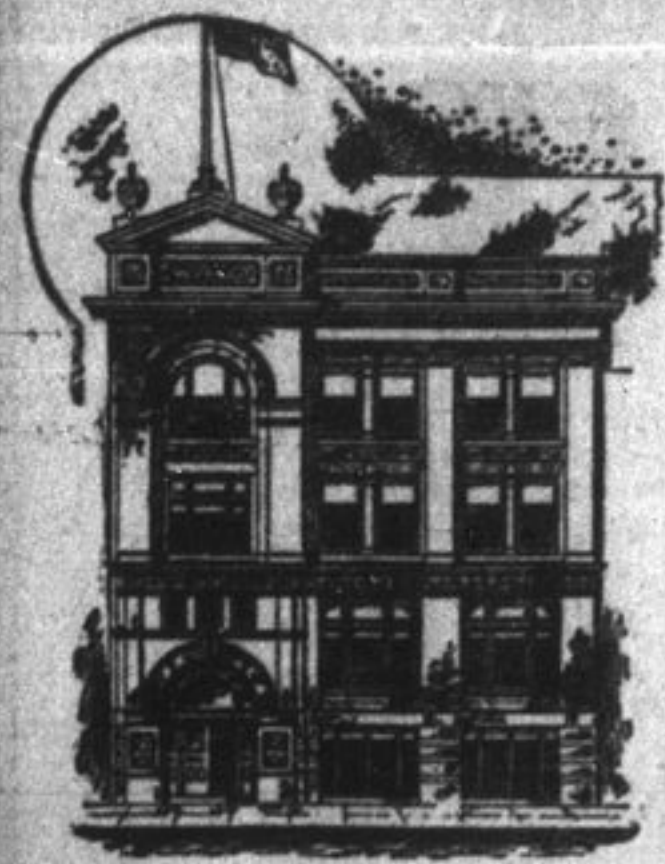


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APPROPRIATIONS FOR HEALTH.

Toronto is a healthier city than Montreal because it spends more money to make it so. Toronto's health record is shown by official figures to be much superior to that of Montreal, which justifies the conclusion that public health can be bought, that it is possible by wise methods and sometimes at considerable expense to bring about better conditions and a healthier community. Toronto spends \$6.42 per capita for health and sanitation, and \$2.63 per capita for parks, athletic grounds, civic parks, toboggan slides, etc. In face of its low death rate, its small percentage of juvenile delinquency and its good record in regard to crime, it would be difficult to say that Toronto is on the wrong path in the expenditure of over \$9 per capita each year to protect the health of its citizens and supply them with ample opportunities for exercise and recreation.

DO WE LACK CIVIC SPIRIT?

About the hardest task, confronting men concerned in public service, is to get the general mass enthusiastic over propositions that will do good to the community and bring glory also for progressiveness. To bring about successful work the help of all the dwellers is essential. Opportunities arise and if the people are not alert they pass on—likely to some other place, for you know aggressive persons are quick and eager to entice good things to their burg.

And this lack of spirit is sometimes charged against Kingston. It has men of earnestness, men of devotion to civic interests, but it has a great body of men who are looking only at the advantages they can reap and the city and its wider interests can go hang.

The need is a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness, a loyalty to the city's development, an appreciation of the worth of Kingston and an earnest effort to make it a city of business, of industry, of healthfulness and of high moral life. Lack of home pride will hold any place back. The city has organizations for the furtherance of its best interests. Are you a member, are you concerned? The Board of Trade, sneered at by quite a few citizens, is about the only active body alert and alive to Kingston's needs. Have you helped to make it better, to add to its prestige, to strengthen the efforts of its officers? If you have done nothing can you expect anything to be accomplished? There are a half dozen propositions in the balance: they would be helpful things for Kingston's progress, but indifference and lack of support can kill the measures and Kingston will fall behind in the advancing race for business and true civic development.

AUSTRIA SEEKS GERMANY.

And now Austria wants to get back into the German fold. The proposal very clearly demonstrates to what straits that once proud empire has been driven. Vienna is politically all that is left of Austria and it is in sad plight. It is a capital without a country, a metropolis without a homeland. The Versailles treaty tore the Austro-Hungarian Empire to shreds. There was probably basic

BIBLE THOUGHT
WHOSOEVER EXALTED HIMSELF SHALL BE
abased: and he that humbly himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14:11.

justice in that. The sins of the Dual Monarchy in its days of power were many. Its guilt for the war was great. Its subject peoples clamored for freedom. Now, thriving states have risen from the empire's ruins, chief among them Czecho-Slovakia. Tyranny is dead, except for one Hungarian class lordling it over another. It may perish unless it is bound up more closely with some territory feeding its business life and giving it an outlet for its energies. Austria is mostly German. A union with Germany would be more natural, racially and culturally, than with any part of the old Dual Monarchy. Germany naturally would like it. Austria would compensate for Alsace. For that reason France and Italy may object. But Austria asserts her own right of choice. There may be an interesting battle fought over it in the League of Nations.

