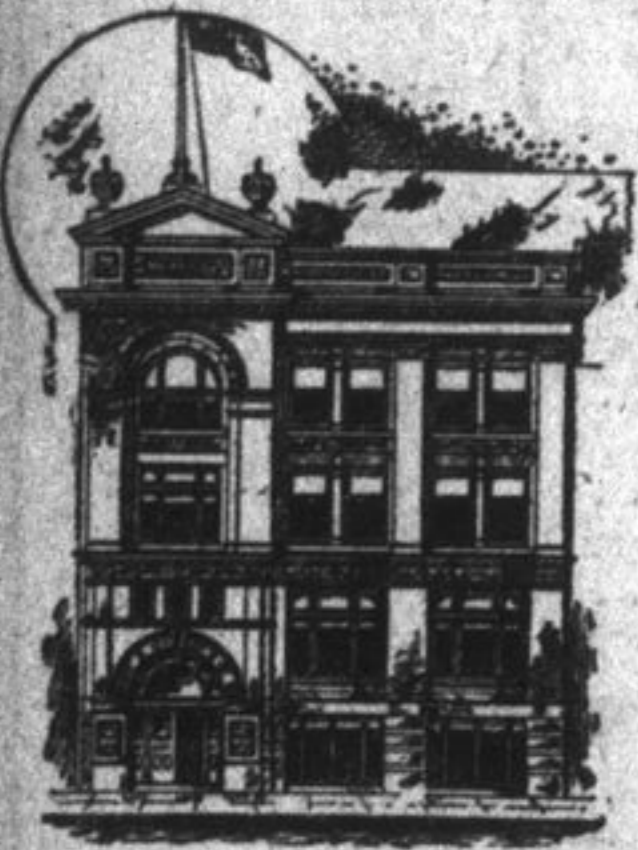


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IMPROVE THE QUALITY.

Hon. John S. Martin, Ontario's  
Minister of Agriculture, in a recent  
address in Peterboro suggested that  
what Ontario must do to capture and  
hold the desired markets was to im-  
prove the quality, even if the Danish  
method of exporting the highest  
grade and keeping the rest for home  
consumption, has to be followed.  
Referring to his own department,  
Hon. Mr. Martin told of how the  
Government stamp of approval on  
Ontario apples had enhanced the  
prices of this fruit in the British  
market and declared his belief in a  
similar policy for other Ontario agri-  
cultural products.

MANY ARE FOR THE LEAGUE.

The leading papers of the United  
States are standing four square for  
the League of Nations and are hop-  
ing that the government will early  
find it desirable to join and thus  
create a body of public opinion that  
will make for peace the world round.  
The New York World, on Monday,  
said:

"During 1925, 248 treaties were  
registered with the League of Na-  
tions, making a total of 1,043 from  
the beginning of its records. Those  
who affect to regard the League as a  
painted lath, its power as moonshine  
and its substance a sham may say  
that most of these agreements are  
unimportant. That is not the case.  
Not one is unimportant.

"Naturally world-wide attention is  
drawn only to agreements between  
great nations, or to those that settle  
hot disputes, narrowly averting war-  
fare. But to the people concerned,  
many millions of them, a trade treaty  
or bond of amity between Turkey  
and Austria, a between Persia and  
Afghanistan, is of great and imme-  
diate value, however little regarded in  
another hemisphere.

"The League is growing constant-  
ly more successful and respected as  
a clearing-house of international in-  
formation, as machinery for peaceful  
settlement of international lawsuits.  
What that has meant in 1925 is well  
remembered; among the 248 treat-  
ies of the year were the epoch-mak-  
ing agreements of Locarno."

USE OF OUR TUMBLING WATERS

Canada's tumbling waters are be-  
ing rapidly harnessed for the needs  
of mankind. In 1925 power develop-  
ment increased by 719,000 horse  
power. It now is 4,290,000 horse  
power. Some 250,000 horse power is  
promised in 1926. The world's totals  
are: United States, 10,455,000 h.p.;  
Canada, 4,290,000; Italy, 3,320,000;  
France, 2,200,000; Norway, 1,320,-  
000; Switzerland, 1,750,000; Swe-  
den, 1,600,000; Japan, 1,500,000;  
Germany, 1,000,000.  
Nearly all parts of Canada are  
sharing in the remarkable power ad-  
vance. The next important move  
for the benefit of Ontario must be  
power development in the upper St.  
Lawrence, which will shortly be ur-  
gently needed for industry, thus en-  
abling Eastern Ontario to take her  
rightful place in the growth of the  
country.

