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### Calling For An Election.

The Mail and Empire is calling for a general election in 1924. Its reason is that the people must "rid the country of the one obstacle to its progress."

The cry is purely a political one, and is not even backed up by any substantial reasons.

There is no section of the country that is calling for a general election in 1924. The present government has been in power only a little over two years. It assumed office at a time when it had to face the whole force of post-war conditions and the financing of a country with a revenue that was far from buoyant.

The present government has made its mistakes and it will make more of them; it has had its periods of indecision and strife within its own walls. But it has progressed. It tackled the railway problem, even when many of its own members were opposed or lukewarm toward the policy of public ownership; it searched the world for the best man to manage systems that were bankrupt, and that were taking millions from the people each and every year. It handed over the management of the whole business to Sir Henry Thornton and told the politicians to stay away and let it be a business enterprise. The road has been a gratifying showing since; it is far more than paying its operating expenses now, and is on the way to taking care of its own enormously large fixed charges. That is real, worth-while accomplishment, and it has a direct bearing on the pockets of the people.

The finance minister announces that Canada is just at the point where it will balance its budget. The government has plans for the consolidation of several departments in order to effect economy.

The figures of foreign trade for the ten months ending January 31 amount to \$1,630,116,000, or \$187,533,000 in excess of the same period for the preceding year.

Canada does not need an election nearly as much as it needs a determination on the part of every section to work hard, reduce unnecessary expenditure, and see to it that there is a lessening of the demands by citizens on every government, municipal, provincial and federal, for the expenditure of public money.

It is the height of political fallacy to urge that an election would remedy the defects in business today; Canada faces world conditions, is subject to them the same as other countries that are in a much worse state than we are. The Mail and Empire or any other organization that, from purely selfish political motives, urges the people to rush in and cheer for an immediate election, is not in a mood to render a public service for the benefit of the Canadian people.

### Province Needs Good Men.

V. Evan Gray, superintendent of insurance with the Ontario government, is said to be resigning that position to handle a merger of casualty underwriters.

Mr. Gray has come into prominence several times, the last instance being his appearance before the privy council when he argued the case of provincial control as opposed to Dominion authority on certain insurance problems. He was successful in winning the case for the province.

Insurance men regard him as an authority, active and fearless in the discharge of his duties.

Why, then, should the provincial government lose the services of such a man? The people are entitled to have the best men in the business looking after their interests, and the fact that a number of private companies want Mr. Gray is good evidence why the government of the province should make conditions so much to his liking that he will remain where he is.

### Acquitted and Sentenced.

An Advertiser reader draws to our attention the hanging of Fred Hues at Regina for a crime for which two men were tried. Hues and Staven held up the keeper of a poolroom at Regina, Saskatchewan, in conversation, after to flourish a revolver.

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The correspond- recent trial at and Williams changed, and it

was stressed that both were equally guilty because they conspired together to do an unlawful undertaking. He contends that Williams did no shooting and was sentenced to death; Staven participated in the hold-up, did no shooting, but is acquitted. The claim is made that the case of Williams and Staven are very much alike, and there must be something wrong with an interpretation that would hang one and acquit the other.

There may have been other circumstances not related in the despatch that led to the freedom of Staven, but in the absence of these it must be admitted that there is considerable strength to the argument of our correspondent that a different interpretation has been put on the case of Williams and Staven.

### Stop It Quickly.

Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, head of the Royal Military College at Kingston, has ordered a full inquiry into the whipping of Cadet Arnold, aged 17. The boy was guilty of giving a wrong report of a hockey match to one of his seniors.

In Toronto recently a soldier was beaten because he made some remarks in a religious service on the difficulties he met in army life.

The authorities are well advised to deal with such cases quickly and adequately.

Canada has no room for this business of one set of men dealing with individuals on their own initiative. Military and civil life in Canada respects the junior or the man with convictions, and recognizes him as on equal footing with any other man in the community.

### A Change Needed.

Armed bandits took \$32,000 from bank messengers in Vancouver, and they did it in broad daylight and with plenty of people around looking on.

