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ELECTION EXPENDITURES

The question of the expenditure of large sums of money in election campaigns is one that is at present engaging the attention of the United States, where the people have been shocked at the huge amounts expended upon the recent presidential contest. Propaganda received a great impetus during the war and elections there have of late been conducted upon a much more elaborate scale than ever before. This may serve a purpose in disseminating information though it is more often of a biased and unreliable kind, but there is a suspicion that the greater proportion is expended in ways more open to criticism. The opinion in the U.S. is rapidly gaining in strength that money is becoming altogether too important a factor in these contests and control is being openly advocated. In an article dealing with this subject the Brockville Recorder-Times has the following to say:

Apparently little success has crowned the efforts of the reformers. In the Federal Senate, last fall, a committee was appointed to investigate the expenditures of the Republican and Democratic parties in the elections in November or connected therewith. The committee has just reported that campaign costs of nominating and electing a President of the United States in 1920 estimated were \$10,338,509. The Republican candidates and campaign organizations spent \$8,100,789, while Democratic expenditures were \$2,237,770. Unfortunately the committee has no remedy to propose. "The expenditure of these vast sums is a present and growing menace to the nation," they declare, but no recommendation for congressional action was made except the suggestion that an elections committee of the new Congress should consider the question. It is interesting to note that candidates (or their friends) defeated for nomination in convention, expended large sums of money. Thus Major General Leonard Wood's effort to secure the Republican nomination involved expenditure of \$1,773,303, while for Frank O. Lowden, the total was \$414,000, a for Senator Johnson of California \$194,000, for Herbert Hoover, \$173,000 and for Senator Harding \$113,000. Among Democratic aspirants, Attorney-General Palmer led, the amount being \$59,000, while Governor Cox, who secured the nomination, spent \$22,000. James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, was listed at \$14,000, and Senator Owen, Oklahoma, at \$8,595. There were two Democratic candidates who share the honor of having spent no money in the race for office—William G. McAdoo and Senator France. The "barrel" is still of national importance in elections.

In Canada we have had quite a number of examples of large expenditures of money in order to sway elections. But recently such tactics have had a tendency to react, huge and expensive organizations intended to bring victory in bye-elections having failed in their object.

THE REFERENDUM.

The referendum on the prohibition of the importation of liquor into Ontario will be held on April 18th. The question to be decided is: "Shall the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquors into the Province be forbidden?"

The purpose is to get an expression of the will of the people. If there is to be a real expression of the popular will for the guidance of the government it is clear that the people must face their responsibility seriously. Not only should all those entitled to vote be prepared to vote when the time comes, but they should be prepared to vote intelligently. They should study the question for themselves, study it as individuals with the aid of what light or guidance they may be able to get from any source. They should guard against waves of emotionalism which are likely to be set going during the campaign, and which tend

to make independent thinking difficult or impossible. It is a duty every man and woman owes to the state to register his or her will individually and independently. It is only in such a way that the voice of the people can express itself and be distinguished from the clamor of the crowd.

MADE IN CANADA

For the year ending November, 1920, Canadians imported goods valued at \$1,845,582,300 as against \$920,082,927 for the previous year, and increase of purchases from other countries amounting to \$425,499,373.

Of the total, \$927,564,711 worth, or over 68 per cent, came from the United States. On those imports Canadians paid exchange reaching as high as 17 1/4 per cent (on December 21, 1920, exchange reached a record where the Canadian dollar was only worth 81 3/8 cents in United States funds). Canadians are still sending their money to the United States and paying heavy exchange in spite of the fact that thousands of Canadian workers, who are willing and able to produce the most of these imports, are out of employment because Canadian factories are running part time. The unemployed men and women and their families are being supported at the public expense, involving an additional burden to tax payers.

If Canadians united in a resolve to buy Canadian made goods as far as possible, instead of imported goods, most of the problems of trade depression and unemployment would be quickly solved.

TRAFFIC IN THE AIR.

Official statistics of the British Air Ministry show that arrivals and departures of aircraft in the British-Continental Air Service totalled 4,153 in the 16 months from the inception of the service August 26, 1919, to the end of 1920. Detailed figures received by the Bankers Trust Company, of New York from its English Information Service, indicate that 3,321 arrivals and departures were of British machines, 721 were French, 104 Belgian, and seven of other nationalities.

The air traffic in the last quarter of 1920 exceeded that of the preceding half year. From October 1 to December 31, 1920, there were 812 arrivals and departures compared with 734 in the previous six months. This service was principally with Paris. The value of imports and exports by air during 1920 was \$1,016,155.

