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NOTE AND COMMENT

Ex-premier Meighen was elected in the Grenville bye-election last Thursday by a majority of 1600 over his opponent A. K. Patterson.

Hydro is now to be put to a new use. The Victoria Hospital, London, is to be equipped with electric saws and drills for surgical work, so that, if necessary, one can have a leg cut off by Niagara power.

Why all the talk about changing the Union Jack because of the altered status of Ireland? The three races represented by the crosses on the flag still compose the British people.

The news of the appointment of Duncan C. Ross, ex-M.P. of Strathroy, to the judgeship of Elgin County was received with much pleasure by the citizens of St. Thomas, where he will reside. The members of the City Council expressed their approval of the selection of Mr. Ross.

There are many unknown statutes on the books. A Catholic resident heard of one for the first time when two squirrels kept in a cage at his home were confiscated by the Department of Fish and Game of Ontario, and sent to Toronto for perpetuation of their species. There is a penalty attached to keeping tame squirrels without a license.

The Quebec man who is serving a month in jail because, in his absence at sea, his wife sold liquor, has a good case for challenging the law. A man has to be responsible for enough of his wife's doings without also being held personally responsible for her violations of the law.

Brandon Sun:—It is hard to fathom where some of those Eastern editors get their ideas of Western Canada. They seem to think Toronto city boundaries are civilization and beyond that are open spaces, lakes, prairies and a few farms in between just to fill in the chinks. Apparently the horizon of their earth is at the hazy end of Ontario and the atmosphere adjacent thereto.

The waste material of moonshine and home-brew has taxed the sewage disposal system of the city of Brockton, Mass. City Engineer Harold S. Crocker said in his annual report. Raisins, prunes, lemon peels, grains and other matter have clogged connections, he stated, adding that the conditions were now fairly general throughout the city.

We are all endowed with the most marvelous invention of God, a human brain, and if you train that brain to work for you, there is no limit to the things you can accomplish. But if you let your brain lay idle, or put a lot of scum and rubbish into it, you cannot expect to find anything but scum and rubbish in the wonderful things that are happening in the world every day.

Hon. George Henry, Conservative member for East York, in the Provincial Legislature, will, it is understood, introduce a measure during the coming session of the House to secure a redistribution of the seats in the Legislature. The argument which will be advanced in favor of redistribution will be representation by population. It is claimed that rural portions of the Province have an unfair representation in the House.

Attorney-General Raney is on the right track when he says that browbeating and terrorizing of witnesses in court must cease. These Prussian methods of obtaining evidence savor of the dark ages and it is questionable if they ever served the purpose for which they were intended. A lawyer is at home in a court room and with the protection he enjoys, it is sadly out of place to hear him play the part of the bully with people who aren't.

To have the children healthy and sound is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

The Western Ontario Fish and Game Association held the first meeting of the year in London, Ont. Communications were read from the Ontario Sportsmen's Protective Association with headquarters at Toronto. This organization intends to bring before the department of games and fisheries several matters of importance to sportsmen and they have extended to similar associations their offer of co-operation. Reports reveal a real type of "game hog" again active and some action is to be taken in an endeavor to stop the hunting of rabbits with a ferret and a net. One member reported seeing 47 rabbits taken in this manner.

Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, announces the selection of W. E. Reek, B. S. A., as director of the Western Ontario Experimental Farm at Ridgeway. The appointment is to take effect from March 1. This is the farm which was purchased by the Minister of Agriculture some few weeks ago. It will be used for experimental work in improving seed corn, sugar beets, tobacco and other special crops of the southwestern section of the Province. It will also aim to assist the producers in the solution of general problems, such as marketing, by the development of strong co-operative organizations. Mr. Reek is a native of Kent and a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College with considerable experience in agricultural work.

Harold Shillington, the young former accountant of the London and Western Trusts Company of London, who disappeared on November 3, 1921, taking with him negotiable securities belonging to the company valued at over \$50,000 was arrested at New Haven, a village of 500 or 600 people, about four miles south of Edinburgh, Scotland, on Wednesday of last week. The young man was bonded and Pinkerton detectives were put on the case immediately. The search of these operatives is said to have extended over three continents. It was subsequently stated on good authority that Shillington had gone to Montreal, at which place he had engaged passage to England on a steamer sailing from New York. He is believed to have gone directly to the Eastern American city, making close connection with the boat.

