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WHAT THE LIBERAL PARTY HA DONE FOR THE COUNTRY.

That the Liberal party is skilled in the science of governing the Dominion of Canada, is again being amply demonstrated. The British Whig has referred before to the optimistic reports that are being broadcast by the industrial heads of the province. They see orders flowing in again and they are increasing their staffs

Statistics coming to hand amply bear out this optimism. compared with the year 1923, the year that has just closed shows an increase of two hundred and fourteen millions of dollars in Canada's exports, while our imports fell off thirty-four million in the same period. Improvement is shown in mind eral production, and also in that of precious metals. Bank deposits increased nearly two hundred million dollars, as did also the assets of the chartered banks. The most cheering news of all, however, is the fact that there were 930 fewer business failures in 1925 than there were in

If we turn, too, to the unemployment situation, always a barometer, what do we find? An increase among all industries between 1923 and 1925, as follows: Martimes 9 per cent.; Quebec two per cent.; Ontario 7 per cent.; prairie provinces 1% per cent.; British Columbia 3 per cent. It is encouraging, but even that does not adequately tell the whole tale of general improvement, as some industries have a tendency to pull down the average of others

Picking out a few at random we find that in the manufacturing of agricultural implements—the business that the tariff of 1924 was going to kill-the percentage of employment has increased from 43.4 in 1923 to 66.4 in 1925. In textile products there is an increase from 85.6 to 90.8. In steel shipbuilding and repairing from 23.9 to 32.3, and in building from 85.2 to 130.2.

These are figures issued by the statistics branch of the department of Trade and Commerce, and are non-political in character. They in dicate that under the Liberal government we are gradually returning to prosperity again, and everything points to an even more favorable showing during the present year.

Liberals should be proud of their party and of the able men who have guided the destinies of the Dominion during the past four years. They have done well for the country and should it be their fortune to continue in office for another four years we can rest assured that the government will devote itself to the upbuilding of the country with the same self-sacrificing zeal that they have shown since 1921, and that everything will be done to bring back such a golden era of prosperity as we had between 1896 and 1911.

MAYOR ANGROVE'S REVIEW. Mayor Angrove's message at the council's inaugural was timely and reviewed many matters of civic interest. He pointedly showed the difference of attitude of citizens in regard to paving and the added value it gave to property. But the council can carry on in this regard to the point of extravagance. With the main thoroughfares in all directions well

ance; but she of her want did cast heroine who is a coarse, tempes-

that the piling up of debt will be folk of the island of Sark, and also wearing the trousers for years. avoided. Another matter of decided learns a little of rural Sussex, but interest was the Mayor's hope that the reader searches in vain for an rate. To do this for three years in succession is a matter that redounds to the credit of the council. Carefulness and economy, without discount- whether it adds to the interest of ing efficiency, is a desirable thing in these days of waste and extravagance. The Mayor's comment on the condition of the debenture debt of the city is cause for sincere thankfulness. The Mayor, council and officials deserve thanks for their work in years past. The British Whig commends their efforts to make Kingston look smiling and prosperous. Let the good work continue.

REVIVE THE CANADIAN CLUB.

Kingston needs a Canadian Club. It had a live organization for years and it proved to be a forum for the 2614 discussion of new topics. There are many issues of public import that need presentation, need educative in- cheer. year, in city \$7.50 fluences in creating and developing 83.00 public opinion. And no better outlet for expression of Canadian sz.ee thought can be had than through cop. such a medium as a Canadian Club. Kingston, as a city of culture and historic environment, is just kind of a city that should lead in the presentation of active and aggressive CHICAGO—Ingraham-Powers, Inc., 19 movements for the public weal. Who will take the initiative in reorganiz- ope. This is a slippery business Letters to the Editor are published ing what was once a popular institu- yielding good dividends. tion here? The Canadian Clubs, the Dominion over have contributed The circulation of The British Whig bominion over have contributed a authenticated by the Audit Bureau of handsomely to the cause of nationals ism and to the wider ideals of federal and imperial unity. Just now the best way, as the Calgary Herald points out, of serving the ideal is by first making known the various aspirations of the provinces and endeavoring to reconcile conflicting aims and help in the formation of a common national viewpoint. And no better forum for the expression of the convictions of Canadians car

be had than in a Canadian Club. Let Kingston try to restore a much needed want. And in urging this we themselves with a Canadian club clubs who appreciate to the full spirit in relation to the country. which we so much love. With club alive and aggressive Kingston could contribute greatly to Canadian reconstruction and sympathetic helpfulness. Who stands for the re- Rideau river. In dealing at length

A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND GOOD

Canadian affairs for seventy years, has great faith in Canada and points Toronto has great opportunities of known to people taking up home- in Goderich but through what we give them equality with men just as sensing the feeling of the country, steads in the Canadian West. In the now call Western Ontario. Whether the franchise has given them equal faith in our great country.

WHAT DO YOU OWN?

piece of furniture, with date of purchase and cost. Once the list is made, keep two copies in separate places. A list left where it is deavoiding inconvenience and saving money later.