The high-powered car, revolvers and sawed-off shotguns made up the equipment employed.

And apparently there is nothing to prevent the same thing happening again. There are still plenty of sawed-off shotguns and automatic revolvers; it is not a difficult matter to steal a high-powered car, and the rest is comparatively easy.

Until our entire police army, backed by every ounce of judicial force we have, combs the country for guns, and makes the carrying of one a criminal offence, banks would be well advised to match wits with the bandits, because present methods of carrying money simply play into the hands of the robbers.

### All Under One Law.

Ottawa has some income assessment skeletons in its closet, according to despatches from that city. The period under survey is from 1918 to 1921, and the claim is that certain firms that owed sums running into thousands had plenty of time to pay, with nothing added for interest.

That is not the treatment the ordinary individual receives. He finds the income tax department as autocratic in its methods as any institution could possibly be. He finds that there is often a few dollars more coming to the government than was estimated by some of the officers of the department here, and three months after he gets a bill with interest for the balance.

If there are some good-sized concerns that can cut circles around this income tax office the public would like to have them stand up so that we can all have a look at them.

The one objectionable thing about the despatches coming through now is that reference is made to "one prominent Toronto concern," "a wealthy Winnipeg firm," "a prominent British Columbia firm," etc. If there is anything to come out, let the government speak and come out in the open. As things stand at present every good-sized firm in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver will be under suspicion.

### Note and Comment.

People who borrow trouble are generally very prompt in paying it back.

Trimming a tree in London costs \$1. Trimming Home Bank depositors was done at a much higher rate.

Kent farmers protested against Hon. Howard Ferguson's steam roller methods. In this case they should remember that the ballot is more powerful than the protest.

The Jbaro Indians, according to a report by the U. S. Bureau of Ethnology, have a custom of killing native doctors who fail to effect cures. That custom would be bad here, as it might cause even more men to flock into the study of law.

St. Thomas city council has prepared a list of 24 questions for the board of education to answer about spending \$320,000 for a new school. The St. Thomas school board is getting off very easy.

## Tavish Mactavish

Major-General Seeley, former air minister in the British coalition government, has just fathered a paradox worthy of Chesterton at his best. He said: "If the British Empire is to be defended by the Sermon on the Mount, then God help us." Probably he forgot that if the first part of the premise was true, that the second must necessarily follow. "God help us," has become so hackneyed a phrase today, that it means nothing more than an angry and incoherent protest from anyone making it.

The Climbing Perch of the Malay Archipelago is the latest candidate for the silver screen. This chap, who lives in the warm southern seas and climbs trees as a form of indoor gymnastics, is to be photographed by the Research Company of Chicago, so that Americans at home can see him do his stuff. This is one of the best and most justifiable uses of the moving picture art. Until we can all travel at a reasonable cost over the face of the earth, and have the time for it, the camera is our only eye. A free screen in every city devoted to this kind of history and geography lesson would be a real step in education.

One of the old cream-colored horses which use to walk in stately procession before the king's coach when the British house was opened is now relegated to a more lowly sphere. In future he will haul sand and earth round a golf course near old London. He is still as creamy as ever, but his team was dispersed in 1921 as an economy measure. He is a very sensible, friendly old Dobbin by the picture I have, and I hope he gets a decent driver and three squares per day. For a human the degradation of such a fall would be a catastrophe. This chap has horse sense, however, and doesn't look worried.

A woman in Kansas City offers to "swap her two girls for two boys." She evidently has good reasons, for she says:

"If climbing out on a sloping roof in the rain; if cutting holes in a new dress to make buttonholes; if lighting papers under the house; if burning underwear on the basement line; if falling into an artificial pond in a cafe; if eating food from a neighbor's ice box; if throwing eggs into the creek (with eggs 80 cents a dozen); if these things and countless more constitute a life of ease and peace deliver me from a life of turmoil.

### Ready To Experiment.

"All rules of psychology have been violated at our home too and we are ready to experiment by exchanging girls for boys in order to arrive more closely at the truth."

