an increase of five cents a quart over the price paid in London.

New York elected her first woman alderman, who is said to be from the "silk stocking district." Where's that? Now-a-days silk hose blossom on every fair maid and are wonderfully numerous in the Bowery.

Paper money one-third smaller than what is now in use is advocated by the Kincaidine Review-Reporter. That would save some pocket space, but what we would like the Review-Reporter to tell us is some method of making the present paper money go a third farther.

Tom Moore brings home from Europe a glowing report of the increasing prestige of Canada abroad, and not the least interesting, strong commendation of the much berated Scribe Hotel as affording the Canadian National Railway offices among

the finest and most convenient in Paris. Despatches confirm the announcement that Kemal has banned the Turkish fez. The proclamation, it appears, was issued immediately after he had heard a tourist in Constantinople singing "Where Did You Get That Hat?"

A Chicago woman, suing for divorce, explains that her husband belongs to a cult known as "Bibliocists," and every Sunday, after attending services he comes home and beats her as a part of the religious rites. Possibly the husband in this case was spoofing his unfortunate wife.

Two hundred years ago the New York Gazette made a modest appearance in that city. It was conducted by Mr. William Bradford. It was the forerunner of the great profession of journalism in that city. Mr. Bradford himself was born in England and he first attempted to start a newspaper in Philadelphia.

Kingston has scores of practical honest men who should be in the Council directing civic administration. It also has hundreds of intelligent persons on the voters' lists. Cannot these two elements be brought together to the advantage of Kingston? Let us get the men for the job and then elect them.

Sales of over one hundred patent medicines has been placed under ban in Ontario by the Provincial Board of License Commissioners, acting in conjunction with federal authorities. The medicines and remedies affected are those containing a high percentage of alcohol and not sufficiently medicated to prevent their use as beverages.

In a recent address at Belleville, W. C. Nixon, agent-general for Ontario in the British Isles, in speaking of immigration said that it was hard to get people to leave a country which gave the people a dole when they were young and a pension when they got old. And, to use an inelegant expression: "Aint it the truth?"

LOOKING AROUND

Kingston's milk inspector has spoken, and declares that, despite assertions to the contrary, the stables and cows of all milk producers selling milk in Kingston are inspected at least twice yearly, and more often if he thinks they need it.

A New Brunswick man prophesies that potatoes will reach ten dollars a bag during the winter. If there is any chance of that, a food controller should be appointed to keep the price down to not more than five a bag, like peanuts.

It is so long since the reeve of Kingston township had a warm debate in the city council that no doubt he enjoys a little sparring at Cataract. What the township council should have done was to have had the complete report of the provincial audit published in the newspapers and paid for it, so that all the ratepayers could have read the details. The deputy reeve was very modest in asking that only four copies be typewritten for the benefit of the ratepayers.

If the Canadian Club has gone out of business, it is good to see that Kingston's Reading Club is still a live organization. This old club must bring back pleasant memories to those who have been members of similar organizations.

Once more Napanee could not stir up a criminal case for the assize judge, and the sheriff had to go down in his dip and fork out the price of a pair of white kid gloves. What Their Lordships do with all the white kids presented to them is a mystery. Perhaps they put them where royalty puts all the municipal addresses presented to them.

So long as Queen's rugby team is winning intercollegiate and Dominion championships, "Tommy" Angrove thinks he might as well keep his record of winning mayoralty contests. "Tommy" won his first the same year as Queen's took its first championship and he has kept pace with it since.

Now they say that the unbobbed girl is a greater talker than the girl who is bobbed, because she has to put up a defence of her head, and that requires many words.

Why does France want to rival Reno? It permits outsiders to establish residence there and become divorced. It is to be hoped Canada will never permit a divorce mill. Let each country wash its own dirty linen.

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News and Views.

Fifty-Fifty. Wichita Falls News-Record: Still, the modern girl knows as much about a needle as the modern boy knows about a buckrass.

Can You Beat That? Ottawa Journal: A burglar, finding no money in the cash register of a Montreal butcher shop, carried off a basket of eggs. So, there are more ways than one to make a butcher shell out.

The Reading of Fiction. Oshawa Reformer: Of course, fiction that is obtained from the library shelves is good reading or it would not be there. It is not trashy. These books are of the kind that people should read, and more power to them in their reading. It will do them good to become more fond of such reading. But it is interesting to note that adults go in less strongly for the "heavy" reading, while more than one-quarter of the juvenile reading is of that type.

Moderate Tariff the Solution. Winnipeg Free Press: From self-interest, Ontario went in favor of tariff stability of the upward variety. And the west, if it followed pure self-interest, would demand a slashing reduction in the customs duties. Perhaps it will some day sink home to the Canadians east and west that the only practical and fair thing to do is to compromise on a moderate tariff, and that this must be the ultimate settlement of the tariff issue.

Where Milk and Honey Flow. Almonte Gazette: With a twenty-one million crop of honey on their hands, the beekeepers of the Dominion are faced with a serious marketing problem. It would not be surprising if all Canadians used honey on their tables as freely as it is used in Europe or even on Canadian farms. Our climate and the abundance of clover make Canada an ideal place for the production of honey of surpassing quality, as our annual wins at the London Dairy Show, in competition with the Empire, go to prove. Surely it would be in the national interest to see

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