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A MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

The late Controller James Davidson, of Ottawa, whose early death has caused universal sorrow in that city, was a strong advocate of children's playgrounds, and Mayor Hopewell has proposed that the civic memorial to him take the form of a civic playground. The mayor names a field and suggests that it be levelled and converted into a recreation place. The Ottawa Journal heartily endorses the proposal, and tells the following interesting story of Mr. Davidson's efforts to secure for the children of the capital open spaces dedicated to play.

"A very few years ago Mr. Davidson evolved a scheme for the purchase of a number of civic playgrounds. Unfortunately, this scheme was submitted to the rate-payers coupled with a number of other demands for large expenditures, and Ottawa indiscriminately defeated them all. Some of the propositions, notably the publicity one, then defeated, has since carried. Certain lands which Mr. Davidson then proposed to buy for a sum under \$100,000 have in the few years since much more than doubled in value. Ottawa, it would seem, was mighty unfortunate in the defeat of Mr. Davidson's playground scheme."

The Journal believes that if the people had to vote again on the scheme they would endorse it, and it urges that the citizens subscribe \$15,000 and carry out the suggestion of Mayor Hopewell for the Davidson Civic Playground as a memorial.

FIXING THE TARIFF

The Montreal Witness is not surprised that the Manufacturers' Association were told by President Rowley that it would be ill-advised to ask for a "material" increase in the tariff. The Association may gain its ends without making any observations that might have a tendency to alarm the consumer and arouse opposition. The tariff commission's the thing. We quote from the Witness:

"There is a new and patent way both in the United States and here, and that is a permanent tariff commission, whose business it is intelligently to study the conditions of each industry and prescribe just what it needs to secure it the market. It is of course consists of confirmed protectionists. That was the sort of machinery that lowered the United States tariffs upon everything that mattered."

"Lowering the tariff upward" is an apt phrase. It states the case for the advocates of tariff commission "with at least some approach to accuracy. However, the manufacturers and great financial interests are in the saddle, and the people who placed them there cannot reasonably complain of the results.

THE GROWTH OF MCGILL

McGill University continues to grow as a great educational institution of which all Canada is proud. Registrar Nicholson reports that this year 345 medical students are enrolled, compared with 310 last year. It is stated that the numbers in arts and applied science are practically the same as last year, but these numbers will be considerably increased by the later arrivals, to join these faculties. There are 450 in arts and 550 in applied science. Sixty-three as against sixty for last year represents the increase in the faculty of law.

"Macdonald College, which is a part of the university, also shows many increases. In agriculture there are 197; in the school for teachers 150, of which three are men; in household science, 110, making a total of 457. The Conservatorium of Music, over which Dr. Perrin presides, is also in a flourishing condition, as regards numbers. The attendance in accountancy, commercial law, and political economy totals 150, of whom a dozen students are in the first year in the school of commerce. These evening lectures are regarded as a part of the course for the school of commerce."

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT

Conservative papers down this way printed with great glee a story which first appeared in the Ottawa Journal, to the effect that Hon. Dr. Papsley had departed of an island above Ottawa to Mr. D. O'Connor of that city, at a very low price, giving him the key to a valuable power situation; and that Hon. Mr. Monk had ordered that nothing be done till he looked into it.

An Ottawa despatch to the Globe yesterday said:

"The statement that Mr. Monk blocked the sale of an island in the Ottawa River to Mr. O'Connor, of Ottawa, is understood to be incorrect. The property was not an island but a divided timber slide and the transfer has been completed."

How would it do for the papers which rejoice that we have at last an honest government at Ottawa to give their readers the truth?

A KAFFIR EXAMPLE

While Christian nations are converting the Kaffirs in Africa they might learn something of value from these benighted people. For example, we read in a South African journal:

"All travellers and magistrates testify to the unbounded kindness to children shown by the Kaffirs in their own kraals. Such a thing as a deserted Kaffir child is unknown, and the older people put up with all the little annoyances of children with exemplary good humor. Actual

cruelty to Kaffir children is practically unknown."

