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THE MONARCH BATTERY BY
LAW.

On Monday next the property
owners of Kingston will be asked to
state by their votes whether they are
in favor of granting a fixed assess-
ment of \$1,000 on the property of
the Monarch Battery Company for a
period of ten years.

In making a decision on this mat-
ter it is well to consider all the facts
of the case. Kingston wants indus-
tries and in the Monarch Battery
Company, it has an infant industry
that is proceeding to make a very
healthy growth. This company was
started four years ago in a small
way. It was two or three years be-
fore it began to amount to very
much. During these two or three
years many thousands of dollars
were expended in experimenting
with and perfecting the Monarch
Battery. By last fall the business
had grown to the point where a
larger building was necessary. One
was erected on Montreal street. The
city was asked for a fixed assess-
ment; the matter was referred to
the people and the by-law defeated.
The company moved into its new
factory in January and went ahead
making batteries and developing new
business. The time has come when
the company needs still more room.
It proposes to erect another build-
ing the same size as the one built
last fall. Before going ahead it has
decided to again ask the citizens to
grant a fixed assessment for \$1,000.

The question for the property
holders to decide is whether they
want to encourage the Monarch Bat-
tery Company to enlarge its new
factory by granting a fixed assess-
ment for ten years, or not. The
British Whig is not partial to fixed
assessments as a general thing. Too
often they are given to outsiders
who do not make good. In the
present case, however, we be-
lieve it will be good business for
the property holders of this city to
support the by-law. We have in the
Monarch Battery Company a young
industry that is growing rapidly. It
is asking nothing by way of assist-
ance from the city but the promoters
would like to feel that the industry
is wanted by the city, before they
expend any more money in building.
It would suit the company much
better from a financial point of view
to move the business to Toronto.
Most of the raw material comes from
the Queen City and the bulk of the
finished product returns there. The
chief owner of the company would
prefer to remain in Kingston, how-
ever, and if the people by their
votes on Monday indicate their de-
sire to retain the factory here the
new unit will be commenced immedi-
ately. It is more a case of indicat-
ing a desire to have the factory re-
main here, than of granting any con-
cession.

Kingston wants industries, and
there is no easier way of getting
them than by supporting those start-
ed by local capital. At present the
Monarch Battery Company is em-
ploying between 25 and fifty people,
and the average wage paid is slightly
over \$18 a week. This is only the
beginning. With encouragement it
is difficult to estimate to what pro-
portions this industry will grow in
the course of the next five years.

We believe this by-law is worthy
of support. Every property owner
who is of the same opinion should
make it a point to vote for it on
Monday next.

BIBLE THOUGHT
YEA, THOUGH I WALK
THROUGH THE VAL-
LEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR THOU ART WITH
ME; THOU HAST MY STAFF; THY COMFORT
ME.—Psalms 23:4.

WILL INCITE TO PROGRESS.

La Presse Montreal, is the most
important French language paper
printed in Canada. Its views on the
budget are not without interest.
Here is what it says: "It is evident
that from the political point of view,
the Government has built a bastion
from which it will be able to fight
the future to dominate the whole field
of battle. It has revealed itself as a
remarkable tactician, having guard-
ed its intentions and then, at the
proper time, revealed such a sub-
stantial relief in taxation that resis-
tance is impossible. It will capture
by this action the confidence and the
gratitude of the Canadian people.
The important thing, and which, in
our opinion dominates the whole
question, is that the Government's
policy as revealed by the budget will
constitute a tonic the effect of which
cannot be other than salutary. It
will give a new impetus to the peo-
ple and incite them to new efforts to-
wards progress."

PLEADED FOR NATIONAL UNITY.

