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THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 25.

The Legislature and City Rights

With the refusal of the railway committee of the legislature to grant a further extension of time to the Forest Hill Railway, Toronto may feel that there is a chance of getting a little protection from the government for the city's interests in other and kindred directions. The Forest Hill charter should never have been granted. It was obviously a speculative proposal.

There is another and even more important bill before the legislature which, if passed, would give away more valuable rights than those asked in the Forest Hill road. This is the Metropolitan Railway bill. The company has agreed to withdraw its request for power to double-track Yonge street. This was done because any double-tracking would have to be carried out in agreement with the city. It is not clear, therefore, whether the withdrawal was not an evasion in order to secure better terms.

The whole question of radial entrances to the city is now under consideration, and the legislature cannot very well ignore its own commission in this matter, so that the city, if the Hydro-Electric Commission is to be relied upon, may feel secure that no encroachment will be allowed upon its rights. There have been suggestions from some quarters that the hydro commission may demand more from the city than the private corporations dare to ask, but the people may feel easy about demands that are made in their own interest. Everything obviously depends on the fidelity of the people's representatives to the people's interests.

The point reached yesterday left the interests of the city wholly in the hands of the Hydro-Electric Commission. The Radial Railway Company will have to submit plans of any extensions it has in view to the hydro commission, in order that it may be determined whether or not they are in harmony with the plans of the provincial hydro railways. The situation is clearly now one of competition between private companies and the people of the province, and if the people are to put their money and credit into these enterprises they should be protected in anticipation as well as in fact.

There is not the slightest use in granting charters or privileges to railway companies which will have to be extinguished at great cost later on or in which much money may be sunk in disastrous failure. It must be clearly understood that the people's railways are going ahead. Members like Mr. Preston and Mr. Hartt do not appreciate this situation. If they lived in a city or town as beset as Toronto is with promoters of railway schemes perhaps they would have more sympathy with the citizens and more consideration for their rights.

An immense amount of wealth in the shape of franchise and charter rights has been handed over in the past to corporations, and the city will now probably have to purchase these rights in order to extinguish them. To buy them back would be the cheaper policy in most instances, rather than facing the ruinous conditions which threaten some districts where business is not sufficient to supply competing lines, and where the people must consequently suffer the impositions of a monopoly uncontrolled by public authority.

The Case of the Two Widows

The public of Toronto and of the Township of York have been deeply concerned in the cases of the two widows and their children, living in the immediate suburbs of the city, whose husbands and fathers have already died on active service. Gunner William Ball enlisted in the Ninth Canadian Field Artillery, and was killed on board the Transport Australian on the way from England to France, about six weeks ago. He was on duty as cook for his battery, and during a gale was smashed between doors and died almost immediately; therefore lost his life in the service of his country, as much as if he had been killed in the trenches. The other was Private James Neale, resident in Todmorden, who lost his life in the fighting.

Both of these men worked in the city, but resided in the township, in the immediate suburbs of the city. Both went to the front in the belief that the city had insured them. We contend that the policy taken out by the city covered them, and when the tangle in connection with it is straightened out the liability of the insurance company to pay $1000 apiece on their lives will, we have no doubt, be demonstrated. In the meantime the board of control has seen fit to pay Mrs. Neale her $1000, and decided yesterday to go into the case of Mrs. Ball.

Also, the public will be glad to read that both of these widows and their children come under the provision of the federal pension bill, introduced in parliament yesterday.

But another question has come up, and that is whether the township, and if not the township, the County of York, should not have insured the lives of the men at the front that went from these municipalities. The World thinks that they should have taken the same course that the city did, and perhaps they will yet do so in the case of the others at the front, and certainly they will make no mistake if they do so, for public opinion favors a generous policy in this matter.

Germans as Neighbors

Germany is a bad neighbor. Ever since her emergence as an imperial federation and infatuation with the same idea of world dominion that wrecked Napoleon, she has rightly been regarded as a very present menace, not only to European, but to world rights and liberties. Wherever Germans have gone, they have not been satisfied with the development of their colonies and possessions, but have at once prepared for aggressive war upon their neighbors. This has been notably the case in South Africa, where they have built railways, not for trade, but for strategic purposes, and all thru these later years have been carrying on a secret propaganda of rebellion against the self-governing Union of South Africa.

