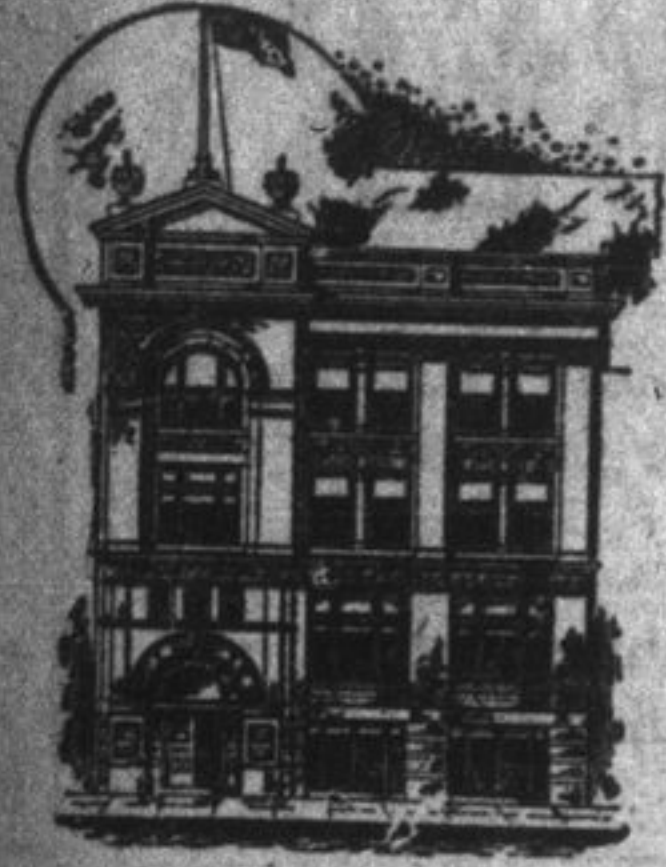


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GOOD TIMES COMING.

The news regarding the Canadian Locomotive Works is most cheering and will put new heart, not only into the workmen of Kingston, but into the merchants and other business men.

That Canada is on the upgrade again is evidenced everywhere. The output of Canadian agriculture in 1925, as noted by Mr. R. S. White, M.P., in The Montreal Gazette, was valued at \$1,716,530,000, compared with \$1,383,958,000 in 1921.

There is a feeling of optimism in the air that is justified by facts, and the cheering feature about it, so far as Liberals whose faith in their party's policy is concerned, is that this prosperity has been brought about by a Liberal administration.

THAT WORD "DOMINANT"

A Conservative newspaper states that no longer have we responsible government in Canada, but a government of compromise with the Progressives the dominant force.

That word "dominant" seems to haunt the Progressives. They are berated now because they are said to be the dominant force in connection with a Liberal Government. They were offered the position of being a dominant force in connection with a possible Conservative administration.

I submit that no member of this House should look beyond the question in the resolution, but if we are tempted to go beyond it, if we are tempted to consider ulterior results, then let me say this in the presence of my leader and with his authority, that if this motion carries, if this government resigns, and if he is called upon to form a government in this House, he will undertake his task. He will undertake to carry on that government from session to session without dissolution, and he will do so just so long as he receives parliamentary support.

WANT SUBSIDY, TOO.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan, it is said, are dissatisfied with the terms arrived at between the Dominion government and Alberta regarding the return of natural resources to the province.

Alberta has made a very good bargain. The farmer, it has been said, is like the poet, born, not made. Only the higher types of men make successful farmers. They are attracted by the independence of the life, its freedom from artificiality, the prospect it offers of a satisfying existence in return for initiative and hard work.

gain, it would seem, and the premier has concurred in the arrangement as being fair and in the best interests of the province. The agreement provides for the handing over by the federal government of the crown lands and existing interests in natural resources, together with the school lands fund and any unpaid moneys coming due on account of transactions completed by the Dominion government.

All that the Dominion retains is land set apart for Indian reserves, the national parks, three forest reserves, lands coming under the soldier settlement scheme and such lands are under charge for seed grain advances. Alberta gets the minerals in these lands and will receive back the territory itself if the government should not continue to use it for the specific purposes indicated.

Alberta is satisfied that she has made a good bargain, comments the Hamilton Spectator, but the other prairie provinces think otherwise. It seems they not only want back the natural resources, but insist on being paid the subsidies as well. It would be hard to justify such a demand.

WORK FOR CANADIAN CLUBS.

