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THE ROWELL IDEA

We are reminded that Mr. Rowell's panacea for temperance reform, to wit, that of refusing saloon or tavern licenses, is an old one and has been on trial for sixty years in the adjoining commonwealth of Ohio.

Ohio was much the same kind of community as Ontario is to-day and the temperance sentiment was so strong that a provision was incorporated in the new state constitution which provided that "no license to traffic in intoxicating liquors shall ever be granted in the State of Ohio."

This provision carried with the adoption of the new constitution on a plebiscite, and was then separately submitted to another plebiscite and carried by a large majority.

Up to that time the tavern license system which now prevails in Ontario prevailed in Ohio. It was anticipated that under the new constitution liquor would be sold in receptacles for home consumption, but that the open bar would disappear.

How these hopes were disappointed is a matter of everyday knowledge, and now the temperance people and the general public desire the licensing power to be restored to the state, and it will be so restored beyond doubt, if the constitution now in course of construction at Columbus proves acceptable in other respects to the people.

ANOTHER CITY'S COMPLAINT

Ottawa, no less vehemently than Toronto, is complaining of the private bills committee of the legislature. According to The Citizen newspaper, the Ottawa authorities applied for power to raise the money needed to build a small hospital and a couple of engine houses. When the bill for this purpose came before the committee that body insisted that the City of Ottawa must raise an additional sum of \$22,000 and with it pay off certain claims held against the city by a bankrupt company which constructed the new grand stand at Lansdowne Park.

Now it appears that Ottawa has a counter claim for breach of contract, and the whole matter is in process of adjudication by the courts. The Citizen strenuously objects to the Ontario Legislature constituting itself a debt-collecting agency.

The incident illustrates the necessity for a larger measure of home rule in Ontario cities, and contributes another reason for curbing the arbitrary powers of this most arbitrary committee.

JAMES BAY SURVEY

In connection with the contemplated extension of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to James Bay, a report on the district between Cochrane and that bay has just been issued by order of the legislative assembly. The survey was made by Mr. Sydney C. Ellis, who in accordance with instructions, left Cochrane on June 9 of last year and traveled northward via the Frederick House, Abitibi and Moose Rivers, returning via the Mattagami River to Cochrane, which was reached on Sept. 12. Four of the fourteen weeks occupied were spent in actual travel, seven in investigating the possibility of securing terminal and harbor facilities at Moose Factory or Hannah Bay, and the remaining three weeks in the examination of the country adjacent to the route followed.

Regarding possible harbor facilities, Mr. Ellis remarks that only three locations, all within the boundaries of the province, are available for consideration as potential tidewater terminals. One of these, the estuary of the Albany River, is impossible under existing conditions, and of the other two, the estuaries of the Moose and the Harricana, the advantages he reports, lies with the former. In view, however, of the arrangement made for access to the Hudson Bay terminus of the projected grain carrying railroad, it will not now be necessary to prosecute further the search for a James Bay harbor. More interest, therefore, attaches to the character and resources of the country through which the provincial government railway must pass northward. Mr. Ellis' remarks apply more particularly to the district immediately south of James Bay, and are based not only on what he gathered during his journey, but on previous private explorations.

Of the area of 550 square miles examined, over 800, or over 90 per cent, consisted of what he describes as apparently a good quality of clay soil, well adapted for agriculture, and he believes that these conditions will be found to apply generally to very much larger areas, especially towards the west.

Evidence of this good quality was supplied by the growth found on the areas affected by partial or complete drainage. Where fire had not run, there were found spruce, balsam of gilead and birch up to 20 or 24 inches in diameter, with raspberry bushes, grasses, golden-rod, daisies, and often a profusion of luxuriant ferns. All the common garden vegetables, including potatoes, carrots, cucumbers, radishes and even Indian corn and tomatoes, have been successfully raised.

Mr. Ellis does not anticipate much difficulty in finding a suitable route for the government railway extension. The crossing of the Moose River is the outstanding consideration in the 125 miles of possible line between New Post and Ship Sands, about which he can speak with certainty. He indicates that it might be well in projecting a line, to keep in view such reaches of the Abitibi or Mattagami Rivers as are adapted to navigation by small steamers. So far as presently recognized, the mineral prospects in the area known as the Coastal Plain are not bright, but it has to be remembered that, apart from a very general sort of explanation, no actual prospecting has yet been done. Until this is entered upon, the incentive to railroad building must be found in the advantage the Hudson Bay route offers for ocean transportation eastward.

