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A PROPOSAL

What is the good of getting the voters to the polls unless they are going to get results? Here is a novel suggestion which Saint John might adopt in its civic elections. It is made by the Toronto Globe on the course of an article discussing the proposal of a New York assemblyman to provide a fine of ten dollars for every resident who fails to register and vote unless ill or out of the state. The Globe says:

"Probably much indifference at election time is due to the conviction that most of the candidates for office are prompted by self-interest. Instead of penalizing voters for not exercising their franchise, it would be more to the point to penalize successful candidates who fail to carry out their campaign promises. This might arouse at least a sporting interest in the elections."

If the penalty were heavy it might prevent some candidates from promising more than they could hope to perform, a not uncommon habit at election time. It is said there are some candidates already in sight for the civic contest, but whether or not they have any constructive programme to place before the people does not yet appear. It is a popular conviction that the successful candidate who does not keep his pre-election promises is penalized by defeat next time if he offers again, but an examination of the history of civic provincial or federal elections will show that the conviction is not well founded. Most of the promises are forgotten in a year or so because the public's memory is short, and also because new issues arise and divert attention from the old ones.

THE LATE EDWARD SEARS

By the death of Edward Sears the community loses a citizen who for a great many years was an active and successful figure in civic affairs, one who was Mayor of the city for several terms, and who enjoyed a very high degree of popularity. From 1909 until 1922 Mr. Sears was postmaster, and from 1884 until 1908 he was much in the public eye. He entered the Council as alderman for Queens ward in the eighties, and became Mayor in 1896, holding the office for two terms. The citizens honored him again by returning him to that office in 1906 and in the following year he was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Sears had an immense circle of friends. He was a genial and democratic man, always ready and willing to form a friendly service for any anxious to promote the good of the city. He was of distinguished ancestry, a sterling character, a loyal friend, and one who in his active years devoted himself to great energy to the service of the community in various ways.

During the South African war, and during the great war, Mr. Sears devoted himself to patriotic and relief measures, and at the time of the Indian war he was a leader in the work of providing aid for the sufferers. His passing will be regretted by a very great circle of friends who knew his worth.

GETTING ALONG

Some hints for young men and women who do not get along as rapidly in their businesses as they think they should are to be found in a statement made by one of the great business houses of Chicago. Recently it analyzed some of the causes of dissatisfaction which it had encountered among that portion of its employees who were not making substantial progress of were not giving such signs of promise as would indicate that it would be worth while to retain their services. In the average case there was no lack of intelligence, but obstacles in the path of reasonable progress were tabulated as follows, in the order of their importance:

- 1—Lack of industry.
 - 2—Disregarding instructions.
 - 3—Want of politeness.
 - 4—Lack of "stick-to-it-iveness."
 - 5—Trickiness.
- This is a large firm, having an army of employees. During the period under survey 800 of these were discharged for one cause or another, and about a third lost their employment through lack of industry, which means that in the judgment of the firm they were unwilling to exert themselves to a reasonable degree, being so careless of their employers' interests, as well as of their own, that it became necessary to let them go. The next more numerous class either refused or were unable

to follow directions. Of course this lack would lead necessarily to much loss of time, as well as to confusion which would be even more expensive. Sixteen per cent. of those discharged lost their jobs through this weakness. Twelve per cent. of the failures had to seek new positions because they were impulsive, disregarding the value of courtesy and tact, which come so much in business in these days. Cheerfulness, tact, willingness, the smiling face—all these are assets in the business world, and are aids to progress and promotion.

Eight per cent. of the jobs were lost through lack of interest in the work. These employees, while they appeared competent enough, were listless and content merely to "go through the motions." They reported promptly as a rule, but they had no sense of responsibility and clearly lacked a willingness to row their weight in the boat. Another eight per cent. proved untrustworthy; not that they were directly dishonest but that they were tricky and failed to inspire or hold the confidence of their superiors.

The analysis given, if honestly examined and taken to heart by young people in the business world, will be found to contain suggestions of no little value, provided, of course, the student of them has some ability for self-examination and the capacity for looking facts in the face.

Odds and Ends

Lloyd George's Biting Tongue
(Ottawa Journal.)

Mr. Lloyd George mentioned the restoration of the gold standard. "When they heard of it in the Valhalla of Wall Street," he said, "they started twanging their golden harps."

The pensions scheme of the Baldwin Government gave him another opportunity. "It is just the sort of thing," he declared, "that happens sometimes in a garden, when the hallmarks beat down their settle." And then of the "It always sits, but never hatches."

Here are some other memorable Georgian phrases which the Express recalls:

We look upon dukes as the Egyptian lions upon the Pyramids.

The peerage was created to exorcise the indiscretions of kings.

Aristocracy is like cheese—the older it is the higher it becomes.

A fully-equipped duke costs as much to keep up as two Dreadnoughts, and dukes are just as great a terror, and last longer.

The one thing this country will not stand from a Tory is Toryism.

When everybody speaks well of a politician you may take it that he is a back-number.

The Turk is a human cancer, a creeping agony of the flesh.

