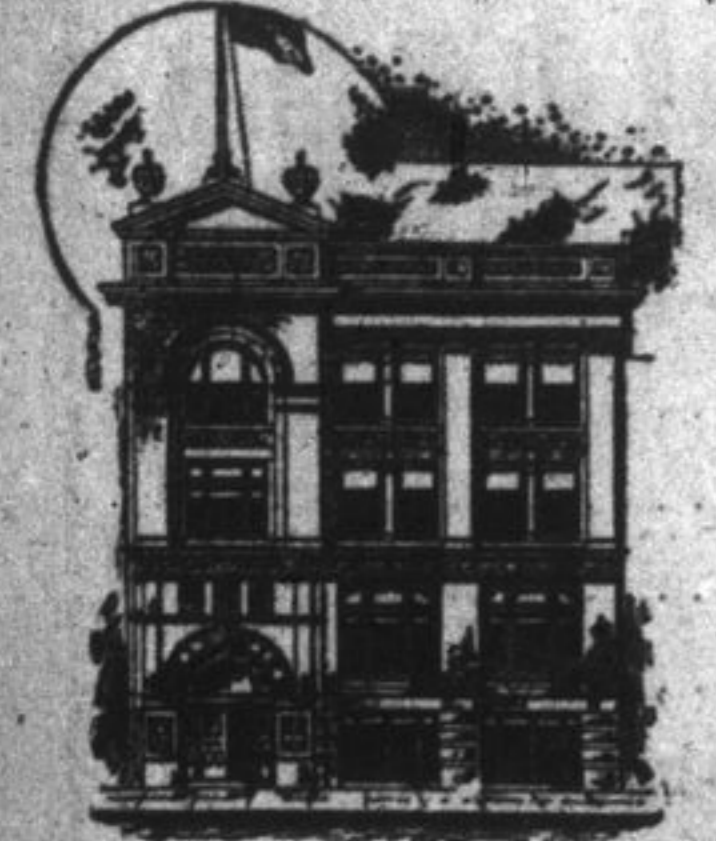


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POLITICAL TEAM PLAY.

We have been hearing so much about the Progressives being the real rulers at Ottawa that it is a change to hear that Independent Conservative organ, the Toronto Telegram, inform the people that it is not Premier Ferguson and Attorney-General Nickle who are directing the temperance legislation in the Ontario Legislature, but the Conservative leaders at Ottawa. The Telegram says:

It is now understood that Premier Ferguson is delaying a concrete statement through constant pressure being brought to bear on him by the Conservative leaders in the Federal House. On account of the possibility of a Dominion election in the next few months, Ottawa Conservatives have been urging Premier Ferguson to keep quiet on the O.T.A. as long as possible. It is stated that the Conservative party at Ottawa fear that the declaration of a wet policy by the Ferguson Government might cost the party several seats in Ontario in the event of a Dominion election.

What a tangle to be sure! Ontario's temperance policy depends upon the wishes of the Conservative directors at the Capital. What do the people think of it?

BURDEN MUST BE REDUCED.

Judge Vance, in addressing Simcoe County Council at its last session, said he would "call a halt on road building." "Too much emphasis," the judge added, "is laid on the government grant. Whether the money comes from the government or the county, the people have to pay in the end, and the same thing applies to general provincial expenditures." A clear cut and decidedly sensible statement. Too many people think government grants are heaven sent gifts.

REAPING FRUIT OF MIRACLES

Most of us have grown pretty well accustomed to the marvels of the twentieth century, says a writer. The automobile is already a commonplace. The airplane is fast on the way to becoming one. We take radio for granted and refuse to get affluster over the miracles of modern surgery. Consequently, when some one remarks that we are living in a great age we say, "Yes, indeed," and trot off to see a movie.

This is natural, for too close acquaintance with any miracles makes them seem ordinary. But our laudatorial attitude has this danger; it is blinding us to the fact that we are standing on the threshold of an era greater, more marvellous and stranger than anything we have ever dreamed of. Imagine, if you can, a world like this: Industry so regulated and machinery so perfected that no man, from high to low, would need to work more than four or five hours a day; plenty for all and poverty for none; diseases such as cancer and tuberculosis wiped out completely, with a full century the normal age for everyone; clean cities undefiled by the great clouds of smoke that arise from their factories and railroads now; dwellers in the coldest climes kept warm in their houses without the need of ever looking at a furnace or even owning one; the meannest citizen able to take a small device from his

BIBLE THOUGHT: THOU SHALT NOT OPPRESS A STRANGER: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.—Exodus 23:9.

pocket and, at will, see a ball game or a public convention in a city a thousand miles away—these wonders and more even greater taken as every-day features of life and causing no amazement—can you imagine it?

The chances are very good that, if we ourselves do not see such an era, our children or our children's children will. It is just around the corner—literally.

On one day a prominent scientist announces that it will soon be possible to transmit heat in a manner similar to radio, so that every house could be warmed by some distant heating plant. On another day another scientist says that utilization of atomic energy is a development of the near future. Then a great physician predicts victory over disease. An electrician says we can soon see by radio. Industrial leaders admit that electric power will replace steam in factories and elsewhere.

