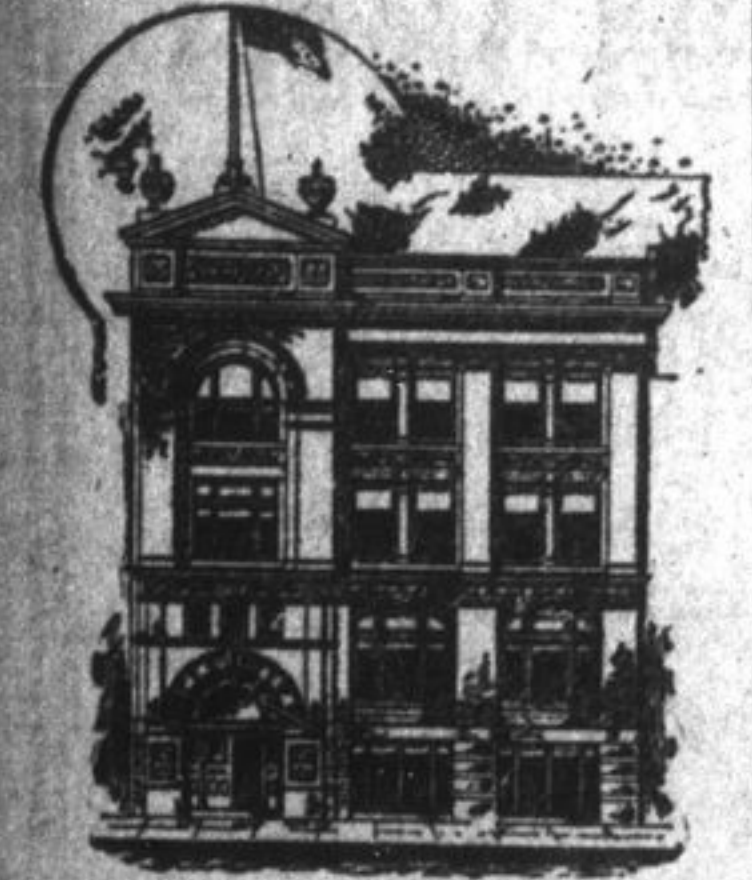


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MR. MEIGHEN AND EARNSCLIFFE.

The proposal to buy the beautiful Ottawa property, Earnscliffe, for an official residence for the leader of the Conservative party, is an excellent one. This historic home could not possibly be put to better use.

Because of the close association for so many years of Sir John Macdonald with this city, Kingston has a peculiar interest in the proposal. The leaders of our political parties are deserving of the best that we can give them. It is well known that Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has refused many tempting offers to return to his profession and give up public life, but he has refused them all. Whether they agree with Mr. Meighen or not every fair-minded man and woman knows that he is giving to the service of his country one of the ablest legal minds in the Dominion, at great personal sacrifice. While other lawyers in Mr. Meighen's class are making from \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year in private practice, he is receiving \$14,000 as leader of the Opposition at Ottawa.

We hope the proposal to install him at Earnscliffe is carried out. Mr. Meighen deserves well of the Conservative party, and under the direction of his charming wife, we feel sure that historic and beautifully situated Earnscliffe would again soon become noted for its generous and warm-hearted hospitality.

NEW POWER NEGOTIATED FOR.

An inspiring message was received by The British Whig this morning, from Hon. W. F. Nickle, announcing that the Hydro Commission had closed negotiations for power from the Gattineau, Que., development. Some 230,000 horse power will be created. With the immediate supply of power distributed, Eastern Ontario can with confidence make preparation for its use for it will be reasonable in price and abundant in quality. The overplus at the beginning can be used in Central and Western Ontario. It is a boon devoutly to be thankful for.

Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, in the federal house, is worthy of the highest commendation for giving an impetus to the work, just negotiated for. In the House he evinced a sympathetic interest in St. Lawrence development and promised by June, to state what the engineering staff employed had to submit and what the Government was prepared to do. With the probable development on the St. Lawrence, Eastern Ontario will have a plethora of power and will give the fullest opportunity for the establishment of new industries and the fuller use of electricity for domestic uses.

With the honorable member for Kingston in the Ontario Legislature we rejoice at the splendid news and hope the abundant power available will stimulate great industrial activity in Kingston and Frontenac.

