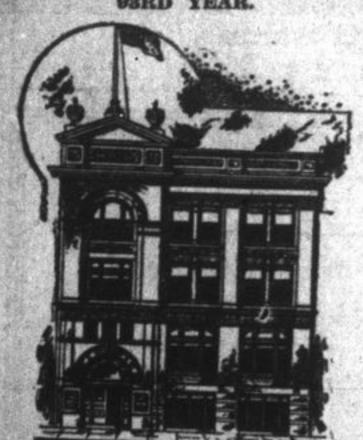
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Letters to the Editor are published history of their country.

The circulation of The British Whig

The Montreal Gazette, in a wellwritten 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. claims that the system that came force with the adoption of the Civil Service Act in 1918 "expresses the impractical theory of a group pedagogue-legislators imbued wit the foolish notion that morality a matter of law and that ethica standards can be measured and maintained by statute." It further points out that the Commission itself and its organization have become a heavy addition to an already overstocked service involving a direct annual outlay that is not far short of a quarter of a million dol-

The British Whig agrees with The Gazette that an opportunity has ar- tractive than in this year of our Lord rived for the government. The Civil 1926. Service Commission has been a disappointment to its friends, and an theory was fine but the practice has been far from satisfactory. It is true it has relieved ministers and

The British Whig believes what is commonly misnamed pat- der consideration. It believes that when a Liberal government is in power it drudgery out of life, remarks the should appoint Liberals to office and Watertown, N.Y., Standard, new and when the Conservative government attractive furnishings make is in power it should look after its home more charming. Comfortable friends. We do not mean to advo- furniture, restful and harmonious cate the appointment of unqualified, colors, ample lighting facilities, deirresponsible, people to government lightful settings-these are but positions simply because they hap- few of the features that go to make pen to be Conservative or Liberal, the externals of the new better home. nor do we mean to suggest that The era of small houses has brought important technical positions need- about use of the entire home, with ing highly qualified men should be no shutoff, closed up rooms. sacrificed to politics, but we do think that all things being equal a house a home." sang Eddie Guest should give their friends the luring when aided by modern adpreference.

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. general-opinion seems to be that the average of first-class appointments was quite as high under the system as under the new. The great weakness of the Civil Service Commission has proved to be, that while it can check up a . man's ability means of examinations it canno check up on his character. This after all, is a matter where judgment of the local member invaluable. Not only has he a fair idea of an applicant's ability, but he knows his moral record, which, after all of tremendous importance. Mr. King has an opportunity now to dispense with the Commission. If he does there will be few tears shed:

MORE CAREFUL RESEARCH NEEDED.

Delving into the treasures contained in that wonderful storehouse Archives of Canada, the more one been defamed. In some cases totally us the various peoples which have

BIBLE THOUGHT another; for he that loveth another bath fulfilled the law .- Romans 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 dian history of whom one cannot find in print even the dates of birth and says the writer, "but we have known busy to-day and to-morrow. very little about the personnel of that ill-named body. And in the same way, while much has been written about the Northwest Company, the history of many of the most important "fur barons" Montreal lies wrapped in a fog of A bit late?

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. If it is to be corrected the services of the research scholar and student call for enlistment. The publication of their work would not only stimulate study and inquiry and render available a vast store of new and valuable material; it would develop among the Canadian people a deeper interest in, and a more authentic knowledge of, the

PRISONS FOR SALE.

Great Britain has been experienc ng a great slump in her prison popu lation 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, al though nobody seems to want to buy perfectly good but unused jails.

Some figures on jail population in

Britain might be of interest. The prison commission reports: In the year before the war 21,560 prisoners were convicted for serious offenses; in 1924-25 the number was only 13,841. Figures for non-indictable offenses show a much bigger difference. In 1913-14 there were

92,149 convictions; in 1924-25 there

MAKING BETTER HOMES

were but 20,032.

The keynote of modern home li the convenience afforded both for housework and for pleasure. Facili ties were never more abundant for making homes delightful and at

"Be it ever so humble there is n place like home" is as true now 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 lazy members of Parliament of re- be made more attractive for young sponsibility, but it has caused gen- and old. The sum of money to be eral dissatisfaction all over the spent is entirely dependent on the tastes and requirements of those livin ing within the particular home un-

Modern conveniences take

"It takes a heap o' livin' to make parties when in power but that heap o' livin' is more al-

PAYING WITH A SMILE.

