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Liberal Independence.

TO ASK all manner of small questions, to make a front show of economy, and then when it is practiced to turn and rend those who are seeking to save money—such seems to be considered good politics by the Conservative opposition at Ottawa.

HON. HUGH GUTHRIE, who, when minister of militia, demonstrated that he could spend money like water, made a savage attack on the Liberals because they were insisting on a cut of some hundreds of thousands in militia estimates. To quote his own words:

"They have taken him (the minister of militia) by the throat, practically; they have dragged him into the caucus; they have told him that he either had to cut down, to trim, or they would put him out. The minister comes to Parliament and puts himself in the humiliating position of saying: My own followers will not support me; I will have to ask the house to reduce my appropriation for annual drill by \$190,000. . . . My honorable friend says that is democracy; I say it is the result of the use of the big stick."

In a very labored effort the member for South Wellington went on in an attempt to show that when the government did not agree with the estimates and ideas of some of the ministers it really amounted to a state of want of confidence, and that it would be about right and proper for such a thing to mean that the government could not carry on.

Such a thing as private members doing their own thinking, or refusing to fall in with what is brought forward by the members of the cabinet, may be new and startling to members of the Conservative side of the house, but we can assure those in doubt at Ottawa that the country regards with appreciation and pleasure the spectacle of private members doing a whole lot of thinking and a whole lot of discussing, and from that, forming their own opinions.

It used to be said of the late Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD that he wanted fellows who were behind him when he was wrong as well as when he was right. That may sound very heroic, and there may have been occasions in the fortunes of that party when a following of that character was needed, and needed badly.

The character of Parliament is changing, and it is changing because the people want it to change. It is becoming a sensitive thing, and it must continue in this course, because in no other way can it be possible for Parliament to register the wishes and desires of the people who sent it there.

All the clap-trap that the Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE can talk about party theories can fool no person. He was facing and trying to destroy a spirit of inquisitiveness and searching out that the people of the country want to see grow, for in its growth lies the safety of the whole country. There is a wide difference between the spirit of independence and the status of a rebel in the camp, and it may be that failure to distinguish that difference accounts for the fact that the member for South Wellington is sitting where he is today.

Building Costs.

PROSPECTIVE builders are discussing and wondering whether the present is a good time to go ahead with any plans they may have in mind. It is a fact that certain lines of materials have come down from their peak, while other items, such as labor, have also decreased to a small extent.

It is interesting, in such a case, to find out what the builders themselves think of the situation. Here is the opinion of one of the largest contractors in Canada:

"Right now we find that we have to cut closer on work than we have done in years, and I know there are fairly large jobs being let on which there is not a cent of profit for the builder—in fact, they will barely carry the overhead. Most of the large contractors have very little work ahead, the result being that they are all cutting the head off prices in order to get something ahead to keep their working organization intact in case something better turns up a little later on. When you find the contractors around looking for something to do, you can depend on it that profits are very meagre compared to a period when there is a boom in the building line."

Of course, the man who is putting up the money has to settle the matter for himself, but at least it seems a favorable time, from the above statement, which was made to THE ADVERTISER by one of the most reliable firms in the business.

William Yeates.

WILLIAM YEATES, for many years one of London's foremost manufacturers, died today at the age of 75 years. He was born in Liverpool, came to London quite young, and was educated at the old Union School under NICHOLAS WILSON and the late J. B. BOYLE. After leaving school he entered



the employment of DAVID DARVILL to become a machinist. While an apprentice in London he went to the front with the Seventh Battalion at the time of the Fenian Raid. For a time he was with MACPHERSON, GLANGOW & Co., of Fingal. On returning to London he became a partner in the firms of WHITE & YEATES and WHITE, YEATES & JOHNSON. He then formed the London Machine Tool Company.

He was thoroughly in love with his work, and was a first-class machinist. No establishment turned out better work than the London Machine Tool Company. For several years he was a member of the London Board of School Trustees. The establishment of the Technical School was mainly due to his efforts. It was probably the greatest act of his life, and will have far-reaching effect for all time.

He was for many years superintendent of the Wellington Street Methodist Sunday School, and laid the cornerstone of the new Sunday school.

He was the second and last surviving son of the late WILLIAM YEATES, builder. As man and boy he was respected by all who knew him. He was very generous, and had much more than average ability.