TEMPERANCE IN ULSTER.

Mr. Rowley Elliott, M.P., of Ulster, Ireland, is in Toronto investigating the Ontario Temperance Act and its operations. Ulster is the temperance battle ground of the old world, with leaders like Sir James Craig in the forefront. It is true Sir James was once interested in the

liquor trade, but he has changed his viewpoint and is now a progressive advocate of temperance. Recently he helped in the passing of measures shortening the hours of sale of liquor and closing saloons on Sunday. This has helped much in Ireland. Mr. Elliott made the same remark that a country cannot be made dry by legislation alone. Education is needed and in Ulster temperance speakers are being developed. To help further in the work the principles of temperance will be part of the curriculum of the schools. The country that is going to do without booze is the country that is going to make the most progress in the world," was Mr. Elliott's comment. He will endorse prohibition for Ulster. Mr. Elliott in addition to talking so splendidly about the outlook for temperance in Northern Ireland, also took time to assert that the one object of Ulstermen to-day is to be bound closer to the British Empire. Ulster, he declared, is still suffering from war's aftermath. Two great industries of the country are affected, shipbuilding and linen manufacture. There are few ships needed to-day while in the linen industry France, where the franc is depreciated, attracts the foreign buyer. "Britain is suffering to-day on account of her honesty," remarked Mr. Elliott. "She is the only nation in the world owing American money and paying it. In the end her integrity will stand her in good stead."

LIBERALS' LIBERALITY

For years endeavors have been made to have the portrait of the late Sir John Macdonald, in the Memorial Hall, examined and re-decorated. It has been chipping for some years due to a slight scorching received, as well as by the ravages of time. This year the Property Committee passed the appropriation for the work, and it was quite remarkable that the members, at the meeting, were all Liberals in politics. Mayor Angrove complimented them on their generous action, as for forty years Sir John was the Conservative representative of this city and a determined opponent of Liberal aggression.

BRING BACK LACROSSE.

Endeavors are to be made this year to put lacrosse, the Canadian national game, on the map again. It is a real sport, strenuous to be sure, but just the kind to put stamina into young men. Up to thirty years ago it was a stirring game in Kingston but as the leaders passed on the younger sets did not take to it and it gave place to baseball and tennis, less vigorous sports. Not for twenty years has lacrosse been prominent in Eastern Canada.

The Canadian Amateur Lacrosse Association, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is now seeking to attract attention to the national game, which with hockey, another Canadian creation, is regarded as the best moral, physical and mental developers known to the athletic world. Canadian boys have always been regarded as fine specimens of physical life and if this position is to be maintained the athletic field must hold their interest and their participation. Lacrosse is worthy of a place in athletic activities and we commend it to the school boys. They will get health and satisfaction out of the lively sport.

PASSED INTO DISCARD.

The word "chaperone" appears to be obsolete; the personage too has disappeared from polite society. The chaperones that would please the boys and girls of to-day would be as useful as an extra tail for a cat, and the other kind wouldn't do at all. Time was when a chaperone was a chaperone in fact and a duenna in effect. She made a job of it and was duly respected at house parties and camp parties. The girls rather leaned on her for guidance and the boys were most respectful and desired to stand in her good graces.

Along toward the end of our high school period members of the young married set were looked upon with high favor in the role of chaperones. One may have the sneaking suspicion that the then darling young matron who now would be quite an old fogey indeed, was the factor most responsible in the early breakup of the chaperone system. A little later the war came along and the whole thing went to smash. It is believed that it is still practised in some finishing schools, but if you want to get a first class and rather lurid cross-section of modern opinion on the system in residue just ask the first young woman of your acquaintance what she thinks of chaperones and watch her stare at you quite blankly, before she begins. She knows as much about the person as she does of long skirts.

Briery Lass, a cow at the Experimental Farm at Ste. Anne de la Poutriere, Quebec, turned out 4.44 butter fat every day for 385 days. An Ontario brewery could do no better, adds the Ottawa Journal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Slang phrases are the mushrooms of speech.

Between pedestrians and motorists bad manners mean accidents, courtesy means safety.

Lord Inchcape says Britain needs a Mussolini to put his foot down on expenditures. There are others.

