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A PUBLIC NEED

Toronto ratepayers have voted in favor of the establishment of a municipal abattoir. This is one of the things which Brantfordites should also most emphatically possess.

A pure water supply is universally regarded as an absolute desideratum, and none the less so should be the supply of healthy meat. Consumption, and other tubercular affections, glandular and other troubles are directly traceable to meats in a diseased and unfit condition.

Affairs in Brantford are not at all right in this regard and they should be remedied. Year after year the Medical Health Officer has drawn attention to the situation and year after year the Veterinary Inspector has seized hundreds of pounds of meat offered for sale on the market as unfit for the family table.

The one solution is to have all animals disposed of under sanitary and humane conditions at a central place where they can be subject to the inspection of a government official. It has been the experience of other places that the fees just about cover sinking fund and interest with reference to the outlay.

Even if this should not prove to be the case the cost in the public interests would be far more than warranted. The subject is one which regard to which the new City Council might very well take hold.

MUST PASS EXAMINATIONS

Chauffeurs employed in Ontario must give proof of their competence to drive, before receiving 1914 licenses from the department of the Provincial Secretary. The amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act made at the last session of the Legislature, through the bill introduced by Mr. George H. Gooderham, comes into force this month, and hereafter no person will be given a permit to drive for hire, pay or gain until he has complied with the new regulations, made by authority of Section 4, subsection 3, of the Act, which reads as follows:

"A license shall not be issued to a person who drives a motor vehicle for hire, pay or gain unless and until he files in the office of the Provincial Secretary a certificate signed by two members of the Ontario Motor League appointed for that purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and residing in the municipality in which the applicant for the license resides, and also by the chief constable of that municipality, stating that they have examined the applicant, and that he is a fit and proper person to be so licensed, having regard to his character, physical fitness, ability to drive, and knowledge of the rules of the road."

Careful study was made by the department of licensing systems in effect elsewhere before the new forms were drawn up and the best features of New York, Massachusetts and Quebec regulations have been adapted to local requirements.

In order to facilitate the testing of candidates, arrangements have been made for the conduct of examinations at the outset in a total of 27 centres. Brantford has been selected as one of the places in which the same will take place.

For the examination the candidate is required to supply the motor vehicle which it is his intention to operate. It is taken for granted that any employer will be glad to permit the use of his car for the purpose of a thorough test of the efficiency of his driver. Upon being passed by the examiner the chauffeur must present his application to a second appointed member of the Ontario Motor League, who also signs a certificate, and to the local chief constable, who endorses the application in a third certificate.

This is all right, but what about those who drive their own motors, and often allow their youngsters to be in charge? Why shouldn't they also come under a test?

Mr. W. P. Gundy, Toronto, was elected President of the Board of Trade.

THE COMING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

The third session of the Dominion House since the advent of office of Premier Borden and his colleagues will commence within a few days.

With regard to the navy proposals there will be no deviation with reference to the original plan. Mr. Borden still contemplates the price of three dreadnoughts, and in this he is heartily supported by the general sentiment of the country. Laurier's foolish scheme of dreadnoughts to be built in Canada, when we have no yards or skilled labor for such work, is becoming more and more discredited. His scheme would cost tens of millions more in money than the Conservative idea, for enormous plants would first have to be created, and construction would occupy many years when John Bull's need is NOW.

Probably the most important matter for consideration, will be the Redistribution Bill. After each census, there has to be a redistribution of seats where warranted, and the West this time will secure more members because of increased population at the expense of Ontario and other Provinces. Quebec never loses a seat. She has a fixed number of 65, and her population divided by that gives the proportion for the rest. It is announced that no matter what course the Administration may adopt in this matter, the Grit majority in the Senate will throw out the bill, just as they did the naval program, the good roads measure and so on. The government are not worrying about that. The more they do this kind of thing, upon the nod of Laurier, the greater will be the loss of public confidence in the Liberals, and their alleged principles.

One thing seems certain, and this is that the session will not be any such long drawn out gabfest as last time. Closure has now been properly introduced, and under it debate upon any question can be terminated on the initiative of the Government after a reasonable amount of discussion has been allowed.

UNCLE SAM AND MEXICO

Many of the United States papers are becoming restless with reference to the continued inactivity of Uncle Sam in regard to Mexico. Here is a sample editorial from the Detroit News:

"It appears that about 100 Americans have been killed in Mexico during the troubles of the last two or three years, and that enormous amounts of property have been lost by those who fled homeward for their lives."

It is reported that the government has spent \$300,000 on refugees and the Red Cross as much more. Claims have been filed with the state department in the last three years to the extent of about \$300,000,000 and quite as much by poor citizens as those who are wealthy or interested in corporate properties.

It is further reported that most of the Americans who lost their lives lost them through their own neglect or carelessness. They were not killed purposely by the Mexicans but only hurt when they happened to be in the way of trouble between Mexicans themselves.

