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A COLLEGE IN GRIEF.

The Royal Military College this year celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. During the half century passed it has performed an inestimable service to Canada and the British Empire.

PURIFYING POLITICS.

There is sitting at Ottawa at the present time a committee to investigate certain alleged irregularities in connection with the Customs Department.

There is another phase of corruption, however, that might be very well looked into, and that is the conduct of our elections.

BIBLE THOUGHT

AND THERE CAME TWO ANGELS AT BODOM AT EVEN; and let seeing them rose up to meet them.

tion of election expenses is pretty much of a farce, and it is so because we all wink at it.

We are getting too callous to electoral corruption, and the heads of both parties are largely to blame for these conditions.

During the past decade there has sprung up in nearly every city and town in Canada service clubs, membership in which is supposed to make for high ideals and better business ethics.

AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND NEEDED FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY.

About a year ago the Liberal party in Great Britain undertook to raise a fund for campaign purposes by general subscription.

The British Whig has sufficient faith in the rank and file of the Liberal party to believe that a very considerable sum could be raised to support a Dominion campaign fund by a public appeal to Liberals all over Canada.

The Liberal party needs revivifying—it needs to get closer to the people. For the past four years all the policies and plans have been made by the Cabinet.

There is need for another convention, a reaffirmation of policy and possibly a realignment. But equally as important is the need of a substantial campaign fund subscribed openly and above board by the rank and file of the party.

AN UNSATISFACTORY ANNULMENT.

As a result of a motion passed by the City Council in 1919, on the recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee, 150 or more fire extinguishers in various places of business around the city, have been attended to by Fire Chief Armstrong and his department, the cost of the recharging of the extinguishers being met by the city.

At the last meeting of the Fire and Light Committee, the chairman, Ald. Milne, brought up the matter, and stated that he did not think it was fair for the city to have to foot the bill for this work, and the committee asked that this motion be struck out and rescinded, and council adopted this recommendation.

The merchants and others who made purchases on the strength of the council's action in 1919 feel aggrieved that the warrant for service is now very drastically cut off.

ment's part in maintaining efficiency we thing the council acted unwisely. Maybe the members did not give much thought to what was involved.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

In the last general election, as in every previous election, a very large percentage of the Canadian voters failed to exercise their franchise.

Indifference to the franchise is a very dangerous thing and the Commonwealth of Australia is trying to overcome that danger, and has passed an act compelling every elector to cast his ballot, or pay a fine of \$10, for failure to go to the polls, unless prevented by illness or other causes beyond his control.

The effect of this measure is shown in the vote at the elections of last November. In that election it is estimated that 90 per cent. of the registered voters cast their ballots as compared with 59 per cent. in the previous election.

This is something that Canada might do well to look into. It seems strange that when privileges are won for people by years and years of effort, they fail to appreciate them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The happiest people are those who are too busy to notice it.

This winter has been so kaleidoscopic, full of variety, you know!

"Thornton to urge a greater port use," is a headline. Sea ports he means, not port j-use!

France had 1,363,000 soldiers killed during the war. What an appalling plea for peace!

One trouble with the traffic is entrusting a high-power car with the possessor of a low-power brain.

Good speakers in public bodies ought to pronounce one word with clearness and emphasis, in considering added expenditures. It is the word, No.

Toronto is credited with being such a growing place that it will have a million of a population in 1936. And even then it will be but a big town!

Carloads of onions were recently shipped from British Columbia to New Zealand. This will strengthen the sentiment that binds the two peoples together.

A reader asked the Ottawa Journal for legal advice. He thought with the great vocabulary displayed in the editorial columns the editor surely knew everything.

It has been by reducing expenditures by billions that the United States and Great Britain have been able to reduce taxation. This is the only way Canada can do the same.

Wiarion women have decided that a municipal tax should be imposed on all bachelors over thirty-five years of age. That's the way for the women to go after the men!

Political writers in Washington have picked Mr. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois as a contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 1928. Frank is always among those mentioned. Well, here's his hoping.

The custom of spreading the payment of national debts over a period of sixty or more years would be popular in private financial circles with persons who have no objection to sharing their obligations with posterity.

We would have had a good deal more respect for Mr. Burgess, who is running in Prince Albert against Mr. Mackenzie King, if he had sent back the \$500 wired to him by that professional propagandist and publicity seeker, Frank D. J. Barnjum.

Prince Oscar, son of ex-Kaiser Bill, is "so embarrassed financially that he is obliged to lay the fire in his household stove with his own hands." No indignity in that. A Canadian who can do it well is called an expert.

SUNDAY THOUGHT.

My Creed. To live as gently as I can; To be, no matter where, a man; To take what comes of good or ill; And cling to faith and honor still; To do my best, and let that stand; The record of my brain and hand; And then should failure come to me, Still work and hope for victory.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN

Toronto is not likely to get Queen's Theological College after all. It once bid very high for Queen's University but Principal Grant just smiled at the offer.

People now know that trading in revolvers is illegal. Unless you have a permit, you must not buy, sell or carry this weapon. This applies to those in training to become bandits as well as the rest of us.

The Ontario Synod office will still be practically in the shadow of St. George's cathedral. The diocese's newly-purchased building is only a stone's throw away from the hall of St. George. Older citizens will recall the building forty years ago, for many of them as schoolboys bought their books from the late Francis Nesbitt when he kept store there.

Was some Portsmouth beer over-strength when it left the brewery? Is a question magistrates at Smith's Falls have to decide. Analysts say it was over-strength when they tested it, but the makers say it was within the law when it was bottled.

Queen's University endowment plans are certainly being made with mathematical precision. The programme reads like a railway timetable. The Watchman hopes that money will pour into the university treasury.

Attorney-General Nickle says that when his time comes "Kingston" will be found engraved upon his heart and the Kingston member might have added that the word "Queen's" will also be engraved there alongside Kingston, for the university owes much to W. F. Nickle, just as he owes much to old Queen's.

The organs in some of Kingston's leading churches are pretty old. Sydenham street's was installed in 1888, St. Andrew's in 1890 and Chalmers in 1891. All three churches are talking about new organs. Today it would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to buy an organ that sold for \$4,000 to \$5,000 forty years ago.

Wit and Humor

Time To Close. "How's business going?" "Like clockwork." "Why, I heard you had failed." "So I have. They've just wound up the business."

Unlucky. Auntie: Now, you must not have any more cakes, Johnny, you've had quite enough. Johnny: Well, if I'm ill it will be your fault. You've made me stop at the thirteenth, and that's unlucky.

He Tough Luck. "I'll never ask another woman to marry me as long as I live." "Refused again?" "No, accepted."

Being Careful. Man in barber's chair: "Be careful not to cut my hair too short, people will take me for my wife." Another Fish Story. Stevens (describing a catch): The trout was so long—I tell you I never saw such a fish. Hall: No, I don't suppose you ever did.

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