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IS THE EXPENSE OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL JUSTLY APPORTIONED?

It will not be denied that the expense of the general hospital should be justly apportioned among those entitled to pay for its erection and maintenance. At present the cost of maintenance is borne by the city of London, the county of Middlesex, the Government of the Province and by paying patients.

London is the centre of Western Ontario, and is the place where the Medical School is located. Here also are two splendid hospitals, which during the past ten years have been greatly enlarged, and with the enlargement has come considerable extra expense. The cost to the city of London of the general hospital has been multiplied nearly five times in a period of ten years. This rapid increase is not fair to the ratepayers of London. It is admitted that the trustees desire to do the very best that can possibly be done, but why should the cost be borne by the ratepayers of London multiply five times while the increase to each of the other partners is only a small fraction of this rate? What is the practical question which the trust should apply itself to solve? The chairman is an excellent businessman, and he has capable colleagues. He and they will recognize at once the nature of this question. Are they maintaining evenly and justly the proportion each partner should pay? The Government grant is an annual one, based on the number of patients. The ratio between the county and city is fixed by agreement. The rates to be paid by private patients are fixed by the trust.

It may not be amiss to lay down some general rules which should be observed.

First of all, the rates for private patients should be fixed at such sums as will enable the city to escape loss. There is no reason why the taxpayers of London should be out of pocket in supplying hospital accommodation to those able to pay.

Second, the method of determining who are county patients through all doubtful ones into the lap of the city. An order must come to the hospital from some authorized county official before the patient is admitted. Many of the poor patients have no more right to claim the city as their home than the county, yet in practice wherever there is doubt the city must foot the bill. Would it not be fair to apportion such according to population between the city and county?

Third, the county gets its share of the benefit of the Government grant and should do so if it bears a just share of the maintenance. The county may reply that many patients are taken in for whom they do not and will not give orders. This is true. Many of them belong neither to the city nor county. They are attracted here by the hospital and their need of it. They cannot be turned away. The Government grant should be made to apply first to all poor patients who do not rightfully belong to either the city or county.

Fourth, the financial burden of the hospital should be borne by the city only so far as it applies to poor patients belonging to London.

If these rules are worked out, and the trustees are quite competent to work them out, the result will be appreciated by the taxpayers of the city, and no injustice will be done to the other paying partners.

The general hospital is worthy of much praise, and the suggestions made are for the purpose of pointing out the lines along which action should be taken by the trust to cause the expense to be fairly apportioned. It looks as though the two principal errors made were: First, that paying patients do not pay enough; second, that what may be called unclassified poor patients are all thrown on the mercy of the city when the county and the Government have quite as much right to pay as the city has.

SOUND TRUTHS FOR AMERICAN EARS.

In the course of his preliminary remarks at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday, Principal Falconer referred to the fact that at the New York Chamber of Commerce banquet the previous night, Canada was the dominant theme. This is significant as showing the emergence of Canada in the past ten years from comparative obscurity into international prominence. Our neighbors are no longer indifferent to the nation which is growing up alongside them.

It is also noteworthy that the speeches of the evening were made by two Canadians—one a former member

of the Dominion cabinet, Hon. Clifford Sifton, and the other, Mr. Byron Walker, a leader in Canadian financial life. No men were better qualified to discuss Canada's progress and development. A third leading speaker, Mr. James J. Hill, the railway magnate, was also Canadian-born.

The merchant princes of the American metropolis were told some wholesome truths. Both Mr. Sifton and Mr. Walker vividly pictured the early struggles of the scattered British North American provinces and their progress since confederation. But it was when they referred to the trade relations between this country and the United States that they were most effective, and their telling points in this connection were generously applauded.

Mr. Sifton pointed out that the natural course of development lay in trade and transportation communications with the republic. But Canada was refused liberal treatment by her neighbor, and her only alternative was to learn to depend upon herself, to connect the scattered territories by effective lines of transportation, to build up a home market by selling vacant lands, to exploit her own resources and to find markets in other countries for her surplus products. The result of this struggle against geographical difficulties and hostile tariffs is seen in the increase in railway mileage of from 2,987 miles at confederation to 23,425 miles today, with about 4,000 miles in course of construction; the settling of the Canadian West, nearly 400,000 agriculturists having come over from the United States during the past ten years; the development of the other provinces; the increase in Canadian foreign trade from \$121,027,532 in 1868 to \$650,795,131 in 1908, and vast expansion in every department of trade and commerce.