Perhaps it is only reasonable to wonder how long another government, European for example, would endure such treatment of its own peoples or such violation of treaty rights?"

NOTES AND COMMENTS

President Wilson has Huerta on his hands, and the German Emperor the Crown Prince. They ought to form a condolence society.

Mr. A. W. Vansickle of Onondaga, whom the Liberals are anxious to run against Mr. J. Westbrook, M.P.P., in the next Ontario contest, was defeated for Reeve in that township. Not a very promising feel-out, eh?

It is somewhat worthy of note that for the first time in over a quarter of a century there is not a titled man in the present Dominion Cabinet. And other Canadians have been getting knight-hoods for heaven knows what.

Lloyd-George, who suddenly disappeared from public view, has been located as taking a motor trip along the edge of the desert of Sahara. He evidently wants a good place in which to back up should any suffragettes leave in sight.

A Wisconsin man who recently passed away left \$40,000 to a woman who jilted him. The average members of the fair sex had better not try that plan, but stick to the revised rule—Man proposes and woman grabs him.

One of the most assinine by-laws in the city of Brantford is the one which requires citizens to clean off their walks, in winter time, right down to the pelt, so to speak. Take the existing conditions. After a thaw the shovel brigade had to get busy, under

pain of a police court fine, then the weather turned cold again, with the result that most of said walks are sheets of ice. To walk in the roads is about the only safe plan, and that is not only unpleasant, but dangerous, in view of the vehicular traffic. As before pointed out in these columns, in Montreal the walks have to be levelled off, but the requirement is for an inch and a half to be left as a foot-hold. A similar plan ought to prevail in this city.

Rockefeller has at last consented to be interviewed. During his remarks he said:

"My advice to the young man at the opening of a new year is to go straight and to do the best you can to make a success for yourself and keep happy and comfortable those who depend on you. If you make mistakes, remember it is human to err, but try again, and try harder. Above all things, be honest, honest with yourself and with those with whom you deal."

In other words, if you want to avoid being a rocky feller, it is wise to adopt the recommendations of a Rockefeller.

The Old Cry

The statesman, when campaigning, takes hold of every chance to do some loud complaining about extravagance. "The men in power," he hollers, "still keep your shoulders bent! It costs a billion dollars to run this government! The cost goes on increasing." We hear him wildly shout: "their sins will be unceasing until we turn them out. We grid our loins in anger, and say: 'We'll crush this sin! We'll drive those skates to Bangor and put some good men in!' Then to the polls we teeter, to put the skates to rout; to make our country sweeter we vote the rascals out. And still our troubles wax until our hearts are sore; we have to pay more taxes than e'er we paid before. The statesman who assured us that we were being robbed, who to white anger lured us and saw that we were jobbed; now bows in ease and plenty, no tirades now he vents; while we still look like twenty or twenty-seven cents.

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SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE SERIOUS

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minent in the last Rand strike, were arrested on charges of sedition today. All were held without bail. Last night other leaders were taken into custody and at a late hour following a hurriedly called meeting of the Trades Federation, the federation threatened to call a general strike unless the men detained were liberated.

Three proclamations were gazetted in Pretoria yesterday calling out the citizen forces throughout the Transvaal, and the citizens reserves in many districts, and prohibiting the sale or transportation of arms in the districts of Pretoria, Middelburg and Witwatersrand.

There is much apprehension here over the proposed mass meeting which has been called for Sunday in the market square, Johannesburg, the people recalling the fatal consequence of a similar gathering in the square during July's strike.

Mr. Mason, leader of the Trades Federation, addressing a gathering of strikers here yesterday, declared that the entire railway service would be stopped to-morrow, but that it was not intended to call out the miners. The miners, he said, were burning for revenge for the bloodshed of last July, but that their revenge would come later.

The Rand Cold Storage plant, which supplies meat for a majority of the natives employed in the mines, is

reported to have only one week's supply on hand. Johannesburg is cut off from communication the existing supplies of flour and other provisions are only expected to last ten days. The cries for food already are rising.

Choir Elects Its Officers

The Colborne St. Choir last evening elected their officers for the year 1914: Hon. Pres. Rev. T. T. Holling; President, Mr. W. H. Freeborn; Cies. Pres. Miss Agnes Butler; Secretary H. J. Smith; Treasurer, Miss J. Lake; Librarian, Mr. W. A. Horne; Assistant Librarian, Mr. W. Huthing; Lockout Committee, Miss P. Eacrett, Chairman; Social Committee, Mrs. V. C. Grantam; Flower Committee, Mr. J. L. Barns and Miss Evelyn Huffman; Recreation, Mr. H. E. Ayllife. Under the able leadership of Mr. George C. White, the choir has had a very successful year. There is a membership of 55. The greatest harmony prevails among the members of the choir as is shown by the large average attendance during the year. The officials of the church have shown their appreciation of the work of the choir by entertaining them at different times. The members of the choir look forward to a very successful year.

