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Sir Wilfrid is Right.

(Toronto News.)

The Concrete Age Here.

(Monetary Times.)



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#### **REPAIR HERKIMER STREET.**

action of the City Council last night will probably end the Herkimer street fiasco and permit the portion of that highway between Queen and Locke to be put in proper condition. The Street Railway Company in relaying its tracks on this portion of the street made devil strip five feet width, without obtaining the specific consent of the city, and the civic officials testified that they were laid according to profiles prepared for a four-foot devil strip, the result being damaging to the street. On this evidence the Railway Board ordered that the devil strip be restored to four feet, the city to furnish the material, as the by-law directs, and the company to do the work. As we have said before, that judgment establishes a good principlethat no rights in the streets are alien ated from the city, save as specifically set forth in the agreement.

But the five-foot devil strip is desirable from all points of view, and the aldermen appreciate that fact. It means safety and capacity to use wide centralaisle cars. Some aldermen suggested that the company might retain the narrow strip and build lop-sided cars-cars wider on one side than the other-, turn ing at the end of each run; but the fantastic notion was not entertained Almost unanimously it was conceded that the wider strip was best. The Board of Works, however, sought to make the company pay a big cash price for its retain the five-foot strip, and some delay has thus been caused, the company alleging "blackmail," and refus ing its conditions. Last night the Coun cil took the matter up itself and dealt with it. Its proposal is that the company be allowed to retain the five-foot devil strip: that in lieu of the work it would have to do in macadamizing that part of the street, were the order of the Board to be obeyed and the strip narrowed, the company pay the estimated cost of its part of the work, \$650, and the city undertake to put the street by so doing, and will have public supin good shape, being thus free to pave with what material it chooses, and that wherever the special work ordered by the Railway Board is put down, the company be permitted to widen the devil strip, at no expense to the city.

In brief it is a case of "as you were," save that the wider devil strip is permitted on that part of Herkimer street, and where the special work is put in: the city, instead of the company will do the Herkimer street paving, the company paying toward it the sum it would have to pay for its share of the work as per by-law. If the company accepts that arrangement, as it probably will, there will be an end of one casus belli, and peace with honor may be de clared. And the recognition in the settlement that the city streets should be paved by the city, the company paying its share, instead of dividing duty, is les important only than the establishing of the city's control of the streets.

#### CITY GOVERNMENT.

Henry E. Simpson has an open letter In the October Century entitled, "The Des Moines Plan," in which he tells how that city, the capital of Iowa, sought relief from the careless and corrupt management of her municipal affairs, The first step was to secure a centralization of power and the definite fixing of responsibility. That was accomplished by placing the administration of the city's affairs in a governing body, consisting of a Mayor and four Councilmen. This board, which organized itself with the Mayor as Chairman, is empowered to

appoint all subordinate officials and em loyees of the city, conduct all departments, levy and collect taxes, make all ontracts and direct all expenditures. As a further means of fixing responsibility the business of the city is divided into live large departments-the department of Public Affairs, Accounts, and Finances, Public Safety, Streets and Public Improvements and Parks, and Public Property, and to each of these departments is assigned a member of the Board

endum any unwise expenditure or any other act of the Board which does no meet with popular favor may be blocked. As a further protection against incom petent or dishonest officials they have the recall. This provision was designed for the purpose of placing all city offiunder the control of those cers directly who elected them, and is said to be the most important of the three safeguards. While public officers are elected for a definite term, yet by exercising the recall any one may be removed from of-fice at any time a majority of the electors feel that he is incompetent or dishonest. The right conferred by ; these

by the governing board. By the refer-

three provisions may be exercised by filing a petition, bearing the signature of twenty-five per cent, of the voters of the city, with the city clerk, whereupon the matter must be referred to the "for their approval or rejection. Ald. Peregrine and those interested in the movement to have a change in the

management of this city's affairs, might profitably study the Government of the two cities mentioned above."

THE OPEN DOOR POLICY.

Mr. MacKay, the new leader of the On tario Opposition is criticised adversely by some Tory organs for his stand in favor of the open door at meetings of the Governors of the University of Toronto. They say that the managing editor of the Globe is one of the Governors, and they assume that he is for the secrecy of the close corporation. Mr. Macdonald has not, so far as we are aware, expressed that view; but if he holds it, he is wrong. The Governors dispose of a very large sum of the people's money every year, and it is proper that the people should know all about how and why it is spent, and who favor and oppose any particular course. Mr. Graham stood for publicity; Mr. Mac-Kay takes the same stand. They are undoubtedly serving the public interest port in holding out for publicity. That s no reflection on the Governors; rather would Mr. MacKay reflect upon them if he sought to prevent the people from closely following them in their manage ent of the great educational institution which costs the Province so much money and in which all are deeply in-

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terested.