Mr. Sifton nicely described the position when he said:

"We have no right to complain because you erect a high tariff, nearly double as high as ours, for the purpose of excluding our goods; similarly you have no right to complain if Canada frames her tariff to suit herself, grants a preference to Great Britain, makes a commercial treaty with France, or, for her own advantage, gives any other country special treatment in which you do not participate. These are matters in which each country has a perfect right to settle its own affairs."

The whole question is purely one of business, and Mr. Sifton sees no reason why either country should entertain the idea of retaliation.

Mr. Walker, dealing with the one-sided trading relations between Canada and the United States, bluntly told his hearers that "if you do not open your doors a little more liberally to us, so that we can more nearly pay you in goods instead of always drawing on London for the purchase price of what she has bought from us in order to pay you, you will leave us no alternative but to keep up our tariff walls until we can create at home almost every manufactured thing you sell us on the one hand, while, on the other, we seek trade preferably with any nation which takes pay in goods, so as to lessen our payment of actual money to you."

Mr. Walker compared the Canadian and United States banking systems. There are about 17,000 individual banks in the United States, but Canada has only 30, with 1,900 branches. These banks are trusted to manage their own reserves, to issue credit notes, to hold Government deposits, and to open branches even in foreign countries, thereby developing a great international force in the finances and trade of the country.

Mr. Hill's speech was an eloquent plea for absolute freedom of trade between the two neighboring countries.

CANDID ADVICE FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

The Kingston Standard, Conservative, canvasses the question of a change of leadership and of election methods in the Conservative party.

"It is very clear," says the Standard, "that when the Conservative party goes into the next campaign it must go in prepared to wage other than a campaign of slander. It is very clear, also, that when it goes in again to fight for the people it must in fact fight for the people and not make an appeal, or not permit an appeal to be made for it, that will in effect stir up racial and religious prejudices and tend, unintentionally it may be, but none the less certainly, to align class against class, creed against creed, and race against race. The appeal must be a broader, a more tolerant and a more liberal appeal than this, and nothing can justify any other appeal—not even a narrow appeal by the other party."

This is candid and wholesome advice, and a very effective rebuke to some of the Toronto organs of the Conservative party. As to the leadership, the Standard does not flatter say that Mr. Borden should retire, but it hints that better material is available. It dismisses the claims of Sir Hibbert Tupper, pointing out that he was unable to secure a nomination in Vancouver, that he has been out of public life for some years, and that no stirring demand for him has come from any quarter. The Standard's choice is Sir James Whitney, whom it lauds to the skies. It names as his first lieutenant, Premier McBride, of British Columbia, in preference to Sir Hibbert. Even if Mr. Borden retired, the

Standard does not explain how Mr. Foster is to be elbowed aside by Mr. McBride. As for Sir James Whitney, his violence and recklessness of language would not improve the tone and temper of the House of Commons, or Canadian politics in general. The man responsible for the shameful Ontario gerrymander and the introduction of the spoils system, is not the one to lead the Conservative party on the career of reform to which it pretends to be pledged. Mr. Borden, at least, talks like a gentleman, and lends respectability to his party. His weakness is a lack of moral courage, as shown by his toleration of bad company.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was 67 years old yesterday. He will soon be in the "Grand Old Man" class.

The amount of building in progress in London is very gratifying. There are many factors making for the sound and steady growth of the city. The building activity is also a sign that the wave of general depression is passing.

La Verite, of Montreal, is disgusted with the election results, and asks "how the majority of the working classes, very often illiterate, can judge the value of the laws and policy of legislators and statesmen?" What fine old Tory doctrine!

The Ontario Government has done well to warn Cobalt promoters that their prospectuses must conform to facts, or the law will be invoked. The Government would have done better if it had taken action before thousands of investors were bitten.

Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton have erected consumption hospitals, and Brantford is about to do so. In London we are squabbling over the matter. The Ontario Government should say what it intends to do, and say it at once. The present situation is a disgrace.

Mr. Rockefeller is attempting to ward off public condemnation by assuming a bantering air in the witness box, and chaffing the reporters. His monopoly and his fortune were built up, and his rivals were crushed, by unjust practices. He professes not to recollect certain incidents in the history of the oil trust, but this failure of memory is not consistent with the mind that created such an organization.

The choice of Mr. Mackenzie King as Canada's representative at the anti-opium conference in China, is a logical one. The opium industry has grown to dangerous proportions in British Columbia, and Mr. King's report led to the suppression of the business, which had ramified over the country. The discovery of scores of empty opium tins in a store in this city vacated by a Chinaman, formed part of the evidence which decided the Government to stamp out the evil.

SURE DEATH TO MOTHS.

(Argonaut.)
There was a suburban lady whose house one summer was quite overrun with moths. A tramp told her that in return for a square meal he would give her an infallible moth cure. She set a square meal before the tramp, he devoured it and then said:

"All we need to do, ma'am, is to hang your moth-filled clothes and carpets and things on a line and beat 'em with a stick. Good-bye to yer moths then."

"Will it kill them?" asked the lady.

"Yes, if ye hit 'em," said the tramp.

CHILDREN AND THE FACTORY.

(London Co-operative News.)
It seems strange that no attempt has yet been made in any country to found a factory system without calling upon mere children to pay the biggest sacrifice in life and limb. It was the same in England at the beginning—children of eight years of age were sent into the mills during the first thirty-five years of the nineteenth century. It was the same in the northern states of America. It is the same today in the Southern States. It is the same in Japan—the world's latest recruit to the factory system. And so it is the same in India.

SURE WAY TO TELL.

(Bohemian.)
Teacher—Johnny, can you inform the class as to how the age of a chicken is determined?
Johnny—Yes'm. By the teeth.
Teacher—Why, Johnny, chickens have no teeth.
Johnny—No'm. But we have.

MATTER OF HEIGHT.

(Philadelphia Record.)
Chief of Detectives—Now, give us a description of your missing cashier. How tall was he?
Businessman—I don't know how tall he was. What worries me is that he was \$25,000 short.

HELPLESS.

(Megendorfer Blätter.)
"Who is that singing so dreadfully out of tune?"
"It is my wife."
"Perhaps the accompanist plays out of tune."
"She is accompanist herself."

THE THREE KNIGHTS FROM ATHELSTANE.

(Montreal Star.)
An interesting fact in connection with the knighting of Mr. Hugh Graham in the County of Huntingdon, has now given to Canada three sons who have, through their force and ability, gained the honor of knighthood at the hands of their sovereign. Sir John Rose, Sir William Hingston and Sir Hugh Graham, were all born near this little village with the name that recalls the England of Saxon days. Athelstane has reason to be proud of her sons.

THE COMBINES.

(Toronto Star.)
One of the difficulties that occur in the attempt to expose the operations of the combines is the timidity of those who suffer. They would rather submit to injustice than run the risk of being frozen out of business altogether. This is a reason why the Government and Parliament should come to their aid

and deprive the combines of their coercive power. If the fear of losing the protection of the tariff were constantly before their minds they would give up their attempts to exercise the power of taxing the community and disciplining the dealers.

HIS WEIGHT.

(Judge.)
Fat Fellow—When I weigh 300 I'll stop.
Lean Lad—Stop what—eating?
Fat Fellow—No; getting weighed.

HIS TROUBLE.

(Philadelphia Press.)
"Poor Borroughs! He's worrying a great deal about debts."
"Nonsense! You'll never catch him worrying about his inability to pay his debts."
"I didn't say he was worrying about any old debts he couldn't pay, but about new ones he can't contract."

A DANGEROUS GAME.

(Wasp.)
Two foreigners were watching their first game of baseball the other day. "Dot was a dancherous game, yah?" said the German.
"Dot must be, Monsieur," replied the Frenchman, "ly, even dot is a very a muzzie to keep him from biting ze people."

