

A BITTER PARTISAN.

What the Minister of Labor should be asked to explain is his expression of opinion that the Federal Government has no constitutional right to deal with education...

The junior local Tory organ, when it is seeking occasion to attack the Liberal, pretends to be exceedingly jealous of Provincial rights, so much so that it protests against the Federal Government interfering even to prevent a wrong to private citizens...

BANK INSPECTION.

We publish to-day in another column a letter from Mr. W. J. Bell, of Guelph, dealing with the question of Government inspection of banks...

Mr. Bell's letter contains much that is commendable, but it is doubtful if, taken as a whole, it does full justice to the Canadian banking system and its results...

The strength of Mr. McLeod's argument for bank inspection lies in his presentation of the case as it affects the head offices. He finds no instance of Canadian bank failure in which the cause of the trouble could not have been discovered by an expert at the head office of the bank.

The question is one to be dealt with purely on business principles. Neither the subject nor the occasion would justify "writing down" the Canadian banking system by giving banking statistics a color other than the facts clearly warrant.

Some of our United States neighbors appear to be in danger of forming very fallacious ideas of Canadian affairs and Canadian sentiment if they form them upon statements made by Chicago and New York newspapers which have established agencies at Ottawa...

be a finished work; to say so is but to characterize it as human. It is the duty of bankers, financiers, the business community and Parliament to study well the proposals for its improvement...

IS IT TRUE?

Of course it is untrue that Engineer Sotman has changed his opinion about the direct use of high-voltage electric current—Hamilton Herald.

Softly! Is it untrue? We know that the Hamilton Herald has persistently endeavored to make its readers believe that transformation of the 13,200-volt current was a mere "Cataract scheme" to increase the cost of the Hydro power, and has written much to induce the city to adopt the dangerous direct use of that voltage...

The Herald says Sotman has not changed his opinion on the question. Well, be it between them. But, if not, why was not the Council advised in February last to step down the current? Why the Herald's antagonism to that course?

SIGNS OF HEAT.

That things are warming up in Great Britain is evident from the character of the speeches being made. Here are a few of the epithets applied to Lloyd George by Opposition speakers and newspapers in the last few days:

- "An unscrupulous political pirate." "An unprincipled poacher." "A robber of other people's hen-roosts and other people's character."

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WELL SAID, JUDGE SNIDER!

The Grand Jury at the General Sessions by its presentment brought forth from Judge Snider some very sensible comments upon the lack of home training of youths, and its effect upon the criminal business of the courts...

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Poet Watson is said to have gone into hiding. So has Explorer Cook. Have they sought the same hole? If so, and should they pull the hole in after them, the public will not sorrow much.

The Times has received many compliments upon the excellence of its Christmas edition. It was a magazine, a newspaper and a directory of the best business concerns in the city, a Christmas time feast of good things.

It is worth noting that two Canadian peers were present when the British budget question was before that House. Lord Strathearn did not vote, and Lord Mountstephen voted against the budget.

It has been costing Toronto about \$300 a year for school flag-flying, about \$3,000 in ten years. The Board's determination to fly the flags every day will increase this cost to \$4,200 every year or \$42,000 in ten years.

The contest in Great Britain is becoming very bitter, and the speeches being made are marked with a wealth of vituperation quite unusual to British political life. The persecutions to which the Liberal Ministers are subjected indicate that their opponents keenly feel the weakness of their cause.

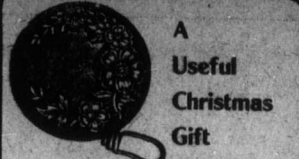
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The proposal of the Ontario Government to sell the timber on Rondeau Park has aroused great opposition among people of all parties in Kent county. The Ontario Government asserts that the cutting which it contemplates will not damage the park, which was set aside in 1894 by the Hardy Government as a provincial reserve, and which is now the last remaining stretch of the magnificent forest which formerly bordered the lakes.

COULD FILL THE BILL.

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Our Exchanges

WE GUESS NOT. (London Advertiser.) Is a tax on Canadian wheat in the British market necessary to Imperial unity? SAVED IN TIME. (Flegende Blaetter.) Clerk (run into by somebody in the dark)—Stupid ass—(perceiving it is his employer)—that I am.

A FALSE HOPE. (London Free Press.) Chamberlain predicts a majority of 80 or 90 for tariff reform. Hope is not dead, despite ill-health and political adversity.

AN ART THAT IS LONG. (Exchange.) She—There is really an art in putting on one's gloves, you know? He—True; you have to get your hand in before you can do it properly.

IT GOSE THE PACE. (Bon Vivant.) "Have you heard that poor Firmin is dead?" "No. He wasn't ill long, surely." "Ah, you see, medicine has made great progress lately."

HOW TO AVOID COLDS. (Toronto Star.) One of the rules for avoiding colds given by a competent medical man is to take plenty of rest, but not to overdo it. It is a man or his wife to judge of the amount of rest the man needs?

