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### THE LATE M. G. TEED, K. C.

Not only his fellow citizens in St. John, but friends throughout the province were deeply grieved yesterday to learn of the passing of Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C. During the years he has lived in St. John he has gained in ever-increasing degree the respect and esteem of the people. He was recognized as one of the ablest members of the Provincial Bar, and as one who would have adorned the Bench had opportunity come to him to serve in that high capacity. Regret was felt when it was announced that because of illness he had been compelled to abandon his trip with the Canadian judges and barristers to the old country, but no one dreamed his illness would have a fatal termination. He was never a man who sought publicity, but his worth was universally recognized in many capacities to the public. Mr. Teed and his family were among those upon whom the hand of the war fell heavily, and the loss of two promising sons was a source of the deepest sorrow. In this latest and greatest bereavement that has come to them the other members of the family have the very sincere sympathy of their fellow citizens. A man of high character, of eminent legal attainments, deeply interested in the cause of education, and a pillar of the church to which he belonged, the passing of Mr. Teed leaves a vacancy not easily filled.

### THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE.

Mr. John W. Davis, former American Ambassador in London, is the Democratic nominee for the presidency of the United States. It became evident before the session that the McAdoo and Smith forces were in deadly rivalry, and that neither of these candidates could count on the support of the followers of the other. It became necessary to eliminate not one but both of them before a majority could be secured for any candidate. When this became apparent, Smith and McAdoo were asked to release their delegates so that they might vote for some other candidate. The Smith party was the first to agree, but McAdoo held out as long as there was the slightest hope that the convention might swing in his direction. In the end he had to give way and the convention, weary of the long struggle between the two leaders, turned to Davis and made him the candidate. In so doing they made probably what was the best choice among all the names put in nomination. Mr. Davis is unquestionably stronger in the country than either McAdoo or Smith. He is a man of great ability and unblemished reputation. In Canada and in the Mother Country he is esteemed as an advocate of the most friendly relations between the United States and the British Empire. He is confronted, however, at the very outset, by the very serious task of bringing into harmony the warring elements in his own party.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS.

With regard to old age pensions, which a parliamentary committee has recommended for Canada, it is pointed out that the first measure of this nature was adopted by Denmark in 1891. New Zealand followed in 1898, France in 1905, Great Britain and Australia in 1909, and Belgium (a temporary system) in 1920. The Mathers Commission, which investigated the industrial situation in Canada in 1919, was sympathetic towards old age pensions and insurance. A committee of the House of Commons has now recommended the adoption of a system which would make persons seventy years of age eligible for a pension of twenty dollars a month, half to be paid by the Dominion and half by the provinces. Dealing with the objection that old age pension laws tend to pauperize people and make them shiftless, it is pointed out that after the law was in force in Great Britain it was found that while 270,000 people were in receipt of poor law relief there were 600,000, the vast majority of them in extreme poverty, who were too proud to accept what they regarded as charity. The report of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee will undoubtedly receive sympathetic consideration from the majority of the members of Parliament. The annual expenditure involved in carrying out the system would not be excessive, and the tendency of modern legislation is towards a more kindly recognition of the needs of those who are unable to fend for themselves.

### THE INDIFFERENT VOTER.

An American journal remarks that such a revival of faith in religious matters as the leading clergy are now seeking is what the country needs in regard to government and the representation of the people. It points out that the steadily growing indifference of the people to the kind of government they have is a menace to the public welfare. The indifference of voters is startling. We are told that only fifty per cent. of the total vote was polled in the presidential election in 1920. It had been steadily decreasing as follows: In 1896 the vote was eighty per cent.; in 1900, seventy per cent.; in 1904, sixty-six per cent.; in 1908, sixty-two per cent.; in 1912, fifty per cent. Obviously there is something wrong. People get as good or as bad government as they deserve. The reader of the news concerning the various party conventions might get the impression that there was tremendous public interest in the matter of the choice of a President, but the figures just quoted tell a different story. The noise is made by those who have an axe to grind, while the ordinary voter goes about his business either wholly indifferent or feeling that any activity or protest on his part would be useless. It is perhaps surprising that under such conditions the administration of affairs is not much worse than we find it to be.

