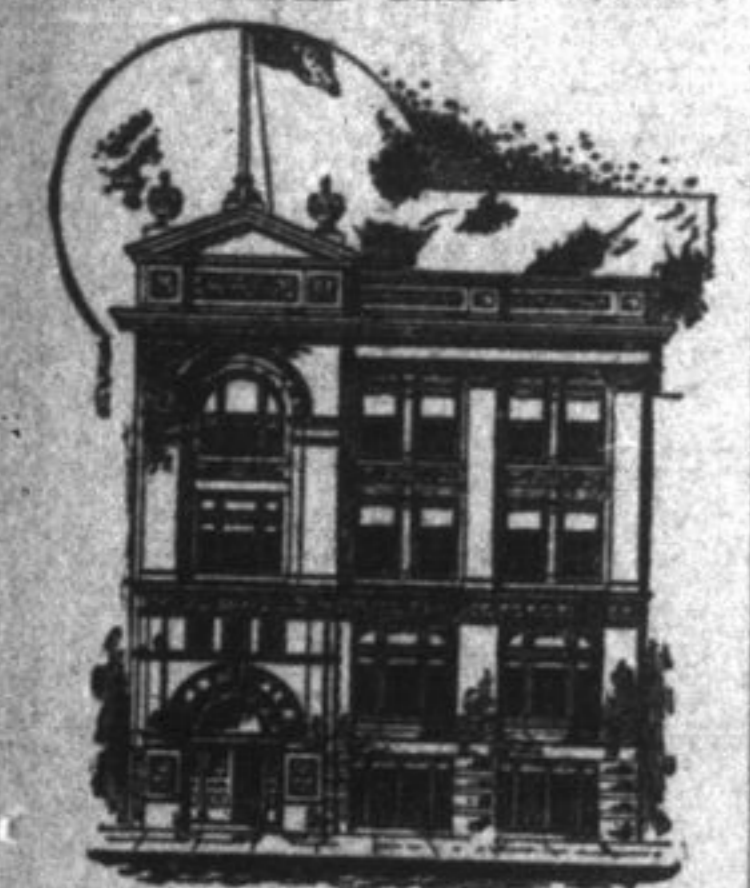


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ANOTHER GOOD REASON.

Another cogent reason why the Dominion Government should decide the terminal point for the trans-shipping of grain from the west, which will come through the enlarged Welland canal, enroute to the seaboard, is given in trade returns. The big steamers cannot go through to Montreal and must discharge at the foot of deep water navigation; navigators hold that Kingston is the logical point of discharge.

The reason, as develops from the trade returns, is that the Canadian route is now chiefly used and the 1925 returns show that a large part of the export Canadian grain previously handled through United States Lake and sea ports has been diverted to Canadian routes to the seaboard. If Canada wants to hold this trade, and increase it by its additional facilities at the Welland canal, then it must have the terminal on Lake Ontario settled and advertised a considerable time before the deepened canal is ready to handle traffic.

As we have noted before, Oswego and Odensburg are hoping to get considerable of the trade, but if Kingston is decided on and extensive government elevators are erected the tendency will be for the grain to come here and sent on to Montreal by smaller steamers already provided, for they are now operating from Port Colborne.

The local Board of Trade and City Council are watching events and are growing more confident that Kingston will get the trans-shipping plants. Quick despatch, no dangers from fogs or tortuous channels, easy access to the harbor, admirable repair plants and dry dock, and, above all, the unanimous voice of the marine world, are all elements in favor of Kingston.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARDS.

The proposal of the premier of Ontario to eliminate school section boards and substitute township boards has aroused the rural population of Ontario, and they flocked to Toronto by the hundreds to attend the trustees' convention. On Tuesday afternoon last Convocation Hall, on the University grounds, held over 1,700 people all keen and alert to hear the township board proposals discussed. But little opportunity for calm consideration was allowed, the ruralists were strongly opposed to the plans, and, consequently, on the greater majority, argument had no effect.