During the past two or three years his health had been far from good, and for some months he knew the end was not far off, that he was "knocking at the threshold."

"I'm kneeling at the threshold,
So weary, faint and sore,
I'm kneeling at the threshold,
And my hand is on the door."

London Federal Square.

THERE ARE many interesting phases to the proposal of the city to erect an up-to-date office building on the site of the present city hall, and to sell the Federal Square property.

First, there is the matter of policy, and secondly, that of finances. Both are more or less involved. The former because of the several favorable votes taken on the Federal Square proposition, and the second because the funds from the sale of the old hall, the purchase of Federal Square and the present hall, and the sale of a part of the present property to the Utilities Commission are all involved.

On the matter of policy one is treading on fairly safe ground in saying that the majority of the ratepayers would today favor the less expensive office building as against the pretentious structure proposed for Federal Square. Two reasons may be given for this: Firstly, taxes are high enough now, and in their present frame of mind the cheaper structure is bound to find favor with the majority, and more especially as there is a good chance that the profit on the sale of the Federal Square lands may go some distance in the erection of the structure across the road.

The second reason is that the day of high-costing elaborate city halls is passed. Municipalities are coming to the point where it is realized that real business offices are just as essential in the conduct of a civic enterprise as that of a private concern. There may be opposition to the council's proposal, but it can at least be said that the proposal under present-day conditions savors of common sense.

The city has \$267,123 tied up in city hall enterprise. This includes the cost of the present structure, with improvements \$61,305, in all, and the Federal Square property \$205,817.73.

Revenue for this purpose so far raised totals \$286,984.58, made up of old city hall sale, \$100,000; 1913 debenture issue of \$75,000 netted the city \$65,845; half of 1913 debenture issue of \$250,000 netted \$112,987.50; three payments of the Public Utilities for the corner sold at \$27,173.60, and the principal and interest totals \$8,152.08. Thus the city has on hand

\$9,861.55; \$125,000 in unsold debentures, and \$19,021.52 coming from the Utilities Commission.

Additional expense which the city must meet comes from the debenture sale, \$75,000, 4 1/2 per cent, 30 years, and \$125,000 4 1/2 per cent, 40 years, which entail the raising of \$13,222.17 yearly for sinking fund and interest.

Thus, in ten years the capital charges have cost the ratepayers \$132,221.70. Of course, quite a portion of this will be redeemable if the Federal Square property is sold.

In the meantime, however, there have been other costs charged up in the loss of taxes. It is true that several of the properties have been rented at a fair rental, but this rental has not nearly made up for the loss in taxes. Figures are available to show what the general taxes alone for the first five years would have been, and taking the same figures for the ten-year period, adding the special taxes for curbs, gutters, etc., and the street sweeping and garbage costs, would give a total of \$30,574 lost in taxes. For the last few years the net rentals have totalled \$2,000 yearly until 1921, when they totalled \$3,000, and this year will be about the same. Even at a rental of \$2,000 for eight years, which is something more than the city got, and \$3,000 for two years, would give a net return of \$23,000.

Thus, the charges stand:

Sinking fund and interest,	\$132,221.70
10 years	30,574.37
Loss in taxes, 10 years ..	30,574.37
Total	\$162,796.07
Rental returns, 10 years ..	22,000.00

Ten years' cost over receipts	\$140,796.07
Federal Square original cost	205,817.73
Of the sinking fund and interest charges \$44,086.70 is set aside as sinking fund charges and is in the hand of the city. The only chance of getting the interest back, \$88,135, is by adding it to the price of the Federal Square sale, but again all this interest is not chargeable to the Federal Square, and some of it is being recovered in the sale to the Utilities.	
Thus, the city has involved:	
Receipts (as above)	\$286,984.58
Ten years' rent	22,000.00
Total	\$308,984.58
Paid out (as above)	\$267,123.03
Interest	\$8,135.00
Sinking fund	\$44,086.70
Taxes lost	30,574.37
Total	\$329,919.00

For this the city has the present city hall, a \$19,000 interest in the Utilities and the Federal Square property. The latter it is proposed to sell.

