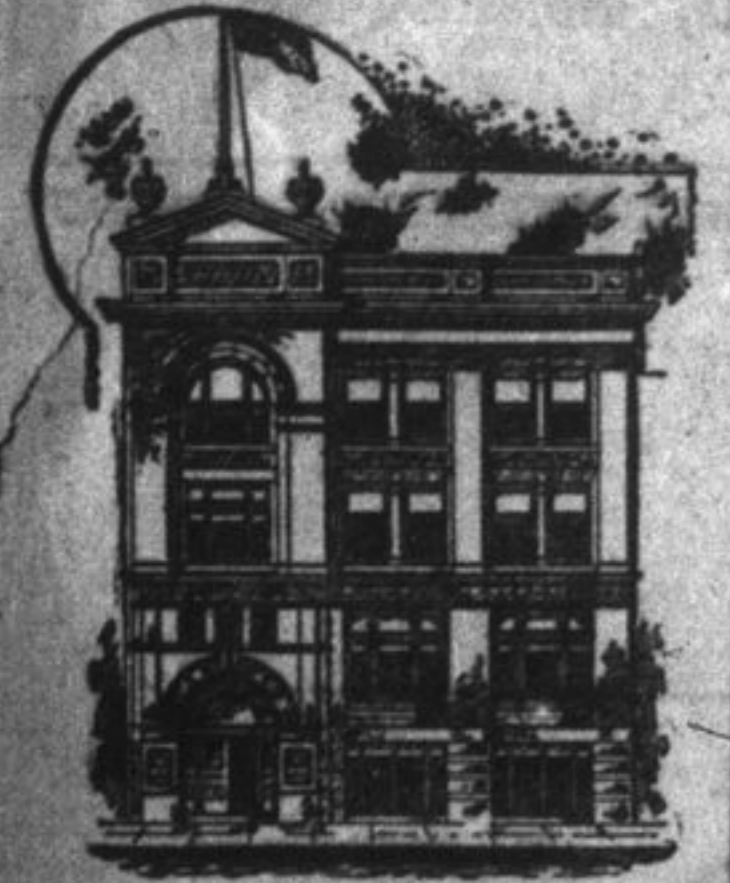


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THE LEVEL CROSSING MENACE.

What is the solution of the level crossing menace in this country? We know that this vital question has been solved in Great Britain, and also in the United States, but in Canada, owing to our tremendous stretch of country and our small population, it is practically prohibitory for the railway companies to protect every level crossing the way it is done in Britain and many states of the Union.

In connection with the Cataract crossing, one could almost say that it was as safe a level crossing as can be found anywhere, and yet there have been many accidents there and a serious loss of life. The accident on Saturday by which two women and a child lost their lives was one which must awaken in the hearts of everyone, not only the deepest sympathy, but a feeling that something must be done to protect this crossing.

THE FIGHT FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

No man in Canada is better qualified to lead the Liberals in the fight for responsible government than Mr. MacKenzie King. The blood of the grandfather is in the brilliant grandson and anything that infringes on the constitutional rights of the free people of Canada will always be vigorously opposed by Mr. King.

BIBLE THOUGHT

EVERY MAN THAT STRIVETH for the mastery is temperate in all things.—1 Cor. 9:25.

piece of statesmanlike oratory." During his speech he was continually interrupted. He was subjected to a terrific assault from the Conservative benches, but he stood his ground, and so great was the impression he made that Mr. E. J. Gardiner (Progressive) speaking the next day paid him the following tribute:

"I have nothing further to say, I congratulate the right hon. leader of the opposition in this, that he has brought to the attention of the House and country, in most eloquent terms, in most convincing sentences, in the most important questions, one of the most important questions that has ever faced the Dominion, that in my opinion has ever faced the parliament in which I have sat for five years."

IS MR. MEIGHEN SINCERE?

Is the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen sincere, or does he allow himself to be guided on great moral issues by the exigencies of party politics? There is a man named D. M. Kennedy. He sits for Peace River.

