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WHY LABOR THE POINT.

the matter. He could have resigned, bring the people closer together. but in favor of whom. No group had a clear majority. He therefore did the only thing he could do and be fair to all groups, i.e. summon Parliament and let the elected representatives of the people decide the ticklish question as to who should carry on the government of the country. As things turned out had Mr. King resigned without summoning Parliament, and had Mr. Meighen been called upon to form a government he would have been in a minority.

The Mail and Empire and other Con- in the existing St. Lawrence canals compromise; for brotherhood-was leave with their readers, there is have not cost the United States a Globe. Pulling together in teamon the part of the Mackenzie King cost, pays for their maintenance, and Administration to usurp power. This gives the use of them free to the was made plain by both the Hon. Chas. Stewart and the Hon. Geo. Boivin, who both stated unequivo- things their own way. cally, that if the Meighen want of confidence amendment carried, the government would immediately re-

sign. Even so great an authority constitutional law as the Hon. R. Bennett, admitted that Mr. King pur sued the legal course up to the tim of summoning Parliament. Having summoned Parliament Mr. King by a vote of the people's elected repre knows that the task before him i not a pleasant one, but in carrying on he is doing the bidding of Parliament.

### FIXING FAIR PRICES.

The aim of the Kingston Retail Merchants' Association to fix fair prices is a commendable one. protects everybody. . The manufacturer knows what it costs to produc an article; he knows what it costs the retailer; and be knows what fair and lowest retail price should be. Therefore he fixes the price and the retailer has to abide by it. He can neither raise it nor lower it of he will be refused further supplied

This scheme has been tried with great success in England, and has been of benefit to all concerned. The retailer is protected from the ruthless price-cutter who is always a menace to legitimate trade, and the public is protected from the greedy individual who wants more than a fair profit. The manufacturer wants all the business he can get, therefore the public can rest assured that the prices set by the manufacturer are made as low as possible to encourage sales.

Cities are often not appreciative enough of the important part that retail merchants play in a community. Without them a city could no function. They are entitled to generous patronage. Retail merchandis ing is a matter requiring most careful study. Buyers have to exercise the greatest care as the public taste is notably fickle. Yet here in Kingston stores will always be found the

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very latest novelties of all kinds brought in by up-to-date merchants for the convenience of the public. The merchants of Kingston are wide-awake and aggressive and are of the Charleston. able to satisfy practically all the wants of the city and district. They should receive generous patronage. and support from our citizens. No better New Year's resolution could be made than one undertaking to cut down by fifty per cent, the importations into Kingston of parcels from Toronto and Montreal mail order houses. May the Retail Merchants' Association have a profitable

#### A RECORD DAY.

Wednesday was a record day for ceived due attention in The Telegram's own peculiar style:

W. L. M. King. Sir George Foster. Toronto Globe. Montreal Star. Montreal Gazette. Not bad for one day.

#### LADY BYNG'S SUGGESTIONS

Lady Byng says that Canadians should see and know Canada before they hike to foreign lands. No man should be in politics who had not seen Canada from one end to another. Then they could understand the Fatherland. problems of one another. This knowledge in her estimation would The circulation of The British Whig national hopes, strengthen the bonds against the Chicago water steal will emerge an enlarged patriotism.

There is much thought in her suggestions. Canada's bigness is evi-Conservative papers persist in dent on the map, but its actual size laboring the fact that the Mackenzie is only realized through direct con-King Government was defeated at tact and acquaintanceship. The lesthe polls on October 29th last. No- son of Lady Byng's speech is to aim body is denying it. Mr. King recog- to extend knowledge of what may years past. nized it himself. The problem he not be inaptly termed the structure was faced with was what to do in and economy of the country, and

#### NOT ALL ONE-SIDED.

Congressman Dempsey at Washington, an opponent of the deepening | Seed catalogues will soon be makforeign waterway to upbuild Cana- with flowers. dian competition. The Ottawa Jour-Contrary to the impression which United States enjoys the same rights understanding; for co-operation for United States. But our friends across the border are generally apt to see

### A SUBSTITUTE FOR SILK.

The other day we had an article embling silk in appearance, used in after sampling the Scotch. the manufacture of hosiery, which consumes one-fifth of the domestic carry on. Everyone knows that he production, and of ribbon, cotton his fortune and left \$1,000 for his lose made from sulphide pulp, is reduced to a jelly-like mass and pumped through glass nozzles in which there are fine capillary tubes small as to be invisible in the naked eye. This produces endless thread which are pumped into chemica baths to harden and bleach them From this stage, the fibres are spun and handled like silk. The silk-like sheen which rayon imparts to cotton abric when woven into it within the past few months has resulted in arge demand from the cotton mill of the south and has greatly stimu ated the sale of cotton good broughout the country. Canada is rich in pulp and

hould be the aim of the government to encourage industries for the making of the saleable product.

