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THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

USE FOR A BOARD OF TRADE.

As will be seen in our news columns the threatened strike of the Toronto street railway employees has been postponed for 24 hours through the intervention of the officers of the Toronto board of trade. These gentlemen worked all last night and far into the early hours of the morning in their efforts to mediate between the representatives of the company and the representatives of the employees, and have succeeded in averting the strike for one day at least and secur. ing from the company an important concession in the form of a pledge that it will receive a committee to be appointed by a mass meeting which will be held to-night.

If Toronto is saved from the public inconvenience and loss, the misery and bitterness and perhaps bloodshed of a longer. long-drawn-out struggle between the street railway company and its 1,000 employes, it will be through the efforts of these public spirited gentle. nations. men of the board of trade. That's the sort of board of trade that is worth something to a community. It is an organization that is in touch with current local events, and that takes an active interest in thingsthat does something .- Hamilton Her-

THE CHURCH COURTS.

Despite a few jarring notes, the sus has revealed the fact that there are thousands of Canadians who have put down their names as adherents of the churches who have no place on the church rolls either as members or adherents, and it seems to have dawned upon the various bodies that there ought to be a more profitable field for the churches in reclaiming these lost sheep than in trying to seduce sheep from the other fellow's

The Congregational friends seem to feel that there is need for strengthening their work, either by alliance with the American or English bodies or by union with the Presbyterians, as some have suggested. The Baptist people in Ontario find that their increase in membership is so drawn said: Here, ladies, is what Mother upon for the west that they are hardly keeping pace with the population. In fact, taking the Dominion increase of population, the following figures of the five churches which comprise 93 1-2 per cent of the population show that three have fallen back a shade, while two have done a little better than hold their own. These figures show the proportion of their adherents to the whole population of Can-

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The Church of England people are drawing nearer the other churches in their work and methods. The Presbyterians are strengthening their work greatly in the growing west. The Methodists, and the Presbyterians also, are a good deal exercised over the battle between the conservative and liberal forces in doctrine and rule, with this difference, viz., that the liberal wing seems to have gained the ascendancy in the Presbyterian church, while the conservative elements so far hold the reins in the

Methodist church. These are some of the main features of the trend of the meetings. With so many giant evils to combat, with the trade and business community running to consolidation and economy of forces, one wonders where are the seers of the church who unity, in these continued assumptions | South Africa, and were actually be-

of superiority for this or that doctrine and organizations-assumptions which are the breeding ground of the jealousies and divisions among the churches .- Guelph Mercury.

IMPERIALISM IS A GROWTH.

Some people are too apt to forget that whatever working Imperialism the British Empire possesses is the rescult, not of carefully drawn plans or officially formulated schemes, but of Growth, points out the Montreal

Our representatives have not got together and decided upon anything definite, or bound themselves to any hard-and-fast agreement; but, as the occasion came, and our ability increased, we have simply done what seemed to be our duty. The spirit of loyalty was always there; and the manner and measure of its expression has been a matter, as we have said, of "occasion" and "ability."

This does not forbid the making of plans in the future. That may be decided to be the wiser course; but, lif it is chosen, it will be an innovation. Up to date, we have got along without formal Imperial understandings, and

we have got along very well. When this process of Growth shall have brought us all to the right point, undoubtedly more definite arrangements will be made. And the right point may have been reached now. The men who are able to survey the whole field are in a much better position to judge than those who sit merely on the outer rim; and Canada will be represented in London by a body of able and responsible ministers,.

But it is, perhaps, just as well to remind ourselves that the results we are proud of to-day have been achieved wholly by natural and unforced and regulated Growth; and that we need not imagine for a moment that Imperialism is dead or even declining if it be decided to leave the delicate process of Empire-building to Growth for yet a little while

It is a serious thing to harness the rising aspirations of a group of closely allied, but widely separated

> BRUNET'S BLUNDER. Alexandria Glengarian.

Brunet, the Montreal ballotswitcher, has pleaded guilty and will go to jail. If he had operated in Ontario he would have got a government job with a large salary.

STICK TO DUTY! OH, NO! We hate to begrudge the attorney-June meetings of the churches indi- general his coronation trip, but are cate that there is some growth in har- constrained to say that he would do mony and mutual respect. The cen- better to stay at home and direct proceedings against the election crooks whose work is being discovered.

