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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 26.

"LET US HAVE VISION."

"Let us have vision," said Hon. Adam Beck at the board of trade banquet on Tuesday evening, and if there be any man in Ontario entitled to make the exhortation, it is the minister of power. Mr. Beck took a comprehensive view of the hydro-electric situation in the province from the beginning, and he continues to do so. When a dozen municipalities had agreed to form the power union he was just as sanguine as at present when six score others have joined the pioneers. Now that the power union is on easy street, he sees that it can be made easier still by yet wider expansion and the construction of hydro-electrical plants, whose rights of way and poles will carry power at cheaper rates than ever to the municipalities requiring it. And with such rights of way comes naturally also a solution of the rural telephone problem, and the long distance question.

Let us have vision. Let us work out a scheme to transport the people of Toronto, when the population is over a million, to the suburban parts. Do away with slum conditions. Provide cheap transportation, penny fares, that the men may work in the city and live in the suburbs in their cottages. Let us give the people good roads, cheap phones, radial railways, and better homes.

So Mr. Beck creates for himself the next problem in the policy of expansion and development. That problem is the procuring of a further supply of power. He is willing to go into a scheme to generate a quarter of a million horsepower. He has no fear of the future so far as expansion is concerned. Growth and development are certain. We trust that croakers who base their arguments on the probable suspension of growth in Ontario and particularly in Toronto, will take note of this. Mr. Beck is able to point to an investment in the province of \$22,500,000, all of which is self-sustaining. Seven or eight years ago the proposal to make such an investment was met with derision, and Mr. Beck was denounced as a dreamer. It is such dreamers that help to develop the country.

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SAME OLD KNOCKERS.

All the people who are persistently knocking Toronto are the people who persistently knocked Cobalt when those who knew were forecasting its future development. Anybody who would have stated ten years ago that a Cobalt mine would ship fifteen tons of solid silver to England as the result of the clean-up of January, 1914, would have been treated with the same kind of contempt The Telegram pours on those who see a future for Toronto and the public ownership of the street railway system.

ONTARIO SAFETY LEAGUE.

This year marks the entrance of the public safety movement into the Province of Ontario. The idea is one that must meet with general approval, for the conservation of human life and limb is of vital interest to all. There should be no necessity to teach users of the streets that there is constant danger, but the growing carelessness of pedestrians, motorists and others can only be remedied by education. The traffic problem is looming larger upon the civic horizon year by year, and up to the present, no concerted effort has been made to cope with the increase in accidents. The police have more than can be comfortably handled in conducting vehicular traffic; in fact, as matters stand now, the pedestrian, so far as the policeman is concerned, does not exist as a traffic.

The educational campaign, inaugurated by the Ontario Safety League, aims to reach all classes and to teach "safety first" to everyone. The extraordinary growth of vehicular traffic in the past few years makes it necessary that pedestrians should be constantly on the alert while using the roadway, and particularly when crossing at points other than the regular intersections. Everyone on the street must remember that each branch of traffic has its appointed place in which to operate and each must respect the rights of the others.

The Safety League will commence its campaign in the schools in a few days, and, if the young can be taught that "it is better to be safe than sorry," the organization will have done an immensity of good. Similar campaigns throughout the United States have proven the necessity and shown justification for the work. If the movement is properly conducted in this city and



province the officers of the league will have performed a great and much-needed service to the whole public.

U. S. FOOD IMPORTS.

Whether as a consequence of the reduction in the United States tariff rates on food imports or for more general reasons the last Bradstreet's index number—calculated from the wholesale prices per pound of 96 articles—stands at 8.819 for February 1, the lowest figure reported since October, 1911, but higher than that for the corresponding date in that year. The decrease is due to considerable reductions in certain classes of food products, for during the month of January more articles advanced than declined. The effect of the lower tariff is, however, clearly reflected in the imports of free meat into the United States. For the first three months of October 3 a total of 32,789,129 pounds were brought in from outside countries, the amount for each month being 5,752,207 pounds in October, 10,998,733 pounds in November and 16,029,989 in December. The figures for January are not yet available. Very considerable preparations are in progress for extending the steamer service, and it is evident that the United States will become a material factor in the trade of meat exporting countries. The prospect is not exciting with equanimity in Britain, where the new competition is being increasingly regarded as a menace to its supply.

MR. HARVEY'S STAGE REFORMS.

Mr. Martin Harvey, who is delighting crowded audiences this week in Toronto, is an authority on the new-old methods of stage management which are causing such a revolution in dramatic art in Europe. Mr. W. B. Yeats recently told us what the aims of the Irish theatre were, and what they had achieved by simplicity. Mr. Harvey traces his awakening to Prof. Reinhardt, whose productions in Russia and Germany of the great Greek tragedy of Sophocles, "Oedipus Rex," have been among the most impressive things of the age. Mr. Harvey calls attention to the crowning absurdity of the English dramatic censor in forbidding the performance of "Oedipus Rex." This difficulty was surmounted, however, and the marvelous effects gained in Covent Garden are now historic.

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We may expect, then, to see a restoration of the simpler and less cumbered stage of three or four centuries ago. The result will be to develop the histrionic power of the actor, and perhaps also to add to the gift of reflection among those who listen.

UNDER A CITY MANAGER.

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VARIETY GIVEN COURT BY BABEL OF TONGUES.

Acting Commissioner Graham Acted as Arbitrator of Many Domestic Problems.

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AT OSGOOD HALL.

25th February, 1914.
ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Motions set down for single court for Thursday, 26th inst., at 11 a.m.:
1. Madill v. Forest Hill Electric.
2. Holmes v. Howe.
3. Johnston v. Marshall.
4. Stone v. Clarke.
5. Gow v. Gow.

