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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 24, 1912

UNCHRISTIAN POLITICS.

There appears to be nothing more offensive than red tap in the action taken by J. H. Macgill, head of the immigration department at Vancouver, in refusing admission to the wives and children of Bah Singh, secretary of the Guru Nanak Mining and Trust Co., and of Balwant Singh, priest of the Sikh Temple of Vancouver. Mr. Borden assured the Sikh deputation last month that whatever was done, at least the Sikhs now in Canada would not be separated from their wives and children. Mr. Macgill may not have had instructions but there should be no delay about such a matter. That is not the way to engender respect for democratic institutions.

When the Sikhs go to England, they are not prevented taking their wives and children with them. When they go to the United States, they can have their own families. Canada has done them this injustice. The Globe compasses, because it is a matter of politics. Politics founded on injustice and inhumanity and the violation of every conceivable principle involved in "The Golden Rule" can scarcely be described as Christian. Perhaps it would be well frankly to face this thought.

PROVINCIAL MOUNTED POLICE.

One of last night's evening papers gave publicity to the alarming number of hold-ups which have taken place in the suburban districts recently.

There is one cure for this sort of thing. Ontario should have a provincial mounted police, modeled on the lines of the N. W. M. P. Besides doing much to preserve law and order throughout the countryside, an organization of this kind would afford an admirable training for many young men of the province. It is a proposition which should receive the best consideration of the present provincial government.

AN ASSESSMENT POINT.

It has been suggested, if not actually asserted, that under a clause in the Assessment Act, the principle of assessing on land values and partially exempting building values is recognized, and that under the clause the principle might actually be put in force by any municipality desiring to do so. The clause in a lawyer's hands might yield remarkable results, and under analysis of a supreme court judge might even appear to have been inspired by that arch-enemy of established orthodox tax systems, Henry George himself.

Under the clause, however, why should not some enterprising town, let us say North Toronto, go ahead, and base its assessment on land values calculated on the basis of the amount by which the value of the land is increased by the existence of the buildings? If the land on which the buildings stand is increased in value by the buildings, which increase may well be less in amount than the actual value of the buildings, the adjacent land has no less value, and the assessors ought to be able to work out this puzzle without resorting to anything subversive of commonsense or business methods.

It is certain that if North Toronto did adopt the Vancouver plan, it would lead to such a boom in building and in the disposal of real estate as Vancouver itself would find it difficult to rival.

Meanwhile, here is the clause in the Assessment Act which the legislators of Ontario have to improve upon:

In assessing land having any buildings thereon, the value of the land and buildings shall be ascertained separately, and shall be set down separately in columns 13 and 14 of the assessment roll and the assessment shall be the sum of such values. THE VALUE OF THE BUILDINGS SHALL BE THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE VALUE OF THE LAND IS THEREBY INCREASED. 4 Edward VII. 36, 2.

ULSTERIA.

Nobody ever met the partisan type of North of Ireland man of either side, who was willing to hear the other side patiently. The suggestion that there could be another side he takes as a doubt of his veracity and a personal insult. With this elementary type of mind the commonsense Englishman can make little headway. He usually resorts to disproof.

The Conservative politician, however, humors the Ulster Unionist, and by appeals to his emotions and sentiments while carefully avoiding the discussion of any issue, less remote than 1690, he has kept a solid Irish band to vote for the English House of Lords and all that follows from

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The total assets have increased from \$47,152,000 to \$52,427,000. The note circulation for the year reached \$4,379,000 as against \$3,700,000 in the year preceding, and the bills discounted totaled \$34,582,000 as against \$32,810,000. These favorable comparisons show not only public appreciation and confidence, but enlarged activity and co-operation in the commercial and industrial expansion of the country. The Traders Bank is evidently taking a growing share in the development of the Dominion's resources and the result of last year's trading reflects credit on the quality of the management.

THE METROPOLITAN BANK.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders. At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Metropolitan Bank, held to-day, the report of the directors for the year ending December 30, 1911, was adopted.

The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: S. J. Moore, D. B. Thomson, K.C., Sir W. Mortimer Clark, K.C., John Firstbrook, James Byrne and W. D. Ross.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. S. J. Moore was elected president, and Mr. D. B. Thomson, K.C., vice-president.

W. D. Ross, General Manager.

Toronto, 23rd January, 1912.

THE FARM SHOULD HAVE FIRST AID.

Editor World: Looking over the estimates just laid before parliament, anyone who takes any interest in the welfare of the country will be sorry to find that so much attention is given to agricultural and farming interests. It is all grumbling about the cost of living, the farm, and making things more pleasant for the farmer. It is all grumbling about the cost of living, the farm, and making things more pleasant for the farmer. It is all grumbling about the cost of living, the farm, and making things more pleasant for the farmer.

Mr. Perkins repeats the suggestion made in his statement to the senate inter-laboratory committee, that the senate and house of representatives should at once appoint a joint commission to study the Sherman law and the various suggestions made regarding its repeal, amendment or simplification and also the wisdom and practicability of a national incorporation act. Pending this enquiry he believes that immediate relief can be obtained along the following lines:

First: Create at once in the department of commerce and labor a business court or controlling commission, composed largely of experienced business men.

Second: Give this body power to license corporations doing an interstate or international business.

Third: Make such license depend on the ability of a corporation to comply with conditions laid down by congress when creating such commission and with such regulations as may be prescribed by the commission itself.

Fourth: Make publicity, both before and after license is issued, the essential feature of these acts and regulations. Require each company to have the approval of said commission to all its affairs from its capitalization to its business practices. In the beginning lay down only broad principles, with a view to elaborating and perfecting them as conditions require.

Fifth: Make the violation of such rules and regulations punishable by the imprisonment of individuals rather than by the revocation of the license of the company, adopting in this respect the method of procedure against national banks in case of wrongdoing.

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NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL PLANS BEING FORMULATED
Chairman W. O. McTaggart reported to the advisory industrial education committee that the sub-committee on new technical school building had met and recommended: That the depth of the new technical school building should be approximately 200 feet, but not to exceed 220. The site is 299 by 800 feet. The type of building recommended by Principal McKay was approved. The principal was requested to furnish a list of the rooms requisite, their relative position and size. Principal McKay recommended that the house known as No. 15 Orchard, adjacent to the technical school grounds, be set apart for use in connection with the household science department, and that possession be given to the school on June 1, 1912. That practical work in printing be added to the curriculum for evening classes in connection with the central technical school. That the salary of W. S. Kirkland, M.A., assistant principal of night school, and J. M. Warren, assistant principal of day schools, be increased to \$2500. That the salary of J. L. Banks, instructor in art, be increased to \$1000 per annum. That C. M. Maynard be recognized as a regular part-time teacher and that his salary be \$750 per annum. That the salary of A. G. Horwood, clerk, be increased to \$1400.

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