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CIVIC HOLIDAY

It has become the custom in all Ontario centres to set one day apart in each year as a civic holiday.

Some people contend that, in this section of the Province, at least, there should be mutual agreement as to one date for such cities as Toronto, Hamilton, London, Brantford, Guelph and so on; but should there?

Take the case of the Queen City as an example. On the date of its recent celebration there the papers recorded such an overwhelming tax upon transportation facilities that many hundreds of citizens could not be accommodated.

If several communities chose the same date, how on earth would the railway and kindred companies be able to supply enough cars for in-and-out business?

And while on this subject it might be as well to refer to a quite general cry that Brantford has too few local attractions on holidays—that people have to go out of the city to obtain their fun.

This is largely true, but the city which attempted to supply an attractive home program for all such days, or even for more than one of them, would pretty soon find itself in a financial hole.

The time has passed when the running of races, or tugs-of-war, or some such things of that kind, are sufficient to draw any kind of a gate. In the case of cities, there has to be an elaborate and expensive list of attractions, not only to attract outsiders, but also to keep residents at home.

Take the last celebration as an example. Many citizens worked hard on behalf of that, and the program—it was in celebration of the Coronation of King George—was splendidly arranged, with military features, big display of fireworks at night, and all the rest of it. The subscription list was large and the receipts were large, yet at the close the deficit was quite big. In fact, it was necessary to call upon the balance of the gala day fund left by the late Mr. Thomas Elliott when Mayor—a balance derived from a somewhat inexpensive program, which sufficed in those days when the public did not expect so much for their money.

This article is not written with the idea of discouraging home programs—far from it—but to show that those who say in a light way that something should be done haven't been through the mill.

It might be a good idea to make Brantford's civic holiday, each year, the occasion of a big set of attractions, and with a strong committee at the back of things that date might no doubt be made a big annual success.

FEMININE ATTRACTIONS

All members of the fair sex like to appear attractive when liable to public observation. That is natural and proper, and there only seems to be one exception to the rule—that is during housecleaning time, when no known daughter of Eve ever seems to care whether she looks like the breaking up of a hard winter, or a rag-bag with a towel around the top.

ployees to wear their hair "fussed up." Miss Carlyle threatens to be severe with such individuals in future, but if factory girls are determined to disobey this brutal "man-made law" they will probably beat it. Some years ago some proprietors of large stores tried to abolish what shop girls deemed the harmless necessary "rat," but they did not succeed very well. The desire of the average working girl is for an impressive coiffure, irrespective of the danger involved.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Come to think of it, "civic" is one of those words which may be spelled hind end backwards, and it makes no difference.

A detective in Ontario, during the course of an investigation, went to a garden and dug up \$1400. Had the amount been in gold, he could have classified the find as carrots.

The Toronto Star (Liberal) declares that the Conservative party is a "victim of nerves." Perhaps so. They have their own still intact, and have also cabbaged the former nerve of the Grits.

If some of the fathers of Hamilton of one hundred years ago could see what is being done there in honor of when they would be apt to think that instead of "Ambitious" it should be known as the "Rampageous City."

An archaeologist announces that he has discovered a tablet in Babylon whose inscription declares that it was the women who caused the Flood. And it couldn't have been suffragettes, at that, because if so no males would have been allowed on the ark.

The C.P.R. has cancelled a recent order to have train crews assist women, dressed in the latest fashion, on and off trains. Well, if the effort on their own part involves divided skirts, they will only have themselves to blame.

The Toronto Globe is still banging away at the idea that Reciprocity would be a good thing for Canada. Surely the people gave the Laurierites a hot enough dose at the polls over that, without the organ seeking to still further parade that defunct issue this warm weather.

British medical men made a pilgrimage to South Kensington museum to examine the head of the general recently dug up in the Old Land whose cranium is computed to be half a million years old. At the same time, Canadian oarsmen have been cleaning up championships in the United States. Which skill honors would you prefer?

Renfrew Mercury (Liberal): The Globe and its whisky advertisements, despite elaborate explanations, continue to harm Mr. Rowell's cause. Learned men may see the force of the arguments why the Globe may assail the traffic, and yet take its advertisements, but the average man does not see through these fine distinctions.