Are the aldermen noticing the growth of the overdraft? The cold weather does not seem to have chilled it.

The section of the G. T. P. between Portage la Prairie and Miniota, 130 miles, is to be opened next week. That ooks hopeful for grain-moving.

The total foreign trade of China is bout \$100,000,000 less than Canada's Canadas' trade with China and Japan last year was \$3,684,769. China's pur chases from Great Britain and her colonies aggregated about \$180,000.000. As a trade field China and Japan are just opening to us.

The fight is on in Brockville, Mr. W. A. Lewis, Liberal, and Mr. A. E. Dono van, Conservative, being nominated yes terday. Mr. Donovan's plea was in the Government's favor," while Mr. Lewis scored the license, educational, prison labor, and spoils policies of the Whitney Government. The temperature is rising down there.

The Kingston News thinks Mr. Borden made a huge mistake in framing a platform and putting it forth as that of the Conservative party without first submitting it to a convention and having it approved, and it advocates calling a convention and submitting it even yet Are the Tories of the rank and file go ing to dare to have a say in matters which the machine settled?

The Military Gazette wants the 60,000

indicating that the dreaded disease has broken out with malignity. That looks like taking up the brown man's burde to the electors, and any law desired by a ndeed. majority may be secured, though opposed

At the Normal schools of the Province there are in training 445 girls and only 23 men, and there is an outcry that the male public school teacher will soon be ome extinct. But after all, may it not be that we have overrated the advantages of putting men in charge of the mall boys and girls?

Mr. Macpherson, M. P., denies that he ver made that fool statement that British Columbia might hold "a Boston tea party" over the Japanese fmmigration. He should have denied it earlier. There seems to have been some diligent liars ending out yarns about this British Columbia row, and the Japanese question generally.

There are means already provided by the Dominion Government for delaying and if possible averting industrial con-flicts in mining, railway operating, and similar industries.—Toronto Globe, Evidently the Globe shares the Times' opinion that the purpose of the Lemieux Act is to prevent strikes and lockouts in the industries to which it applies until resort has been made to it in the effort to avert them. The Hamilton Herald

reads it to mean that the Act does not offer any objection to strikes and lockouts till one or other of the parties applies to the department for its good offices. There will be naval manoeuvres in th

North Sea off the coast of Scotland next month, in which the Channel, Atlantic and Home Fleets, with their at endant cruiser squadron and destroyer flotillas, in all about sixty-seven large and about fifty small craft, will take part. Lord Charles Beresford will be in mmand. These exercises will partake of the nature of a test of the arrangenents for home defence, and accustom the officers to the handling of large numbers of vessels. Outside the fleets the Scottish coast has very little protection from attacks by an enemy

Toronto may sooner or later be driven to throw civic affairs in the hands of the prominent citizens who are alway's clam-oring on behalf of their ideal government of business men by business men for the iness men by busin Toronto Telegram. And if it were possible to do so Tor

nto would doubtless gain. As a rule, municipal business, is not conducted on isiness principles, and no man who closely observes the work of municipal ouncils would care to leave the man agement of his own business to the men into whose hands the affairs of our

towns and cities are often placed. If good business men could be secured the people would have cause to rejoice.

#### The Toronto World plends with Whitney to deal hardly with the Toronto & Niagara Power Company, because, it says, "they are the people who kept the onservatives out of office in Ontario for eight years by their improper alli-ances with the Ross administration." Then in the next breath it declares that the most dangerous men up in the Parliament buildings to-day are the Conservatives who are importuning Mr. Whit

ney 'to do something for our friends in the power business." But, thanks be, Mr. Maclean is still a "rock in the weary land," a "shelter in the time of storm."

