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FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

THE LIBRARY SITE.

Is recommending the purchase of the Martin property on the corner of Centre and Wellington streets the joint committee have made a good choice—but, we submit, not the best.

It appears that the choice lay between the above location and that on King street west. While The Planet is not wedded to any selection, it has previously pointed out that for reasons mentioned it appeared to this journal that the King street site should be given preference on all others.

Now that the tenders have been opened and it is found that by adopting the King street site the Council will save the city nearly \$700 over last night's selection, we feel that a grave mistake will be made if this is not done.

Seven hundred dollars is not a trifle and we think, under the circumstances, it should be saved to the citizens and ratepayers.

More especially so, when, in our opinion, the city can secure the better site for the lesser expenditure. However, this journal does not want to be arbitrary. If public opinion is favorable to the expensive site it is prepared to cheerfully acquiesce, but we think the Council should be assured that it is overwhelmingly so, before committing itself to the, to our mind, needless expenditure of \$700 of the people's money.

A SHAMELESS TRANSACTION.

It is an old trick of the present provincial Liberal legislature to reserve its worst jobs to be railroaded through in the last few hours of a session, comments the Ottawa Citizen. This time the Montreal River Pulp and Paper Co. concession was the particular piece of scandalous legislation which was reserved for the finale of the session—and, it is to be hoped, of the government's shameless enough to perpetrate it.

Without advertising and putting it up at auction as in the case of timber lands, a bill was put through making a concession of a huge, undefined tract of pulpwood to certain persons "who intend to form a joint stock company." The concession is on the Montreal river, and its extent is actually unknown to the government. Curiously enough, it is on the line of the new government railway from North Bay to Temiscamingue.

Allegations are freely made that members high up in the government are heavily interested in this concession, and Hon. Mr. Whitney in declining the bill as a robbery charged that he had seen two members of the cabinet lobbying for the measure on their own side of the house. The terms of the concession are so indefinite that no one can say whether it embraces one thousand or ten thousand square miles.

CANADA AND DEFENCE.

There are other ways of contributing toward the cost of imperial defence than by making a straight wash contribution, points out the Toronto News, and it might be that the Hon. Mr. Tarte and others, who would oppose any proposal to hand over a specific sum to the imperial authorities, would be willing to consider another proposal that would be just as effective a means of aiding in the defence of the empire and at the same time work toward the development of a great industry in the Dominion.

If instead of setting aside the sum of three or four million dollars a year, as our share toward the cost of defence, the Dominion Government were to subsidize a great ship building industry on the Atlantic coast and construct one vessel a year to add to the British navy. This would involve a cost of three or four million dollars, but it would at the same time establish great ship yards capable of competing with the builders on the

Clyde. It will be recognized by the British statesman that for Canada to make a contribution on the basis of population, equal to that made by the people of the United Kingdom, is entirely out of the question. The Dominion is financially unable to contribute twenty or thirty million dollars a year. The financial resources of the country are taxed to the utmost for its development. The most important duty before the people of Canada to-day is to develop their country, to establish industries, and to attract population. This requires not only all the energy they possess, but more than all the money they can raise.

These facts must be recognized in Downing street, and we are convinced that the contribution of a battleship annually would be accepted by the imperial authorities as a handsome gift to the cost of defence.

We submit the suggestion to the Hon. Mr. Tarte, believing that of all the ministers in the Federal Cabinet, he is the most progressive on the lines of national development, and that he is the most courageous in striking out new paths, but, we regret to say, somewhat disinclined to follow as rapidly the lead of imperial sentiment as one would expect from a Vice-President of the Imperial Federation League.

MORE TO THE POINT.

Buffalo News.

Hoboken mothers are holding a nine day session of special prayer for good husbands for their daughters! But who are the girls themselves praying for?

RULES OF PING-PONG.

Baltimore American.

"R. E. D." asks for "some instructions as to scoring in ping-pong."

1. Knocking the ball through the window counts 3.
2. Breaking a plate-glass mirror counts 2.
3. Striking next player with racket takes 8 off your score.
4. Lodging ball in ear of fussy old gentleman who is looking on counts 6 all round.
5. Hitting self under chin with handle of racket entitles you to another shot.
6. Knocking ball into opponent's eye is game.

NATIONAL SELF-RESPECT.

Winnipeg Tribune.

If Canada and Australia were states they might be morally excused from contributing to the military resources of the state which held them in subjection. If they are to be allies and comrades of England, expecting from her a loyalty in deed as well as in word, they cannot be excused if their own loyalty is loud in words and poor in deeds. For Canada to profess loyalty to the empire—of which England and Australia are members—to expect from the empire loyal support and service for ourselves, and get to shrink rendering anything in return but loud vocalizations about our loyalty, is to cut a very sorry figure indeed. If we claim the status and privilege of a comrade nation in the federal alliance of nations, we shall present a poor spectacle. Indeed, if we object to assume the corresponding obligations. We must choose one thing or the other.

MR. SMITH WAXES WROTH.

