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A COLLEGE IN GRIEF.

The Royal Military College this sary of its founding. During the half century passed it has performed an inestimable service to Canada from members of farmers' clubs. and the British Empire. Hundreds of cadets have passed through and won their way to high positions in military, engineering and other professions. "Truth, Duty, Valor" has ever been the motto set before the young cadet and carried by him into his life work. R.M.C. graduates have ed by the masses. have served the Empire in the distant places of the earth. On the battlefields, R.M.C. graduates and eral party to believe that a very concadets have spilled their life bloodin India, in Africa and Europe. Others have builded railways in an- a public appeal to Liberals all over cient lands like Egypt and Palestine. Canada. 1,266,584 men and women and still others have served in many voted for Liberal candidates on Ocways at home. And to-day, the Royal tober 29th last. If an average of Military College still serves Canada \$1.00 each was contributed a fund and the Empire. It is producing of one million and a quarter would manly and highly educated young be created. Is it too much to exfellows, who on graduation are at pect an average of \$1.00 each? for service in many fields of duty, is possible that there would be The hospitality of its commandant, thousands who would contribute staff and gentlemen cadets is known nothing. On the other hand many

Like all educational institutions it | and some \$100. And it is surely not has its joys and its sorrows. The too much to expect that 100,000 tragic death of one of its gentlemen cadets this week has cast a gloom over old Point Frederick. Kingston deep sympathy of the citizens goes out to the commandant and those serving under him in the sudden and accidental passing of a promis- 1919, has lost some of its impetus

## PURIFYING POLITICS.

There is sitting at Ottawa at the present time a committee to investi gate certain alleged irregularities in connection with the Customs Depart ment. Members have arisen in the House and condemned the administration of the Customs Department in strong language. The committee has wide powers, and it is in the interests of this country that the investigation be searching

There is another phase of corruption, however, that might be very well looked into, and that is the conduct of our elections. Dr. Manion, in the House of Commons a few days ago, asked who supplied the money for Mr. Vincent Massey's campaign fund. Had the brilliant and gallant young doctor known Mr. Massey, he recharging of the extinguishers be-Mr. Massey is a sincere and honorable gentleman, who gave up several lucrative positions on industrial and bank directorates to contest a seat in Parliament because he felt a call to serve his country. He spent a lot of money all of which, with the exception of \$300 contributed by a friend, he put up himself. He spent it all legally. He refused to countenance or permit certain things that would have materially helped his campaign and, possibly, elected him. They are usually winked at politicians of both old parties everywhere, Mr. Massey did another thing that isn't usually done-he publish edea statement of ALL his exper He evidently didn't know that the published election expenses of a candidate seldom exceed two or three thousand dollars.

As a matter of fact the publica-

tion of election expenses is pretty | ment's part in maintaining efficien set an example in honesty to us all. assured. The firemen who did to purchase votes. Yet who can pos- make the use of extinguishers sibly estimate the amount of money wider and more effective check this Dominion last October.

We are getting too callous to electoral corruption, and die heads of both parties are largely to blame for conditions. The infamous "saw-off" has been used so often that it has had a tendency to-disgust men who desire to keep politics

sprung up in nearly every city and should adopt compulsory voting. town in Canada service clubs, memethics. Might not these clubs turn their attention to the matter of with great benefit to the country?

AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND NEEDEL 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. Why cannot the Liberal party in Canada do the same thing? It is an open sec ret that in the recent campaign the Liberal party had practically no year celebrates the fiftieth anniver- funds. The Progressives who were singularly successful in 1921, raised all their funds by small subscriptions

The cause of Liberalism and the cause of Progressivism are not very far apart. Both parties are seeking the good of the mass of the people. Both parties usually find themselves on the opposite side to the vested interests. They should be support-

The British Whig has sufficient means, not port j-use! faith in the rank and file of the Libsiderable sum could be raised towards a Dominion campaign fund by would give \$25.00; some \$50.00;

would willingly give \$5.00 each. The Liberal party needs revivifying-it needs to get closer to the is touched by the tragedy, and the people. For the past four years all the policies and plans have been made by the Cabinet. The enthusiasm created by the convention of The rank and file of the party seems to be out of touch with things. There is need for another convenas important is the need of a substantial campaign fund subscribed openly and above board by the rank to believe that the response would only way Canada can do the same. be spontaneous and generous.