William Toole, the pansy king, is dead. He added much color and loveliness to the gardens of the world.

No harm will be done if a man takes off his winter underwear at night, and puts it on again next morning.

The claim is made that in the United States but five per cent. of liquor smuggled in is seized. Apathy somewhere!

Russians leaving that country for America are taxed \$100 to \$150 for Soviet passports. Getting the last drop of blood out of them!

It is now said that the shot fired at Mussolini was intended for the King of Italy. If so, this sets a new record for female marksmanship.

It must be hard for a reformer to reflect that, if people took his advice, everyone might some day be as good as he is, comments the Toronto Telegram.

New refrigerating methods, used in Canada, can preserve a fish for six months or more, it is claimed, so that it will taste as if it had just been caught.

Girls whose skirts hang twelve inches or less from the ground will receive a badge from the Kiwanis Club of Chicago, now what does the Kingston Club offer.

The wives of Georgia have the advantage over their husbands. In that state they have the right to testify against husbands in court, but husbands cannot reciprocate.

If the report from Ottawa, that Hon. Duncan Marshall, is to be appointed to the vacant Senatorship for Alberta, he will receive the hearty congratulations of his many friends both in the east and the west.

Possibly Christianity applied would make the world warless, but world-wide application of Christianity is remote when the leading Christian nation has two-thirds of its population unchurched.

A speaker at the Ontario Educational Association meetings declared that students no longer study during their school days and will not be able to study after leaving school. A poor outlook for ever getting any knowledge.

The per capita consumption of "bakers' bread" in Canada was 77.34 pounds in 1924, as compared with 73.1 pounds in 1923, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Notwithstanding the increase, "mother," quotes the Toronto Globe, seems to be doing a lot of baking still.

Mr. Poole, of the United Farmers of Manitoba, has been telling the educational convention that "the aim of education ought to be to teach how to think rather than what to think." We would go him one better, says the Winnipeg Free Press, and say the aim should be to teach how to think about what. What?

The withdrawal of the township school board bill in the Ontario legislature and the battering it got from the rural trustees of the province at their convention, will focus attention on the matter and some reform will be developed as a result of the agitation. The township unit will ultimately prevail if force is not used, but rather co-operation.

The Lord's Day Alliance is to raise \$25,000 in Toronto to be spent in having more rigid observance of Sunday there. The secretary for the province states that pleasure-seekers must not be allowed to place their imprimatur on the Canadian Sabbath, and say what the day shall be, but that the church, and it alone, must say what the Sabbath shall be.

Ontario minister of agriculture is of opinion that a boy who quitted school at fourteen earned for the rest of his life only half as much as the man who took a high school education. The same principle applied to the farmer who refuses to go in for advance courses. Farming was not simply a labor, but involved the application of ideas. The opinion is well based.

The Gananoque Reporter looks forward to the day when Eastern Ontario will, electrically, be made to blossom like the rose, and to that end Gananoque will share its untold wealth, the community spirit is fostered and developed. By working together for community benefit the people work for the advantage of their individual selves.

LOOKING AROUND

On one day in this week two millionaires ended their lives with revolvers, because of ill-health and depression. Being a millionaire is not so fine a thing after all. People with good health are better off in the long run.

A ratepayer draws attention to Clarence street park and asks if the parks committee intends to continue to allow baseball and football to be played there to the injury of the flowers, shrubs and trees. He thinks games should be prohibited there, and also near flower beds in other city parks. It is for the parks committee of the city council to decide.

General Manager H. C. Nickle is doing everything possible to make the near-corner street car stops meet the convenience of the people. The motormen have careful orders as to where to stop. It is hoped the public will co-operate.

Evidently the people who have been dumping their garbage in the city park think this place is in need of "filler." But it is not, and the parks authorities would be obliged if the garbage was put in its proper place.

Those are wonderful robins which return from the south to the C.P.R. gardens here each spring. Cats have been known to have travelled long distances to their old homes, but these robins have gone the tables one better. Some birds get to know their owners as intimately as children know their parents, and it would appear that the C.P.R. gardener is never forgotten by the red-breasts who have again returned to their home opposite the city buildings.