After such a free description of the two dear girls it hardly seems possible she will find anyone to take them.

## Press Notes

### SIGNING THE PLEDGE.

Provincial Treasurer Price gave the pleasing intimation that he contemplates no increase in taxation. At Ottawa, and in the different municipalities, they are arriving at the same conclusion. The drunken sailors simply must sober up.—Brantford Expositor.

### SHOULD PAY THEIR SHARE.

We notice that the Ontario government has been approached asking them to place greater restrictions on the hawkers and peddlers. In towns and larger cities it is asked that a license of \$250 to \$500 be imposed. In villages and townships \$100 to \$150. As it is at present these hawkers and peddlers have no business or municipal taxes to pay, and they escape their fair share of the burden of taxes. It is proposed that the fees be paid to the municipal corporations. We trust that the government will see the necessity of adopting such legislation. The transgressor should not be able to step into any community and do business without bearing his share of the burdens of that municipality.—Kincaidine Reporter.

### ANYTHING FOR ACTION.

The London Advertiser has come out with a petition addressed to the premier of Canada asking that a commission be appointed to devise a workable plan to secure Alberta coal for this province. While the government has at present five expensive commissions in existence for the great good an Alberta coal commission might accomplish, its appointment should be worth while. To secure fuel independence of the U. S. A. for this part of Canada would be worth a lot of satisfaction, a lot of cold cash, and would afford a stimulus to our own industries. If the government will only act by commission, by all means let us have the commission.—St. Catharines Standard.

### STROKE IS FATAL.

Special to The Advertiser.—Strathroy, Feb. 24.—Nathaniel Seed, aged 62, died today at his home in Adelaide Township as the result of a stroke. The funeral will be held on Tuesday to Strathroy Cemetery. He was one of the best-known residents of the township, and lived there most of his life.

## The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

### GOD'S GOODNESS AND GLORY.

I beseech thee, show me thy glory.—Exodus xxxiii., 18. In regard to God himself, it seems to me that in the Scriptures his character is revealed and his essence is secret.

His moral attributes are made known to us so that we cannot mistake them.

He is just and holy, merciful and compassionate, bountiful and loving, and he discloses these qualities so fully in his self-revelation in Jesus Christ that they become clear and distinct and indubitable to us; they belong to us and to our children forever.

We know him as the Father of our spirits, for Jesus Christ says: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

But his metaphysical attributes, the ground and mode and form of his existence, are behind the veil.

Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence—when we speak these words we do not define God, we simply name the limits of our thought about him.

They are lines which run out into infinity; and when we try to follow them with our logic, they lead us into a region where argument is vain and definition absurd.

Do you remember what Moses saw in the mount?

He said unto the Lord: "I beseech thee show me thy glory."

But God answered: "I will make all my goodness pass before thee."

Here is the boundary line of knowledge—God's goodness is revealed, but his glory is beyond the horizon.

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## THE JEWS AND THE O.T.A.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—The lesson of "Abia's Irish Rose" has left with my Christian fellow citizens a lesson of tolerance. Since the statement of Mr. Hales in your medium that the Jewish people of Ontario, including Jewish doctors, are bootleggers and are the greatest offenders of the O. T. A., they demanded of me to make the situation clear, if possible, although they personally know that his statements are not facts.

But still they contend that the facts should come from a person representing the nationality accused.

Mr. Hales has made the statement, with no apology, that the Jews, the Jewish doctors and the Jewish clergymen, abuse the temperance act for material purposes, and when he speaks of doctors he tries to rectify his and his colleagues' deeds of finding no other responsible party in whom to trust the distribution of alcohol. Shall we take it from Mr. Hales' statement that the Jewish doctors, the chairmen of the liquor board, that he has fallen down in his work, and is not able to bring it to a successful issue, because as we understand the position of such a chairman, he has the authority of detectives, police and government at his back to enforce the law that he presides over. Or is it merely a statement to cover his own trail? The Jewish race is the easiest means as a scapegoat.