That is to say, they do not need children's Aid Societies and other agencies to protect children from the brutality of parents or the indifference of society. There are parents in St. John, who do not come up to the Kaffir standard of kindness to their children.

Looking over the situation in Ontario, where the provincial elections are to be held in December, and where the Conservatives so lately swept the province, the Montreal Witness urges the Liberals to adopt prohibition, as opposed to the Whitney three-fifths clause, as their rallying cry in the campaign.

A GREAT WELCOME WAS GIVEN TO MRS. BOOTH

Opening of Salvation Army Congress in Toronto Occasion for an Enthusiastic Demonstration

No demonstration of any character ever given in Massey Hall, Toronto, surpassed the welcome extended to Mrs. Bramwell Booth by members and admirers of the Salvation Army on Wednesday night. With the auditorium crowded to its doors, 3,200 people rising, waving handkerchiefs and flags and cheering, the bandmen making a deafening din with instruments, assuredly the distinguished woman Salvationist from England and chief social worker among women in the army was given a unique reception.

And when she had thanked the audience for the genial warmth manifested, the noise broke out again, not to subside until after some minutes had elapsed.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific were gathered delegates to the 25th annual Congress of the Salvation Army, and many were the illuminated addresses of welcome read in honor of the noted visitor from the Old Country on her first visit to Canada.

The monster demonstration took the form of a pageant conducted by 300 persons. There was trooping the colors, flags of variegated colors, showing the many countries in which the Salvation Army is carrying on its work. The performers, who marched from the rear of the hall, up the centre aisle to the platform, were attired in costumes symbolic of the character of the work done and the people amongst whom the army labors. It was a kaleidoscopic scene, spectacular and full of interest.

Mrs. Booth's address was brief. She did not delve deeply into the work of the army, but made a strong appeal for members, especially for officers to invade the foreign fields. Her voice was clear and could be heard in all parts of the hall. During her speech she announced that General Booth would likely visit Canada next spring.

"It was Canada that found out first, except for the mother land, what a great enterprise the Salvation Army is," she said, amid cheers. "The Salvation Army in all its essential features follows Christ. The army's principles are the principles laid down by Christ. The Salvation Army is the friend of the lost, the hopeless, the forgotten." She referred briefly to the work of the great organization in foreign parts. In 50 countries the army now labored. The work of opportunity was widening in China and Italy. Fourteen years ago General Booth could not get even a room in a hotel in Rome, and this year he was received with the utmost enthusiasm. China, too, indicated that the way was being prepared for the entrance of the army.

Mrs. Booth also spoke of the wonderful improvements of the Salvation Army shelters. There was now accommodation for 30,000 outcasts, managed by the Anti-Social Bureau, with headquarters in London. Commissioner D. Rees acted as chairman of the assemblage.

NEW MINISTER TO CUBA.



Mr. A. M. Beaupre, United States Minister to Cuba, arrived in New York from Rotterdam a few days ago, accompanied by Mrs. Beaupre. Mr. Beaupre has just completed a service of three and one-half years as Minister to Holland, and he said that it was with great regret that he left his post there.

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THE EARLY FROST

In all the still woods silence reigns; No ripple on the frozen edge Of pond or brooklet, save the stir Of winds among the stiffened hedge.

And here, where once the squirrels raced And myriad birds gave forth their notes The heart leaps forth in glad response That one call on the chill air floats.

Cold hand of winter, at thy touch The old earth shudders and lies still Yet not as strong or stern the grasp But what the birds dispute they will.

Through storm and icy days they not Their cherry calls sound out that earth Her promised grace may not forget.

Sleep on, old Earth, October's frosts Are earnest of the winter's reign But with each bird note through the wilds The summer calls, "I come again!"

