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STRONG ADMINISTRATION.

Another fruitful and creditable parliamentary session has been closed at Toronto, and those who have followed closely the events that have been taking place in the public life of this province during the last few months will all admit that Prime Minister J. P. Whitney and his Government followers have acquitted themselves admirably and well.

The session, says the Mail and Empire in an able review of the legislation established, was not so picturesque as that of last year; nor is the volume of law produced by it so great. But the work has been very varied in its character, and the results are important to the public. The determination of the Whitney Government to conduct affairs with a single eye to the general welfare has been maintained, and all the laws point in the right direction.

A notable feature of the legislation is the new Company Act, which protects, as they never were protected before, the rights of the people in corporations. Companies cannot now be of the wild-cat type, and the shareholders are reasonably free from loss.

While private rights in companies have been conserved, public interests in such corporations as have been formed for the operating of the public domain have been dealt with. A mining tax on output gives the province a share of its own wealth when exhumed. But this money is not lost to the mining industry, for provision is made for the encouragement by bonus of refining enterprises. The Whitney Government wants to have our own ores refined in our own country. Dealing with the affairs of New Ontario, the Administration has taken preliminary authority for the extension of the Government railway from Cobalt to Sudbury. This may mean the opening up of new mineral districts, for the north country is understood to be full of wealth. For the same part of the province an advance has been in the important matter of road making. A grant of from one-third to two-thirds of the cost of colonization roads will be made by the Government. Thus there will be a greater development of public highways than can be the case under present conditions. At the same time there will be a forward movement in the more settled parts of the province. Towards the making of roads by counties a million dollars has been granted, and any country taking advantage of the new law can get from the Public Treasury one-third of the cost of any road work it undertakes.

The roads of the country are the arteries of commerce, the very veins through which life runs, and the devotion of public money towards their extension is a wise move. Education had received further attention from the Government. The policy of securing larger salaries for teachers is retained, and the Government now induces the local authorities to pay generously. On teachers' salaries above \$300 the Government pays 40 per cent. of the excess, up to \$800. This is an encouragement that cannot fail to be helpful to the cause of education. The school-book problem has not been solved, but a step of an important character has been taken. In the past competition in the production of readers has been prevented owing to the fact that the present publishers hold certain copyrights. In the future the copyrights will not be allowed to stand in the way. The new legislation authorizes the publication of the books on authority of the Government, despite the copyrights. A very excellent move for the cultivation of the spirit of patriotism has been taken through the decision to purchase flags for all the rural schools. The province supplies the flags, and the school trustees arrange for their use. Labor received additional consideration by the appointment of three new factory inspectors, and once again, by the decision of the Government to deal with the Central Prison on labor question. The proposition is to do away with contract prison labor altogether, and to employ the prisoners on some outwork, such as the cultivation of a prison farm. All the questions appertaining to public institutions are receiving careful attention and it is announced that plans are being considered for the better treatment of the insane.

The legislation has been progressive and it is gratifying to know that the management of the finances has been excellent. Last year's surplus was \$429,000, and there was in addition a very important reduction in the railway bonus obligations. The province will be glad to observe the thoroughness with which the Government has upheld provincial rights. The attempt by the Dominion to take over the control of public service corporations is met by the law which renders void the agreements of such companies, and forfeits their subsidies. The forcible seizure of 55,000 acres of Ontario land at Petawawa by the Federal Government is made the subject of a vigorous protest. Altogether the Whitney Government has a splendid session and, while it is to be congratulated, so also are the people who enjoy the results of its labors.

PROMINENT MANUFACTURER SPEAKS.

In Vanleek Hill, Ont., no one is better known than Geo. S. Watson. When he says "Catarrh is a real cure," depend on it being so. "My wife," he writes, "was subject to bad attacks of throat irritation and bronchitis. Many remedies were tried, but few proved at all useful. Catarrh is a different. It seemed to get right at the sore spots and brought relief quickly. We have found Catarrh an absolute cure for bronchitis and catarrh. Nothing cures more quickly, so get it today; two sizes, 25c. and \$1 at all dealers."