Germans have never tried to learn and appreciate the point of development at which the British Empire has arrived. Their colonies are of comparatively recent date and have not been settled by industrial enterprise. They have been converted into miniature Germanys, with their appanage of officialdom, whose every member considers himself a superior being to the men who are building up the colony. In this as in the graver matters of the state, the German idea has been tried and found wanting. With all proven deficiencies, the British principle, learned after hard experience, of freedom and free self-government, brings better and more lasting results.

A Shaping Providence

Looking back at the outbreak of this world-wide war it certainly appears as if the Providence that shapes our ends was again watching over the destinies of the British Empire. It came at a moment when the United Kingdom was threatened with internal trouble so acute that it even appeared impossible of composure. Not only so, but keen controversy existed over the provisions for defence against outside aggression. That many deemed to be inconceivable but it was fortunate that the British Government was not ignorant of the menace underlying the European situation. Not the least of its claims to confidence is the fact that at the moment when naval supremacy could exert the greatest influence the fleet was ready.

To an extent never realized in the past, the British navy rules the waves. It may or may not have been more than a coincidence that the first trial mobilization of Britain's naval power happened just before the crisis. Everything was ready at the moment when action was imperatively necessary. That readiness is all was never more signally demonstrated and the time it took to clear the seas of German cruisers reveals what might have happened had Germany known the value of sea power and rightly rated the efficiency of the British fleet. Germany not only over-estimated its own ability and efficiency but underestimated the strength of the nations it challenged. Germans deceived themselves whenever and wherever self-deception was possible and have been the authors of their own undoing.

MORE ABOUT NICKEL.

Wall Street Journal: As a result of the demand for cartridges and shells, the International Nickel Co. is receiving unusually large orders for nickel. The metal is necessary in ammunition, and manufacturers, such as Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Remington Arms and Union Metallic Cartridge Co. have found it necessary to increase their purchases of nickel.

The common stock of the company has advanced from 110 to 120½ in a little more than a week. Last year the company earned about 10½ per cent. on the junior issue, and it is certain that with the present bulge in the buying of nickel the earnings will show a remarkable improvement. This would seem to assure the safety of the 10 per cent. annual dividends on the common, the next quarterly payment being due about the first of May.

For some time the stock has been selling far below its usual market price, which a little over a year ago was about 148. This condition was probably brought about by the Peil failure, it being estimated that about 12,000 shares of the common were held by those interests. This stock has since been sold to investment interests, so that the floating supply is somewhat minimized.

A contributor to La Nature (Paris, Jan. 23), in an article, entitled, "The Strains Resisted by Gun Metal," says: "This is why it is necessary to employ special steel. The use of nickel, in proportions of one to two per cent., gives to steel special qualities. This is one of the points where the economic blockade to which the Germans are subjected is likely to cause them great trouble when it becomes necessary for them to renew their war material. For nickel comes exclusively from New Caledonia and Canada, that is to say, from a French colony and a British one. . . . When the Germans therefore have used up their stock there will be no source from which to replenish it."

HOLLOW

HOW TO BEAUTIFY TORONTO

"How to Beautify Toronto." That's the name of a new department that will be opened in The World. Its object will be to assist in a scheme to make Toronto a more beautiful city in which to live. Letters will be received and published in The World.

What would be your suggestion in that respect? How have you managed to keep your lawn nice and clean and attractive? Write your ideas, and your letter will be published thru this new department.

THREE SUGGESTIONS.

Editor, World: How to Beautify Toronto—

1. Have the teachers in the schools teach the children manners by telling them, and if necessary punishing them, for jumping on people's lawns coming and going to and from school. Also, not to tramp on tulip and rose bushes.

2. To see if you have more influence with the police than citizens by asking them to compel people who keep dogs to confine them in back yards instead of allowing them on the streets. I have three rose bushes in the front of my house completely destroyed by a dog on the street.

3. Also to use your influence with the city council forbidding pedlars, butcher and baker boys crossing from one lawn to another, thereby making a foot path, especially where two lawns are joined. I do not blame people fencing their lawns as they do in the States.