According to Air Ministry returns British aircraft engaged in all branches of civil aviation had flown 1,556,000 miles, up to December 31, 1920, and had carried 106,712 passengers.

MAKING MISTAKES

Mr. Wetherell, editor of text books for the Ontario education department, illustrates the difficulty of avoiding mistakes, even when the greatest care is taken. The present public school arithmetic had two authors, and each author was supplied with three assistants to check every question and answer. Yet, in spite of all these precautions, the department is receiving notices indicating several mistakes in the book. When authors and editors who have time at their disposal make mistakes it is not surprising that blunders and inaccuracies are some times found in newspapers, on which the work is done in such a hurry that there is but little time for revision.

Lord Curzon referred the other day to an opponent as having "an ennobled self-assurance." Probably meant he was a smooth guy.

PETE SMITH

Big within and big without,
Oh, he is full pith.
Who'm I talkin' 'bout?
Pete Smith.
He's shipp'ry as a herrin', too,
Oh, he is not a myth.
Who'm I referrin' to?
Pete Smith.
He's a hoop de doodendo,
Er man to conjure with.
Who'm I erloaden to?
Pete Smith.
Some folks they do obominate him,
But he's my kin and kith,
As Joss I hereby nominate him,
Pete Smith!

—The Khan.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

THE SOVIET SIZED UP

Labor and socialism the world over are proving "too materialistic" for the Moscow internationals. The manifesto issued on Monday by the American Federation of Labor, calling on organized labor the world over to "let the Soviet savages know what labor of the civilized world thinks of their bestial system," and to protest against "the ruthless persecution and slaughter of labor unionists" is but one indication among many that time is working to destroy the Soviet regime.—Saskatoon Star.

NOT A TIME FOR SENTIMENTALISM.

Now is not a good time for seeking to create sympathy for convicted criminals who are feeling, or likely to feel, the power of the law. There are, and have been, too many crimes, too many deliberate and cold-blooded crimes, for which no excuse can be offered, for the public to be in a state of mind to be influenced greatly by considerations of mere sentimentality. The public is more interested at the present time in the strict enforcement of the law in the hope of putting a check on the crime wave than it is in the fate of individual criminals who are suffering the consequences of their evil deeds.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

THE PRESS AND THE COUNCIL

The Reformers are disappointed at the decision of the Town Council by a vote of 9 to 5 to exclude the press from all committee meetings. This disappointment is not due to any feeling of injury on our part, because the matter is in no sense a personal one, but because we believe the members of the Council who voted to exclude the press have acted unwisely and contrary to the interests of the people whom they represent.

Secrecy in the transaction of public business is never conducive to gaining public confidence. Where public business is conducted behind closed doors suspicions, often unfounded, are sure to arise. Just now, for example, those who have favored closed door methods can only blame themselves if they are regarded by some with a certain degree of suspicion. Many people are sure to ask "Why?" "What are their motives?" "What do they fear?" "What do they want to do behind those closed doors?" These questions and this suspicion may be quite uncalculated for but an open-door and above-board policy would make same impossible.—Oshawa Reformer.

WHEN IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

New York bank clerk stole \$8,000, and with a young woman companion skipped to Florida, and bought a cottage which he named "We should Worry." The other morning he found a large detective sitting on one of his porch chairs waiting until he finished breakfast, and smoking a particularly rancid cigar. The young lady has gone home, and the bank clerk is in a place where he should work for some years to come. The detective says he'd have gone right past the place if it hadn't been for its peculiar name. It pays to advertise—but only when you have the goods straight.—Ottawa Citizen.

MASCULINE MODESTY

Mr. Davis has retired as American Ambassador to Great Britain, and a deserved tribute of praise has been accorded him in both countries for the able manner in which he conducted affairs. His place has been filled by George Harvey. President Harding is a newspaperman and so is George Harvey; but we will not make any comments upon this for fear of being thought too proud of this flattering fact.—Kingston Standard.

COULDN'T HAVE BEEN.

The former Kaiser says his people deserted him and God at the same time. It sounds impossible.—Cleveland News.

WAR AND STATESMEN.

The people of Japan and America will talk war for twenty years, and then when it comes lay it on the statesmen.—Nashville Banner.

LIVE TALKERS.

What a pity the phrase-maker who said that "the art of conversation is dead," couldn't have lived to hear the Germans talk about that indemnity.—Columbia Record.

NOT ENOUGH SPANKING.

Many of the burglars and hold-up

men apprehended in different parts of the province during the last few months are still in their teens or early twenties. It is evident that spanking has been taboo among parents during the last decade or two.—Kitchener Telegraph.

JUST A NAME!