Because, if not so, why didn't he use all these forces in his control to prevent such a disease from taking root? He has the power—why didn't he use it? Why did he wake up so late after the harm was done? Why did he allow such a disease to spread? Why shouldn't the chairman of such a responsible body have the foresight to foresee such results? Why does he have to wait till he comes to London and tell the London Ministerial Alliance his woes? Why didn't he go to the Ministerial Alliance in Toronto with his trouble? Why did he not utter his complaints in Toronto where his office is, so that the intellectual Jew would have a chance to hear from him what their shortcomings are? Why all this raving about the misdemeanor of the Jews in the O. T. A., and having himself such a tremendous power that enables him to respectfully fulfil his position (rightly or wrongly). Why the abuse of the most holy institution the human being has, and that is, that their religion and their representatives (the rabbis) abuse the O. T. A.? Why does not Mr. Hales become acquainted with the Jewish religion? Why hasn't Mr. Hales something to say about the representatives of the Jewish and Catholic churches and their respective religions which require liquids for sacramental purposes.

I have heard of thousands of Gentile bootleggers as well as Jewish bootleggers, of which Mr. Hales has facts. How many Jewish rabbis, how many Jewish druggists, how many Jewish doctors are there in the illicit liquor traffic? Are there no Gentile white men, along with William Smith and Corigan and the Chinese proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, participated in the disturbance. The "white men" along with William Smith and Corigan and the Chinese proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, participated in the disturbance. The "white men" along with William Smith and Corigan and the Chinese proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, participated in the disturbance.

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## To the Editor

### Handling Alberta Coal.

Edmonton Man Explains How Transportation Could Be Secured To Save Reloading of the Cars.

February 19, 1924.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I notice in today's edition of the Edmonton Journal that you are inviting correspondence re the movement of Alberta coal into Ontario. I have a suggestion to offer, which is as follows: The coal could be moved to the head of the lakes by rail. A car could then be constructed so as to allow the cars of coal to be run on the decks of ships constructed for that purpose. Two or three piers could be built the other side of the lakes at strategic points, to enable the cars to be run off the ships.

The above idea was carried out in England during the war. A pier was built at Southampton, connected up with the London Southwestern Railway. Ships built with flat decks with three sets of tracks on them, with funnels at the side to allow more deck room. In this way whole train loads of material were sent to France without unloading or loading at the port, as another pier similar to the one at Southampton was built on the coast of France. The work was done by the Royal Engineers, in which corps I was a sapper, and worked on the construction of the pier at Southampton. I had the pleasure of seeing the first ship loaded in that way. Everything worked fine; no hitch anywhere.

The same idea is carried out at Key West, Florida, where ocean going freight cars ferry carry 18 to 24 loaded freight cars to Havana, a distance of 90 miles, and I think it could be worked on the lakes. It has been said that it would not be safe on the lakes owing to sudden squalls. That does not hurt the ships that are on the lakes, and it would not hurt one loaded with cars of coal.

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## FEDERALS REINFORCED TO FIGHT REBEL LEADER

### Blow Up Trains, But Refuse To Battle With Government Troops.

Associated Press Despatch.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—Strong reinforcements are being sent to General Pedro Gabay for active pursuit of the rebel leader, Marcial Cavazos, who is being sought for his part in the campaign.

and his chief of lieutenants, Otilio Villegas and Nicolas Flores, who have been blowing up trains but refusing to give battle to the federal forces. General Anacleto Lopez has been ordered to withdraw his cavalry from Vera Cruz and co-operate with General Gabay in cornering the rebels and forcing them to fight. Cavalry under General Fox also is on the way to Hidalgo to participate in the campaign.

### DIES OF STROKE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Forest, Feb. 24.—The death occurred tonight of Mrs. Cornelius Malley, who suffered a paralytic stroke on Saturday, from which she failed to rally. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. B. McDonald, and Irene at home. Her only son, Donald, died four years ago, and her husband predeceased her eleven years.

The late Mrs. Malley was a sister of John Farrell, of the immigration department, who hurried home from London when told of his sister's sudden sickness.

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