When you succeed in having these three outrages stopped, I for one flower lover, will think it's time enough for you to talk about beautifying Toronto.

A Long Sufferer.

Toronto, March 23.

LONSDALE ROAD BOULEVARD

Editor World: It was with no small degree of satisfaction that I noticed in Sunday's issue of your paper that you invited letters and suggestions re beautifying Toronto. I think it a move in the right direction for the spirit displayed by the citizens of this city is a disgrace to the entire community. I could mention many instances—but one which comes to my mind at first thought is the disgraceful condition of the boulevard on Lonsdale road of the Upper Canada College. Let anyone view this property and see the condition of the fence and the wretched, unkept condition of the front premises. I think they will agree that it's a state of affairs which should no longer be tolerated by the public. This matter I think should be brought to the notice of the governors of the U.C.C.

Pro Bono Publico.

Toronto, March 23.

ABOLISH THE DUMP.

Editor World: I am pleased to see your notice in this morning's paper "How to Beautify Toronto," and would like to be able to give you an answer, but I fear that is out of the question when one sees the city "wink the other eye" at the manner dumps are being filled in. There is a filling-in going on at the rear of three houses on Ozark Crescent and it is a disgrace to the neighborhood. The garbage is taken and (it doesn't matter what it consists of) from the front of the house and deliberately thrown at the back, ashes, waste paper, and anything and everything else. The city has suggested to the owner to use the hose but to no purpose. My next door neighbor did her washing yesterday and had some blankets on the line, but I thought it was labor in vain when I saw the ashes coming from the dump in clouds, and it takes me a half an hour to pick up the paper on my lot blown from the same dump. It is an almost useless task to try to keep your place tidy when such indifference is shown. It must be an awful eyesore to the people in Rosedale to have to be compelled to look upon such an ugly and disgusting view. Perhaps out of ugliness may come beauty but in the meantime it is not very promising.

I think that at that particular spot, it is one of the beauties of Toronto and we are proud of our lots and try all in our power to add to its charms, but there is not much encouragement under the present circumstances.

Your department should send a member of the staff and view the spot, you might then be able to give the owner a notion or two. I trust the reading of this letter will not take up too much of your valuable time.

Edw. Hill,
24 Don Crescent Road.

Toronto, March 23.

Tourist Traffic to Pacific Coast and Expositions, via Canadian Pacific Railway.

In order to ensure every comfort to the tourist traffic this summer, visiting the famous Canadian Rocky Mountain resorts and the Pacific coast points, including Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego, a large volume of which business will travel in one direction or the other by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the world's scenic route, through the Canadian Rocky Mountains and the famous Canadian northwest, with the many optional routes of all rail, and lake and rail, afforded by the Canadian Pacific, the company has completed elaborate modern improvements and additions to their entire chain of hotels, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in addition to the new, magnificent Hotel Palliser at Calgary, and the new palatial hotel at St. Andrew's, N.B., which places them in a position to offer to their patrons ample accommodation, the most efficient service, and every comfort for the coming season.

For booklets, rates and information, apply to M. G. Murphy, D.P.A., C.P.R., Toronto.

OLIVET TO CALVARY.

At the evening service on Sunday next, March 28, the choir at the Church of the Messiah (Anglican), corner Dupont and Avenue road, will sing, under the direction of the organist and choirmaster, R. G. Stapells, Maunder's well-known Lenten cantata, "Olivet to Calvary." In addition to his choir of forty voices, Mr. Stapells will have the assistance of the church soloists, Miss Jessie Plaxton, soprano; Mr. Edgar Barker, tenor; Mr. R. A. Stapells, baritone, while Mr. J. Percy Milnes will preside at the organ. It is interesting to know that during the past two or three years Mr. Stapells' choir has produced under his able direction the following well-known works: Gaul's "Ruth," Rogers' "Footprints of the Saviour," Fred W. Peace's "Darkness and Dawn," Stainer's "Crucifixion," Peace's "Morn of Glory" and Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." Mr. Stapells has a well-balanced choir, which is justly noted for its artistic work.

DIFFICULTY IN FINANCING.

