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Topics of the Day

IF there was ever anything supremely foolish, it is the constant fighting between the twin towns at the head of Lake Superior. The people of Fort William and Port Arthur are making themselves ridiculous by their petty bickering. They ought to be able to get along together. In fact the one should be helping the other instead of fighting. What is good for each is good for both and for the general benefit of Canada. This jealousy between neighbouring towns and cities is somewhat characteristic of Canada and indicates that this is still a pretty young country.

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The Ottawa Roman Catholic who raised the point as to whether religious teachers without certificates could teach in schools receiving provincial grants, has evoked a revolution. The Privy Council upheld his contention, and now 600 Roman Catholic teachers have taken a special summer course instituted by the Ontario Department of Education and have written on a qualifying examination. It is expected that all of these will secure certificates. It is pleasant to note that there has been a general and prompt compliance with the requirements of the law.

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The University of Toronto is leading the way in providing residences for its male students. The life in residence, under proper regulation, is a great assistance to the average university student. It adds to his culture, gives him a broader discipline, and strengthens the ties which connect him with his fellow-students. From the university point of view, it is valuable in giving him a deeper sense of his close relation with the institution in which he spends his four years. If he merely attends lectures and does not develop a spirit of pride in his alma mater he is not likely to carry away much of the spirit which makes for symmetrical and well-balanced manhood.

Residences eat up capital and this is the stumbling block for our young institutions. However, every one of these should aim to overcome the difficulty at the earliest possible moment.

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The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, with its ten rural deaneries is showing progress indicative of a progressive spirit. The increase in attendance, in communicants and in confirmations is considerable. The increase in clerical stipends amounts to over five thousand dollars, and the new churches and improvements make a total of nearly a hundred thousand dollars.

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Canadian medical men maintain a close connection between the profession in Great Britain and in this country. Dr. R. A. Reeve, dean of the medical faculty of the University of Toronto, has been elected a vice-president of the British Medical Association, now meeting at Exeter, England. Others attending these meetings include: Dr. Barkett and Professor Starkey, McGill, Montreal; Professor Irving Cameron, Dean Reeve,

Drs. Baines, Bruce, Mayburry, Oldwright, Temple, Fred Starr and Doolittle, all of Toronto; Dr. Burt, Paris, Ont.; Dr. Atherton, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

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When Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned from Great Britain, the Empress of Britain made a new record from Liverpool to Rimouski. Lord Strathcona got quite jealous because of Sir Wilfrid's rabbit-foot and decided that he would prove that Sir Wilfrid as a mascot was not his superior. He took passage on the Empress of Ireland with a ton or two of coal among his luggage. The result was that two hours more were lopped off the record which now stands at five days, twenty-one hours. For a man of his years, Lord Strathcona is simply wonderful—and his luck is unfailing.

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Mr. Joseph Martin, formerly of Manitoba, and now of Vancouver, is again to the fore with a dare-devil act. The Hon. Mr. Bowser, member of the McBride following, has been appointed Attorney-General of British Columbia.

He must needs, according to the constitution, go back for re-election. Mr. Martin will oppose him and his plank will be the exclusion of Japanese labourers. The feeling against the Japanese has certainly some strength, but it is not likely to enable Mr. Martin to defeat Mr. Bowser. However, even the certainty of defeat is not a matter of sufficient importance to count with Mr. Joseph Martin if there is a fight to be fought or a condition to be emphasised.

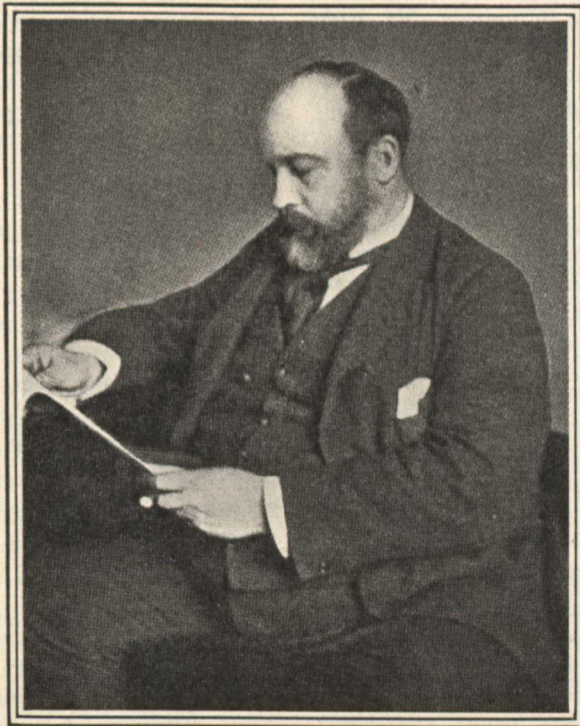
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Speaking of the Japanese, that was a curious letter written by Dr. R. P. MacKay from Manchuria and published in the Toronto News. The Secretary of Presbyterian Foreign Missions does not seem enamoured of Japan's rule in Korea. "It is oppression—atrocity oppression," he cries. "Their treatment of the Koreans is scarcely less atrocious than the horrors of the Congo." This is strong language and is likely to have some effect in this country where the reverend

gentleman is a man of influence. In fact, Japan is rapidly losing her popularity on this continent. The outbreak of denunciation is something which must give men pause. It looks as if the United States would soon have the sympathy which, because of the Japanese British alliance, has been steadily extended to Japan. Perhaps Dr. MacKay has heard only one side of the story. In any case, Canada can afford to wait. There is no necessity for a stampede.

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While money remains scarce and the borrowers are sending their complaints uselessly to a band of hard-hearted bank managers, trade continues to expand rapidly. Almost every manufacturer in the country reports his factory working full or over time. Many of them are behind with their orders and are advancing their prices to keep back their customers. The customs receipts also show an alarming increase. For example, Toronto's July receipts increased by \$289,523, showing that the people are buying abroad with unabated energy.



Sir William Van Horné.