### TOO FREQUENT CHANGES.

In Alberta there is vigorous kick ing over constant changing of so ext books. It is very hard on parnts in purchasing the new sel s agreed that the best text are n oo good for the children, but o they not remain standard for east a reasonable length of t such subjects as geography and ory change from time to time, by that changes occur in the subject of arithmetic, grammar, literature pelling, algebra, geometry, lantuages and so on. A careful text ore swine, lest they trample The people are demanding a halt in in an automobile he can't wrap the youth." It asks "whether youth is particularly, cannot save the world. them under their feet and turn the governmental action. Ontario reins arounds the whip stock and deagain and rend you .- Matthew 7:6. | suffers from the same hardship. | vote all of his attention to her.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A small boy with the hives

eastern Alaska," says a despatch. What kind? Red cheeks or noses?

Hundreds of British families are making ready to come to Canada in the spring. Let us make ready to cordially welcome them.

housewives buy their meat by sight. both. The telephone is not much used. It can't pick out the choice bits!

Where a number of persons own an article in common they may raffle The Toronto Telegram. In one col- it among themselves, but it is illegal of editorial the following re- to sell tickets to any outside party.

> Old-timers, recalling when Mr. Guthrie was spoken of as a promissee the description verified, comments the Toronto Globe.

The general impression seems to be that the Board of Education and the Retail Merchants' Association in looking around for a chairman this year determined to get the best.

Luther has been given a mandate 4th was defeated. to form another German cabinet. He and Hindenburg seem to supply the only hope of stable government in

The cities along the Great Lakes wipe out many prejudices, invigorate should insist that their protests of social life, and out of it all there should show results. Protesting has been going on for years.

Wide-brimmed hats for women are coming in again. Women never look half as pert when they go about with the armor plated contraptions that have been the fad for several

Because of lack of space, a busy of prohibition lies in him. editor returned a handsome vase, given him by a benevolent aunt, who gave it to him for a Christmas gift. He thought he was replying to a

of the St. Lawrence canals, declares ing their appearance. A little later it an outrage to think of the United on, remarks the Brantford Exposi-States contributing the lion's share tor, when some amateur gardeners and embalmer to represent Durham of the cost of the construction of a see what comes up, they won't say it at county council. South Grey does-

nal points out that at present the The need for national unity-for as Canada, although these canals was never greater, says the Toronto cent. Canada built them at her own play, nothing need daunt Canadians.

> ruelty to a child has been ed to prison. Now let us reverse process and convict a few children she had to sleep with a then invalidguilty of cruelty to parents, suggests the Hamilton Spectator.

A scallop fisher of Hyannis, Mass. investigating an unfamiliar stake, a the growth of the rayon industry. discovered a cache of 195 quarts of We have just come across a descrip- Scotch whisky. This should increase tion of the processes in making this the supply of scallops to scallop artificial textile, a fabric closely re- fishermen. They could see double raising prices by legislation, when

A Boston millionaire left his so and woollen goods. Its textile boy's bride-to-be to take a course in of foreign "controls" and "cartels" strength is greater than cotton and domestic science. She is at the job. which work out to the disadvantage A man doesn't head for the divorce of the American consumer. court very readily if he gets his is impossible for those who talk lik bacon and eggs the way he likes this to prevent Democrats from ask them at home.

> A contemporary insists that three days between the application for and the isuance of a marriage license is none too long a period for making list. official enquiries as to the parties oncerned. But do the isuers of marriage licenses or any official person use these three days for any such

"In modern business all of us are ogs in a great machine," says Clarance P. Dillon. Can no man play an outstanding part? Mr. Dillon did He began life as a clerk at \$250 a month. Now he heads a big firm an claning up \$14,000,000. That really was individual brilliance. He was no cog in business.

German girls are said to be agitatody to take 'em to the movies. funny, remarks the Guelph Merury, why they should need a leap girls everywhere else, just by the sweetness of their disposition, manage to lead the conversation in the irection of matrimony, if that's the bjective desired.

orced to draw his own conclusions, man is taking his sweetheart riding

It's a Long Way Back.