Owing to the difficulty in financing the social service department of the Presbyterian Church, it is likely to be made a sub-department of the mission board. The department, it was announced yesterday, is behind to the extent of $38,815. The disbursements amounted to $88,510, while the receipts only totaled $51,695.

GUILTY OF THEFT.

William A. Clarke, a collector for McWilliam and Everist, commission merchants, was found guilty by Judge Coatsworth, in the county criminal court yesterday, on a charge of theft of $176 from his employers. He was remanded in custody until Monday for sentence.

CABLE RATES REDUCED.

The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company is advised by the Pacific cable board that, commencing April 1, the rate on ordinary cable messages to New Zealand, Fiji and Norfolk Islands will be 50c in place of 58c per word, a reduction of 8c per word, while the rate on deferred cables will be 25c in place of 29c per word, a reduction of 4c per word. A similar reduction from the same date will be made in the rate for week-end cable letters, the present rate for twenty words being reduced from $2.90 to $2.50, while the charge for extra words will be reduced from 15c to 13c per word.

"GET A MAN A JOB" CAMPAIGN TODAY

Duty of Every Responsible Citizens to Do Utmost for Unemployed.

IS A PATRIOTIC WORK

While All Can't Be Soldiers, Everyone Can Help Fight Distress.

The much-talked of campaign to "Get a man a job" begins today in Toronto. While it is true that many of our business organizations have been retaining more men than they could profitably use, it has been strongly felt that there are large numbers of homes where a day or a week's extra work could be given to a suitable man or woman. This is a time of crisis. The best youth of our city has enlisted for active service in the trenches and all efforts are being used to make our army the most effective possible.

Everyone realizes that no expense or effort must be spared to make our military preparation as thoro as possible, tho the work be largely a matter of destruction. If so much money is to be spent on destructive purposes, surely no effort must be spared to make the work of production as efficient as possible. When so much material is being destroyed, as much, if possible, must be produced. We may not all serve in military uniform, but we can all enlist in the fight against unemployment.

Open Many Offices.

The Neighborhood Workers' Associations have undertaken to organize this "Get a man a job" campaign for the mayor's committee on unemployment. They have opened nine offices in different parts of our city in order that it might be easy for those who wish to employ men to get the kind of man they wish.

The association intends to operate as a clearing house between the possible job and the possible workman. The plan of organization is as follows: Each of the local Neighborhood Workers' Associations has undertaken to canvass its own district. Fifty thousand folders with postcards attached are to be distributed. Various churches have undertaken to have these delivered to certain specified streets—each folder will contain the address and telephone number of the nearest local office. The postcard can be filled in and sent to the address printed on the front and the right kind of man will be immediately secured from lists of names which are already in the hands of the local secretaries.

Cases of Suffering.

It has been suggested that there are some people in Toronto in acute distress. Such cases occurring anywhere east of Yonge St., should be telephoned to M. 1459; any cases west of Yonge St., should be telephoned to Ade. 3917. Below are the addresses of the local offices where a man or woman may be obtained to do odd jobs.

Riverdale—28 Harcourt Av., phone G. 841. East Downtown—139 Jarvis St., phone M. 2401. West Downtown—318 Simcoe St., phone M. 5551. Lansdowne—301 Cowan Av., phone P. 4100. West Toronto—915 Keele St., phone J. 2131. St. Clair—Cor. Boon & Ascot Aves., phone J. 2742. North Toronto—Cor Albertus & Yonge Sts., phone N. 6338.

For general information phone M. 16

FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE.

In the county judge's criminal court yesterday morning, Mrs. Alice McLean was found guilty by Judge Coatsworth of obtaining $100 from J. H. Snider by false pretences. The accused will come up for sentence on Monday, when she will also be sentenced, along with Clarence Jadsen for conspiracy to defraud a man named Hind out of $225.

HAD MONEY HERE.

Ancillary letters of probate have been applied for in the surrogate court regarding the $53,342 estate of the late Rev. Francis P. H. Powell of "Bawnlahan," Union Hall, Cork, Ireland, who died on August 8, 1914. The will is dated February 21, 1912, and the widow, Caroline E. Powell, of 74 Newbridge Hill, Bath, Somerset, and Wilfred Baddeley, solicitor, of 77 Leadenhall street, London, executrix and executor, are applying for $205, which the testator had in Ontario.

