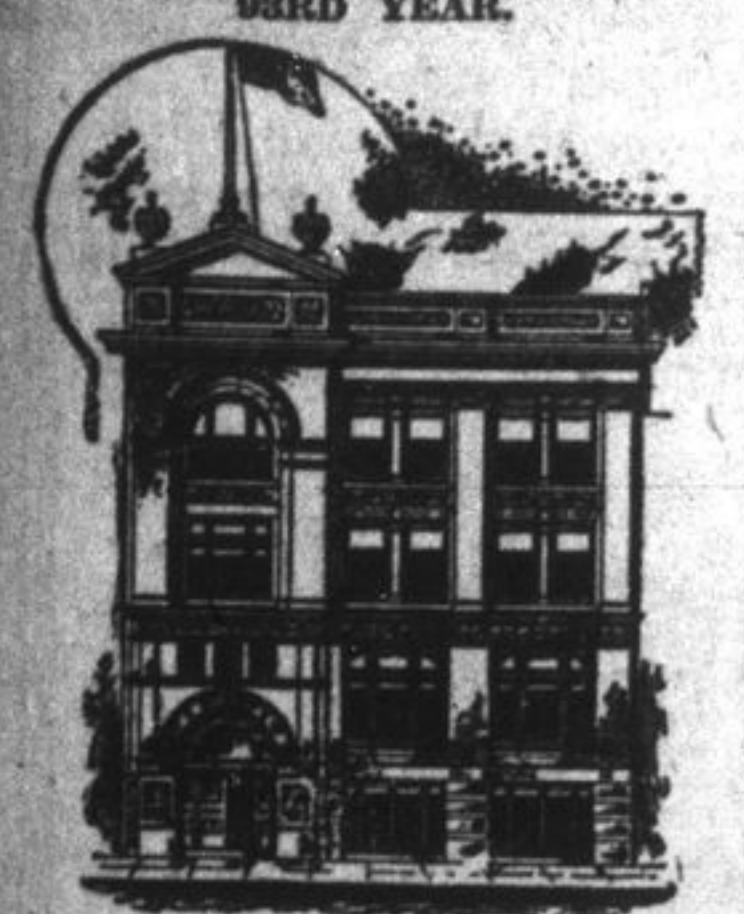


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DEFEAT OF BOTH BY-LAWS.

What impresses one in connection with the two by-laws, presented to the people yesterday, is not their defeat so much as the apathy of the ratepayers.

In the case of the Monarch Battery by-law, The Whig believes that it would have secured the necessary two-third vote had half the qualified ratepayers gone to the polls and recorded their ballots.

It was in the business section that the majorities were obtained, a good evidence that the commercial element was anxious for the establishment of industries here, knowing full well, the importance of them in the life of the city.

DISAPPOINTED, NOT DISCOURAGED.

Those who were interested in the improvement of the fair grounds by-law were quite disappointed at the outcome. But the by-law can be submitted again, and as the referendum, giving favorable approval of improvements, was handsomely supported, a renewal in asking for money to do the work will likely succeed.

A Toronto professor predicts a number of things that will have happened in 90,000 years. Even, he, however, was not bold enough to include the opening of Toronto's new Union station.

BIBLE THOUGHT: THEY THAT PASSED AWAY as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth in his prey. Job 9:25, 26.

REPRODUCED BY RADIO.

The great British labor strike, aside from providing a news-hungry world with a new sensation, also demonstrated to newspaper readers the wonders of a new product of science. Pictures taken in London on one day were published in Canadian papers within a few hours, and—so used have we grown to astonishing things—very few paused to grasp the real significance of it.

Radio, annihilator of time and space, once more reveals its magic—as wonderful as the storied flying carpet of Bagdad.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE.

The scourge of scarlet fever, a disease that used to cost thousands of lives annually, has been lifted. And the hand that rocks the cradle played a dramatic role in the undoing of the peril.

Seven years ago an obscure young Chicago physician, Dr. George Dick, believed he had found a way to discover the germ of scarlet fever and to effect a reliable cure. But no funds were available for the vast research he had to undertake.

Dr. Gladys Dick is only one example of womanhood at work. The story is typically modern, the wife and husband both earning. But this is the modern marriage relation brought to an ideal—the woman helping to produce a great gift for the world.

BE CAREFUL OF ICE WATER.

The quality of food drinks consumed during the year and particularly during the summer months staggers the imagination of Europeans and it might well give us pause, for the ice water habit is perhaps not as harmless as some people think.

Probably the best water is spoiled by this unguarded habit of putting ice into it. So determined are we to drink our water iced that rather than drink clean water of ordinary temperature many of us will drink water out of coolers even though we have seen dirty hands pouring dirty ice into the cooler before our very eyes.

Even when water is chilled in the most sanitary way by ice applied in such a way that it does not touch the water, that water is often too cool to be taken into the normal human body, suggests Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service.

SACRIFICED CHILDREN.

Traffic accidents last year took the lives of 7,000 children in the United States. One editor, shocked by the figures, writes:

"The heart-breaking, ruthless slaughter of the 7,000 is a blood offering to our civilization; just as inexorable and as cruel, and to an extent as terrible as the sacrifice of children to pagan gods of old."

Let us hope the conclusion is justified that, just as children are no longer sacrificed to gods by any civilized peoples, so the day will come when they will not be sacrificed to the modern automobile.