JUSTIFIED.

(New York Sun.)
Knicker—Did you offer her your seat?
Bocker—What's the use? What she needed was a hatrack.

THE MAN'S THE THING.

(Toronto Star.)
It may soon be Sir Rodolphe Lemieux. And yet, as Burns says, "he rank as the postage stamp, the man's the man for a' that."

SOMETHING BETTER AT HOME.

(Kingston Standard.)
The Bishop of Stephen did well to refuse the offer of the Bishopric of Montreal, which carried with it a salary of \$4,000 a year. As Archbishop of York he will receive a salary of \$5,000 a year and will rank as third peer of the realm outside of the royal family. This is a pretty billet for a man only 44 years old.

TRADES OF AN INDIAN TOWN.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)
"When I was last in India," said a traveller, "they were taking the census. The returns were most remarkable."
"In the Allahabad census 35 citizens described themselves as 'men who rob by threats of violence.' There were 238 'rattlers for gain.' There were 23 hereditary thieves. There were 29 howlers at funerals. There were 16 'ear cleaners.' There were 26 'bankers' and 22 'crawlers for idols.' There were 14 hereditary painters of horses with spots. There were nine 'professional false witnesses.'"

A PARTISAN.

(Washington Star.)
Lieutenant-Governor Thorne of Kentucky tells this story:
"The boys of the town of Depue were celebrating Governor Bradley's victory in 1905, during a big procession, in which hundreds of men, boys and womenfolk were marching, cheering and blowing horns, a young girl claimed that, while standing on her front porch, which was almost covered with vines and foliage of different kinds, she was repeatedly hugged and kissed by a young man whom she hardly knew. A warrant was sworn out for her assault."

At the trial Judge Carroll, who was denouncing the young man, cross-examined the prosecuting witness.
"What night was this?" thundered Carroll.
"Thursday night," answered the witness.

"Thursday night, you say? What time?"
"About eight o'clock."

"That was about the time the parade was passing your house?"

"Yes, sir. The parade was just passing my house."

"Streets full of people?"

"Yes, sir; the streets were full of people."

"Did you cry out or scream?"

"No, sir, I did not."

"Will you please tell this jury," asked Carroll, with rising voice, "with the stick thrusting with people and this man hugging and kissing you against your will, as you claim, why you never uttered a single cry for help or assistance?"

"Yes, sir, I will tell the jury; and everybody else, that you'll never catch me hollerin' at no Republican gathering."

ANNUAL "AT HOME" OF TRAVELLERS' CLUB.

Pleasant Time Spent by Drummers and Their Friends Last Night.

The annual "At Home" of the Travellers' Club was held last evening in the clubrooms with a large attendance of members and guests.

The first part of the evening was spent in cards and afterwards a fine programme was given, in which several performers from Bennett's, including Edgar Allen, Charles Sweet, and others, took part.

President J. S. Townsend was in charge of the evening and it was a very pleasant evening. Tony Cortese's orchestra rendered an excellent programme of music.

A PRESENTATION TO A POPULAR COUPLE.

Friends Honor Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Who Are Leaving for the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris are leaving for Calgary to reside. Mr. Harris having been appointed manager there for the Canada Cycle and Motor Company.

Last evening a few intimate friends gathered at the residence of Mr. Wm. Ashplant, 22 Stanley street, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Harris with a beautiful Christmas card as a small reminder of their London friends.

A short address, expressing regret at their departure, and good wishes for the future was read by Mr. Sam. Milroy, and the presentation made by Mr. Jack Connor. The surprise and pleasure of Mr. Harris was complete, but he managed to thank his friends in a few well-chosen words. Amongst the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stizaker, of Delhi, Ont.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" That Cures RHEUMATISM AND GOUT. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 2c.

The Hugh Reid bequest for a Wallace and Bruce memorial in Edinburgh now amounts to \$19,885, and \$4,205 for repairs. The money is invested in corporation stock.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Special Services Will Be Conducted—Stratford Minister Will Preach.