It was a picturesque sight to see a great company of sturdy farmers roar and applaud as opponents to the bill expressed themselves against the measure. Now and again an advocate would speak but would be shouted down.

The resolutions committee suggested delay in the matter, more careful thought and investigation as to the benefits and disadvantages of the plan, the selection of a committee of seven to study and make enquiry and to report back, the measure to be held up by the legislature till 1928 before giving it a third reading, but the excited rural trustees would have none of it and by a comfortable majority voted the proposal down and out.

But the end is not yet. The premier at the night gathering said he was not disturbed by the decision of the trustees; it was a fair measure, full of helpfulness for the cause of education, a uniform taxation over

the one area and a lessening of the costs for tuition and training. He will go ahead with his plans, convinced they are right. In the face of the demonstration made by the rural trustees it is hardly likely the premier will be inexorable in his action. His chief organ, The Toronto Mail and Empire, in an article last week expressed the idea that the plan proposed for township units should be optional not obligatory and time should be given the public to think the matter out. Reforms are of slow growth and development; already since the bill was introduced men and women trustees have changed their attitude from hostility to approval, with the proviso that action be taken in a less radical way than by annihilation at one stroke of the small sections. The Mail and Empire puts it this way, and we agree with it as the project is in nowise political in its conception:

"Some townships may be ready to-day to act upon the proposal; others may be ripe for the change in two or three years; still others in ten years, and some may continue to prefer the present division into school sections for a long time to come. The law in regard to township boards should be made permissive, not mandatory, so that townships may fall in when and as they become convinced of the merits of the idea.

"Townships that have good roads and facilities for easy communication between the consolidated school and the homes of the pupils may be expected to be the first to elect for such schools. Some doubt the practicality of assembling all the pupils of the township at one educational centre in the middle of winter. Others question the financial economy while perhaps admitting the educational advantage of the arrangement. But the proposed change seems a reasonable accommodation of methods to the time of swift progress in which we are living.

"Something was said at the meeting of the Association in the way of objection on account of increased taxation. Would there be increased taxation? A well-staffed central school would no doubt have more teachers of the highest grade than are now employed in the township, but would almost certainly be less numerous than the total number of teachers now employed in the school sections. Pupils would receive better attention, more systematic work along lines of rural education would be done in the consolidated school, and education there could be carried to a more advanced stage than is possible in the small one-teacher schools to which most of the pupils in the township now go."

The suggestions made are valuable and reasonable. Undoubtedly in the best interests of education in the rural parts a larger unit of administration is desirable. It does not mean the wiping out of schools in the area, but it does mean adjustments. Schools with from one to ten pupils might be united with adjacent sections and a big saving made in the taxes imposed. Better schools, better teaching, better methods and better environment would result from township trustees in charge.

A TIMELY THEME.

An editorial in the Hamilton Spectator for the benefit of youthful Canadians is exceedingly timely and should be pondered over by young people. The writer discussed the familiar topic of putting off, by procrastinating, and he speaks in this fashion:

Every one, more or less, is by nature indolent. It is only by compelling ourselves to action that we accomplish anything at all. It is therefore, not surprising that the habit of putting off is so very prevalent among young and old alike. But the time to fight the habit is when we are young, before it has had a chance to become rooted and a second nature. Nothing is more fatal to progress than the tendency to "let things slide," as the common expression has it, yet nothing is easier to cultivate than a postponing disposition. If it so pleases to take one's ease, to do what we may happen to want to do at the moment, or to do nothing at all, "It is sweet to do nothing," says the Italian proverb, and the Spaniards express the same sentiment in that comprehensive word "manana"—tomorrow. We all know, however, that the disposition to put off to tomorrow what should be done today is not confined to the Latin races; it is strong in all races, though some are, through the influence of climate or tradition, somewhat more energetic than others. The energetic ones are the winners, as history, past and contemporary, shows. Let us not flatter ourselves that we are free from the fault. The word "procrastination" means just what "manana" means—"till tomorrow," that tomorrow which sometimes never comes.