A Reluctant Sport.

A Denver hotel man tells the following story, and he says it's true: One day a bride and bridegroom from the country registered at the hotel.

"What are your rates for room and board for two?" asked the bridegroom.

"Six dollars," was the reply.

That was satisfactory, and the two were given a room. When they decided to leave, the bridegroom asked for his bill. It was \$24. He was staggered.

"What?" he ejaculated. "Twenty-four dollars! That's an outrage. You said \$6."

"Six dollars a day," came from the clerk—"six dollars a day."

"Six dollars a day?" the bridegroom almost shouted. "I thought you meant \$6 a week!"

The clerk simply smiled. Finally the bridegroom paid over the money.

"Now," he said, calming down somewhat, "wait a minute. I want to go upstairs. Keep that money in your hand."

The clerk didn't understand, but he decided to humor the man. The latter soon returned with a camera. Aiming it at the clerk, he took a picture.

"This is the highest priced place I ever stopped at," he explained. "I just wanted a picture to show my friends that I was a real sport here in Denver."

Then he and his bride gathered up their telescopes and went out.

A QUESTION OFTEN ASKED.

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Attended Her Funeral, as a Rule.

Leave to attend his mother's funeral was thus applied for by a Lahore Baboo: "By the vicissitudes of time my mother yesterday went to eternity, and as a rule have to attend her funeral ceremonies."—Times of India.

No Danger.

Mrs. Traddles-Tommy, you mustn't go fishing with Peter Fishers. He is just getting over the measles. Tommy Traddles—There won't be any danger, mother. I never catch anything when I'm fishing.—London Tit-Bits.

The Proposal.

He (nervously)—Er—er, Margaret—er—er, there's something has been troubling on my lips for the last two months. She—Yes, so I see. Why don't you shave it off?

He is educated who is master of himself and of his task.—Peabody.

FATAL BLOOD POISONING.

Frequently follows the use of cheap corn salves and plasters. The safest is the best and that's "Putnam's," which has a record of fifty years' success. Refuse substitutes for "Putnam's," which costs 25c. in every drug store.

Pleaded Guilty to Bigamy.

London, April 17.—James Balbeck, a London Township farm laborer, appeared before Judge MacBeth yesterday morning on a charge of bigamy and pleaded guilty.

On request of the prisoner's counsel sentence was deferred until Saturday.

Whirled Around Shaft.

Syracuse, N.Y., April 17.—Howard Kincaid, 24 years old, employed at a grist mill at Port Byron, was killed there yesterday. While oiling a shaft his clothing caught, and he was whirled about the shaft, his head striking the ceiling.

It's the fellow with a pull who is often pushed to the front.

Blowing one's own horn is not apt to make one feel blue.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Theatre—
Thos. E. Shea, in "The Bells,"—
April 22.
Twenty-fourth Minstrels—April 25.
Moving Pictures—April 26-27.
Marks Bros.—April 29 to May 4.

"THE BELLS" TO-NIGHT.

The power of the still, small voice of conscience, is the sermon so eloquently preached in that splendid drama, "The Bells," which will be presented by Thomas E. Shea at the Brisco Opera House on Monday, April 22nd.

The character of Mathias is one of Mr. Shea's strongest portrayals. The story of "The Bells" is, of course, too widely known to be repeated here.

In the first act, as a vigorous young man, he gives the impression of many strength that is admirable; but one would hardly think it was the same person in the second act, after fifteen years of remorseless torture by conscience, having become old and infirm from the awful weight of the crime of having murdered the Polish Jew, Mr. Shea's work in this scene of the last act is little short of marvelous.

The play is well mounted, special scenery and pretty costumes being carried for every act. In fact, the managers, who are guiding the future of this popular art, have given the same careful attention to details as to given their productions of musical comedies and their other leading dramatic stars. Pretty costumes of the period, together with the quaint strains of the Alsatian melodies, go to make up the grand total of a first-class performance, and the presentation here may be looked upon as a decided and rare treat in store for the Maple City theatre-goers.