A WISE ENGLISHMAN.

London Advertiser. There is something piquant in the fact that Canon Welch, who tells the Church of England in Canada that it is not Canadian enough, is himself an Englishman and has been resident in

> LOOKING FAR BACK. Detroit News.

The Living Church makes this quotation from a Connecticut woman's diary, dated 1790: "We had roast pork for dinner, and Dr. S., who carved, held up a rib on his fork, and Eve was made of.' 'Yes,' said Sister Patti, 'and it's from very much the same kind of critter."

FUTURE IN ITS HANDS.

London News, Ind. Apparently the ballot in Ontario is not regarded as sacred-is becoming a laughing stock. Judge Morrison has given his opinion it is up to the attorney-general's department to act. If an investigation is not begun, then the people of Ontario may make up their minds that ballot stuffing and such are not regarded as serious practices by the powers that be at Toronto. It's a case of investigation or no investigation-the Liberal party has its future in its hands.

USELESSNESS OF BUNCOMBE.

New York Tribune. Communication is now so free and rapid among all parts of the world that it is impossible to confine an utterance. That which is spoken for buncombe is heard by all the world, We have no doubt that many of those who said the things of which the Boers now complain knew they were untrue and did not wish the Boers to accept them as true. They knew, for example, that there was no prospect of European intervention in South Africa, and that there was not the re motest possibility of America's intervening in behalf of the Boers, But they published daily statements that intervention was imminent. such should cry aloud against the regret- Why? Probably for the sake of annoying Great Britain. That would edness, the exaltation of name and have been an unworthy thing had the form and letter which the Master effect of the falsehoods stopped there, so emphatically denounced, the de- But it went much further, these remial of Christ's evangel of love and ports were promptly transmitted to



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the unnecessary prolongation of the war and the natural and just resentment of the misled burghers.

THE PRODIGAL KRUGER. Hamilton Herald. Mr. Kruger comes out of the war with little credit; but he doesn't need t, for he came out of the Transvaal

with plenty of cash. THE SECULAR PRESS NOT SO BAD. Stratford Beacon.

The much-abused secular press has filled its columns for a fortnight with reports of the various church courts such as no religious paper would think of giving. The publicity given the discussions was of great value to the different denominations, yet when the newspaper is again under discussion, we doubt if the services it has rendered will be kept in mind by the clergymen who are so fond of in-veighing against it. The secular press does more than its share in disseminating the news of the churches, and if the news is not always for good the clergy who lose their tempers and make injudicious remarks are to be blamed, not the newspapers.

> CANADA'S DESTINY. Canadian Magazine.

Canada is farther away from annexation to-day than she ever was. The corruptness of American politics, the gross materialism in American ideals, the slavery problems of the south, the child labor of South Carolina, the reckless disregard of law and authority in some of the western Western States, the grave problems introduced by the conquest of the Englishman and has been resident in this country only six or seven years, other things warn Canada to beware of United States connection. Commercial prosperity is not everything; it is only a small part of the national life. Canada sees that with patience and confidence she can hew out a destiny more profitable, more glorious than anything which annexation can

> Our lives should be like sundialsusing all shadows to point to some hour that has a significance and a

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EAST BRANCH.

Miss R. Reed, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday with friends here. Clayton Baughman, of Wallaceburg. was an East Branch visitor on Sunday Our football team have been challenged to play against the Wallace-burg team on Wednesday of this week Owing to the disagreeable day on Friday last, the East Branch S. S. pic-nic to Walpole Island, has been indefinitely postponed. D. Shaw and Miss Shaw and Miss

Shaw sang at the opening of the new Sunday school at Tupperville on Sun-W. Shaw, of Wallaceburg, called o

friends here on Sunday.

J. E. Richardson attended a meeting Mrs. G. Mickle, Miss F. Richardson and Miss M. Booth, will take up the quarterly review lesson in the Sunday school on Sunday afternoon.

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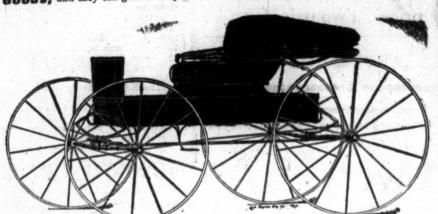
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