THE GEORGE AND THE CROWN

The above is the title of Sheila lic houses in a little Sussex village, and the story revolves around the "progress and poverty." of the familes of these two houses.

inglish novelists. Press notices tell us that she has reached the height of her power in "The George and the Crown." That may or may not b true, but what we would very much

novel. In Sussex they may refer each other as "a piece of tripe," and they may, too, use vulgar and obscene oaths in their conversation but that is no reason for inflicting it on the reading public. Shelia Kaye Smith can write, no doubt about that. She has rich de scriptive powers and a keen insight into human nature. But in "The George and the Crown," she has certainly not added to her reputation

Realism probably has a place in

literature, but it is a question

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Cheer and the world cheers with ou; grouch and you grouch alone.

The world pines for cheerfulness Let's all help in importing good

es is a life-like statue of a speed

The trouble with Texas, they say, s not that the state is governed by woman, but that it isn't.

A London despatch describes the

caution is now necessary so an insight into the life of the fisher | elty comes in; women have been

another mill will be taken off the tax ennobling thought or an inspiring in- causes dimples but someone adds that dimples are often a source o

> eeking an answer to the hoary question: How can I get rid of the used

> The man who reaches the top of the heap doesn't stop on the way to throw brickbats, is a thought in

> The British Institute of Psychology, has been successful in obtaining the co-operation of the workers and in some directions has increased production 40 per cent.

job holding his place in the school text books as the established the Roman Empire.

One can tolerate references to "jazz" occasionally, but it's when someone inadvertently writes the word "music" after it that one feels tempted to go hunting for the originator of the plague with a shot gun.

Someone has now discovered that "Old Parr" whose bright young life was cut off at the tender age of 152, was eighty when he married his first wife and 122 when he married his second. Even in the 15th century young blood would have its way.

Rayox, the new artificial silk, wearing of trousers by women made from sulphide wood pulp. Cansmokers at parties as the latest nov- ada has the goods and she should inelty. We fail to see where the nov- sist on the factories turning out the

A Very Interesting Book

"Pioneer Sketches in the District, "the old kirk" at Pakenham ar British Wnig from The Ryerson long term of years and near which Senator Andrew Haydon, M.A., of are buried. Certainly Sheriff Dickdo not in any way depreciate the Ottawa, a native of the district. son was "a man of many parts." His work of the present clubs working The price of the work is \$3.50, and son William formed with Daniel Hil- Ont. here. They are rendering valuable the book might well have served as liard the firm of Hilliard & Dickservice and we are of the opinion a Christmas gift in a large number son and from that son Dickson's that among the first to associate of homes of Lanark county, which Mountain near Calabogie took its ly in this book, which is listed as prison inspector in pre-Confederaing from the scope of its contents, reforms and lived to see some wider and broader presentation of there will be other volumes until the them go into effect. He died at subjects germane to Canadian unity pioneer life of the whole of the Dis- Pakenham in 1868. When he gave and which could cultivate a finer trict of Bathurst is covered, since, up the office of sheriff in 1852 his as the author points out, the old dis- successor in office was James a trict of Bathurst comprised nearly Thompson, who lived beyond the all the area of the present counties century mark and who was father Carleton lying north and west of the | bench organization of the Canadian Club? with the above volume the Renfrew Macqueen, poet, journalist and pol-

newspapers published in Lanark on the 4th line of Fitzroy, near the Our advertising columns to-day Courier, began publication 91 years ed at his trade for a number carry a striking message from the ago. His story opens with a recital years, doubtless having a hand Bank of Toronto. This bank, that of the efforts made to get disbanded the erection of many of the oldhas been an important factor in soldiers and their wives to settle in fashioned but substantial stone resi-Lanark county after the battle of dences to be seen in that township. Waterloo. Though these ploneers In 1848 he removed to Goderich and rights as to sitting on juries. The received much Government aid they engaged in journalism, also other judges say they can't, the law does suffered many privations, privations literary work, and made a name for not permit. The ladies are now and its striking message should in- old days clothing seems to have ther writing prose or verse Thomas stil us all with new courage and new been harder to get than food, and Macqueen wrote well, and probably one reads of children going naked the people of Fitzroy never knew at times. Some of the settlers came that they had one so clever in their up the Ottawa, others ascended the midst, though to them his clever-St. Lawrence, and after leaving the ness as a mason doubtless matter by which route they came. Pakenham, aged 85 years, is men- for a number." Cut it out at the Should your home burn to-night the Rideal canal being still several tioned by Senator Haydon as one could you give the fire adjuster a years in the future. Prescott was who remembers Thomas Macqueen, list of the things you had in the at the time called Fort Wellington, remembers him as one who was acplace? Business men keep inven- taking the name from the fort customed to live again the part of tories but householders are woefully erected there in the War of 1812 the ancient Scottish bard and sing ency, if not of wit. and a print of which, made in 1830, the glories or the opposite of these is given in Senator Haydon's book. among when he lived. suggest memorandums but are not Soon the settlers became producers. individual room. While there is erles and distilleries sprang up, pro- Ptzroy at a time when it was custime the best way is to list each viding a market for grain, and grist tomary to cut down trees and burn stroyed if the home burns is of no ing their salaries, but left the people of the district through the presence acknowledged public health officers. value after the fire. Immediately at- to rear the schools and churches. If of rock. The rock interfered with there was no immediate need of agricultural operations, but in spite