Canadian Forum: If we make this good country for farmers, immigration will take care of itself, We can have high protection or high Eighty-five per cent. of Chicago immigration; but we can't have

> When Grandpa Goes Skating. Dundalk Herald: An older fellow never realizes how nimble he was when he was a young gaffer till he tries to do some of his boyhood

Seeing is Believing. of Commons

The Way It Looks. Ohio State Journal: We, as a loyal d trustworthy Republican, are preparing to prove that the tariff is a positive and wonderful benefit to the farmer, but it looks as if our statistics would have to do more lying than usual.

A Word For Mr. Raney. Fergus News-Record: Hon. W. E. Raney has again been appointed to lead the Progressives in the legislature. He is a splendid leader, a hard fighter who believes in the things his party stands for, and they have made no mistake in choosing him again. Many a temperance worker in Ontario feels that the chief hope

Doesn't Follow Beaten Path. Durham Review: They talk about the representative calling that will sit in the new parliament, commencing this Thursday, but an undertaker or embalmer are not among the list. We can show them a thing or two in Grey county-having the only n't follow beaten paths.

Often the Way It Goes. New York Telegram: She had always wanted to lead her own life even before the days when phrase was so popular.

But when she had been a child she had to share a room with the baby sleep alone; when her mother ed sister and await her pleasure and

And when she died it was in a h pital and away from even the house she called her home.

New York Times: How can qual hardship upon our ing questions about monopoly, yo have to keep on to the end of the

gin it. For the present wre ditions are a challenge to hi adership and an indictmeit seemed a simple thing to call the men out, but the situation presents put over the Dodge Motors deal a different aspect to-day. The suffering has fallen, not on the users of anthracite, as the leaders evidently believed it would, but on the men who mine it. The latter have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages, and kindly and generous people are now called on to relieve their wants and ease the suffering of their families.

### News and Views.

Catharines Standard: Possibly the reason so many people go to Florida in motor cars is to be sure

Goderich Signal: Just to show who won the long-drawn out fight for the ing young politician, have lived to North Huron seat, the Toronto Star publishes a picture of Mr. J. W. King sitting at his desk in the House

> Ain't Goin' to Pay No More. Chesley Enterprise: In our list of exchanges we notice that nearly every money by-law submitted to the ratepayers in the different municipalities at the election on January

Monopolies and Trusts. condemn a foreign Government for our own Government sets out to de the very same thing, and often actually does it, by means of protective duties? Republicans are beginning ing if trusts and combinations and

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flaming without burning itself out?" | so-called Service Clubs, Rotary, Ki-If that sort of thing persists, "the wanis, Lions, etc., ever contended powder which should be carefully that they were taking the place of husbanded for the long trench war- religion, though some might have fare will have been dissipated rocket work." Instead of premature- the good things these several orexhausting its emotions, "ought not flaming youth to save up a few emotions and experiences for the future say at least until the age of

The point raised by the Times is draught to be sipped and enjoyed, his strongest terms, "that there is not a flery stimulant to be gulped the intervening chapters, that these and where they try to meet that chapters prove dull. Life is an opportunity to serve others. But there is no service in a life which whirls madly like a pinwheel and then exthe gospel worry about those who pires in embers of regret.

There have always been lives. Byron was only thirty-six when standing or exemplification of faith,

"My days are in the yellow leaf, The flowers and fruits of love are

esources have multiplied many fold.

Yet through it all there shines the cleam of genuine achievement. For in this busiest of all ages men find time to plan for their less fortunate fellows as they never found time before. They find time to organize society against poverty, suffering and disease as they never found time efore. The race continues to proaving majority-who refuse to be whirled away on the wings of excite rving their fellow-men and con serving their own powers; strong the strength of good deeds and temperate living.

Chasing Phantoms

has one great objective, and there is no organization that can supplant if There have arisen in Canada, as

almost every other country, clubs and organization of various sorts who are busily engaged in some effort to Flanks ........ 70 lb. ing for the crippled children, dishave imagined that in so doing they

queries, "can youth go on unduly such a claim. Nor have any of the

in been excused when, seeing some o ganisations do, for thinking they were carrying on Christian works while some others contented themof faith, in which good works were either neglected or wholly forgotten.

Dr. Shields voices, as he says, in these organizations." None will disneed as far as their limited circumstances will permit. But why should any minister of

do good? Why should any condemn any other ministry about its underin this generation. There is a big work to do and the laity are not anxious to listen to a medley of denunciations of this and that good working church or organization when they the worm, the canker and the grief are hungry for the word of life and for the gospel of good news that has a distinguishing charity all its own? Since Byron wrote, the opportuni- The church has a great and excluthose who might be expected to perform it either could not, or failed

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