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TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. W. J. B. WHITE.

The tragic death of ex-ald. W. J. B. White last evening overwhelmed the city with grief. In the twinkling of an eye his life was taken and a man of influence and business sagacity was removed from our midst. Mr. White's death was eminently sad. He had just finished the day's occupation, and with a happy heart, was on an errand for his family when he crashed into an unnoticed car, thrown on the road, and the impact was so violent that his skull was fractured, and a few hours later he passed away.

Mr. White had been a long time resident here. He grew up in the insurance business, his father preceding him in the work. He was always busy, in his office and in his home. He was well regarded, being affable, painstaking and accurate in his work, much concerned in the city's prosperity, and, at several different periods, he represented the business ward, St. Lawrence, in the City Council.

Bert White, as he was familiarly known, lived an even, comfortable life. In home and church he was esteemed, his family of girls loved and honored him, and in her sorrow, his wife, one of an old Kingston family, will have the deepest and fullest sympathy of all Kingstonians on the appalling tragedy that has come upon her. Mr. White was an active Liberal, he was always in the fight; agreeably and conscientiously he lived up to his principles—as he did in all things—and asserted his full powers on behalf of his party. In church he was serviceable, attentive, open-handed; in social life, genial, generous and gifted. His whole attitude to life was earnest and sincere, and he sought in all ways to get the best out of it for himself and his friends.

His death has shocked everyone, its suddenness and its swiftness has made all feel that "in the midst of life we are in death."

GOOD THINGS FROM LIBERAL SOURCES ARE PROMISED.

"Progress, prosperity, peace and plenty," are the choice things in store for Canada if the policies set in motion by the late Liberal government could be continued by the return of Liberals to parliament. This is the prediction of Hon. Mr. King in a recent speech at Beaverton. "If the late government is returned I think I can assure the people of the Dominion that before another year rolls around there will be more taxes taken off." The Liberal leader declared an assurance that must make Canadians sit up and think. They already have tangible evidence of the good things the Robb tariff brought to them, every man and woman in the Dominion having participated in the benefits. They find money from reduced incomes, postage, sales tax, etc., jingling in their pockets, a real good thing and decidedly tangible. "People heard the blue ruin talk, but now they know that prosperity is here," he said. "Mr. Meighen had announced that the Liberal government was going to ruin the farm implement industry, yet the industry was severer in better shape than it was today." And then Mr. King queries: "If we find we can help an industry by taking off a war tax, why shouldn't we do it?" The electors are convinced will answer in the affirmative at the polls. Labor has not suf-

fered by the lopping off of protectionist taxes and it will not if Liberal ideas prevail. Auto manufacturers howled at first, continued the speaker, but now they build new factories, and automobiles are cheaper. This led Mr. King to talk of protection. "Protection may put a party in power," he said, "but it has never put money in your pockets."

It is patent to everybody that the measures of relief for the cutting down of taxes has given a stimulus to business, has made the people generally feel generous towards the late government for its interest in them. The half however has not been yet effected that will be by the selection of strong low-tariff men for parliament. The plans and projects of Liberalism are before the people for approval.

MR. MEIGHEN SEES A GREAT LIGHT.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has at last seen a great light. He has discovered that in the minds of the people the Customs probe is not the paramount issue, and he has discovered further that all the shouting about it that he and Dr. Manson, and Mr. Stevens can do, will not make it the paramount issue. Mr. Meighen has now discovered that one of the really paramount issues is the Robb Budget, and so, Meighen-like, he is doing his best to discredit it.

In the Maritime Provinces Mr. Meighen has been talking about the railways, and the prosperity that will come to the Maritimes if the Conservatives are returned to power. He also regaled the electors down by the sea with the Customs scandal, and other things. But now that he is back in Ontario Mr. Meighen realizes that the Robb Budget is really the big issue, and so at Orillia he made a futile endeavor to belittle the benefactions of this budget. His efforts must have made Stephen Leacock, the humorist, who acted as chairman, green with envy.

Mr. Meighen undertook at Orillia, to prove that there had not really been any reduction to the buyer of automobiles, because of the Robb Budget. Mr. Meighen is a past master of sophistry, but at Orillia he almost out-Meighened Meighen. Trying to explain to people that they are not reaping any benefit, while at the same time they have the tangible evidence right in their pocket, is, we will admit, a pretty difficult task.

What did the Robb Budget do to the prices of automobiles? Did it reduce them to the consumer or did it not? Well let us take one car, the Ford, and examine that. Below we give the prices before the Robb Budget came into effect, and the price now:

Table with 3 columns: Before, Robb Budget, Savings.

CANADA'S FRUIT.

Canada is to have a larger fruit crop than in other years. In apples, cherries, berries, pears, grapes, 1926 is proving a fine harvest for the farmers. And those who have cultivated and cared for their fruit acreage have been the best beneficiaries. A large fruit crop makes a fine contribution to the buying power of the farmer, and this stimulates all trade and industry, but it is hardly less important as a factor for national health and happiness. The old saying that an apple a day keeps the doctor away, may not be altogether true, but your doctor will tell you that it has a foundation in fact. At any rate there is nothing pleasanter to take.

Most city dwellers of to-day once lived in small towns or in the country and their memories have much to do with their preferences in menus. From this distance it looks like an unusually enjoyable autumn. Hon. Mr. King is now suggesting a seasonal tariff so that the growers of fruit will be able to hold the Canadian markets against all comers. Kingston has felt the disadvantage of having fruit dumped here by foreigners who secure licenses to sell. They put out fruit culled and messed over in the United States before reaching here, and consumers are the sufferers. Fresh fruit and home grown—if at all possible—should be demanded from all retailers. Fruits not grown here, such as bananas, oranges, grape fruit, should be secured in British sections and brought in Canadian ships. A seasonal tariff would permit this. The fruit growers should support the King government's proposals.