At last the sons of Anak have come to Jerusalem. The giants have arrived, and what a job they have made of it! (said of the Labor Government.)

How could they (the Liberal party) have believed that the leader of a great party (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) would have behaved like a jealous, vain, ill-tempered actress of the second rank?

Mr. Baldwin has ceased to be a Premier. He is now merely a preacher.

It is an insult to the intelligence of the nation to feed starving invalids with the mildewed straw of the last century.

While Liberals are slinging poisoned arrows at each other Labor is walking off with the Ark of the Covenant.

But these are not all. At the time of the Boer War, when it was found that the Chamberlain firm in Birmingham had secured a war contract, L. S. Long, the treasurer of the Empire expands, the Chamberlain contract. And when Lord Hugh Cecil, "he hurled back: "These men speak of constancy—they whose hands are dripping with the fat of sacrifice," a reference to the fact the Cecil fortunes date from the Reformation.

Again, when Lord Gladstone taunted him with apostasy to Liberalism, L. G. made the almost savage retort: "This man, whose only service to Liberalism is that he exemplifies its creed that ability is not hereditary."

There is perhaps more of bitterness than of wit in many of these shafts. Yet they are the products of perhaps the nimblest mind, and most prolific of our time. And something should be pardoned to anything that rescues from mediocrity and dullness.

Release.

(John Hanlon in New York Times.)
When I walked clean of the prison wall, I found a brand-new world outside. I had forgotten that skies were wide.
When I was free from the prison cell, Things I had dreamed about came true—
Suns rose in crimson, gray twilights fell, Roadside forget-me-nots were blue.
Green of the meadow grass was glad, Gladder the green of the mountain, fir;
Life was so lovely that I felt sad For men who had never been prisoners.

Just Fun

"How stunning," remarked the caverwoman, as her boy-friend wooed her with a club.

EVERYTHING is higher these days—even blood pressure.

It would be interesting, says George Piers, to know what a mouse, hard pressed for refuge, would do if he met a girl wearing a modern skirt and escorted by a male wearing those Oxford bags.

SOME of those people who claim to belong to the "400" are merely one of the diphtheries.

NO WOMAN ever won a bridge prize that was as good as the one she gave at her party.

WORDS THAT DON'T MEAN ANYTHING.

Nothing.
Prohibition.
"I am pleased to meet you."
Sale Price.
Stop, Look, and Listen!
"I will serve the people to the best of my ability."
Weather forecast for tomorrow.
"Come again, soon."
"I will pay you Saturday sure."
Love, honor, and obey.
Miss America.
"Till death do us part!"

LOTS of folks work hard for a living, but get only an existence.

LITTLE boys lead a hard life. They get spanked for saying the things their father says.

IF ALL the salesmen in the world were placed end to end they would form a smooth line.

MAYBE the "sleazy truth" is that way because her only dress got ruined when she was crushed to earth.

IF THE Chicago physician is correct in saying few women are color blind, how is it some of them are healthy higher up on one cheek than the other?

DAD may be careless about his nails and hair, but otherwise he doesn't suffer for want of trimming.

A GOOD EXCUSE.
TEACHER: Johnny, what do you mean by coming to school like that? Your hair is disgraced!
Johnny: No comb, mss.
Teacher: Can't you use your father's comb?
Johnny: No hair, mss.

NO MAN ever acquires polish by rubbing the wrong way.

TWO things we would like to see: "The nigger in the woodpile," or "the pig in the poke."

OUR idea of a hard job would be to sell buggy whips in Detroit.

"The man whose face is long and grim
Will have few friends to cling to him;
While his whose face is wreathed in smiles
Will have friends tagging him for miles."

NOTHING discourages a father more than having a son who does the things he did when he was young.

CLEAN MINDS.
JONES: For a while Williams was clean out of his mind about that girl.
Smith: And now?
Jones: Oh, now the girl is clean out of his mind.

Who's Who IN THE DAY'S NEWS

MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT: "INDEFATIGABLE" is the word used by her friends to describe Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. Inactively appears to be the one thing she dreads most, for again she is taking part in women's affairs, although physicians have urged upon her the necessity of avoiding a strenuous life.

After a severe illness in 1910, she was ordered to take a complete rest. What she did was "travel around the world studying the condition of women in the various countries. When she returned she plunged anew into the fight for a woman's suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. She gave a large share of the credit for the strategic leadership which won approval for the amendment in a major-ity of the state legislature in the face of bitter opposition.

That battle won, she went into retirement, but not for long. Responding to the call of the International suffrage movement, she occupied her until her health forced her to retire.