THE USUAL THING. (Toronto News.) Put on the garb of Santa Claus, Stand by the Christmas tree, Then skip about in joyfulness With actions gay and free.

JUSTLY HAPPY. (Washington Star.) "Father," said Little Rollo, "what is a happy moment?" "I suppose, my son, that it is one who can earn several hundred dollars a day by making tables and chairs move around the room."

UNPARDONABLE OMISSION. (Puck.) Deacon Beegosh (to country editor)—I've a great notion to tell ye to stop my paper! Here, in this week's paper, ye give two columns of the front page to the Baptist fair and never once say that the church was transformed into a veritable fairland!

ALIKE. (Puck.) Auto Salesman—Business is booming. In fact, we are so rushed that we have filled our orders only up to last April.

ZELAYA A BROTHER TO WHITNEY. (Mail and Empire.) Zelaya has always been a staunch champion of the theory and practice of public ownership, the public, of course, being the State of Nicaragua, and the President being the State of the State.

TRADES UNIONS.

Hon. Mackenzie King Says There'll be No Restraint. Montreal, Dec. 19.—At the Builders' Exchange dinner at the Windsor Saturday night, the chief speakers were Hon. Mackenzie King, Hon. Charles Macell and P. D. Monk, M. P. The Minister of Labor said the Government had no intention of restraining the influence of trade unions in the Dominion.

FARMER DROWNED.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—A very sad drowning accident took place on Friday last, near Anson Station, 18 miles north of this city, the victim being Oscar Merriek, one of the most prominent farmers of the township of Rawden. Merriek, who was sixty years of age, went out for some cattle, and not returning, search was made in a spring in a field where the cattle drank. He was dead some time when found. Death was due to apoplexy. A wife and two children survive.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Corrodo, aged 7 years, Charles Corrodo, aged 2 years, Mary Corrodo, aged 4 years, were burned to death to-day in their home at South Chicago, when the house caught fire from an unknown cause during the absence of their parents.

NOT ON BOARD. London, Dec. 20.—Advice from Queenstown and Liverpool state that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was not a passenger upon the steamer Carmanica, which arrived at the latter port to-day.

STORE OPEN TO-NIGHT UNTIL 10. P. M.—COME Shop Early Tuesday---8.30 to 12 a. m. Women's \$4.00 Linen Tailored Blouses at \$2.95. New Lingerie Blouses \$1.00 to \$3.00. 100 Pairs Perrin's Gift Gloves \$1.00. 100 Dozen Men's Gift Neckwear \$1.00. Open 8.30 a.m. FINCH BROS. Close 10 p.m.

ENLIVENED VALLEY CITY.

Sam Small Spoke at the Local Option Meeting.

Dundas, Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Benton took place from her home on Saturday morning. Interment was in St. Augustine cemetery. Rev. Father Feeney conducted the burial services. Deceased leaves three small children, the youngest only seven months of age.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wallace took place from the home of her son-in-law, Wilson McDermott, yesterday afternoon. The burial services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gray.

At the closing of the public school on Friday the pupil of Principal Moore's class presented him with an address and a handsome gold-mounted umbrella.

The senior Bible class of the Methodist Church will this year take charge of the church's donations for the needy and the isolation hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the local option and temperance matters generally. Her address had the effect of arousing the enthusiasm of her hearers.

TRAINMEN MAY STRIKE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Trainmen to the number of 75,000 employed on about 75 railroads east of the Mississippi River today, through officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, formally notified the various divisions for railroads affected that a demand for an increase in wages amounting to from 5 to 40 per cent. will be made on Jan. 3rd.

BAD FOR WEEVEL.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—Sleet and snow, which have held the northern and central sections of Louisiana and Mississippi in their grip for the last two days, will be worth thousands of dollars to the districts infested by the cotton boll weevil, according to Government entomologists now in this section.

ROOSEVELT AND UGANDA.

Entebbe, Uganda, Dec. 20.—After a delightful voyage across the Victoria Nyanza, Col. Roosevelt and party arrived here to-day. At the pier they were met by Government officials. A guard of honor for the visitors was made up of Indian Sikhs.

TUESDAY December 21, 1909 SHEA'S Try Our ALL-WOOL English Blankets The Store of "Useful" Gifts REASONABLY PRICED Girls' Coats--The Biggest Values Ever Offered Women's Coats--Half Price and Near Half Price Women's Fur Lined Coats--Less Than Ever Kid Gloves--Pewney's Women's Golf Coats--Extra Special Gift Umbrellas--Priced Lower Than Elsewhere Rich Fur Muffs--1-3 or More Off

HERKIMER. West End Baptists Hold Their Annual Meeting. On Friday last, the twentieth annual meeting of Herkimer Baptist Church was held. After supper had been partaken of, at which about 200 persons were present, the company adjourned to the church where the following programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.