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION.

Rev. Dr. Brown, superintendent of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec, issued a call yesterday for a semi-annual meeting of the board for April 16.

Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:—

"I should have told you the other day, when I was speaking of 'Eddy's' Washboards, that it is just as necessary to have an Indurated Fibreware Tub to hold your clothes if you want to make a success of washday."

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BRINGS ACTION AGAINST NEW TORONTO VILLAGE

J. F. Curley Alleges Big Sum Due Him for Installing Waterworks System.

J. F. Curley is suing the Village of New Toronto in the non-jury assize court, for $5433, alleged to be due him for installing a waterworks system for the village, and for $5000 damages for loss he says he sustained by the failure of the corporation to provide the waterpipes and other material promptly. As a result of the alleged dilatoriness on the part of the municipality, Curley states that he was unable to keep all his staff and machinery busy, and had to complete the work of laying some of the mains and filling the trenches after the frost was in the ground.

Defendants deny any delay in providing material and aver that the contractor had been paid all that is due him under the progress certificates given by their engineers. They further charge Curley with delay in carrying out his contract, and aver that he has only laid 20 feet of the intake pipe, when he should have had 800 feet done. For this alleged delay on his part, they counter-claim for $5000 damages. The case was adjourned until today.

PANAMA PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

A trip to California will afford the traveler an infinite variety of attractions. The C.P.R. is ticketing passengers via Chicago and the many routes thence to San Francisco, returning via Vancouver and their own line; or passengers can go via C. P. R. and return via Chicago. The quick trains to Chicago via the C. P. R. and the Michigan Central have the most modern C. P. R. equipment, so that everything necessary to make traveling comfortable is assured. In addition to the visit to Chicago, passengers can travel via Omaha and Denver or via Kansas City. The route via Salt Lake City or via Williams, whence the Grand Canyon of Arizona is visited, can be chosen. The orange groves at Los Angeles and San Diego are well worth a visit at this season of the year, and the Coast Line to San Francisco can be taken through Santa Barbara and Monterey. San Francisco is an interesting city, but probably the Exposition is the greatest attraction at the present time. Of the numerous buildings, the Americans and the visitors claim that the Dominion of Canada is the handsomest and most attractive, while the exhibits from all over the world are interesting. A visit to Victoria and Vancouver, thence through the Canadian Rockies, is the most magnificent of all railway journeys, while the company's hotels, which are built in the most attractive spots, have everything that the traveler can desire.

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PAINTINGS COLLECTION GIVEN TO GRACE CHURCH

Copies in Oils of the Great Masterpieces of Italian Art.

An interesting collection of paintings, consisting of copies of oils of some of the greatest masterpieces of Italian art, is now on view at the Tyrrell Art Rooms, 95 King street east. These paintings were brought from Europe some years ago by the late Rev. J. P. Lewis, for twenty-eight years rector of Grace Church, when the parish was in the central part of the city.

The pictures in question, on the death of the Rev. Mr. Lewis, became the property of his heirs, who have presented them to Grace Church as a memorial of the late rector. They include: Raphael's "Transfiguration" and "Sistine Madonna"; Andrea Del Sarto's "Madonna of the Harpies"; Domenichino's "Last Communion of St. Jerome," and others. Mrs. Lennox, a niece of Mrs. Lewis, has kindly loaned a fine portrait of the late rector, by an Italian artist, which is also on view with the Grace Church pictures.

OFF ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Sidney Kingston operated a restaurant known as the Home Guard Cafe, in which several of his employes invested their money. After the business failed he was arrested on a charge of theft of $200 from William Mitchell. Yesterday afternoon Judge Coatsworth found him guilty and allowed him off on suspended sentence until the opening of the May sessions, and ordered him to make restitution to Mitchell.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

Chairman Hodgson of the commercial advisory committee of the board of education reported yesterday afternoon that the new commercial school building would be ready for the roof early in June. The walls are now above the second floor and the contractors are rushing the work as fast as possible. The building will cost about $300,000 and will be completed for Easter, 1916.

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