But it was not as a private work that this [Quebee] bridge was being put up, It was a Government work, and yet the Government, which was to pay for it with our money, never inspected it, and in fact would not consent to the exer-cise of any sort of supervision over the work.—Mail and Empire. That paragraph is about as far from the truth as Mail and Empire ingenuity

could frame statements. What is the object of such falsehoods? And only a few days ago the organ was attacking the Government for aiding the Quebec Bridge Company in its enterprise! At Toronto yesterday the Rational

Sunday League passed resolutions con-demning the Lord's Day Act and the Alliance, favoring the opening of museums, public libraries, etc., on Sunday, ni

(Winnipeg Tribune.) The business of landlordism belongs pre-eminently in the first category. It is the business that pockets the com-munity-carned value of the land. Should not that business be checked? An effective way to check that busi-ness is to tax it. The more it is tax-ed the better for all useful and pro-ductive business. For, not only will the landlords then ccase pocketing values created by the community —by being made to turn these values over to the community—but the taxes now paid by useful and productive business will then be removed and such business therefore encouraged to the highest degree. How do we accomplish this in Win-nipe? the removal of all restrictions on trans-portation on that day, in favor of Sun-day street cars and the repeal of all clauses of the Act forbidding the charg-ing of a fee to Sunday entertainments There is just a danger that resentments of restraint of "blue laws" may lead the League to "slop over" and ask for the Rest Day. Why not avoid extremes?

Taxation in Winnipeg.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)



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by imperial as well as by domestic con-siderations, and while in the end we shall no doubt assert the right to deter-mine the character of immigration which shall enter Canada, we shall not do this in any reckless or intolerant spirit, nor carelessly prejudice imperial interests.

care, and one number and sixty-four cet high. It was to have accommoda-ion for twelve hundred guests, and was (cnerally to be built in an elaborate anner. Hids were obtained for a steel unding. But a plance at the tenders howed that, there would be much delay a obtaining the large girders and many ther parts of the structure, and that the would be two years before the batel

ing funds. Who were those heelers? Where did they carry on their machi-

Dominion Government to take up. But, coming down from the lofty pedestal of socialistic philosophy, would that not be, to unsophisticated mortals, the basest kind of treachery; and can anything savoring of such bring about a happy state of society? The Shameiul Confession. (Halifax Recorder.) Hon. Dr. Pugsley said in St. John the tother day he was prepared to prove troy fund amounted to \$300,000 in the lecetion of 1904. The Herald on Saturday used the above heading spread over two column to tell Dr. Pugsley he should go ahead We say it is filso up to the Tory or gan which asserted that it knew the imple and damnable truth that Conservative heelers were armed with corrupt ing funds. Who were those heelers? Who were did they carry on their machin nations? at Ottawa. The small boy will find tempat Ottawa. The small boy will find temp-tation in the campaign speeches instead of in the Nickel Library. We are all glad that Mr. Johnson got away in time. Ev-erybody would have regretted to learn that the example and mfluence of the Government had started him out on a career of crime, and we hope that he may long be spared to demonstrate the ex-

long be spared to demonstrate the ex-traordinary uses to which statistics may be put. From Natural to Spiritual.

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The corry organ says:
Now, then, where do the people stand?
They demand that corruption be stopped.
They demand that corruption in both political parties be exposed and banished.
The Halifax Heraid makes that demand for the people.
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His Remarkable Theory as to Inc.
(Toronto Star.)
Mr. George Johnson, formerly Donimic of the server and the server an

ter "Conformity to type" Prof. Drumomal bolt one image, that of itself, and therefore nothing but the Divine life can mould the human being to the image of the Divine. "God was in Christ" and Cc. 5, 19; and there indycting of the Pather gave Christ the indycting of the Pather gave Christ the tree of the South of the Divine. The Christian that "source the South receive it. This is the He that has already passed trumphantly through death; this is the He in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in the Christian that "simeth not." 1 John 3; 5; that crise Abba (taher) and the His in and throw the Ababa (taher) and the second regeneration by Christ know how true this 4. Speaking of this gives part to the natural man, and those who have ex-tend parts and the set on have (the the the abba (the part the the abba (the part of the signerane of the natural man, and those who have ex-tend the abba (the part abba (the part the world (seg) nor of the rulers of this world here holden, (2) which of dor-(2) which none of the rulers of this world which hash been hidden, (2) which of dor (2) which none of the rulers of this world wheth hash been hidden, (2) which of dor (2) which hash been hidden, (2) which of dor (2) which hash been hidden (the y hor (the y 'the (the tabe, John 16, 2-3, 17, 5, 8, 4, 4). "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," by Prof. Here y Drummus, Here y Drummus, Here y Drumos, Here (tabe y Druhe y Drumber).

Labor Disputes. Ottawa, Sept. 30.—The Department of Labor has been advised that the Ross-mond Woollen Mills Company of Al-monte have declined the proposal of the employees that the wages dispute be referred to a board of investigation and conciliation under the Lemieux Act, All three disputes in the western coal districts are now in process of inves-tigation, Judge Peter Wilson, of Cran-brook, B. C., having accepted the Chair-manship of the Board in connection with the difficulty at the Pacific Coal Com-pany's mine at Hosner.