INDIA AND EGYPT

During 1911 the unrest in India and Egypt, which in the immediately preceding years had caused considerable anxiety, showed signs of abatement, and the situation in both countries steadily improved. It is now generally admitted that the coronation visit to India, made by the King and Queen, which when first proposed was by some authorities regarded as impolitic, has been successful to a degree beyond the most sanguine expectations. Those responsible for the arrangements appear to have accurately gauged the course best fitted to impress the native mind, while the partial reversal of Lord Curzon's unfortunate partition of Bengal has gone far to reconcile both Hindus and Mohammedans to the rearrangement of the province that is now in process of accomplishment.

The budget, submitted earlier in the year by Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, financial member of the council, was unusually favorable. Good harvests were obtained in 1911 and trade had been particularly active, the value of the exports being the highest on record. Although the land revenue had proved disappointing, the earnings of the state railroads reached the maximum. The total cost of the Durbar had been estimated at \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 was connected with the military arrangements, but the actual cost of the latter had only involved \$1,005,000. It was satisfactory to have his warm testimony to the help he had received from the enlarged council, and he also paid a tribute to Mr. Sokhale for the work he had done in bringing forward the claims of education. The outlook in India is now more hopeful than it has been for some years.

Lord Kitchener in Egypt has again shown his strength as an administrator. With his name a household word in the valley of the Nile, he has continued the liberal policy of his predecessor, and the Egyptian prime minister took occasion recently to remark upon the pleasure derived from his encouragement of native collaboration and from his marked solicitude for the Egyptian people. Large projects are on foot for the benefit of the cotton industry and agriculture generally. Grants have also been made to provincial councils for the development of education. Even more remarkable has been the progress of the Sudan and the rescue of that district from the desolating tyranny of the Mahdi, and his rapid conquest to civilization is an achievement ranking with the greatest yet accomplished thru British official agency.

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MANUFACTURERS AND THE Y. M. C. A.

Under the caption, "Manufacturers and the Y. M. C. A.," the April number of Industrial Canada publishes the following editorial:

The Y. M. C. A. authorities are apparently strangers to the Christian virtue of gratitude. Two years ago, in Toronto, a great campaign was organized to raise nearly three-quarters of a million dollars for Y. M. C. A. purposes. Strong committees were formed. The newspapers threw open their columns. The manufacturers of the city donated large sums. In addition, the manufacturers allowed people to canvass their employes during business hours. The money was forthcoming. Does it not seem reasonable that, upon material or equipment was needed, where possible, Toronto, or, at least, the manufacturers should have received the orders? What happened? When tenders were called for billiard and pool tables for the Broadway Y. M. C. A., Samuel May and Company, Toronto, offered to furnish them at regular factory prices. They got the contract for one pool table. The other contracts were given to foreign firms. When locker equipment was needed,

the following Canadian firms tendered: George B. Mead, Ltd., Toronto; Brass Works Co., Limited, Toronto; the Dennis Wire and Iron Works, Limited, London; and the Steel and Radiation, Limited, Toronto. The contracts were awarded to an American firm. Similar incidents are reported from other Canadian cities where Y. M. C. A. building operations are under way.

What is the reason for this strong inclination to send Canadian money across the border? These Y. M. C. A. campaigns are conducted according to American methods and are officered by Americans. Are Y. M. C. A. officials American in sympathy? Do they allow their sympathies to warp their judgment to the extent of recommending injustice? No manufacturer considers that his subscription to a Y. M. C. A. campaign creates obligation to award him contracts. He expects the Y. M. C. A. authorities will spend their money, which is trust money, so as to obtain the best value for it. If he does expect that, where goods and prices are equal, he will get the preference. What would happen to Y. M. C. A. building operations if Canadian manufacturers withdrew their support and recommended that subscription be secured from American manufacturers? Y. M. C. A. officials, who are American by birth or in sympathy, should find an answer.

China Famine Fund

No more stirring appeal can be made to the people of Toronto to give of their abundance to the famine sufferers in China than the latest cable report received from Shanghai that 3,000 people a day are dying of starvation. Joseph Henderson, vice-president of the Bank of Toronto, is honorary treasurer of the China Famine Relief Fund, and subscriptions sent to him or to any branch of the Bank of Toronto are made instantly available in China by cable transfer.

The following subscriptions have already been received:

Table listing names and amounts: Amount previously published, \$2,085.96; D. M. Ross, 5.00; Inspector, 20.00; J. Kent, Central Y.M.C.A., 5.00; R. Carswell, 5.00; Rodney Freshford, 11.11; Miss M. W. Willis, 3.00; A Student, 1.00; Rev. R. L. Weaver, Palermo, O., 5.00; Chester W. Massey, 12.00; Joseph Henderson, 25.00; Jessie Sheppard, Casares, Ont., 5.00; Miss M. H. Toronto, 1.00; Town of Orillia, 148.00; Total, \$2,419.06.