which the library contained was the embellished with a few bandson Shelia Kaye Smith has built up a the matter of fiction "Charles O'- This is not the only reference to

sho gives a fairly complete life nell," where different address township in Renfrew county where Government. one of whom seems to have an ideal in life worth striving for, and of a afterward executed in front of the heroine who is a coarse, tempes— same author will be awaited with of morality are in perfect accord "Well," explained his wife, "I by animal passions. True, one gets among those in attendance. A cut of Bathurst.

of Bathurst" is the title of a hand- pears, in which edifice the late Rev. by The Dr. Mann conducted services for Press of Toronto. The author is now disused building his remains "Volume I." Thus listed, and judg- tion days, advocated many prison of Lanark and Renfrew, as well as to James E. Thompson, an Araprior that part of the present county of barrister elevated recently to the

A chapter is devoted to Thomas itician, who came to Canada in 1842 Senator Haydon's sources of in- from Scotland, with the advantages formation were mainly the Domin- of a good education and a training ion Archives at Ottawa and files of in the masonry trade. He settled county, one of which, The Perth banks of the Mississippi, and workboats there was a trek overland no just as much. Mr. Wm. Willson of get that little 'please' when asking

and saw mills made their appear- their trunks in one great mass and ance at various rapids or waterfalls, their branches in another. "What hamlets developing around the mills. | woeful waste!" we think to-day. mand at once for a burial ground. Here is what he says of a There, was opposition to "making Point farm:

every farm a sepulchre," though "But some of these settlers have much of that sort of thing was done, dared every disadvantage and pro- Zero has kept many hundreds of Senator Haydon writes in a par- duced remarkable results. Alexan- men from going hungry and from ticularly interesting way of the Dal- der Macdonnell of Sand Point has sleeping in the streets. He has helphousie public library, an institution spared neither labor nor expense in ed scores who were ready for suicide Kaye Smith's latest book. The founded in the early days largely clearing and laying out open, level to a new start in life. Perhaps he through the liberality of the Earl of fields, tastefully laid off and sub- has at times acted unwisely; but, on Dalhousie. Among the literature stantially fenced, which, if properly "Encyclopaedia Britannics." There villas, would entitle the shores of useful things. were also other works of reference, the Lake des Chats to rival the lake

eputation in a very few years and | Malley" and "The Scarlet Letter" | Sand Point in Senator Haydon's is to-day in the front rank of living are mentioned. This library was a book. In connection with his sketch going concern until at least a few of Sheriff Dickson he tel's of a visit paid by Lord Elgin to Bytown and Pakenham village, once Dickson's | the Upper Ottawa in 1850. At Sand tory of Sheriff Dickson, in his day were presented to him, that by one of the most prominent men of Sheriff Dickson on behalf of Paken-

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manufactured article locating here. There is now one plant at Cornwall,

A really intelligent, ambitious lad county being dealt with almost sole- name. Sheriff Dickson, serving as a his college does have a lot of disis going to get his education even it tracting outside activities. And a dumbell won't get educated no matter how soberly he may be cloistered.

on the sands of the Algerian Sahara.

Big Canadians have been recalling the past year's history and sensing the outlook for 1926. They all talk in the most optimistic fashion and look for great prosperity. The caution is also given to keep expendi-

such as in these latter days are un- himself in that line there, not only shouting to have the law changed to

The Ottawa Journal suggests that people could make it pleasanter for meant "central" "if they would never forstart for it confuses the operators. Over the wire "please" sounds like three. Brevity is the soul of effici-

Did you ever think how careful There is quoted in Volume I. an our railways, hotels and other coninsistent. It is hard for any one but potash was the only commodity interesting picture by Thomas Mac- vencies for travellers are safeguardperson to recall the articles in each commanding ready money. Brew queen of land-clearing operations in ed as 46 foods and water used. The public health officers watch the water used and over seventy-five per cent. of the sources tapped carry certificates of safety. Disease is shut out The Government provided teachers Thomas Macqueen also told of dif- from lurking about through the effiand clergymen for the settlers, pay- ficulties experienced in many parts cient supervision of carriers by

> Mr. Zero, New York, is called a nut for protesting against missions turning out free lodgers at 5 a.m. But it must be remembered that Mr.

News and Views.

The U.S. Crime Wave. Detroit News: A murderer in Enged in four minutes, this being about he time to takes us to swear in as, an hour.

Philadelphia Standard: Medicine "Why not?" asked Henry in surance; but she of her want did cast thouse at rerth, the execution much interest by a large number of with the biggest laws of biology, and have a feeling that the policeman being a public one, with women people in the old District of that, as a consequence, immerality who is shouting and running behind is biologically harmful and morality us does not exactly like it."

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