Gasoline: A technical word used by filling stations to describe kerosene.—Baltimore Sun.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

The Bolshevik crusaders are now engaged in spreading their doctrine of brotherly love into the Pamir region of Central Asia. Desperate fighting is reported.—Seattle Times.

UNDESIRABLE LUGGAGE.

Should Rev. Spracklin carry out his present intention and stump the province in behalf of the prohibition of liquor imports, he should be advised to leave his gun at home.—Hamilton Herald.

A PRACTICAL ANSWER.

Loyal Jamaica, voluntarily pledging itself to contribute \$350,000 annually, for forty years, toward Britain's war debt, is an inspiring action. It gives a sufficient answer to recent queries in the U.S. Senate as to the possibility of acquiring the British West Indies as a partial offset to Great Britain's debt to the United States.—Hamilton Spectator.

A CANADIAN CENOTAPH.

It has been suggested that Canada should follow the example of Great Britain and France and bring from the battlefield the remains of an unknown Canadian soldier who had been killed in battle and bury him at the nation's capital as the symbol of sacrifice in the cause of civilization. To inter in Canadian soil the body of a fallen warrior of whom nothing is known except that he was a Canadian soldier, would bring balm to every mother and wife who lost a loved one in the war, and whose end is shrouded in mystery, and who may cherish the thought that perchance, it was their man who has been brought home to his own country and interred with great pomp and honor. Such a thought would bring a warm glow to many desolate hearts.

The cenotaph erected over the sacred dust would bring many a reverent and loving tribute to those who suffered the darkest agony of the war that their country might enjoy peace and freedom. It would be a spot to which those who arrive could bring their offerings of love and gratitude on any day and at any hour, where all could salute the unknown dead. The suggestion is worthy of the sympathetic consideration of the Federal Government.—Montreal Herald.

City Fathers Portraits

Kingston—The portraits of the city fathers have been removed from the walls of the city hall and stored in the "attic" temporarily, while the decorator is engaged in painting the ceiling and walls.

Awarded a Badge

Kingston—A record order of the general staff publishes the name of Sergeant F. Smith, "A" Company, The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment, as having been awarded the badge for the best shot in the unit.

New Operating Table

Brockville—A most modern type of operating table has been added to the equipment of the Brockville General Hospital through the generosity of Mrs. W. H. Comstock, as a cost of over \$500.

Found Another Body

Kingston—During the past week the body of a young man was taken out of the Tay canal at Perth under mysterious circumstances, and later some boys discovered the body of a newly born babe, a boy, in the canal. The body was found in shallow water on the east side of the Beckwith street bridge, and with the aid of a pole it was brought to shore. The body was wrapped in a lady's fine blouse, and to a string on one of the sleeves was tied an ordinary hat-iron.

Union bricklayers at Tacoma, Wash., announce a voluntary wage reduction of \$1 a day.

Following a night spent watching over their sick baby, James Cooper, of Peking, Ill., at 8 o'clock in the morning quarreled with his wife and stabbed her to death.

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EDUCATION BOARD HAS BUSY NIGHT; PUPILS HERE 3002

In a report to the Board of Education last evening, City Assessor J. A. Kerr gave the school population for Belleville as 3,202 between the ages of five and twenty-one years, 2,877 from five to sixteen, and 1,344 from five to fourteen, and the City's population as 12,343.

Mr. S. A. Gardner wrote accepting the offer of the board of \$600 for a lot on Octavia Street. This sale will be completed by the Solicitor.

A satisfactory report was received from the Inspector of the evening classes at the High School and was referred to the advisory committee.

Domestic Science class inspection also proved satisfactory.

A teacher is needed for Queen Alexandra School after Easter to carry on a class in the assembly room. Power was given to the School Management Committee.

Miss A. Sinclair, school nurse, was appointed to attend a convention on school health in Toronto during Easter week.

The Board decided to grant Col. L. W. Marsh ten dollars for last year's use of a lot for Agriculture and ten dollars for this year.

Miss Nina K. Embury and Miss Marion Clark, applied for the position of teacher on public school staff.

It was decided to pay the expenses of Principal MacLaurin and a representative of the public school teaching staff to the Ontario Teachers' Educational Association.

Mr. T. F. Willis, school attendance officer, made a report on the work of the past few months.

On motion of Col. Ponton, it was decided that a suitable letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Simmons on the death of her daughter, a teacher, Miss Frankie Simmons, and to Mr. D. V. Sinclair on the death of his mother.

Col. Ponton moved a resolution which was adopted that the Board provide the High School with diplomas in the department of commercial service until the Department of Education furnishes them.