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 extintended to by Fire Chief Armstrong mentioned, Well, here's hoping. and his department, the cost of the

ing met by the city. and Light Committee, the chairman, popular in private financial circles Ald, Milne, brought up the matter, with persons who have no objecand stated that he did not thing it tion to sharing their obligations was fair for the city to have to foot with posterity. 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

the council's action in 1919 feel ag- professional propagandist and pubgrieved that the warrant for service is now very drastically cut off. Is there no obligation on the council to carrying out an agreement entered cured because the firemen would see they were kept in working order and, at very small expense, were kept charged. In return the fire underwriters gave a five per cent. rebate on insurance rates to those who placing of the apparatus for emerg-AND THERE CAME TWO ency needs. This helped much in dors instead of high commissioners ANGELS AT SODOM keeping down the fire hazard and in The suggestion, says the Montreal AT EVEN; and Lot seeing them every way tended to strengthen and Gazette, implies an independent stasecond the fire department's sense tus which the Dominions do not poshe said, Behold now, my lords, turn of security. There were obligations sees. Let's have this matter cleared

much of a farce, and it is so because | we thing the council acted unwisely. we all wink at it. Everyone knows | Maybe the members did not give

that money is spent lavishly in every much thought to what was involved. election by the men,-or the repre- The costs of keeping equipment in sentatives of the men-who make stores and factories and public buildour laws at Ottawa and in our Pro- ings was a mere bagatelle in comvincial legislatures, and who should parison with the safety and security We have become so used to it that work were paid for their services nothing is said or done. The laws anyway. So that no saving was made of our land do not permit the hiring by the abolishment of a valuable of vehicles on election day to draw order that gave increased helpful voters to the polls; the laws of our service in case of fire. Better restore land also make it a criminal offence the order and through publicity that was spent in these directions in fires. In their incipiency they can readily be subdued.

## COMPULSORY VOTING

In the last general election. every previous election, a very large percentage of the Canadian voters failed to exercise their franchise. A During the past decade there has Whig reader suggests that Canada Indifference to the franchise is a

bership in which is supposed to make very dangerous thing and the comfor high ideals and better business monwealth of Australia is trying to overcome that danger, and has passed an act compelling every elector higher standard of political ethics 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 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 wh are too busy to notice it.

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

use," is a headline. Sea ports he France had 1,363,000 soldiers

killed during the war. What an ap palling plea for peace! One trouble with the traffic is en-

trusting a high-power ear with the possessor of a low-power brain. Good speakers in public bodies ought to pronounce one word with

clearness and emphasis, in consider

ing 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 scent-iment that binds the two peoples together.

A reader asked the Ottawa Journal for legal advice. He thought with the great vocabulary displayed will be found engraved upon his tion, a reaffirmation of policy and in the editorial columns the editor heart, and the Kingston member surely knew everything.

It has been by reducing expenditures by billions that the United and file of the party. The British States and Great Britain Mave been Whig has faith enough in the party able to reduce taxation. This is the

a municipal tax should be imposed UNSATISFACTORY ANNUL- on all bachelors over thirty-five Chalmers in 1891, All three churches years of age. That's the way for the are talking about new organs. Towomen to go after the men!

Political writers in Washington have picked Mr. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois as a contender for the Reguishers in various places of busi- publican presidential nomination in ness around the city, have been at- 1928. Frank is always among those

The custom of spreading the payment of national debts over a period At the last meeting of the Fire of sixty or more years would be

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 made purchases on the strength of back the \$500 wired to him by that licity seeker, Frank D. J. Barnjum.

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

safeguarded their property by the the proposal that the Dominions be in, I pray you, into your servant's of a very worthy character on both up. Are we dependent or indepenSUNDAY THOUGHT.

Queen's Theological College after all. It once bid very high for Queen's University but Principal Grant just smiled at the offer. Toronto has not the atmosphere for a seat of learning like Queen's which became great through the self-sacrifice of its graduates and friends. It is a safe bet to make that Queen's Theological College will remain right where it is and do still greater things.

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 w still be practically in the shadow o St. George's cathedral. The diocese's "Thornton to urge a greater port 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. Then the building became a bank. Then the Grits had bad luck in it as an election campaign quarters last fall. Now it will house the offices of Canon J. W. Jones, the able clerical secretary of Ontario Diocese.

Was some Portsmouth beer over-

Queen's University 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

leading churches are pretty old. Sy-Wiarton women have decided that denham street's was installed in 1888, St. Andrew's in 1890 and day it would cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to buy an organ that sold for \$4,000 to \$5,000 forty years ago. A Presbyterian church up in Orillia-just a town-bought an organ two years ago at a cost of \$39,000. amount of money was all that Chalmers church here cost to build thir ty-seven years ago. Yes, church musical instruments have soared in price with the passing of the years.

## Wit and Hamor

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

Auntie: Now, you must not have any more cakes, Johnny, you've had quite enough.

your fault. You've made me stop at

the thirteenth, and that's unlucky.

His Tough Luck. "I'll never ask another woman ! narry me as long as I'live." "Refused again?" "No, accepted."

Another Fish Story. Stevens (describing a catch): The trout was so long-I tell you I never saw such a fish.

Friday and Saturday Special My Creed.

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. It is a good advertisement for the chief industry in Reeve Kennedy's

Attorney-General Nickle says that when his time comes "Kingston" 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

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