It is declared that the assessment of \$212,000 is about 70 per cent of the true value of the land. If such is a fact, such a selling price would net the city \$275,000, whereas the property today stands at \$205,817.73, plus interest and tax loss, less rent, or \$202,527. As there is a part of the \$100,000 derived from the sale of the old city hall also tied up in this, there will be the added charge of interest lost on this sum, whatever it is.

To sell, if the council goes ahead with the Federal Square sale, the city has the McCormick corner, 198 feet on Dundas and 165 on Wellington, which cost \$125,000. Further on along Dundas street there is 198 1/2 feet, on which are buildings, but these latter are of little value. The total cost of this property was \$48,925.

On King street the city has four parcels, 173 feet in all, costing \$29,700.

Inspector A. M. PIRER estimates that \$250,000 will put up the required building. It will take some figuring to tell just where the involved finances will be before this is spent, debentures issued and the Federal Square proposition cleared up.

LITTLE 'TISERS

So far, there has been no general invitation sent out to get in on the war that is running in China. Just a private killing.

The pet dog can sometimes wander under the house for a spell with wet and dirty feet, but, oh boy, just let the husband start in at any such tricks!

German diplomats will have done a great day's work if they can succeed in driving a wedge in between Britain and France over the Genoa gathering.

The Manitoba Free Press comes out with the heading on its editorial page, "The Mosquito Must Go." All right, brother, let's see how you'll go about it.

At the end of August the law which permits the manufacture or importation of oleomargarine ceases to exist in Canada, and unless something is done, we shall be oleomargarineless after that date.

From where we sit it's hard to see who's leading the Conservative party in Ontario. G. HOWARD FERGUSON, T. H. LENOX or W. F. NICKLE. This weird trio seem to be taking it on the relay plan.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

MAY 16, 1897.
Weather—Fine and warm.

The following young men left for Toronto to take their final examinations at the University: James Davis, silver medalist, for his final council; E. P. Buckle, D. Arnott, Charles Cowan, E. Creighton, William McKeechnie, F. Campbell and Mr. Russell, for their first council.

Members of the London Hunt and Country Club were the guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smallman at the kennels. The attendance was large despite the threatening weather, and a most enjoyable two hours was spent amid the pretty surroundings of Glenmore and in the cosy parlors of the club. Mrs. Smallman personally received her guests, and Miss Smallman and Miss Waterman presided over the refreshments. Afterwards a cross-country run after the hounds was held. Starting on the north side and going east to the asylum side road, then west to the south side of the river and to Adelaide street bridge. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. McKeechnie (Hamilton), Mrs. H. E. Gates, Mr.

and Mrs. C. B. Hunt, Mrs. J. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ingles, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leonard, Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. T. E. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beddome, the Misses Beddome, Miss Park, Miss Amy McDonagh, Miss MacBeth, Miss Niven, Miss E. Hyman, Miss Farley (St. Thomas), Mr. and Mrs. Housman, Miss H. Moore (Toronto), Miss Brown, Miss Zimmerman, Miss Smallman, Miss Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Somerville, Miss E. Richardson, T. Beattie, M.P.; Major A. M. Smith, J. B. Kilgour, Mr. Patterson, Capt. Pierce, Mr. Pigot, H. Richardson, W. T. Strong, A. Brener, W. Smith, Dr. Niven, Hugh Niven, John Smallman, C. Hunt, G. Gibbons, jun., Allen Gibbons, Kenzie McCormick and others.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, successor to Rev. J. A. Macdonald as pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, preached able sermons at St. Andrew's Church yesterday. It was his first appearance in a London pulpit.

Sergt.-Major Munroe of this city will act as instructor for the Twenty-Fifth Battalion at St. Thomas this week.

Miss Birrell of Chatham is paying her sister, Mrs. Charles Richardson, a short visit at Woodlands, South London.

DR. BISHOP'S ADVICE.

MAY BE THE TONSILS.

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

Is your child backward in school? Is he a "mouth breather," does he have frequent colds or constant earache? Does he have trouble in hearing?

If your child is affected in any such way his tonsils may be the cause. It would be well to have them examined by a physician.

Infected and enlarged tonsils are great little helpers to disease. They make the child susceptible to diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough.

The constant trouble, physicians find, is that people would rather al-

READ YOUR CHARACTER

(By Digby Phillips.)

NO. 215—BLONDE BUYERS.