Bobaygeon Independent.

Mr. Whitney is to be commended for his straightforward speech on the prohibition bill. He said plainly that he did not believe in prohibition, that the country did not want it, and it could not be enforced if passed. It is a pity that more of our politicians do not speak as fearlessly on the question. In Dominion politics the Liberal party played with the question for the purpose of catching votes or because the leaders had not time enough in their backbones to tell the fanatic members of the party to get it down on themselves. In Ontario the Liberal party had prohibition pinned to it by Mr. Marter, and the present premier in a manner inherited mixed up in it before taking a leading part in politics. Had the vote

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been taken in the assembly by ballot, it is likely that Mr. Ross and Mr. Mowatt would have been the only vote in favor of prohibition. The vote should be fully brought out in the referendum, and all prohibition and hypocrisy squelched beyond recovery. The country has been pestered with the senseless humbug much too long.

IT'S VERA WEE.

It's vera weel throughout the day. When ta's up wi' work or play. To think a man can live alway. Wi'oot a wify.

But it's another thing, at night. To sit alone by candle-light. Or gang till rest, when sharp winds bite. Wi'oot a wify.

It's vera weel when elses are new. To think they'll always last just so. And look as well as they do now. Wi'oot a wify.

But when the holes begin to show, The stitches rip, the buttons go. What in the war's a man to do. Wi'oot a wify!

It's vera weel when skies are clear. When friends are true and lasses dear. To think ye'll gang through life—nae fear—Wi'oot a wify.

But clouds will come the skies athart. Lasses will marry, friends will part. What then can cheer your saddened heart. Like a dear wify?

It's vera weel when young and hale. But when ye're auld, and crazed, and frail. And your blithe spirits g'in to fail. Ye'll want a wify.

But mayhap then the lasses dear Will treat your offers wi' a sneer. Because ye're ranky, grey, and sear. Ye'll get nae wify.

Then haste ye, haste, ye silly loon! Rise up and seek about the loon! And get Heaven's greatest earthly boon—A wee bit wify.

DOCTOR AND PATIENT.

It is Not Always Profitable to Tell the Plain Truth.

As a rule you can never take a woman at her word. A Louisville woman and her husband went east for recreation. It was their intention to interview a leading physician before they came back in order to get his opinion of the wife's health. She had been far from well and finally concluded nothing would satisfy her but the verdict of this medical celebrity.

Accordingly husband and wife called by appointment upon this specialist. "Now, doctor," said the woman, "I want your honest opinion. I like candor and don't wish to make the trip here to be told any falsehood about myself."

This sounded very open and courageous, so the expert went to work. He looked at her well, asked questions, made a minute examination of the case and finally inquired, "Did any doctor ever tell you you had so and so?"

"Only one—the horrid brute" was the reply. "I have been to ten or twelve, and he was the only one who was so ignorant and rude as to tell me such a thing, and I discharged him at once."

"Discharged him!" exclaimed the expert. "Why, madam, he was the only one of the lot who told you the truth."

Fresh Water Sponges.

That certain sponges can do a great deal of harm is now maintained by a French scientist. According to him, the water supply of some cities and towns has been polluted by them, and the water supply of others may be polluted if steps are not taken to prevent it.

Sponges of this kind are found only in fresh water and are known as "coronaspungies." A close examination shows that each of the various parts of such a sponge is composed of three layers. First, there is a flattened layer of epithelial cells, which covers the outer surface; next, there is a digestive layer of cells, each of which is surrounded by a collar, from which projects a little thong or whip, and, finally, between these two there is a third layer, containing the reproductive cells as well as the spicules and fibers which form the skeleton.

In some sponges the spicules are composed of silica and in others of calcium carbonate. After some time sponges of this type decay, and if the water inhabited by them is used for drinking purposes the pollution caused by them is likely, according to the French scientist, to prove injurious to the public health, and therefore he recommends that the water be cleared of such sponges wherever it is possible to do so.

There are sponges of this kind in many rivers and ponds in this country.

Mozart and Beethoven.

The stories of how men of genius have had future fame predicted for them in their early youth must generally be taken with a considerable grain of salt. As authentic as most is the account of the first meeting of Mozart with the young Beethoven, which took place on the latter's first visit to Vienna in the year 1787. Mozart, then at the height of his fame, asked him to play, but, thinking his performance a prepared piece, paid little attention to it. Beethoven, seeing this, entreated Mozart to give him a subject, which he did, and the boy, getting excited with the occasion, played so finely that the composer of "Don Giovanni," stepping softly into the next room, said to his friends there: "Pay attention to him. He will make a noise in the world some day or another."

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Part of lot 12, concession 4, Tilbury East, 100 acres, upon which is a new house, new barn 34x60, three good brick wells and a large windmill.

Also lot 12, concession 3, Tilbury East, 200 acres, on which is a new house, good stable and a small fruit orchard.

Also part of lot 13, concession 3, Tilbury East, 81 acres, on which is five acres of an orchard.

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