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ATTORNEYS-GENERAL AND THEIR DUTIES.

The Globe is right in calling the attention of the attorney-general to the fact that he should send someone to represent the crown and the people at the investigation now going on at the Soo in regard to the Gougeon case. But the Globe should also call the attention of the attorney-general to the conduct of the electric ring in connection with corrupt practices and interferences with the political rights of the citizens of Toronto, and with the political rights of citizens in every other municipality in Ontario where a vote is about to be taken on a bylaw respecting Niagara power.

It is high time that our attorney-general should recognize that his duties require the prevention of crimes and affirmative action in the public interest. It would be well for the Attorney-General of Canada to remember this, and the Globe might do well to call his attention to the undisputed fact that the Grand Trunk Railway, in refusing the penny-a-mile service required by its charter daily throughout the length of its line, is laughing to scorn the laws of Canada.

The attorney-general is an executive, not a judicial, officer. He is appointed and paid to execute the law, and he should move as quickly to check a great railway that is breaking the law as would a policeman to check a drunken reddy who was breaking a window.

Can it be possible that no corporation in Canada ever does wrong; yet who can recall a single writ ever issued at the instance of Mr. Aylesworth to forfeit a charter; to recover a penalty; to mandamus a great corporation? Not only has he instituted no civil suit; he has begun no criminal proceedings, and the conviction of Charles M. Hays in police court against Charles M. Hays was secured by the public spirit of private citizens, and at their own expense. That proceeding is now under review by the appellate court. Will the Attorney-General of Canada appear for the crown and seek to have the judgment of Col. Denison affirmed?

But the great evil, for whose immediate suppression all newspapers and public men should be at the instance of the great franchise-holding corporations with the liberties of the people. Public opinion throughout the world was shocked by the disclosure that the great American insurance companies were contributing to the campaign funds of the Republican party, and already a law is being hurried through congress, making any such contribution, hereafter, a penal offence. Yet in all Canada there is hardly a whisper of protest when the Bell Telephone Company reports that it has expended large sums in an attempt to influence the recent plebiscite in Manitoba, and that it is prepared to spend still larger sums in debauching the press and dragging the electorate for the maintenance of its monopoly. For a quasi public corporation to interfere in an election, and to spend money to defeat any man or measure, in order to retain a franchise, is no less criminal than it would be to obtain the franchise itself, by bribery. It is, moreover, a diversion of corporate funds, and an abuse of corporate power. It introduces into the political life of the people strange and abhorrent forces, and it is an insolent interference with the independence of the electorate.

There is now a splendid opportunity for the Attorney-General of Manitoba, at this session of the legislature, to so amend the Corrupt Practices Act of his province as to put a stop to this evil. It should be made a penal offence for any corporation, by the expenditure of money, or otherwise, to influence any provincial or municipal election, including plebiscites and referendums. Such an act should be incorporated among the statutes of every province. That

we have need of it in Ontario is only too evident.
But more far-reaching and effective would be a statute by the Dominion government, declaring in express terms that any such interference in any election by any corporation, shall operate as a forfeiture of its charter. And this should be supplemented by a statute requiring the attorney-general, upon information to proceed in the supreme court of Canada to have the forfeiture carried out and the tangible assets administered by a liquidator. The corporate franchise would, of course, revert to the crown and the other franchises would terminate. Similar statutes, suited to their local conditions, could then be passed by the various provinces so as to reach provincial corporations.

The Globe is entirely within its rights in calling the attention of the attorney-general to his duty in connection with the enquiry at the Soo. Newspapers generally throughout the country should call the attention of the various attorneys-general to appropriate fields for their activities. The press has been urging upon the government drastic laws to protect the independence of the electorate. It is well to protect the Tories from the Grits, and the Grits from the Tories, but far more important is it to protect the people from the great corporations.

UNNECESSARY UNIVERSITIES.

If there is one thing the City of Ottawa does not want at the present time, it is a university. Catholic or Protestant. We have more universities in this country now than we can support. In fact, we would be much better off and we would give a much better training to our young men if we had about three universities in all Canada instead of about a score. Universities cost money, and when they are efficient in the teaching of science they cost money annually, and that university is not in it that has not the equipment that a first-class university ought to have. It can only turn out inferior men.

Or to put it in another way. They would be much better educated if they were trained in a high-class, up-to-date university. Science is the thing that moves the world to-day, even more than literature or logic or rhetoric. The best way of putting it is that the best trained man is the man who has an opportunity of acquiring science, of acquiring logic, of acquiring rhetoric, and of becoming acquainted with literature, and you cannot teach science in a bargain-counter laboratory.

