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MORE POLICE WANTED. THE discovery in a vacant lot at Westmount of the decomposed body of a young girl who was probably murdered, once more draws attention to the urgent need of more efficient police protection for Montreal. That the body was found in Westmount does not affect the argument. The victim belonged to Montreal, the murderers were probably Montrealers, the murder most likely took place in Montreal. For police purposes the whole island should be united, under one metropolitan police commission. The suburbs are the danger spots for Montreal people, especially since the automobiles have come into such general use. The details of the evidence given at the coroner's inquest with regard to the visit to the Bellevue hotel are not only revolting, but alarming. To what extent the murdered girl and her companion were to blame for their indiscreet conduct does not affect the case. Such people must be protected even against their own folly. The automobile habit complicates the police question very seriously, and necessitates the systematic supervision of all automobiles. Chauffeurs and automobile owners really need watching much more than the hackmen from whom considerable license fees are exacted and upon whom rigorous restrictions are placed. Recent events have shown that automobiles are no longer the luxury of the rich; they are extensively owned by a class of citizens who are by no means shining lights in the community, and who manage to get into their full share of mischief. The privilege of using automobiles in Montreal is so grossly abused by this class that there will soon be an insistent demand for very severe regulations, and decent automobilists will suffer through the offences of the eads.

WINNIPEG WORLD'S FAIR. AN esteemed Winnipeg correspondent writes as follows:

"Referring to your last number, issued Oct. 14th, I observe that the first item under the cover, under the heading of "Prominent Topics" is mild sarcasm with reference to Winnipeg and its World's Fair.

"As a humble subscriber of your Journal I would take exception to such pointed sarcasm and suggest that if you have any good, sound arguments either in favour of or against the proposed World's Fair at Winnipeg or the granting of \$2,500,000 by the Dominion Government, that such articles would be read with some interest. I regret, however, to see your

paper apparently quietly knocking our progressive city.

"Winnipeg and Western Canada are endeavoring to build up a strong foundation for the future welfare of our whole Canadian nation, and the Eastern journals and papers should broaden, at least beyond the point of sarcastic remarks."

That we have not the slightest desire to "knock" Winnipeg or the Canadian West the files of THE CHRONICLE will abundantly prove. We realize that the progress and development of the West are essential to the prosperity of the East and of Montreal in particular. But, our esteemed correspondent to the contrary notwithstanding, the request for a Dominion subsidy of \$2,500,000 for a World's Fair at Winnipeg in 1914 strikes us as a large order. Montreal thought it was "going some" when it asked for \$250,000 for a similar object; and was not particularly surprised when it did not get it. It has been said that the man who aims at the moon will shoot higher than the man who aims at a bush. This, of course, depends partly upon the relative positions of the moon and the bush with regard to the horizon; but the man who aims at the bush is more likely to hit the mark than the man who aims at the moon. Our opinion is that Winnipeg in asking for a Dominion subsidy of \$2,500,000 is shooting at the moon.

CANADIAN POWER AND MONTREAL STREET. ON Wednesday the works of the Canadian Power Company at St. Timothy, near

the Cedar Rapids, were visited by a number of gentlemen interested in the project. One of the speakers at the luncheon which followed the inspection congratulated Montreal upon the promises of a competing power concern having been more than fulfilled by the company. If rumour speaks truly, it is too early yet to talk about competition in the power business. The Canadian Power people claim that they already control a majority of the Street Railway stock. While they no doubt control a large block, it is highly improbable that an amalgamation will be attempted at present. It would be difficult indeed to propound a basis for such an amalgamation, as THE CHRONICLE has pointed out on several occasions. It is rumoured, however, that there will be several changes in the directorate of the Street Railway; and there is a good deal of speculation as to the result of the annual meeting of the Company on November 2nd.