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## THE HINDOO PROBLEM

What to do with the Hindoo is a question that has by no means been settled in Canada. British Columbia has no opportunity to assert that it is and must remain a white man's country; but that does not settle the question for Canada. It will be extremely difficult after the war, in which India has so nobly rallied to the defence of the Empire, to deny a respectable Hindoo the rights of a British subject. Mr. Hobbs, representing the Canada-India League, who has just returned after a visit of two months to Trinidad, where there are very many Hindoos, to study the life of the people and get a first-hand knowledge of conditions, informs the Times that the Hindoos in Trinidad are not only welcome, but are proving themselves of great value. Despite all restrictions and handicaps they are forging ahead and showing a capacity for business as well as ordinary labor that forces recognition. The Canada-India League sees no reason why this country should refuse to permit Hindoos now in the country to bring their wives from India, or why more of these people should not be permitted to come. It will be more difficult to justify the anti-Hindoo attitude since India has so nobly responded to the cry of the Empire's need. The race question is a perennial source of controversy, and the Empire has its share, and it will call for the exercise of a broad tolerance and a keen sense of justice to deal with the problems as they arise. Perhaps it would not injure us if we lost a little of our complacent self-assurance of superiority over the nations of the Orient, or at least made the effort to get a better understanding of their contributions to human civilization.

## THE RETAIL MERCHANTS

The Retail Merchants' Association is now a vigorous and flourishing organization. The conference in this city yesterday and Tuesday brought together representative merchants from different parts of the province, and the get-together spirit has evidently come to stay, and to inspire the great majority of those engaged in retail business in the towns and villages of the province. Testimony was given yesterday to prove beyond question the business advantage to be derived from co-operation, by the removal of prejudices, preventing misunderstandings, and bringing about an exchange of views and helpful suggestions.

It is easy to see that this is true. It would be unfair to charge the merchants with a purely selfish motive in getting together in an association. The moment they come together and get better acquainted their views must be broadened, and they cannot fail to see many ways in which their united efforts will help their community, apart from making their stores more attractive and conducting their business in more up-to-date fashion. They will perceive that their town should be made more attractive and that their influence can help very materially to make it so. The social life of the community will be the more pleasant because of a better mutual understanding among its business men. And, if a suggestion made by Mr. J. W. Scott of St. Stephen last evening were adopted, many a business man in difficulties because of some weakness or fault in his methods would be given a helping hand that would mean for him all the difference between failure and success. If the Retail Merchants' Association will set its standards and ideals high enough it cannot fail to benefit not only its members but the community at large.

## A GOOD ROADS SCHEME

The Times has more than once urged the propriety of federal, provincial and municipal governments preparing for an extensive programme of public works after the war, in order to keep money in circulation, and provide employment for men released from service or thrown out of employment, until they could gradually be absorbed again into the general economic life of Canada. It would not be difficult to finance the various schemes, each of which would merely be anticipating a future necessary work, and would give full value for the money expended. Later generations might fairly be asked to bear a share of the burden imposed, for they would get the benefit, and the present generation is making great sacrifices to guarantee to them the peaceful enjoyment of life in the greater Canada of the future.

The people of the province of Ontario are to be asked to take action along the line suggested. The proposition there is related to the construction of highways, and certainly no more generally beneficial public work could be undertaken in any province. The Toronto Star Weekly thus outlines the scheme:

"An ambitious plan to link up during the coming winter every county in the province to a province-wide good roads movement, construction of roads to be undertaken jointly by the counties and the provincial government at the conclusion of the war, was announced at the department of public works today. Its purpose is to provide Ontario with a network of roads, from one end of the province to the other, and to supply employment

for labor of every class after the war, including returned soldiers. One hundred thousand pieces of literature have been printed, which will be distributed in every farm house in counties of the province not already committed to the good roads movement. This literature will point out the advantages of a good system, and explain that the provincial government will assume 40 per cent of the cost of construction and 40 per cent of the cost of maintenance as authorized under the Highway Act. W. A. McLean, deputy minister of highways, is convinced the campaign will succeed.

To ensure that the money expended shall not be wasted, it will of course be necessary to cut out political partisanship, secure the best road engineers, and make the proper distinction between trunk roads and by-roads. By pursuing this course the ultimate cost of a good roads system for the province would be greatly lessened, in comparison with a haphazard method of isolated work here and there, having no fixed relation to a general plan, which is the ordinary method of doing road work in Canada. Other provinces might very well take up this question, and provide themselves with good roads in accordance with some such plan as that proposed in Ontario.

Carleton county will release itself today, or get out with the rest of the province. Which will it do?

Mr. Sam Hughes is coming home, and there is consternation in Ottawa. It is not a question of what they will do with him, but of what he will do to them.

The promised new developments on the north side of King square will tend to make it more than ever a civic centre. The post-office should have been erected there.

Whatever the result in Carleton county today the fight against the Clarke government must go on. The province cannot afford to give a new lease of power to the whitewashers of Flemington.

A physical training programme is proposed for all the schools in New York state, and has been endorsed by the state military training commission and the state board of regents.