The Hamilton Spectator referring
to Mr. Elmer Davis' address at the
C.M.A. convention there remarked
that "the fact that an eastern man-
ufacturer, speaking as representative
of the great industrial interests of
Ontario, could endorse so whole-
heartedly the views of the spokes-
man of the western Progressives,
Mr. Robert Forke, M.P., shows that
the two sections are not so far apart
on some of the great national prob-
lems as may be supposed." The
keynote of Mr. Davis' speech was
national unity, for which a strong
and eloquent plea was made. "But,"
adds the paper, "how is this desir-
able result to be attained—the merg-
ing of selfish interests in the larger
interests of the state? By a 'riper
acquaintance.' Mr. Davis be-
lieves. In order to gain this more
intimate relationship, it is necessary
to have an interchange of visits be-
tween east and west on the part of
men willing to leave their precon-
ceptions behind them and approach
the other fellow's problem with an
open mind. There are, undoubtedly,
many such prejudices and miscon-
ceptions, which it is most desirable
to get rid of. Misunderstanding is
to be overcome by understanding,
and prejudice banished by more
sympathetic insight."

FOR "SWEETS OF OFFICE."

The Ottawa Citizen says the govern-
ment is denounced, periodically,
in conservative newspapers for hold-
ing on to the "sweets of office." The
impression created by this kind of
criticism is that the opposition sits
in the house looking with hungry
eyes across to the treasury benches.
People may eventually begin to won-
der what the sweets of office are,
that some Conservatives seem to be
so much concerned over. It is poor
policy on the part of opposition
critics to keep dwelling on them like
Missus Gummidge who was always
thinking of the "Old Un." It mis-
leads the inexperienced members
into thinking that there are still
some sweets left for them, when they
next come back in triumph. If ever,
they are almost sure to be disap-
pointed. The last Conservative ad-
ministration left little else but Dead
Sea fruit for office holders.

THE AGE LIMIT.

Over the sea Lord Dunedin was
fined for speeding. Before this epi-
sode some people suggested his re-
tirement because of age. Seemingly
he gave vivid evidence of vigor, and
bodily and mental health. My lord
is seventy-six years of age and in
court was asked about an age limit
for judges. The question Lord Dun-
edin regarded as a somewhat tick-
lish one. "It seems rather like fix-
ing a statutory age limit for the
playing of golf," he said, "or of
clearing the links for those who go
slow. I do not think any judge over
seventy would have any grievance
whatever if he were retired, but I
do not know that you would get bet-
ter results if you were to do it. You
must always remember there are
people who become inefficient before
they are seventy. Longevity gener-
ally means vitality and good health,
and these are the very things that
keep up a man's mental as well as
his bodily activity."

Were an age limit of seventy fixed
for British judges the bench would
lose some of its most distinguished
ornaments at once. Years are not
the test of a man's efficiency. Men
in Kingston, at eighty-four have
been more alert, far-sighted and
optimistic than others forty years
their juniors, who have rusted out
rather than worn out their faculties.

TO-DAY'S BIBLE.

Rev. E. L. Colcord, Springfield,
Mass., is bound to say that "the
newspaper is the Bible of to-day,
telling of the battles of right and
wrong, the progress of truth and the
courage and valor of those who love
her. A man ought to read his news-
paper as religiously as he does his
Bible, to find out what has hap-
pened in God's great world during
the previous twenty-four hours."
Then the preacher said he always

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON
WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "Don't say 'everyone of the boys
have gone.' 'Everyone' is singular. Say, 'has gone.'
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: refuse (noun). Pronounce the e
as in "bet," u as in "unite," a as in "us," accent the f.
OFTEN MISSPELLED: codicil, not sll.
SYNONYMS: inexcusable, unpardonable, unjustifiable, inex-
pliable.
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours."
Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.
To-day's word: INADEQUACY; insufficiency. "Its inadequacy has
been demonstrated by its failure."

LOOKING
AROUND

"The gospel of work" was the
theme of a Sunday sermon. To many
people a sermon on "the gospel of
rest" would, no doubt, be more in-
teresting.

Those who find gardening hard
work after the long winter should
not despair. If at first they do not
succeed, let them try, try again.
Perseverance will strengthen their
muscles and they will be able to
work as long as the parliamentarians
talk.

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headmaster of the Institute here,
were good at winning scholarships.
Collegiate lads in those days studied
far harder than most of the boys do
to-day.