The British, French and German Governments, it is officially explained, recognized President Huerta as "Provisional President pending an election," because it was felt that such a course was "likely to assist in the restoration of order." This was recommended on recommendation of the representatives of those countries, and it was Mr. Wilson, U. S. ambassador, who made a congratulatory speech to Huerta regarding the same. Now President Wilson has refused to adopt that course as far as his nation is concerned, and the fat is in the fire, because Huerta realizes that by defying Uncle Sam he is adding greatly to his own popularity.

Stead M. Gamble In Court To-day

(Continued from Page 1) ployees asked for five cents an hour more wages the company locked out union men?" asked Dewart. Ryley didn't know if it were a strike or lock-out, but there was trouble at an event. Ryley told of riding from Agincourt to the bridge on the work train on June 6 with Gamble and McCaughey. He did not invite them to go along. "If both these men swear you said to them, 'Come along! Dixie Hollow, will you swear you didn't' asked Dewart.

One of the men Ryley said had a quart bottle of whiskey. The supposed container of the acid was a flask. "You have known Gamble a good while?" "Yes." "Pretty decent fellow?" "Yes." "Not the kind of a fellow who would saturate a rope with acid?" "I thought he would have more sense."

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

The Chinese Rebellion. Montreal Star: What has been occurring in Mexico and the Balkans has drawn away attention from the deplorable state of affairs in China. There is little doubt that the action of the powers over the notorious loan was largely instrumental in precipitating the latest rebellion. Had the powers been less greedy and given the Republic the loan which she needed on any sort of generous terms, the new government might have steered itself into a position of stability. But instead of doing so, the Powers, who claim to bear the burden of civilization, hagglod and quarrelled until the densest of Chinamen could see that they all meant to grab some of his patrimony in return for their loan. They wanted to lend China more than she needed so that they might seize territory when she was unable to repay. They squabbled over the appointment of the officials who should look after their interests in the debt until it became apparent that they were trying to jockey one another rather than help China. If any westerner can find any satisfaction in this treatment of China he is welcome to it.

Sir Richard McBride Speaks Out.

Peterboro Review: Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, has been stating, in his own straightforward way his views on various subjects; more particularly on the navy question and the question of Oriental immigration. On the naval question and emergency he gives his opinion very plainly and forcibly, he says: "I am not able to boast that she has shouldered her share in the support of the Empire's navy."

Drydock for Canada.

Ottawa Journal: The despatch from Montreal this morning stating that the Canadian Pacific Steamship "Lake Manitoba," would have to go to drydock at Brooklyn, N.Y., for repairs which cannot be secured in Canada owing to the absence of a drydock sufficiently large for the purpose, draws attention to the fact that the Board of Commerce has just let the contract for the construction at Lewis, Que., of what will be the largest and most up-to-date dry dock on the North American continent. Work of construction will be commenced immediately and it is hoped that the dock will be in readiness to accommodate the largest ocean liners within three years.

With the City Police

The police court this morning was held in the Magistrate's office, and was disposed of early. Adjudgments and drunks were greatly in evidence, no less than six revellers being arraigned.

J. A. Sanderson, autoist, contributed \$13 to the court funds. Mr. Sanderson was very nice about it, sending his check forward.

Wm. Howie, who was up for not working, was allowed to go. Jas Taylor, a vagrant, after getting cleaned up, was let out to get a job.

EAST OAKLAND

Mr. Joseph Beals has his son, Christopher from the city, assisting him repairing his barn this week. Miss Bandy McIntyre was the guest of Mrs. John Bian on Thursday. Miss F. Oriley and her mother, Mrs. John McIntyre, were calling on Mr. George Edin on Thursday. Mr. Thomas Brian was calling on friends and acquaintances on Thursday.

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Cricketers Did It Likewise

(Continued from Page 1) Brantford. Bland 0, Whitwell 0, Derbyshire 1, West 0, Darch 0, Usher 9, Richardson 0, Stewart 0, Whitten 0, Bryden 1, Richards 2, Extras 3, London 16.

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Bowling Analysis.

Table with columns for Bowler, Inning, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like London, May, Evans, Brantford, Stewart, Usher, etc.

PRINCE TO HEAD AERONAUTIC SOCIETY



PRINCE ROLAND BONAPARTE, GRANDSON OF NAPOLEON I., HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICS FEDERATION, WHICH WILL MEET NEXT YEAR IN NOVEMBER AT ST. PETERSBURG.

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