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A QUESTION OF VALUES

In the police court last week a man was fined fifty dollars or six months in jail for drunkenness, but was permitted to depart with the understanding that he would leave the city. A few days later he was in court once more, charged with the same offence.

There are many miserable and worthless wretches in St. John who drink to excess, and are a burden either upon their relatives or upon the community. They ought not to be either miserable or worthless, but pulling their weight in the boat.

When will the people insist that a prison farm be provided, where these human failures may be given a fair opportunity to redeem themselves, or at least may be kept in a state of sobriety and industry?

A TORY ROASIS BORDEN

The Toronto World is a Conservative journal, but it has no patience with Mr. Borden's conduct in regard to the navy. The World did not think Sir Wilfrid Laurier went far enough, but "it was at any rate a beginning."

The situation in which Canada finds herself at present is little short of disgraceful. The national cheque is being overdrawn; the country is increasing daily in wealth and productive power. She is more than able to bear her share of the burden of imperial defence.

"Why, I understood Mr. Cloe is full of generosity?" "Probably. None ever came out."—Boston Record.

Symptoms Are Warnings To Wise Men The publication of the prescription of a famed physician would prove fruitless to hundreds of men if unable to recognize the necessity for its use.

Hon. George F. Graham yesterday convicted the Borden government of a deliberate attempt to deceive the people of South Renfrew by issuing a "cooked" and untrue statement of the cost of the National Transcontinental. Mr. Graham was

also able to remark that the people of South Renfrew were not deceived, for they defeated the Borden candidate.

The Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association approves of the proposed system of state loans to farmers. What will Mr. Fleming do about it?

A man who was an interdict, and known to be such, was supplied with liquor until he became helplessly intoxicated, in a field some distance from the city, and was left there by his companions. Death ensued, and an intelligent jury has decided that he "died from exposure." Is that all?

The opposition of the Unionists to the minimum wage bill was much less formidable than was yesterday anticipated. The Unionists are not anxious to defeat the Asquith government on this issue, for they have no scheme of their own to propose for the settlement of the coal strike, and would prefer to have the question out of the way before being called on to assume the reins of power.

Hon. Mr. Murray, like other speakers on the government side, appears to labor under the delusion that it is the government which went out in 1908 that is on trial, instead of the aggregation of talent led by Mr. Fleming. But it is the Fleming government that is producing deficits, increasing the debt, exhausting the timber resources and rolling up a greater expenditure than has been. It is the Fleming government that does not want the people to know the details of expenditures and has therefore discovered the device known as "various persons."

An exchange gives the following interesting account of what has resulted from the formation of what is called the City Gardens Association of Chicago:—"Some time since some philanthropic Chicago people began the effort to have unused land in the city devoted to the temporary use of poor families for gardens and many owners have freely loaned the land for such use. There has been a steadily increasing demand and the movement has made a very considerable headway. Some of the users pay a small rental but those who are not well able to do so are granted the use of the land without rent. Each garden consists of one-sixth of an acre and returns in garden produce received by the users have averaged to be about \$25 in value, which is a very considerable aid in these days of high prices."

A striking illustration of the fact that the millennium is still in the distant future comes from Ontario, where the Associated Charities of Toronto, Hamilton and London will co-operate to compel children to support their aged parents wherever possible and prevent them from becoming a burden on the city or government institutions. It is found, says the Toronto World, that many parents are squeezed into the charitable institutions by their children when the latter are quite capable of helping to support them. The Associated Charities think that, in justice to these people and in justice to the institutions, these children should be made to pay part or all for their parents' keep.

"In Quebec," said a member of the Toronto committee, "there is an act to compel children to maintain their parents, but in Ontario we have none."

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(Florence Randal Livesey in March Canada Monthly.) This is mine anguish—long I lured men's soul Into abyssal torments of mine eyes. They saw my falshness clear of all disguise, And yet sped to me over living coals.

Oh silvery sheen'd Butters! Till the breath Of one most merciful my penance ends Your mighty struggle all my being rends; Yet must I beckon—I, who am Soul's Death

IN LIGHTER VEIN THE GOAT. Migs—Your wife doesn't seem to like me. Riggs—Naturally! You're the man I always lay the blame on when I am detained downtown evenings—Boston Transcript.

COURAGEOUS MAN. Heck—Jenkins is getting married again. Should I send him another wedding present? Peck—Certainly! Would you let bravery go unrewarded?—Boston Transcript.

ON DEAR OLD BROADWAY. "Polonia was a very wise man. Just consider his advice to his son." "Reads all right. But would a really wise man attempt to tell his son anything?" Louisville Courier-Journal.

BUT ONE. Rjones—"Don't you think a talkative woman is more popular with the men than any other kind?" Hemepeka—"What other kind is there?"—Philadelphia Record.

MAKING PROGRESS. "Beginning to feel somewhat at home in society?" "Yes, indeed," answered Mr. Nuritch. "At the dinner last evening I even ventured emit a small exclamation." (From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)

WHY HE NEEDED THE MONEY. Little Elmer—"Papa, give me some money." Papa—"Why do you want money, Elmer?" Little Elmer—"Well, suppose a robber was to stop me and say, 'Your money or your life, and I had'n't any money!'"

THOUGHT IT SUFFICIENT. Prospective Boarder—"What system of heating do you use?" Landlady—"The solar system; the sun shines in the front windows three hours every day."—Boston Transcript.

NOTHING WONDERFUL. Larry—"I like Professor Whattishnam in Shakespeare. He brings things home to you that you never saw before." Harry—"Huh! I've got a laundryman as good as that."—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

WISE CLERK. Grocer—"What are you doing there?" Clerk—"Mr. Jones had ordered a bushel of potatoes, and I'm looking him up in Braintree."—Boston Transcript.

A GROWING BUSINESS. Hartland Advertiser—"During the last four months an average of twenty to thirty cars of hay have been shipped from Victoria and Carleton counties, and during the last few weeks shipments have been anywhere between fifty to eighty cars daily. Many cars of manufactured lumber go out each day, and the grain and potato shipments increase amazingly from year to year."

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