If you are a salesman you probably have noticed that there are several distinct types of buyers, but probably it never occurred to you to note also how often a certain type of buyer is also a certain type of individual in his appearance, his build, his features, his coloring.

Coloring has a great deal to do with it, and if you take note of whether your prospect is a blonde or a brunette it will help you a good bit in outlining your selling campaign so far as he or she is concerned.

In dealing with a blonde buyer, other things being equal, the best method to follow is to say something or show something striking, spectacular if possible, about the thing you have to sell. Brilliant performance and emphatic qualities mean more to the blonde than to the brunette. Be enthusiastic and play to arouse their enthusiasm.

More than this, do not be too discouraged if the enthusiasm you have aroused wanes more quickly than you expected, and don't take the answer "No" too seriously. Simply call again at an opportune time, and you'll probably find it not so difficult to arouse their enthusiasm again, this time to the point of getting the order.

But avoid one thing. Don't point out too freely to the blonde where and how he is wrong. Pass it over. Forget it.

Tomorrow—The Brunette Buyer. (Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Co.)

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

TODAY'S word is CONSORTIUM.

It's pronounced—kon-sor-shi-um, with accent on the second syllable.

It means—a fellowship, assembly, association, combination or union.

It's adopted, directly, from Latin "consortium," with the same meaning as when employed as an English word.

It's used like this—"Upon the terms they name, certain powers are disposed to form a consortium to develop Russian enterprises."

Our Own Country.

Question—Was there ever a reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States? If so, when?

Answer—A reciprocity treaty was in force between Canada and the United States from 1855-1866, arranged by Lord Elgin in 1854. The terms were that the products of forests, fisheries, mines and farms should have free entrance, and that both should have free use of each other's canals.

NO TIME FOR AN AFFINITY.

(From the Brandon Sun.)

After all our sympathy with the wife of a farmer, a Kansas lady comes along and says she is glad she married a farmer because:

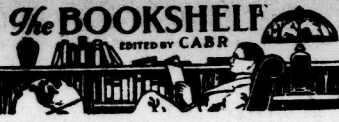
The farmer and his family seldom are actually in want or need of the necessities of life.

He and his good wife do not often figure in the divorce court.

When he goes to town, he usually takes one or two of the children along and after finishing his errands at the stores, has precious little time left, if he did have any money, in which to pursue his affinity.

He works so hard all day he is glad to sit down with his family after supper; his good wife is not in doubt as to where he spends his evenings.

The farmer and his wife and children generally are the closest of business partners.



PAINTED WINDOWS. By a Gentleman with a Duster. G. P. Putnam's Sons, Publishers, New York.

IN "Painted Windows," the Gentleman with a Duster has revealed brilliantly and unsparringly the chaos of opinion which exists in the modern church. By means of a sketch of the lives of twelve men who are of the church and bound up with all which affects it, he has drawn conclusions of the state and need of the present day church, and in his introduction and conclusion he has pointed the way to a triumphant simplification and rectification of religious effort, a direction summed up in the words "Christ should be sought in the living world, and not in the documents of antiquity."

"Painted Windows" takes a decided step toward the author's ultimate object in writing it, to use his own words, that of "throwing off the long and hopeless controversies of the theology concerning the person of Christ—and to show that the good news of Jesus was the revelation of a strange and mighty power which only now the world is beginning to use."

Again the author says: "By means of a study in religious personality, I seek in these pages to discover a reason for the present ignominious situation of the church in the affections of men, and to see whether one cannot light upon a cause for the confessed failure of the church to impress humanity with what its documents call the will of God."

There is, however, in "Painted Windows" a lack of the element which appeals to humanity as a whole, and there may be a lack of the compelling, vital, human touch which has enabled an organization such as the Salvation Army to go down to the very dregs of humanity, but the power of the book lies in its skillful portraying and analyzing of the men around whose lives it has been written, and in the inspiration drawn from their guiding characteristics.

Individuality is a good thing in a citizen; it is a good thing in a Christian. The Gentleman with the Duster apparently believes all should think alike, and think his way. He is liberal in his tendencies, with a special aversion for one or two doctrines, the acceptance or rejection of which certainly is not of vital importance. For the present chaos of differing beliefs he would substitute a highly philosophical theology. But it is strong meat, good for those who can digest it, but not for babes. For them there must be milk.



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