ONTARIO'S DEATH RATE.

Rate Was 15.0 Per Thousand in February Last.

Returns from 765 division registrars to the Provincial Board of Health show that out of a population of 2,128,330, or 98 per cent. of the inhabitants of the province, the total number of deaths during February were 2,780, or a rate of 15.0 per thousand. The number of cases of contagious diseases reported is 93 less than in February, 1906, and the number of deaths are 32 fewer. There was a reduction in the number of deaths from scarlet fever, diphtheria, consumption and whooping cough. Of typhoid fever the number of cases reported was 77 less than in 1906, but the number of deaths was the same, indicating that many cases were not reported. There were 21 more instances of smallpox brought to the attention of the department.

The following figures show the prevalence of contagious diseases and the mortality resulting from them—

	1907.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox	76	9	3
Scarlet Fever	150	3	3
Diphtheria	156	20	5
Measles	357	8	1
Whooping Cough	34	8	1
Typhoid Fever	34	8	1
Tuberculosis	170	170	1
	1,077	251	

A Romance of the Peasage.

Lady Ernestine Hunt, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Allestray, has taken up an entirely new vocation for women. She has started a horse-breeding ranch near Calgary, where she controls about 40,000 acres of grazing land.

Lady Ernestine was well known some years ago as an intrepid yachtswoman, with much more than a superficial knowledge of navigation and kindred matters. She applied to the Board of Trade for examination, with a view to obtaining a master's certificate, but was rebuffed, on the ground that a woman could not qualify as a master, though it is difficult to see why, logically, a woman should not become a sailing-master as much as a Master of Arts—a qualification now open to her in many universities.

Lady Ernestine has been a nurse as well as a sailor and a horse-breeder; and she married, at the age of 27, the second mate of a merchant vessel.

The army surgeon never figures in as many charges as the family physician.

Two Houses To Rent!

One on William, immediately back of College building. One on Queen, immediately north of College building. Possession can be given May 1st. Apply to D. McLACHLAN, Canada Business College.

Choice Building Sites

The most desirable lots in the city are the few still left in Athletic Ground survey, fronting on Queen and William Streets. See D. McLACHLAN, at Business College.

Twelve Rare Bargains in Bidding Lots. He has also Lots on Queen and Pine Streets, from \$50 and up, that are worth three times the money asked. It would pay to speculate in them.

New House for Sale

He is also offering a splendid new white frame house on Pine St., near the Fair Grounds, at a bargain. Contains hall, parlor, dining room, kitchen and closet down stairs, four bedrooms and room for bath up stairs.

ALSO A LOT WITH A GOOD BARN on it immediately back of Grand Trunk Station, on Edgar St. that there is money in. For particulars as to any of these properties, call on D. McLACHLAN, Business College.

FAMOUS BRIGAND.

Man Who Defied the Troops For Over Forty Years.

The death is announced of Bellacoscia, a famous Corsican brigand, at the age of 75. He was one of the last and one of the most famous of his "profession."

He was always at home except to the gendarmerie. A visitor was much struck when Bellacoscia introduced to him his relatives, a cousin mayor of this town, another mayor of that, and a brother a non-commissioned officer in the Republican Guard.

But Bellacoscia was quite a gentleman in his profession. He engaged in a vendetta when quite young, and made a stronghold in the mountains near Bastia. For forty years he overawed peasants and gendarmes alike, but in 1892 surrendered. The reasons for his surrender and for the low sentence passed against him—compulsory residence in Marseilles—are obscure.

Bellacoscia soon escaped from Marseilles, and when President Carnot visited Corsica two years later he was as active as before. His niece intervened on his behalf, and, with the help of the deputy, they laid their case before M. Carnot rather dramatically in front of a village town hall where M. Carnot was to be received. A few minutes later the deputy and the niece were able to tell the brigand, who was watching from a window opposite, that his pardon would be granted.