Brantford Expositor: In speaking of the need of studying national problems, Sir Thomas White, in an address before the Canadian Club at Montreal, said: "If we could arouse the patriotic spirit of the people of Canada concerning the problems now before them, and the necessity for their solution, our national difficulties would soon be at an end."

A SINGULAR SPECTACLE.

The House of Commons is talking away on the Speech from the Throne—an interminable jangle of words, theories and abuse. Mr. Meighen and his followers are dragging every kind of amendment into the sunlight to attempt to defeat the government. What did the Senate do with the same speech? Discussed and passed it. The majority in the upper Chamber is Conservative and might have delayed or defeated action on the Administration's programme.

The Toronto Globe puts it this way: We find the Conservative parliamentary party in the Senate at variance on matters of policy with the Conservative parliamentary party in the Commons. Yet both sections of the party are under the control of the Conservative Leader, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen. The public will very naturally desire an explanation of this obvious inconsistency.

RURAL EDUCATION.

Recently at Hamilton an agriculturist in discussing rural education hit the nail on the head when he declared that it was not so much a matter of education, but of aptitude and inclination. Education was the best way of discovering what a lad was most fitted for, and if it turned out that life on the farm was distasteful to him, why it was better that he try something more congenial, at which he was more likely to make a success.

This problem cannot be solved by coercion. It is not possible, and, if it was possible, it would certainly not be desirable to compel unwilling service on the land. The young people who loved the country life, with all its healthy attributes and its multiplicity of interests, will stay on the farm, whether they are educated or not, remarks the Hamilton Spectator. The more highly educated they are, the more intelligent will be their appreciation of their opportunities and advantages and the keener their joy in achievement; incidentally, the greater will be their material reward.

The farmer, it has been said, is like the poet, born, not made. Only the higher types of men make successful farmers. They are attracted by the independence of the life, its freedom from artificiality, the prospect it offers of a satisfying existence in return for initiative and hard work. The purpose of education is not to teach the way of escape to a life of ease and comparative luxury. If it has that effect, there is something wrong with the system, and the idea itself is a delusion.

But it is not possible, in these times, to keep the city-minded young fel-

low on the farm, by merely depriving him of the advantages of education. If the farm-bred boy wants to go to the city, he will do so, whatever his standard of education may be. The wise ones who resist the temptation will find whatever learning they have managed to imbibe will stand them in good stead on the farm, and they are entitled to that much as a reward for their good sense and fidelity.

MARRIED MEN ARE CAUTIOUS.

When an unmarried man embarks on a career of crime he is more likely to commit assault and battery or to use other direct and forceful tactics. But if the married man runs true to form he cautions and secretly commits a crime of fraud. These tendencies in both white and negro criminals have just been reported by Carl Murchison and Ralph Gilbert of Clark University, following a study of two hundred and fifty men prisoners in the Maryland state penitentiary.

THE STREET RAILWAY.

Once again the street railway company has offered to dispose of the road to the Kingston city council. The railway, since it was electrified, has never paid the company, because we did not have the population to make the concern a profitable investment. It has been proven that only in exceptional circumstances do street railways pay in places under 40,000 population.

What would happen if the cars did not continue to give service. Property values in the outskirts would decrease and the city treasury would suffer. The result was that the city gave aid to the company to keep the line open for the remainder of that winter. Now that there has been some talk about a motor bus line, the street railway officials have placed their cards right on the table.

The automobile has made great roads on the company's traffic and will continue to do this. The city can have the road at a fair price anytime it wishes to buy and the company's books are at the disposal of the civic authorities. Of course the city will not purchase the line so long as the company will run it for the people's benefit—not their own—but it must be remembered that Kingston cannot do without the railway which still has a big part to play in our civic service.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kissing causes measles, says a famous doctor. Me for the measles!

Potatoes and oranges are quoted at about the same price in Chicago. Potatoes have the call.

There are to be no more wedding gifts in Turkey. Unfortunately the new idea is travelling eastward.

An intelligent study of municipal issues was never more desirable than in the present day of tax rate problems for everybody.

The newest color for women's lips is raspberry. Now you can see for yourself what the men are up against. She's my raspberry!

Short skirt influenza has hit London, caused by the exposure of knees to the elements. We call that sore throat, here!

It was Sir Thomas White, who, as finance minister, set out millions of dollars worth of tax free bonds who is now shouting for governmental economy. Ye gods!

Physical agility and mental alertness of the growing generations will be developed by dodging autos, street cars, etc., while going to and from school.

If the operators and miners have no interest in the fate of the public, the public cannot be blamed for not being particularly concerned in what happens to the operators and miners.