Rev. Alexander Campbell, of 396 Pal-merston avenue, Toronto, who was sud-denly seized with an attack of appendi-eltis yesterday afternoon while visiting Mr. H. B. Robinson, 394 Palmerston boul-evard was operated on at the General Hospital yesterday. The case was at first thought to be much more serious than it proved to be, and good hopes are entertained for his recovery. Justice Mulock reserved indement in

An hotel company in Atlantic City de-fred a new structure, four hundred feet ong, one hundred and twenty-five feet vide, and one hundred and sixy-four eet high. It was to have accommoda-ion for twelke hundred exects and energy

ther parts of the structure, and that t would be two years before the hotel ould receive the first guests. 3 Two years in the twentieth century is

Two years in the twentieth century is an important consideration, and time which the proprietors felt they could ill afford to loss. Consequently, tenders were asked for a building in reinforced cement, with the result that in just over eight months a handsome hotel adorned the streets of the city, and the proprie-tors had in hand one year and four months, which would otherwise have been literally wasted, from their point of view. Edison is said to have gone over the building, and to have stated thad ever seen, and one built of a ma-terial destined to be the great staple of the future.

nations? The Tory organ says of Mr. Pugsley's charge: "He does not say that the fund The fory organ says of Mr. Pugsley's charge: "Ile does not say that the fund was used corruptly." If he does not, the Herald has supplied that link—for it said last May that these were corrupting funds the Tory heelers used

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## Labor Disputes.

who acts as superintendent and assumes ithin the jurisdiction of his department. This feature of board management in municipal affairs we are told, is not entirely untried. Galveston, Texas, has sperated successfully under a charter of this kind. In less than five years the crelit of that bankrupt city has been raised par, its running expenses decreased e-third, and over a million of dollars haved to its taxpayers. A strict civil serrice has been made an important feature of its character, all employees of the city tre selected by a competitive and imparhal test of their fitness for the work to e accomplished. Publicity is made an important provision of the charter. Ordininces must be on file for public inspeclion a certain number of days before going into effect. Monthly statements must be furnished to the newspapers and pub-fic libraries, showing all receipts and expenditures of funds and the general ransactions of the administration. These equirements are made for the purpose of placing within the reach of every tax. ayer complete information regarding management of the city's affairs. As in inducement to men of character and tbility, an adequate salary has been prorided and a position on the board nade one of honor. The position has not mly been made more attractive to comsetent men, but their election has als been made easier and more certain. The · Mayor and four councilmen are elected w the at-large system. Partisan politics. fir. Sampson says, has lost its influence

made a game preserve for the militia! tesponsibility for all matters coming That in itself is somewhat invidious for a democratic people, but it does not end there. It wants the preserve to be kept for "officers of the militia only." Doesn't that sort of discrimination savor of a snobbery that should have no place among our citizen soldiery?

First Sir Hibbard said he would take off his coat and fight if the people wanted him to. Now he says he can't help it, he just has to take off his coat and fight. From all of which that Sir Hibbert wants to take coat and fight. Who can be gather that Sir Hibbert wants to take off his coat and fight. Who can be stopping the poor chap?--Montreal Her-ald.

Can it be that his offer to plunge into the fray receives no acceptance at the hands of his own party managers in the constituencies? Are there no takers?

Mr. Borden has never contended that Mr. Borden has never contended that the Conservative party is perfect. Any party desires to win, and there are ele-ments which are not scrupulous as to the methods they employ to make vic-tory possible.—Winnipeg Telegram. Was Mr. Borden included in these "ele ments" when he urged "Zandry" Graham not to let the boodle be handled by "men in public life in the party," but made no objection to the thousands being sent out to the various districts in the Pro vinces?

The growth of commerce and travel between the east and west threatens America with something more to be dreaded than the bogey of the yellow peril. It is the bubonic plague, which n city affairs, because all city officials Uncle Sam's posession of the Philippines tre selected at a non-partisan primary has brought to San Francisco. Forty ad elected on a non-partisan ticket. In three cases with 26 deaths are reported.

Judging from the figures in the weekly report of the trade and commerce of Canada, the day when Canada's ex-ports will at least balance her imports is not far distant. An impetus is being given to her trade and commerce that will eventually induce manufacturers from the old country to come over and establish factories and workshops, and manufacture all that is required for use and consumption on the spot.—Winnipeg Telegram, Tory. Oh, yes, indeed! Canada is doing fam.

## British Columbia Socialists.

#### (Winnipeg Free Press.)

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