Do you recall Goliath? Well watch out.

WHY BEFORE TWO O'CLOCK?

(From the Toronto Star)

Why did Mr. Meighen request Lord Byng to dissolve parliament with the usual antecedent formality of asking him "to attend in the Senate chamber and assent to such bills as have passed the House of parliament?" The answer is because Mr. Meighen dared not permit his shadow cabinet to again face the House of Commons with the false pretense that they were a government. He and Lord Byng were the only government there was after Mr. King's resignation on the 25th of June. When Mr. Meighen accepted office from Lord Byng on that day he undertook to form a government. He had not formed a government—he admitted under Mr. King's cross-examination on the floor of the House that they had not taken the oath of office and that they were not ministers of the crown, and as a consequence of these admissions Mr. Meighen had on the 1st of July suffered a vote of want of confidence.

Mr. Meighen knew that the House was opposed to a dissolution until the business of the session had been completed and parliament had been regularly prorogued. If another solution against a dissolution were held in the regular course, might be proposed, and if a resolution of that nature were introduced it would be sure to carry.

GILDING THE LOCOMOTIVE.

To those of us with a feeling for the beauty of railroads, the decision of the Southern R.R. to turn out its locomotives in bottle green, gold and burnished steel will come as a pleasing piece of news, says the New York World. The color scheme, it is true, will sacrifice part of the charm as a locomotive, considered merely as an individual piece of machinery. When one of these monsters pulls up at the platform the big thrill arises from the sense of power one gets from it, and this is enhanced not only by the prodigious hissing and puffing that assails the air but from the black, grim steel itself. There is always a suggestion of the romantic, a reminder that the chief business in hand is the transportation of mankind to that ever-alluring region just beyond the horizon.

To the general atmosphere gayly colored locomotives will add a festive touch. We hope the scheme will win general favor and that soon bright reds, blues and yellows will appear with gleaming brass work and perhaps a flag stuck behind the whistle. All journeys should be gay, and nothing suggests so gayly as a locomotive dressed up like a fireman's bride.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The King can do no wrongs. But he did a good act in encouraging the ladies to cover themselves and to flag down for lower skirts.

The man of to-day not only lives longer, thanks to science, but lives better, more happily, can hit harder, run faster, swim farther and when at work can turn out more than the producer of any age.

A writer in the New York Times says the United States spends annually on golf \$468,000,000. More than 2,000,000 golfers and nearly 5,000 golf courses in which the total investment is placed at \$1,300,000,000.

The King government benefited the farmers by putting an end to the excise taxes to which they have been subjected by high protectionists and privileged interests. The King government is the one that will help the farmers prosper.

Send back Conservative ex-members.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Perhaps the commonest of all our giant moths is the polyphemus. This is a very handsome moth, usually five or six inches across the wings, most comely dull tawny yellow with a large black and blue spot in the middle of each hind wing. There is a transparent spot on the fore wings and another in the outer part of the black and blue spot on the hind wings. Frequently the wings are reddish, and they may vary all the way from cream color to olive or blackish brown, but dull yellowish is the usual shade.

In the north this moth is seen only in June and July, but in the south it appears earlier, and it also reappears in autumn. In the central portion of its range it is common in the spring, but rare in autumn.

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Helping Nature. Farmer's Advocate: It is a significant fact that all over the country this year the good crops of fruit are to be found in the well-cared-for orchards.
Making a Guess. Houston Post-Dispatch: Somebody tells us that two per cent. of the people do the world's thinking. And judging by the thinks we reckon about three-fourths of that two per cent. would do more good by going to work.
Gem of Thought. Thomas A. Edison: Too many people have a microscope idea of the Creator. If they only would study His wonderful works as shown in the natural laws of the universe and in Nature herself, they would have a much broader idea of the Great Engineer and His divine power. Indeed, I can almost prove His existence by chemistry.

Quebec Viewpoint
La Press once again draws attention to the beneficial operation of the Quebec Liquor Law.
Statistics established that convictions for drunkenness have declined year by year since 1921 in the province of Quebec. Can we blame the Liquor Commissioners if they take the flattering unctious to their souls that the merit of this state of things is due to them? Certainly not. For the rest, the Hon. Mr. Taschereau, Prime Minister, to whom we owe the legislation under which greater temperance is practiced than formerly—Professor Leacock has qualified Government control as "a very good system"—has never pretended to be able to perform miracles. What the Premier has done is this: He has simply manifested a willingness to work with all human means possible, to improve a situation that is difficult to control and one that in the past has sometimes had a deplorable reaction. And Mr. Taschereau has brought about results which have led other provinces to take a course similar to that of Quebec and to proclaim the excellence of the liquor laws that have been in force in the province during the past five years.

Then the Test Comes! Brantford Expositor: It is said that the beauty experts are now so efficient that there are practically no ugly women left. The beauty experts will have their real problem when they begin work on the males.
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WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Use preposition "to" with "conform." "Conform to."
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: chicanery. Pronounce shi-kah-er-ee, both 's' as in "it," 'a' as in "day," accent on second syllable.
OFTEN MISPELLED: centiped, or centipede.
SYNONYMS: commence, begin, start, originate, initiate, launch, conceive.
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: DIMINISH; to make smaller or less. "The army had diminished and was no longer dreaded."

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