SHOULD CHILDREN HOARD?

The old-fashioned idea of teach-  
ing the children to hoard every pen-  
ny they possess in a special money-  
box provided for their "savings"  
does more harm than good, and  
should be rightly scrapped. It is a  
relic of the old Victorian days of  
unpleasant repression, when children  
in particular were expected to be-  
have like "grown-ups," is the con-  
dition of the world.

BIBLE THOUGHT

WITHDRAW YOURSELVES  
FROM EVERY BROTHER  
THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT  
AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED  
OF US.—2 Thess. 3:6.

vision of a writer in the Toronto  
Telegram.

Thrift should certainly be en-  
couraged, but in a different and  
more enlightened way. To ask a child  
to place every copper he receives in  
a locked money-box is to encourage  
deceit, and also a disproportionate  
and wrong impression is created in  
the young mind of the use and worth  
of money.

If children particularly long for  
something (provided it is not harm-  
ful, or course) they can be encour-  
aged to save as much as possible.  
This creates in them a sense of inde-  
pendence, and when a child buys  
something with his own money it  
takes a greater pride in the article.

It is unwise to prevent a child  
spending as fancy dictates. Often a  
useful insight into a child's charac-  
ter can be gained by allowing it for  
a time to spend a little money on  
anything it wishes. By allowing such  
a privilege it will be seen that some  
have no idea either of the purchas-  
ing power of money or the relative  
importance of things. One will spend  
all on sweetmeats, while another  
will invest in books or toys.

All children should be encouraged  
to learn as early as possible the use  
and abuses of money, and a far bet-  
ter scheme than the unprogressive  
money-box is the savings bank, with  
which they should be acquainted as  
soon as they can write their own  
name legibly.

ANNIHILATION OF SMALL GAME.

What has become of our small  
game and our song birds. Dr. W. T.  
Hornaday, director of the New York  
Zoological Park, fears we are near-  
ing a final catastrophe. Sportsmen  
have a belief that game is abundant  
but they are deceiving themselves.  
The doctor is vigorous in his de-  
nunciation of the American system  
of game protection. He declares it  
is absurd, weak, exterminatory and  
rotten to the core. About ninety-  
five per cent. of it (outside of invio-  
late sanctuaries) is merely regulated  
killing and sometimes very badly  
regulated killing at that. We can  
scarcely say that our system of pro-  
tection has broken down, for we  
never had a real system. All over  
the United States our feathered  
game is being killed far faster than  
it is multiplying and the rage for  
killing now amounts to a national  
craze. When a "good game state"  
yields in a hunting season only one  
quail to every five hunters, only one  
duck to every five hunters, and only  
one ounce of wild goose meat to  
each hunter, it is a ghastly joke to  
talk about game abundance any-  
where.

The United States Department of  
Agriculture has for two years stub-  
bornly supported the present killing  
privileges as expressed in murderous  
game bags and open seasons. Dr.  
Hornaday fears that the combina-  
tion against small game cannot be  
broken in time to save it from anni-  
hilation.

IDEALIST OR CYNIC, WHO IS  
WISER?

Once upon a time a very soured-  
minded man, who was altogether  
too cynical for any earthly use, was  
by mistake invited to deliver the  
commencement address at a certain  
large university, writes an artist at  
word painting.

As he strode to the platform and  
looked out at the hundreds of bored  
young faces in front of him, he  
thought of the volumes of guff that  
had been spiffed upon graduating  
classes in this country during the  
past century or so. And so he said:  
"My dear young people, I might  
follow precedent and tell you the  
usual things about honesty and  
courage and perseverance, and the  
value that they are supposed to have  
in the world which you will shortly  
enter. I might exhort you to have  
vision and faith and tolerance. I  
might urge you to bend your ef-  
forts, as part of the educated mi-  
nority, to the task of making  
America a better place to live in. I  
might even tell you that a clear con-  
science and high aims is better than  
the remembrance of guilt amid riches.