Since then Bellacoscia has divided his time, tilling the ground, hunting the wild boar, and telling his reminiscences.

TAX ON BACHELORS.

Hessians, Who Live in Single Blessedness, Pay For Luxury.

A tax on bachelors has been imposed by the Lower House of the Hessian Parliament.

The bill, which came into force on April 1, provides, in view of the prevailing dearth of food, rent, etc., for an annual supplementary grant to be given to persons in the employ of the state whose incomes do not exceed \$500 per annum. The grant varies between \$40 and \$60. As the bill stands, however, bachelors who have only personal responsibilities are to receive only one-half the grant.

A clause in the original bill ordained that persons in the employ of the state, who neither are nor have been married, shall receive only half this amount; but an amendment was passed granting the full sum to bachelor employees who maintain a home for parents, relatives or adopted children.

The Hessian Government does not favor the amendment, as it will necessitate inquiries into the private affairs of employees, but it will probably accept the situation if the Upper House agrees with the Lower House on the subject. It is stated that locally the preference thus shown to married over bachelor employees of the state is approved, and considered fully justified, as officials are manifesting an ever-growing disinclination to marriage.

Will Support Canada.

The London Standard says that at present we can only assure the Canadian people that the pending negotiations with the Government and the United States will be closely watched here, and any reasonable protests which they may make or complaints that Canadian opinion has not been adequately consulted will receive strenuous support.

The Morning Post regrets the circulation of sensational rumors regarding the colonial conference by certain sections of the Unionist press, and suggests that the informal conference of Premiers announced by the Express was probably founded on the old report, which may well be true, that the Premiers of Canada and Australia intend to take advantage of the occasion to devise a system of preference such as has already been arranged between the Commonwealth and South Africa.

Replying to the Express representative's question as to whether it would be possible for the colonial Premiers to get together and develop a scheme of intercolonial preference, Mr. Deakin said all things are possible.

Hidden Treasure.

Many New Zealanders find it profitable to dig for hidden treasure. That for which they dig, however, is not gold or Captain Kidd's ill-gotten wealth, though it has a dull yellow color. It is kauri gum, a resinous substance which is the produce of the kauri pine trees.

The gum can be secured from the trunks of trees which are alive, for it protrudes in lumps, but it is especially profitable to dig for it in the soil about the stumps remaining after the trees have been cut down. Sometimes chunks weighing as much as 100 pounds are taken up from the ground.

Digging for kauri gum is profitable, for the gum is used in the manufacture of varnish, and apparently it is one of those products of nature whose place cannot be filled by anything else which has yet been discovered.

Gaiety Needed.

Writing on the decay of "English as she is spoke" nowadays, Lady Violet Grey, in The Graphic, says: "Much of the sparkle of wit flows from the precision of language and the delicacy of idea which it embodies. A careless thinker is also a careless speaker."

I read not long ago the axiom that the sense of humor militated against worldly success, and I verily believe that is the sentiment cherished by most people. Yet true, wholesome, appropriate, playful wit comes from gaiety of heart.

Just now we want all the gaiety we can get, not inept fooling, so often mistaken for gaiety, but that brightness and sparkle which keeps its owner happy under any circumstances, and frequently makes the most delightful marriage with the heart.

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CALLS BUDGET BRUTAL.

Labor Members Acknowledge Chagrin—A Middle Class Budget.

London, April 20.—Judging by the debate which followed the budget, it will meet with a larger degree of general approval and less sectional antagonism than usually falls to the lot of budget statements.

The most persistent complaints emanate from the extreme section of the labor party, which is disappointed at the postponement of the pension scheme and the absence of any direct relief in the taxation of the working classes.

James Keir Hardie frankly calls it a "brutal budget," and declares his belief that the Government has no intention of dealing with the question during its lifetime, but purposes to reserve it as an effective election plank when it becomes necessary to go to the country.

That there is some jurisdiction for the complaints of the workers may be regarded from the fact that in the lobbies of the House, the statement was generally characterized as a "middle class budget."

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