### THE MULTI-MILLIONAIRES.

Sixty-seven persons in the United States last year reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue that they had received net incomes of a million dollars or more. The time is not so far distant when a man who possessed property or wealth of any kind to the value of a million dollars was regarded with wonder by his fellow citizens. That there are so many willing to admit today that they have an income of a million or more per year indicates the remarkable growth of opportunity to amass wealth, which has come with increased population and increased industrial and commercial activity. A list of the number of people who have an income ranging from a hundred thousand to a million dollars a year would be a very formidable one; and yet, while this is true, a vast inequality in the distribution of wealth continues. It is to the credit of many Americans of great wealth that they contribute large sums for the advancement of education, religion, science and public welfare generally; but it also remains true that far too many fail to recognize that great wealth is a public trust, involving a responsibility towards the community which made this wealth possible and enabled them, either by fair means or foul, to gather it unto themselves.

It is not surprising that the people of Japan should lose interest in the American missionary. He tells them of a hereafter where there will be no racial distinctions, but all will be the loving children of the same Father, and all supremely happy. The thoughtful Japanese naturally wonder why the Americans should want to associate with them in heaven when they put rigid exclusion acts in operation in this world. Of course, the Chinese might apply the same reasoning to the Japanese; but, as a matter of fact, the Chinese do not send missionaries to Japan. The situation brought about by the action of the United States cannot but have the effect of destroying to some extent the influence of the American missionary.

The Socialist Party in the United States has officially condemned the Ku Klux Klan. The party has also endorsed La Follette for the presidency. Neither of the old parties made any pronouncement regarding the Klan, nor has La Follette on his own behalf. The Klan is now a very formidable organization, scattered all over the country. If it should decide to support any particular candidate the religious issue would at once be injected into the campaign. This is a very good time to refrain from prophecy regarding the result of the struggle.

The United States Minister to Switzerland told the League of Nations Committee on Disarmament at Geneva, this week that his country is prepared to consider any proposals and welcome any draft convention for control of the traffic in arms and munitions which might be submitted to the American Congress with a fair prospect of ratification. This announcement will be received with general satisfaction, as a further indication that the United States does not consider itself committed to a policy of isolation.

After all the fuss and fury of a portion of the French press, Premier Herriot and Premier MacDonald at their Paris conference have come to an agreement regarding the matters to be discussed and decided at the Allied Conference in London. Both the British and the French Premier believe in direct personal conferences rather than long range negotiations, and the results appear to justify that policy.

### HOME INFLUENCE FIRST.

The revolting crime recently committed by two college youths of brilliant scholastic attainments has had the effect of bringing our modern civilization under critical review, says the Winnipeg Tribune. The tragedy, says the Los Angeles Times, in a very thoughtful editorial would not be worthy in itself of much consideration if it did not throw so vividly on the screen the need of something more than money and intellectual education in bringing up young citizens who shall be healthy both in body and mind.

Does money make its possessor more law-abiding? Does it make him a better man and a better citizen? Money better man and a better citizen? Money is like any other great power, such as fire or water. If misapplied it is a peril. "As proof," says the Tribune, "witness the list of suicides of millionaires' sons and daughters. Out of respect for the innocent we withhold many names which we know. Babson is surely right in his constant insistence that rich men and women do a wrong and dangerous thing to their sons and daughters in turning over to them the means of their wealth. They are not to be given as a reward for good or as a bad government as they deserve. The reader of the news concerning the various party conventions might get the impression that there was tremendous public interest in the matter of the choice of a President, but the figures just quoted tell a different story. The noise is made by those who have an axe to grind, while the ordinary voter goes about his business either wholly indifferent or feeling that any activity or protest on his part would be useless. It is perhaps surprising that under such conditions the administration of affairs is not much worse than we find it to be.