First, more careful automobile drivers. Second, more careful parents who teach children not to run out in the streets and not to cross them except at regular cross-walks and at suitable times.

Third, protected, safe play places for children, who have as fundamental a right to play somewhere as motorists have to drive.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that Mother's Day is over, father can have a sight out occasionally.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "did you used to go there?" Say "did you go there formerly?" OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: peculiar. Pronounce the last syllable as "yar," not as i-ar.

bridegroom. If he eats it he will take on weight!

More than 455,540 settlers from the United States have taken up homes in Canada since 1915.

Ants are reported quite plentiful this year. So a successful picnic season is looked forward to.

Britain is lucky in one matter: She has no Riffis to worry about. Hasn't she? Where are the riff-raffs?

India will have practically no wheat for export this year, according to a forecast by the Indian Department of Agriculture.

If fruit prices be as favorable as the price of sugar, this ought to be one of the great preserving seasons, coyly remarks the Hamilton Herald.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review is convinced that we should have a fixed term of office for all governments and a fixed date for elections. These would remove much anxiety and speculation.

When we read that Chicago was to be blotted out and the St. Lawrence river dried up in 90,000 years we got quite a start. However on a second reading we were quite relieved. We mistook it for 9,000.

A prognosticator suggests that the shutters will be put up on parliament about June 18th provided red hot weather edges in. Since 1922 parliament has prorogued three times in June; in 1924 it ran to July 19th.

Out at Vancouver, Premier Ferguson is reported to have said he "had a temperance policy that would please both the wets and the dries. Eastern prints suggest he was misreported, and likely said he had a policy that would "tease" both the wets and the dries.

The late Theodore Roosevelt in an article on "The Way to Better Things," said: "The law of worthy life is fundamentally the law of strife. It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage that we move on to better things."

The best time for by-laws to be laid before the people is when the municipal elections take place. At other times,—and especially on a Monday—the minds of the people are concerned in other things and voting is unfortunately forgotten.

Mr. W. E. Moore, principal of the Dundas Public school, has just had his seventy-fifth birthday and has been worthily congratulated. He has been teaching for fifty-four years, thirty-two of which have been in Dundas.

What advantages the youngsters of to-day have over those of thirty or forty years ago! Here they can read in the daily newspapers all about the North Pole after an airship expedition has flown over it. Now the North Pole conditions are vividly described to us. When the rest of us were kids we only knew that it was a very cold part of the earth where Santa Claus kept his reindeer.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Curiosity Made This Bird a Murderer.

By Arthur N. Pack. On the great island of New Zealand has long lived a parrot called from its cry the Kea. Naturally it is a vegetarian and as its abiding place is among the rocks high on the craggy summits, it was long known only as a harmless species, and was even regarded with a sort of affection by the settlers.

But like many a creature of the wilds it has fallen under the spell of civilization, which has proved its undoing. In this particular case the fault is its own curiosity, for it has been unable to withstand temptation.

About sixty years ago, when sheep raising had become one of New Zealand's successful industries, the herders began to notice that many of the sheep had sore or mutilated backs. The inoffensive little Kea was the last one to be suspected, but it was finally proved to be the offender.

Matters grew worse, for the birds, not content with pecking the backs of the animals, clung to the helpless creatures, their strong-clawed feet finding lodgment in the thick wool of the sheep, and pecked their way clear to the body cavity, their object

LOOKING AROUND

Cooke's church has had six pastors in the past twenty-five years, and although it is an old Irish congregation, five of the six have been Scotch. Previous to 1900, Rev. Samuel Houston, a splendid preacher from Belfast, was pastor. During his term Cooke's bought an organ, having up to about 1894 refused to have any musical instrument used in the church to accompany the singing. Cooke's has always had live ministers, and is now losing a very active pastor.

The next two weeks Kingston will be full of clerics, as the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church meets from May 25th to 31st, and the Anglican Synod of Ontario convenes from June 2nd to 5th. There will be in all nearly 700 delegates to these two church gatherings. Kingston will show its well-known hospitality to the strangers within its gates.

All Ottawa is searching for Charlie Bowen's lost water spaniel "Nipper," who stole a ride to the Capital on the running board of Dr. Abbie Mahood's motor car and then "beat it." Perhaps "Nipper" may wander into the House of Commons and get the member for Kingston to drive him back to his Brock street home.

It is good to know that the tourist camp at Lake Ontario Park is practically assured. Kingston wants every tourist it can get, and the camp represents a large proportion of those passing through. This year the hotels may find the camp a good thing, for one tourist brings another, and only about one-quarter of those travelling camp in the open.

The men, as usual, are away behind the women in regard to appearing with straw hats. Here we read that on the 16th of May a few men appeared on Kingston streets, with straw "hats," whereas last February we noticed straws on women here.

Mr. J. E. Jones, who was with Kingston's street railway company for twenty-seven years in charge of Lake Ontario Park, is now in his seventy-ninth year. Thousands of children will have occasion to remember kindly the old park manager, and moments they would like to live over would be the happy rides they had on the merry-go-round, whose "music" still sounds, in their ears, although years have elapsed since they enjoyed their gambols at this park in the days when the street cars were unable to carry all who wished to go out there on summer evenings. They will all wish Mr. Jones the best that life can give.

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