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Through Train to the West Via Chicago and St. Paul

Personally conducted Grand Trunk special train will leave Toronto 10.30 P.M. Tuesday, April 9, for Edmonton and points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, stopping at all points on Grand Trunk Pacific Railway west of Winnipeg. Tourist sleepers will be carried, fully equipped with baggage and porter in charge. Berths may be secured in these cars at a low rate. This is an exceptional opportunity for those wishing to take advantage of the remarkably low one-way Settlers' rates or round trip home-seeker's excursions through the American States and Canada, and to visit the West.

An address was taken and afterwards a presentation was made of a traveling case subscribed for by his fellow workers. His genial companionship and friendly interest in his work under all circumstances has won him the esteem, and he is not likely soon to forget the demonstration of the good feelings towards him and his work in his future welfare that was evinced by his late co-workers on this occasion.

PRESENTATION TO MR. SAUN, DEER.

On Thursday evening, April 4, the employees of the Massey-Harris Wood Department tendered a farewell to Mr. W. E. Saun, who has been in the department for the past thirty years, but is now severing his connection with the firm to go to the west.

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Use of Electricity on Great Britain's Street Railways

A British Government report shows the transformation effected by electricity in developing tramway lines in the U. S. E. street railways. The increase in a little over twenty years has been practically complete. The change from horse to electric locomotion—has been especially significant.

The capital expenditure has grown from \$20,470,680 to \$68,261,481, the number of passengers from 146,000,000 to 2,121,277 to \$25,675,942. Of 174 miles of lines belonging to local authorities, 135 miles are operated by those authorities, by other local authorities leasing from them, and the remaining 39 miles by companies working under leases.

The 1911 net receipts of local authorities working tramway undertakings, belonging to them or leased from other local authorities amounted to \$18,728,008 on the year's traffic, \$5,736,608 being applied towards the reduction of tramway debt, \$1,802,722 in relief of rates, and \$4,224,882 was carried to reserve and renewal funds.

Spanish Court Honors Diaz

MADRID, April 5.—President Diaz, ex-president of Mexico, continues to be the recipient of marked honors. To-day at the Good Friday service a special tribute was paid to Diaz by the Spanish Government. The former Mexican ex-president was present at the service in court circles.

Queen's Own Reunion

The annual reunion of the officers and ex-officers of the Queen's Own Rifles will be held at the Toronto Hotel on Tuesday, April 16. It is expected that General Fox-Kent and General Otter will come from Ottawa to be in attendance.

SURVEYORS AT WORK ACROSS CITY

Mysterious Gang Have Operated From Sunnyside to Don—May Be Surveying Tube Radial Lines.

Whom are the mysterious crew of surveyors who have been seen in a half dozen different places in Toronto inside of a week working for? That's the question a lot of people who own property on their line of operation, which extends from Sunnyside across town to the Don River, would like to know.

Are they surveying the new underground radial entrance? If so, then why have they also spent much time east of Yonge-street and around the Don at Gerrard? Maybe there's to be a tube radial entrance from the east as well.

Again, what meaneth their busy sojourn around the corner of Gerrard and Yonge-street, where they spend many hours getting a line on locations and doing all the things surveyors are expected to do, and then even some more. The World doesn't know of any syndicate or of anyone owning a block of land at Yonge and Gerrard-streets that might be converted into a radial terminal.

To forestall any comments, The World will say that a man who says he is a surveyor and who knows all the student surveyors, says they are not university men.

THE TRUTH ABOUT AVIATORS' EARNINGS

The chief of the mysterious gang was a red-headed whilker and has three young men helping him. As to the truth of the reports concerning the enormous earnings of aviators, Albert S. Le Veno says in Harrow, Ont., as a matter of fact, and did in 1909, manage to get \$50,000 out of the flying game, and three exceeded this sum by, possibly, \$25,000. But, in the main, he considers the aviator who cleared \$10,000 in a year, averaged \$200 a week in 1909, 1910, or 1911, as an exceptional case, but accounted more than lucky. Why?

Because of old Captain Demand and because of a competent aviator, who is a graduate of the Royal Flying Club, and who has been in the flying game as long as even \$75 a week can be earned by flying these times, and who has no applications for the job.