With respect to education, what does it mean to be "educated"? Nero was educated, but not in moral conscience or righteousness. "The supporters of our schools, colleges and universities," says the Times, "have a reason and a duty to ask the presidents and instructors in these institutions what they really mean by education. Chicago and the rest of the country are asking with a new emphasis, 'What sort of citizens are you going to train in your universities? Are you going to lay more stress on chemistry than on character?' What is wanted, the Times asserts, is schools that teach the essential worth of the human soul, and colleges that put first in importance conscience and character.

It is important to know what the student will do with the sharpened weapons of a trained intellect. Will he lead a noble career, or will he wreck a bank? But the responsibility does not wholly rest with the schools and colleges. The Los Angeles paper is putting the emphasis in the wrong place. The most potent influence in the life of a boy or girl is the home influence. The example of father and mother, the daily conversation round the meal table, the simple, elementary, yet fundamental precepts about honesty, unselfishness and gentleness which are easiest learned at mother's knee and illustrated by mother's and father's example. This is the basic foundation upon which the colleges should be asked to rear the superstructure. Without such foundation the schools and colleges can do but little.

The responsibility of parents does not end with merely bringing children into the world and turned them over to an institution to be educated.

### THORNTON'S INSTRUCTIVE PHRASE.

Sir Henry Thornton, in his speech before the convention of the State of New York, held in Montreal, says La Presse, expressed a truth which should be inscribed at the top of all handbooks from which the youth of today and those of tomorrow, will draw their instruction, and, thereby strengthen their mentality, when he said with humor: "Of all the games I know, was is the only one where everyone loses." Through the social and economic developments attained, all nations are to such an extent jointly liable, whatever the different degrees may be, that they cannot escape the terrible reactions which follow war. Economically, the world is today a league of nations interdependent one upon the other, all having the same interest to prevent the return of a bloody conflict. Under these conditions, it is not to be hoped that the League of Nations, the personification of the state of things which actually exists, the concrete expression of a community of interests, not only powerful, but vital, may save the world. Little the role and the authority which, in the spirit of its founders, should give the supreme, efficacious guarantee of the maintenance of peace. The day when people are thoroughly convinced that war is the business of dupes, a game where there is nothing to gain, whatever happens, on that day peace will be guaranteed to the world.



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"I shall lie at length in the sunlight And count the pine-tree plumes, And fill my senses with silence And the odor of clover blooms."  
"I shall stand and stare, like the cat At the rim of the earth and sky, Or sit in the lengthening shadows And see the sweet days die."

"I shall watch the leaping squirrels And the patient, creeping ants, And learn the ways of weed-wood folk In their unmoored haunts."

"And perchance in the hush that follows The struggle to be wise, Some truth which was coy before time May take me by surprise."  
—Henrietta E. Elliot.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN.

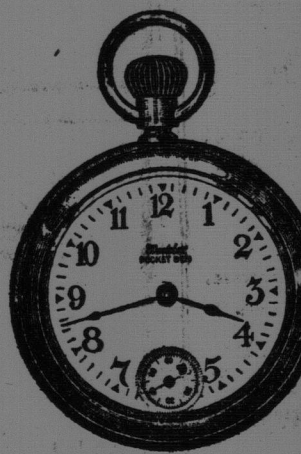
Dated Up  
"Now that your son is through college what's he going to be?"  
"Can't tell for a couple of years. You see, he went to a co-ed institution, and he's booked up for two years solid to act as usher at weddings."

The Only Kind.  
"Bill seems to be a confirmed pessimist. Is he never hopeful about anything?"  
"Oh, yes, occasionally Bill indulges in a forlorn hope about something or other."

Sunday Attraction.  
Little Albert was a solemn-eyed, spiritual-looking child. One morning he came to his aunt who was visiting the family an inquired: "Auntie, is this the Lord's day?"  
"No, dear," replied his aunt, "this isn't Sunday, it is Thursday."