"This Government is in power because of a brazen theft, as brazen as was ever committed," declared the Conservative leader, his voice rising sharply. "It has been shown that in the darkness of night men stole the sacred franchise of the people. Three or four of them are languishing in penitentiary for thefts of votes either from Conservative or Progressive candidates. One man sits in Parliament to-day, and though not guilty personally of any such action—and though I have for him personally, but for this conduct, great respect—yet Mr. Kennedy sits in Parliament because of the brazen theft which secured his election. There is a man serving a five-year term because of that theft, but Mr. Kennedy sits in Parliament and in one recent vote kept in power this Government, for they had only a majority of one vote. He sits there because a deputy returning officer stole 111 votes marked for the Conservative candidate, and supplied 111 fabricated ballots marked by himself for the Liberal candidate and that brought the Conservative candidate below the Progressive candidate. Mr. Kennedy sits in Parliament because of this, and because he sits there the Government is in power. The situation is that the Government is in possession of stolen goods. A member sits in the House with stolen goods and delivers the goods to the Government by supporting it."

But the situation changed a few days later. Mr. Kennedy again did some voting. He was at it again openly and brazenly. This time he was voting to throw the King Government into the ditch. We read in the papers where certain remarks by Mr. Kennedy were loudly cheered by the Conservative members, but we have not read a word about Mr. Meighen raising in his wrath and condemning the brazen conduct of Mr. Kennedy in voting, or at the scandal of Mr. Meighen's party accepting the stolen goods from Mr. Kennedy. Not a word can we find about a speech from Mr. Meighen. Now what are we to think? Is Mr. Meighen sincere? Was it not just as wrong for Mr. Kennedy to vote with the Tories as it was for him to vote with the Grits? Perhaps Mr. Meighen can explain.

HOUSES BUILT OF STEEL.

In England modest houses all of steel are meeting the needs of workmen of small means. And now, in recent months, steel barns and steel bungalows have been making their appearance in increasing numbers in the United States, according to Popular Science Monthly. In Tarrytown, N.Y., for example, there has just been completed a novel dwelling in which the entire framework is formed of "metal lumber" riveted in the shop, transported to the site, and there bolted together. The builders declare that any person who knows how to use a monkey wrench, plumb line and carpenter's square can easily erect the frame for the house by following the plans.

ANOTHER FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

The Liberals have a rare good programme to go into the election. Times are good, taxes are cut down, tariffs made to serve the purchasing Canadians and a demand that the liberty and freedom of the people shall not be trampled on through disregard of their constitutional rights. The old Tory compact seems to have been revived and another fight for responsible government imposed.

The finest reading in the parliamentary news of the day concerns Speaker Lemieux, comments the St. Thomas Times-Journal. Mr. Lemieux has the confidence of all parties, gives his rulings impartially and as he sees them, and acts and talks in the very way one would expect from a polished, learned and fair-minded parliamentarian.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "it was the happiest face I ever saw." Say "have ever seen." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: brooch. The oo as o in "go," is preferred to oo as in "tool." OFTEN MISPELLED: salmon; im. SYNONYMS: boast, bravado, ostentation, show, pomp, pomposity, display. 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: INTERJECTION; an exclamation; a word thrown in to express sudden emotion. "After a few broken interjections, she raised her hands to heaven."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Europe excels in art galleries, but, cynically exclaims the Kitchener Record, Canada forges ahead with billboards.

Golf evidently takes rank with horse races in being as uncertain as elections. You never can tell, beforehand.

The Soo Star says this is "an age of jabb." No, it is the "jazz age." The jabb period was when hatpins were longer.

Don't forget to say, "Thank you." It is a mark of gratitude and the market at this writing is not drugged with appreciation.

The reason people play golf is because they believe it's better to sweat pills than swallow them, perks the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Perhaps, if we have a general election, comments the Toronto Globe, they will keep Mr. Meighen out of Ontario this time.

An editor in Detroit classifies that city as "the blackest, vilest city in the United States so far as vice is concerned." A ferocious indictment!

Thirteen Progressives, voting with the Liberals on a Friday, defeated the Conservative government. It will almost make Mr. Meighen superstitious, exclaims The Toronto Star.

And now we are told that a large percentage of abdominal troubles are caused directly or indirectly by the pernicious habit, so frequently indulged in by the male sex, of wearing belts.

"There will be no hiding behind women's skirts," says Premier Ferguson. To which the Border Cities Star retorts: "Obviously, Howard, it can't be done!"