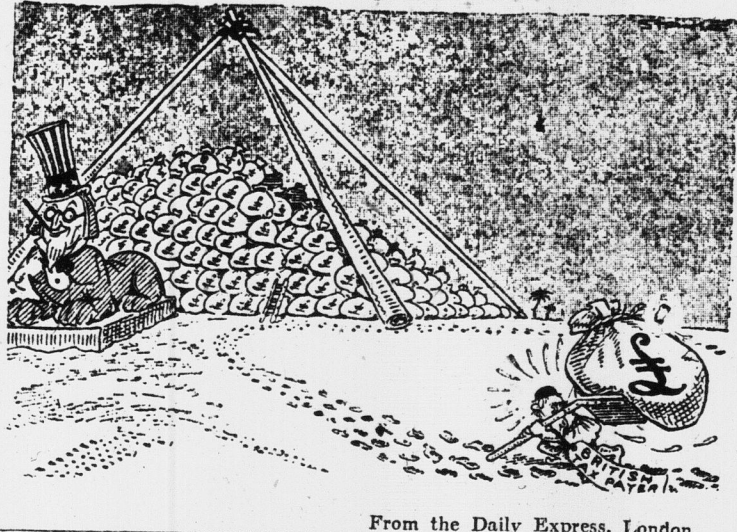
Now she is back in the public eye.

Mrs. Catt is a woman of a world's reputation. She is one of America's most enthusiastic supporters of the association of nations idea and believes that women can force the great nations to disarm and settle their differences by arbitration.

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The Modern Pyramid Builder



From the Daily Express, London.

Poems That Live

CONCORD HYMN.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
All the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On the green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When like our sons, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THE NEGLECTED OCEAN.

IT IS BECOMING common for this man and that, scientist or what-not, to say that if man were to utilize to the utmost the powers of nature, lying neglected in his lap, two hours would constitute a day's work. And it's true.

Marking may still confess, with Newton, that we are but as children playing on the seashore, and gathering shells and there a prettier shell or a more delicate treasure than usual, while the great ocean of truth lies all undiscovered before us.

There is no single substance, the full uses and properties of which are yet known to us; we must labor from could but avail ourselves more fully of the properties of matter and the forces of nature, it is probable that an hour could better and more efficiently than a day be given to the cultivation of the mind.

THE time will come, it can be seen, when heat of the sun and tides of the ocean will run off motors, and food will be manufactured synthetically better and more efficiently than it can be grown.

A thousand, a million discoveries, he before us, under our very eyes. Who again, this time as a lecturer in behalf of world peace. She is one of America's most enthusiastic supporters of the association of nations idea and believes that women can force the great nations to disarm and settle their differences by arbitration.

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Sharpe's Opp. Oak Hall WEEKLY

Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

THE Royal Bank Building on King street, occupied by Brock & Paterson and others, was badly gutted by fire. The loss was set at \$150,000, with insurance of about \$110,000.

THE amount collected for the Y. M. C. A. building fund was announced as \$28,000.

THE treasury board announced that a saving to the city of \$200 per annum had been effected by the replacing of \$25,000 insurance on Nos. 4 and 5 sheds.

Other Views

TURKEY'S OPPORTUNITY.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)
The telephone, somebody has pointed out, is 50 years old. It is hard for some of us to believe, those of us who can recall when there was no telephone or when it was regarded merely as a toy and not worthy of the serious attention of serious people. If anybody far off either—had told us that we would live to see the day when the telephone would be both a business and a household necessity, how we would have laughed! And as we think of what the telephone has become, and of other inventions and discoveries we have lived to see, we begin to lose our capacity for wonder at anything new that is introduced or promised.

TURKEY'S OPPORTUNITY.
(London Morning Post.)
Although the Turkish government attempted to influence public opinion in this country, with the aid of a section of the British press, in respect to the question of Mosul, the British government has condemned that infringement of the rule of international comity, and expressed its willingness to give every consideration to the requirements of the Turkish government. That government cannot hope to receive a similar offer from any other nation, for no other nation can command the requisite resources, with the exception of the United States, which is nothing for Turkey. Great Britain, however, in her dealings with Turkey, can rely upon the support of both France and Italy; and the worth of the friendship of the three most powerful nations in Europe is hardly to be despised.

REMEDY THE EVILS.
(Stratford Beacon-Herald.)
The multiplication of groups may make for greater independence, but it certainly does not make for stability of government. The spirit of independence, to call it by one name, or of faction, to call it by another, may be carried so far that government will be impossible. That may be seen from the condition of some of the countries

of Europe, where, owing largely to factional division, parliamentary government has broken down, temporarily at least, and has given way to dictatorships. The remedy for the evils of the two-party system is to remove them rather than to abolish the system. The task is not an easy one, because the bulk of the people seem to be affected by the same influences which have placed the old parties where they are. What this country needs is a higher conception of national unity and responsibility, and this can not be secured by the promotion of factional divisions and the over-emphasizing of sectional interests. The two-party system has enabled democracy to function during some of the most difficult periods of the past. There is no reason to doubt that under favorable conditions it will still be able to prove its usefulness.

BAD BUSINESS.
BURGLAR (about to give his son a thrashing): Mind you, I am not looking you so much for stealing the jam as I am for being so careless about leaving your fingerprints on the shelf and doors.

"WHEN this hand of mine gets well shall I be able to play the banjo?" the patient asked the doctor. "Certainly," "Thanks!" he replied. "You're a wonder. I never could before."

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