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## BOOSTING A CITY

There is a publicity and industrial bureau in Ottawa, and the report of the commissioner for last year contains some interesting statements. One of these is as follows:—

"The advertising, booklets, personal letters, and such other means as have been employed, have brought a large number of tourists, several conventions and twenty-two representatives of various industries to the city; have caused negotiations with 100 different industrial propositions, and the establishment of four important industries in the city, with a total capital of \$200,000 and an approximate \$75,000.00 payroll for the first year."

The commissioner says that several other industries would have been secured, but for inducements held out by other cities, greater than they felt they could afford to offer at Ottawa. The report states that there are in the city and its immediate vicinity 182 important industries with many smaller ones. These industries employ according to this report 18,860 people, pay in salaries and wages nearly \$8,000,000, and produce commodities to the value of nearly \$40,000,000. The receipts of the bureau last year were \$27,837, and the expenditure less than half that sum, leaving a balance of \$14,000 in hand at the present time. A publicity and industrial bureau which is financially so well off at the beginning of the year ought to be able to make a good record before its close.

## THE COST OF APPLES

Mr. Karl J. Stackland, an Oregon fruit grower, contributes an article to the press on the much discussed difference between what the orchardist gets for his apples and what the consumer is compelled to pay for them. He says that millions of barrels of apples were not marketed last year, and large quantities were not even picked, and that in the hard times of 1912 and 1913, the Oregon fruit-growers sold very much larger quantities of apples than they did last year. He explains the change in conditions by saying that where the yield in these years was content with a gross margin of 25 to 50 per cent, he now wants 300 per cent. Thus:—

"A barrel of apples that sells for \$2 to \$3 on the docks in New York is retailed for 25 cents per quart, or at the rate of 80¢ a barrel. A box that costs \$1.50 is retailed for \$3 to \$4. In other cities the retail profit ranges from 100 to 200 per cent, according to quality and local conditions."

Mr. Stackland says that a Consumers League has been organized, and urges the fruit growers of the western states to join hands with it and endeavor to bring down the retail price, which would result in an enormously increased consumption of apples, and thus enable the fruit-growers to market at a fair price large quantities of fruit which is not now packed, canned or dried, or even picked from the trees.

## A SUGGESTION

There is a matter in connection with the public hospital service in this city which is worthy of consideration by the authorities. It is the provision for the care of inmates, who, if they had hospital treatment, might be restored to their normal condition of usefulness in much less time than in many cases is at present possible. There are many cases in which the relatives or friends of such a man would willingly guarantee the necessary expense if he could be given such treatment as he would receive under proper medical and nursing care. It is unfortunately true that there are a considerable number of such cases, and while reasons become a hospital case, it is obviously not possible to have the hospital staff regularly engaged with cases of this kind. If there were a small wing or separate building of limited size provided for the special care of the cases of insanity, the expense ought not to be great, for the majority of those treated could pay their way. Of course there would be other cases, and some of them no doubt would be found from time to time in the police court, where some of the unfortunate victims would better be sent to the hospital than to the jail. It would perhaps be surprising to the general public to know how many persons in the course of a year in this city arrive at a physical and mental state through excessive drinking which makes men proper patients for the doctor and nurse; and, if they could quietly be taken care of in such an institution as suggested, it would be a great relief to their relatives and friends, and should also have the effect of saving them from further excesses of that kind. If there are some who would not assert their will power and who therefore belong to the class of periodical drunkards, there ought still to be an institution to which they could be sent.

The Intercolonial Railway is a hardy perennial in parliamentary debate at Ottawa. Before Mr. Borden became premier he had very pronounced views concerning the branch lines of the Intercolonial. He believed that they should be taken over as a part of the government railway system. Mr. Borden has had for some sixteen months the fullest opportunity to carry out his policy, but has entirely failed to do so. The net result of the discussion is that the minister of railways has said that there is no proposal to sell or lease the Intercolonial, and with that information the people must be content. Perhaps some

time in the dim and distant future Mr. Borden will be able to make up his mind as to the branch lines and tell the house what he proposes to do.

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The legislature of one of the American states met recently and one of the newspapers in the capital city printed an article headed: "Whose Legislature Is This?" In the mind of the writer there was evidently a doubt whether it was the people's legislature or belonged to some one of the special interests.

For several days the question of the retirement of Premier Fleming from the political arena has been discussed in one or two newspapers. They began by announcing that he would retire, and took occasion to pay him such high compliments as might fairly be expected to bring considerable patronage their way. Then they announced that Mr. Fleming would not retire. Mr. Fleming, who may be credited with having a sense of humor, will appreciate the situation.

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This is a world of trouble. No sooner had the state of affairs in the Balkans presented a less warlike aspect, than Mr. B. A. MacNab and Col. Sam Hughes rushed at each other with the deadly ferocity of desperate men sworn to vindicate their honor to the last. It is believed that a French duel would be a very mild affair in comparison with the fiery onset of Mr. MacNab and the Canadian war minister when the clash of battle comes.

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Maritime provinces factories may presently be shipping their products to the Argentine. A Montreal paper says:—"An exhibition of the products of the Argentine Republic will be opened soon in Montreal, with a view to encouraging trade between that country and Canada. Their chief products are sheepskins, hides, sugar, coffee and silk. What they could take from Canada would be principally manufactured articles, such as farm implements, furniture and automobiles, in addition to the lumber that is already shipped there."

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Prof. Radcliffe attributes the great falling off in the production of better in Montana to the scarcity of farm labor. If this is true of dairying, it must also be true, as the Ottawa Journal points out, of agriculture in general. The problem of the loss of the eastern provinces because every year they lose some of their promising young farmers to the west, in addition to the loss due to the movement toward the cities. If the shortage is to be made up, it must be by encouraging the immigration of farm laborers from Europe.