The amalgamation of the office of sheriff with those of gaoler and high constable throughout the province, except in the large centres of population, is recommended by the Ontario Public Service Commission in a report made public Thursday by Hon. W. E. Raney. The report, which is signed by three members of the Commission, the chairman, W. D. Gregory, H. L. Brittain and A. E. Pocock, does not entirely express the views of the other two members, Norman Sommerville and Albert Hellyer, who recommend that the office of sheriff be combined with that of the county court clerk, and the post of gaoler and high constable be continued as at present. The adoption of the new scheme would entail the retirement as soon as practicable of nearly two-thirds of the present force of sheriffs. There are now nineteen of them 70 years of age or over, nearly a score more over sixty, five who will never see eighty again, and one veteran of 90 is still drawing his pay. The Commission advises that the older men be retired on a fair allowance or a lump sum.

The Norwood Register does not favor the proposed legislation to provide for the carrying of lights on all vehicles at night, for the main reason that we do not believe it will serve the purpose for which it is advocated—protection of life. At first thought a law requiring a light on all vehicles would seem to afford protection to both motorist and vehicle, and especially to the former in lessening his responsibility. But what about the rights of the pedestrian? With vehicles lighted the tendency, we believe, would be to greater speed and lessened vigilance by motorists. It would be more dangerous for anyone to walk on our highways than on our railway tracks. Any vehicle driver, whose lights had gone out, would be in the same dangerous situation, not knowing whether an oncoming motorist would see him or not. There is another consideration—the inconvenience and expense the driver of a buggy, wagon or sleigh would be put to in always providing a light. Farmers in moving their implements along the road from one field to another in the evening would be tempted to take a chance without a light rather than journey to their house for one. Who could blame them? Yet the danger would be augmented! In the best interests of all the Register believes the law is better as it is.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA Try Guide-Advocate "Wants."

BROKER FIRM FAILS

Another Big Crash on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—The insolvency of the Montreal stock exchange firm of Fairbanks, Gosselin & Co., Notre Dame street west, was announced on the floor of the Stock Exchange at the close of business on Monday. The firm is composed of George W. Fairbanks, who is the floor member, and Jules Gosselin. It is stated on excellent authority that the failure will have little or no effect locally owing to the fact that the firm was carrying very few stocks listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange which could be sold at the present time and thus affect the stability of prices. The only considerable number of stocks of a local character which the firm carry on their books are of an unsaleable character in the present market, such as Ames Holden and Canada Forgings Company.

It is stated that for some time back the firm had been dealing very large in New York stocks. This in part due to the fact that it has been known in the Street that the firm has been on the weak side and at various times since the failure of Thornton, Davidson & Co. rumor has associated the firm with the step announced Monday. It will be remembered that when the firm of Thornton, Davidson & Co. was very active in the dealings in such securities as Atlantic Sugar, Ames, Holden and Car Forgings, the firm of Fairbanks, Gosselin & Co. was closely identified with the trading, presumably acting as brokers for the other firm. Ever since that time it has been understood that the position of the firm was weakened owing to the fact that it was interested in some of those stocks. In fact, less than a year ago the firm received assistance from another brokerage house which appeared to have tied it over its financial troubles, and it was thought that it would be able to pull through. Owing to the fact that this failure had been hanging over the market for such a length of time it will come as less of a shock and the public is assured that so far as Montreal market is concerned the effects will be scarcely noticeable. There is naturally a certain amount of nervousness induced by an incident of this kind and they cannot but have some sentimental effect. George Fairbanks, the senior member of the firm, has been associated with the Montreal Stock Exchange for a good many years, and general respect is expressed over his difficulties. He was formerly a partner with his brother, but about three years ago formed the new firm when he took over the brokerage section of the financial business of Bryant, Dunn & Co.

PRINCE IS POPULAR.