The Wrights have paid their flyers every day on which they were in the air, as well as \$50 additional for each day on which they were in the air, and the number of flyers in the air, as well as the number of flights, are considerably more than in any other country. Refusal to allow their aviators to fly on Sundays, and to fly on Saturdays, has been a source of much trouble. Refusal to allow their aviators to fly on Saturdays, and to fly on Sundays, has been a source of much trouble.

Curious aviators work on a percentage basis. This ranges from thirty-five per cent. to the lesser. Beaches who, having perhaps seen Simon and Roland Garros of France, is the greatest exhibition flyer in the world. He is practically every Curious aviator's eye, based on half-and-half division of the gate receipts with the local promoter. It will be seen that even the highest paid aviator does not get more than twenty-five per cent. of the gate receipts. And \$50 was frequently the amount of the box office of aeroplane exhibitions during 1911.

Co-operative Poultry Movement in Great Britain

The farmers of Great Britain are realizing to-day more fully than ever before the advantages to be derived from co-operation, both in the purchase of their supplies, and in the marketing of their produce.

A step in the development of the agricultural co-operative movement was taken on January 2 of a central depot in London by the National Poultry Order, Ltd., which has been formed by the co-operation of several branches scattered over Great Britain and Ireland. It was the expectation of the Order that these local bodies would find a market for their own eggs, but this was found to be impracticable. The Order has therefore become a central depot for the collection and distribution of eggs, which is said, will be a clearing house on co-operative lines.

It is the intention of the federation to have the eggs forwarded from the local branches to the central depot in London, where they will be examined, sorted and packed. The profits of sales after the working expenses are deducted, will be returned to the local societies.

It is claimed that, in addition to the local societies, the fact that he will have a constant market for his eggs, the customers who buy at the central London depot, will be assured that the eggs they purchase are of good quality and of British origin.

When the Food Ferments

Chronic dyspepsia is essentially a disease of the intestines rather than of the stomach. The trouble is caused by the food passing too slowly along the alimentary canal and fermenting instead of being digested.

It is found that the liver is sluggish and the bowels constipated. The fermenting food gives rise to gas, which crowds the lungs and heart, giving rise to belching wind and to a feeling of fullness in the stomach. The food rots and leaves a sour taste in the mouth; you feel out of sorts and are unfit for work or pleasure.

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MORE LAND WILL BE OPENED FOR SETTLERS

Announcement is Expected That Several Townships Now Included in Porcupine Mining Division Will Be Opened for Settlement by the Government, With Changes in Law.

Porcupine, April 4.—(From Our Staff Reporter.) There is a probability that several of the townships now included in the Porcupine mining division, reserved for mining purposes, will be thrown open for settlement. Ogdan Township may be turned over to those who want to farm. Recommendations, it is understood, will be made to that effect very soon by government officials in the north.

Men have often wondered why lands in the mining district that are not available for mining purposes are not thrown open for settlement and the laws changed that settlers can work the lands without actually living on them for a few years.

It is pointed out that should men be able to settle on farming lands right in the real district where work is in progress, by working on the lands occasionally, they would be enabled to earn a living at the mine and settlement at the same time.

If this plan was given, perhaps a thousand men would take up land in the north, which now no one can afford to do so. In the course of a few years settlers would have gathered around them an asset from which they could live while the lands were being improved is about the way the majority of men here point it out.

Charles Fox.

NOT LAST YEAR

Rev. Byron E. Stauffer claims he was inquired by the Toronto press in reference to his statements about insane people in the Toronto jail. He said 19 insane prisoners had died "in one year," not last year, as reported. Dr. Chambers, governor of the jail, claims that in the last four or five years 17 insane inmates have died at that institution. The year when 13 deaths occurred was previous to his appointment as governor.

Former Mexican Minister Robbed

PARIS, April 5.—The residence of Senator Benjamin Mier, former Mexican minister to France, was robbed to-day. The thieves secured jewels valued at \$50,000.

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The doctor found this thumb of great use to him in giving massage treatment, and when he became a specialist in intestinal disorders he was called to assist the most famous surgeons of Europe and he brought relief to many illustrious patrons. According to Dr. Metzger's weekly, almost all the sovereigns and reigning princes have had occasion to thank him.

The Queen of Rumania sent for this doctor with the curious thumb when she had facial neuralgia, while the late King of Sweden once drove a beautiful span of horses over the horizon of his kingdom to consult the doctor, and on returning left the horses as a token of gratitude to his preserver.

There was a time early in his career when the use of this curious thumb was looked upon as a form of charlatanry, but so well did Dr. Metzger establish his reputation that the medical profession accepted his thumb for what it was worth without trying

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