"I say, 'I might.' But I will not.  
"In the first place, a good 50 per  
cent. of you are going to become  
bond salesmen on the strength of  
your fathers' connections, and as  
such you would disregard all weak-  
kneed idealism. A few of you will  
stay in college and become teachers  
or ministers or research workers;  
and you will have far more op-  
portunity to discover the value of a  
clear conscience amid rags than I  
have had. And the rest of you would  
forget what I said anyhow.

"So I am going to tell you that  
you will find this world very differ-  
ent from college life. You will find  
honesty and perseverance drugs on  
the market. You will find the hand-  
shaker and the bluffer gaining  
wealth while the persevering strug-  
gler has to wear reversible cuffs. Be  
tolerant and intelligent if you will,  
but keep it dark; such thing lead  
to your being an object of suspicion  
to your neighbors. Have no visions,  
or if you have, say nothing of them;  
they would only make you unpopu-  
lar.

"For you are entering a world  
which prizes the cheap and the sen-  
sational and the shoddy, and de-  
spises all that requires any expen-  
diture of mental effort. It is a world  
whose politics is marked by cov-  
ardice and vanity, whose economic  
system is featured by the creed of  
'him which has, gets.' I feel some-  
what sorry for you, to think of the  
way the world will disillusion you.  
Goodby, and God help you."  
Now this cynical old gentleman

was really presenting a truthful ac-  
count of the world as he had found  
it. And, when you stop to think it  
over, he wasn't far wrong. But the  
young men laughed at him, for they  
were young and youth is never  
cynical, though it often pretends to  
be.

And the strange part of it is that  
these young men, from their seclu-  
sion, knew more about the world  
than the old grocer, who had spent  
sixty years in the harness. For they,  
with the vision of youth, knew that  
at bottom the world is, after all, a  
place of decency, kindness and  
truth; while he had been deceived  
by appearances into thinking it was  
not.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS.

A Cheerful Song.  
A cheerful song for every day,  
And not for glad days only;  
A song to clear a misty way,  
And soothe a heart that's lonely.  
A song that's not too late to bring  
Joy unto one that may not sing,  
A song whose mission 'tis to find  
And cheer the place of sorrow,  
And have its message glad and kind,  
Fulfilled before tomorrow—  
Whether the skies be blue or gray,  
A cheerful song for every day.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If you feel symptoms of the In-  
fluenza, go to bed and stay there till  
you are better.

John Bull is only using his rub-  
ber to erase his war debts, which the  
other fellow pays.

Canada is boss of the wheat mar-  
ket this year. It is a long-delayed  
fruit of the richness of our broad  
acres.

The parliament of Canada opened  
in a gale. The citizens enjoyed a  
mild spell before the sessions be-  
gan, thank fortune.

No matter how the weather goes  
no one will forget the white Christ-  
mas of 1925 and the glorious clear  
weather.

More sleep will make you live  
longer, comments the Kincardine  
Reporter, but it adds, what's the use  
of living just to sleep?

A new race of turkeys will be cul-  
tivated for next Christmas. The ap-  
petites of the nation were satisfied  
to the full at the prices demanded.

Dr. Michael Clark has risen to de-  
clare that no economist on either  
side of the Atlantic who values his  
standing would say that tariff does  
not increase prices.

Mr. Burbank is said to be experi-  
menting with the milkweed to get a  
substitute for the cow. Here's hop-  
ing he doesn't cross it with the cow  
slip or the water lily!

The provincial government har-  
bored visions of big revenue returns  
from the tax it placed on soft drinks.  
But this tax has only produced \$84,-  
000 so far. How much did it cost to  
collect the amount. Is it worth the  
bother?

Gen. Pangalos, premier of Greece  
has declared a military dictatorship  
in the Balkans. If the flame of revolt  
were to be generally lighted in  
South-Eastern Europe, much of the  
good-work of Locarno would stand  
in danger of being undone.

Canada's mines yielded during  
the past year a total of \$225,440,000  
in gold, silver, nickel, copper, lead,  
zinc and other metals, and mining  
experts declare only the fringe of that  
wealth is being touched.