The call for more men has gone forth in England. In Canada we are marking time because there is no leadership. Let us hope the efforts of Lieut.-Col. Guthrie will be rewarded, and that in this province at least there will be no hearty response that his battalion will be completed in record time.

The sum of \$47,000 is needed, in addition to what is already pledged, to make the Patriotic Fund in St. John, Kings, Queens and Albert do its work to the end of the year. We have given our pledge to the men who are fighting for us. The pledge must be kept. That \$47,000 must be raised. Otherwise the four counties would be disgraced.

The Standard bears that in Carleton county the opposition offered \$15 for a vote against Mayor Sutton, and that Ontario liquor men put up the money. Those Ontario liquor men must be very foolish persons to offer money to a party pledged to enforce prohibition. By the way, what has the Standard to say about the hold-up of the St. John liquor men?

The Standard hung out a distress signal this morning. It said the majorities for Smith and Sutton might not be as large as in the by-election of 1915, and that the campaign of falsehood, slander and abuse till the last moment they are running true to form.

The Bowmanville Statesman says: "Why should the men who have been through fierce battles and been wounded, some of them three and four times, lain for weeks in hospitals, and then as soon as recovered be sent back again to the front, while thousands of men just as able as they are enjoying all the comforts of home and plenty? There is no adequate answer. Every man of fighting age owes it to his country to fight for it when the call for men comes. That call is very loud in Canada now."

## "PRO BELGICA"

"The relief work for the Belgian victims of the war" for which the president is the most devoted General Consul for Belgium at Ottawa, is editing for some weeks past, the paper "Pro Belgica," printed in two languages.

This paper discloses the painful condition of the Belgian people so worthy of admiration and shows what Canada is doing for its relief. It is very interesting to observe the manner in which the subscriptions received for the relief of the Belgian and French populations of the invaded departments are employed.

The subscribers of "Pro Belgica" are not only acquainted with all what happens in Belgium, they also contribute to the revivification of this unfortunate country, for all receipts of the paper are paid into the receiving office of the "Relief Work." The amount of the subscription is but one dollar, which can be sent to the management of the paper, 149 St. Louis, Montreal.

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Still shall you break like glass,  
Splintered and break like shattered glass,  
But pass?

You shall not pass!  
Germany, you shall not pass!  
She has written on the wall of brass—  
You shall not pass! You shall not pass!

The valleys are quaking,  
The torn hills are shaking,  
The earth and the sky seem breaking,  
But unbroken, undoubting, a wonder and a sign,  
She stands, France stands, and still holds to the line.

She counts her wounded and her dead,  
You shall not pass!  
She sets her teeth,  
She bows her head,  
You shall not pass!  
Till the last soul in the fierce line has fled.

You shall not pass!  
Help France? Help France?  
Who would not, thinking God for this great chance,  
Stretch out his hands and run to succor France?  
—Harold Begbie.

## LIGHTER VEIN

"So Mrs. Blank, the society leader, has taken up that young aviator."

"Yes, and she looks on his taking her up."

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## WOULD OMIT "OBEY" FROM MARRIAGE RITE

Sweeping Changes Urged in Episcopal Service—Commission Will Report

New York, Sept. 20.—Not only will the brides of the future not have to promise to "obey" their husbands, but they even will not have to be "given away." If the joint commission on the revision of the prayer book of the Protestant Episcopal church has its way, and the bridegrooms will not have to promise to "endow" their brides with all their "worldly goods" or any of their worldly goods.

Another proposed change will be the omission of all reference to Isaac and Rebecca as a model couple.

These omissions will be recommended by the joint commission at the triennial convention of the communion, to open in St. Louis Oct. 11.

If the form is rewritten according to the recommendations it will be epoch making, because almost all Protestant churches use the Episcopal service, either in its entirety or in substance.

There are many who predict that the changes will be made. It is known that more than three-fourths of the commission signed the report on "Holy Matrimony," and that body is made up of 18 of the most influential men in the church. It consists of five bishops, five clergy and five laymen. Its chairman is Bishop Cortland Whitehead of Pittsburgh.

The reason for all the proposed changes is that there is growing opinion that the church, above all other institutions, should preach the equality of the sexes. For this reason it proposes to make the vows of both the woman and the man identical.

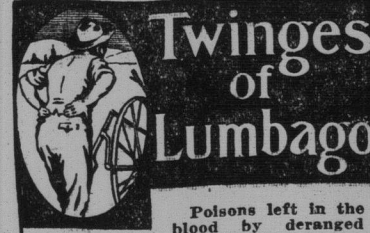
The reason for striking out all reference to Isaac and Rebecca is because the Bible records that when Isaac and Rebecca were in the land of Gilead he told the men of that place that Rebecca was his sister, fearing to say she was his wife, "because she was fair to look upon," and Isaac feared the men would kill him to get her.

The joint commission, it is understood, feels that because Isaac evaded the truth about his wife, he is not the best example of a perfect husband to hold up to newly married couples.

With the word which is the name to all "advanced women" omitted, the promise of the woman will read: "I take thee (name of man) to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death us do part, according to God's Holy ordinance, and thereto I plight thee my troth."

The entire question of the rector "who giveth this woman to be married to this man?" the joint commission would have eliminated.

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