And so it goes. It is coming, and coming rapidly—the day when man's material troubles will be conquered. And what then? When we have our freedom from toll and discomfort and pain, what will be done with it? Will we make of it a blessing or a curse?

THE WOMEN ARE LEADERS.

"Men are little more than animated check books" is the observation of the manager of a women's exposition in New York. Men consult their wives about purchases; eighty-five per cent. of purchases are made to gratify women. This has been the case since the dawn of money and merchandise. Merchants know this better than they used to, and know also how much more frankly the situation is recognized in the average family. So the shrewd automobile salesman shows the new car to the woman first.

ON DOING SOMETHING ELSE.

A great many people are happy in having some hobby, apart from games or pastimes, to which they can turn for recreation when the day's work is done. Some of them have "high distinction" at these spare-time occupations; and one and all have found that they pursue their respective callings with all the more success for having a second interest to which they can turn, says the Chicago Evening News.

"It would indeed be a great thing for all of us if we could do something else. There are those who declare that they find life dull. But that is nearly always because they have chosen to make it so. They have misused the moral in the poet's word:

"The world is so full of a number of things I am sure we should all be as happy as kings."

"To pursue one calling to the neglect of all other interests in life is a bad thing for nearly all of us. It is like constant indulgence in a monotonous diet, which, in time, kills the taste for that variety which is the sauce of life."

THE RAT INVADERS THE WEST.

In the Saskatchewan legislature, steps were taken to fight the invasion of the rat. It was stated that the territory east of a line drawn from the international boundary through Lampman, Broadview, Melville and Priestville was now rat-infested and that the government was doing what it could to stop further incursions.

Up to ten years ago the rat was unknown in the three prairie provinces. There was great excitement when the first rat was discovered at Emerson, on the Manitoba boundary line. Little by little he made his way north until in Winnipeg today the rat is almost as common as in eastern cities. Then the rodent started pushing west, until now he has reached Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan government is making a fight to prevent his further spread.

HOUSE SHOULD KNOW.

Radical departure from the present system by which moneys granted under the Northern and North Western Development Act are expended by the Provincial Government, is advocated in a resolution which Harold Fisher (Liberal, Ottawa West) will introduce in the Legislature. Mr. Fisher contends that "in the opinion of the House these moneys should be used only after appropriations from the grant have been approved by this House in estimates for the current year, showing the work proposed to be done and the estimated costs thereof."

This is a decidedly sensible attitude to take and the Liberals in the House, though small in number, are wise in placing their views on governmental administration. To be sure they may be smothered by the Ferguson following, but the information and facts will be educative in character. Not a dollar of the Provincial funds should be handed over for expenditure without the fullest publicity as to what they are to be used for and in whose hands they are to be distributed. Let everything be above board.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another thing to worry over: Will the overshoots last until spring?

Looks as though we will have to keep the home fires burning tomorrow.

Prince Albert said it with ballots. In 1885 in the same constituencies "A" and "B" Batteries of Kingston had to say it with bullets.

Sleeping sickness is reported rampant in Moscow. If some of the Reds could take a good long sleep it might clear up their brains.

If the University of Toronto is to get, annually, \$3,480,750 of Ontario's public money the question arises what should Queen's University get?

Colonel Coolidge says that if his son would take some hot ginger tea and go to bed he would break up his cold. But specialists don't believe in hot ginger tea.

Canada will not bar the Countess Cathcart, but neither will a pressing invitation be extended to her to dedicate any young ladies' colleges, avers the Hamilton Herald.

Dr. William H. Park, director of laboratories of the New York state health department uses a serum for measles. Has Ontario's Provincial Board of Health anything to offer?

The Vancouver Sun speaks of Mr. Dunning as a great asset to the government of Canada, who will add "vigor, dignity and genuine ability to the Mackenzie King administration."

Dr. H. M. Tory suggests to Canadians that we see Canada, as a young aspiring nation and make comparisons with other nations in the same stage of development and not with the United States.

Brockville is to have a whale of a time at its coming reunion. The town is enthused over the event. May they have a wonderful gathering. It engenders a real spirit of endeavor, a need in every place in the province.

In view of the depressed value of the franc, the members of the French Chamber of Deputies decided to stabilize their allowances. The yearly indemnity has been increased from 27,000 to 40,000 francs.

Canada is looking to the future with every prospect of a prosperous period in front of her, is a Calgary Herald opinion. The past year has seen the turn of the tide of difficulty under which we as a country have been handicapped, and conditions are undoubtedly improving.

The New York Sun describes hockey as a game "that comes from the great open spaces of Canada, where men are ice-bound and women are fancy skaters. It is played between two teams of five men each, none of whom cares a thing about his physical future."

A strong provincial committee of city school trustees has been appointed to survey the costs of primary and secondary school administration and to suggest reductions for the benefit of the taxpayers. This committee will study the subject for the coming year.