Sunday will mark the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and the day will be marked by special services. Rev. W. T. Cluff, of St. James' Church, Stratford, will be present, and will preach special sermons. The first pastor of St. John's Church, was Rev. Mr. Fowl, at that time also principal of Huron College. For the past eighteen years, however, the present rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, has been in charge, and under him the church has grown steadily, until now the congregation numbers 500. The property at present is worth more than \$30,000, and the church debt has been reduced to about \$3,000.

REALTY TRANSFERS ARE SATISFACTORY

Practically the Same This Year as During October of 1907.

The real estate transfers for the month of October are quite satisfactory, being larger than for the same month last year, although the value of the property sold is not so large.

The number of transfers was 97, assessed at \$70,390, the consideration being \$100,950. The assessed value was 69.7 per cent of the consideration. In October, 1907, there were 83 transfers, with an assessed value of \$77,397, the consideration being \$111,589.

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THE KING TO RECEIVE POSTMASTER-GENERAL

London, Nov. 20.—King Edward tomorrow will receive Hon. Mr. Lemieux and the Prince of Wales will dine the Canadian Postmaster-General, Leading Liberals are very much disappointed that Mr. Lemieux, acting upon advice, has withdrawn his acceptance of the invitation to a banquet of the National Liberal Club.

In the Commons Col. Seeley stated that the secretary to the imperial conference would not proceed to the overseas dominions to obtain general material for the next conference, as it would be unsatisfactory to some of the dominions. Lord Crewe, however, would be glad to see the secretary visit the dominions for any specific and particular purpose.

SIR WILFRID IS 67 YEARS OLD

Congratulatory Messages Pour in on the Canadian Premier.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Many congratulatory messages poured in on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning from all parts of Canada, it being the 67th anniversary of the date of his birth.

The congratulations included a number of cables from abroad. All the ministers at present in the city called at the Premier's offices and extended their congratulations.

Sir Wilfrid, accompanied by Lady Laurier, Dr. Prevost, and Miss Jones of Toronto, leaves this afternoon for the Liberal States, where he will enjoy a fortnight's respite from the cares of office.

NEWSY NOTES FROM WALLACEBURG

Two Society Weddings on Tapis—Doing Things at Roller Rink.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wallaceburg, Nov. 21.—Mr. Jack Doyle, of the Empire Hotel, is suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

The Baptist Church purpose holding their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 29. This event is always looked forward to as one of the most enjoyable of the many Christmas entertainments.

Dr. and Mrs. Thirld will shortly move to Alabama.

The engagement of Miss Ruby Gordon, daughter of Mr. D. A. Gordon, to Mr. Elin, of Detroit, is announced.

The wedding of Miss Grace Dunderdale, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunderdale, and Mr. Ray Thompson, will take place on Dec. 9.

Crown Attorney H. D. Smith was here yesterday on professional business.

The young men of the town will give a dance in the Stonehouse Auditorium next Wednesday evening. Fenzel's Orchestra, of Detroit, has been engaged for the occasion.

Dr. Russell, of Chatham, was here yesterday on professional business.

Mrs. Frank Certy received a message yesterday morning that her father was seriously ill at his home in Chatham.

W. D. McRae is suffering from a slight attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Thomas Watson is erecting a large brick house on his farm property.

The management of the roller rink gave a special programme last evening. A hockey match was played between the junior and senior teams. The band played special music. The rink was well filled with both skaters and on-lookers.

MOTHERS' CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting Held in the Wortley Road School—Interesting Address.

At a well-attended meeting of the Mothers' Club at Wortley road school last evening, business postponed from the last meeting was taken up.

The following ladies were elected to act as a programme committee: Messdames Arthur Yeo, Alex. Henderson, and E. McKim.

Mrs. Colin Smith was appointed press correspondent.

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liams gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Children's Diet," answering many questions asked by the ladies present.

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Church Bazar.

The ladies of Chalmers Church have been preparing a splendid variety of useful articles for their bazar, which will be held in the schoolroom of the church, corner of Waterloo and Grey streets, on Tuesday next, 24th inst., afternoon and evening. A large assortment of useful Christmas gifts, home-made cakes, etc., will be on hand, and will be sold at moderate prices in the booths.

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