MORE HONORS FOR CANADA.

In recent years Canada has carried off so many honors at the great exhibitions in the United States for grain and live stock, that the prizes have almost ceased to attract attention. Year after year, with only a rare interruption, the Dominion carried off the prize for the best wheat, and his done well in other grains and various classes of live stock. This year at the National Dairy Exhibition, recently held at Indianapolis, a Canadian cow carried off the honor of being named the senior and grand champion Holstein. The winner of this prize is known as "Belle Calamity Wayne," owned by Messrs. Haley and Lee, well-known breeders of prize cattle. More than 100 breeding establishments from thirty-one States of the Union and five Canadian provinces sent their choicest stock to compete for the honors so that it can be seen at a glance that the prize was a valuable one. The importance of the dairying industry to Canada is so great, says the Brantford Expositor, that every year more emphasis is being placed upon high class products. If the industry is to take the place to which it is justly entitled in the markets of the world, it will have to be built up on high class dairy stock.

NOMAD CHILDREN.

Another pitiful story comes from Russia. There are 100,000 homeless children roaming the Ukraine. Twenty thousand of them have no food or means of any kind except what they can pick up or collect from charitable folk. All over Russia the child vagrant problem grows serious. Homeless boys and girls are said to "haunt the streets of every large city like little wolves." The government finds the problem almost beyond its resources. It seeks a partial remedy by imposing a new tax on vodka, to pay for food and shelter for the little vagrants. Any economic disaster falls heaviest on the children, but this is worse than usual. If Bolshevism is fairly checkable with it, here is a new indictment of Bolshevism—how malquerading as Communism.

STEAM POWER IS GOING OUT.

The steam engine is passing out, after over one hundred and fifty years of domination in industrial circles. It has wonderfully increased the productive capacity of nations, but now it is making its last stand. Near the places where coal is very accessible, steam power is still hanging on. On land transportation it is being rapidly handled by hydro power. The steam locomotive is giving place to the electric machine. It will cost the railways big money to make the change, but it is bound to come, in fact is already at our doors. On the seas the motor ship is driven by cheap, heavy oils in place of the expensive gas of the motor car, but the internal combustion principle is the same in either. In factories electric current supplied from central stations is daily replacing more and more separate steam plants. It is at the central stations themselves that the steam engine is making its most stubborn fight. Even there it faces the competition of hydro-electric power, which now can be transmitted several hundred miles. Yet in the largest and most modern steam power plants amazing economies have been effected with the last few years. A recent plant uses pulverized coal blown into the burners as the dust mixed with air for combustion. Steam pressure of 550 to 600 pounds, superheated steam to a total temperature of 750 degrees, and other new features are combined in this plant, which today represents the last word in steam engineering.

BOOKS OF BRIEF EXISTENCE.

Can you recall the name of the book you read last August? It is forgotten in December. The query is, was it worth publishing, and buying? One man says there are books worth reading, but not worth buying. Another is convinced that "if a book is not worth reading twice it is not worth reading at all." Book ownership is a precious

thing to the real book lover, remarks the Oswego, N.Y., Palladium-Times, who sometimes reads a book first by borrowing it from a circulating library or from a friend's library table and then buys it for himself to re-read as often as he wishes. There are more new books coming out all the time nowadays than a single reader can keep up with. And, as Winston Churchill says, many of them cost too much. The fact that an August success is unknown in December certainly seems to indicate that it was of ephemeral interest. And if the reviewers who first sang its praises can not recall it at all, was it worth the reading, or the publishing, or the writing?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Old London has issued a slogan for autelots: "Life is short; don't make it shorter!"

Poor old Jiggs. He is anxious about Christmas. Watch the developments in The Whig's comic strip!

The King has added a garb to the immaculate dress of Sir Austen Chamberlain. And he wears it on his chest.

A former hostler is to be the shah of Persia. He is a good driver and very competent to hold the reins of office.

Teaching mathematics has no lure for Eamonn de Valera now that he has the boundary settlement to agitate against.

The shortest day of the year comes on December 21st. In a financial way, however, it is the day after Christmas.

They perhaps call it Christmas left because so many poor fish are left stranded on the rocks and yet without "rocks."

The U.F.O. are to remain in politics, but for what purpose it is not told. They are not making many members for parliament.

The Peterboro Examiner is bold enough to say that "The only experts Ontario cities and towns elect are experts in getting elected."

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"—and especially blessed to give those from whom nothing can possibly be received but gratitude.

An aged Oxford professor says that one of the secrets of living long is to look at pretty girls. This is why Kingston men have such long and happy lives.

Saut Ste. Marie men have been fined for getting too many liquor prescriptions. Under the O. T. A. it is not always safe to drink even on doctor's orders.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal thinks if the winter is as cold as predicted then some women will have to seek shelter for at least their southern extremities. Goloshes and woolens will be serviceable.