Peremptory list for appellate division for Thursday, 26th inst., at 11 a.m.:
1. Robinson v. Booth.
2. Saskatchewan v. Moore.
3. Porterfield v. Hodgins.
4. McCallum v. Holt.
5. Flavell v. Latta.
6. Watts v. St. Catharines.

Master's Chambers.
Before J. A. C. Cameron, Master.
Poy v. White—R. P. Saunders, for plaintiff, moved for order making attaching order absolute. K. Lennox, for garnishee. Judgment enlarged until 2nd March to allow examination of garnishee.

Lowery v. Booth—H. S. White, for defendant, moved for order changing venue from Welland to North Bay. E. F. McDonald, for plaintiff. Order made. Not to issue until 27th inst.

Hay v. Coste—L. J. Gordon, for plaintiff, moved for leave to amend statement of claim. J. H. Spence, for defendant. Order made. Amended statement of claim to be delivered forthwith. Defendant to have ten days to plead. Both parties to be at liberty to re-examine for discovery. Costs of motion and those occasioned by amendment to defendant in any event.

Tompro v. Atzros—R. R. Wadell, for plaintiff, moved for judgment for possession. W. C. Hall, for defendant. Order that statement of claim be delivered forthwith. Defendant to plead in eight days. Costs in the case.

Holmes v. Coleman—G. N. Shaver, for plaintiff, obtained order allowing amendment of statement of claim. Imperial Bank v. Bragg—N. M. Crang (Bicknell and Co.), obtained order on consent dismissing action without costs and vacating its pendens.

Judges' Chambers.
Before Latchford, J.

Black, Johnston—J. R. Roaf, for defendant, moved for prohibition to the fifth division court of the County of Ontario on the ground that the plaintiff's note sued on, which is for \$114.46, the date and made payable at Cannington within the jurisdiction of said court, was, in fact, made out of such jurisdiction in the City of Toronto, where both defendants reside. M. H. Roach (Beaverton) for plaintiff. Judgment: If the debt or money payable did not exceed \$100, as was the case in Brazil v. Johns, prohibition would be granted, but as the debt does exceed \$100, sec. 77 of the act of 1897, therefore, prohibition in the fifth division court, properly brought, is not available. Plaintiff to transfer to Toronto. The judge refusing defendant's application to transfer it. The jurisdiction continues. Prohibition does not lie and the motion must be refused with costs.

Single Court.
Before Latchford, J.

Re Sheldeman and Ellensson—E. H. Sugarman, for purchaser, moved for order declaring that vendor has not made a good title to the property and for an order directing vendor to pay to purchaser the sum of \$80 in respect of costs incurred. J. P. Crawford for vendor. Held that this court not proper forum and motion dismissed with costs.

Sheldeman v. Shields—W. J. Elliott, for plaintiff, obtained order continuing until March 2 next, from selling, disposing of Dec. 17, 1913, for \$2500, made by plaintiff in favor of Shields Brothers. Plaintiff, appeared for J. G. Smith, for master at Perth. C. A. Moss for defendant. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Selwyn v. Murphy—C. A. Moss, for plaintiff, on motion for injunction stated that matter had been settled between the parties, the defendant consenting not to produce the play and each party to pay their own costs. McCarty, for plaintiff, moved for an injunction restraining the City of Windsor from submitting to its rate a bonus to one Klingensmith, who had been producing a play and selling artificial ice, and what is known as the "City of Windsor" which the application is based is unsatisfactory. It is important to know to what extent the business of the plaintiff is carried on within the municipality of Windsor. The plaintiff's attorney does not show that this is a grant of such an extraordinary nature as an injunction. If the by-law should be assented to the plaintiff may be able to satisfy the court that the by-law should be quashed, as grant of a bonus to a private citizen by the municipality is not lawful. Motion refused. Costs in the case.

Appellate Division.
Before Mulock, C.J.O.; Maclean, J.A.; Magee, J.A.; Hodgins, J.A.

Whitney v. Small—J. H. Moss, K.C., and C. A. Moss, for defendant; G. F. Sheppard, for plaintiff. Appeal by plaintiff. Appeal by defendant. Judgment reserved.

Leonard v. Cushing—G. Osler, for defendant; F. Ayresworth for plaintiff. Appeal by defendant from order of Lennox, J., of Dec. 10, 1913, allowing appeal of plaintiffs from order of registrar of Nov. 14, 1913, in which he set aside order of local judge at London, authorizing plaintiffs to issue writ of summons for service out of motion. Appeal dismissed with costs. Thirty days' extension granted for entering appearance.

Re Belleville Driving and Athletic Association—J. W. Bath, K.C., and M. L. Gordon for the association; A. H. F. LeRoy, K.C., for H. Ashley. Appeal by the association from mandatory order of Lennox, J., of Dec. 16, 1913, directing, ordering and compelling the association to forthwith cause to be set aside the books of the association on a share of the capital stock of the association, at present standing upon the books of the association in

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"After I have done that," said Becker, "I shall be willing to go back to the police department, if they want me. If they do not, I will enter another line of work. I could not wait even for the men who are responsible for my being here the experience that I have gone thru."

"My case at its present stage," he proved beyond all doubt that you can get away from a frame-up. The light is bound to sift thru sooner or later. At one time I did not believe in the justice of the courts of this state, but now I do."

"The four gunmen are terribly downhearted because they, too, were granted a new trial. I feel sorry for them. They thought their case was tried up with mine. When I informed them that I had been granted a new trial they immediately concluded they had too. They were joyous. It was hard when they were told the truth."

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TRAVELER'S SUDDEN CALL.

BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 25.—Thomas Forth, aged fifty-four, a prominent citizen and commercial traveler, died suddenly at six o'clock tonight of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

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