As far as the Province of Quebec is concerned, Laval and McGill cover the ground, and as far as Ontario is concerned the University of Toronto, Toronto which the denominations have, can do much better work than have two or more universities in this province. To support more universities in this province is to throw money away, and in view of the fact that the denominations to-day are lacking in means for the preaching of the gospel, and for carrying on their legitimate church work, they are not making the progress they ought to make if they had a better and more highly educated ministry.

It is nothing short of misuse of denominational funds of any kind to apply to it to the work of education in any branch in which the state or private endowment has undertaken to perform it. The churches of Canada have all they can do in their church work with any available funds they may have, and he is the best member of any denomination in this country who devotes any money he has to spare for his church to the benefit of church work proper and altogether outside of the domain of education.

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Mrs. Broughall desires to acknowledge the following additional contributions in response to her appeal of Dec. 17: M. W. Worthington \$1, C. P. Band \$1, Sympathizers in Hamilton per W. Harvey \$5, "For the Brave Little Woman" \$2, F. A. Prince \$1, H. J. Ince \$2, Chadwick and Beckett \$1, Bracondale \$1, Brother and Sister \$2, Employees Grip Engraving Co. \$12.50, Thomas Kennedy \$1, Mr. Hillary, Sudbury \$1; Mr. Bennett, Sudbury \$1; Anne Lennon, Sudbury \$1; C. R. Bewethelich \$1, Jas. Armstrong \$1, P. Oler \$5, Ann Friends \$1.50, G. T. \$1, Mrs. W. J. Carter \$1, Mrs. E. Cox \$1, G. L. Marlon \$1, Jean Smyth \$1, J. C. M. \$1, Mrs. and Miss Talbot, Chester \$2, R. H. G. Chapman \$2, Sympathizer \$1, Richard Obee, N.Y. \$1, F. N. \$1, Three Friends \$2.

HON. MR. BLAIR'S MOVEMENTS.

Ottawa Free Press: The re-entry of Hon. A. G. Blair into federal politics would be welcomed by all who desire to see the parliament of Canada repressed by men of ability and progressiveness.
The Ottawa Journal is also friendly to Mr. Blair's return to federal politics. Another item says Mr. Blair will succeed Mr. Emmerson in the Laurier cabinet, and Mr. Emmerson return to New Brunswick affairs as premier.
Emmerson Will Stay.
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Hon. M. R. Emmerson, minister of railways and canals, who returned to Ottawa this afternoon from St. John, characterized as absurd the newspaper statements about his prospective resignation from the federal cabinet, to make way for the reappointment of Hon. A. G. Blair to the railways and canals portfolio.
"Mr. Blair," he added, "has fully accepted my leadership for New Brunswick, and has pledged his support to the Liberal cause."

Object to Constitution.
Tehran, Persia, Dec. 31.—The shah passed a very bad night.
There was great excitement at yesterday's sitting of the national assembly, when the constitution as signed by the shah was objected to that body, the assemblymen reacting to the proposed composition of the senate.

THE RAILWAYS AND THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

Twenty-sixth Article.

A few days ago we had a little public heart to heart talk with the premier of Canada on the subject of the transportation problems of the country, and we sincerely hope that he is giving serious consideration to the suggestions made at that time. Search down into your heart, Mr. Reader, and if this happens to touch your weak spot, think it over carefully, and we have not the slightest doubt that you will make up your mind to cut it out and be a manly man, prepared to sink your selfish interests out of sight and take your place in the ranks fighting for the welfare of your country.

These remarks were the result of a conversation we have just had with a man who is a successful and well-posted individual, and yet he was weak enough to say, "What is the use of your undertaking to fight the railway companies. They control the government and you cannot hope to accomplish anything." Now, this man is not one bit different from thousands of others, and on every hand we can hear the remark, "The railways control the government and we can do nothing." Is it not a lamentable confession to make?

Do nothing? Do not the people of this country realize that they are getting precisely what they deserve? If they are satisfied to sit down and take what is given them, what else can they expect? We want to say right here the railways do not and will not govern this country, and so long as they are working under charters granted by the people of Canada they are our servants, not our masters, and they must be taught their position. We have already stated that the present government appears to be unable to do anything except thru the spectacles of the Grand Trunk Railway, and perhaps a little later on we may have something interesting to say with regard to the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. We are willing to admit that in the past the railways have apparently had the upper hand, but it has been by sufferance only, and when the people become thoroughly imbued with the idea that it is possible to make a successful fight against their tyranny and injustice there will be a revolution that will settle once and for all the question as to whether the people or the railways govern the country.

