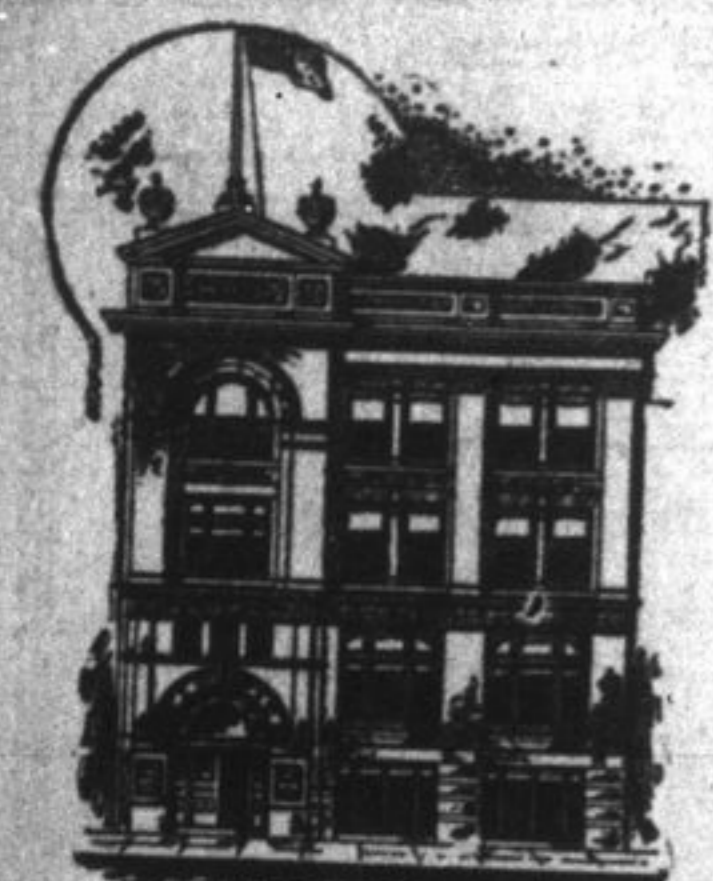


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THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Montreal Gazette, in a well-written editorial in its issue of Monday, declares that the resignation of the two members of the Civil Service Commission has created an opportunity for the Government to restore the sound principle of ministerial responsibility in the administration of the civil service.

The British Whig agrees with The Gazette that an opportunity has arrived for the government. The Civil Service Commission has been a disappointment to its friends, and an annoyance to its enemies.

It is true that under the old patronage system poor appointments were occasionally made. Poor appointments have also been made by the dozen since the appointment of the Civil Service Commission.

MORE CAREFUL RESEARCH NEEDED.

Delving into the treasures contained in that wonderful storehouse of historical materials, the Public Archives of Canada, the more one finds that the current version of Canadian history is, in many cases, hopelessly astray.

BIBLE THOUGHT

BEHOLD NO MAN ANYTHING, but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.—Romans 13:8.

different persons have been confused, the one with the other; of many fairly important persons comparatively little is known (or is, at any rate, public property) and much that is known is incorrect.

It is pointed out that there have been many notable figures in Canadian history of whom one cannot find in print even the dates of birth and death. Nowhere is there readily available in anything like accurate shape information about the executive and legislative councillors of Upper Canada.

To overcome this lack of accuracy is certainly of sufficient importance to merit consideration, for a faulty or incomplete version of history is worse than none at all.

PRISONS FOR SALE.

Great Britain has been experiencing a great slump in her prison population since the war—covering a period when conditions were much less favorable than in the United States.

As a consequence 25 prisons in the Kingdom are now for sale, although nobody seems to want to buy perfectly good but unused jails.

MAKING BETTER HOMES.

The keynote of modern home life is the convenience afforded both for housework and for pleasure. Facilities were never more abundant for making homes delightful and attractive than in this year of our Lord 1926.

"Be it ever so humble there is no place like home" is as true now as when the fact was so deeply impressed on the consciousness of John Howard Payne. But be it ever so humble there is no home that cannot be made more attractive for young and old.

PAYING WITH A SMILE.

Cleveland found a way to make the traffic violator pay with a smile. It took a campaign for charity funds to do it, but it went over in great shape—killing two birds with one stone, as it were.

TRUE TO HIGH PRINCIPLES.

Rev. Dr. Eardley, Ottawa, did a good service in an address on Sunday to the members of St. George's Society. In the course of a brilliant address he said:

"The foundation of British tradition is vital Christianity. All the finest things in our traditions are founded on the Christian spirit. There are certain lines along which the British Empire has developed, which, I honestly believe, are in harmony with the principles of God.

LET'S KEEP ELBOW ROOM.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, an eminent educator in the United States, thinks civilization crowds elbow room. It destroys forests, dries up springs, turns brooks into desolating torrents, replaces the big mammals by rats and mice and the insect-eating song birds by "English" sparrows.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A headline reports that evangelistic services are being held in Eden. A bit late?

If the two parties in the United States put up wet candidates for president, Rev. "Billy" Sunday will run. Then for a very hot dry time!

"Thirteen," a fundamentalist says, "represents Satan." The police have presents Satan. The police have now his number. Will he stop speeding!

Fuel-Controller Ellis is of opinion that if the Alberta product were regularly obtainable at least 500,000 tons of it would be saleable each year in Ontario.

"Tried to scare girls with threat of kisses," reads a headline. Impossible! Girls don't scare that easily nowadays, remarks the Guelph Mercury.