Heir to Throne Makes Big Hit at Hyderabad.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Reuter's correspondent with the Prince of Wales cables from Hyderabad, India, Monday, that the prince departed from there on the very crest of a wave of popularity, which swept irresistibly over the place. Ever since the arrival of his royal highness the great city has had a continuous holiday, one of the palpable aims of the masses being to see the prince as many times as possible.

One of the Nizam's (the native ruler of Hyderabad) leading ministers told the correspondent that he attributed the enthusiasm of the populace wholly to the prince's personal powers of appeal, and added: "We purposely left his royal highness as free as possible in order that he might get to know the people, and let the people get to know him in his own way. Our program has been exceptionally free from official management, and probably the prince won more hearts on the polo ground than he could have done in a score of ceremonial functions. Our people are great sports and nothing appeals more quickly to their sympathy than an active interest in their pastimes."

The scene at an inspection at Chaddergat, the residency of pensioners of the great war and ex-soldiers, was a remarkable manifestation of popular enthusiasm. Not only were the house-tops packed, but crowds assembled on the hills to a distance of a mile in order to get a glimpse of the prince.

STINK BOMB THROWN.

Disorders Mar Meeting of Parliament at Prague.

VIENNA, Jan. 31.—Wild disorders in the Prague Parliament on Saturday culminated in the throwing of a stink bomb against the President's desk and a free fight between Czech German deputies. The trouble began when the President of the Chamber expunged a speech by a Communist deputy from the official records. This had been followed by the confiscation of the Communist paper publishing the speech. These measures greatly angered the Communists, who shrieked and yelled at the President and indulged in a hideous concert for nearly an hour by banging their desk lids. Later the German Socialist deputies joined the Communists to protest

AGAINST THE RULE of the Chamber permitting the President to prohibit the publication of members' speeches. As the Opposition party, the Germans feel hampered by such authority.

When the disturbances had reached their climax, the German deputy, Baerman, threw a stink bomb against the dais. This led to the general fight between Czechs and Germans. Finally the sitting was suspended. It is reported that Baerman has fled the country to avoid criminal prosecution, as the Immunity Committee of the Parliament decided to deprive him of his official immunity.

Many Arrests in Calcutta. CALCUTTA, Jan. 31.—Five hundred persons were arrested Sunday after the police and Gurkhas, armed with rifles, had charged through a barrage of brickbats, staves and other missiles, in order to disperse a large public meeting held by members of the non-co-operative society. Many persons on both sides were injured.

Haig Elected Chancellor. LONDON, Jan. 31.—Field Marshal Earl Haig has been unanimously elected Chancellor of St. Andrew's University, of Scotland, in succession to the late Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

BUSINESS MAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Stealing \$400,000 From Fuel Company.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—H. F. Slater, of 105 Park avenue, president of the now defunct Nukol Fuel Co., was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of theft involving the disappearance of a sum stated in the warrant as about \$400,000. Slater was lodged in jail, where he was held for \$100,000 bail.

The arrest of Slater followed a hurry-up investigation by officers of the Attorney-General's Department, made in response to the request of the shareholders. On Thursday night a meeting of the shareholders was held at the Labor Temple at which a resolution was passed asking that the Attorney-General be asked to conduct an examination into the affairs of the company. On Friday Arthur W. Roebuck, counsel for the shareholders, called upon Hon. Mr. Raney and laid the case before him with the result that steps were at once taken to go into the matter. The decision to place Slater under arrest was made after a short, but thorough, survey of the company's books.

The affairs of the Nukol Fuel Co. are in such shape that even those who have been associated with the liquidation proceedings are unable to give the exact position of the defunct company, or to state accurately the sum which has been lost through improper management. Mr. Roebuck stated Saturday that although the warrant mentioned an amount of \$400,000, that sum was not a definite indication of the loss. It would certainly be a very large amount. According to the statement handed to the shareholders recently by N. L. Martin, the liquidator, there was a nominal surplus of assets over liabilities of \$71,000, but this amount was offset by figuring in assets which, according to the shareholders, have little real value.

Big Liner Crashes Into Pier.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 31.—Marking her arrival here after her maiden voyage from Southampton, the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Scotland ran her prow about fifteen feet into the concrete deck of the immigration pier, which is erected on concrete piling.

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