If there is a task to be done, the time to do it is now. "Do the work which lies nearest to thy hand," says Carlyle, the "sage of Chelsea," and the next task will already have become plainer and easier. If there is a difficult job to be done, it should be set about at once. If it is not difficult, that is all the more reason for getting it out of hand without delay. To put off is merely to heap up trouble. The effort should be made to live orderly, and that is impossible if tasks are left undone. The rule applies to every form of activity, mental or physical. Take the matter of school lessons, for instance; they should be mastered as they come, little by little. If they are allowed to accumulate, it becomes impossible to catch up, and it is unreasonable to expect that a few brief hours of cramming can make up for the valuable time which has been lost. One of the first and most important things a young

person has to learn is to train the will to prompt obedience. An undisciplined will spells disappointment, if not disaster.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When the meek inherit the earth, who will there be to make them carry out the ashes?

Those who lose in a gambling game without a quiver are the ones who howl the loudest about the high taxes.

If you are sorry don't be afraid to say so. The man who has not the courage to apologize hasn't any courage.

The golfers are itching for the time when they will be escorting a little white ball around the great open spaces.

Galt, as well as Pembroke, Guelph and Goderich, proposes to hold its one-hundredth anniversary celebration next year.

London Punch says a pig recently swallowed a diamond which fell into its trough. Sort of casting pearls before swine!

The thinnest man we have heard of was the person, who when he drank grape juice people mistook him for a thermometer!

A writer in the New York World believes that the reason the law is held cheaply is because the poor man believes that it discriminates in favor of the rich.

So far no person's ever had the courage to get up at a wedding and sing that fine old number, "Just Before the Battle, Mother," is Stratford Beacon-Herald humor.

Canada's exports to Japan last year were \$25,162,278, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the year before, and another indication of our growing interests in the Far East.

There are fifty-five cities, villages and hamlets scattered throughout New York state that supply power from their own municipally owned and operated electric light plants.

Canada, so rich in resources, should adopt the latest methods of investigation and exploitation. There are numerous problems confronting the country which require special study for their proper solution.

A Buffalo speaker, addressing the Hamilton Central Bureau of Social Agencies, said, "It is applied psychology that we need." President J. P. Bell, however, thought that the little more money might also help some.

Imports of Canadian hay into the United States for February totalled 56,000 tons compared with about 16,000 tons in February, 1925, and for the period July-February amounted to about 247,000 tons compared with 81,000 tons for the same period last year.

The London Echo remarks that never did a political party put forth greater efforts to defeat a cabinet minister than the Meighenites exerted to prevent the re-election of Hon. J. C. Elliott in West Middlesex. But the result of the polling shows how futile those efforts were.

Farmers in the province of Quebec are investing every year, not thousands, but millions in shady enterprises, and are handing their savings to glib-tongued men with gilt-edged stock certificates of companies that never have and never will exist. So says an exchange.

Every package of parcel post in the city of New York is delivered by a horse because the waiting time, while these wagons are being unloaded and delivered through the buildings by the postmen, is so great that it can be done with a horse at about half the cost it would be with an automobile.

A fashion hint: You can make one of those fascinating \$16.75 ribbon hats for \$3.20 (ribbon \$2.20, shape .43, thread .07, and ornament .50), the only objection to your going to all this trouble being that the hat will probably look like \$1.98 marked down to .67 by the time you get through with it.

It has been known that President Coolidge suppressed important reports of the Tariff Commission—the sugar report, print-rolls report, linseed-oil report and so on. The senate committee now shows that he maintained this secrecy against the virtual protest of the commission.

C. Girvan, Toronto, depot agent for the Dominion Express Company, states that for some reason unknown men's hats and male clothing and materials are pouring into Toronto in unprecedented quantities, while ladies' wear are far below those of the last few years. Europe is contributing very largely this season to the outfitting of the sterner sex.