According to the Ottawa Journal Rt. Hon. George P. Graham was, "by a goodly margin, the ablest mind in the Cabinet. In experience, in knowledge, in administrative and legislative capacity, he was, indeed, among the ablest minds in parliament." Really it was worth quitting to get such a testimonial.

In Manitoba a legislative committee recommended the imposition of a levy over the whole province to provide for salaries of teachers. This is the New Zealand plan. The government there pays all salaries and locates all teachers. A frontier place gets a good teacher and the teacher's salary is the same as is paid in the capital city.

The habit of Canadians to invest freely in the securities of their own country, developed during the war, has continued, and last year they absorbed \$248,370,710 of the total of \$492,869,043 securities issued. At the end of last July the holdings in Canada amounted to \$1,895,918,000, out of the total national debt of \$2,508,458,000. More life insurance was sold in Canada last year than ever before, the total being \$424,872,000, an increase of \$33,709,000 over 1924.

Mr. Nickle's bill in the legislature proposes to enable any member of the House to accept, without again submitting himself to his constituents, a Cabinet position he is offered within three months of the general election. If the measure passes the people in coming general elections will vote with the knowledge that their candidate, if elected, may be appointed a Minister of the Crown. His return at the general election will carry their consent to accept office if the same is conferred upon him within the next three months.

Quebec Viewpoint

Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe urges resistance to the Americanization of Canada.

"More and more, our province seems to be intended for industry. We do not inquire whether it is a good thing or a bad one. What is important is to weigh immediately what the immediate future reserves for us and to adapt ourselves to circumstances without losing our technic qualities. Inevitable transformations will be operated among us. But they should be merely material, that is to say, in things. From now on we must prepare our people for the realities of the morrow. "Against Americanization the fight will be the same as ever, though more arduous, perhaps, because of a greater wealth and a closer and more direct attraction. But as in the past, we will oppose the invasion of the barrier of our national traditions with our numerical children, our family morals, our language, all that composes our French-Canadian physiognomy in America."

Le Nouvelliste draws attention to the extent of rural depopulation, both in Ontario and in Quebec.

"The Toronto Star complains bitterly that rural Ontario is becoming depopulated while the urban population is growing at a disquieting rate. Thirty years ago, almost two-thirds of the population of Ontario was to be found upon the land. Today, the proportions are almost reversed.

"The same disturbing phenomenon is reproduced in our province. Thirty years ago, seven-tenths of our population lived upon the land. From decade to decade the proportion has visibly dwindled. Today, according to the census of 1921, the majority of the population in our province is urban. We find 56 per cent in the towns and 44 per cent in the country."

News and Views.

Strong on Quantity. Kansas City Star: The quality of government we get for our money does not always please us so well as some of us have thought before but there's no denying that we get more of it.

How Doth the Busy Little Bee? St. Thomas Times-Journal: Canada's busy bees set a headline for thrift and industry. Honey production in the Dominion jumped from 6,000,000 pounds in 1920 to over 21,000,000 pounds in 1925.

Auto Tourists. Petrolia Advertiser-Topic: President Kelly of the Tourist Association of Ontario says there are 10,792,000 motor cars within 700 miles of Niagara Falls and it is the task of the association to convince people that Ontario is the place to visit in the summer vacation. Excellent idea, but at the same time these tourists should be instructed as to some of the rights of Canadians on their own roads.

The Gift of Gab. Palaski, N.Y. Democrat: If a group of people would sit and think for a period and then let some one start conversation it would be a great mind cleanser and produce good results in the manners of many people. Talking with nothing to say before an audience is what some people think a display of gift. It is only a display of gab. "The gift of gab," is not the most valuable asset one can have; it is far less valuable than the gift of thinking steadily, soberly and sanely on worthwhile topics and then when occasion arises be equipped to say something worth hearing.

Canada's Future. Victoria Times: Slowly but surely the natural resources of the country are being developed. The investor in other lands is turning his eyes towards Canada and is beginning to understand more clearly the extent of the possibilities which await him. People who come here from the Old World to inquire about many things have gone home with some curious conceptions of Canada and Canadian conditions permanently corrected. Not all of these come back and profit by their findings; but in many cases they do. In any event, their favorable reports bear fruit in other ways and such benefits as might accrue to them directly accrue to the country indirectly.

Old Age Pensions. Vancouver Providence: The proposed Canadian old age pension law compares rather poorly with that of Australia and of New Zealand. It is proposed to fix the age for receipt of pension, at seventy years. Were this in force in Australia, where the age limit is sixty-five years, ninety per cent. of those in receipt of old age pensions would not be getting them. Of 105,000 persons receiving the pension in Australia, a little over 90,000 are under seventy years. In New Zealand, the disparity is wider. There, the minimum age is sixty-five, in the case of males, and sixty for females, reducible to sixty and fifty-five years, respectively, in cases where two children or more, under fourteen years of age, are dependent on the recipient of the pension. The protected Canadian measure provides for a minimum pension of \$20 a month, as compared with \$26.50 in the case of Australia. In Canada it is proposed to divide the burden between the Dominion and the Provinces. In Australia the Federal Government pays the bill, which amounts to thirty million dollars a year.

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