Some people are just beginning to
learn that certain diet is beneficial
to the teeth, and Dr. S. A. Aykroyd
is to be thanked for directing atten-
tion to the matter in the columns of
The Whig. The doctor can give us
pointers on more than psychic
science, being an economist as well
as a deeply-read dental physician.

Down at Elgin the ladies still
sing "The Maple Leaf," and it is
good to feel that this famous Cana-
dian national song, written by Alex-
ander Muir, an old Kingstonian, is
not forgotten by this generation, al-
though "O Canada" has very largely
supplanted it.

Tourists are already reported ar-
riving both at Thousand Island re-
sorts and out in north Frontenac, so
surely spring is here. Whether it
is or not, the fish are reported as
biting well in various places around
Kingston.

Sons and daughters, according to
a recent Ontario law, are required
to support their parents when the
latter are unable to make their own
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tion. But when a man of small
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tawa over the addition of another
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QUEER
QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Bourse From Which No Insect Returns.
(By Arthur N. Pack.)
"Abandon hope all ye who enter
here," might well be posted over the
door leading down into the hollowed
leaf of the pitcher plant, for on the
bodies of insects which venture into
this seductive haven does the plant
derive much of its nutriment.
Our common pitcher plant, the
leaves of which hold water as well
as a pitcher, is a rather common in-
habitant of the boggy meadows in
our northern states, and farther
south lives in many cold bogs.
Within its curious cup it catches
drops from the summer rain, and
this liquid is slightly sweetened by
a fluid within the rim. This serves
as an attraction for insects of many
kinds. Entering the open door the
little visitor finds a pathway dec-
orated with purple lines, all pointing
the way downward.

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As the fly or beetle follows this
alluring path, it finds its way beset
with many tiny hairs, but as these
all bend downward they are passed
with little difficulty. Even should
the little creature decide to turn
back these hairs block its way, and
so it keeps on.

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She May.
London Punch: Charlotte Pava, of
Pall, 110 years old, has been a ser-
vant for a century in one family.
They're now hoping that she likes
the place well enough to stop on.

Always Something to Do.
Sheburne Economist: "A wife,"
says a Sheburne angler, "is a female
person who can think up a hundred
and one things to do better for a
man to do than go fishing."

Menace to Christianity.
Montreal Star: There is little
doubt that the Rev. Dr. Rose voiced
the sentiments of a very large num-
ber of church-goers when he told the
Congregational College theology
class recently that poor sermons are
a menace to Protestant Christianity.

That's Different.
Ottawa Journal: United States
citizen gets hit over the head in
Africa and great is the commotion
that follows. But anything may hit
the same U. S. C. and rob him of
his last nickel in Chicago or Pitts-
burg and the incident is forgotten
after the first sunset.

How to Collect Back Subs.
Fergus News-Record: One man
who would like to class himself as a
leading citizen stopped his paper
last week on account of an article
contained therein, which, of course,
did not meet his approval. We got
five years in arrears paid thereby.
That encourages us to keep up the
good work.

There's Hope While the Bible Sells.
Duluth Herald: There is a good
deal of evil on the surface of things,
here and around the world; some-
times so much that people are tempt-
ed to be pessimistic about man and
his future. But the wise man will
not despair of humanity so long as
the Bible, the source of all real wis-
dom and all real hope, is the world's
best seller.

We Can Feed Them.
Sarnia Canadian Observer: It is
said that population in the United
States is increasing at the rate of a
million a year and that the current
census shows a population of almost
one hundred and twenty millions. It
is not to be wondered at that Wash-
ington should desire to exclude all
those not entitled to enter the coun-
try. It is difficult to say just when
the United States will stop entry of
all aliens. The day for that does
not seem to be far distant, however.
Most of the productive areas of the
United States are already taken up.
It is becoming a question of being
able to provide food for the popula-
tion. This circumstance should not
cause downheartedness in Canada.
After the United States, this country
is the next best bet on this side of
the Atlantic for the settler who
wants to establish a home and is
not afraid to work for it. Supplying
food products for the People of Uncle
Sam's domain will become a grand
industry in Canada at a not far dis-
tant date.

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