Col. Ponton moved, seconded by Mr. Hope McGinnis, that all correspondence between the architect, Mr. Beaumont Jarvis, and the Board on any official of the Board be laid on the table at the next meeting, the resolution carrying.

Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. F. S. Deacon, that the Secretary-Treasurer communicate with Mr. Beaumont Jarvis, architect and obtain from him a letter assuming responsibility for all expenses incurred for services rendered by Mr. E. Telford Arnold in connection with the displaying and handling of the plans of the proposed new Public School about to be built in Coburn

Ward. The Board adopted the resolution.

The Board will petition the Council to continue the concrete walk on the north side of Pine Street in front of the Queen Victoria School.

Col. Ponton gave notice of the appointment of a superintendent of school property at a small salary.

Mr. H. McGinnis brought up the question of the motor sign boards to be erected on the streets near the schools. The boards are ready, but it was claimed that the time had not yet come to erect them as the frost was not yet out of the ground.

The matter was left to the Site's committee.

The members present were: A. McGie, Dr. O. A. Marshall, N. D. MacPadyen, J. A. Higgs, C. F. Wallbridge, W. N. Ponton, W. R. McCreary, F. Sharp, J. Elliott, F. S. Deacon, H. W. Ackerman, J. A. Borbridge, H. McGinnis, and W. B. Riggs.

High School Gives Fine Entertainment

The Belleville High School Literary Society gave a splendid entertainment at the City Hall last evening. Mr. Charlie Sankey read the prologue which had been written by himself, adapted from the five prologues of Henry V.

Act III, Sc. 4 and Act V, Scene 2 from Henry V. was enacted. Miss Vallere Wrightmeyer as Princess Katherine of France was excellent. Miss Helen Sinclair acted as Lady-in-waiting. King Henry V. was ably portrayed by Hillis Fowle as also was the Duke of Burgundy by Charlie Sankey.

The comedy, "Mrs. Haywood's Help," was very amusing in parts, and was given an excellent interpretation.

The B.L.S. orchestra gave several good selections. A song and dance was given by the girls of form IIC. Miss Alice Evans gave a solo dance, which won hearty applause.

Star Hockey Player

Pictou—Mr. Ralph Burns who before going overseas was one of Pictou's star hockey players, played this season with the C.P.R. team at Moose Jaw. The C.P.R. team are champions of the Moose Jaw City League. In a play-off for the Intermediate Championship of Saskatchewan with the Milestone team, champions of the Soo Line League, the Moose Jaw News says of Burns' playing "Burns and Barlowe were the most effective men on the C.P.R. team, though Dawson was not far behind them in this respect. Burns carried the puck well considering the condition of the ice and was always dangerous."

Archbishop Spratt Improving

Kingston—Archbishop Spratt, confined to the Hotel Dieu during the past two weeks' is making good progress towards recovery.

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Lungs of Infant Sent for Examination

EVIDENCE AT

Dr. Blaklee Said Have Been Wh "Over Thirty

Last evening Dr. W. formed a post mortem of the internal organs known infant found in a shed switch leading into O. The lungs were removed for examination to be specialist as to whether the boy was alive at birth. taken because the jury thought it advisable possible step should be ravel the mystery. Boyce stated that advanced stage of decomposition, whether a would care to venture to the life of the child. The remains of the buried today.

At the inquest on at Titchell's mortuary, Titchell told covered instructions from two men, William L. N. Kell, to the above body had been discovered, but he saw it, cloth but did not maintain.

The Medical Dr. Blaklee testified, examining the remains, about their clock of the body was decomposed condition of a full term female is impossible to state still-born or not. In composition, it was opinion, unless to an examination of the lungs ascertain the probability having been alive at was 30 internal could be diagnosed condition, which a strangulation. The skill were normal, evidence of injury there. "How long could there?" asked Crown.

"Nobody could state for the body had been one or two months ago have been hardly an hour. It would find body had been placed cently. He thought been dead not less than possibly more and thirty days."

But there was no in the body had been frozen. The coroner's very difficult for a doctor opinion as to whether inflated by inspiration formation of gasses, along with the Crown. Dr. Blaklee that it will to make an effort. The circumstances as said the Crown Attorney had been born dead, the ing to conceal. The of its disposal indicated born alive. It was a to honor human respect. No examination was long the night was Blaklee.

Mr. J. B. Archibald told the jury of bringing to the morgue. The inquest was on Monday evening next. Mr. John McIntosh, the jury, the other jur A. Morgan, P. Blackson, W. M. Leslie, R. C. M. Hall, H. DeShan, Penn.

REDUCE ICE CREAM Regina, Sask., March 10th of ten cents a gallon of ice cream in the Pra will become effective March 1st. The Western Cream Manufacturers'