The city council can well afford to spend \$250 in having the splendid oil portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald in Memorial Hall retouched. Many a city would give Kingston a big price for the immense portrait of the great Canadian statesman, who represented Kingston so long in the House of Commons. The civic collection of oil portraits of our mayors is most unique, and quite a number of them are admirably done. It is to be hoped that the practice of each mayor presenting his portrait in oils to the city hall will be continued.

Napanee has advanced another stage in golf, having purchased the ground it has been using, and intends erecting a club house. With two live clubs—Napanee on the west and Gananoque on the east—Kingston golfers are well supported. These golf clubs are great assets.

The departure of Provincial Constable MacLachlan is keenly felt in Kingston. "Mac" is one of Ontario's very best detectives, and the Lime-stone City would like to have had him anchored here. He is a big-hearted, matured Scotchman, but a regular ferret when it comes to getting after wrong-doers.

We will not consider navigation open in Kingston harbor until we see the Wolfe Islander sailing up to the Brock street wharf with our island friends aboard. But they will soon be coming over with their produce to sell; and then when Capt. Carnegie sails out for Cape Vincent we will know that the spring has really arrived.

News and Views.

No Junk Wanted. Agent—"By the way, there are some old Roman remains at the south end of the estate." New Owner—"Are there—well you 'ave 'em cleared away before I take possession."

An Indignant Witness. "And now, sir," thundered counsel, "tell the court what you were doing in the interim." "I never went there," retorted the witness indignantly. "I stayed in the drawing-room all the evening."

The Proof. She—I showed father the verses you sent me. He was pleased with them. He—Indeed! What did he say? She—He said he was delighted to find that I wasn't going to marry a poet.

Specialists. "Does your man work, Mrs. Waggas?" "Oh, yes; he peddles balloons whenever there's a parade in town. What does your husband do?" "He sells smoked glasses during eclipses of the sun."

A Bright Class. The teacher was conducting a "show-off" lesson before a school inspector. "Now, children," she said, "tell me the opposite of the word misery." "Happiness," thundered the class. "And of sadness?" "Gladness." "And of woe?" "Giddap," came the chorused response.

A Newsy Item. An actor, impressed by his own importance, telephoned the city editors and asked them to send reporters to his hotel. "I am going to give out something on my foreign policy," he said. When a few arrived, he told them: "I am not going to Europe this summer."

Ups and Downs. Johnnie's mother made preserves one day and as she sealed each jar-

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lucky time occurs every sixty-one years, and although the superstition is waning, there are still large numbers of parents who won't allow their sons to marry girls under this cloud.

Protect Our Merchants. Montreal Star: Quite apart from the question of supporting our home industries by adequate protection, there is the very serious and much neglected question of supporting our home merchants. The smuggling on a large and small scale that has been going on for many years, connived at by some officials, is a direct blow at the Canadian interests; and it must be stopped. Our customs laws should be so drastic that smugglers, big and little, would be afraid of the penalties.

Wit and Humor

Motor Cop (after hard chase)—Why didn't you stop when I shouted back there? Driver (with only five bucks but presence of mind)—I thought you said, "Good morning, Senator." Cop—Well, you see, Senator, I wanted to warn you about driving fast through the next township.

Quebec Viewpoint. La Patrie, while regretting the Peace River election scandal contends that elections generally have been more free from irregularities of late years. "The grave irregularities that were committed at the HET general election in the county of Peace River, Alberta, and which were brought to light during the case pleaded at Edmonton before Judge Walsh, have had for result the condemnation of deputy returning officer Robb, to five years in the penitentiary. Judge Walsh, in rendering judgment, declares that never in the history of the country has there been such an attempt to deprive electors of their right to vote. He added that the frauds that Robb had committed had robbed the Conservative candidate, Mr. Collins, of the mandate of Peace River. It was Mr. Kennedy, Progressive, who was declared elected. It is probable that the scandal will be heard of in Parliament at the first opportunity. In the past numerous electoral frauds have been committed. There have been many actions in invalidation of certain elections. But the two last general elections seemed to be free of any stain of serious illegality. It is unfortunate that the distant county of Peace River should thus interrupt a creditable record."

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SILE THOUGHT. WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, but Joy cometh in the morning.—Psalms 30:5.