A Montreal man recently got a stiff sentence for ill-treating his dog. There is sometimes justification for the French cynic's observation: "The more I see of men the better I like dogs."

"The greatest outrage ever committed on the Irish people," said Valera after reading the terms made with the north and south Irish governments. Valera is about the biggest nuisance Ireland ever had.

Compulsory voting with a stiff fine has been suggested as the remedy for indifference in voting. But it won't help much for a man or woman who doesn't want to vote can readily spoil the ballot given them.

An aged Pennsylvania banker, formerly a multi-millionaire, was convicted recently of the theft of \$600,000 from the trust company of which he was president, and he may not be out of jail before Christmas.

Dr. J. A. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture at Ottawa, and in office for twenty-seven years, said at Winnipeg: "I have never known agricultural affairs of the Dominion to be so uniformly prosperous. It is undoubtedly true that the Canadian farmer today, from coast to coast, is receiving satisfactory returns for his labors." This is abundantly true.

Honest. "Yesterday, Max and I found a purse containing 100 marks." "I hope you were honest about it." "Oh yes. We have half each!"—Megendorfer Blatter.

Perils on the Road. Waiford Guide: "When that old familiar hymn, 'For those in peril on the sea,' was sung in one of the town churches the other evening, one of the hearers remarked that there should be a revised version. 'For those in peril on the road.' Quite right, as there are more perils to-day on the road than on the sea, and far more fatalities."

News and Views.

Smashing the Ring. Detroit Free Press: The biggest liquor ring has been smashed again in New York. It will either be welded together again or a bigger one formed.

Are Sitting Tight. Toronto Globe: If a general conclusion can be drawn from the results of the voting on by-laws in the municipal elections throughout the Province this week, it is that the people are scrutinizing public expenditures pretty closely. Out of twenty by-laws submitted in thirteen municipalities only nine involving public expense were approved.

Stung. Los Angeles Times: A man writes a bee-keeper and asks why people get stung. The bee-keeper says that bees are more inclined to sting on cloudy days and are more amiable on good days. There is more nectar in sunshine after breakfast also. There is considerable human nature in a bee. But you never can tell—some times men get stung because things are too bright and rosy.

Farmers Are Just Folks. Bowmanville News: Funny chaps some of those agriculturists. To-day some of them are chasing up all sorts of back alleys because they didn't hang on for a few weeks instead of giving their potatoes away. Dreadful when you come to think of it! Just the same, we are not finding fault. Buy where you can buy the cheapest and sell when and where you can get the best going. They all do it, so why not the farmer?

Loos to Rural Areas. Orillia Packet: While there is much to be said against the motor car as a source of rural decay, in our opinion it does not for a moment compare with the disastrous effects of the concentration of business in the great department stores in the cities, which has robbed the villages and small towns of the enterprising men who in the past were the mainstay of these communities in their generous support of local interests.

Daily Editions. Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Four clergymen of different creeds cooperated recently in getting out an edition of a Minneapolis paper just to show what a newspaper ought to be. The result was, no doubt, an interesting object lesson. Regular newspaper people, however are compelled to get out editions every day, and to get out editions that will earn money to pay salaries and other running expenses. They have to think of not only what a newspaper ought to be but of what a newspaper can be, not only for a day but from day to day and under all circumstances.

On Maritime Rights. St. John Telegraph-Journal: It is a pleasure to record, as we frequently have done of late, generous and growing recognition on the part of many Canadian newspapers of the reasonable character of Maritime claims and the necessity for their consideration by parliament. Our fellow-Canadians, as they learn more about us, will soon realize that, in placing our case before the country at large, we have by no means forgotten the need for resolute and constructive action here at home. In order that more just and generous federal policies affecting our welfare may be supplemented by united and progressive local effort along many lines.

Wit and Humor.

Perhaps. "What could be worse than kissing a man you didn't know?" "Knowing a man you didn't kiss!"—Renver Parrakeet.

A Choice. Fond Mother: Harold's been hurt at football. Oh, dear, dear! What does the telegram say? Alfred: Now broken. How shall I have it set, Greek or Roman?—Passing Show.

Right. Teacher: What is a synonym? Bright Boy: It's a word you can use in place of another word when you don't know how to spell the other one.—Answers.

Old Play. An Englishman took an American to see "Hamlet." "You are more behind the times," commented the American. "Why, I saw 'Hamlet' in New York four years ago."—Tr-Bits.

Honest. "Yesterday, Max and I found a purse containing 100 marks." "I hope you were honest about it." "Oh yes. We have half each!"—Megendorfer Blatter.

Relief. "John, you seem fond of going to the pictures lately. What's the reason?" "It's such a relief, dear, to see women opening their mouths without hearing them!"—Tr-Bits.

Correct Impression. "I want some golf balls for a gentleman, please." "Certainly, madam. What sort does he like?" "Well, the only time I saw him play he used a small white ball. But I cannot say I gathered the impression that he exactly liked it."—Punch.

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