"I'm so sorry," said the little fellow sadly and went back to his play. Each succeeding day he asked the same question of the aunt in his serious manner, and she remarked to his mother: "Really, Jane, I don't think that child will live long. He is too good for this world."  
When Sunday morning came the same question was repeated and the aunt replied: "Yes, dear, this is the Lord's day."

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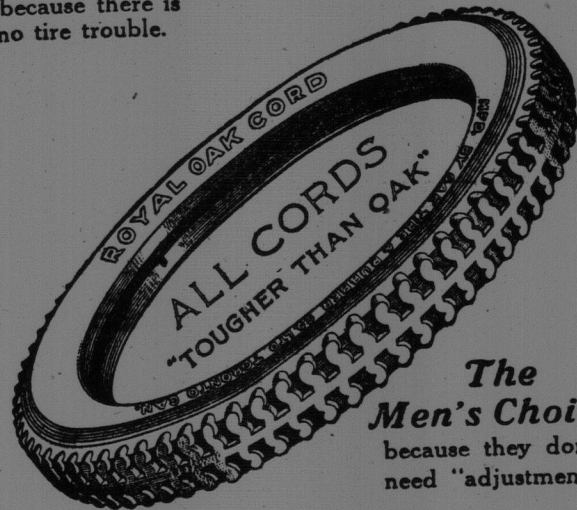
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Waltz—Casino Tangle ..... Gungl  
Operatic selection—Faust ..... Gounod  
Serenade—A Passing Fancy ..... Jewell  
Selection—Songs and Ballads of Stephen Adams  
Fox trot (a) It Ain't Going to Rain Any More! (b) Why Did I Kiss That Girl?  
Selection—Pirates of Penzance. Sullivan  
March—Gladiators Farewell .....  
God Save the King.  
Bandmaster, Frank Waddington.

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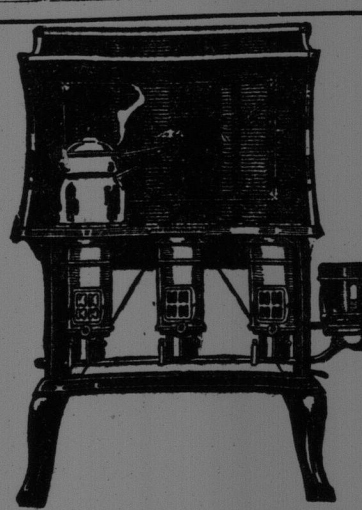
Rev. J. Henry Milligan, Fredericton, and Rev. Albert L. LeBlanc, Moncton, are guests at the Bishop's Palace. Both of these priests, along with Rev. Roy M. McDonald, of the Cathedral staff, leave in the autumn to take post-graduate courses in theology in Rome.

### PREPARE FOR PICNIC.

A meeting of the soliciting committee for the Bishop's picnic was held last evening. The solicitors will start on their rounds in the course of a few days. Confidence was expressed at the meeting that the people would be as generous this year as they had been in the past and that the picnic would have the same success as in former years. The proceeds are for the maintenance of the Catholic orphan.

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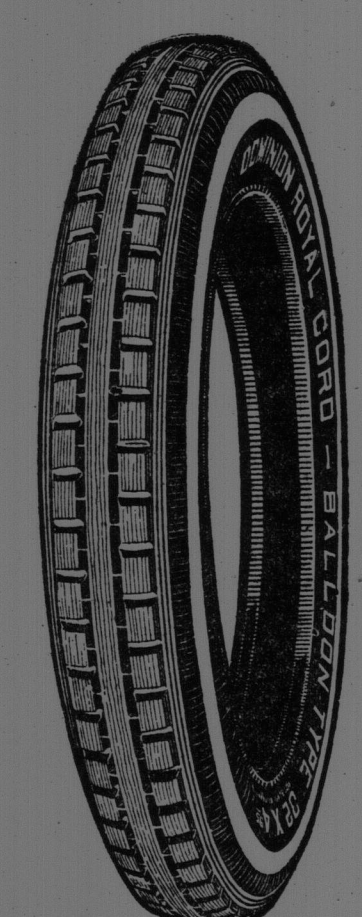
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