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LOOKING AROUND

With Lord Byng completing his term as Governor-General and Earl Cavan mentioned as his likely successor, Canada is not being given a governor who will sympathize with the anti-British people. Lord Byng is a great British general and the Earl of Cavan has just filled the post of British Chief of Staff.

Who would blame a fellow for doing a sprint when he met two bears on the road, but Sharbot Lake folks declare there are no Bruins at large out there. "ord comes that the supposed two bears met by a Kingston man were two large black dogs—but canines are not the most pleasant animals to meet on the highway at night if you are afoot.

The premier of Ulster is to visit Canada next August, and a hearty welcome will await him. Canada would also like a visit from the premier of Southern Ireland—Mr. Cosgrave—who has proved himself a capable administrator of the Irish Free State.

Women danced in classic costumes in a New York church on Sunday afternoon. Well, we would prefer that the dancing be done some where else. A church is for worship which requires action of the heart and head instead of the body.

The people will be sorry to hear that the Choral Society is "in the hole" after a year of hard work and the presentation of two splendid cantatas. The Society deserves better patronage than it has received, and likely would have received it had its productions been given at more opportune times. The choice of the last date was generally considered unfortunate, but perhaps the hall could not have been secured for late in April, which would have been a better time.

Edmonton has been justly proud of its girls' basketball team which has held the Canadian championship for several years. The western girls do not play any of your gentle kind of basketball. They have used the men's rules, which are somewhat different from the girls' intercollegiate regulations. Basketball draws great crowds in Edmonton, whereas in Kingston—although the game has been played here for over thirty years—a few hundred spectators are considered a crowd at a basketball contest.

The statement of a local preacher that the Ten Commandments are no longer being taught from the pulpit is declared by the average church-goer to be nonsense. All Kingston pulpits hold up the Ten Commandments to their hearers as the unalterable moral law.

The "Out Our Way" cartoon, published daily in The Whig, has made a great hit with old as well as young. One reader says he has clipped the cartoon ever since it was started, and he has a book of comics with which he would not part.

Quebec Viewpoint

Le Soliel regrets that the disappearance of old furniture from our homes.

"It would be interesting to contrast an ancient with a modern interior. Formerly furniture of value was sculptured and had a distinctive line. Artisans, carpenters, ebony-workers and inlayers fashioned them with their hands and gave them elegance combined with solidity. The styles of the best French periods were thus reproduced and the most well-to-do homes in town and country sometimes became little museums in which numerous masterpieces brightened and reposed the view for several generations.

"To-day there remain only vestiges of those old things. Some families have sufficient taste to collect, repair and make use of them; others the greater number, seek only to get rid of them at prices that are far from high. They are replaced by furniture that is more comfortable, better-padded and newer appearing. Easy and soft-lying is preferred to line and craftsmanship.

News and Views.

Would Afford a Contrast. Des Moines Register: That admirer of President Coolidge, who sent him a wildcat should have known he wouldn't appreciate it at a time when he had congress on his hands.

Asking the Impossible. Grand Rapids Press: When congress is investigating the aluminum trust maybe they will find out how to keep frying pan handles cool.

High Waves and Shallow. The Silent Partner: Some men cannot stand prosperity: It goes to their heads and makes them take outlandish chances and do things that resemble trying to walk a tight wire in a thunderstorm. The high waves that come with prosperity are often just as ruinous to some humans as the shoals and shallows of failure.

Law and Religion. Cleveland Bulletin: There are many who want to pass a law for very virtue that in their opinion should be found in every citizen. Of course, the bold statement that "law cannot make people good" reacts like the waving of a red flag upon those who do not want to see beyond mere words. But, what could be more convincing to prove that law is helpless where the heart is not moved to reform, than the facts as claimed by Representative Reed, of New York, that sixty per cent. of the inmates of penal institutions in New York city are drug addicts or peddlers of drugs? According to various authorities from 200,000 to one million people of New York are victims of the drug habit. Prevention by means of instruction in religion makes citizens fit to obey the law. Crime statistics of youthful offenders who have had no religious

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