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. Under Cleveland's plan a policeman who caught a driver violating a traffic ordinance made the motorist "donate." under the alternative of haling him to court. Done on both sides with a smile, this act not only helped a good cause but reminded and rebuked the violator for his carelesaness. It might be good plan for Kingston to follow Cleveland's example and turn a sorrowful procedure into a happy even

TRUE TO HIGH PRINCIPLES

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

"The foundation of British tradifinest 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 harony with the principles of God. When we have been able to hold to come under our control for one reason or another, it was because we were always true to the principles of THING, but to love one for he that loveth another square deal."

History has proven the truth of

these convictions.

LET'S KEEP ELBOW ROOM.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, an ement educator in the United States, thinks civilization crowds elbow room. It destroys forests, dries up springs, turns brooks into desolatbeen many notable figures in Cana- ing torrents, replaces the big mammals by rats and mice and the insect-eating song birds by "English" death. Nowhere is there readily sparrows. This we cannot help, but available in anything like accurate we can mitigate it, and if we care shape information about the execu- a hoot for what our grandchildren tive and legislative councillors of think of us, we shall leave some part Upper Canada. "We have talked of nature, unwrecked, for their conglibly about the 'Family Compact'," templation. To do this we must get

EDITORIALA NOTES.

listic services are being held in Eden.

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 his number. Will he stop

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 kept from driving automobiles. And easily nowadays, remarks the Guelph

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 here on May 12th.

The Canadian business man ca 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.

tee of Enquiry that "the fyles (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.

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 Lor carno." Of the eminent statesman it can be truly said he never dishonoror lowered the standards of pub-

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 Cleveland found a way to make 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

News and Views.

Usual in United States. Detroit News: Also, where there's 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.

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 as their annual interest. We are now spending much more and saving much less, with the inevitable results. Both capital and food are dearer than they need be, or should be. The only remedy is more saving.

Its First Start. New York Evening Graphic: Pronibition got its first start when the railways took all men who drank from the throttles of engines. Public safety demanded absolute clearheaded performance there. It demands now that drunken men be 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 the Premier complains of, will no continue to be criticized, but by the Government's adversaries. Taschereau applied himself to demonstrate that his Government, in Hon. Mr. Boivin told the Commit- 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 quires that the Government, if it is to escape their anathema, shall be, according to a popular expression, more Catholic than the Pope."

THE VILLAGES OF ENGLAND

(Vera Arlect, 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 unforgotten Live in the waking brain. The villages of England Haunt weald and hill and plain.

For, are they not enchanted, The little streets we know. From Yettington to Fittleworth And Storrington to Stow: From Sarratt down to Compton. And back again to Tring. Or west to steep Clovelly, A wide-flung fairy ring!

There's Shottery close to Stratford Tintagel, legend blest. And Chalfond of the Poet, And in the runic West, Far Avalon lies dreaming Beyond the waves and snows, The untouched, fairy England

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.

That every poet knows.

American people are buying goods on credit at the rate of \$5,000.000.

Her dreams unspoilt, untold.

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I can't find it anywheres." Say "anywhere." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: record.

syllable, verb on last syllable. OFTEN MISSPELLED: plumber.

SYNONYMS: royal, regal, kindly, princely, august, majestic. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mustering one word each day. To-day's word: ASSUMPTION; a supposition; taking for granted. "I will not condemn him on the assumption that he is guilty." SE STATE OF THE SECOND

Robinson Crusoe's Shirt

- Wasn't much to look at probably, but it proved to be the most valuable thing 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.
- It is the same with advertising to-day. The man who keeps his advertisement continually before the public is bound to get results. Robinson Crusoe knew that the ships that would pass that way would be few and far between, but he kept advertising and was eventually rescued. The modern business man has a million opportunities where poor Crusoe had only one. He does not have to wait. He can reach the people he wants to reach every day.
- Advertisers in The British Whig know that their advertisements are read in eight thousand homes in the trade area of Kingston every day. They have a chance at eight thousand homes a day, or forty eight thousand chances every week. Allowing an average of five people to each home the possibilities of an advertisement in The British Whig are enormous. In no other way can the merchant get so much return for the money as through newspaper advertising. It keeps up a daily connection between the store and the home and creates a feeling of goodwill and friendliness that is invaluable in modern business.
- A twelve-inch display advertisement in The British Whig costs regular contract advertisers less than half a cent per home per day.

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