By not developing the St. Lawrence river hydro-electric potentialities the people of the State of New York are losing the equivalent of 10,000,000 tons of coal a year is the opinion of State Engineer Finch.

Unfair critics of the King Government talk as if smuggling abuses were unknown before it took office. Yet the customs inquiry committee reported that the customs administration had been in bad shape for years before that time.

As a birthday gift to the Dominion the New York Canadian club announced that it had organized a Last Post Fund to serve as the basis of larger resources which will be used in providing decent burial for improvident Canadian soldiers in the United States. Fine!

The good citizen must recognize what he owes his fellow citizen. Above all, he must be, in the truest sense of the word, deeply and broadly patriotic. It is the duty of every decent man not only to stand valiantly for the right, but to war mercilessly upon the wrong. So Theodore Roosevelt enunciated.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Snapping Turtle Can Hold Tightly. By Arthur M. Pack.

"Snapping turtles there are of more heroic build than our common one of the eastern United States, but none that inch for inch combined more tenacity of life and more uncompromising ferocity."

Just out of the egg, they will snap at anything that disturbs them, and the last act of the life of an old snapper—no one knows how long they do live—is to shut its jaws on some enemy, and refuse to let go even in death.

The life of the snapping turtle begins in some sandy bank where its mother has laid her two or three dozen round rubbery shelled eggs in a hole of her own digging, and after putting down the replaced soil over them, goes on about her leisurely business, leaving the rest to fate.

Not does the young snapper, on emerging from the shell, waste any time looking for parental help. He merely digs his way out to daylight, and starts out to make a living.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Presse enlarges the career of Sir Lomer Gouin.

"In placing Sir Lomer Gouin in the gallery of Canada's great men it will be appreciated that in the person of the former Prime Minister of Quebec this province has produced one of the most constructive minds of our epoch, if not of the period of the whole history of the Dominion of Canada. It is true that Sir Lomer Gouin consecrated the whole of his activities and also the best of his labors to one single province. Nobody will contest that, but it must be remembered that in doing this, during the fifteen years that he was Prime Minister, he succeeded in raising his province from a condition of debt and poverty and placing it on a pinnacle of prosperity and liberty; that he made of our province, then backward one of the first in the Dominion, and that in having done this he must, therefore, be considered to be one of the great constructors of modern Canada."

La Presse endorses the educational view of Hon. Walter Mitchell as regards home influence.

"In the speech which he delivered at Richmond, the Hon. Walter Mitchell insisted on the importance of the school problem in the province of Quebec, at the same time pointing out the considerable part which parents must play if education is to bear the full fruits of success. The remarks of the former Provincial Treasurer of the province on this point were to the point and very opportune. It is for each and all of us, to meditate thereon, and although they were more particularly addressed to the Protestant community in the province we Catholics may well make them our rule of conduct."

Le Droit advocates a prudent regulation of the cut on Provincial timberlands.

"American capital investments are multi plying on this side of the frontier in numerous pulp and paper mills. As our forests are our first national wealth next to our agricultural lands, it is important that the timber lands should be exploited in a right and proper manner. The Financial Post points out justly that in the exploitation of timber lands in Mexico the number of trees that are cut are replaced by an equivalent number, so that there is assured a regular and abundant provision. Is it not time that the same foresight was shown in Canada? A number of companies already have taken the initiative in this respect, but the movement ought to be more general. In fact, it should be made a matter of legal compulsion to these industries to include something more than destruction in their programme of exploitation. Our forest wealth would then become inexhaustible."

Le Nouvelliste discusses the age at which children should first be sent to school.

"At what age ought children to commence school? A quarter of a century ago one never thought of allowing a child to attend school before he was seven years old; but since then there has been a gradual evolution. Children now make their first communion before that age and the result is that they are sent to school earlier. Many parents consider the school furnishes excellent means for them to get rid of the care

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War and Women the Cause. Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Tobacco men say there has been an increase of 200 per cent. in the consumption of cigarettes in recent years. Two explanations are offered, the war and the women. It appears that nothing can be explained these days if the women are left out. The British Government will go into the coal import trade to meet the situation brought about by the strike.

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