Some years ago there was certain legislation introduced at Ottawa which the railways considered was inimical to their interests. They decided to try and head it off, and with that object in view, their officials were instructed to get a deputation of shippers down to Ottawa to protest against the passage of the bill. Arrangements were accordingly made to run a special train to Ottawa, and invitations were sent to influential men all over the country to join the party. Strange to say, some of the most conservative and influential business men in the country were induced to take part in the trip and were lined up at Ottawa in opposition to a measure that was proposed in their own interests.

For the sake of a paltry free trip to the capital at the expense of the railway, these men became the tools of their oppressors. When we look back and think over the matter and take stock of the names of the individuals who composed the party, we cease to wonder at the feeling shown by those who say "the railways control the country."

In these days when the public are imbued with the idea that public control of public utilities is a necessity, the men who went to Ottawa on the trip mentioned would want to sink out of sight if their names were published. Perhaps some of our readers will say, "If so, they are not just a little bit ashamed of themselves?" However, we do not live in the past, but in the future, and whether a man has done wrong in the past should not concern us so much as whether or not he is going to do right in the future. We can afford to let the past bury itself, and if we only get together and work together for the benefit of our country, the public will forgive us for the mistakes made in previous years.

The people are supreme and it only requires concerted action to establish the prosperity of the country. Let us therefore, laying aside our selfishness, work together to secure proper accommodation for the commerce of the country and an equalization of rates that will place all parties on an equal footing. THE RAILWAYS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTROL THE COUNTRY.

(These articles have appeared daily since Monday, Dec. 3.—Ed.)

OSGOODE HALL

Ontario Bank Note.

The Ontario Bank has been an action against the Canada Cork Company, M. S. Benson Company, M. S. Benson, N. B. Eagen and W. F. Benson, all of whom are now in the balance due on a certain promissory note dated at Toronto, Jan. 30, 1906, and payable at month after date, made by the Canada Cork Company and endorsed by the other defendants.

Getting Money Out of Court.

The money paid into court in the action of the King against Gagnon, now being laid aside for the purpose of being paid out. An order was also made by Master-in-Chambers Cartwright, directing the payment out of court of \$12.56, incurred by Magistrate Weir in the action of the King against La Forge.

Action Settled.

The action brought by Antonio Volpato, as administrator of the estate of Giuseppe Volpato, against the Port Credit Brick Company, has been settled. By consent the action has now been dismissed without costs.

Will Have to Appear.

An order allowing a subpoena to be issued, directing R. M. Ballantyne of the Ontario Bar to appear in the action of McRae against Ballantyne, was yesterday granted by the master-in-chambers.

Didn't Last Long.

James L. Davidson, creditor for \$200, has petitioned that the British Canadian Engineering Company be wound up. Its promoter, Robson, has disappeared. The company was organized on Oct. 31, with a nominal capital of \$250,000, with 2500 shares at \$100 each. The directors were Malcolm G. McConnell and Hugh A. Munro, and the shareholders as follows: John Robson, 128 shares; J. M. Wilkinson, 128; John Robson and J. M. Wilkinson, jointly, 1 share; M. J. Miller, 25 shares; M. G. McConnell, 1; H. A. Munro, 1; and J. L. Davidson, 1 share.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

Dr. Ogden Will Ask That It Be Renewed by School Board.

When the new board of education gets down to business it will be called upon to either rescind or renew one of the most important measures that were passed last year.
Dr. Ogden has intimated his intention to introduce a motion at the inaugural meeting to repeal the anti-vaccination regulation.

It will be remembered that in the beginning of last year's legislative session Dr. Leves brought in a measure to abolish compulsory vaccination in order that the parents of children should be free to choose whether or not to send their children into public schools. The measure carried the board almost unanimously. Dr. Ogden opposed it.

The doctor will renew the question, he says, at the inaugural meeting of the board, and at the following meeting. He will have a large number of prominent physicians to support him.

Inspector W. L. Niddie of the Canadian Underwriters' Association was yesterday presented with a case of pipes by his associates.

LEVEE HAS AMBITIONS.

Has His Eye on Seat in Legislature or Majority for 1908.

