

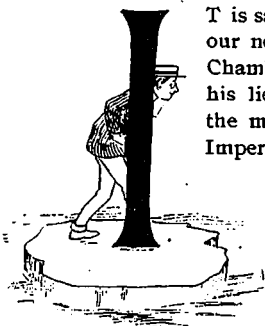
"There is a pleasure in being mad which none but madmen know."—Dryden.

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It is said that Lord Milner will be our next Governor-General. Mr. Chamberlain is of the opinion that his lieutenant in South Africa is the missing link in the chain of Imperialism; consequently, Mr. Chamberlain would like to play the blacksmith and fit the link into the chain. Canada has no voice in the selecting of her Governor-General, so Mr. Chamberlain has a splendid opportunity for the exercising of his sweet will.

But we wish to call the attention of the would-be dictator to the fact that Canada has a voice in the disappointment of her vice-regal office holders. South Africa may have become too warm for Lord Milner, as is reported, but we think that it would be incautious for him to come to a country in which such severe frosts are general. We think that his lordship's constitution and his peculiar ideas of dress are much better suited to the drowsy atmosphere of England than to the free and bracing winds of our north country.

E. A. MACDONALD, Mayor of Toronto in 1900, is dead. He had the misfortune to hold opinions, which he feared not to express. Fatal weakness! As Mayor of Toronto he was not popular; he said things, and he worked. Shortly after his inauguration it was discovered that he could be found at his office. His fate was sealed. What the citizens of Toronto wanted was the kind of man that Cæsar liked—"good fat, sleek-headed men, and such as sleep o' nights." Mr. Macdonald's colleagues, heroic men, desiring only to please the people, bedevilled the Mayor throughout his whole term of office. That one year as Mayor killed him. There are, no doubt, some proud, full-chested gentleman—whose duty, it would seem, is to keep the public's morals—patting each other on the back to-day, and congratulating themselves on their noble work of 1900.

All is now well. MacDonalld is removed. We have the kind of Mayor that seems to suit.

THE Grand Trunk Pacific Railway gives notice in the *Official Gazette* that it will make application, at the next session of Parliament, for permission to build a road from Gravenhurst, Ont., to the Pacific Coast, in British Columbia.

This sounds well. What does it mean? "Permission" to build the road. That is good. For whom? For the officials? Indirectly. Parliament will be asked to "permit" the members of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to accept from Parliament sufficient money and land to enable the Company to build its railroad.

If this subsidy farce is to be kept up to the end of the chapter, we shall soon expect to see undertakers, bakers, etc., started in business by means of a Government grant.

If the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company does not feel convinced that it will pay to build the road, then let the Company leave it to a group of gentlemen blessed with keener eyesight. If the Company is assured that there is honest profit to be made out of the road, its stockholders should not hesitate to invest their own money in their own business, instead of begging for money to "set them up."

THE Toronto Art School seems to object to the school inspector's criticism of its methods. This objection is most unreasonable. All that the High School Inspector does not approve of is the grant that is made by the Ontario Government to the Toronto Art School. How can the Toronto Art School expect to receive a grant from the Ontario Government, when it proves itself to be of no practical benefit to that Government?

If the Toronto Art School would adopt modern methods, and would undertake to produce regularly political cartoons that would materially help the Ontario Government, it would have no difficulty in securing ample funds for the furthering of its schemes.

WE think that the Dominion Government is making a mistake in appointing experts to examine the breakfast "foods" that are being thrust upon the public from day to day. The foods that are to be examined are not offensive. They are well boxed, some of the boxes being hermetically sealed. They can, therefore, not be a nuisance to the part of the public that is desirable to the country. The persons that are sufficiently foolish to eat a thing merely because it is grossly advertised, are the persons that we can well spare.

If the experts report unfavorably on these "foods," deliberate suicide will, in large part, take the place of the present common death from ignorance.

Of course, most of these "food" companies are wealthy; so it is not unlikely that the reports will be favorable.