Western Ontario is advocating the erection of a suitable memorial to Tecumseh, the noted Indian chief. He deserves it for he fought bravely for the British.

"How is the word 'sheik' pronounced?" Is it "shek" or "check." But what's the odds—sheiks and sheiking will be as popular as ever this summer at the resorts.

The Toronto Globe is inclined to think Premier Ferguson will have some time framing an excuse for the long disfranchisement he has given London, when he meets the people there on May 13th.

The Canadian business man can best help this country by buying in the best and in the cheapest market—but Canadian men and Canadian goods should at least have the benefit of a trial—a test which is too infrequently given either.

Hon. Mr. Bolvin told the Committee of Enquiry that "the files (of his department) will show that much greater favors than that were granted to men high up in the Conservative party by my predecessor, Mr. Bureau." Uncover the delinquencies.

The number of Boy Scouts in the United States is fast approaching the million mark. Proof of its working you ask? The records of reformatories for the past fourteen years show over 10,000 delinquent boys had been confined—and not one of them a Boy Scout!

Sir Austen Chamberlain, after almost forty years of public service, pleads that his record be judged by two acts that stand for peace—"the part I took in the Irish Treaty and the part I took in the Treaty of Locarno." Of the eminent statesman it can be truly said he never dishonored or lowered the standards of public life.

Prince Edward Island adheres to home-made bread, as well as the simple life, more closely by far than any other province. Each family in that province bought only one pound of bread per week in 1924. Each Nova Scotia family bought a little more than two pounds per week, and each New Brunswick family a trifle more than three pounds.

The Ottawa Journal is advocating the appointment of Mr. W. J. Foran, secretary of the Civil Service Commission to fill one of the vacancies created by the resignation of two commissioners. If the Commission is to be continued by all means appoint Mr. Foran and another Ottawa man. Keep the whole thing in Ottawa. Anyone outside the Capital should not be allowed even to apply for a position. The "service" must be protected.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I can't find it anywhere." Say "anywhere."

News and Views.

Usual in United States. Detroit News: Also, where there's a will there's a half-dozen lawyers.

An Easy Way Out. Ohio State Journal: The hardest thing is to say no, but we find that we can accomplish the same end by taking the matter under advisement.

Beginners. Boston Transcript: The difference between learning golf and motoring is that in golf at first you hit nothing and in motoring you hit everything.

Spending and Saving. London Times: The only people who increase the available capital of the country are those who spend less than their incomes and save the balance. Before the war it was calculated that we were annually saving about £400,000,000 and we had our reward in fairly cheap capital and in immense foreign investments which brought our food to us at their annual interest.

Its First Start. New York Evening Graphic: Prohibition got its first start when the railways took all men who drank from the throats of engines. Public safety demanded absolute clear-headed performance there. It demanded now that drunken men be kept from driving automobiles. And regardless of what happens to the Volstead Act or the Eighteenth Amendment, the time is not far away when one conviction of intoxication will take away a man's license to drive until he has proved he is fit to have it restored.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Patrie joins with other French language papers in giving high praise to the Montreal Reform Club address of Hon. Mr. Taschereau.

"The Prime Minister of the province made a vigorous plea before the Montreal Reform Club to justify his Government against those who have accused it of anti-clericalism in certain of the measures that have been adopted. His plea is eloquent and convincing. The law regarding public assistance, the technical education law and other measures which have stirred the criticisms of the Premier's opponents, will no doubt continue to be criticized, but by the Government's adversaries. Mr. Taschereau applied himself to demonstrate that his Government, in regard to the laws in question, was careful not to trespass on any domain that does not come within its proper jurisdiction, and in doing this he cited the testimony of approval given by high ecclesiastical dignitaries. But in showing that he has satisfied the legitimate exigencies of the religious authority, Mr. Taschereau will not thereby have silenced his critics. When the defence of religion is left to zealots who have no mission to defend it, it requires that the Government, if it is to escape their anathemas, shall be, according to a popular expression, more Catholic than the Pope."

THE VILLAGES OF ENGLAND.

(Vers Arlet, in London Sunday Times) The villages of England, On plain and weald and hill, They were the loveliest England, And they are lovely still! As dreams that unforgetten Live in the waking brain. The villages of England— Haut weald and hill and plain.

For, are they not enchanted, The little streets we know, From Yettington to Pittleworth And Storrington to Stow; From Sarraat down to Compton, And back again to Tring, Or west to steep Clevely, A wide-flung fairy ring!

There's Shottley close to Stratford, Tintagel, Istead heat, And Chalford of the Post, And in the rustic West, Far Avalon lies dreaming Beyond the waves and snows, The untouched, fairy England That every poet knows.

Where Sussex feels the sea-wind, Where Devon greets the sun, Or Hertford drops wild cherries There's room for every one— Whether on moor or hillside, By plain or wood or wold, These are the happiest England, Her dreams unspilt, untold.

American people are buying goods on credit at the rate of \$5,000,000,000 a year.

Robinson Crusoe's Shirt. Wasn't much to look at probably, but it proved to be the most valuable thing that this marooned adventurer possessed. When he found himself alone on a desert island, he gave some thought to ways and means of getting back to civilization. He decided he must try to let people know where he was, so he started to advertise. His advertisement was his shirt, which he fastened to a pole and hoisted in a good position. It did not bring immediate results; it did not bring any results for quite a long time. But Robinson Crusoe did not get discouraged. He kept his flag flying, and eventually it did bring big results.

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