THE TOWN  
WATCHMAN

After reading about the cruel  
treatment accorded by some owners  
to their horses, citizens should come  
to the aid of the Kingston Humane  
Society and provide it with sufficient  
funds for the more extensive carry-  
ing on of the work it is doing on be-  
half of the dumb animals. Only for  
the motor car, humane organizations  
would have treble the work they  
have now.

Kingston has come to the fore as  
the greatest reading community in  
the province. Last year ten books  
per capita were read, according to  
public library statistics, an increase  
of one book over the previous year.  
Of course, this may not amount to  
very much, as scores of readers may  
not have been benefited to any ex-  
tent by what they have read; that is,  
the quality of the books they have  
read may have been very inferior  
and even lurid. This year, with our  
new public library building, we will,  
no doubt, become a still greater  
reading community.

Dundee has added itself to those  
Scottish cities which have decided  
that liquor is not to be drunk at  
civic functions. Who says that the  
people of Scotland are not in favor  
of curtailing the use of spirituous  
liquors? Kingston never passed  
such a regulation as these Scottish  
cities have.

The people will bless the post-  
master for his decision to extend  
the time for the collection of the  
street box mail at night by half an  
hour. The time was changed two  
years ago because the drivers found  
it hard going on cold winter nights  
when the roads were heavily snow-  
bound. The half-hour's grace now  
will be appreciated by the public  
generally.

It is the western section of the  
city that will in future need more  
church accommodation. The down-  
town church buildings are no longer  
crowded, as the city is growing  
westward, and the motor car is a  
great Sunday feature, although it  
must be admitted that the motor  
car takes many to church who might  
not get there otherwise. Princess  
Street Church will have to be en-  
larged, or replaced by a new edifice,  
for it cannot hold its growing con-  
gregation. The Gospel Tabernacle  
people made a wise move when they  
bought the old Union Street Baptist  
Church building.

The American women are termed  
"cosmetic clowns" because they use  
too much face powder and paint.  
But the Americans are not the only  
ones who overdo their facial decora-  
tion. There are others we know of  
—including some down in old Gana-  
nova. What we need in the art of  
facial painting. We have domestic  
science and art schools; why not one  
for the art of powdering and color-  
ing the face? The Watchman has  
no objection to a properly painted  
face, but objects to one that is  
daubed just like a boy might paint  
a fence.

A great British surgeon an-  
nounces that we are eating too much,  
and he is right; but all the same he  
must admit that the longevity of man  
is greater than it was a hundred  
years ago. We certainly are eating  
too much, but we are eating  
much cleaner and better cooked food  
than our ancestors did.

About sixteen tons of garbage a  
day found its way from Kingston  
buildings to the incinerator last year.  
And no doubt the collectors could  
tell of large quantities of good food  
that went to waste in their wagons.

News and Views.

The Busy Little Bee.  
Brantford Expositor: The profes-  
sor at a Wisconsin university says  
that bees like dancing. They also,  
apparently, like to see people dance.

High Tariff Won't Do.  
Lethbridge (Alta.) Herald: Uncle  
Sam appears to be much concerned  
over the rubber supply, but this  
time, it can't be fixed by a high tariff.

Here's a Helpful Cue.  
Ottawa Journal: The girl to mar-  
ry, young man, is the one who can  
wrap a fifteen-cent present to look  
like a hundred dollars.

How to Stimulate Trade.  
Dr. Michael Clarke: Reduce the  
price of a commodity and the people  
will have a surplus to buy other  
commodities, which makes for em-  
ployment.

The Three Classes.  
Glasgow Herald: If you like nasti-  
ness, you're lowbrow; if you like  
naughtiness, you're highbrow; if  
you like virtue, you're just middle  
class.

Qualified.  
Toronto Globe: Princess Astrid of  
Sweden, the latest popular choice of  
a bride for the Prince of Wales, is  
said to be an expert in domestic sci-  
ence. This should help to qualify  
her as the wife of a Canadian rancher.

Don't Want to Resemble Chicago.  
Ottawa Journal: With due allow-  
ance for differences in population, a  
western writer compares Chicago  
with Toronto. The only resemblance  
we can think of is the amount of wa-  
ter in the chlorine.

To Speak in Citadel.  
Ensign Madeleine Wilson, who has  
been visiting in Kingston, leaves for

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