Lord Mayor's Citizenship. The Lord Mayor of Cork has been served with a summons to show cause why he should not be punished for acting as a member of the Corporation, he being an American citizen. The Court of Appeal, however, a month ago held there was no evidence of American citizenship.

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A Big Fund

Raised by Unionists to Resist Home Rule Measure.

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 10.—A fund has been raised amounting to \$5,000,000 to indemnify the relatives of those who may be killed or wounded among the Ulster Unionist Volunteers in resisting home rule, according to an announcement made today by Capt. James Craig, Unionist member for East Down, Ulster, at a gathering of Unionists here. He said the sum required had been exceeded.

The utilization of the indemnity fund is contingent on hostilities occurring between the Unionists of Ulster and the Irish Government af-

ter the introduction of home rule. The Unionists declare that their plans are complete to resist home rule by armed force. They have raised an army alleged to be composed of thousands of disciplined men under the leadership of retired officers of the British army and navy, and assert they will defy any measures of the Government sitting at Dublin. The activity of the movement caused the Government to issue recently a proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition, and several consignments have been seized on their arrival in Ulster.

The Limerick Guardians having decided to appoint an additional cook at a salary of fifteen pounds a year, Mr. Patrick Bourke, who opposed the appointment, stated there were 141 pauper servants in the house and 934 inmates, making a total of about one-fifth servants.

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New Wink... Wives and... ing replaced a plate which was broken recent...

Spe... Services... Rev. R. D. Hamilton... a two weeks of special... ginning January 18th...

Ins Superintendent... Mr. F. J. Watson... pointed superintendent... department of Wellings... School.

Claim Your Parcels... Parcels for the fall... are at the Post Office... called for immediately...

St. Lukes Church... On Wednesday even... bers of the choir of St... was entertained to a... Sunday School. An in... was delivered by the... ter. Mr. W. Clark, th... presented with a sum... appreciation of his... vices rendered to the... the evening, various... played, and a jolly ti... The party then broke... with a most enjoyable...

Fire Last Night... Thursday evening ab... the central Fire Depart... a telephone call from... a frame cottage occup... ers, where a good blaz... gress. The fire had... floor, it is supposed, by... of a match, and burned... lath and into the attic... of the occupants. On... laid and the fire was e... not until about 8:55 da... done.

Week of Prayer... The union meetings i... in connection with the... wife concluded last nig... attended gathering add... M. Kelly. In spite of... nature of the weather, a... turned out to listen to... the subject of prayer, a... not disappointed. Praye... showed, was natural. T... man's prayer was poss... essence and climax of... not in asking God to... own way, but in man's... with God's way. Rev. L... sided, and Zion Church... charge of the singing... there will be the annual... pulpits.

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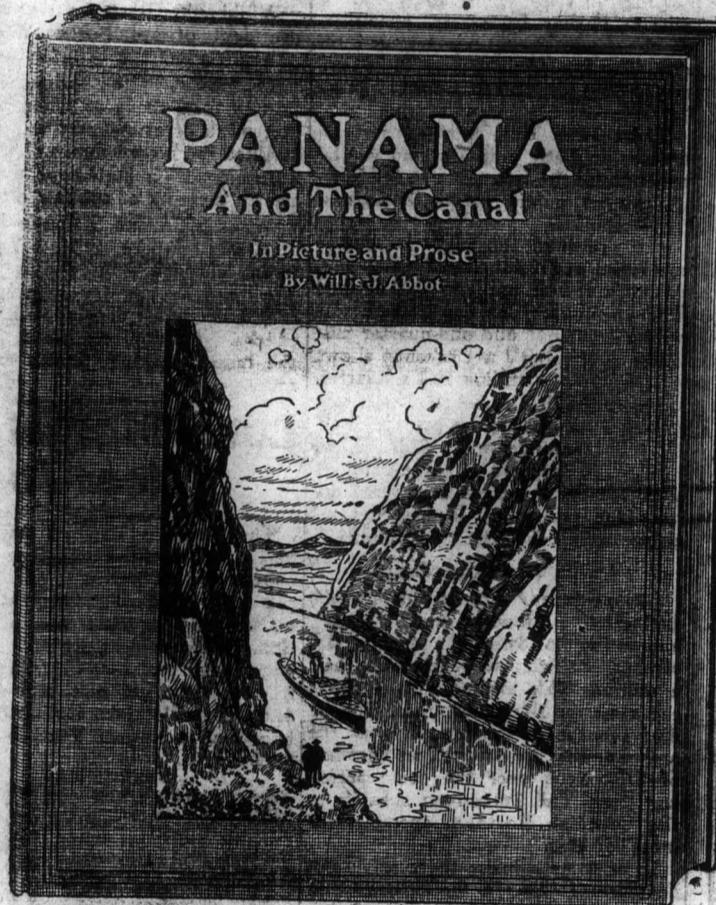
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