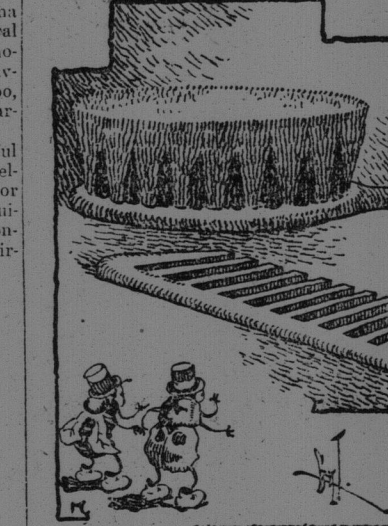
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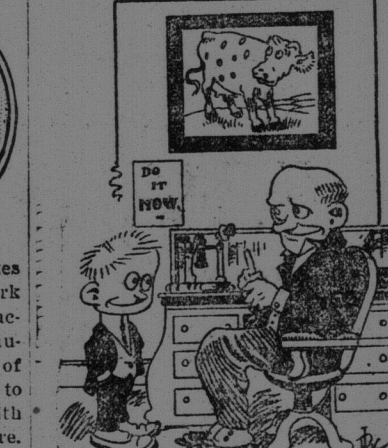
STRUCK IT RIGHT
Tramp—You haven't a quarter about you, sir?
Visitor—How did you find that out? I thought nobody knew I was broke.



SORRY HE SPOKE.
He—'I'd like to sing, awfully.
She—You do.



MINIATURE CYCLONE
Willie—'Bug—Wow! would you look at that! There must have been a cyclone to blow down that picket fence.



A GOOD REMEDY
Boy—Mr. Quinn, can I get off this afternoon? My grandfather's dead.
Mr. Quinn—I don't see how with your suit and you can afford to go to see so many ball games.

Boy—That's right. I can't either. I ought to have more salary.

A HAPPY THOUGHT
"How do you sleep these nights?"
"Much better since I got into the habit of leaving my dollar watch out in the hall on the hatter's."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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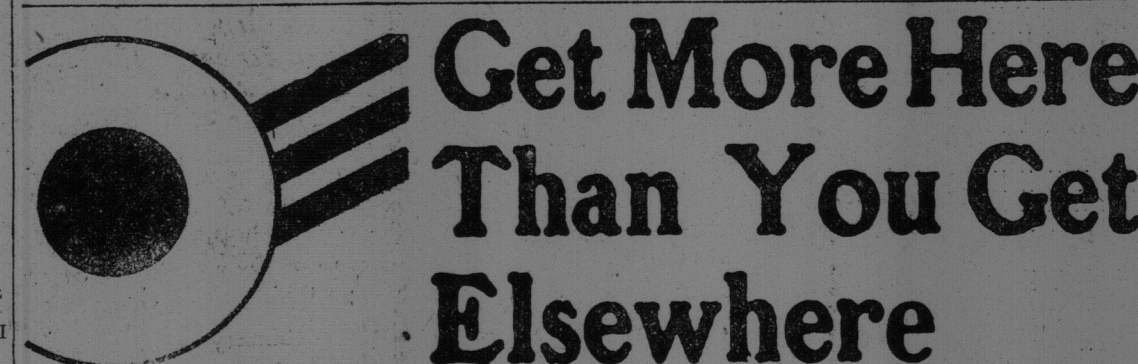
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(W. J. Lampton, in New York Times).
Down by the wild, tempestuous sea I sat and wondered why The winds that blew Across the blue Should raise the waves so high.

I asked the seagulls if they could Some proper reason find; "Unner, you see," They said, "the sea Ain't solid with the wind."

I thought their answer should be right Because they knew the sea, And yet I knew, Although 'twas new, That they were gulling me.

Then spoke the wind: "I make the sea As heavy as I dare Because it weighs, By natural ways, A great deal more than air."

"You're blowing now," I said, and left The place whereon I sat; I do not like To hear what's like A notion such as that.

I sought my looks, "The wind," they said, "Is to the waves thus kind, Because it sees The bustled sea's Too poor to raise the wind." Best

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