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The question of rents is just now receiving a good deal of attention from tenants, especially those who are unable to pay a high rent. It was discussed at a meeting of the Civil Service Association at Ottawa last week, when one speaker told of his own experience in having the rent raised, in a house in which he had lived some years, from \$15 to \$20, and yet in ten years the landlord had only put about \$50 in repairs on the house. His conclusion was that "A system of taxation which prevents improvements on buildings, but increases the rent for the tenant is one of the causes of the increased cost of living."

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The organization of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada has proved of very great benefit in many cities. It is pleasing to know that this order in Ottawa now has a home of its own, the debt of \$5,000 having been paid off last year. The order in that city has no less than 14 nurses, but these care for patients not only in Ottawa but in Hull, Arnymer and several other outlying districts. The receipts of the order during the year in Ottawa amounted to \$15,800 and there was a balance of over \$2,000 from the previous year. The total expenditure, including the payment of the debt on the Home, amounted to \$15,877.

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Last year was a very strenuous one for the nursing staff, because of the typhoid epidemic, which provided them with no less than 143 patients. During the whole year they cared for 1200 more patients than in the previous year. Thirty-two nurses took the course in the home last year, and half of the number have been assigned to Victorian Order positions. It is not easy to estimate the value of the work of the nurses of this order. We know something about it in St. John, but not nearly so much as we should. There is room for a greatly enlarged service in connection with the work of the hospital and of physicians generally.

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A curious mixture of professions and trades is shown in the applications for work during the Christmas rush at the General Post Office in London. Nearly 10,000 unemployed men were given temporary work, and among the number were architects, travellers, canvassers, over 500 clerks, 2,000 painters and a Congregational minister.

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## NEXT BEST THING.

Hungry Harold—Can't you gimme a bit o' meat to eat wit' de bread?"

Mrs. Goss—Not at all, your present price of meat, but I'll cut your bread with the knife I've been slicing bread with.

## FOOLISH QUESTION.

Wife—"John, did you marry me for my money?"

Hubby—"My dear, if I cared for money I know a dozen easier ways of earning it."

## THE MUSICAL FLAT.

"I wish you'd kindly ask your daughter to practice her vocal lessons at some other hour," said the fond mother of the flat above.

"What for?" asked the fond mother of the flat below.

"It interferes with my son's cornet practice."

## THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Willie—"Paw, what does the minimum wage mean?"

Paw—"It means the smallest amount you can pay for a certain amount of work, my son."

Maw—"It really means what a married woman receives from her husband. Now you go to bed, Willie."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## NEIGHBORLY AMENITIES.

There had been serious differences between Mrs. Bobbs and Mrs. Dobbs, who were neighbors, owing to the former's towels trespassing upon the latter's flower beds, whilst the fox-terrier of the aforesaid Dobbs had, in retaliation, cut short the "span of life" of Mrs. Dobbs' favorite bantam.

Words were strong and heated "overs the garden wall" accompanied by smacking of hands and furious threats, till at last, losing all control of herself, Mrs. Bobbs, who had been doing the washing, "let fly."

What happened was best told in the summons of Dobbs, whose face was "partially closed for repairs."

"And what have you to say as to this assault, Mrs. Bobbs?" asked the magistrate.

"Please, yer worship, I was doin' the washin' an' simply hit her over the face with a pillow-case."

"What? A pillow-case inflict that damage?" Two black eyes and a fractured nose, gasped the magistrate.

"Well—er—yer worship, if I must say, there was half a brick inside it somebody left there."

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LAST NIGHT'S WAR NEWS

London, Jan. 20.—The Balkan plenipotentiaries, who are awaiting the Turkish reply, do not conceal their impatience and their firm determination to prevent Turkey from postponing the settlement longer than a week. Meanwhile unofficial conversations have begun among the allies regarding their inter-Balkan delimitations.

Dr. Danef, head of the Bulgarian delegation, and the Greek Premier M. Venizelos, were engaged in this task today.

As no agreement has yet been reached concerning Saloniki, the Greeks hope to find no difficulty in retaining the town when the Bulgarians get Adrianople.

Reclad Pasha received long cipher messages from Constantinople this afternoon and it is asserted that he was instructed to confer with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, with the object of obtaining direct intervention by the powers under the form of mediation or in another way, if more acceptable so that Turkey might be spared the humiliation of ceding Adrianople at first hand.

Reclad Pasha, accompanied by Tewfik Pasha and Osman Nizami Pasha later in the day visited the British foreign secretary but the nature of Sir Edward Grey's reply has not been disclosed.

The meeting of the National Assembly at Constantinople has been postponed until Wednesday and the port's reply to the note of the powers will be presented after this meeting. The general impression is that the Turkish government is weakening with respect to the demands of the allies.

A Bucharest dispatch says it is expected that a settlement between Roumania and Bulgaria will be effected before February 1, by an agreement providing for the rectification of the frontier. Roumania, however, will not get as much as she wanted; Bulgaria will cede some of the forts in the neighborhood of Silistra but not the town itself.

Plague at Adrianople

London, Jan. 20.—A Mustafa Pasha despatch to the Daily Telegraph says that plague has broken out among the garrison at Adrianople.

AFTER THE TOUGHENING PRO.

New Dealer.—The dame at the other end of the table, with the steady glimmer in her eye, is the landlady, I suppose.

Mr. McGinnis (star boarder)—Yes, that's Mrs. Irons; "steady glimmer" is right.

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