Trustee L. S. Leves, chairman of the property committee of the board of education, in responding to a hearty vote of thanks from his colleagues yesterday, remarked that he had more to recover the sum of \$225.92, being the balance due on a certain promissory note dated at Toronto, Jan. 30, 1906, and payable at month after date, made by the Canada Cork Company and endorsed by the other defendants.

Two Courses to Desires from.

"I will either run for municipal honors or I will run for the legislature," said Leves, who is going to divide the city into eight constituencies. "I believe that I have enough supporters in old St. Andrew's ward to elect me to the provincial house."

"Will you come out on party lines?"

"Yes, if the party will support me; but if they don't I'll run as an independent. I polled over 12,000 votes as trustee two years ago, and I am sure I have lost none of my friends since, for, certainly, if ever a fellow tried to legislate conscientiously I have, even at the hazard of making myself unpopular."

BABE'S BODY FOUND.

Thrown in a Ditch on Pape Ave.—Inquest to Be Held.

The body of a new-born babe was found in a ditch on Pape-avenue, about 200 yards north of Danforth-avenue, in York County, yesterday.
Fred Bolderstone, a 14-year-old lad, discovered a bundle lying near the mouth of the culvert, and if some person had tried to throw it into the ditch and just missed it. On opening the bundle, he found the body of a male child, and had been wrapped in a newspaper and a woman's waist.

An Inquest has not yet been decided on, but High Constable Ramsden will have a searching enquiry made.

The spot is not far removed from where the Josie Carr tragedy occurred.

Knighted for Fitzpatrick.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—It is reported that the King's Birthday honors will include a knighted for Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the county of Ottawa. It is also reported that the chief justice will shortly resign to become general counsel for the Grand Trunk Pacific, which would be a much more lucrative post.

Customs Revenue.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The customs revenue of the Dominion for the six months of the fiscal year ending to-day was \$25,251,835, an increase of \$3,529,342 over the same period last year. The revenue for December was \$4,184,954, an increase of \$660,862.

George Weston, the president of the Model Bakery Company, has purchased the business from his associates.

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1 only No. 67 Hall Settee, in fumed oak, with rush seat. A quaint and handsome pattern. Regular \$34.00. January sale price..... 20.00	6 only No. 72 Genuine Flemish Carved Oak Hall Chairs. Regular \$10.00. January sale price, each..... 7.50	3 only Weathered Oak Armchairs, with rush seats, a quaint and comfortable design. Regular \$8.50. January sale price, each..... 6.00
1 only No. 68 Hall Settee, in mahogany. Regular \$21.50. January sale price..... 15.00	1 No. 73 Music Cabinet, in gold leaf, a beautiful design. Regular \$50.00. January sale price..... 50.00	1 only No. 65 Dresser, a fine colonial design, in mahogany veneer with wooden knobs and swing British plate mirror. Regular \$40.00. January sale price..... 30.00
1 only No. 69 Buffet, in quarter-cut oak, golden finish. A simple, effective design, on Sheraton lines. Regular price \$45.00. January sale price..... 35.00	1 No. 74 Teak Buffet, of Chinese make, elaborately carved. Regular \$125.00. January sale price, per set..... 90.00	1 No. 64 Dressing Table to match. Regular \$25.00. January sale price..... 20.00
1 only No. 70 Buffet, in mahogany. An elegant design, with low mirror back. Regular \$54.00. January sale price..... 43.50	4 only No. 60 Two-piece Bedroom Suites in white enamel, a simple and refined design with oval British plate mirror in dresser. Regular \$35.50. January sale price, per set..... 20.00	1 only No. 65 Colonial Cheval Mirror, with large British plate bevelled mirror. Regular \$42.00. January sale price..... 35.00
3 only No. 71 Imported Fire Screens, covered on one side with decorated Viennese leather, and fitted on the other for holding photographs or picture cards. Regular \$35.00. January sale price, each..... 20.00	1 only No. 61 Dressing table, a dainty pattern, in white enamel, with good-sized oval British plate mirror. Regular \$11.00. January sale price..... 8.50	1 only No. 66 Mahogany Highboy, with eight drawers. A very handsome piece of furniture, enriched with fine hand carving. Regular \$150. January sale price..... 120.00

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Rev. W. H. Vance, rector of the Church of the Ascension, and Mrs. Vance, having just moved into the new rectory at 110 Beverley-street, the young people of the church surprised them with a "kitchen shower," bringing them with all sorts of useful articles. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent.

An outbreak of smallpox is reported in the Township of Albemarle.



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