The Brockville Recorder and Times enquires, "Is there anyone in this enlightened province who would

advocate, doing away with mothers' pensions?" No, but many would like legislation that would mightily lessen the mothers' pension list.

An old-time resident is authority for the statement that crows won't eat corn, but there used to be a certain brand of Old Crow on which it was easy to get corned.

A radio fan is happier when he gets Salonika than he is when he tunes in on Palm Beach. The reason is that his sporting instinct is stronger than his distaste for bad music.

The best kind of a Canadian winter is one that does not produce any weather reports from White River. That point only breaks into print when the bottom drops out of the thermometer.

Mr. Mitchell, a former colonel in the United States army, will write a series of articles attacking the aviation branch of his country's war department. Welcome, Mr. Mitchell you will keep things warmed up!

Captain Bernier declares that all the diaries and personal records of both Peary and Cook, who claim to have discovered the North Pole, should be examined. And, after the evidence submitted by Amundsen and Scott in their trip to the South Pole, the suggestion seems quite reasonable.

Mr. Robson Black, a former Kingstonian and now a forestry expert, insists that replanting trees in timber areas will never save the Canadian timber supply. Rigid fire supervision and co-operation of every Canadian is needed. Under such conditions nature would perpetuate the forests.

Was it good judgment for the council to rescind a resolution permitting firemen to see that fire apparatus in business houses and public places was in workable shape? It was a most commendable thing that merchants and others were willing to invest in extinguishers. The firemen could readily care for them and at the same time get a good knowledge of the premises where they were located.

The proposed establishment in the United States of a \$2,000,000,000 baking-company merger, or Bread Trust, part of whose profits may at the discretion of the directors be employed in building hospitals and recreation centres, has evoked comment. It is regarded as a camouflage to a monopoly in the necessities of life by giving it a veneer of benevolence. Hospitals and recreation centres should not be built for the public by paternalistic industrial corporations; they should be built by the people themselves. If industrial profits are ample for such undertakings they should be returned to the consumers through the medium of reduced prices.

News and Views.

Good News for Straphangers. Border Cities Star: Human ears are getting smaller, says an English surgeon. Horror! Then there'll be more room in the street cars!

Kind Words Don't Butter. Boston Transcript: Everybody wants the farmer to be prosperous, but nobody wants to pay him prosperous prices for his milk, eggs and potatoes.

Chinese Developments. Port Arthur News-Chronicle: An editorial says that the young Chinese in China are tearing their shirts for self-government. Over here the Chinese are tearing other people's shirts for nothing at all.

It Might Be Worse. Gannett Reporter: We are afflicted with several political groups in Canada, but it might be worse, it might be worse. Mussolini will not tolerate even the two-party system in Italy; the dictator holds that his own party is amply sufficient.

The Wealth of Canada. Simcoe Reformer: Sir Henry Thornton, head of Canada's National Railways, and hailed as Canada's greatest public utility agent, declares that the wealth of Canada is staggering when compared to her population, and he furnishes the following figures of Canada's part in world production to support his contention: Nickel, 89 per cent.; asbestos, 88 per cent.; cobalt, 85 per cent.; pulpwood, 35 per cent.; lumber, 25 per cent.; cured fish, 20 per cent.; silver, 10 per cent.; oats, 18 per cent.; wheat, 12 per cent.; gold, 7 per cent.

Fact Stranger Than Fiction. Washington Star: A woman in New York who had no food for her four children went out in desperation and smashed a grocer's window in order to obtain sustenance for her hungry babes. The noise of the shattering glass attracted the attention of a policeman who happened to be passing, and he, as a matter of duty, arrested the woman. It was then discovered by the authorities that she was entitled to a widow's pension of \$72 a month and an insurance allowance of \$1,500. She had not known this when she broke the window.

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FROM THE OUTSIDE

Brockville Recorder and Times. This newspaper holds no brief for the members of the Progressive group in the House of Commons, but it falls to see what possible good can result from the statement which the Conservative Ottawa Journal has been at pains to disseminate, that of the twenty-three men comprising that group, but thirteen are native Canadians.

As Youngsters. Brandon-Sun: Most of the big jobs are held by men who didn't impress the neighbors much as youngsters. The Paris police say men who jump into the river there are mentally unbalanced. The Ottawa Journal says they are insane. Agreed, they are also likely to be sane.

readers that when they hear Quebec characterized as holding the balance of power in the House, they should remember, if the Journal's argument is pertinent, that among the Quebec members there are probably more native-born Canadians than in any other provincial group. And their native-borne does not seem to commend their politics to the Journal, despite its "reflections" concerning the Progressive group.

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